HIGHLIGHTS

- Vice President asks DRDO scientists to intensify research to combat any pandemic threat in the future (Link)
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, releases first commercial batch of COVAXIN manufactured in Ankleshwar, Gujarat (Link)
- India administered highest number of doses of COVID-19 vaccine (more than 13 million) in a day (Link)
- Union Home Secretary reviewed steps taken by State Governments of Kerala and Maharashtra for impeding the spread of COVID-19 (Link)
- Minister of State for AYUSH asserts that AYUSH medicines have proved effective in dealing with post COVID issues (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- In India, in the past 24 hours, 30,941 confirmed cases have been reported; highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7th May 2021. For the last several weeks, daily cases have plateaued around 25-40,000. Cases per million is 23,061.

WHO Situation Update

- India
  - 32,768,880 Confirmed Cases
  - 438,560 Total Deaths
- South East Asia Region
  - 41,191,095 Confirmed Cases
  - 643,250 Total Deaths
- World
  - 216,867,420 Confirmed Cases
  - 4,507,837 Deaths

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (25-31 August), as compared to previous week (18-24 August), 11 states have shown an increase in cases while 23 states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Chandigarh (-99%), A&N Islands (-40%), Chhattisgarh (-36%) and Tripura (-26%).
In Delhi, an action plan is being developed to respond to COVID-19 cases amongst children.

In Uttarakhand, six oxygen generation plants have been inaugurated and nine new oxygen plants will be established with the help of GoI in the near future.

In Uttar Pradesh, COVID-19 vaccine for kids will likely be introduced in the month of September.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO has developed the “Social and Behavioural Insights COVID-19 Data Collection Tool for Africa”. The tool can be used by WHO Country Offices, NGOs, universities or other groups interested in capturing quantitative and qualitative social and behavioural data, details [here](#).
- The heads of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group, WHO and World Trade Organization - met with the leaders of the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust (AVAT), Africa CDC, Gavi and UNICEF to tackle obstacles to rapidly scale-up vaccines in low- and lower middle-income countries, particularly in Africa, details [here](#).
- WHO published a guidance document for countries and implementing partners on the technical requirements for issuing digital certificates for vaccination against COVID-19. The full guidance can be found [here](#). The guidance is part of a series of planned documents on digitalization of COVID-19 certificates, details [here](#).
- WHO releases new compendium of innovative health technologies for COVID-19 and other priority diseases, 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.
- WCO officials continue to participate in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc of their respective States.
- State Unit has provided technical support in causality assessment meeting in Goa.

**COVID-19 vaccination**
- WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- Supporting COVID-19 vaccination Maha Abhiyaan in Madhya Pradesh.

**Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance**
- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar Pradesh; also provided supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.

**Information and Planning**
- Supported training of medical officers on routine immunization in Telangana.

**RCCE**
- Supporting sensitization of religious leaders regarding COVID-19 vaccination in Delhi.
**Essential Services**

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**
- Supporting **Delhi, Karnataka, and Telangana** in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- Continuing to support Polio vaccination of international travelers from Afghanistan in **Delhi**

As of 31 August, India has tested more than 508 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.5%.

### Testing - National Level

![Testing Chart](chart.png)

*Excluding data reconciled by states on 1st 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 31 August 2021, 07:00 AM)

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### IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Guidelines for domestic travel (flight/train/ship/bus inter-state travel), MoHFW [LINK](#)
- FAQs on COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination Program, MoHFW [LINK](#)

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