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- 43,082 new confirmed COVID cases have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country
- National recovery rate stands at 93.65% today
- President says that Compulsion Induced by Covid-19 can indeed help us further in Finding more Creative ways to fulfil and Augment the Access to Justice
- Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman holds 5th review meeting on CAPEX of CPSEs to boost expenditure in economy

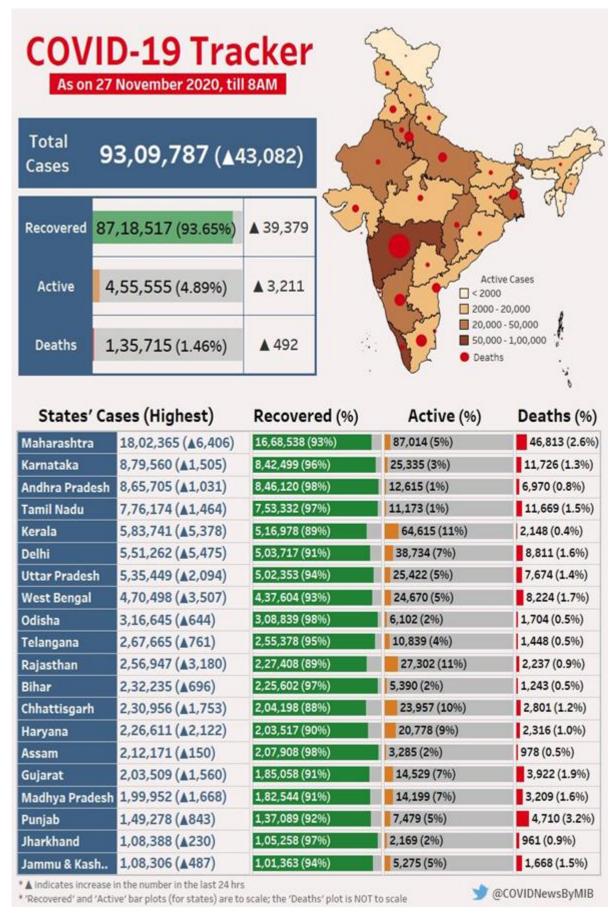
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COVID-19 INDIA as on: 27 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†1 Status change since yesterday) Active (4.89%)
455555 (32114)

Discharged (93.65%) 8718517 (393794) Deaths (1.46%)
135715 (4924)



70% of India's Active Caseload from Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal, and Chhattisgarh

The Active Caseload of India stands at 4,55,555 today. Present contribution of Active Caseload to India's total positive cases is 4.89%. About 70% (69.59%) of the total Active Cases is contributed by eight States/UT i.e. Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh. Maharashtra leads the tally with 87,014 total active COVID cases, as of today. Kerala has recorded 64,615 active cases, while Delhi follows with 38,734 total active cases. Maharashtra recorded the maximum positive change with addition of 1,526 cases whereas Chhattisgarh recorded maximum negative change with a decrease of 719 active cases.43,082 new confirmed COVID cases have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country.Of these, 76.93% is contributed by ten States/UTs.Maharashtra leads the tally with 6,406 new COVID cases. Delhi has reported 5,475 new cases, while Kerala registered another 5,378 new cases in the last 24 hours. Total recovered cases in India have crossed 87 lakhs (87,18,517). The national recovery rate stands at 93.65% today. 39,379 recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country. 78.15% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Kerala has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 5,970 newly discharged cases. 4,937 people recovered in Delhi followed by 4,815 in Maharashtra. 83.80% of the total deaths are concentrated in 10 States/UT viz Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. Maharashtra contributes maximum (34.49%) to the total deaths with 46,813 deaths till now.75.20% of the 492 case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours are concentrated in ten States/UTs.Delhi with 91 deaths reported the maximum new fatalities. Maharashtra saw a fatality count of 65 followed by West Bengal with 52 deaths.

For details:

Compulsion Induced by Covid-19 can indeed help us further in Finding more Creative ways to fulfill and Augment the Access to Justice: President Kovind

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, virtually inaugurated the Constitution Day Celebrations, organised by the Supreme Court of India, to mark the 71st anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, yesterday (November 26, 2020).

Speaking on the occasion, the President was happy to note that the Supreme Court has continued to function and dispense justice amid the pandemic, using technological solutions like video-conferencing and e-filing. He commended the Bar, the Bench and the officials for not letting the coronavirus come in the way of fulfilling the duty of securing justice for all. He said that the compulsion induced by Covid-19 can indeed help us further in finding more creative ways to fulfill that task and augment the access to justice. The President said that the Supreme Court of India has earned a reputation for its superior standards and lofty ideals. He observed that landmark judgments passed by the Supreme Court have strengthened the legal and constitutional framework of our country and it's Bench and the Bar are known for their intellectual depth and legal scholarship.

For details:

PM to visit Vaccine facilities in three cities tomorrow

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will embark on a 3 city visit to personally review the vaccine development and manufacturing process. He will visit the Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad, Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad and Serum Institute of India in Pune. As India enters a decisive phase of the fight

against COVID-19, The Prime Minister's visit to these facilities and discussions with the scientists will help him get a first-hand perspective of the preparations, challenges and roadmap in India's endeavour to vaccinate its citizens.

For details:

PM Inaugurates RE-Invest 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-Invest 2020) through video conferencing. The summit is organised by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The theme for RE-Invest 2020 is 'Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition'. The Prime Minister expressed happiness that in the renewable energy sector, within a short time the progress from megawatts to gigawatts in generation capacity and "One Sun, One World, One Grid" are becoming a reality, all of which were discussed in the earlier editions. He added in the last 6 years, India is travelling on an unparalleled journey.

For details:

Text of PM's address at the 3rd RE-INVEST 2020

For details:

Vice President calls for mass movement to promote digital literacy in the country

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today called for a mass movement to promote digital literacy and urged all technological and educational institutions to play a leading role in that endeavor. Virtually launching 'Adi Shankara Digital Academy' at Kaladi, the birthplace of Adi Shankaracharya, the Vice President said that information is the main commodity in the present-day knowledge society and whoever has quick access to information has the advantage. He called 'digitalization' as the medium of access to such information. Drawing attention towards the unprecedented disruptions caused by Covid-19 pandemic, Shri Naidu said that it has forced millions of students out of classrooms due to closure of schools and the world community is trying to address this challenge by adopting online education. Observing that the Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to learn how to keep the socio-economic process going in times of adversity, he said this experience has thrown up questions like how many are equipped to live the digital way. "Issues of availability of infrastructure, access to the required tools like computers and smart phones, speed and availability of internet came to the fore for which solutions need to be found out", he added.

For details:

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman holds 5th review meeting on CAPEX of CPSEs to boost expenditure in economy

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today held Video Conference with Secretaries of the Ministries of Power, Mines and Department of Atomic Energy and the CMDs of 10 CPSEs belonging to these Ministries, to review the capital expenditure (CAPEX) in this financial year. This was 5th in the ongoing series of meetings that the Finance Minister is having with various stakeholders to accelerate the economic growth in the background of COVID – 19 pandemic. The overall achievement as on 23rd November, 2020 is Rs.24227 crore (39.4%) against the CAPEX target for 2020-21 i.e. Rs.61483 crore. While reviewing the performance of CPSEs, Smt. Sitharaman said that CAPEX by CPSEs is a critical driver of economic growth and need to be scaled up for the FYs 2020-21 & 2021-

22. The Finance Minister appreciated the efforts of the Ministries and CPSEs for making visible efforts to meet out the CAPEX targets. However, Smt. Sitharaman said that more efforts are still required to achieve the target of 75% CAPEX by Q3 and more than 100% by Q4 of the FY 21. The Finance Minister encouraged the CPSEs to perform better to achieve targets and to ensure that the capital outlay provided to them for the year 2020-21 is spent properly and within time.

For details:

Extension of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme through ECLGS 2.0 for the 26 sectors identified by the Kamath Committee and the healthcare sector

The Government has extended Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) through ECLGS 2.0 for the 26 sectors identified by the Kamath Committee and the healthcare sector. Under ECLGS 2.0 entities with outstanding credit above Rs. 50 crore and not exceeding Rs. 500 crore as on 29.2.2020, which were less than or equal to 30 days past due as on 29.2.2020 are eligible. These entities/borrower accounts shall be eligible for additional funding up to 20 per cent (which could be fund based or non-fund based or both) of their total outstanding credit (fund based only) as a collateral free Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL), which would be fully guaranteed by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC).

For details:

<u>Special Multi-Media Exhibition on the Constitution Day at Kevadia draws appreciation of Parliamentarians and Legislators</u>

Even as India celebrated the 71st Constitution Day with enthusiasm with nation-wide reading of the Preamble led by the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, a Special Exhibition on the Constitution Day at Kevadia in Gujarat, drew appreciation of Parliamentarians and Legislators. This Exhibition, organized by the Bureau of Outreach Communication of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in collaboration with the Parliamentary Museum and Archives, as part of the 80th All India Conference of Presiding Officers at the Statue of Unity site in Gujarat, was inaugurated by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla on Wednesday. The Exhibition traced the journey of democratic tradition in the country, right from Vedic Times, through the Lichchavi republic to the making of Modern India. The 1,600 sqftmulti media exhibition had 50 panels of still exhibits besides Plasma display, interactive Digital Flip Book, RFID Card Reader, Interactive screen, Digital Touch Wall etc. Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal & Mines, Shri Pralhad Joshi and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and Speakers of various State Assemblies were prominent among the dignitaries who visited the exhibition. Covid appropriate behaviour protocols were incorporated and special care taken to ensure sanitation, especially with respect to touch screen displays.

For details:

<u>India to play a lead role in rebuilding economy in Post-COVID era: Dr Jitendra Singh</u>

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India will play a lead role in rebuilding economy in the post COVID era. Addressing the Global R&D Summit-2020, organized by FICCI and Department of Science & Technology, he said that the way Scientific Community in India rose to the challenge of the pandemic is a testimony to this. Speaking on

the topic of 'Building Resilient Economy", Dr. Jitendra Singh said that Government's continuous focus on Innovation and Skilling will go a long way in the holistic development of the country. Expressing confidence that North East India will take a big leap in post COVID era both in the economic and tourism sector, Dr Jitendra Singh said when main tourist spots of the World still remain infested with Corona, the N-E region could emerge as tourist destination of the world by remaining Corona-free virtually. Similarly, he said that huge Bamboo resources in the NE and its multi-dimensional usage has a great potential to reshape the economy of the region.

For details:

Dr. Jitendra Singh saysCOVID has underlined the importance of Integrated Healthcare System

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a renowned Diabetologist, said that Corona Pandemic has underlined the importance of Integrated Healthcare System.Delivering the keynote address at the 48th Annual Conference of Research Society for the Studyof Diabetes in India(RSSDI) yesterday, he said that COVID has prompted us to discover new norms in adversity and underlined the importance of Indian Traditional Medicine System.Dr. Jitendra Singh said that even during the pre-COVID era, it had been proven with evidence that in the treatment of non-communicable diseases, like for example, Diabetes-Mellitus, the dose of insulin or oral anti-diabetic drugs could be brought down with the adjuvant practice of certain Yoga Asana and lifestyle modifications available in Naturopathy.Dr. Jitendra Singh said that Diabetologists have additional responsibility during the pandemic to advise and guide the patients with co-morbidities. He said, during the COVID pandemic, several Allopathic Medical professionals who were hitherto sceptic about other systems of Medicine, started showing interest in immunity-building drugs and resistance boosters from Ayurveda and Yoga.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 150 cases of COVID-19 detected from 20778 tests with the positivity rate of 0.72%.
- Maharashtra: In Maharashtra, the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation has sought reports of COVID tests from centres where testing was done in the city. Municipal commissionerhas issued the directives in the wake of reports of wrongly incorporating the names of people who have not undergone COVID tests. Irregularities in the compilation of COVID test reports have surfaced in Navi Mumbai where people who have not undertaken the tests have been marked negative. The names of the people have been enlisted in the category under the contact tracing of COVID positive patients.
- Gujarat: Gujarat has recorded 1560 new cases during the last 24 hours, which is the highest in a single day for the second consecutive day. Recovery rate remains at 90.93 percent. Gujarat has recorded a total 2,3,509 cases till now. At present, total active cases in the state are 14,529, out of which 92 patients are on ventilator. 16 patients died yesterday taking the total deaths due to COVID19 up to 3922. Meanwhile, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has added 32 new areas in the micro containment zone after detection of new cases.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan reported 3,180 fresh cases on Thursday. The highest 630 cases have been reported in Jaipur while 517 cases have been reported in Jodhpur. Jaipur and Jodhpur cities have

- been worst affected due to the COVID infection. The number of active patients in Jaipur has reached close to 9 thousand. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot today reviewed the situation through a video conference. He directed sampling and door-to-door screening in rural areas along with cities to contain the infection. The Chief Minister clarified that no permission is required for the wedding ceremony, only prior notice has been made necessary.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, the clinical trial of the third phase of Covaxin started today. The clinical trial of Phase III of the Indian Council of Medical Research and Bharat Biotech International's Corona vaccine will be conducted in various hospitals in Bhopal. This vaccine will be administered to registered volunteers. The booster dose of vaccine will be administered after 28 days. The health of each volunteer involved in the trial will be continuously monitored. The vaccine will be administered to many people in Bhopal. According to the information, ICMR has sent 1 thousand doses of vaccine, which will be administered to the volunteers in the next 10 days.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh Health Minister TS Singhdeo has said that COVID-19 situation in the state is under control. From October, the number of new cases has gradually declined. COVID cases in the state have decreased by 50 percent. About 23,000 COVID screening tests are being done daily in the state. Till date, more than 23,00,000 tests have been conducted. State government has decided to establish four new virology labs in the state.
- Goa: Goa's coronavirus caseload rose to 47,341, after 148 people tested positive for the infection on Thursday. With the death of two more patients during the day, the coastal state's toll has reached 685. At least 111 patients were discharged from various hospitals, raising the count of recoveries to 45,340. There are currently 1,316 patients undergoing treatment in the state; 1,892 samples were tested during the day.
- Kerala: Kerala government today informed the Supreme Court that all the Covid-19 deaths in the state are reported and listed. In a report filed, Kerala stated that even deaths suspected of Covid were subjected to detailed examination. The present recovery rate is at 87 percent and test positivity rate 9.6%; devotees will be allowed to enter the Nalambalam of the Guruvayur Sri Krishnaswamy temple from December 1 by complying Covid protocols; temple authorities has also allowed to conduct 100 weddings a day; maximum of 4000 devotees can have darshan per day through virtual queue facility.
- Tamil Nadu: Covid-19 pandemic alters real estate preferences in Chennai, buyers now favour plots; though land investment is a time-honoured tradition in Chennai, the trend of apartments had drawn more buyer interest over the last decade; however, the Covid-19 pandemic has once again boosted demand for land as a long-term investment alternative. Active cases fall below 12,000 in Tamil Nadu; Tamil Nadu recorded 1464 positive cases of Covid-19 on Thursday, bringing the state tally to 7,76,174. Among these, Chennai reported 396 positive cases, bringing the city's total to 2,13,801.
- Karnataka: The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the State government to reconsider its May 18, 2020 decision of asking all the employees of the government and its autonomous agencies to report to the respective offices for duty, keeping in mind the difficulties being faced by such employees, particularly the blind, to adhere to Covid-19 norms. Karnataka's Covid-19 fatality rate is among the lowest in the country, but 11 districts in the state are a cause for worry; In the past five days, Dharwad district has seen the state's highest Covid-19 fatality rate (CFR, percentage of Covid patients dying) at 8%, followed by Dakshina Kannada district, at 4.8%. Against the national average CFR of 1.46% on Thursday, Karnataka reported 0.79%...

- Andhra Pradesh: Vijayawada District Collector A Md Imtiaz has directed the officials concerned to follow strict Covid guidelines for Bhavani Deeksha relinquishment at Indrakeeladri; allow only 10,000 devotees per day for darshan. Andhra Pradesh's Covid-19 tally increased by 1,031 to 8,65,705 on Thursday. The total recoveries touched 8,46,120 after 1,081 patients got cured.
- Telangana: PM Narendra Modi to review Covaxin progress in Hyderabad on November 28; according to sources, the Prime Minister will arrive at the Hakimpet Air Force Station around 4 pm and be driven to the Bharat BioTech facility at Shameerpet. Amid political slander, manifestos mum on action plan for Covid-19; promises galore by parties but healthcare experts say leaders are not stating their plans to control spread of virus.

FACT CHECK







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Procedures for Self-Quarantine

Self-quarantine is recommended for individuals who have been directly exposed to the new Coronavirus or have history of travel in infected or heavily populated areas.

Stay at home.

Limit all your nonessential travels.

Unless you're going out for food, medicines or other essentials.



Wash your hands.

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Check your temperature.

Check your temperature at least twice a day.



Stay in a specific room.

If you're sick or suspect yourself to be sick, it's best to stay in a designated room or area away from others.

and bathroom as well.



Watch for other symptoms.

Apart from fever, COVID-19 symptoms include cough, difficulty in breathing and fatigue.



Call your doctor or hospital before visiting.

If you need to seek medical attention whether for viral symptoms or other medical reasons, contact your doctor or hospital ahead of your arrival so they can prepare and take precautions.



Practice social distancing.

