

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre reviews public health preparedness of States/UTs in view of new COVID19 Variant (OMICRON) classified as VOC by WHO ([Link](#))
- Union Health Secretary advises States/UTs regarding testing, surveillance, monitoring of hotspots, augmentation of health infrastructure, genome sequencing, and enhancing public awareness in view of Omicron ([Link](#))
- PM chairs a comprehensive high-level meeting to review the situation relating to COVID-19 & vaccination ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health & FW expressed willingness to supply Covishield and Covaxin to other countries in a meeting with ambassadors of Latin America and Caribbean Nations ([Link](#))

INDIA SITUATION

WHO Situation Update

India

34,587,822 Confirmed Cases

468,980 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

44,556,142 Confirmed Cases

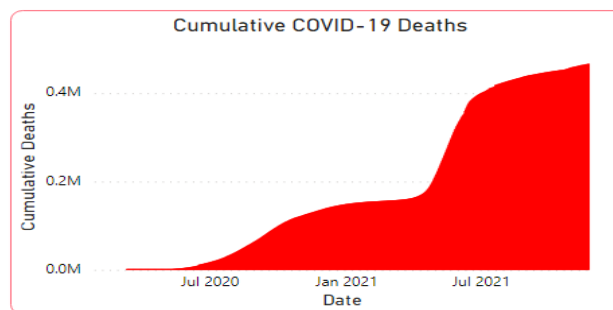
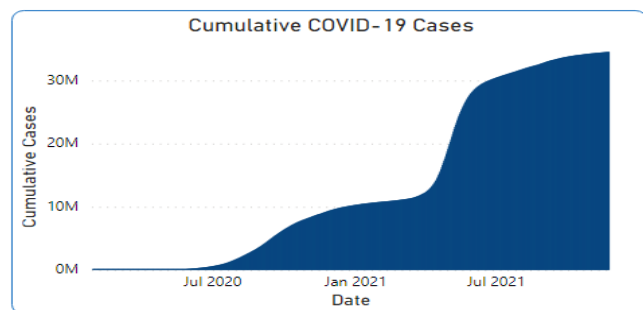
706,874 Total Deaths

World

261,435,768 Confirmed Cases

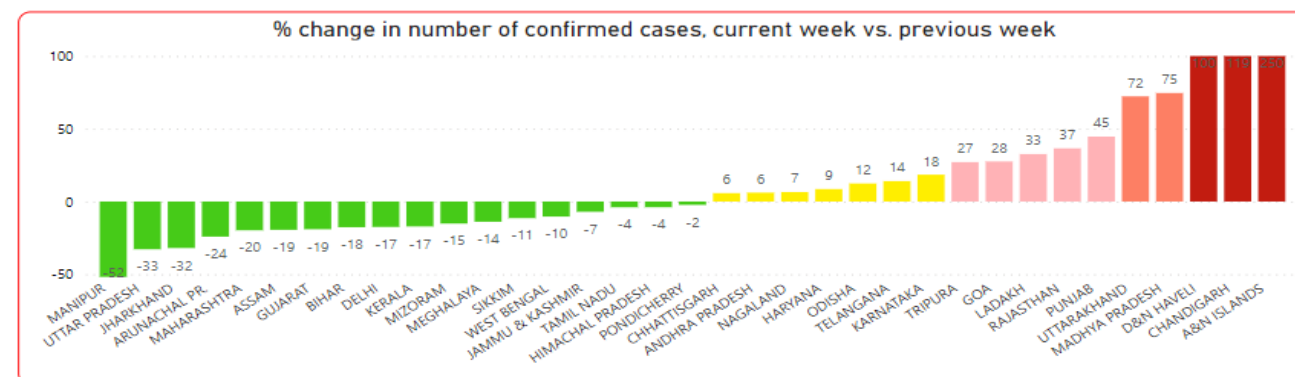
5,207,634 Deaths

As of 30 November 2021, India reported a total of 34,587,822 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 6,990 confirmed cases have been reported, this is the lowest single day cases after second wave. In India, highest number of cases in a day were 414,188; reported on 7 May 2021. Currently cases per million is 24,341 (7DMA-24-30 November 2021).



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- Maharashtra is 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 61,342 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (32,389, 53% of total cases) followed by Tamil Nadu (5,176) and West Bengal (4,918).
- In the past week (24-30 November), as compared to previous week (17-23 November), 17 states have shown an increase in cases (in proportion but not in absolute numbers) while 18 states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Manipur (-52%), Uttar Pradesh (-33%), Jharkhand (-32%) and Arunachal Pradesh.



