

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 87

September 29, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), UNICEF, & WHO promote health with livelihood activities through a focused vaccination campaign in tribal districts ([Link](#))
- MoHFW organizes an interactive workshop with radio stations from across India on the need to amplify messages regarding the importance of COVID-Appropriate Behaviour during festivities ([Link](#))
- Vice President calls for addressing the shortage of doctors and paramedical workers in a mission mode ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister of India launches countrywide Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

33,697,581 Confirmed Cases

447,373 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

42,919,646 Confirmed Cases

674,875 Total Deaths

World

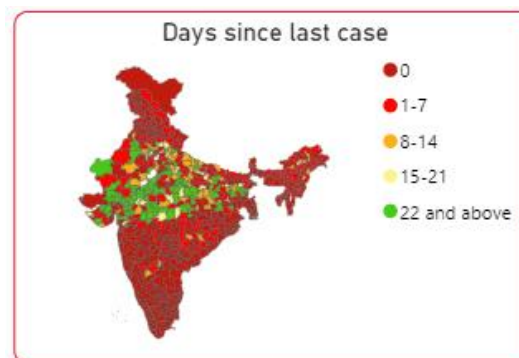
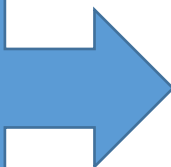
232,075,351 Confirmed Cases

4,752,988 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

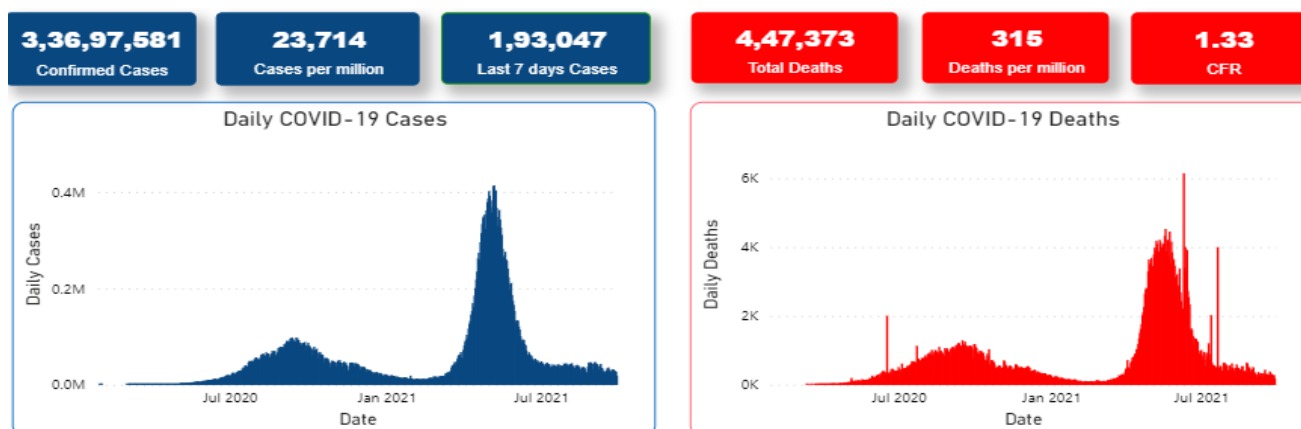
- In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7 May 2021. Since last one -week, daily cases are showing declining trend; and on 29 September, 18870 cases were reported. Currently, India reports 23,714 cases per million (7DMA).

As on 28 September, a part from 175 districts, all districts have reported one or more than one COVID-19 case during last seven days



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the last seven days (22-28 September), 1,93,047 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (1,17,429, 61% of total cases) followed by Maharashtra (19,827) and Tamil Nadu (11,882). In the past week (22-28 September), as compared to previous week (15-21 September), ten states have shown an increase in cases while twenty-four states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Ladakh (-62%), Bihar (-32%), Uttarakhand (-26%) and Tripura. Trend of new cases & deaths is given below:



