HIGHLIGHTS
- Union Minister of Health releases commemorative postal stamp on COVID-19 vaccine to mark the 1st anniversary of India’s National COVID vaccination program (Link)
- Prime Minister chairs high-level meeting with Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors/ Administrators of States/UTs to review preparedness and progress on COVID-19 and National COVID-19 vaccination program (Link)
- Union Minister of Health reviews functioning of e-Sanjeevani teleconsultation facility at the CGHS headquarters (Link)

INDIA SITUATION
- As of 18 January 2022, India reported a total of 37,618,271 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 2,38,018 confirmed cases have been reported with 182 daily cases per million population, which is almost twice in comparison to last week (12-18 January), but lower in comparison to France (4395), USA (2065), UK (1440) and Brazil (320).
- As of 19 January 2022, a total of 8209 cases of Omicron have been reported in India; highest number reported from Maharashtra (1738) followed by West Bengal (1672) and Rajasthan (1276).
- Over the last two weeks most districts have turned to warning level-4 (see map below).

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES
- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh contributed 54% of total cases and during last seven days 17,42,481 cases were recorded with Maharashtra, documenting the highest number of cases (2,89,407, 17% of total cases) followed by Karnataka (1,83,587) and Delhi (1,53,601).
- A & N Islands reported a fall of 7% while Jharkhand reported a fall of 4% in cases during last week.
- Top ten districts reporting highest number of cases during last week have all shown increase in number of cases
WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO has recommended two new drugs, Baricitinib, which is strongly recommended for patients with severe or critical COVID-19 and a monoclonal antibody drug, Sotrovimab, for treating mild or moderate COVID-19 in patients who are at high risk of hospitalization, details here
- WHO led COVAX delivered its 1 billionth COVID-19 vaccine dose, a shipment of 1.1 million COVID-19 vaccines to Rwanda, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WHO India is working closely with MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and supporting through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry.
- WHO field offices continue to participate in meetings on current response, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs – NHM, etc.
- WHO provided technical support and shared technical guidance regarding Omicron variant.

COVID-19 vaccination
- High level oversight provided during vaccination at district and state levels.
- Monitoring of vaccination sessions supported for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- “Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan” for COVID-19 vaccination supported in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry, Punjab and Haryana.
  - COVID19 vaccination for the age group 15-18 years supported.

Capacity building and Planning
- Training of medical officers on Routine Immunization and essential immunization services in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

IPC
- Training for IPC and hospital preparedness assessment in Karnataka.

WHO Support in Ensuring Continuity of Essential Services
- VPD surveillance and immunization strengthened in Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- Strengthening and streamlined AEFI surveillance in Andhra Pradesh.
- Supporting National Immunization Day in Haryana and Punjab.
- ZyCoV-D vaccine roll out in Punjab
- Assisted Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 in Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab.
- HPV Vaccination campaign supported in Punjab

As of 18 January 2022, India has tested more than 682 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA: 12-18 January) is 15%.
India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details [here](#).

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 18 January 2022, 07:00 AM)

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**IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS**

- MoHFW’s Clinical Guidance for Management of Adult Covid-19 patients ([LINK](#))
- Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline ([LINK](#))

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