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO's Technical Advisory Group on SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution (TAG-VE) assessed the SARS-CoV-2 variant: B.1.1.529 first reported to WHO from South Africa. This variant has a large number of mutations, some of which are concerning. Preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to other VOCs, details [here](#)
- WHO designated the variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron, on the advice of WHO's [Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution](#) (TAG-VE). This decision was based on the evidence presented to the TAG-VE that Omicron has several mutations that may have an impact on its epidemiological behaviour like how easily it spreads or the severity of illness it causes, details [here](#)
- WHO and Rockefeller Foundation identify priorities for global health collaboration in the areas of on for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, genomic surveillance, infodemiology, vaccine equity and demand generation, details [here](#)
- COVAX, African Vaccine Acquisition Trust (AVAT) and Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) issued joint statement on dose donations of COVID-19 vaccines to African countries, details [here](#)

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

[Coordination](#)

- 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 and MDs- NHM.
- 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**.
- Providing technical support and sharing technical guidance regarding new Omicron variant in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Bihar**

[COVID-19 vaccination](#)

- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- Supporting causality assessment of COVID-19 AEFI cases in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**
- "Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan" for COVID-19 vaccination was supported in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Haryana**

[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](#)

- Supporting training of medical officers on Routine Immunization and essential immunization services in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana**.

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

- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in **Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu**
- Supporting **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance

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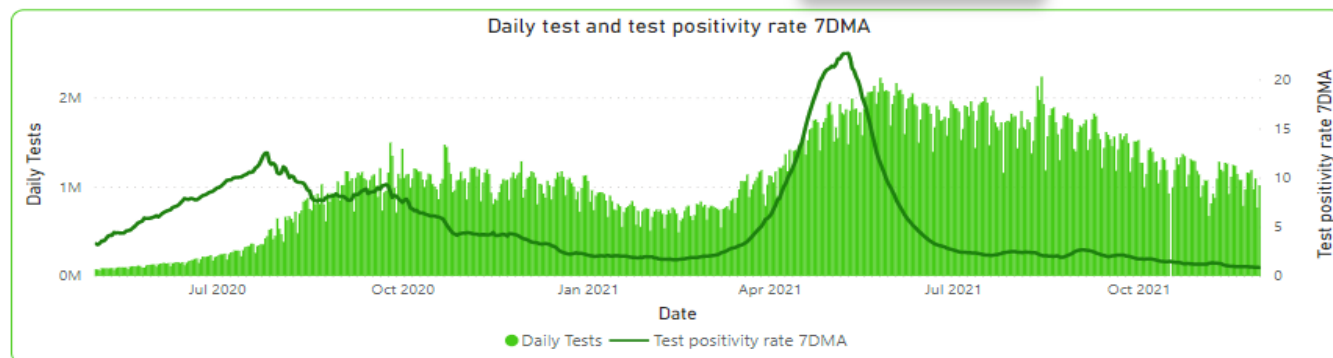
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As of 30 November 2021, India has tested more than 622 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA-24-30 November 2021) is 0.85%.


Testing - National Level

62,25,27,342 *
Cumulative Tests

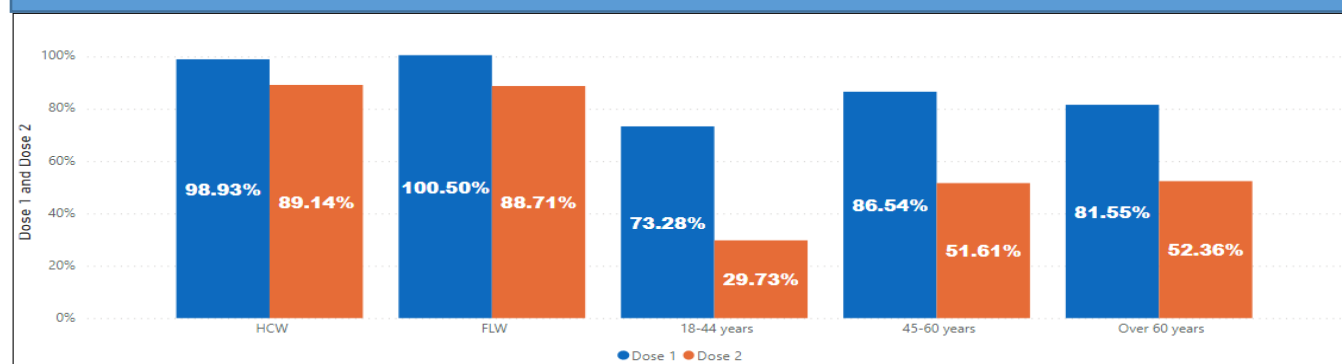


India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details [here](#).

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 30 November 2021, 07:00 AM)

 VACCINATION	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	786,261,176	446,241,591	1,232,502,767
	2,418,225 in last 24 Hours	5,462,320 in last 24 hours	7,880,545 in last 24 Hours

Vaccination coverage by age group: Total number of doses (Dose-1 & Dose-2) administered



IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Enhancing Readiness for Omicron (B.1.1.529): Technical Brief and Priority Actions for Member States ([LINK](#))
- MoHFW's algorithm in the wake of Omicron: Guidelines for International Arrivals ([LINK](#))
- MoHFW's Guidelines for International Arrivals ([LINK](#)) List of at-risk countries ([LINK](#))

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