If you need to go out, maintain at least 1 meter (3 feet) distance from others







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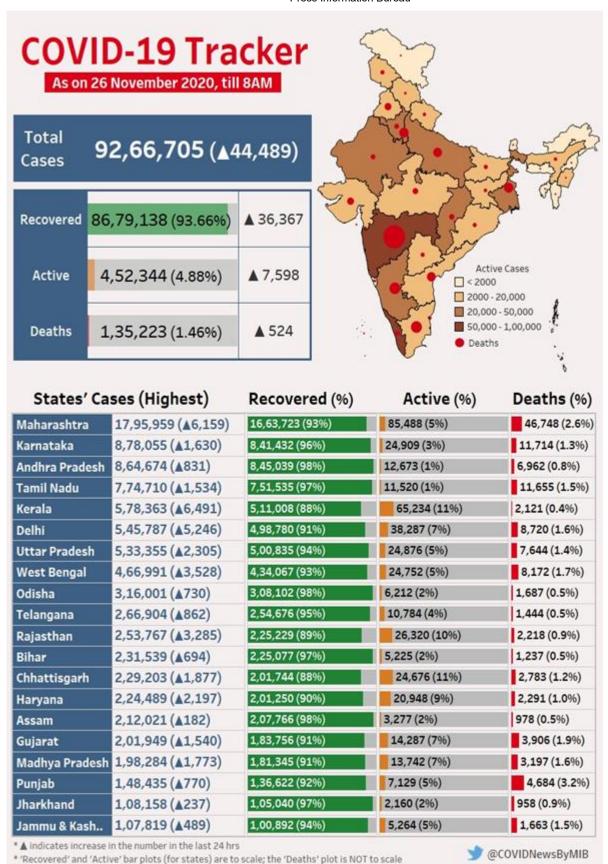
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Discharged (93.66%)

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Deaths (1.46%)

135223 (5244)



<u>India's 61% of Daily New Cases contributed by Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh</u>

44,489 new confirmed COVID cases have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country. Of these, 60.72% is contributed by six States/UT i.e. Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Kerala leads the tally with 6,491 new COVID cases. Maharashtra has reported 6,159 new cases, while Delhi registered another 5,246 new cases in the last 24 hours. 60.50% of the 524 case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours are concentrated in six States/UTs- Delhi, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. Delhi with 99 deaths reported the maximum new fatalities. Maharashtra saw a fatality count of 65 followed by West Bengal with 51 deaths. India's present active caseload (4,52,344) is 4.88% of the total Positive Cases, and has been sustained below the 5% mark. 65% of the active cases are in the above mentioned 8 States/UTs which have contributed to the maximum daily new cases and the daily highest deaths. 61% of the total deaths are concentrated in these 8 States/UT. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) in these 8 States/UT as compared to the national average is (1.46%). Total recovered cases in India are nearing 87 lakhs (86,79,138). The national recovery rate stands at 93.66% today. 36,367 recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country. 15 States/UTs have Recovery Rate more than the national average. 20 States/UTs have reported Recovery Rate less than the national average.

For details:

PM Addresses the Concluding Session of 80th All India Presiding Officers Conference

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the concluding session of 80th All India Presiding Officers Conference at Kevadia Gujarat today, via video conferencing. The Prime Minister said that it is a day to remember the inspiration of Gandhi ji and commitment of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He also remembered victims of the Mumbai terrorist attack which took place on this day in 2008. He paid tribute to the martyrs of the security forces and said that today India is fighting terrorism in a new way and paid his respect to the security forces. The Prime Minister said that the strength of our Constitution helps us in the time of difficulties. The resilience of Indian electoral system and reaction to the Corona pandemic has proved this. He praised the Members of Parliament for giving more output in recent times and taking a pay cut for helping in the fight against Corona.

For details:

PM addresses Centennial Foundation Day of University of Lucknow

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the celebration of Centennial Foundation Day of University of Lucknow yesterday via video conferencing. The Prime Minister unveiled the University's Centennial Commemorative Coin on the occasion. He also released a special Commemorative Postal Stamp issued by India Post and its Special Cover during the event. The Union Defence Minister and Member of Parliament from Lucknow, Shri Rajnath Singh and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath were present on the occasion. The Prime Minister exhorted the University to offer courses on the local arts and products and called for research to do value addition to these local products. Management, branding and strategy to make the products like Lucknow 'Chikankari', brass wares of Moradabad, locks of Aligarh, Bhadohi Carpets globally competitive should be the part of courses offered

at the university. This will help in realizing the concept of one district one product. The Prime minister also called for continued engagement with subjects of arts, culture and spirituality to provide them a global reach.

For details:

Text of PM's address at the Centennial Foundation Day celebration of University of Lucknow

For details:

PM chairs 33rd PRAGATI interaction

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the PRAGATI meeting yesterday. It marked Prime Minister's thirty-third interaction through PRAGATI - the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Central and State governments. In PRAGATI meeting, multiple projects, grievances and programmes were reviewed. The projects taken up were of the Ministry of Railways, MORTH, DPIIT and Power Ministry. These projects, with a total cost of Rs 1.41 lakh crore, were related to ten states and union territories, including Odisha, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Prime Minister asked the concerned Secretaries of the Union Government and Chief Secretaries of the State Governments to ensure that they complete the work before time. During the meeting, grievances related to COVID-19 and to the PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) were taken up. PM SVANidhi, agriculture reforms and development of districts as export hubs were reviewed. Prime Minister also asked the States to develop a State Export Strategy.

For details:

Re-evaluate the education system to make it more value-based, holistic and complete- Vice President to universities and educators

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today called upon the universities and educators to reevaluate our education system to make it more value-based, holistic and complete. Addressing the 13th
e-convocation of ICFAI University, Sikkim, through video-conferencing today, the Vice President asked
the educators to take inspiration from our holistic Vedic education and understand the vision behind New
Education Policy. Describing the New Education Policy as "much needed reform", he lauded it for its
focus on multi-disciplinary method and efforts to reorient the research and the regulatory systems.
Asking the Universities to prepare students to effectively deal with real-world challenges, the Vice
President cited the example of COVID-19 pandemic which caught all nations off-guard and unprepared.
"We have to learn lessons from this pandemic and experts need to come together and come up with
solutions to meet such threats in the future", he said. Shri Naidu told students that the COVID pandemic
was the first big adversity in front of them. However, he asked them to leverage technology to create
opportunities out of it instead of looking at it as a crisis. "For those of you seeking to become job
creators, there cannot be a better place to implement your business ideas than India right now as we are
following our Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat", he said.

For details:

APEDA holds Virtual Buyer Seller Meet with Germany

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA),under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, facilitates export of its scheduled agricultural and processed products through several export promotional activities. During the Covid19 pandemic period, APEDA continued its endeavour to promote export of agricultural products through the virtual medium. Several virtual buyer seller meets were organised with the importing countries in association with the Indian Missions abroad. In this series, a virtual networking meet with German importers was organised on 25.11.2020 to promote export of fresh fruits and vegetables from the country. The event was organised by APEDA in collaboration with Embassy of India, Berlin and German Agribusiness Alliance. More than 70 participants participated in the event.

For details:

Shripad Naik chairs e-event on two decades of the National Medicinal Plants Board

Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (IC), for AYUSH chaired an e-event organized by the National Medicinal Plant Board on 24th November, 2020 to celebrate its Establishment Day. On this occasion, a "Status Report of NMPB 2020" and "Ayur-veg" e-book were also released. The AYUSH Minister, Secretary (AYUSH) Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha and other members of the Board complemented NMPB for its progress, achievements and contribution made for growth and development of medicinal plants sector in the country. In recent years cultivation of medicinal plants has started gaining momentum. However, still a significant part of our requirements continue to be met from wild sources. To meet increasing demand for medicinal plants, the NMPB focuses on in-situ & ex-situ conservation and augmenting local medicinal plants and aromatic species of medical significance. The NMPB promotes research & development, capacity building through trainings, raising awareness through promotional activities like creation of Home/School herbal gardens.

For details:

<u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews implementation of Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY and National Digital Health Mission</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare today visited National Health Authority (NHA) to conduct a high-level review of the implementation of the flagship health protection mission, Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana(AB PM-JAY) and National Digital Health Mission (NDHM). The Health Minister also reviewed the implementation of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY which completed two years on 23rd September this year. Appreciating the progress of the scheme, Dr. Vardhan said, "In these unprecedented times, I am pleased to know that more than 1.4 crore cashless treatments worth over Rs. 17,500 crore have been provided to the poorest citizens under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY. During the height of the pandemic, Government of India has been careful to not lose focus away from critical illnesses and ensured that all those needing such essential healthcare were provided the same. This has resulted in savings of nearly Rs. 35,000 crore to the people. We understand that this health assurance and its delivery is a huge source of support and security for millions of families reeling under the extreme stress of serious illness amidst this pandemic."

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: In Maharashtra, as the SOPs for passengers travelling to the state from Delhi, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Goa are coming into effect, intense screening is being done at various checkposts and railways stations. A special healthcare centre has been set up in Nashik to screen passengers coming from the four states. The Nashik municipal corporation has set up a 24x7 screening centre for arriving passengers at the railway station. Screening centres have also been set up at Manmad, Lasalgaon, Nandgaon, Deolali and Igatpuri.
- Gujarat: Gujarat Health Minister Kumar Kanani on Wednesday said all those traveling abroad or out of the state will now have to pay Rs 1,000 for a coronavirus test. For the second time this month, Gujarat reported a fresh peak with 1,540 cases of Covid-19 in 24 hours. This is also the third time that the single day tally went above the mark of 1,500. So far, Gujarat has reported 2,01,949 cases of Covid-19. With 14 more patients succumbing to the infection, the death toll rose to 3,906.
- Rajasthan: Chief minister Ashok Gehlot has made an emotional appeal to wedding guests to follow Covid guidelines in view of the sudden spike in infections. The state witnesses an estimated 20,000 weddings including 6,000 in Jaipur this season, from November 25 to December 11. In a series of tweets, Gehot said, "As the wedding season begins from today, my appeal to all is to comply with rules & regulations put in place to contain the spread of Covid infection. All must wear a mask, maintain social distancing & not exceed the number of guests allowed in a function." The number of active COVID-19 cases stands at 26,320 in the state.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, around a dozen districts of the state including Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior, Ratlam, Vidisha and Shivpuri have shown higher positivity rates since last week. The positivity rate for the last seven days in Bhopal is 12 percent, while that of Indore is 10 percent. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has instructed officials to ensure strict observance of mask wearing. Fines are also to be imposed for violating covid appropriate behavior of wearing masks. A review of Corona infection in Madhya Pradesh showed that active cases of COVID-19 have increased again in the state from November 3. The number of active cases has now reached to 12,979. The state's average positivity rate has reached 5.5 percent.
- Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, preparations have begun for vaccination against COVID-19. Data of about 98 percent of the health workers of the state has already been collected for administering vaccine to them on priority. In Chhattisgarh, about two thousand eight hundred places and more than eight thousand vaccinators have been identified for COVID vaccination. According to the officials of Health Department, 630 cold chain points are already functioning in the state. Intensive Covid screening of all passengers will now be mandatorily done at airports. The General Administration Department of Chhattisgarh Government has issued revised instructions to conduct proper Covid screening of all passengers coming from outside at Raipur and Jagdalpur airports.
- Goa: Goa on Wednesday reported 125 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the count of infections to 47,193. With four more persons succumbing to the infection, the overall toll mounted to 683.
- Assam: In Assam, 182 cases detected out of 24,426 tests conducted with positivity rate of 0.75%. 117 patients discharged, total cases 2,12,021, recovered- 97.99%, active cases- 1.54%, tweeted State Health Minister.
- Nagaland; With 60 new cases, state's COVID-19 total reaches 10,991 while active cases are 1,465.

- Sikkim: Sikkim's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 reached 4,819 on Wednesday with 42 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus being reported in the last 24 hours. Meanwhile, 44 more patients were discharged from the facility and home isolation across the State on Tuesday, improving the figure of discharged patients to 4,395.
- Kerala: The State government has granted permission to carry out the funeral of Covid-19 victims without touching the body; As per the relaxations in the Covid-19 protocol, rituals like offering prayers and showering of holy water are allowed in the funeral of people who succumbed to Covid-19. The state on Wednesday achieved another landmark in the Covid-19 management as the total samples sent for testing crossed the six million-mark; however, reports of malfunctioning of rapid antigen test cards and RT-PCR kits from various parts of the state have raised serious questions on the accuracy of the results; the state had recently decided to return 32,122 rapid antigen test cards it procured from Maharashtra.
- Tamil Nadu: Covid-19 tests begin at Puducherry relief camps, fear of virus keeps people away; though the administration has set up 250 relief camps in schools and community halls to ensure safety of people in vulnerable areas, only 10 have been occupied so far. Chennai Corporation grapples with twin challenges of Cyclone Nivar and Covid-19; officials at the zonal level said Covid-19 test samples on Wednesday may not be on par with the usual samples collected on a daily basis, owing to Cyclone Nivar. Even as Tamil Nadu braces for the impact of Cyclone Nivar, the state reported 1,534 Covid-19 cases and 16 deaths on Wednesday, taking the tally to 7,74,710 and toll to 11,655.
- Karnataka: Night curfew unlikely in Karnataka as Covid-19 caseload continues to decline; "It is an option, but the situation at present doesn't warrant it. As for new containment and surveillance guidelines, we are already implementing most of them," Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey. MSMEs fear loss of business as steel prices rise; as though battling the COVID related disruptions was not enough, the MSMEs in the state face serious trouble with the rising steel prices, the basic raw material for many micro and small enterprises in the manufacturing sector; Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) has urged the government to subsidise the steel prices or impose price control.
- Andhra Pradesh: The third phase clinical trials of Covaxin began at the Government Fever Hospital in Guntur; District collector Samuel Anand Kumar after formally launching the third phase clinical trials said that the Government Fever Hospital was given 1,000 doses for clinical trials. With coronavirus cases declining steadily, the Prakasam district administration have de-notified all private hospitals as Covid-19 hospitals and all infected patients will be treated only at RIMS-Ongole, and other government hospitals.
- Telangana: BJP today released its manifesto for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) polls, promising corona vaccine and testing to all as per the Central government stipulations. Telangana reported 862 new Covid-19 cases today, pushing the state's tally to 2,66,904; three more persons succumbed to the virus taking the death toll to 1,444.

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Stay at home.

Limit all your nonessential travels.

Unless you're going out for food, medicines or other essentials.



Wash your hands.

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Check your temperature.

Check your temperature at least twice a day.



Stay in a specific room.

If you're sick or suspect yourself to be sick, it's best to stay in a designated room or area away from others.

and bathroom as well.



Watch for other symptoms.

Apart from fever, COVID-19 symptoms include cough, difficulty in breathing and fatigue.



Call your doctor or hospital before visiting.

If you need to seek medical attention whether for viral symptoms or other medical reasons, contact your doctor or hospital ahead of your arrival so they can prepare and take precautions.



Practice social distancing.

If you need to go out, maintain at least 1 meter (3 feet) distance from others







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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- With 11,59,032 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, the cumulative tests are nearing 13.5 crore
- 93.72% of all cases have recovered as of date
- The country registered 37,816 new recoveries and 44,376 new confirmed cases in the last 24 hours
- MHA issues Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution, which will be effective from December 1, 2020 and to remain in force upto 31.12.2020.
 Main focus is to consolidate the substantial gains that have been achieved against the spread of COVID-19.

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 25 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†1 Status change since yesterday) Active (4.82%)

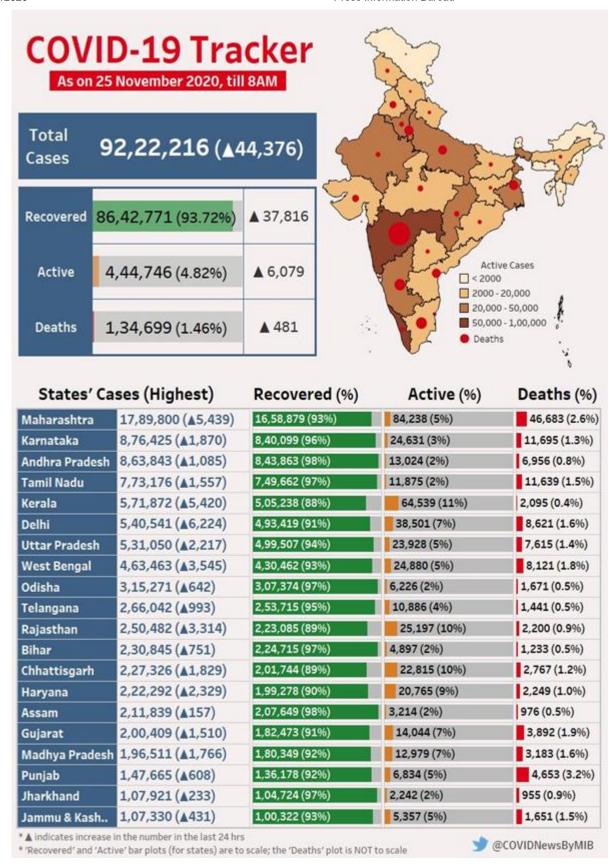
444746 (60794)

Discharged (93.72%)

8642771 (378164)

Deaths (1.46%)

134699 (4814)



Exponential rise in India's testing, Cumulative tests nearing 13.5Cr, Consistent fall in cumulative Positivity Rate as Testing increases

India has demonstrated a consistent increase in the COVID-19 testing infrastructure since Jan 2020 resulting in an exponential increase in its testing numbers. With 11,59,032 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, the cumulative tests are nearing 13.5 crore (13,48,41,307). The cumulative positivity rate has been steadily falling and has touched 6.84% today. The daily positivity rate stands at 3.83% as of today. With 2,138 testing labs in the country including 1167 Government laboratories and 971 Private laboratories, the daily testing capacity has got a substantial boost. As a result of this, tests per million per day in India is five times more than the WHO standard. India's present active caseload (4,44,746) is 4.82% of the total Positive Cases, and has been sustained below the 5% mark. The Recovery Rate continues to be above 93% as 93.72% of all cases have recovered as of date. In the last 24 hours, the country registered 37,816 new recoveries in the last 24 hours taking the total recovered cases to 86,42,771. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is steadily increasing and presently stands at 81,98,025. 77.53% of the new recoveries are contributed by ten States/UTs. Kerala leads the tally with 5,149 persons recovering from COVID. Delhi reported 4,943 recoveries, while Maharashtra registered another **4,086** new recoveries in the last 24 hours. **44,376** new confirmed cases were recorded in the last 24 hours. Ten States/UTs have contributed 76.51% of the new cases. Delhi has reported the highest with 6,224 cases in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra recorded 5,439 new cases while Kerala reported 5,420 daily cases yesterday. 74.22% of the 481 case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours are concentrated in Ten States/UTs. Delhi with 109 deaths reported the maximum new fatalities. West Bengal saw a fatality count of 49 followed by Uttar Pradesh with 33 deaths.

For details:

MHA Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an Order today with Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution, which will be effective from December 1, 2020 and to remain in force upto31.12.2020. The main focus of the Guidelines is to consolidate the substantial gains that have been achieved against the spread of COVID-19 which is visible in the steady decline in number of active cases in the country. Further, keeping in view the recent spike in new cases in few States/ UTs, ongoing festival season and onset of winter, it is emphasised that to fully overcome the pandemic, there is need to maintain caution and to strictly follow the prescribed containment strategy, focussed on surveillance, containment and strict observance of the guidelines/ SOPs issued by MHA and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW). Local district, police and municipal authorities shall be responsible to ensure that the prescribed Containment measures are strictly followed. States and UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions, with a view to contain the spread of COVID-19.