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- In **Delhi**, all districts have been directed to organize mega-camps for next 4 Sundays and display the name of session sites in newspaper/social media one-week advance.
- In **Jammu and Kashmir**, inter-state movement of passengers shall be permitted for fully vaccinated persons or persons with verifiable RTPCR not older than 72 hours / on-the-spot RAT.
- In **Uttarakhand**, nine new oxygen plants will be initiated in state with the help of GOI in next few days.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO has released a game called [GO VIRAL!](#) which helps protect people against COVID-19 misinformation. It will help learn about some of the most common ways false and misleading information about the virus are spread. Scientists who worked with WHO on the development of GO VIRAL! found that playing the game significantly improves people's ability to spot misinformation about COVID-19, details [here](#).
- Global leaders attending the Global COVID-19 Summit hosted by the United States have again underlined their commitment to ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines for all countries through COVAX- noting that equitable access is essential to end the acute stage of the pandemic, details [here](#)
- Data compiled by WHO indicates that 2020 preventive chemotherapy treatment coverage of Neglected Tropical Disease (NTDs) declines due to COVID-19 disruptions, details [here](#)
- ACT-Accelerator partnership welcomes leadership and commitments at US COVID Summit to ending COVID-19 pandemic through equitable access to tests, treatments, and vaccines, details [here](#)
- On new recommendation for treatment of COVID-19 patients: WHO calls for equitable access to casirivimab and imdevimab for COVID-19, details [here](#)
- A new book published by WHO aims to help children stay hopeful and positive during the COVID-19 pandemic. The story is a sequel to 'My Hero is You: how kids can fight COVID-19!', published in April 2020, details [here](#)
- Joint activities with DKT International, Ipas, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), MSI Reproductive Choices, Pathfinder International, PSI, UNFPA and others, demonstrate the power of knowledge sharing to safeguard access to safe and timely comprehensive abortion care (including post-abortion care) during and beyond the pandemic, details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO is monitoring the epidemiological trends using WCO alert dashboard with predefined indicators and thresholds; the observations are being periodically shared with NCDC and the 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

COVID-19 vaccination

- Technical 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.
- Supported **Arunachal Pradesh** in drafting guidance notes on COVID vaccination coverage for 1st and 2nd dose for females and those above 60 years

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Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment

- 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

Training and Operations Research

- Supporting implementation of sero-survey in **Odisha and Himachal Pradesh**.
- Supported training for COVID environmental surveillance in **Punjab and Chandigarh UT**.
- Facilitated state level training of RI microplanning and immunization handbook of ANMs in **Delhi**.

Essential Services

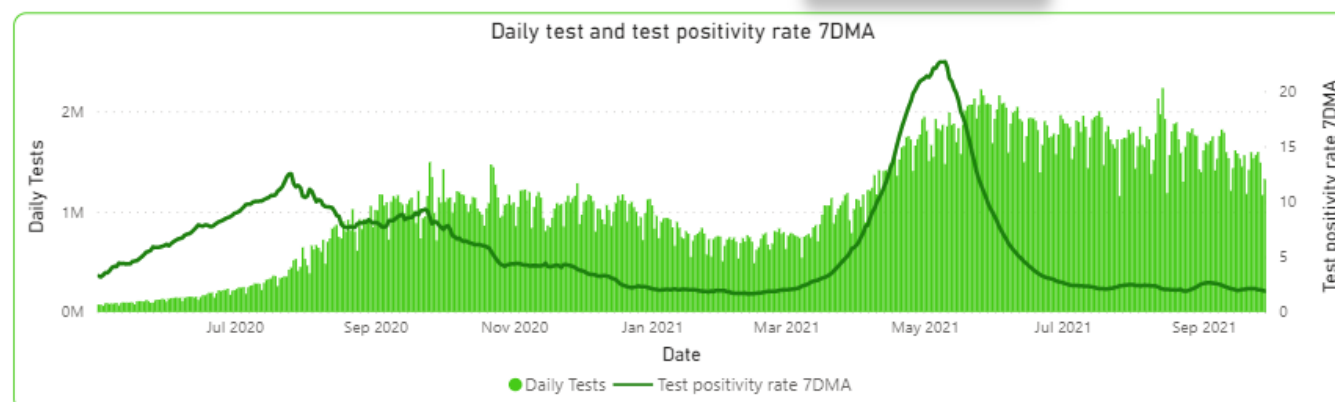
- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh**.
- Supporting urban area microplanning for essential immunization including Sub National Immunization Days in **Delhi**.
- Supporting **Delhi** with fever and rash surveillance.
- Supporting strengthening of ILI/SARI surveillance among the pediatric age group in **Odisha**.

As of 28 September, India has tested more than 551 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.9%.

Testing - National Level

55,11,11,967 *

Cumulative Tests



IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline ([LINK](#))
- Gujarat's Interim Review of Noteworthy Actions in Response to COVID-19 ([LINK](#))
- Neglected tropical diseases: impact of COVID-19 and WHO's response ([LINK](#))

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