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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to launch high throughput COVID-19 testing facilities on 27th July via video conferencing to ramp up testing capacity in the country and help in strengthening early detection and treatment (<u>Link</u>)
- Health Minister shared India's novel COVID-19 containment strategy at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization health minister's digital meet (<u>Link</u>)
- CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology developed a costeffective process to synthesize Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient for Favipiravir in the country (<u>Link</u>)
- 'e-ICU' video-consultation program of AIIMS Delhi to strengthen COVID-19 response of ICU doctors has covered 43 institutions across 11 states (<u>Link</u>)
- Compendium of state level actions and inputs from field offices on the COVID preparedness and responses now publicly available (<u>Link</u>)

INDIA SITUATION

WHO Situation Update 187

India 1 336 861 Confirmed Cases 31 358 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 1 678 994 Confirmed Cases 37 050 Total Deaths

World 15 581 009 Confirmed Cases 635 173 Deaths

As on 26 July 2020, 08:00 IST there were 467,882 Active Cases, 885,576 Cured/Discharged, 1 Migrated and 32,063 Deaths in India. This is the highest ever recovery registers in a single day with over 36,000 patients discharges. With a new high recovery rate of 64% details here



* Growth rate has been shown only for countries with > 100,000 cases

Data source: WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard Data last updated: 26/07/2020, 9:30 IST



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO released a set of practical steps for implementing the prescriptions of the WHO Manifesto for a healthy recovery from COVID-19 with the aim to create a healthier, fairer and greener world while investing to maintain and resuscitate the economy hit by the effects of the pandemic, details <u>here</u>.
- **COVID-19 Law Lab initiative** a joint project of UNDP, WHO, UNAIDS and the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University was launched to gather and share legal documents from over 190 countries across the world to help states establish and implement strong legal frameworks to manage the pandemic, details <u>here.</u>
- WHO has provided Four Early Investigation Protocols (rebranded the **WHO Unity Studies**) designed to rapidly and systematically collect and share data in a format that facilitates aggregation, tabulation and analysis across different settings globally, details <u>here</u>.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

- **Co-ordination:** WCO continues to provide technical advice to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group). WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC.
- **Risk Communications:** WCO is supporting MoHFW and NITI to amplify the evidence-based messaging around 15 appropriate COVID behaviours and workplace adjustments.
- State Updates: Across states, WCO continues to provide technical support to state and districts to train frontline workers (ASHAs/ANMs) on IPC, contact survey, screening of high-risk population, ILI/SARI surveillance and addressing mental health. Key highlights include: -
 - Delhi continues to report a decreasing trend of cases. COVID Seroprevalence study was conducted by NCDC, samples collected from 27 June to 10 July 2020 by COVID Kavach ELISA in all 11 districts and 23.48% found positive with adjusted rate of 22.86%; 77.14% population remains susceptible. Emphasis on non-pharmacological (NPI) and IPC interventions needs to be sustained in Delhi.
 - WCO supported Bihar with block-level epidemiological cases analysis to undertake strategic revisions.
 State faces dual burden with of floods and COVID cases.
 - In Assam WHO facilitated reorientation training for all District Drug store pharmacists of all the Districts on Nikshay Aashaadha.
- Essential Services: WCO field teams have initiated support for essential health services through the India Hypertension Control Initiative and Routine Immunization through NPSP field team. Health workers and population level compliance to NPI and IPC is being monitored and encouraged at all levels.
- Laboratory testing: Overall, India has tested 162,91,331 samples to date with 4,42,263 samples tested on 25th July alone, details <u>here</u>. WCO and ICMR are working on preparing technical guidance on one-gene target testing for COVID-19 and its limitations.