For details:

English rendering of PM's closing remarks at virtual meeting with Chief Ministers on COVID-19

For details:

PM to inaugurate RE-Invest 2020 on 26 November

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the virtual 3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-Invest 2020), on 26 November 2020 at 5:30 PM. The summit is organised by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and will be held from 26 – 28 November 2020. The theme for RE-Invest 2020 is 'Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition'. It will feature a 3-day conference on

renewables and future energy choices, and an exhibition of manufacturers, developers, investors and innovators. It is expected to be attended by over 75 international Ministerial delegations, over 1000 global industry leaders, and 50,000 delegates.

For details:

7th Meeting of the Joint Trade Committee between India and Myanmar

The 7th Joint Trade Committee Meeting between India and Myanmar was held through virtual mode yesterday. The Meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister for Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar and Shri Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry Minister of India. During the consultations, both sides reviewed various bilateral issues ranging from trade, investment, banking, connectivity, capacity building and upgradation of border infrastructure. Both sides reviewed their preparedness to meet the COVID-19 challenges and expanding cooperation in pharma and health sector including traditional medicines. Shri Piyush Goyal highlighted the strong cultural and commercial ties between India and Myanmar and the priority India attaches to its partnership with Myanmar in accordance with India's 'Neighborhood First' and 'Act East' policies. He reiterated India's commitment in enhancing its multifaceted cooperation with Myanmar, in several areas including trade and investment, Oil & Gas, Power, Insurance, Pharmaceutical and Infrastructure and expressed satisfaction on the increased investments by India in Myanmar in these sectors.

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal has called upon the Indian industry to focus on improving Quality and Productivity

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal has called upon the Indian industry to focus on improving Quality and Productivity. Interacting with the Office bearers of various industry associations yesterday, he called upon them to designate a few days next month, to do brainstorming on these aspects so that the Country starts getting recognition as high quality, efficient manufacturer, trader and service-provider. The Minister said that this could be done sectoraly or regionally, so that there is knowledge sharing among the stakeholders, andthese two aspects are focussed. Shri Goyal said that the results of the second quarter of major companies show that profitability of most of them has gone up, indicating that the Indian industry has utilized the Covidperiod to do the belt-tightening, improve the product-mix, and focus on quality and productivity. Calling upon the industry's support to take them into mission-mode, Shri Goyal said that Quality and Productivity can help in converting the crisis into an opportunity. Shri Goyal said that the Indian industry has shown resilience and confidence during the difficult times, which has helped the country fight the pandemic. He said that the economy is showing strong signals of comeback, and even in the international arena, India's reputation has gone by several notches and it is being seen as a trusted partner. He expressed confidence that India will make up the for the time, and emerge stronger and victorious. He told the gathering, to continue to maintain health precautions, as relaxations at this stage can create problems.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam, 157 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. Total cases rise to 211839, total discharged patients 207646, active 3214 and 976 total death.
- Kerala: State Education Department has instructed teachers to return to schools from December 17. Teachers of classes 10 and 12 have been asked to return to schools with 50 percent attendance. The arrangements are being made in such a way that students of classes 10 and 12 will return to schools from January. The decision was taken at a meeting attended by the Education Minister and the Public Education Secretary. The guidelines for postal voting of Covid patients and those under quarantine in the local body elections have been issued. Meanwhile, Kerala has sent back over 30,000 rapid antigen test kits used for diagnosing Covid-19 due to its poor quality. 5,420 new Covid-19 cases were reported in the state yesterday. At the same time, 5,149 patients have recovered from the disease. The Covid death toll stands at 2095 and test positivity rate at 9.04%
- Tamil Nadu: Threat of Covid spread looms large over Karaikal cyclone relief camps; officials say if people test positive for virus, they will be shifted to Covid Care Centres. In order to ensure the safety of inmates of temporary shelters set up for evacuees in the wake of Cyclone Nivar, medical teams are holding fever camps at the rescue shelters and distributing masks in Tamil Nadu. 19 NDRF teams despatched to Tamil Nadu and Puducherry for rescue operations ahead of landfall of Cyclone Nivar.
- Karnataka: The State's Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that met on Tuesday to discuss the State's preparedness to deal with a second wave has recommended that the Education Department should consider promoting students from class 1 to 9 without exams. Highcourt of Karnataka observed that its time parties ensured workers adhere to Covid-19 norms at rallies. Data shows that over 71% of those who succumbed to Covid in the State are men.
- Andhra Pradesh: CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launches Rs 1,000-cr JaganannaThodu Scheme; interest-free loans up to Rs 10,000 will be provided to small and petty vendors in State under the scheme; 10 lakh applied so far. CM directs officials to devise action plan for Covid vaccine storage and distribution. Single-screen theatres in the State may reopen from December 11 if the allows them operate with 75 occupancy. government to per cent BiswaBhusanHarichandan inaugurates Super Specialty facilities and state-of-the-art equipment at Sri Balaji Medical College, Hospital and Research Institute in Tirupati through video conference.
- Telangana: 993 new cases, 1150 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana. Total cases: 2,66,042; Active cases: 10,886; Deaths: 1441; Discharges: 2,53,715 with a recovery rate of 95.36 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 93.7 per cent. Apollo Hospitals is gearing up to give one million vaccines a day once it is available across India through its hospitals, clinics, health centres, pharmacies and Apollo 24/7.
- Maharashtra: State government has formed task force to oversee all modalities for distribution of COVID-19 vaccine. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray informed that the task force will discuss issues related to availability of vaccine along with its effectiveness, if the said vaccine has any side effects, cost involved to vaccinate every person in the state and its proper distribution. The state is in constant touch with Serum Institute of India to track development of the coronavirus vaccine. The CM said that 'My Family My Responsibility' campaign has helped in bringing down the number of infections from about 24,000/day to around 5,000/day. The state has collected health data of over 11 Crore individuals through this campaign. Maharashtra is conducting up to 80,000 COVID-19 tests daily.

- Gujarat: 1510 new COVID cases have been reported in the state while 1276 people have recovered on the same day. More than 73.76 lakh COVID samples have been tested so far. Currently there are 14, 044 active cases in the state and 3889 people died due to COVID so far.
- Rajasthan: The state has recorded more than 25,000 active cases. So far, total number of Covid cases in the state has crossed 2.5 lakh and total recoveries have crossed 2.2 lakhs. 2200 people in the state have lost their lives due to COVID.
- Madhya Pradesh: Number of active cases is increasing again in Madhya Pradesh since Nov 3. Number of active cases now is 12,979. State's average positivity rate is 5.5 %. 59 % of the total corona patients in the state are in home isolation. Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior, Ratlam, Vidisha and Shivpuri have shown higher positivity rates since last week. CM has directed senior officers incharge posted in each district to control the pandemic as COVID-19 infection is once again increasing.
- Chhattisgarh: General Administration Department of Chhattisgarh Government has issued revised instructions to conduct proper COVID screening of all passengers coming from outside at Raipur and Jagdalpur airports. It is mandatory for All Passengers coming from abroad to stay in paid quarantine for 14 days, at centers prescribed by Raipur Municipal Corporation.
- Goa: State recorded 167 new covid cases and 85 recoveries yesterday. Active covid count of the state which was consistently declining for the past several days increased to 1,221. Of the 2004 samples tested yesterday, 167 (8.33 %) were positive. Recovery rate of the state is 96.96%.

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- India reports less than 40K Daily New Cases
- Active Caseload continues to shrink, less than 4.4 lakh active cases recorded
- Daily Positivity Rate dips below 4%- stands at 3.45%
- India's total cumulative tests cross 13.3 crore
- 42,314 cases recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The Active Caseload has fallen to 4,38,667
- Prime Minister chairs high level meeting with CMs to review status and preparedness of COVID-19 response and management
- Finance Minister says momentum of reforms continues during the pandemic and will continue

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(†1 Status change since yesterday) Active (4.78%)

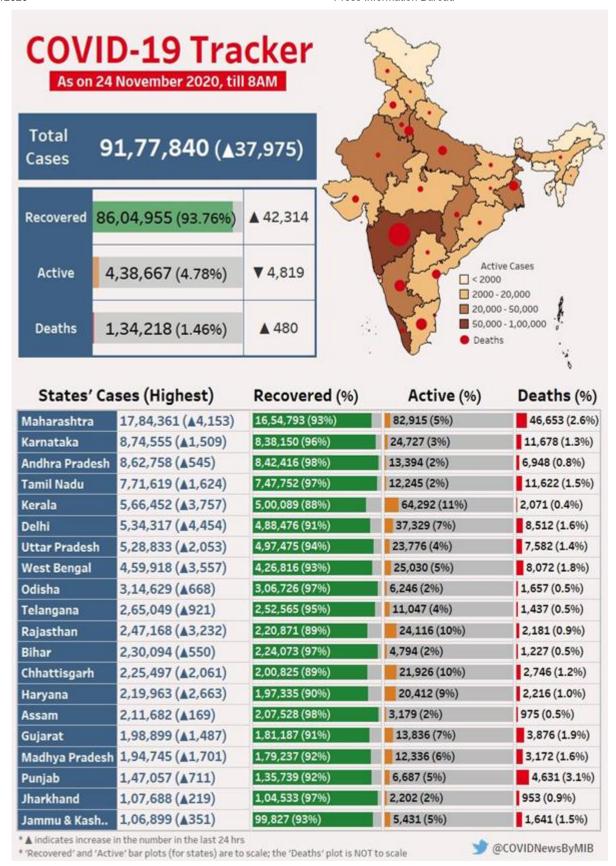
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Discharged (93.76%)

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Deaths (1.46%)

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<u>India reports less than 40K Daily New Cases, Active Caseload continues to shrink, less than 4.4 lakh active cases recorded, Daily Positivity Rate dips below 4%- stands at 3.45%</u>

India has registered less than 40,000 daily new cases after six days. The number of daily new cases in the last 24 hours is 37,975. For the last 17 days in a row, daily new cases have been sustained below the 50,000 mark, since 8th November. India's testing infrastructure has seen a significant boost with 2,134 labs across the country. Keeping in line with its commitment to conduct more than one million tests every day, 10,99,545 samples were tested in the last 24 hours. India's total cumulative tests cross 13.3 cr (13,36,82,275). An average of more than 10 lakh tests conducted daily has ensured that the cumulative positivity rate is sustained at low levels and is presently following a downward trajectory. The cumulative national Positivity Rate stands at 6.87% today, less than the 7% mark. The daily positivity rate is just 3.45%. Higher volumes of testing eventually lead to low Positivity Rate. The tests per million (TPM) has increased to 96,871 tests. There has been a sustained decrease in the number of active cases over the past few weeks. 42,314 cases recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The Active Caseload has fallen to 4,38,667. Present contribution of Active Caseload to India's total positive cases stands at 4.78%, following a declining curve. The Recovery Rate has also increased to 93.76%. Total Recoveries as of today are 86,04,955. 75.71% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Delhi has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 7,216 newly recovered cases. 5,425 people recovered in Kerala followed by 3,729 in Maharashtra. 77.04% of the new cases are from 10 States and UTs. Delhi continues to report the highest daily new cases at 4,454.

For details:

PM chairs high level meeting with CMs to review status and preparedness of COVID-19 response and management

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi todaychaired a high-level meeting with Chief Ministers of all States and UTs via video conferencing, to review the status and preparedness of COVID-19 response and management, with special emphasis on eight high focus States. These States were Haryana, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and West Bengal. The modalities of Covid-19 vaccine delivery, distribution and administration were also discussed during the meeting. Prime Minister remarked that the country has faced the pandemic through concerted efforts and in terms of both recovery rate and fatality rate, the situation in India is better than most other countries. He talked about the expansion of the testing and treatment network, and noted that special emphasis of the PM CARES fund has been to make available oxygen. He said that efforts are on to make medical colleges and district hospitals self-sufficient in terms of oxygen generation, and informed that the process for establishing more than 160 new oxygen plants is underway. Stating that it is important to understand how the people have reacted to the pandemic, the Prime Minister noted that it can be broken down to four stages. The first was of fear, when people reacted in panic. The second stage saw cropping up of doubts about the virus, when several people tried to hide that they had been afflicted by it. The third stage was of acceptance, when people became more serious about the virus and displayed greater alertness. In the fourth stage, with increasing recovery rate, people have developed a false notion of security from the virus, thus leading to rise in instances of negligence. Prime Minister emphasized that it is of utmost importance to increase awareness about the seriousness of the virus in this fourth stage. He noted that the trend of increase in spread of the pandemic in countries where its impact was earlier lessening, is being seen in some States as well, which necessitates greater alacrity and caution by the administration.

For details:

<u>Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman says momentum of reforms continues during the pandemic and will continue; Economy is facing a reset exercise</u>

In the present pandemic times when the headwinds to growth have exacerbated, the reforms momentum has continued, and will continue in the future as well, said Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman while addressing the National MNCs Conference 2020 organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) yesterday. Several measures are being taken up to keep the reforms impetus intact such as professionalisation of the financial sector and thrust on disinvestments. "All enterprises, MNCs and India Inc., big, medium and small enterprises, are facing a reset exercise in doing business. We will have to make sure that policies are right to make India an attractive investment destination," Smt Sitharaman underlined. The reforms announced by the government under the ambit of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package have opened up many sectors including niche sectors such as Nuclear Energy and Space for the foreign investors to partake in. The Government has been working assiduously towards ensuring a facilitative environment for the MNCs operating out of India, Smt. Sitharaman stated. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi himself has been interacting with MNCs regarding their concerns. Enthused by the Government's thrust on reforms and reduced taxation rates, several Sovereign Funds have expressed interest in partnering with the Government on its National Infrastructure Pipeline. In furtherance of its reforms agenda, the Government is ensuring the setting up of dedicated Special Manufacturing Zones for the production of Pharma, Medical Devices and APIs in 6 States.

For details:

<u>Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated mobile COVID-19 RT-PCR Lab jointly developed by SpiceHealthand the Indian Council of Medical Research(ICMR)</u>

The Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah yesterday inaugurated a mobile COVID-19 RT-PCR Lab at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in New Delhi, jointly launched by Spice Health and the ICMR. The Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan also participated in the inauguration function. The Secretary DHR and Director General of the ICMR, Dr.Balram Bhargava, the Chairman and Managing Director of Spice Jet, Shri Ajay Singh and the CEO of Spice Health, Ms. Avani Singh also took part in the inauguration ceremony. This testing lab and more such labs which are planned to be set up, shall help in adding more capacity to COVID-19 testing. The lab is accredited by NABL and approved by the ICMR. RT-PCR tests are most decisive and crucial for COVID-19 testing. These tests will cost Rs. 499/- and the cost of testing will be borne by the ICMR. The people of Delhi will not have to bear any cost. This initiative is a step in making COVID-19 testing affordable and more accessible to the common person. The test report would be available within 6 to 8 hours from the time of sample collection compared to the average 24 to 48 hours taken by similar test reports.

For details:

Goa Police has done commendable work during the COVID Pandemic: Shripad Naik

Goa Police has done a commendable job during the Corona pandemic. So, to repay in CSR way, Goa Shipyard has donated an Advanced Life Support Ambulance worth Rs 23.80 lakh to the police force. Bangalore-based Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) will also provide Rs 2.50 crore cancer- detection machine fitted in a bus, said Union Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge) and Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik yesterday. The Minister was speaking at the handing over of Advanced

Life Support Ambulance to Goa Police at Panaji Police Headquarters. On this occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, Director General of Police Mukesh Kumar Mina, Chairman and Managing Director of Goa Shipyard CMDE B.B. Nagpal were present.

For details:

Tribes India Launches More New Socially Impactful, Immunity Boosting Products

Tribes India is continuing with making its product offerings more attractive to its customers, and at the same time helping millions of tribal enterprises get larger markets. Keeping this as the objective, over the last month, Tribes India has included many new products (mainly immunity boosting products and produce in the Forest Fresh and Organics range). This week, Tribes India has now added more new products to their offering. The highlight is Saheli, the eco-friendly sanitary pads made by the Vasavatribals under the Gram Sangathan Kambodiya in Gujarat. Tribes India is partnering with them to distribute these sanitary pads across the country. The new products fall under the Forest Fresh Naturals and organics range and also some of these will make excellent gifting and decoration options as well. All the new products introduced in the past few weeksare available in Tribes India outlets, Tribes India mobile vans and also on online platforms such as the Tribes India E-marketplace (tribesindia.com) and etailers. The recently launched Tribes India e-marketplace, India's largest handicraft and organic products marketplace which connects 5 lakh tribal enterprises to national and international markets, showcases tribal produce and handicrafts, making them accessible to customers across the country. The Tribes India E-marketplace is an effort to empower lakhs of tribal enterprises. With a variety of natural and sustainable produce and products, it offers a glimpse into the age-old traditions of our tribal brethren.

For details:

<u>Multilateral cooperation is the key to overcoming global challenges such as COVID-19: Dr. Harsh Vardhan</u>

"Our premier institution – the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - is involved in the trial of COVID-19 vaccines' executions. India is also hosting clinical trials for all the major vaccine contenders. About 30 vaccines are in different stages of development in India. Two of them are in the most advanced stage of development - COVAXIN developed through ICMR-Bharat Biotech collaboration and COVISHIELD from the Serum Institute of India. The

Institute, world's largest vaccine manufacturer, is conducting trials for the vaccine developed by Oxford University. Both are in Phase-III clinical trial stage. One of our pharma giants, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, will distribute the Russian vaccine in India after conducting final-stage human trials and receiving regulatory approval". Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences said this in his inaugural Speech at the First Virtual SCO Young Scientist Conclave, held virtually here today.

