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HIGHLIGHTS

- COVID Appropriate Behaviors very important, considering festive season, cautions COVID Working Group Chairman of NTAGI (<u>Link</u>)
- PM chairs a high level meeting to review COVID-19 situation and vaccination (Link)
- PM lauds Goa for 100% first dose vaccination in the State (Link)
- National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) has transferred the know-how of indigenously developed Saline Gargle RT-PCR technique, used for testing COVID-19 samples, to MSME Ministry (<u>Link</u>)
- Union Ministry of Health committed to strengthening health infrastructure across the country and fulfill Prime Minister's Vision of "Health for All" asserts Minster of State for Health (<u>Link</u>)

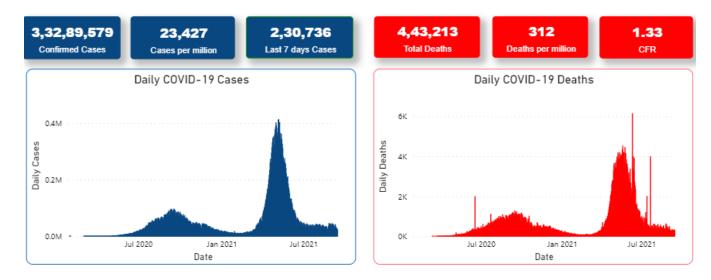
WHO Situation Update
India
33,289,579 Confirmed Cases
443,213 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region
42,261,127 Confirmed Cases
664,525 Total Deaths

World
225,024,781 Confirmed Cases
4,636,153 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 14th September 2021, India reported a total of 33,289,579 confirmed cases with the highest number of cases in a day (414,188) reported on 7th May 2021. From mid-July to end of August 2021 the daily cases were around 40,000. Since then it has started to decline gradually, reaching 25,404 in the past 24 hours. Cases per million is 23,427 and a total of 443,213 deaths have been reported till date.

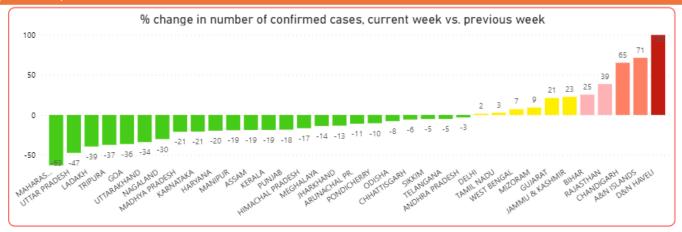


COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the past week (9-14 September), as compared to previous week (1-7 September), a notable decline (20%) in the total number of cases reported across India. Higher decline has been reported from Maharashtra (-63%), Uttar Pradesh (-47%), Ladakh (-39%) and Tripura (-37%).



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- In **Delhi**, COVID19 vaccination sites exclusively for females have been initiated in North East, Central, East and South West districts and there are plans to extend these sites to other districts as well
- In **Haryana**, the Government has directed vice-chancellors of residential universities to continue conducting online classes till October 15
- In Uttarakhand, CM has declared a special package for COVID19 patients and daily wagers

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO Director-General and Global leaders make urgent call to accelerate vaccination globally and in Africa. In their statement they have urged for vaccine equity globally and in Africa in particular, and have reiterated WHO's global vaccination target for 70% of the population of all countries to be vaccinated by mid-2022, details here
- WHO announces its 5th infodemic management conference. This will be held between 2 11 November 2021
 and will bring together global experts over four sessions for discussions about quantifying the impact of the
 infodemic on public health, and the effectiveness of measures to mitigate the infodemic, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO is monitoring the trends using our inhouse developed indicators and thresholds and sharing the information with states/UTs.
- 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 of various States 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
- Supported documentation of COVID-19 response activities for Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai in Maharashtra

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
- Supporting COVID-19 vaccination Maha Abhiyaan in Madhya Pradesh



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Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar
 Pradesh
 - o provided supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis
- Supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Uttar Pradesh

Capacity Building

- Supporting re-orientation of District Surveillance Officers (DSOs) in Uttar Pradesh on COVID-19 activities
- Supporting training of Medical Officers on Routine Immunization in Telangana

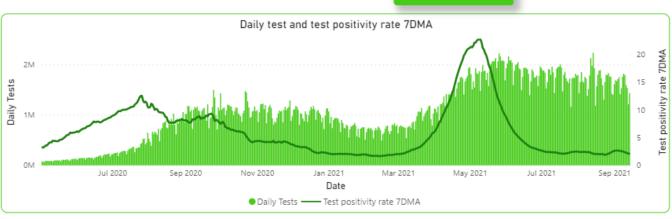
Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Delhi**, **Andhra Pradesh**, **Karnataka**, **Kerala**, **Lakshadweep**, **Puducherry**, **Tamil Nadu**, and **Telangana**
- Supporting Karnataka and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- Supporting Tamil Nadu and Delhi with fever and rash surveillance

As of 15th September, India has tested more than 530 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.07%. A total of 1,430,891 tests reported on 14th September 2021.







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)



Beneficiaries vaccinated		
1st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
57,46,57,255	18,42,55,022	75,89,12,277
3,737,043 in last 24 Hours	2,378,647 in last 24 hours	6,115,690 in last 24 Hours



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IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

CLICK HERE to access latest publications from WHO

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