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ACTIVE CASES IN TOP TEN CITIES/DISTRICT



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- 1. WHO Guidance for conducting a country COVID-19 intra-action review (IAR) (Link)
- 2. WHO Practical actions in cities to strengthen preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond [Link]
- 3. WHO Draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines (Link)
- 4. MoHFW Advisory on COVID Appropriate behaviors (Link)
- MoHFW Video Patients, their families and health care providers stand together to counter stigma and discrimination associated with COVID19 (<u>Link</u>)
- 6. MoHFW Document on Caring for Health Care Warriors Mental Health Support During COVID-19 (link)
- ICMR Guidance to States and UTs for District wise login credentials for rapid antigen testing for COVID 19 (<u>Link</u>)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Department of Biotechnology's supported COVID-19 vaccine ZyCoV-D, begins phase I/II clinical trials, becoming the first COVID-19 vaccine being developed indigenously to be administered to humans in India (Link)
- Considering the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on country's health system, the 15th Finance Commission to include a separate chapter on health in its final report to the Government (Link)
- A subsidiary of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research launched indigenous molecular probes used in RT-PCR COVID-19 detection kits (Link)
- National Research Development Corporation transferred two COVID-19 technologies related to active respirator mask and long lasting nano sanitizer for mass production in the country (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

WHO Situation Update 180

India 1 038 716 Confirmed Cases 26 273 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 1 347 954 Confirmed Cases 32 907 Total Deaths

World 13 876 441 Confirmed Cases 593 087 Deaths

As on 19 July 2020, 08:00 IST there were 373,379 Active Cases, 677,422 Cured/Discharged, 1 Migrated and 26,816 Deaths in India, details <u>here</u>.





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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- 75 countries have submitted expressions of interest to protect their populations and those of other nations through joining the COVAX Facility, a mechanism designed to guarantee rapid, fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines worldwide. The goal of COVAX is to deliver two billion doses of safe, effective vaccines that have passed regulatory approval and/or WHO prequalification., details <u>here</u>.
- WHO is supporting ongoing vaccination efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing knowledge and assistance to immunization programmes worldwide and helping countries as they balance the threat of COVID-19 with the threat of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks and related-deaths., details <u>here</u>.
- WHO updated the risk assessment tools for mass gatherings, religious gatherings, and mass gatherings during sports events to guide authorities and planning and event organizers during the current COVID-19 pandemic, details <u>here.</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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 - Delhi Secretariat was provided with additional support for epidemiological assessment of surge capacity to further support COVID preparedness and responses even as daily cases decline. WCO in partnership with UNHCR set-up 14 foot-operated hand washing stations (500 liters) along with soap dispensers at Sardar Patel COVID Care Hospital (SPCCH), world's largest COVID care hospital. WCO is also supporting training on surveillance and IPC at SPCCH and another 1000 bedded facility by Défense Research Development Organization.
 - Karnataka WCO conducted a virtual training on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in Healthcare Facilities - IPC Monitoring Tool (developed by WCO) was introduced to all state level Deputy Directors supervising DCHC and DCH, DHOs, District Surgeons and DSOs, District FW officers and District Consultant for Quality Assurance from all districts, Microbiologist/Pathologist (Nodal officer for IPC), Nursing superintendent, District Hospital Quality Managers from all District Hospitals.
 - Uttar Pradesh, WCO is supporting in micro planning for containment activities and monitoring of house to house survey for ILI screening. As of 17th July, a total 1,25,47,125 houses have been covered and 7,780 symptomatic found so far.
- Laboratory testing: Starting from one diagnostic lab for COVID-19 testing in Jan 2020, the country now has 1244 <u>operational</u> laboratories (880 government and 364 private). Overall, India has tested 1,37,91,869 samples with 3,58,127of samples tested on 18th July alone, details <u>here</u>.

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ACTIVE CASES IN TOP TEN CITIES/DISTRICT



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- WHO interim checklist for local authorities on Practical actions in cities to strengthen preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond (<u>link</u>)
- 2. WHO interim guidance on Strengthening preparedness for COVID-19 in cities and urban settings (link)
- **3.** MoHFW Advisory for Gated Residential Complexes with regards to COVID-19 (<u>link</u>)
- 4. MoHFW Document on Caring for Health Care Warriors Mental Health Support During COVID-19 (link)