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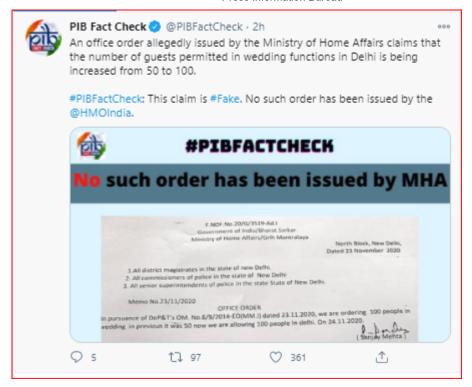
INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

• Maharashtra: The Maharashtra government has issued a new set of SOPs for persons travelling to the state by air, trains or road with effect from 25th November. According to the latest order,

- domestic travellers whether by air or train coming from Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa to Maharashtra will require a Covid negative report. While there are reports of reopening of schools of class 9 to 12 in Sangli, Satara and Washim districts, several major municipal corporations led by Mumbai civic body, Thane, Pune, Nashik and Nagpur have decided not to reopen schools in their respective areas in the wake of rise in Covid-19 cases. Maharashtra CM has appealed to people to not crowd Chaityabhoomi in Mumbai on Mahaparinirvan Diwas, the death anniversary of Dr. Balasaheb Ambedkar on December 6.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the Surat Municipal Corporation has decided to increase the Covid beds in the city by four-fold. Gujarat government has also decided to increase the testing centers in four major cities of the state to check the infection. After recent spurt in Covid19 cases in Gujarat, the state Government has increased the testing facilities in Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has also increased testing centers after spike in fresh cases post Diwali. AMC has also declared 35 new micro- containment zones in the city. Door to door screening has been launched in these new containment zones. Meanwhile, tourist destinations in Dang and Valsad districts have been closed by the district authorities.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has said that the COVID infection in the state is moving towards a dangerous situation. He said that the state government has taken tough decisions in public interest to prevent the spread of infection. The Chief Minister reviewed the COVID situation in the state through video conference on Monday evening. For the first time, the number of active cases of COVID 19 in the state has exceeded 24 thousand. More than 3,000 cases are being reported daily for the last three days. In Jaipur, the number of active patients has reached above eight thousand whereas the number of active cases in Jodhpur is more than 5 thousand.COVID cases are being reported in large number in Alwar, Bikaner, Ajmer and Kota districts also.With the death of 18 people on Monday, the death toll has increased to 2,181.
- Madhya Pradesh: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan distributed masks in Bhopal and has exhorted the public to wear them to raise awareness about COVID-19. The numbers of COVID-19 cases in the state climbed up to more than 1.94 lakh after 1,701 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours. With 10 patients succumbing to the infection, the death toll rose to 3,172. Maximum 586 people have been infected in Indore, while 349 new infections have been reported in Bhopal on Monday. There are now 12, 336 active cases in Madhya Pradesh.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh on Monday reported 2,061 fresh COVID-19 cases and 14 fatalities, taking the tally to 2,25,497 and the toll to 2,746. The number of recoveries crossed the two lakhmark and rose to 2,00,825 after 105 patients were discharged from hospitals, while 1,182 others completed their home isolation period during the day. The state now has 21,926 active cases.
- Goa: On Monday, Goa reported 75 new infections of Covid-19 and 104 recoveries that placed active cases at 1,140. There were no Covid-19 mortalities during the day. The state's case positivity rate was at 5% with 1,460 samples tested during the day and recovery rate touched 96%. Goa's mortality has dropped to an average of two to three deaths a day since earlier this month. This month, the state's daily average of new cases has been 100 to 150 cases.
- Kerala:In tune with Covid-19 Unlock, the State Government has given permission for private tuition centers, computer training centers and dance schools to open after complying certain conditions. The occupancy of halls should be less than fifty per cent and a maximum of 100 trainees will be permitted. Meanwhile, the State Health department is making efforts with the help of the Election Commission and respective district administrations to ensure strict adherence to

- Covid protocol during the ensuing civic elections. The department continues to receive reports from the ground that the candidates and those who accompany them are flouting the Covid protocol. Meanwhile, the Covid-19 recovery tally in the state crossed five lakh-mark yesterday. The test positivity rate is 10.54%. The state recorded 3,757 new cases and 22 deaths. Covid death toll in the State is now 2,071.
- Tamil Nadu: TN braces up to tackle a "severe cyclonic storm" that is likely to cross Tamil Nadu and Puducherry coasts between Karaikal and Mamallapuram on Wednesday, CM Edappadi K Palaniswami on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to assess its impending impact. Cyclone Nivar: Karaikal fishermen in 30 boats stranded at sea, Puducherry to come under Section 144; Puducherry administration has set up a total of 196 relief camps in Puducherry region and 50 in Karaikal region to provide shelter to people residing in vulnerable and low-lying areas. TN Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami today launched 'Thee', a mobile phone-based application for the benefit of the general public to reach out to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services when in need.
- Karnataka: Today Chief Minister and Health Minister participated in the video conference by Prime Minister on Covid management. As per directions of Union Government, preparations are under way for vaccine distribution in the state. 29,451 vaccine distribution centres and more than 10,000 vaccinators have been identified. There are about 2,855 cold chain centres in the state and cold storage facilities of Veterinary Department and private hospitals will also be utilised, said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar.
- Andhra Pradesh:Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy directed officials to come up with an action plan on vaccine distribution and readiness. He participated in a videoconference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The CM held a review meeting with officials after videoconference and suggested to focus on methods to follow in vaccine distribution. Storing the vaccine at a specific temperature and moving it to remote areas at the same temperature which he said is crucial. Andhra Pradesh which has 1.46 lakh litres of storage capacity has been asked to ramp up its capacity to another 1,69,500 litres.
- Telangana:921 new cases, 1097 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana. Total cases: 2,65,049; Active cases: 11,047; Deaths: 1437; Discharges: 2,52,565 with a recovery rate of 95.28 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 93.7 per cent.
- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 169 cases of COVID-19 detected out of 25225 tests conducted.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim 41 new cases of COVID-19 detected. The total active cases stands at 238 while 4351 cases are cured and discharged.

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Claim: A message circulating on #WhatsApp claims that the Government has ordered payment of ₹130,000 as #Covid funding to all citizens above the age of 18.

#PIBFactCheck: The claim is #Fake. No such announcement has been made by the Government.







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An approval letter allegedly issued by the Ministry of Finance is granting a loan under PM Mudra Yojna and requesting a payment of ₹2150 on the pretext of legal charge.

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Procedures for Self-Quarantine

Self-quarantine is recommended for individuals who have been directly exposed to the new Coronavirus or have history of travel in infected or heavily populated areas.

Stay at home.

Limit all your nonessential travels.

Unless you're going out for food, medicines or other essentials.



Wash your hands.

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Check your temperature.

Check your temperature at least twice a day.



Stay in a specific room.

If you're sick or suspect yourself to be sick, it's best to stay in a designated room or area away from others.

and bathroom as well.



Watch for other symptoms.

Apart from fever, COVID-19 symptoms include cough, difficulty in breathing and fatigue.



Call your doctor or hospital before visiting.

If you need to seek medical attention whether for viral symptoms or other medical reasons, contact your doctor or hospital ahead of your arrival so they can prepare and take precautions.



Practice social distancing.

If you need to go out, maintain at least 1 meter (3 feet) distance from others







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- Recovery Rate sustained above 93%
- Less than 50,000 Daily New Cases since the last 16 days
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- Centre rushes high level teams to Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh to support the States in COVID response and management
- Prime Minister calls for decisive action by G20, not limited to economic recovery, jobs and trade, but to focus on preserving Planet Earth noting that all of us are trustees of humanity's future.

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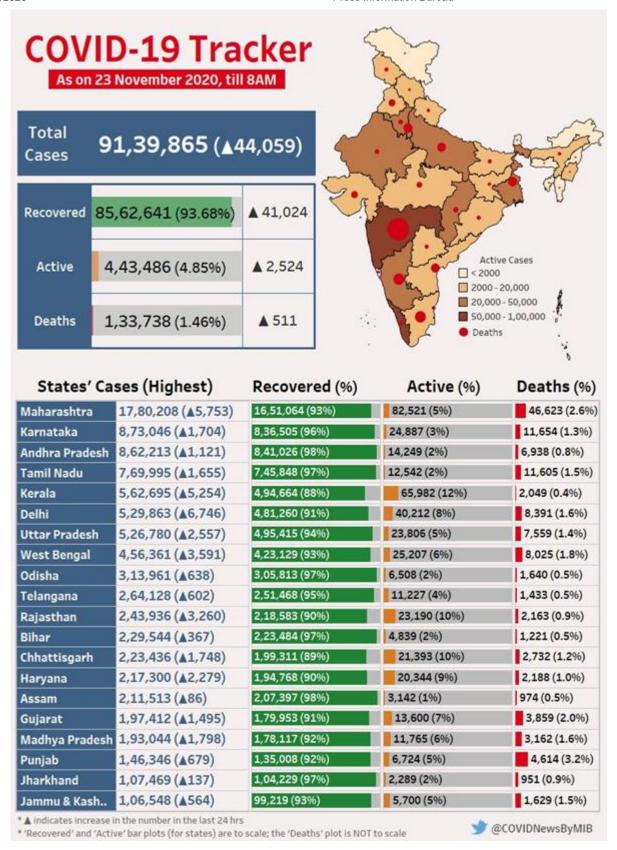
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 23 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†¿ Status change since yesterday) Active (4.85%)
443486 (25244)

Discharged (93.68%) 8562641 (410244)

Deaths (1.46%)
133738 (5114)



<u>India's Active Caseload remains below 5% of Total Cases, Recovery Rate sustained above 93%, Less than 50,000 Daily New Cases since the last 16 days</u>

India's present active caseload (4,43,486) is 4.85% of the total Positive Cases, and has been sustained below the 5% mark. The Recovery Rate continues to be above 93% as 93.68% of all cases have recovered as of date. In the last 24 hours, the country registered 41,024 new recoveries in the last 24 hours taking the total recovered cases to 85,62,641. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is steadily increasing and presently stands at 81,19,155. In the last 24 hours, 44,059 persons were found infected with COVID. India has been registering less than 50,000 cases for the last 16 days, since 8th November. This assumes significance as several countries of the Western Hemisphere are witnessing a huge surge of new cases at the onset of winter. 77.44% of the new recoveries are contributed by ten States/UTs.Kerala saw 6,227 persons recovering from COVID. Delhi reported 6,154 recoveries. Maharashtra reported another 4,060 new recoveries in the last 24 hours. Ten States/UTs have contributed 78.74% of the new cases. Delhi reported 6,746 cases in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra recorded 5,753 new cases while Kerala reported 5,254 daily cases yesterday.15 States and UTs are reporting less than the national average of cases per million population (6,623).74.95% of the 511 case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours are concentrated in Ten States/UTs.Delhi with 121 reported deaths occupy 23.68% of new fatalities. Maharashtra saw a fatality count of 50 while West Bengal followed closely with 49 new fatalities.21 States and UTs are reporting lower than the national average of deaths per million (97).

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Centre rushes high level teams to Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh to support the States in COVID response and management

The Union Government has decided to depute high level Central Teams to Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh to support the States in COVID response and management. These States have been either reporting a rise in the number of active cases i.e. those who are hospitalized or are in home isolation under medical supervision, or demonstrating a rise in the daily new cases. These three-member teams will visit the districts reporting high number of COVID cases and support the State efforts towards strengthening containment, surveillance, testing, infection prevention and control measures, and efficient clinical management of the positive cases. The Central teams shall also guide in effectively managing the challenges related to timely diagnosis and follow up. Earlier the Union Government has sent the high level teams to Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Manipur, and Chhattisgarh.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses Boston Centre for Excellence in Health and Human Development

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally addressed the Boston Center of Excellence for Health and Human Development yesterday through Video Conference. Congratulating the Boston Center of Excellence (BoCE) for Health and Human Development for bringing together experts to research a better cure and better healthcare for all, Dr. Harsh Vardhan compared the ongoing Pandemic to a transitory state of our civilization. He said, "We have not seen the Spanish Flu, World War I, and World war II. But we are living in a phase of a silent war. Over 100 million people perished. And in many cases, they could not be visited by their dear ones during the last moments of life. Their last-rites and funerals were also had to be done very humbly. And those millions who survived also have many complications, besides the financial burden put on them." Dr. Harsh Vardhan observed in this regard, "It is not the first one and definitely not the last one. But this COVID 19 will soon be a past episode of the 21st century. Our treatment protocol for COVID patients is well defined now. Fewer and

fewer people infected are dying. We will have vaccines available very soon, and the cases will significantly go down in the next few months." While COVID 19 has brought great miseries to millions of people, businesses, and trades, Dr. Harsh Vardhan pointed out the silver lining in this episode along with India's zeal to turn this crisis into an opportunity.

For details

PM inaugurates Multi Storeyed flats for Members of Parliament

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Multi Storeyed flats for Members of Parliament through video conference, today. These flats are located at Dr. B D Marg in New Delhi. Eight old bungalows, which were more than 80 years old, have been redeveloped to construct 76 flats. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said Green Building norms have been incorporated in this Multi Storeyed flats for the Members of Parliament. He hoped that these new flats will keep all the residents and the MPs safe and sound. He said accommodation for the Members of Parliament has been a long standing problem but it is now solved. He said decades old problems don't end by avoiding them, but by finding solutions. He listed many such projects in Delhi which were incomplete for many years were taken up by this government and finished before the scheduled time. He said during the time of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the discussion of Ambedkar National Memorial started, it was built by this government after a long wait of 23 years. He said, the new building of the Central Information Commission, the War Memorial near India Gate and the National Police Memorial were built by this government which were pending for a long time.

For details:

Text of PM's speech at inauguration of multi-storeyed flats for MPs via video conferencing

For details:

<u>PM lays the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh</u>

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, laid the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts of Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday via video conference. The Prime Minister also interacted with Village Water and Sanitation Committee/Paani Samiti Members during the event. Union Jal Shakti Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Governor Uttar Pradesh, SmtAnandiben Patel and Chief Minister Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath were present on the occasion. The projects, for which the foundation stones were laid by the Prime Minister will provide household tap water connections in all rural households of 2,995 villages and will benefit about 42 lakh population of these districts. Village Water and Sanitation Committees/Paani Samiti have been constituted in all these villages, who will shoulder the responsibility of operation and maintenance. The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs 5,555.38 Crore. The projects are planned to be completed in 24 months. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said during the last one and half years from the start of Jal Jeevan Mission more than 2 crore 60 lakh families have been provided piped drinking water connection to their homes including lakhs of families in Uttar Pradesh as well. He added under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the life of our mothers and sisters is getting easier due to easy water access at the comfort of their homes.

For details:

15th G20 Leaders' Summit

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, participated in the 15th G20 Summit convened by Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 November, 2020. The Summit, was conducted in virtual format in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. PM congratulated the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its leadership for its successful Presidency of the G20 this year and for organizing the second G20 Summit in 2020 through a virtual format despite the challenges and obstacles posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Summit under Saudi Presidency centered on the theme "Realizing Opportunities of 21st Century for All" which has assumed greater importance in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The agenda of the Summit is focused on overcoming the pandemic, economic recovery and restoring jobs, and building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future. There are also side events planned on the two days on pandemic preparedness and on safeguarding the planet.

PM termed the COVID-19 pandemic as an important turning point in history of humanity and the biggest challenge the world is facing since the World War II. He called for decisive action by G20, not limited to economic recovery, jobs and trade, but to focus on preserving Planet Earth noting that all of us are trustees of humanity's future.PM called for a new Global Index for the Post-Corona World that comprises four key elements – creation of a vast Talent Pool; ensuring that Technology reaches all segments of the society; Transparency in systems of governance; and dealing with Mother Earth with a spirit of Trusteeship. Based on this, the G20 can lay the foundation of a new world.

For details:

Text of PM's address at the G-20 summit Side Event: Safeguarding the Planet: The CCE Approach

For details:

PM at 8th Convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi graced the 8th Convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on Saturday. He laid the foundation stone of '45 MW Production Plant of Monocrystalline Solar PhotoVoltaic Panel' and 'Centre of Excellence on Water Technology'. He also inaugurated 'Innovation and Incubation Centre – Technology Business Incubation', 'Translational Research Centre' and 'Sports Complex' at the University. Addressing the students, the Prime Minister said it is not an easy thing to graduate at a time when the World is facing such a big crisis, but your abilities are much bigger than these challenges. He added that students are entering the industry at a time when due to pandemic, major changes are taking place in the energy sector across the world.

For details:

Text of PM's address on 8th Convocation Ceremony of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University

For details:

27 E-Lok Adalats organized in 15 States leading to disposal of 2.51 lakh cases from June to October, 2020

In the period of turbulence caused by the pandemic, Legal Services Authorities creatively adapted to the new normal and moved Lok Adalat to the virtual platform. From June, 2020 to October 2020, 27 E-Lok Adalats have been organized in 15 States wherein 4.83 lakh cases were taken up and 2.51 lakh cases disposed of resulting in settlement of Rs 1409 cr. Further, during November 2020, E-Lok Adalats have

been organized in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Telangana so far wherein 16,651 cases were taken up and 12,686 disposed of resulting in settlement of Rs 107.4 cr. To facilitate access to justice amidst the constraints placed by Covid-19 and various public health guidelines, the Legal Services Authorities have ingeniously integrated technology into its conventional methods of justice delivery. Online Lok Adalat popularly known as E -Lok Adalat is one such innovation of Legal Services Institutions where technology has been used to its maximum advantage and has become a platform to deliver justice at the doorstep of people. E- Lok Adalats are also cost effective as it eliminates the need for organisational expenses.

For details:

All Guidelines being followed by Lal Bahadur Shashtri National Academy of Administration to handle Spread of COVID 19

57 Officer Trainees have tested Covid positive at the Lal Bahadur Shashtri National Academy of Administration, since 20/11/2020. A total of 428 Officer Trainees are on campus for the 95th Foundation Course which is conducted for new entrants to the Civil Services. The Academy is taking every measure to break the chain of Covid-19 spread in consonance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the District Administration, Dehradun. All Officer Trainees, who have tested positive, have been quarantined in a dedicated Covid Care Centre. Since 20.11.2020, the Academy has conducted more than 162 RT-PCR tests in coordination with District Authorities. The Academy has decided to conduct all activities, including training, online till the midnight of 03.12.2020.

For details:

APEDA organised Virtual Buyer Seller Meets with potential importing Countries for product promotion of Indian agri products

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry facilitates export of its scheduled products through several export promotional activities, such as organizing International Buyer Seller Meets, participation of exporters in leading trade events in the potential importing countries, and product promotion programmes in specific markets. These initiatives have popularized the Indian agri products globally and facilitated exporters to reach the global market. During the COVID 19 pandemic period, physical meetings and market promotion programmes were not possible. In its endeavour to promote export of Agri products, APEDA explored the virtual medium and continued its initiative of export market promotion by organizing several Virtual Buyer Seller Meets (VBSM), in collaboration with the Indian Missions abroad. During April to October 2020, APEDA organised Virtual Buyer Seller Meetswith potential importing Countries such as UAE, South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Kuwait and Iran, for product promotion of all APEDA Products.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

• Arunachal: 24 new positive cases detected in Arunachal Pradesh in the last twenty four hours. Total 1,040 active positive cases in the state.

