

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

## Situation Update Report – 79

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre rushes high level team to Maharashtra to support the State in implementation of effective public health interventions for Zika ([Link](#))
- Centre reviews COVID-19 situation in 10 states reporting surge of COVID-19 cases ([Link](#))
- Vice President urges scientific fraternity to expedite the development of COVID vaccine for children ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health organizes online workshop with officials of Press Information Bureau (PIB), Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC), Doordarshan (DD), All India Radio (AIR), and NHM on crisis communication on COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health digitally inaugurates whole genome sequencing national reference laboratory for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and new BSL 3 laboratory ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister interacts with representatives of religious and social organizations on COVID-19 ([Link](#))

#### WHO Situation Update

##### India

**31,726,507 Confirmed Cases**  
**425,195 Total Deaths**

##### South East Asia Region

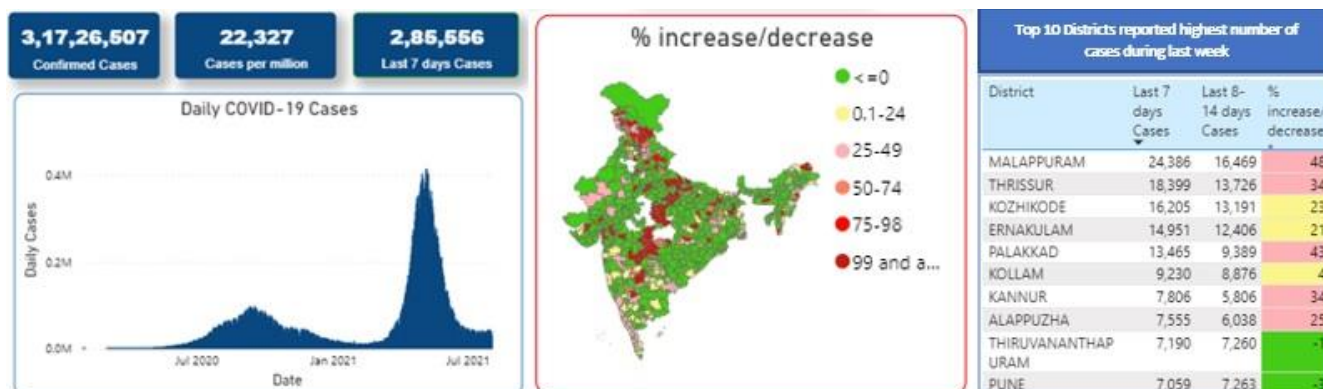
**38,634,585 Confirmed Cases**  
**576,491 Total Deaths**

##### World

**198,778,175 Confirmed Cases**  
**4,235,559 Deaths**

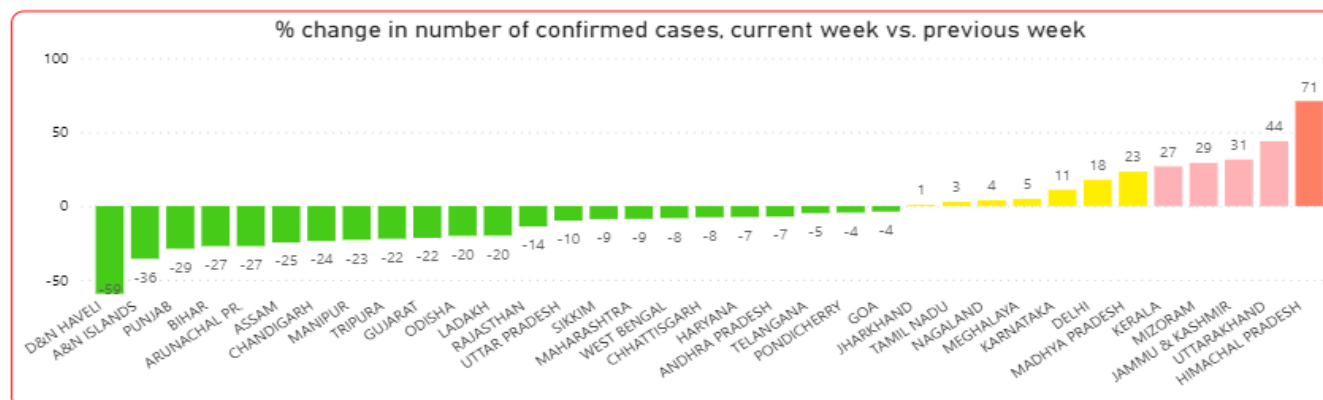
### INDIA SITUATION

- In India, for the last several weeks, daily cases are plateauing around 30-40,000. In comparison to previous week (15-21 July), less than 40% of districts have shown an increase in new cases during last week.



### COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (22-28 July), as compared to previous week (15-21 July), twelve states have shown an increase in cases while twenty-three states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from D&N Haveli (-59%), A&N Islands (-36%), Punjab (-29%) and Bihar (-27%).



