

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Health Minister discusses strengthening of Prime Minister's 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign with State Health Ministers ([Link](#))
- MoHFW organizes National Webinar to further strengthen awareness about the month long 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign ([Link](#))
- Vice President calls for making healthcare affordable and accessible ([Link](#))
- Number of fully vaccinated individuals surpasses the partially vaccinated eligible population for the first time asserts Union Health Minister ([Link](#))

### INDIA SITUATION

- In India, Maharashtra is still leading with highest number of cases (more than six million); Kerala has reported more than five 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 57% of total cases. During last seven days 79,288 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (44,710, 56% of total cases) followed by Maharashtra (6,639) and West Bengal (5,884).
- Apart from 220 districts, all districts have reported one or more than one COVID-19 case during last seven days
- In comparison to previous week (3-9 November), less than 35% of districts have shown increase in new cases during last week (10-16 November). Further, amongst the top 10 districts (Aizawal West, Greater Mumbai, Kolkata, Pune, Bengaluru Urban, 24- North Pargana, Thane, Khurda, Chennai & Coimbatore) reporting highest no. of cases during last week, eight (except Aizawal West & Khurda) have shown increase in no. of cases
- In the past week (10-16 November), India has reported 2,463 deaths, of which the highest were in Kerala (1,899) followed by Maharashtra (199) and West Bengal (79).

#### WHO Situation Update

##### India

34,456,401 Confirmed Cases

463,852 Total Deaths

##### South East Asia Region

44,326,129 Confirmed Cases

700,816 Total Deaths

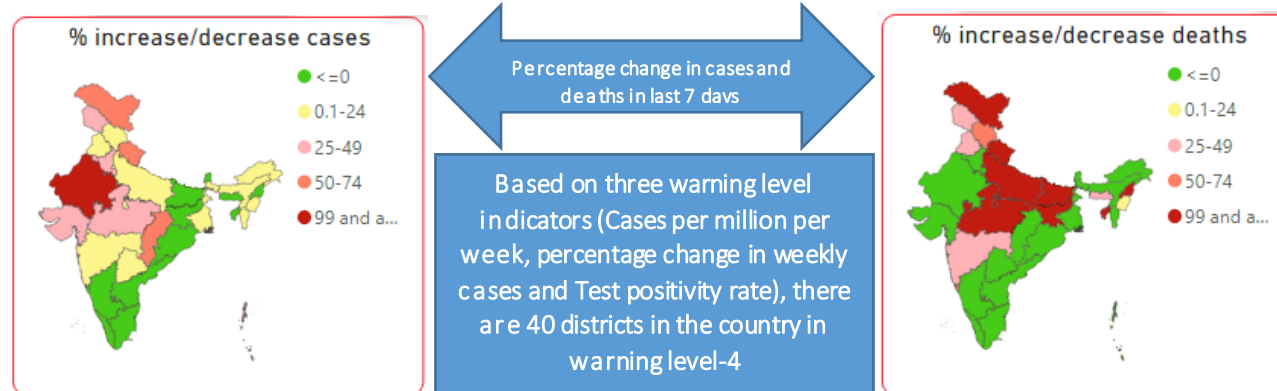
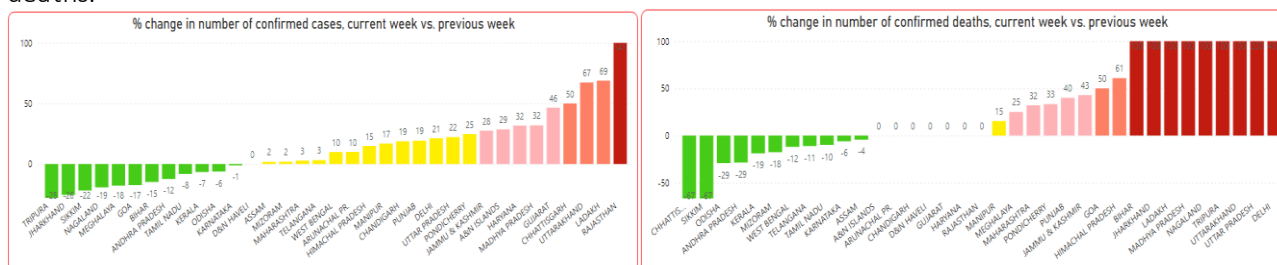
##### World

253,640,693 Confirmed Cases

5,104,899 Deaths

### COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the last week (10- 16 November), as compared to previous week (3-9 November), 22 States/ UTs have recorded a rise in the number new cases and 17 States/UTs have reported slight increase in the number of deaths.



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### WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The WHO Information Network for Epidemics (EPI-WIN) team is spotlighting partnerships between WHO, faith partners and national governments in the global conference “*Strengthening National Responses to Health Emergencies*” co-hosted with [Religions for Peace](#), details [here](#)
- The heads of WHO, International Monetary Fund, World Bank and World Trade Organization held 2<sup>nd</sup> High-Level Consultations with the CEOs of leading COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing companies wherein unanimous agreement made on the urgency of delivering more vaccine doses to low-income countries, details [here](#)
- A report of WHO & CDC highlights critical issues pertaining to the large numbers of unvaccinated children, outbreaks of measles, and disease detection and diagnostics diverted to support COVID-19 responses are factors that increase the likelihood of measles-related deaths and serious complications, details [here](#)
- WHO offers a training programme on Leadership in Emergencies: Building competencies for effective leadership in all-hazards emergency response, details [here](#)
- WHO led “Virtual cGMP Training Marathon for Vaccine Manufacturing” comes to a successful close after six weeks of intense training. The event focused on current good manufacturing practices (cGMP) for vaccine manufacturing to respond to the demand for capacity building in local production of quality COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccines to improve timely access, details [here](#)

### WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

#### Coordination

- WHO continues to provide support to MoHFW, NCDC & ICMR at the national level and through task force/ Control Rooms at the state/district level in **AP, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana & Puducherry**.
- WHO field staff continue to participate in state and district task force meetings on current response, preparations for any possible future surges, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Health Secretaries, MDs- NHM, etc.
- Supported **Nagaland** in drafting safety measures for the upcoming Hornbill Festival.