- Assam: In Assam, 86 cases detected out of 9,994 tests conducted today, with positivity rate of 0.86% while 2,07,394 patients are discharged. Total cases are 2,11,513, State Health Minister tweeted.
- Nagaland: With 103 new cases, Nagaland's COVID-19 total reaches 10,777. Active cases are 1,406.
- Sikkim: Sikkim's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 reached 4,722 with the detection of 31 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus.
- Maharashtra: Comparing the second wave of Covid-19 to Tsunami, Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Uddhav Thackeray has made a solemn appeal to the people of the state not to be complacent in the fight against the global pandemic. He said that people should not show any kind of laxity and continue to wear mask, maintain physical distance and wash hands. After witnessing a steady decline, a reverse trend is being seen as cases are once again on the rise.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, Ahmedabad city witnessed 8 Covid deaths during the last 24 hours, the highest during the last five months. State reported 13 deaths on Sunday which is also the highest in a single day during the last 2 months. After the spurt in fresh Covid19 cases in Ahmedabad city, the rise in the death is also the matter of concern for the state health authorities. Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani has announced that only night curfew will remain in force in four major cities of the state from today. In a statement, he said that Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot will have daily night curfew from 9 pm to 6 am from today. He appealed to the people to strictly follow the compulsory mask and social distancing norms. Meanwhile, three-member central team held a meeting with Chief Minister at Gandhinagar last evening.
- Rajasthan: Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot held a review meeting on the coronavirus situation in the state and directed officials to ensure compliance of all guidelines and orders to contain the spread of the virus. He directed the officials to increase the penalty amount from Rs. 10,000 to Rs 25,000 if more than 100 people were found to have gathered at any event such as weddings. The state cabinet on Saturday night decided to impose a night curfew in eight districts where the caseload is high, starting from Sunday. Markets, restaurants, shopping malls and other commercial establishments in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Bikaner, Udaipur, Ajmer, Alwar and Bhilwara headquarters closed at 7 pm. The night curfew in these district headquarters will remain in force from 8 pm to 6 am.
- Madhya Pradesh: 85 percent of the new corona cases in the state are coming from urban areas and 15 percent from rural areas. The reason for this is high density of population in urban areas. Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan has appealed to the youth not to be negligent in COVID 19 guidelines. He said that all preventive measures should be adopted as the percentage of young people in Corona infection is higher while just 10 per cent of elderly people have been infected so far in the state. Meanwhile, the numbers of COVID-19 cases in the state climbed up to around 1.93 lakh after 1,798 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours. There are now 11, 765 active cases in Madhya Pradesh.
- Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, random Covid test of employees and customers of hotels will be conducted in the state capital Raipur as a part of efforts to check spread of Corona virus infection. Besides, Covid test of fruits and vegetable venders will also be done. District Collector has also instructed the Health Department to conduct tests by setting up camps in the thickly populated slums of Raipur. Meanwhile, the Collector has rejected the proposal of the Chief Medical and Health Officer of the district, in which it was asked to establish centers at the entry points of

- Raipur city for the Covid testing of people coming from outside. Collector has rejected this proposal in view of the possibility of traffic jam.
- Goa: Goa's coronavirus caseload reached 46,826 on Sunday with the addition of 78 cases. The death toll mounted to 677 as two patients succumbed to the infection during the day. The number of recovered patients in the state rose to 44,979 after 167 of them got discharged on Sunday. The number of active cases in the coastal state is now 1,170. A total of 1,139 samples were tested on Sunday.
- Kerala: The state government has constituted a five-member committee to explore the possibility of setting up vaccine manufacturing units. The units will operate with the drug manufacturing licence of pharmaceutical companies. HLL Life care Limited, a Government of India undertaking, has introduced a mobile kiosk facility in the state capital to make Covid testing easier. The facility will be helpful for those who can't go outside such as senior citizens and those who have other health issues. Meanwhile, the Covid recovery tally is set to touch 5 lakh mark in the state as the current tally stands at 4,94,664. The state on Sunday reported 5,254 fresh cases. The Covid death toll has touched 2,049.
- Tamil Nadu: Pointing out that cyclone Nivar may not be as severe as cyclone Gaja which hit Tamil Nadu during the northeast monsoon in 2018, Revenue Minister RB Udhayakumar today said all arrangements are in place to face cyclone Nivar while special attention would be paid to those who would be given shelter in relief camps for preventing the spread of coronavirus. 1655 new cases, 2010 discharges & 19 deaths today were reported in TN yesterday. Total cases in the State till now is 7,69,995 with 12,542 active cases and 11,605 casualties.
- Karnataka: State government decided not to open schools and pre-university colleges till Dec 31, 2020; the decision was taken today in a meeting headed by Chief Minister. It was also decided to meet in last week of December to review the Covid situation and take final decision on school reopening for the present academic year.
- Andhra Pradesh: Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist at the WHO, believes that India has the potential to develop a vaccine for corona, soon. On Sunday she virtually addressed the 39th Graduation Ceremony of Satyasai Institute of Higher Learning at PuttaparthiPrasanthi Nilayam, Anantapur district. Schools in Andhra Pradesh which were reopened from November 2 for the students of class 9 and 10, has started classes for 8th standard students from today. The classes will be held on alternate days for classes 8 and 9 while for class 10 it will be daily following Covid protocols.
- Telangana: 602 new cases, 1015 recoveries & 3 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; Total cases: 2,64,128; Active cases: 11,227; Deaths: 1433; Discharges: 2,51,468 with a recovery rate of 95.20 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 93.7 per cent.

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- Centre rushes High Level Teams to 4 States, contemplating for others too
- Centre advises States/UTs to increase testing levels to track the undetected and missed out patients
- Active Caseload remains below 5% of Total Cases
- In the last 24 hours, 45,882 persons found to be infected with COVID
- India's present active caseload of 4,43,794 comprises 4.93% of Total Positive Cases
- Health Ministry's eSanjeevani completes 8 Lakh consultations

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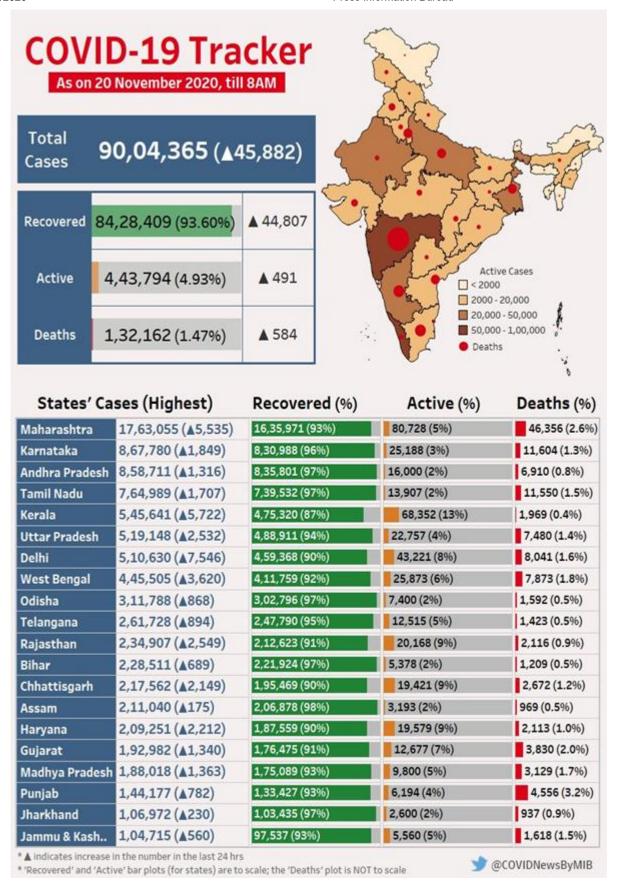
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Discharged (93.60%) 8428409 (44807♠)

Deaths (1.47%)
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<u>Centre rushes High Level Teams to 4 States, contemplating for others too; Centre advises States/UTs to increase testing levels to track the undetected and missed out patients, High levels of Testing ensures falling Positivity Rate, Active Caseload remains below 5% of Total Cases</u>

The Union Government has rushed four high level teams to Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Manipur. The teams will visit the districts reporting high number of COVID cases and support the State efforts towards strengthening containment, surveillance, testing, infection prevention and control measures, and efficient clinical management of the positive cases. The Centre is also contemplating sending high level multidisciplinary teams to other States/UTs that are reporting a rise in the COVID-19 positive cases. India has tested total of 12,95,91,786 samples, as on date. More than 10L tests (10,83,397) were conducted in the past 24 hours. The cumulative national Positivity Rate stands at 6.95% today, less than the 7% mark. Higher volumes of testing eventually lead to low Positivity rate.34 States/UTs are performing more than 140 Tests/Day/Million population.20 States/UTs are reporting a cumulative Positivity rate lower than the national average (6.95%). In the last 24 hours, 45,882 persons were found to be infected with COVID. India's present active caseload of 4,43,794 comprises 4.93% of India's Total Positive Cases, and has been sustained below the 5% mark. Ten States/UTs account for 78.2% of the total active caseload. Maharashtra leads the tally with 18.19% of the share.28 States/UTs have less than 20,000 active cases, as on date. India has registered 44,807 new recoveries in the last 24 hours taking the total recovered cases to 84,28,409. The Recovery Rate has improved to 93.60% today. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is steadily increasing and presently stands at 79,84,615.78.02% of the new recovered cases is contributed by ten States/UTs. With 6,860 persons recovering from COVID, Kerala saw the most number of recoveries followed by Delhi with 6,685 daily recoveries. 81.85% of the **584** case fatalities that have been reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs.

For details:

<u>India records a landmark milestone with operationalisation of more than 50,000 Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs)</u>

India has crossed a landmark milestone on the journey of universal healthcare. More than 50,000 (50,025) Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) are now operational across the country. Aiming at providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) services to the communities closer to their homes, 1.5 lakh AB-HWCs are to be established by December 2022. With more than 50,000 having been established, 1/3 of the target has been met. This has led to improved access to affordable primary healthcare services for more than 25 crore people.Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare congratulated the States/UTs for their efforts in operationalising the HWCs despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. "This has been possible due to the joint efforts of the Center and the States/UTs in planning, monitoring at all levels, standardization of processes, the flexibility for adaptation provided to the States/UTs, and building on the health systems created thus far", he stated. The HFM specially thanked the frontline health workers, the Medical Officers, the Community Health Officers and ASHAs for their dedication to the cause of providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care services and for supporting millions of people with necessary services in these difficult times.

For details:

Health Ministry's eSanjeevani completes 8 Lakh consultations

India has seen a landmark achievement in the space of digital health initiatives. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's eSanjeevani, the national telemedicine initiative, has completed 8 lakh consultations today. This is fast emerging as a sought after and popular means of seeking health care, especially during the COVID times in order to avoid physical contact while still benefitting by quality services. Over 11,000 patients are seeking health services on a daily basis in 27 States/UTs. eSanjeevani is also facilitating some states as a model that can serve patients throughout the year, especially in the far flung

and remote areas. The top ten States which have registered highest consultations through eSanjeevani and eSanjeevaniOPD platforms are Tamil Nadu (259904), Uttar Pradesh (219715), Kerala (58000), Himachal Pradesh (46647), Madhya Pradesh (43045), Gujarat (41765), Andhra Pradesh (35217), Uttarakhand (26819), Karnataka (23008), Maharashtra (9741).

For details:

<u>AYUSH - DBT Collaboration takes Scientific Research into Covid 19 to advanced levels of sophistication</u>

The first animal study in India on SARS-CoV-2 virus (the cause of Covid-19)which arose out of a collaboration between Ministry of AYUSH and Department of Bio-Technology (DBT), has moved into its final stages. One among the most sophisticated research projects in the Covid-19 context in the country, this concerns pre-clinical studies on four oral interventions have already been taken up for clinical studies through another collaboration of the Ministry of AYUSH, the partner in this one being the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The MoU relating to the animal study (*in-vivo* study) was signed between the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) of the Ministry of AYUSH and the DBT, and is based on the concept of reverse Pharmacology (PH) which explores the scientific reasoning behind established medical practice like those of Ayurveda. Through this study, the country has registered a land mark in SARS-CoV-2 virus / COVID-19 research, this being India's first *in-vivo* anti-SARS-CoV-2 virus study using oral interventions.

For details:

<u>India will play an important role in ensuring cost-effective and innovative healthcare solutions for future:</u> <u>Shri Piyush Goyal</u>

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry has commended the hospitals, doctors & corona warriors, saying that they really deserve the highest accolades that we as a nation can offer them. Addressing the Asia Health 2020 summit of Confederation of Indian Industry, he said that their sacrifice will not go in vain. Speaking about the COVID vaccine, Shri Goyal said that our home-grown vaccine is progressing at rapid speed. He added that We will work in a public-private partnership to engage & ensure the availability of proper COVID healthcare to over 1.3 billion Indians. This will ensure the success in the battles that lie ahead, he added. Shri Goyal stressed on the importance of ensuring vaccines at an affordable price to all, including less developed countries & poor, saying that this is going to be a collective responsibility of all of us. India will play an important role in ensuring cost-effective & innovative healthcare solutions for future, he added.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses National Council of Confederation of Indian Industries

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare interacted with the National Council of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) through Video Conferencetoday. Congratulating CII for organising and bringing together diverse platforms that have enabled the Government of India to be in constant dialogue and deliberation on the Pandemic for the welfare of one of the largest populations in the world, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "The Indian healthcare Industry is one of India's largest sector in terms of revenue and provision of employment, and with its market projected to increase three-fold to

Rs. 8.6 trillion by 2022, it is necessary that steps be taken that will allow stakeholders to converge within the industry. The need to provide healthcare, which is accessible and affordable, now more than ever, becomes a necessity especially due to the effects that COVID has had on our entire system."

For details:

PM to lay the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh on 22nd November

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts of Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh on 22nd November at 11:30 AM via video conferencing. The Prime Minister will also interact with Village Water & Sanitation Committee/ Paani Samiti Members during the event. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath will also be present on the occasion. The projects will provide household tap water connections in all rural households of 2,995 villages and will benefit about 42 lakh population of these districts. Village Water and Sanitation Committees/ Paani Samiti have been constituted in all these villages, who will shoulder the responsibility of operation and maintenance. The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs 5,555.38 Crore. The projects are planned to be completed in 24 months.

For details:

15th G20 Leaders' Summit (November 21-22, 2020)

At the invitation of His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be attending the 15th G20 Summit chaired by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, under the theme "Realising the Opportunities of 21st Century for All" on 21-22 November 2020. The meeting will be held in a virtual format. The upcoming summit is the second G 20 Leaders' meeting in 2020. Following the telephonic conversation between PM and Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, the last G 20 Extraordinary Leaders' summit was held in March 2020, where the leaders developed a timely understanding among the G20 countries to help contain the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic and to forge a global coordinated response. The focus of the upcoming G20 Summit will be on an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable recovery from the COVID-19. During the G 20 Summit, the leaders will discuss pandemic preparedness and the ways and means to restore jobs.

For details:

PM to attend the 8th Convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar on 21st November

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will grace the 8th convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University on 21st November at 11:00 AM via video conferencing. At this convocation, about 2600 students would be getting their respective Degree/Diploma.

For details:

<u>PM holds India – Luxembourg Virtual Summit with H.E. Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</u>

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a Bilateral Summit with H.E. Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in virtual format yesterday. The Prime Minister expressed his condolences on the loss of lives in Luxembourg on account of COVID-19 global pandemic and complimented H.E. Xavier Bettel on his leadership in handling the crisis. The two Prime Ministers exchanged views on strengthening India-Luxembourg relationship in the post-COVID world, especially in the areas of financial technology, green financing, space applications, digital innovations and start-ups. The two Prime Ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation on realizing effective multilateralism and combating global challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic, terrorism and climate change. Prime Minister welcomed Luxembourg's announcement to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), and invited it to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

For details:

Joint Statement on the India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit

For details:

<u>Union Labour Ministry notifies Draft Rules under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 towards operationalising path braking labour reforms</u>

Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified the draft rules under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 on 19.11.2020 inviting objections and suggestions, if any, from the stakeholders. Such objections and suggestions are required to be submitted within a period of 45 days from the date of notification of the draft rules. The draft rules provide for operationalization of provisions in the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 relating to safety, health and working conditions of the Dock Workers, Building or other construction workers, Mines workers, Inter-State Migrant worker, Contract labour, Working journalist, Audio-visual workers and Sales promotion employees.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam, 175 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. Total cases rise to 211040, total discharged patients 206875, active 3193 and 969 death.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 24 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 1 death. Total cases rise to 4632, Cured & Discharged 4186 and Active cases 265.
- Maharashtra: All schools under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai will remain shut till 31st December, 2020, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Education Minister said local administration will have to take a call while reopening schools for students of class 9 to class 11, from 23rd November. After a reduction in the number of tests during Diwali, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has increased testing again. The corporation has also started 244 new testing centres, considering the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19. The state at present has nearly 80,000 active cases.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat government has decided to impose a complete curfew in Ahmedabad during the weekend from 9 pm today. However, the night curfew will remain in force from Monday onwards until further orders. The decision has been taken to curb the rising number of Covid-19 cases in recent days. The weekend curfew will remain in force from 9 pm today to 6 am on

