

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 90

October 20, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare reviews status and progress of COVID-19 vaccination with States/UTs ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister congratulates people of *Devbhoomi* for 100% coverage of first dose of COVID-19 vaccination ([Link](#))
- Country's first 'One Health' consortium launched by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health virtually lays the foundation for the new building of ICMR School of Public Health at ICMR-NIE, Chennai ([Link](#))

INDIA SITUATION

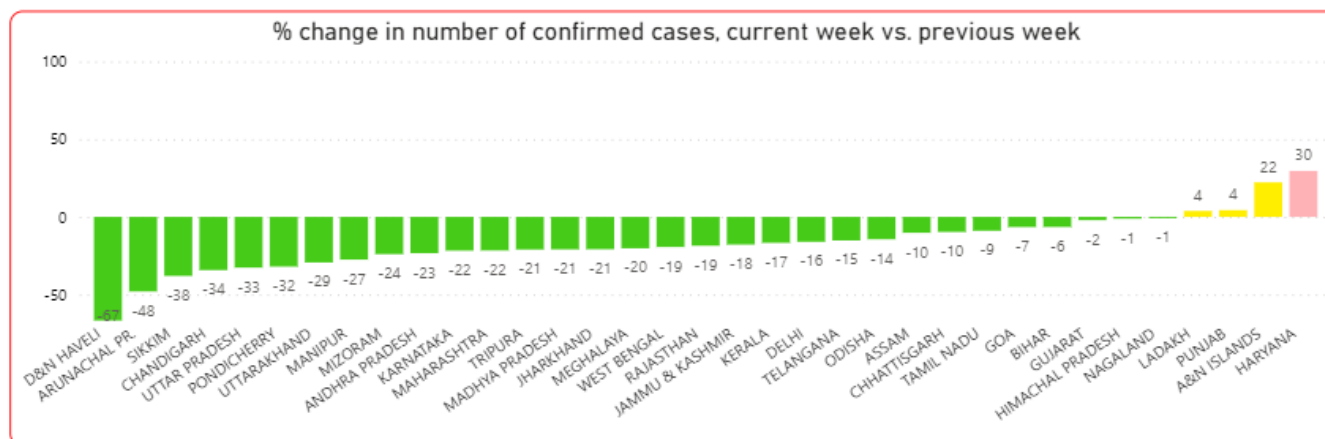
- In India, cases are declining steadily. Maharashtra is still leading with highest number of cases (more than six million); Kerala has reported more than four million cases, followed by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh (more than two million cases each). Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh are contributing 56% of total cases.

Less than 30% of districts have shown an increase in new cases for the week (13-19 October), in comparison to previous week (6-12 October), Additionally, top ten districts reporting highest number of cases have all shown a decrease in number of cases in during the last week.

District	Last 7 days Cases	Last 8-14 days Cases	% increase/decrease *
ERNAKULAM	8,888	10,399	-15
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	7,485	9,244	-19
THRISSUR	6,967	8,433	-17
KOZHIKODE	5,643	6,545	-14
KOTTAYAM	4,528	5,194	-13
KOLLAM	4,013	5,018	-20
AIZAWAL WEST	3,858	4,782	-19
KANNUR	3,468	4,215	-18
MALAPPURAM	3,303	5,040	-34
IDUKKI	3,094	3,594	-14

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the week (13-19 October), as compared to previous week (6-12 October), four states have shown an increase in cases while thirty-one states have shown a decline in cases.



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- In **Delhi**, the government is scaling up oxygen supply including storage capacity and installation of new oxygen plants
- In **Haryana**, Vaccination camps were set up during Dusshera/ Navratri festival at Devi Temples and Ram leela pandals and COVID-19 vaccine program continues to be State priority.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO has announced [proposed members of the WHO Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins of Novel Pathogens\(SAGO\)](#). The SAGO will advise WHO on the development of a global framework to define and guide studies into the origins of emerging and re-emerging pathogens of epidemic and pandemic potential, including SARS-CoV-2, details [here](#)
- WHO published the [World Health Organization's 2021 Global TB report](#) which highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on TB elimination efforts. The report impressed upon that the pandemic has reversed years of global progress in tackling tuberculosis and for the first time in over a decade, TB deaths have increased, details [here](#)
- WHO's 7 policy recommendations on building resilient health systems. This [position paper on building health systems resilience towards UHC and health security during COVID-19 and beyond](#) aimed to reinforce the urgent need for renewed and heightened national and global commitment to make countries better prepared and health systems resilient against all forms of public health threats, details [here](#)
- WHO and Psyon Games have joined hands to launch a new tower defense game called the Antidote COVID-19 to turn complex, scientific information into a fun learning experience. During the course of the game, players will learn about their immune system, pathogens, vaccines and how to protect themselves from COVID-19, details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- Continuous monitoring by WHO is ongoing for 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.
- WHO 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**
- WHO 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
- Providing support in implementation of “Mask for All” campaign in **Mizoram**.

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 **Assam** state with “Pre-Puja” mega COVID-19 vaccination drive.

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.

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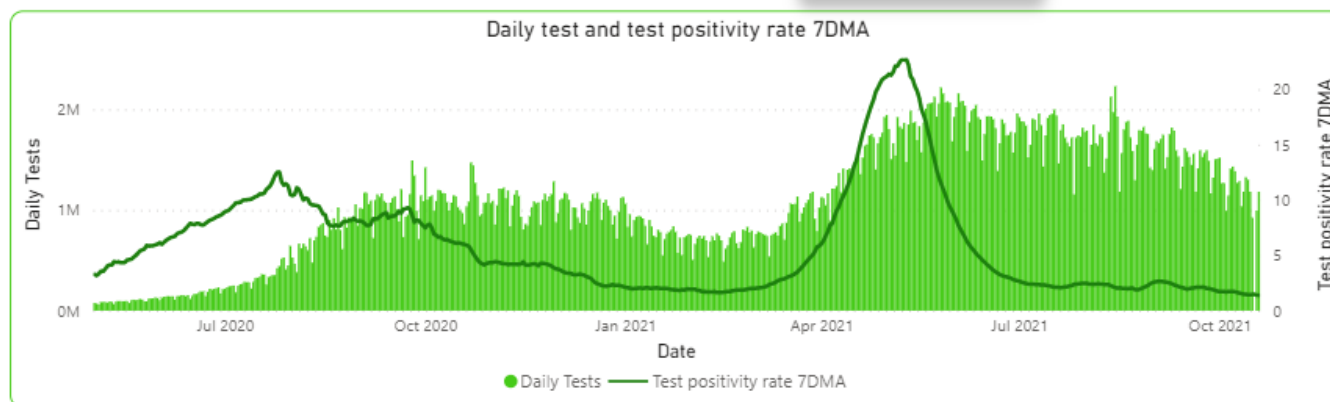
[Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services](#)

- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- Supporting launch of JE vaccine in **Assam**

As of 19 October 2021, India has tested more than 576 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.38%.


Testing - National Level

57,62,06,475 *
Cumulative Tests



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

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 20 October 2021, 07:00 AM)

 VACCINATION	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	70,11,44,631	29,01,37,652	99,12,82,283
	18,62,421 in last 24 Hours	22,73,721 in last 24 hours	41,36,142 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Building health systems resilience for universal health coverage and health security during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond: WHO position paper ([LINK](#)); A brief on the WHO position ([LINK](#))
- An overview of infodemic management during COVID-19, January 2020–May 2021 ([LINK](#))

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