#### COVID-19 vaccination

- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- Supporting “Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan” for COVID-19 vaccination in **Assam, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Daman & Diu, MP, Manipur, AP, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**.

#### Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment

- WHO Country office provided technical support and supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones for COVID-19 containment activities in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Assisting a house to house survey for ILI/SARI in **Uttar Pradesh**.

#### Capacity building

- Supported the dissemination workshop of WHO Unity Study conducted by Department of Community Medicine, Hamdard Institute of Medical Science and Research (HIMSR), **Delhi**.
- Supported training of newly recruited MOs of urban PHCs on immunization services in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Supported capacity building workshop of medical officers on routine Immunization in **Telangana**.

#### Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Supported RCCE activities in **AP** regarding COVID-19 vaccine and COVID appropriate behaviors.

#### Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services

- Strengthening & streamlining VPD surveillance and immunization in **Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu**.

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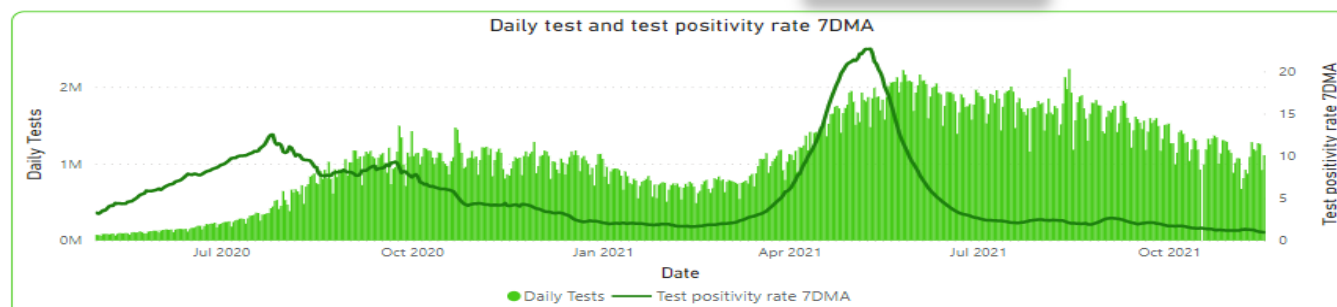
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- Strengthening AEFI surveillance in Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana

As of 16 November 2021, India has tested more than 607 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 0.97%.

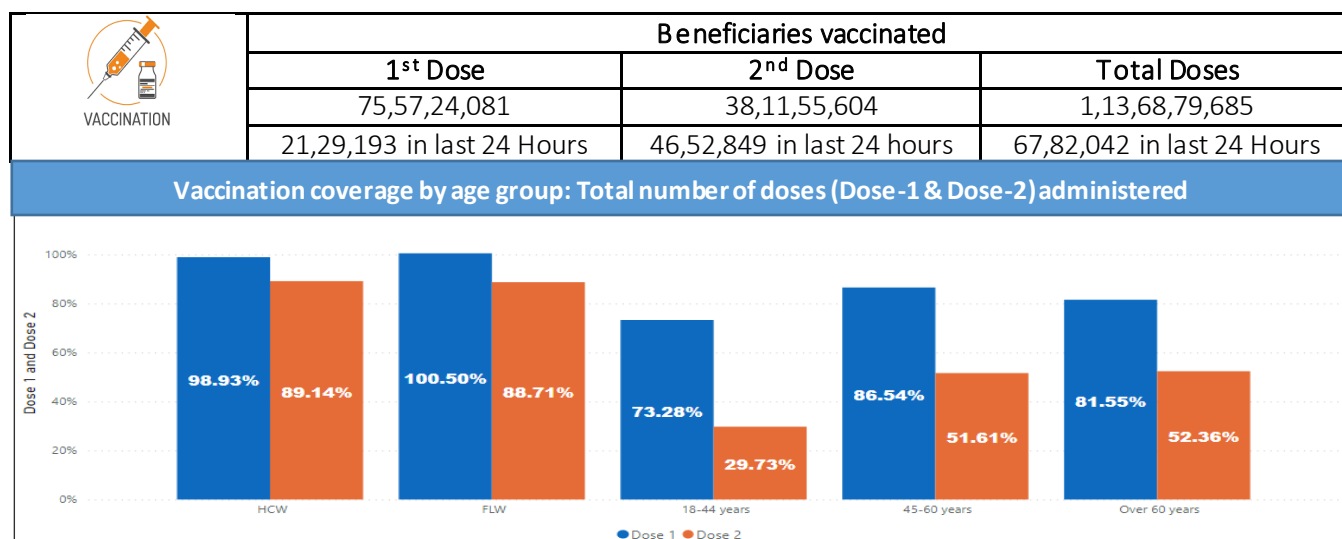
### Testing - National Level

**60,76,93,590 +**  
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 17 November 2021, 07:00 AM)



## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Guidance on operational microplanning for COVID-19 vaccination ([LINK](#))
- Strategic toolkit for assessing risks: a comprehensive toolkit for all-hazards health emergency risk assessment ([LINK](#))
- Framework for strengthening health emergency preparedness in cities and urban settings ([LINK](#))
- MoHFW's Guidelines for International Arrivals ([LINK](#))

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

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