- Monday in Ahmedabad. While, 9 pm to 6 am curfew will continue from Monday onwards till further notice. The state government has also decided to postpone the reopening of schools and colleges from 23rd November. AIR correspondent reports that Ahmedabad city witnessed a spike in daily cases of infections after Diwali. There are nearly 12,700 active cases in the state at present.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, 2,549 persons have been tested positive for COVID 19 during the last 24 hours. It is the highest number of infections reported in a single day so far. After the increase in Corona cases, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot interacted with representatives of private hospitals through video conference today. The number of active patients in the capital city of Jaipur has reached close to 7,000, while there are more than 20,100 active cases in the state. There is now a shortage of ICU beds in government and private hospitals. In view of the situation, the Chief Minister has urged private hospitals to increase the number of beds for COVID patients. After reports of COVID patients in Jodhpur not getting proper treatment, the State Human Rights Commission has constituted a high level committee under the chairmanship of the Divisional Commissioner, to inspect all private and government hospitals and submit a factual report.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, there are now 9,800 active cases. The number of infected people in Bhopal has once again crossed 300 mark. The Govt. has now instructed to impose the penalty for not wearing masks, strictly on at least 100 people daily. After more than 30 employees of a jeweller got infected in Indore, now the administration is engaged in contact tracing of the customers who came in the contact in the last two-three days. The active case load of the state is now 9,800.
- Chhattisgarh: In the capital city of Raipur, the chief medical officer has sent a proposal to the district collector seeking permission for establishing COVID-19 centres at the entry points to the city, citing a surge in the infections. The medical officer said the second wave of Covid-19 was being reported in other states and hence the tests at the entry points will help in containing the infections. There are more than 19,400 active cases in the state.
- Goa: No new casualties were reported in Goa on Thursday. The coastal state currently has 1,343 active cases, while 1,621 samples were tested during the day.
- Kerala: A programme to study the SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, will begin in Kerala within a week. Samples collected from each district will be examined in the comprehensive study to be carried out by the Delhi-based Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology under ICAR. A total of 1,400 samples will be taken in a month throughout the state. The state unit of the National Health Mission will carry out all activities related to the study including sample collection and isolation. Considering the population ratio, Kerala's could be the second biggest study in the world. The state government is also in the process of setting up a post-Covid registry to know about the long-term impact of Covid on patients. The total Covid-19 case count meanwhile reached 5,45,641 with the state reporting 5,722 fresh cases yesterday. So far, 4,75,320 people have recovered from the disease, while 68,229 patients are still under treatment. The test positivity rate has declined to 8.54%.
- Tamil Nadu: Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Thursday unveiled 86 finished projects worth Rs 123.53 crore and distributed welfare assistance worth Rs 46.32 crore to 6,832 beneficiaries. He also laid the foundation stone for 44 new projects worth Rs 118.93 crore and flagged off 10 new vehicles worth Rs 3.09 crore, meant for various departments at an event held in Vanavasi Polytechnic College near Tharamangalam in Salem. Tiruvannamalai KarthigaiDeepam

- festivities begin amid pandemic restrictions; a host of VIPs including Tamil Nadu Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Sevoor S Ramachandran participated at the events.
- Karnataka: Covid curve flattening, Karnataka past first peak say experts. Experts say that the
 disease pattern in Europe shows second surge occurs after 2-3 months, need to wait and watch for
 signs in Feb, March. Union Minister D V Sadananda Gowda tested covid positive. Highcourt of
 Karnataka seeks list of political parties to issue notice on Covid-19 norms violation.
- Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated the sacred Tungabhadra Pushkaralu, conducting special pujas and by giving haarathi to River Tungabhadra at SankalBhagGhat in Kurnool. Despite the adverse conditions in the wake of covid, the government has decided to make the pushkaralu a success by conducting them in a traditional and scientific manner without any fanfare while respecting the sentiments of the devotees. Tungabhadra Pushkaralu will be organised for 12 days. Devotees are allowed to offer their prayers at the ghats from 6 AM to 6 PM only following covid protocol. Endowments Minister Vellampalli Srinivas said that no devotee is allowed to take a dip in the river according to the central government guidelines with respect to covid-19.
- Telangana: 894 new cases, 1057 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; Total cases: 2,61,728; Active cases: 12,515; Deaths: 1423; Discharges: 2,47,790 with a recovery rate of 94.67 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 93.6 per cent.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

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- New recoveries continue to overtake the daily new cases continuously since the past 47 days
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- Recovery Rate improves to 93.58% today
- New category for selection and nomination of candidates from 'Wards of COVID Warriors' under Central Pool MBBS/BDS seats for 2020-21
- Centre rushes High Level Central teams to Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Manipur

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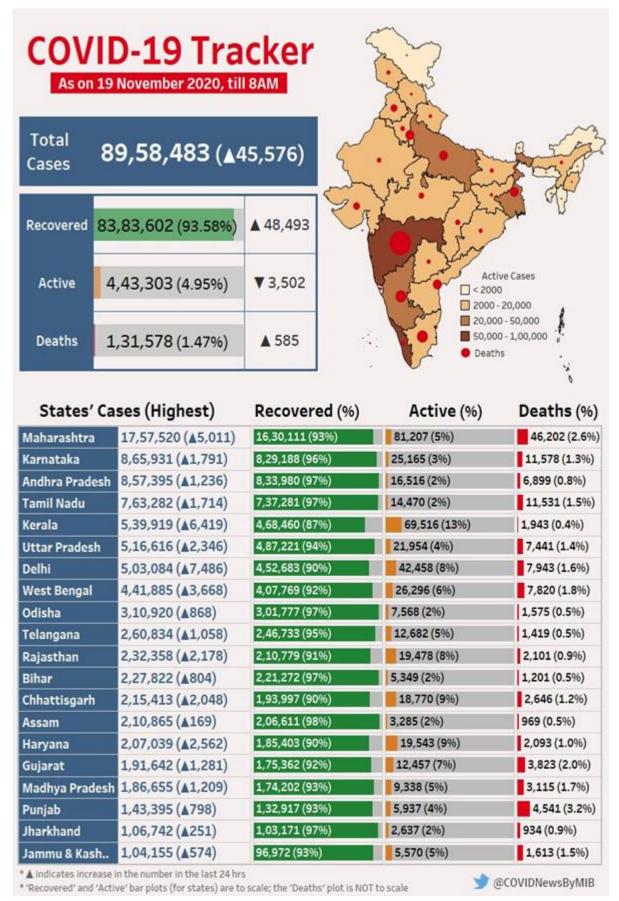
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COVID-19 INDIA as on: 19 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†) Status change since yesterday) Active (4.95%)
443303 (35024)

Discharged (93.58%) 8383602 (484934)

Deaths (1.47%)
131578 (5854)



<u>Daily trend of Recoveries outpacing New Cases ensures continuous shedding of Active Caseload, Active Caseload falls below 5% of the Total Cases</u>

In the last 24 hours, 45,576 persons were found to be infected with COVID in India. During the same period, India has registered 48,493 new recoveries ensuring a net reduction of 2917 cases from the Active Caseload. The new recoveries continue to overtake the daily new cases continuously since the past 47 days. India's active caseload has fallen under the 5% mark today. This trend of more daily recoveries than the daily cases has led to a continuous contraction of India's Active Caseload. It has ensured that India's present active caseload of 4,43,303 consists of just 4.95% of India's Total Positive Cases. New Recoveries outnumbering the daily New Cases every 24-hour cycle has also improved the Recovery Rate to 93.58% today. The total recovered cases stand at 83,83,602. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases that is steadily increasing presently stands at 79,40,299. 77.27% of the new recovered cases are contributed by ten States/UTs. With 7,066 persons recovering from COVID, Kerala saw the most number of recoveries. Delhi registered another 6,901 daily recoveries while Maharashtra reported 6,608 new recoveries. Ten States/UTs have contributed 77.28% of the new cases.Delhi reported 7,486 cases in the last 24 hours. Kerala recorded 6,419 new cases while Maharashtra registered 5,011 new cases yesterday. 79.49% of the 585 case fatalities that have been reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs.22.39% of new fatalities reported are from Delhi which reported 131 deaths. Maharashtra also saw a three digit fatality count of 100 while West Bengal reported 54 new deaths.

For details:

Health Ministry approves new category for selection and nomination of candidates from 'Wards of COVID Warriors' under Central Pool MBBS/BDS seats for the academic year 2020-21

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare today announced the Government's decision to introduce a new category called 'Wards of COVID Warriors' in the guidelines for selection and nomination of candidates against Central Pool MBBS seats for the academic Year 2020-21. The Union Health Minister said that this move aims to dignify and honour the noble contribution made by the COVID Warriors in treatment and management of COVID patient. "This will honour the Solemn Sacrifice of all COVID warriors who served with selfless dedication for the cause of duty and humanity", he stated. Central Pool MBBS seats may be allocated for selection and nominations of the candidates from amongst the wards of "COVID Warriors", who have lost life due to COVID 19; or died accidently on account of COVID 19 related duty. Reminding everyone that the definition of COVID Warrior has been laid down by Government of India while announcing the insurance package of ₹50 lakhs for them, the Minister said, "COVID Warriors are all public healthcare providers including community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by this. Private hospital staff and retired/volunteer/ local urban bodies/ contracted/ daily wage/ ad-hoc/ outsourced staff requisitioned by States/ Central hospitals/ autonomous hospitals of Central/ States/UTs, AIIMS and Institutes of National Importance (INIs)/ hospitals of Central Ministries drafted for COVID-19 related responsibilities are all included." He added that the State/UT Government will certify the eligibility for this category.

For details:

Centre rushes High Level Central teams to Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Manipur

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has deputed high level Central teams to Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Manipur. With the surge in the daily new cases and the spike in the daily fatalities in UT of Delhi, the spillover effect is being observed in the NCR regions within the states of Haryana and Rajasthan where the number of COVID positive patients is on the rise. Dr RandeepGuleria, Director, AIIMS New Delhi is leading the three-member team bound for Harayana and Dr V K Paul, Member (Health), Niti Aayog is heading the Rajasthan team whereas Dr S K Singh, Director (NCDC) will be leading the Gujarat team. Dr L Swasticharan, Addl DDG, DHGS is heading the Manipur team. The teams will visit the districts reporting high number of COVID cases and support the State efforts towards strengthening containment, surveillance, testing, infection prevention and control measures, and efficient clinical management of the positive cases.

For details:

<u>Turning Crisis into Opportunity: Dr. Harsh Vardhan reveals how India's preparation for containing the COVID-19 Pandemic can be repurposed to eradicate TB by 2025</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally addressed the 33rdStop TB Partnership Board meet, yesterday through Video Conference. Acknowledging that COVID-19 has turned the clock back by many years, if not decades, in the fight against infectious diseases, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "The deadly virus has derailed our painstaking efforts of many decades and diverted scientific attention from many infectious killer diseases like TB. The lockdowns have raised insurmountable barriers for patients and people are still living in fear of the Coronavirus. We all know that the last ten months have seen treatment interruptions, hindered availability of drugs, shrinking supply of diagnostic tests, delays in diagnosis, interrupted supply chains, diversion of manufacturing capacity and imposition of physical barriers for patients who must travel to distant clinics to pick up the medications." Speaking on India's strategy of turning the crisis into opportunity, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "COVID-19 has provided us with an opportunity to boost TB Elimination activities through Health System Strengthening and Infectious Diseases Control."

For details:

PM inaugurates Bengaluru Tech Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Tech Summit in Bengaluru today via video conference. The summit is organised by the Government of Karnataka along with Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), Karnataka government's Vision Group on Information Technology, Biotechnology &StartUp, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and MM Activ Sci-Tech Communications. The theme of this year's summit is "Next is Now". Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Electronics & IT, Communications and Law & Justice and Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri BS Yeddyrupa were present on the occasion. The Prime Minister expressed happiness that today Digital India is no longer being seen as any regular Government initiative rather it has become a way of life particularly, for the poor, marginalised and for those in Government.

For details:

Text of PM's Address at Bengaluru Tech Summit

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<u>Technology based Initiatives & Interventions of MSME Ministry to tackle COVID-19 challenge leads to Effective response to Prime Minister's call of Atmanirbhar Bharat & Make in India</u>

Union Ministry of MSME has taken a number of Technology based Initiatives & Interventions to tackle COVID-19 challenge. These have resulted in effective response to Prime Minister's call of Atmanirbhar Bharat & Make in India. With help of these initiatives and interventions, country is now not only manufacturing enough Hand Sanitizer Bottle Dispensers (Pump/Flip) for meeting almost all its sharply increased demand but also poised to export the same. They have also helped India in achieving Self-sufficiency in Hand-sanitizing materials(liquid/gel) and have contributed immensely in developing/producing auxiliary items like masks, face-shields, PPE Kits, sanitizer box, testing facilities etc.

For details:

<u>Mission Purvodaya will drive eastern India towards self-reliance and contribute to making of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, says Shri Dharmendra Pradhan</u>

Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today said that 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' is about transforming India from being just a passive market to an active manufacturing hub at the heart of global value chains. Addressing the 119th Annual General Meeting of Merchant's Chamber of Commerce and Industry today, he said that an Aatmanirbhar Bharat is a strong Bharat with robust manufacturing sector, self-reliant yet globally integrated economy. A Self-reliant India will be a Force Multiplier for the global economy, he added. When India speaks of becoming selfreliant, it doesn't advocate a self-centred system. Shri Pradhan said that under Mission Purvodaya, we are building an Integrated Steel Hub in eastern India which would add to the competitiveness of the steel sector and facilitate regional development with job creation. The Minister said that the Covid-19 pandemic has caused demand destruction and supply chain shocks to the global economy, leading to downturn everywhere. He said that even though the pandemic continues to inhibit the conduct of normal activity, there are indications of improvements and a gradual increase in activity across regionsand segments of the domestic economy. Progressive improvements are expected as the easing of lockdown restrictions become widespread that would put the country back on the growth trajectory, he mentioned. Shri Pradhan said that the Aatmanirbhar Bharat package and Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Yojana have provided relief to all sections of the society and provided necessary support to all sectors during the Covid-19 pandemic. These will enable India to bounce back quickly and start scripting the next chapter of Indian growth story.

For details:

Financial Management and Governance Reform Initiatives in Ministry of AYUSH

The Ministry of AYUSH has rolled out a set of initiatives to improve Financial Management and accelerate Governance Reforms. These initiatives have two thrust areas, namely the Government Schemes (both Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored) and the Autonomous Bodies of the Ministry. The road-map to this set of initiatives were laid down by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary (AYUSH) and Shri Dharmendra Singh Gangwar, Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser in a high level meeting in the Ministry held in September, 2020. These were taken up for implementation on priority by the different units of the Ministry. Drawing up the list of financial and governance reforms, and designing programme/schemes to ensure that fund flow is reached to Project Implementation Agency in a seamless and direct manner are among the ground work activities identified. These will be supplemented with timely release of funds to State Governments with matching shares and pre-defined triggers so that there is no parking of funds at any level. These steps, thus serve to nullify some of the frequently observed bottlenecks that delay government projects.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal the total active COVID cases reached to 1182. Whiletotal recovered cases stand at 14715.
- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 169 new cases detected out of 23484 tests conducted with positivity rate of 0.72%.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya the total active COVID-19 cases reached to 753 and total recovered cases stands at 10014.
- Sikkim: In the state of Sikkim active COVID-19 cases reached to 296. While 4124 cases have been discharged so far.
- Maharashtra: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has begun week-long targeted Covid-19 testing of hawkers, shop owners, helpers and transporters in crowded markets, BEST and State Road Transport Corporation drivers to tap possible super-spreaders. With Diwali festivities over, the civic body expects a swell in cases fuelled by crowded shopping areas and public transport systems. Additional Municipal Commissioner Suresh Kakani informed that the city civic body had set up 10 free testing centres in each of the city's 24 civic wards. Maharashtra's COVID-19 tally rose to 17,57,520 with the state reporting 5,011 new cases of infection on Wednesday. Notably, the daily spike in the cases had hovered around 3,000 in the last few days.
- Gujarat: Gujarat reported 1,281 fresh cases of COVID-19, taking the state's tally to nearly 1.92 lakh. Several districts, including Ahmedabad, recorded a spike in cases following Diwali. The state's daily tally had last crossed 1,200 over a month ago. Meanwhile, testing dropped to fewer than 50,000 samples a day. Officials of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation(AMC) met to review the availability of beds in the designated hospitals in the city following the surge. The state government said it is increasing daily testing for the virus in order to detect new cases and contain its spread after noticing a spike in the last few days.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, the number of active cases of COVID-19 has once again crossed the 19,000 mark after 26 days. 2,178 new cases have been reported in the state on Wednesday. Jaipur and Jodhpur districts are the most affected. A large number of new infections are being reported from Bikaner, Alwar, Ajmer and Kota. More than 40 lakh samples have been tested in the state so far. The state government has decided to provide pulse oximeters to ASHA Sahyoginis in view of the increasing numbers of the infections in rural areas. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has said that people in rural areas should not take this disease lightly. They should wear masks and fully comply with other health protocols.
- Madhya Pradesh: At present there are 9,338 active cases in the state. The state government has denied rumours about lockdown in the state and said that the situation is completely under control. State Home Minister Narottam Mishra has clarified that there is no such situation in Madhya Pradesh to impose lockdown, no proposal in this regard is under consideration.
- Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, the state government has issued special guidelines regarding Chhath Puja in view of the pandemic situation. The state government has issued fresh guidelines and granted conditional permission for Chhath Pooja at the ghats of river and ponds. According to the guidelines, only worshippers will be allowed at the Ghats during Chhath Pooja. It will be mandatory to maintain social distancing and to wear masks. It will be the responsibility of the organizing committees to prevent unnecessary gathering of people at places of worship. Also, no

- procession, rally or cultural program will be allowed to be organized during the festival. Apart from this, according to the guidelines issued by the National Green Tribunal, firecrackers can be used only from 6 am to 8 am on Chhath Puja.
- Goa: The Goa government is drawing up a new standard operating procedure (SOP) for hotels amid the ongoing tourist season, state Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said on Wednesday. Speaking to reporters after a meeting with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, Mr Rane said that the coastal state will not seal its borders to keep out tourists. He added, "We are in the process of issuing guidelines for hotels, which will make it mandatory for them to reserve one room as an isolation room on their property".
- Kerala: The Kerala High Court has directed the state government to strictly follow the guidelines issued for performing the last rites of Covid-19 patients. All cinema theatres in the state which was closed following Covid-19 will remain shut and will not open soon; this was decided at a meet of film organisations convened today by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. 6,419 new Covid-19 cases & 7,066 recoveries were reported in the state yesterday. The current test positivity rate is 9.53% and Covid death toll is 1,943.
- Tamil Nadu: As sales have decreased due to the Covid pandemic the Tamil Nadu Chemists and Druggists Association has urged the state government to include them under the list of frontline workers and provide necessary benefits. Russian scholar Alexander Dubiansky, who taught Tamil for nearly 50 years, passed away in a hospital after testing positive for Covid-19.
- Karnataka: As many as 94,000 frontline workers have been identified to be the first beneficiaries of the Covid-19 vaccination in Bengaluru. It had been reported that the vaccine will be ready for administration in early 2021. At the peak of Covid-19 lockdown, it was technology that ensured India's poor received quick and proper assistance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in the Bangalore Tech summit 2020. Karnataka on Wednesday reported 1,791 new Covid-19 cases and 21 more deaths, taking the total infections to 8,65,931 and toll to 11,578.
- Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy cautions officials against second wave of coronavirus in Andhra Pradesh; during a review meeting he directed the officials to take effective steps in containing the spread of Covid-19 in the wake of second wave in Delhi and other countries. Andhra Pradesh is left with 16,516 active cases as on Wednesday with 91,54,263 Covid tests conducted so far and 8.54 lakh turned out positive with a positivity rate of 9.33 per cent. On average, 1,71,428 tests were done in every one million population, taking to 75,000 tests every day.
- Telangana: The State government slashed the rates for RT-PCR testing for Covid-19 in private labs from Rs 2,200 to Rs 850; For samples collected at home, the charges have been reduced from Rs 2,800 to Rs 1,200. A total of 1,607 patients recovered from Covid-19 while 948 fresh cases were detected in Telangana in the 24 hours. The State's tally stands at 2,59,776, recoveries at 2,45,293 and active cases stand at 13,068.

