HIGHLIGHTS

- NITI Aayog launches report on best practices in the performance of district hospitals made in collaboration with MoHFW and WHO India (Link)
- New package related to black fungus added to the revised health benefit package of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY (Link)
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launches i-Drone, ICMR’s drone-based vaccine delivery model (Link)
- Hon’ble Prime Minister to dedicate to the nation PSA Oxygen Plants established under PM CARES on 7th October (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- India reported a total of 33,853,048 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 18,346 confirmed cases have been reported. Cases per million is 23,824 (7DMA). Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh are contributing 56% of total cases.

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the past week (29 Sept. – 5 Oct.), as compared to previous week (22-28 Sept.), eight states have shown an increase in cases while twenty-seven states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from A&N Islands (-74%), Rajasthan (-51%), Bihar (-48%) and Tripura (-41%). Trend of new cases & deaths is given below:
In Haryana, 20 per cent of facilities like ICU, oxygen beds, etc. have been mandated to be reserved for children.

In Uttarakhand, special precautions are being taken for “Char Dham Yatra” including strict compliance to IPC and limiting the number of travelers allowed for pilgrimage in a day.

In Uttar Pradesh, special COVID-19 booths have been established especially for parents.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

To help countries plan for the year ahead, WHO had hosted a meeting in August 2021 where countries discussed ongoing obstacles and opportunities to pandemic influenza preparedness, shared their practical experience and expertise and developed risk-mitigation plans and strategies to secure core capacity building even in the face of COVID-19, details here.

WHO HQ and the WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) has designed a survey tool tailored to Africa, to make it easier for countries to collect and understand context-specific social and behavioural data related to COVID-19. The objective of this tool is to inform the COVID-19 response at the country level while also allowing regional comparisons, details here.

WHO, with support of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization and its COVID-19 Vaccines Working Group, has issued interim statement on booster dose for the currently available COVID-19 vaccines which have received Emergency Use Listing (EUL), details here.

WHO, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) jointly organized a Workshop on Innovation in, and Access to, COVID-19 Technologies. The workshop focused on intellectual property licensing, technology transfer, and sharing of know-how and clinical trial information. It aimed at strengthening the capacity of policymakers and experts coming from WHO, WIPO and WTO members to address the COVID-19, details here.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO is monitoring the COVID 19 epidemiological trends using a warning level dashboard with predefined indicators and thresholds and sharing the information with NCDC and states/UTs health 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 is guiding Mizoram to develop revised testing strategy for the State; to install ICU facilities in far-away southern districts; and is supporting plans for RCCE intensification starting with Mask-for-All campaign.

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.

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

- Continuing to support training of Medical Officers on Routine Immunization in Telangana.
**Essential Services**

- Support extended to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- Supporting Karnataka, Puducherry, Telangana and Nagaland in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance.

As of 6 October 2021, India has tested more than 560 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.7%.

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

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 6 October 2021, 07:00 AM)

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**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS**

- COVID-19 disease in children and adolescents: Scientific brief ([LINK](#))
- Neurology and COVID-19: Scientific brief ([LINK](#))
- A clinical case definition of post COVID-19 condition by a Delphi consensus ([LINK](#))
- Guidelines on operationalization of maternal health services during Covid-19 pandemic- *MoHFW* ([LINK](#))

Click to access latest publications from [WHO](#) and [MoHFW](#)

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