HIGHLIGHTS

- Department of Biotechnology Mission COVID Suraksha supported Biological E Limited Novel COVID-19 Vaccine candidate – CORBEVAX receives DCGI approval for two clinical trials (Link)
- Prime Minister interacts with healthcare workers and beneficiaries of COVID vaccination program in Himachal Pradesh (Link)
- Centre reviews COVID-19 Vaccination with 11 North Eastern and Hill States/UTs (Link)
- India’s cumulative COVID-19 vaccination coverage exceed 707 million doses (Link)
- Vice President urges public representatives, film and sports personalities to take lead in encouraging people to take vaccination (Link)
- Minister of State for H & FW discusses challenges and opportunities during the COVID-19 Pandemic at the WHO SEARO Ministerial Roundtable (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

As of 7th September 2021, India reported a total of 33,058,843 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 31,222 confirmed cases have been reported. In India, 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 30-40,000; cases per million is 23,265.

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week (1-7 September), as compared to previous week (25-31 August), fourteen states have shown an increase in cases while nineteen states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from D&N Haveli (-50%), Bihar (-43%), Ladakh (-41%) and Delhi (-37%).
WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO, Germany open Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence in Berlin. New hub’s mission is to provide the world with better data, analytics and decisions to detect and respond to health emergencies, details here
- International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and WHO issued Joint Statement on Access to Controlled Medicines in Emergencies; the statement call on governments to facilitate access to medicines containing controlled substances in emergency settings, including during pandemics and the increasing number of climate-related disasters, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WCO is monitoring the trends on weekly basis on specific indicators and thresholds and information being shared with State authorities
- 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 field staff 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 Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Punjab, and UP

COVID-19 vaccination
- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels
- WCO is providing support in 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

Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment
- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar Pradesh; State and District field offices provided supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing, identify containment etc.

Capacity building
- Facilitated capacity building of District Immunization Officers (DIOs) using the immunization handbook for medical officers in Chhattisgarh
- Supporting sero-survey in Himachal Pradesh
- Attended Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) workshop conducted by NCDC in collaboration with CDC and WHO in Jammu & Kashmir

Essential Services
- Support provided to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
- Supporting Goa and Tamil Nadu with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/ MR/ DPT
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in Gujarat and Punjab
As of 8 September, India has tested more than 519 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.55%.

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

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 8 September 2021, 07:00 AM)

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**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS**

- Progress report on covering every birth and death: improving civil registration and vital statistics in the WHO South East Asia Region ([LINK](#))
- Monitoring progress on universal health coverage and the health-related Sustainable Development Goals in the South-East Asia Region ([LINK](#))
- Access to medical products in the South-East Asia Region, 2021 ([LINK](#))
- Addendum to guidelines on international arrivals dated 17 February 2021, MoHFW ([LINK](#))

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