FACT CHECK







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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- . India continued to record more Daily Recoveries than Daily cases for 46th day
- country also reported less than 50,000 new daily cases for the eleventh continuous day
- 44,739 COVID-19 patients recovered in the last 24 hours against 38,617 newly detected cases
- Recovery Rate has improved to 93.52% today
- Prime Minister says that the pandemic has re-emphasised that our biggest resource, as societies and as businesses, is our people

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 18 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†¿ Status change since yesterday) Active (5.01%)

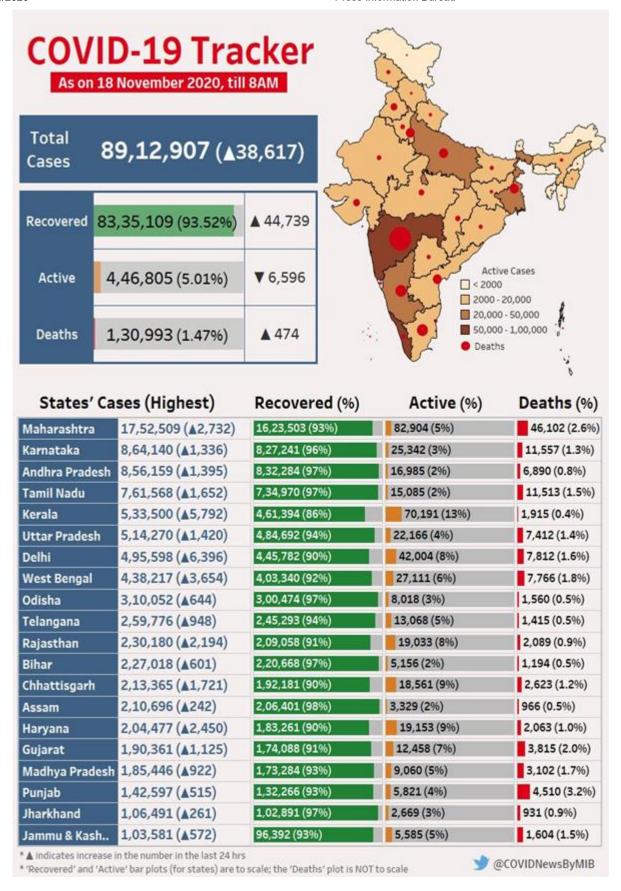
446805 (65964)

Discharged (93.52%)

8335109 (447394)

Deaths (1.47%)

130993 (4744)



<u>India continues to record more Daily Recoveries than Daily cases for 46th day, Eleventh Day of less than 50K Daily New Cases</u>

India has continued the unbroken trend of the daily new recoveries outpacing the daily new additions for more than 1.5 months. The country also reported less than 50,000 new daily cases for the eleventh continuous day.44,739 COVID-19 patients recovered in the last 24 hours against just 38,617 newly detected cases. This translates to a net reduction of 6,122 in the Active Caseload which now stands at 4,46,805. The active caseload as on date comprises merely 5.01% of all COVID19 cases. The Recovery Rate has improved to 93.52% today. The total recovered cases stand at 83,35,109.74.98% of the new recovered cases are contributed by ten States/UTs. With 6,620 persons recovering from COVID, Kerala saw the most number of recoveries. Maharashtra registered 5,123 daily recoveries while Delhi reported 4,421 new recoveries. Ten States/UTs have contributed 76.15% of the new cases. Delhi reported 6,396 cases in the last 24 hours. Kerala recorded 5,792 new cases while West Bengal reported 3,654 new cases yesterday.78.9% of the 474 case fatalities that have been reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs.20.89% of new fatalities reported are from Delhi which reported 99 deaths. Maharashtra and West Bengal follow with 68 and 52 new deaths, respectively.

For details:

<u>Telephone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and His Excellency Joseph R. Biden, President-elect of the United States of America</u>

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation yesterday with His Excellency Joseph R. Biden, President-elect of the United States of America. Prime Minister Modi warmly congratulated President-elect Biden on his election, describing it as a testament to the strength and resilience of democratic traditions in the United States. The Prime Minister also extended his heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Vice President-elect Senator Kamala Harris. The leaders agreed to work closely to further advance the India-U.S. Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, built on shared values and common interests. The leaders also discussed their priorities, including containing the Covid-19 pandemic, promoting access to affordable vaccines, tackling climate change, and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Region.

For details:

Text of PM's address at 3rd Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum on 17th November, 2020

For details:

<u>India has exciting opportunities for investment in urbanization, PM tells investors; Post Covid world will need a reset of mindset and practices</u>

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi invited the investors to invest in the Indian urbanization. Speaking at the 3rd Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum yesterday via video conferencing, the Prime Minister said "If you are looking to invest in urbanisation, India has exciting opportunities for you. Shri Modi said that post COVID-19 world will need a restart, however the restart will not be possible without a reset. A reset of mindset. A reset of processes and a reset of practices. The pandemic has given us an opportunity to develop new protocols in every field. "This opportunity should be grabbed by the world if we want to develop resilient systems for the future. We should think about post COVID requirements of the world. A good starting point would be the rejuvenation of our urban centers", The Prime Minister added. Dwelling on the theme of rejuvenation of the urban centres the Prime Minister emphasized the centrality of the people in the recovery process. Terming people as the

biggest resources and the communities as the biggest building block, the Prime Minister said "the pandemic has re-emphasised that our biggest resource, as societies and as businesses, is our people. The post-Covid world has to be built by nurturing this key and fundamental resource."

For details:

India-Luxembourg Virtual Summit

Virtual Summit will be held between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Luxembourg H.E. Mr Xavier Bettel on 19 November 2020. This will be the first stand-alone Summit meeting between India and Luxembourg in the past two decades. The leaders will discuss the entire spectrum of bilateral relationship, including strengthening of India-Luxembourg cooperation in the post-COVID world. They will also exchange views on international and global issues of mutual interest.

For details:

JNU Represents Blending of Inclusion, Diversity and Excellence: President Kovind

Students coming from all parts of India and from all strata of society study in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in an atmosphere of equal opportunity for excellence. Students aspiring for very different career paths come together at JNU. The University represents blending of inclusion, diversity and excellence, said the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind while addressing the 4th annual convocation of JNU today (November 18, 2020) through a video message. The President said that excellent faculty of JNU have been encouraging free debate and respect for difference in opinion. Students are treated as partners in learning which is how it should be in higher education. The University is known for vibrant discussions which also take place outside the classrooms, in the cafeterias and dhabas at all hours. Speaking about the Covid-19 pandemic, the President said that today the world is in a state of crisis because of this pandemic. In the prevailing scenario of epidemics and pandemics, the National Education Policy 2020 states that it is critical for Higher Education Institutions to take the lead in undertaking research in areas of infectious diseases, epidemiology, virology, diagnostics, instrumentation, vaccinology and other relevant areas. The related social issues also need to be studied, preferably with multi-disciplinary approach.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses Global Prevention Coalition (GPC) for HIV Prevention

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally addressed the Ministerial meeting of the Global Prevention Coalition (GPC) for HIV Prevention today. Dr. Harsh Vardhan elaborated how India protected the gains made in HIV prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The Government of India took swift and timely action by involving communities, civil society, development partners to reach out to the last mile with a robust implementation plan for ARV dispensation. The Government also linked key populations and PLHIV to various social welfare schemes. Advisories and guidance notes were issued by NACO from time to time aligned with global guidelines in the context", he stated.

For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurates the curtain raiser of IISF-2020, IISF-2020 will be a Virtual Event

Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan yesterday inaugurated the curtain raiser of IISF-2020 for kick-starting different events of the 6th edition of IISF, in New Delhi. Dr Harsh Vardhan along with Shri Om Prakash Sakhlecha, Minister of

Science & Technology, Gov. of Madhya Pradesh, also released an e-brochure of this mega-event, on the occasion. IISF is an annual event organized jointly among others by DST, DBT, MoEF, MoHWF and CSIR from the Government of India and VijnanaBharati (VIBHA) as well as with support of a large number of other organisations. The website of IISF-2020 was also launched during the event.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates Platinum Jubilee Foundation Day celebrations of CSIR-CIMFR

Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan yesterday inaugurated the Platinum Jubilee Foundation Day celebrations of CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research, Dhanbad, one of the prestigious R&D laboratories of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), through video-conferencing in New Delhi.

For details:

51st IFFI Delegate Registration commences

IFFI has commenced the delegate registration of the 51st IFFI scheduled in January, 2021 from 17th November, 2020 for physical format of the festival for the following paid categories: Delegate cine enthusiast – Rs. 1000/- + taxes as applicable and Delegate professionals - Rs. 1000/- + taxes as applicable. The registration can be done at the following URL: https://iffigoa.org/. Registration will be on first come first basis to the limited delegates due to COVID19 pandemic.

For details:

More than 25 lakh applications received under PM-SVANidhi Scheme

More than 25 lakh applications have been received under the PM SVANidhi-Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi- A Special Micro-Credit Facility Scheme, out of which more than 12 lakh have been sanctioned and about 5.35 lakh loans disbursed. In the state of Uttar Pradesh, more than 6.5 lakh applications have been received, out of which about 3.27 lakh have been sanctioned and 1.87 lakh loans have been disbursed. The stamp duty has been exempted for the loan agreement of SVANidhi Yojana in UP. Vendors who had left for their native places due to Covid-19 lock down are eligible for the loan on their return. The provision of loans has become hassle-free as one can upload the application online on their own at any common service centre or Municipal office or by going to a bank. Banks are reaching the doorsteps of people to provide loans for helping them start their ventures.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

• Maharashtra: With an aim to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection, Mumbai's civic body has said that it will not allow Chhath Puja at beaches and river banks. The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai said the city police will have to ensure that people do not crowd at riversides on 20th evening for sunset rituals and on 21st for the sunrise ritual. It said concerned officials will permit limited public gatherings at artificial ponds so that people can offer prayers to the Sun God and necessary medical teams equipped with PPE and testing kits will be placed at various locations where artificial ponds have been set up. The recovery rate in Maharashtra stands at 92.49%, while the case fatality rate is 2.63%.

- Gujarat: Recovery rate has further improved to 91.4%. The total number of cases of COVID-19 detected so far in Gujarat has crossed the 1 lakh 90 thousand mark.
- Rajasthan: The number of active cases of COVID-19 has once again crossed the 19,000 mark after 26 days. Maximum cases on Wednesday were found in Jaipur district (484 new cases), followed by Jodhpur district (317 new cases) and then Alwar (247 new cases). More than 450 people are being tested positive every day in the capital Jaipur. The number of active patients is more than 6,500 here. 400 people have died due to the infection so far. A large number of new infections are being reported from Bikaner, Alwar, Ajmer and Kota. More than 40 lakh samples have been tested in the state so far.
- Madhya Pradesh: Maximum cases on Wednesday were found in Bhopal district (207 new cases), followed by Indore district (178 new cases) and then Gwalior (55 cases). Total number of people tested has now become 33,54,884.
- Chhattisgarh: The number of deaths due to COVID-19 has risen during the past two weeks. Coronavirus claimed more than 200 lives in the state during the last 15 days. Chief Secretary has expressed concern over the increasing number of deaths due to COVID-19 in the state and directed the authorities to pay special attention to the Rapid Covid test. He has also asked all district collectors to ensure availability of sufficient number of beds with oxygen facility in district hospitals. He further directed to conduct an intensive awareness campaign to motivate the people to adopt Covid Appropriate behavior and to get Covid test done within 24 hours after having any symptoms.
- Goa: Recovery rate in the state has reached up to 95.56%. Phase III clinical trials of Bharat Biotech's COVID-19 vaccine candidate Covaxin are going to start at Goa's Redkar Hospital.
- Assam: Assam Health Minister tweeted that from next week COVID-19 test for incoming flight
 passengers will be done in Guwahati Airport itself instead of Sarusajai. Air passengers travelling
 within Assam and those travelling between North East States will no longer require mandatory
 COVID-19 testing.
- Nagaland: With 163 new cases, Nagaland's COVID-19 total reaches 10,188. Active cases rises to 1,134.
- Kerala: The State Election Commission has asked the state government to give Covid-19 patients and those under quarantine to give an opportunity to apply for postal ballots till 3pm on the eve of polling day. The Health Department with the assistance of Collectors will make arrangements for Covid patients who are in hospitals and those in quarantine to cast their votes. Covid patients who are at their homes should come directly to the booth and cast their votes at the end. Meanwhile, former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader A.K. Antony was diagnosed with Covid-19 today. 5,792 new Covid-19 cases were confirmed in Kerala yesterday while 6,620 patients recovered. The test positivity rate is 10.31% and Covid related death toll in the State stands at 1,915.
- Tamil Nadu: Convalescent plasma therapy for Covid-19 patients, which was earlier done as a trial along with the ICMR, has now become part of clinical treatment in Tamil Nadu. Pulmonologists warn that Covid-19 patients who have COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) are at a higher risk of hospitalisation. Mortality rate is also higher in COPD patients. A recent sero survey conducted by health officials reveals that 20.5 per cent of Salem's population was exposed to Covid-19 and has also developed antibodies to the virus. Coimbatore health officials said that they

- would be able to ascertain the extent of virus spread during Deepavali in the district only after an incubation period of 14 days.
- Karnataka: Karnataka govt revises order reserving 50% beds in private hospitals for Covid-19 patients; this comes after a reduction in the number of patients seeking Covid-19 treatment in private and government hospitals. By December 12, Karnataka is likely to have 9.25 lakh Covid cases, according to projections by the Public Health Foundation of India and Jeevan Raksha. Bengaluru's Covid-19 case fatality rate (1.1%) is the lowest among all major cities in India. The number of active Covid cases in Dharwad district is at a four-month low.
- Andhra Pradesh: Local body polls to be held in February, says Andhra Election Commissioner.
 Situation not conducive for panchayat elections due to pandemic, says Andhra government. Class
 9 students of a government residential school Srikakulam have created light-weight digital ID cards with sensors to ensure physical distancing is practised among the students at the school in view of the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Telangana: States Covid-19 tally rose to 2,58,828 with 952 cases reported on Tuesday. With 1,602 patients being discharged on the day, the active cases fell to 13,732 and total recoveries rose to 2,43,686. E-clinic franchise set to open centres in rural Telangana; during this pandemic when visiting doctors physically is not feasible, these clinics facilitate doctor consultations, diagnostic tests and more.

FACT CHECK









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- 29,163 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours
- Trend of new daily recoveries exceeding the daily new cases continues with 40,791 cases recovering in the last 24 hours
- Total recovered cases stand at 82,90,370
- Recovery Rate has improved to 93.42% today
- Government continues to maintain a high level of countrywide testing, as total 12.65.42.907 tests conducted so far

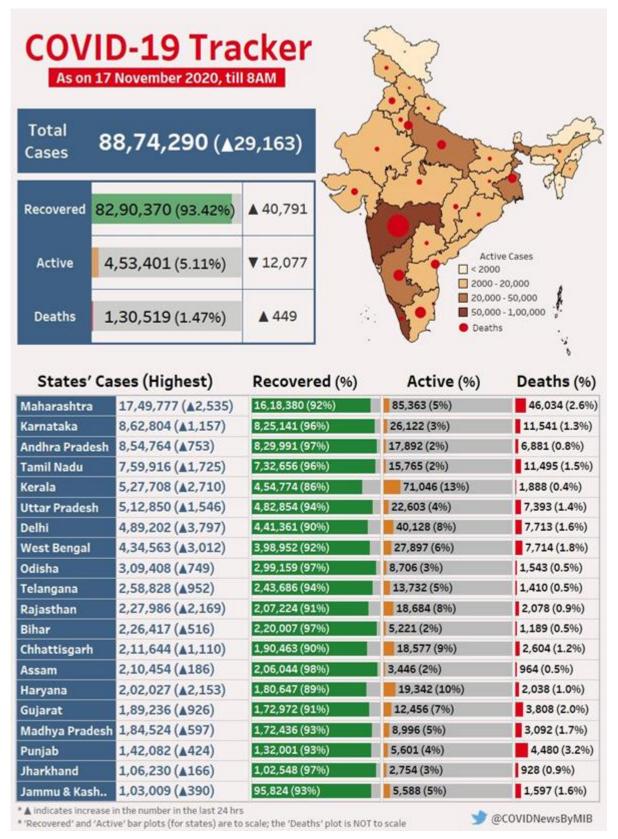
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COVID-19 INDIA as on 17 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†1 Status change since yesterday) Active (5.11%)
453401 (12077*)

Discharged (93.42%) 8290370 (407914) Deaths (1.47%)
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<u>India records 30K Daily New Cases for the second successive day, Daily Recoveries continuously</u> exceed Daily COVID19 Cases since the last 1.5 months

India has been recording around 30,000 daily new cases for the last two consecutive days. **29,163 new cases** were reported in the last 24 hours. The country has also seen less than 50,000 daily new cases being registered continuously for the past ten days. The trend of new daily recoveries exceeding the daily

new cases continues with 40,791 cases recovering in the last 24 hours against just 29,163 newly detected cases. The Government continues to maintain a high level of countrywide testing. Total tests stand at 12,65,42,907 today. This has led to bringing down the cumulative positivity to 7.01%. The Active Caseload which has now stands at 4,53,401 comprises just 5.11% of all cumulative cases. The total recovered cases stand at 82,90,370. With this, the Recovery Rate has improved to 93.42% today. 72.87% of the recovered cases reported in the last 24 hours are from ten States/UTs. Kerala saw the greatest number of recoveries as 6,567 confirmed cases tested negative. West Bengal registered 4,376 daily recoveries while Delhi reported another 3,560 of them. 75.14% of the new cases have been reported from ten states/UTsDelhi which saw a surge in new cases over the last few days reported only 3,797 new cases yesterday, followed by West Bengal which reported 3,012 new cases. Kerala recorded 2,710 new cases. 78.40% of the 449 new deaths are concentrated in ten States/UTs. More than a fifth, 22.76% of new fatalities reported are from Delhi which reported 99 deaths. Maharashtra reported 60 fatalities, followed by West Bengal (53).