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July 12, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the country and appreciated the concerted efforts made in Delhi by the Centre, State and local authorities (Link)
- Through 'Test, Trace, Treat' strategy, India has operationalized more than 1100 COVID testing labs and tested more than 10 million samples (<u>Link</u>)
- On the occasion of World Population Day, the Union Health Minister (HM) stressed the need of providing reproductive health services during COVID-19 pandemic (<u>Link</u>)
- The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has allowed restricted emergency use of Itolizumab in moderate to severe COVID-19 patients (<u>Link</u>)
- AIIMS, Delhi has initiated Tele-Consultation guidance for doctors in states on COVID-19 clinical management (<u>Link</u>)

INDIA SITUATION

WHO Situation Update 174

India 849 553 Confirmed Cases 22 674 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 1 130 247 Confirmed Cases 28 640 Total Deaths

World 12 552 765 Confirmed Cases 561 617 Deaths

As on 12 July 2020, 08:00 IST there were 292,258 Active Cases, 534,629 Cured/Discharged, 1 Migrated and 22,674 Deaths in India. Collective and focused efforts of containment and management of COVID-19 by center and the States/UTs have led to rise in recovered cases among COVID-19 patients (figure below) details <u>here</u>.





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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO acknowledges 'evidence emerging' of airborne spread of COVID-19, details here.
- WHO Director-General announced the establishment of the Independent panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPR) to evaluate the world's response to the COVID-19 pandemic., details <u>here</u>.
- WHO encourages Member States to invest in and build longer-term health emergency preparedness during the COVID-19 pandemic, details <u>here.</u>
- WHO experts travel to China to work together with their Chinese counterparts to prepare scientific plans for identifying the zoonotic source of the SARS-COV-2 virus, details <u>here.</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

- **Co-ordination:** WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC and provide technical advice to MoHFW through JMG (joint monitoring).
- WHO Solidarity Trial: Chirayu Hospital, Karnataka in India has the top recruiting sites under the global trial supported by WHO.
- State Updates: Highlights from high-burden states
 - Delhi: WCO is supporting state in conducting a survey on ILI/SARI in containment zone and capacity building of doctors, nurses, sanitation workers etc on COVID-19 and IPC at 10,000 bedded Jumbo facility. Order has been issued regarding adoption of Test-Track-Treat strategy and Delhi Govt dispensaries and polyclinics will do rapid antigen detection test from 9 am to 12 pm on weekdays.
 - Karnataka: WCO field officers participated in review meeting chaired by Chief Minister on COVID-19 response and shared suggestions, provided follow up support to Government in preparation of SOPs and Guidelines for the field.
 - Maharashtra: WHO field team is involved in the programmatic review and supporting Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for monitoring of containment zones, review of contact tracing data and supervision of IPC practices in the fever clinics. Data analysis support to health post staff through on job training and technical support to Municipal Corporation officials to develop lab algorithm for rapid COVID Ag testing is ongoing.
 - **Gujarat:** Support to Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation for analysis of death audits and analysis of household transmission in view of high mortality rate of the area.
 - Uttar Pradesh: Applying lessons from Polio Surveillance, WCO is supporting house-to-house surveillance covering nearly 11lakh households to supplement efforts made by ASHA workers and increasing accuracy in case detection and in addition promoting hygiene and positive behaviour.
- Laboratory testing: WHO continues to support ICMR in increasing the testing capacity of the country supplementing with 5.4lakh PCR kits. Overall, India has tested 1,15,87,153 samples with test rate of 8,449 tests per million population and test positivity rate (cumulative) of 7.3%, day-wise test positivity is 10.2% of samples tested, details <u>here.</u>

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STATEWISE COVID CASES – FOCUS ON TOP 5 STATES



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- 1. WHO guidance on maintaining safe and adequate blood supply during the pandemic. (link)
- 2. WHO scientific brief on Transmission of SARS-CoV-2: implications for infection prevention precautions (link)
- 3. WHO Report from the WHO Advisory Group on Human Challenge Studies draft for public comments (link)
- 4. MoHFW Mental Health in the times of COVID-19 Pandemic Guidance for General Medical and Specialized Mental Health Care Settings (<u>link</u>)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Prime Minister Office reviewed planning and preparations for vaccination against Covid-19 details <u>here</u>. With the announcement of COVAXIN by Bharat Biotech and ZyCov-D Vaccine by Zydus Cadila, Drug Controller General - CDSCO (The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization) approved human trials for the vaccines, details <u>here.</u>

Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued guidelines for **Unlock 2** to open up of activities in areas outside the Containment Zones into effect from July 1, 2020, details <u>here</u>.

