HIGHLIGHTS

- MoHFW releases answers to Frequently Asked Questions on SARS-CoV-2 Variant-Omicron (Link)
- MoHFW reviews status and progress under “Har Ghar Dastak” campaign with States/UTs (Link)
- Vice President urges people to get vaccinated at the earliest and maintain COVID appropriate behavior in light of Omicron variant (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

As of 7 December 2021, India reported a total of 34,648,383 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 6,822 confirmed cases have been reported, this is the lowest single day cases after second wave. Currently cases per million is 24,384 (7DMA- 1-7 December 2021).

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh contributed 57% of total cases. During last seven days (1-7 December), 60,561 cases were reported in the country with Kerala reporting the highest number of cases (32,107, 53% of total cases) followed by Tamil Nadu (5,038) and West Bengal (4,344).
- In the past week (1-7 December), as compared to previous week (24-30 November), 15 states have shown an increase in cases while 19 states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline was reported from DNH & D&D (-100%), Nagaland (-37%), Meghalaya (-28%) and Mizoram (-21%).

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO Health Ethics and Governance Unit in collaboration with the WHO’s Working Group on Ethics and COVID-19 and the ACT-Accelerator Ethics & Governance Working Group organized a summit on Pandemic ethics and policies to deliberate on equitable access, solidarity, and global health justice to bridge gap between ethics and decision-making in pandemics, details here
WHO organized the 5th Infodemic management conference aimed to develop a work plan to the metrics and indicators for measuring the burden of the infodemic and related interventions, details here

World Health Assembly agrees to launch process to develop historic global accord on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, details here

In WHO’s South-East Asia Region, an informal network of laboratories originally developed for pandemic influenza has proved critical in enabling the response to COVID-19, details here

In South-East Asia, countries resume influenza virus sharing activities following severe disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic, and successfully contributing to WHO’s bi-annual seasonal influenza vaccine composition meetings, details here

The WHO Regional Office for Europe (EURO) to launch a platform for building capacities in risk communication and community engagement (RCCE), details here

WHO, FIFA and the Qatari authorities are launching the #ACTogether campaign to call for teamwork and unity to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests., details here

New data from the World Health Organization reveal that the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted malaria services, leading to a marked increase in cases and deaths, details here

WHO recommends against the use of convalescent plasma for non-severe COVID-19 patients, while it should only be used within clinical trials for severe and critical COVID-19 patients, 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.
- WHO officials of various States continue to participate in meetings on current response, preparation for possibilities of third wave, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM.

COVID-19 vaccination
- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- WHO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continue to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- Supporting “Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan” for COVID-19 vaccination in Haryana and Himachal Pradesh

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.
- Assisted a house-to-house survey for ILI/SARI in Uttar Pradesh.

Capacity building
- Providing support in training and field implementation in ongoing serosurvey in Rajasthan

Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services
- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Rajasthan
- National Immunization Day supported in Rajasthan
- Fever and rash surveillance strengthened in Rajasthan
As of 7 December 2021, India has tested more than 630 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA- 1-7 December) is 0.77%.

India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 7 December 2021, 07:00 AM)

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

- Global vaccine safety blueprint 2.0 (GVSB2.0) 2021-2023 (LINK); Background research (LINK)
- Interim recommendations for use of the Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, under Emergency Use Listing (LINK)
- Interim recommendations for use of the Moderna mRNA-1273 vaccine against COVID-19 (LINK)
- Therapeutics and COVID-19: Living Guideline (LINK)
- MoHFW’s FAQs on SARS-CoV-2 Variant-Omicron (LINK)

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