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- In **Delhi**, the government has approved the Medical Oxygen Production Promotion Policy aimed at improving oxygen availability in the State.
- In **Gujarat**, Commissioner of Health has issued a letter exhorting all districts to ensure vaccination of all teaching and non-teaching staff in educational institutes on priority.
- In **Madhya Pradesh**, schools have been reopened for classes 9th to 12th standard, however, online classes will also continue as before.

## WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The Independent Panel on evaluation of COVID-19 Pandemic Preparedness and Response voiced elevating political leadership for Pandemic Preparedness and Response with the UN General Assembly, details [here](#)
- WHO initiates “Health Workforce in COVID-19 Action Series: Time to Protect, and Invest. Together”. The episodes are designed to spark knowledge sharing, dialogue, and partnerships that generate value for countries in defining actions and strategies to sustain their responses and to put in place architectures that increase health security and systems capacity, details [here](#)
- WHO and other key partners signed a [letter of intent](#) to address the global imbalance of manufacturing capacity for COVID-19 vaccines, details [here](#)
- Multilateral Leaders Task Force on COVID-19 Vaccines, Therapeutics, and Diagnostics for Developing Countries issued Joint statement following its second meeting; it urges governments to reduce or eliminate barriers to the export of vaccines and all materials involved in their production and deployment, details [here](#)
- WHO and ASEAN joined hands with FIFA to launch #ReachOut campaign for better mental health, details [here](#)

## WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

### Coordination

- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry**.
- WHO field offices participated in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc in **Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu**.

### COVID-19 vaccination

- High level oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels
- WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- WCO is supporting **Nagaland** in orientating them to guidelines on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women; and its roll-out.

### Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

- Provided supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis in **Nagaland and Uttar Pradesh**

### Information and Planning

- Assisting **Tamil Nadu** with deep dive study regarding decline in immunization coverage.
- Supporting mask compliance study in **West Bengal**.

### RCCE

- Supporting sensitization of religious leaders and CSOs regarding COVID-19 in **Tamil Nadu**.

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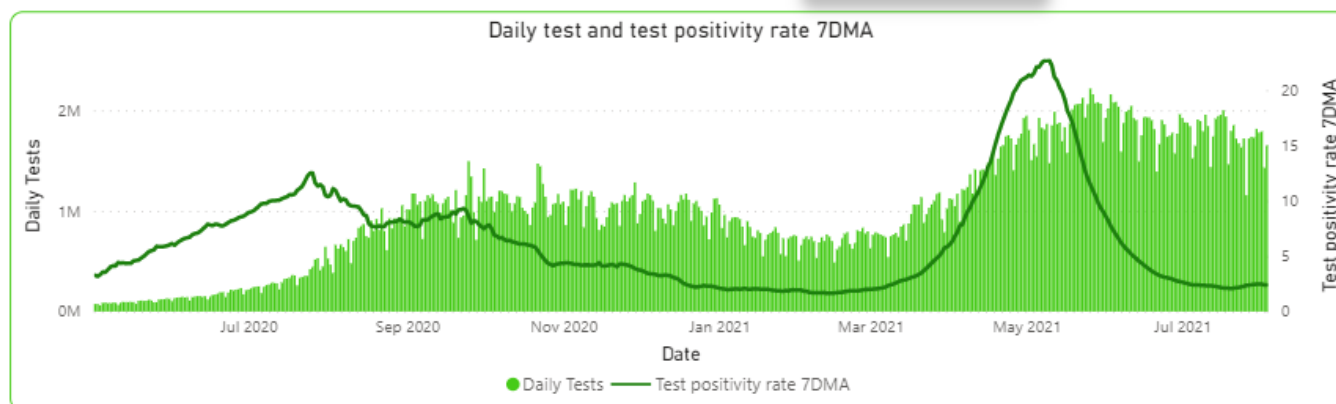
### Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**.
- Supporting **Karnataka, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana** in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance.
- Supporting **Chhattisgarh, Delhi, and Telangana** with fever and rash surveillance.
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in **Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**.

As on 3 August, India has tested more than 460 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.4%.

### Testing - National Level


**46,02,50,164 \***  
Cumulative Tests



\* Exclusive of data reconciled by states on 2nd June, 2021 (Dashboard cumulative figure varies from the cumulative figure on ICMR website)

India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details [here](#).

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 4 August 2021, 07:00 AM)

 VACCINATION	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose	Total Doses
	37,80,90,597	10,71,95,973	48,52,86,570
	50,30,316 in last 24 Hours	12,23,425 in last 24 hours	62,53,741 in last 24 Hours

## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- Health financing for the COVID-19 response [\[LINK\]](#)
- Social isolation and loneliness among older people: advocacy brief [\[LINK\]](#)
- Interim recommendations for use of the ChAdOx1-S [recombinant] vaccine against COVID-19 (AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine AZD1222 Vaxzevria™, SII COVISHIELD™) [\[LINK\]](#)
- Holding gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic: WHO policy brief [\[LINK\]](#)

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