Removal of obstructions paves the way for **ramped up COVID-19 testing** as Private Practitioner can also prescribe a COVID-19 test. Government of India reiterated that 'test-track-treat' is the key strategy for early detection and containment of the pandemic, details <u>here.</u>

WHO Situation Update 166

India 648,315 Confirmed Cases 18,655 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 888,732 Confirmed Cases 23,774 Total Deaths

World 10,922,324 Confirmed Cases 523,011 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 05 July 2020, 08:00 IST there were 244,814 Active Cases, 409,082 Cured/Discharged, 1 Migrated and 19,268 Deaths in India. Collective and focused efforts of containment and management of COVID-19 by center and the States/UTs have led to rise in recovered cases among COVID-19 patients (figure below) details <u>here</u>.



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO accepted the recommendation from the Solidarity Trial's International Steering Committee to discontinue the trial's hydroxychloroquine and lopinavir/ritonavir arms, details <u>here.</u>
- UN Secretary-General in his remarks to the Security Council on the Maintenance of International Peace and Security warned about the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on peace and security details <u>here</u>.
- WHO launched a new, interactive e-learning course entitled "Controlling the Spread of COVID-19 at Ground Crossings", detail <u>here.</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

- **Co-ordination:** WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC and provide technical advice to MoHFW through JMG (joint monitoring).
- **Partnership:** WHO and Partners are supporting States to increase their level of preparedness, alert and response to identify, manage and care for new cases of COVID-19.
 - Each state is assessing its risk and rapidly implementing necessary measures at the appropriate scale to reduce both COVID-19 transmission and economic, public and social impacts.
- State Updates: States across India have planned independent SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence study (Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Delhi, Odisha etc.) after the national sero-survey by ICMR
 - Delhi: WCO is supporting state in setting up containment centers, currently 16,129 persons are under home isolation. All District Magistrates directed to ensure that all COVID-19 patient under home isolation have pulse oximeter. Chief Minister inaugurated India's first plasma bank at Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences.
 - Maharashtra: Mumbai Municipal Corporation (MCGM) launched Mission Zero COVID using 50 mobile dispensary vans. 1476 out of every 1 million people in Maharashtra have tested positive for the virus. Case fatality rate (CFR) is 4.4% and doubling rate is 21 days. For the last week, state reported about 5000 cases daily on an average with an average growth of 3% per day.
 - Kerala: State has initiated Mobile Medical and surveillance units in all 14 districts to reach out to difficult geographical areas in view of surge in communicable diseases with onset of monsoon.
 Malappuram district has enforced lockdown in view of high number of contacts
 - **Uttar Pradesh:** About 160,000 ASHAs were trained with state and WCO field support that have tracked over 3,000,000 migrant returnees in Uttar Pradesh. MoHFW appreciated their role in contact tracing and surveillance for migrants.
- **RMNCAH:** WHO collaborating Centers have come together to standardize the reporting and management of COVID-19 and pregnancy across 20 high case-load facilities across the country.
- Laboratory testing: WHO continues to support ICMR in increasing the testing capacity of the country. ICMR has tested a total of 97,89,066 samples and in the last 24 hours 2,481,934 details <u>here.</u>



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STATEWISE COVID CASES AND DEATHS PER MILLION



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- 1. WHO interim guidance on infection prevention and control strategies during health care of suspects or confirmed COVID-19 patients (<u>link</u>)
- 2. WHO health advisory for critical preparedness for cyclones, tropical storms, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes during the pandemic (link)
- MoHFW Mental Health in the times of COVID-19 Pandemic Guidance for General Medical and Specialized Mental Health Care Settings (<u>link</u>)
- 4. MoHFW Updated Clinical Management Protocol for COVID-19 (link)
- 5. Hindi Videos on supporting COVID recovered patients (<u>link</u>); extending support towards persons returning home during COVID-19 (<u>link</u>) and showing respect to healthcare workers (<u>link</u>)

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