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs 147th session of WHO Executive Board

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally chaired the 147th session of WHO Executive Board, through Video Conference yesterday.

For details:

Spiritual Leaders go Vocal for Local on PM's call

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to spiritual leaders to help popularise 'vocal for local' for AatmNirbhar Bharat yesterday has found huge response among the prominent spiritual leaders of the country. The 'santsamaj' has responded to the Prime Minister's appeal with great enthusiasm. The Spiritual personalities have come forward with public commitment to promote and popularise 'vocal for local' for AatmNirbhar Bharat and have pledged their support for the cause. The Prime Minister's call came at the unveiling of the 'Statue of Peace' to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj, via video conferencing, yesterday.

For details:

Text of PM's opening remarks at virtual BRICS Summit - 2020

For details:

<u>Clarification of M/o Social Justice & Empowerment regarding Disbursement under its Scholarship Schemes</u>

Some news articles have mentioned that the pandemic Covid - 19 has increased disbursal delays under scholarship schemes and that the students are facing a lot of problems. In order to clarify the factual status, it is informed that Department of Social Justice & Empowerment implements various scholarship schemes for the target groups like scheduled castes/ other backward classes, de-notified tribes, economically weaker sections in association with State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ University Grant Commission/directly. The Department has rigorously followed with the implementing agencies so that the beneficiaries don't face any burden especially during this crisis of COVID-19. Under the flagship scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students,

the Department has already released 75% of central share by June, 2020 to all concerned States/UTs based on anticipated demand. Remaining release of 25% of the Central share has also been sanctioned on case to case basis.

For details:

Finance Commission presents copy of its report to the Prime Minister

The Chairman and Members of the 15th Finance Commission yesterday presented a copy of the Commssion's report for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Commission had submitted its report to the President of India on 4 November 2020. Chairman Shri N K Singh along with Members of the Commission, Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, Prof. Anoop Singh, Dr. Ashok Lahiri and Dr. Ramesh Chand along with Secretary to the Commission Shri Arvind Mehta were present at the presentation. The Commission will present its Report to the Union Finance Minister tomorrow. The Report will be placed on the Table of the House along with Explanatory Memorandum by way of ATR as prescribed under the Constitution.

For details:

TRIFED expands Tribes India product range

Continuing with its expansion drive of new products (mainly immunity boosting products and produce in the Forest Fresh and Organics range) in the recent weeks, Tribes India has taken up a new initiative to include more new products, this time those produced by the inmates of Central Jail of Jagdalpur among others. Adapting Go Vocal for Local, a mantra in these troubled times, into Go Vocal for Local Go Tribal, TRIFED continues in its endeavour to ameliorate the condition of the distressed and affected tribal people through its programmes and initiatives. A path breaking initiative to transform tribal lives and livelihoods is the Tribes India e-marketplace. Connecting tribal enterprises to national and international markets, the site showcases the produce and handicrafts of tribal enterprises from across the country and helps them reach more and more customers. The Tribes India E-marketplace is an effort to empower lakhs of tribal enterprises. With a variety of natural and sustainable produce and products, it offers a glimpse into the age-old traditions of our tribal brethren.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam, 186 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 405 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 210454, total discharged patients 206041, active 3446 and 964 death.
- Kerala: CM Pinarayi Vijayan has directed the pilgrims arriving at Sabarimala to exercise maximum caution while trekking to the hill shrine. He said pilgrims arriving at Sabarimala should present Covid-19 negative certificate. This is the first annual pilgrimage season at the hill temple after the coronavirus outbreak and authorities have decided to restrict the number of devotees to 1,000 per day and to 2,000 on weekends. CM also warned that if the positive signs lead to complacency and callousness among people, fresh waves of transmission will happen, causing effects beyond imagination. The test positivity rate is also declining and doubling time of the infection increasing. Meanwhile, Governor Arif Muhammed Khan who had been tested negative for Covid19 was discharged today from Medical College hospital.
- Tamil Nadu: Covid-19 on the decline in Puducherry with just 13 new cases, fatality rate at 1.67 percent.
 Tamil Nadu preparing database of healthcare workers who will get Covid-19 vaccine on priority;
 presently, phase two trials of Covishield, Oxford University's COVID-19 vaccine, are ongoing in the

- state. TN Health Secretary Dr J Radhakrishnan writes to all the district administrations across the State saying the enforcement of mask is extremely poor in the State and the district administrations must not give in to 'Covid fatigue' due to the low number of daily positive cases.
- Karnataka: Colleges reopen for final year students in Karnataka but attendance poor; the notice about a mandatory COVID-19 test report was a cause for confusion. Several students who did not possess Covid-19 negative certificates flocked to the nearby primary health care centres. Social Welfare Department run hostels also opened after sanitisation. No Covid-related mortality in Gadag for last 28 days, administration to press on awareness; the administration has said that it's due to early detection and timely treatment by the team of doctors and officials on Covid19 duty the mortality rate has come down.
- Andhra Pradesh: For the first time in four months, the single-day spike in the state's Covid-19 caseload was less than 1,000 on Monday. With 11 of the 13 districts each reporting less than 100 new infections, the tally in the State grew by 753 only. Even as the State's overall Covid-19 count is over 8.54 lakh, 8.30 lakh people have recovered, including over 1,500 more patients in the 24 hours. On the other hand, 13 more patients succumbed to the virus, taking the overall deaths to 6,881. Meanwhile, Kavali MLA from Nellore district R Pratap Reddy tested positive for the virus and was admitted in Chennai's Apollo Hospital. Two students of ZP high school from Nellore also tested positive.
- Telangana: 952 new cases, 1602 recoveries & 3 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; out of 952 cases, 150 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,58,828; Active cases: 13,732; Deaths: 1410; Discharges: 2,43,686 with a recovery rate of 94.14 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 93.4 per cent. Telangana government permits social, academic, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious and political events in closed spaces with a ceiling of 200 people, a maximum of 50% of hall capacity. Earlier, the limit was of only 100 people.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra reported 2,535 fresh cases on Monday, the lowest daily count in more than five months. The state continues to report a steady decline in the number of new COVID-19 positive cases. Recovery rate in the state is 92.49 per cent, while the fatality rate is 2.63 per cent. Mumbai city, however reported the highest single-day cases in the state with a tally of 409.
- Gujarat: Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat Nitin Patel reviewed the situation in a meeting held at Ahmedabad civil hospital yesterday. He announced the setting up of a separate ward with 100 ventilators in a 1200 bed civil hospital. He also announced an increase in daily testing capacity in view of recent festivals. At present, total active cases in the state are 12,456 out of which 62 patients are on ventilator. 5 patients died yesterday taking the total deaths due to Covid19 up to 3808.
- Rajasthan: While the state's daily Covid-19 cases saw a slight dip on Monday, capital Jaipur reported its biggest single-day spike of 538 new infections, accounting for 25% of cases reported from across the state. In the past two days, the city had reported 1,036 virus cases. Jaipur accounted for 20% of cases reported in the first 16 days of November in the state, with 6,194 new infections. In comparison, cumulative cases for the state in November (till 16th) stood at 30,993.
- Madhya Pradesh: The number of daily infected patients has come down to around five hundred in Madhya Pradesh after several days. Similarly, the positivity rate has also come down to 4.6 percent. No new patients were reported in four districts yesterday, whereas in 35 districts, the number of active patients remains in less than ten, while in the remaining districts, the number of patients is less than 50. Maximum 141 people have been infected in Bhopal, while 89 new infections have been reported in Indore yesterday.
- Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, the number of Covid-19 tests has been increased to identify corona infected patients. As many as 2,225 centers have been established for corona tests across the state. Of

- these, 1019 centers have the facility for Rapid antigen test, while RT-PCR testing can be done at 640 centers. Apart from this, samples of suspected patients are being taken for the test through True NAT method at 546 centers. The health department has set a daily target to conduct more than 8,400 RT-PCR tests. It has been decided that daily 28 RT-PCR tests per one lakh population will be conducted. All the districts of the state have been given daily targets for the RT-PCR testing. In rural and urban areas of the state, health workers are going door-to-door to identify people with symptoms under the Health Protection Campaign.
- Goa: New Covid-19 infections have been showing a consistent drop since last month in Goa and, on Monday, the state's active case tally fell below the 1,500 mark. The state reported 285 recoveries, which is more than twice the new cases detected during the day. Recovery rate has touched 95% in the last two days. Goa's positivity rate stood at 10% with 1,220 samples tested during the day. With the decline in new infections, there has also been a marked drop in mortalities. The Covid-19 death count stands at 664 with the highest number of deaths reported in September.







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- India records more Daily New Recoveries than Daily New Cases for 44 successive days
- 43,851 COVID-19 patients recovered in the last 24 hours against just 30,548 newly detected cases
- Active Caseload declines to 4.65 lakhs
- Recovery Rate has improved to 93.27% today
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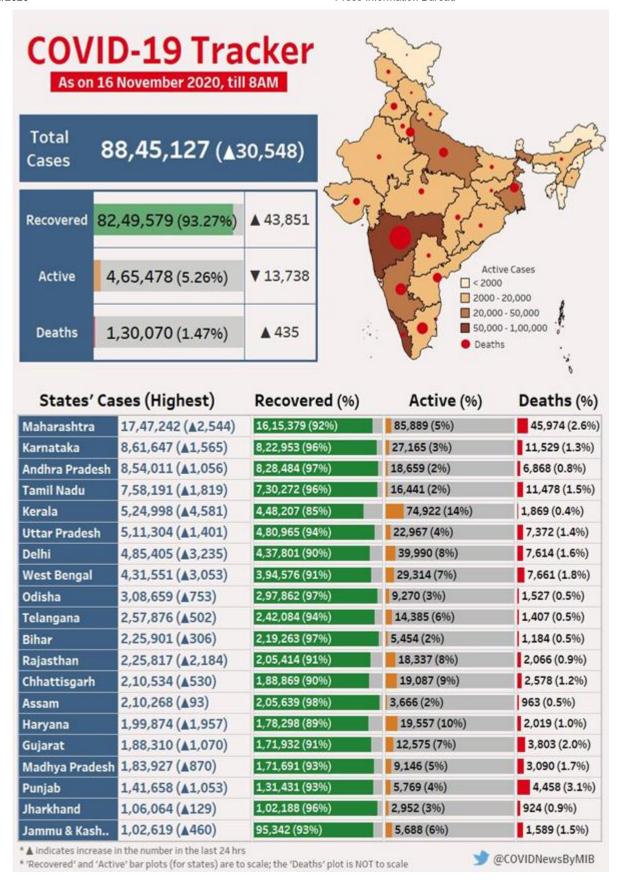
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 16 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†1 Status change since yesterday) Active (5.26%)
465478 (137384)

Discharged (93.27%) 8249579 (438514)

Deaths (1.47%)
130070 (4354)



<u>India records more Daily New Recoveries than Daily New Cases for 44 successive days; Active Caseload</u> declines to 4.65 lakhs

India has continued the unbroken trend of the daily new recoveries outpacing the daily new additions for the 44th day. 43,851 COVID-19 patients recovered in the last 24 hours against just 30,548 newly detected cases. This translates to a net reduction of 13,303 in the Active Caseload which now stands at 4,65,478. Daily new cases numbering 30,548 is a historic low that assumes significance given many countries in Europe and America are experiencing a continuous steep rise in daily new cases. The Recovery Rate has improved to 93.27% today. The total recovered cases stand at 82,49,579.78.59% of the recovered cases reported in the last 24 hours are from ten States/UTs. Delhi saw the greatest number of recoveries as 7,606 confirmed cases recovered. Kerala registered 6,684 daily recoveries while West Bengal followed by reporting 4,480 new recoveries. 76.63% of the new cases have been reported from ten States/UTs. Kerala recorded 4,581 new cases. Delhi which saw a surge in new cases over the last few days reported only 3,235 new cases yesterday, followed closely by West Bengal which reported 3,053 new cases. 78.85% of the 435 new deaths are concentrated in ten States/UTs. About a fifth, 21.84% of new fatalities reported are from Delhi which reported 95 deaths, overtaking Maharashtra. Maharashtra reported 60 fatalities, which is 13.79% of the new fatalities.14 States/UTs have death per million higher than National Average of 94.13 States/UTs have a Case Fatality Rate higher than National Average.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs 147th session of WHO Executive Board

For details:

<u>Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah directs slew of measures for controlling the spread of Covid-19 in Delhi at a review meeting</u>

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah yesterday reviewed the Covid-19 situation in Delhi, in the backdrop of rising number of cases and the increasing strain on the capacity of medical infrastructure in the hospitals of the Capital. The Home Minister issued a number of directions in the meeting. First, it was directed that the testing capacity for RT-PCR tests would be doubled in Delhi, by optimally utilizing the lab capacity within Delhi itself; through mobile testing labs, to be deployed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) and ICMR, in areas where poor and vulnerable sections of the society reside; by temporarily shifting some testing labs from other parts of the country, where they are unutilized, to Delhi; and, by utilizing spare capacity in neighboring regions of Delhi. This was considered essential in order to bring down the positivity rate in Delhi, which has gone up substantially in recent weeks. Shri Amit Shah also directed that the hospital capacity and availability of other medical infrastructure should be ramped up considerably. It was decided that 250-300 additional beds with ICUs would be added to the existing medical facility of DRDO at DhaulaKuan, where, presently, around 250 beds have been provided with ICUs, out of the total available 1000 Covid-19 beds. The 10,000 bed Covid Care Centre established at Chattarpur would also be strengthened, with a view to enhance availability of beds with oxygen capacity. Home Minister directed MOHF&W to make arrangements for requisite numbers of BIPAP machines and high flow nasal canulas to the Delhi Government within the next 48 hours. In view of the shortage of medical staff in Delhi, the Modi Government has decided to provide additional doctors and paramedical staff from the CAPFs and they would soon be airlifted to Delhi.A few identified hospitals of the Municipal Corporations of Delhi (MCD) would also be converted as dedicated hospitals for Covid-19 treatment, especially for accommodating patients with milder symptoms. It was also decided that MOHF&W will issue a standard protocol for plasma therapy and plasma administration for treatment of COVID-19 patients immediately.

For details:

8th BRICS STI Ministerial Meeting held on Friday

The Science, Technology and Innovation Ministers of the BRICS grouping (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) met on November 13 evening through a virtual platform to discuss S & T cooperation among the member countries. Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan congratulated the participating dignitaries at the concluding session for, "The BRICS STI Declaration 2020 and Calendar of BRICS STI Activities 2020-21 which will act as a roadmap to take our cooperation forward". The BRICS STI Declaration 2020 was unanimously adopted at the meeting. During the meeting, Dr. Harsh Vardhan highlighted that "The COVID 19 pandemic has been a test, demonstrating that multilateral cooperation is the key to overcoming such global challenges". He said, "Since we are one of the most affected population from this pandemic, it provides for greater cooperation opportunity among BRICS countries to combat this pandemic". The Union Minister informed that "India has initiated an integrated response to overcome this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. From the development of indigenous vaccines, novel point-ofcare diagnostics and therapeutic formulations based on traditional knowledge, to establish research resources and offering services, Indian R&D entities both public and private, are working relentlessly to develop effective interventions for combating the pandemic. Hundreds of projects are being supported. More than 100 startups have developed innovative products for COVID-19".

For details:

PM appeals spiritual leaders to help popularise 'vocal for local' for AatmNirbhar Bharat

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has said, as the base of the freedom struggle was provided by the bhakti movement, similarly, today, basis of the AatmNirbhar Bharat will be provided by the saints, mahatma, mahants and acharyas of our country. He was speaking after unveiling the 'Statue of Peace' to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj, via video conferencing, today. One of the key highlights of his speech on the occasion was his emphasis on religious and spiritual foundation of the socio-political and economic events like the freedom struggle and the current tryst with the AatmNirbharta.

For details:

PM unveils 'Statue of Peace' to mark 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer JiMaharaj

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today unveiled 'Statue of Peace' to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj, via video conferencing. The Statue unveiled in the honour of the Jain acharya, has been named as 'Statue of Peace'. The 151 inch tall statue has been made from Ashtadhatu i.e. 8 metals, with Copper being the major constituent, and is installed at Vijay Vallabh Sadhana Kendra, Jetpura, in Pali, Rajasthan. Mentioning two 'Vallabhs', Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel and the Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj, the Prime Minister said that he feels blessed by the fact that after dedicating the world's tallest statue of Sardar Patel- 'Statue of Unity', he is getting opportunity to unveil the 'Statue of Peace' of the Jainacharya Shri Vijay Vallabh.Reiterating his stress on 'vocal for local' Shri Modi requested that as happened during the freedom struggle, all the spiritual leaders should amplify the message of AatmNirbharta and preach about the benefits of 'vocal for local'. He also said that the way the country supported the local during the Diwali festival is an energizing feeling.

For details:

Text to PM's address at the celebration of Diwali with Soldiers of Indian Armed Forces at Longewala in Jaisalmer

For details:

Text of PM's address to Air Force personnel at Jaisalmer

For details:

Any attack on press freedom is detrimental to national interests: Vice President

The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today said that any attack on the freedom of the press is detrimental to national interests and should be opposed by one and all.In a pre-recorded video message at a webinar on 'Role of media during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on media' organized by the Press Council of India on the occasion of the National Press Day, the Vice President said "Democracy cannot survive without a free and fearless press". He said the Press in India has always been in the vanguard of protecting and strengthening the foundations of democracy. Describing journalism as a pious mission, he lauded the Press for playing an outstanding role in empowering the people and furthering national interest. The Vice President also praised the print and electronic media journalists for turning into frontline warriors in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring non-stop coverage of all the happenings, unmindful of the grave risks associated with a pandemic situation. He conveyed his deepest condolences to the families of many journalists, who had succumbed to COVID-19 infection. Referring to the adverse impact of COVID-19 crisis on media industry, he said it has led some newspapers to curtail their editions and go digital. "There have been unfortunate instances of employees being laid off in both print and electronic media", Shri Naidu added.

For details:

<u>Vice President urges youth to join the forces of growth and channelize their energies to build a resurgent India</u>

The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today urged the youth to join the forces of growth and channelize their energies for constructive, nation-building activities to build a New and Resurgent India. Inaugurating a new 'Amenities Center' at the University of Hyderabad, the Vice President advised the youth to shun negativism, adopt positive outlook in building the New India where there would be no corruption, hunger, exploitation and discrimination. Pointing out that the nation was passing through a critical juncture and was facing many challenges, Shri Naidu asked the youth to be at the forefront of making India stronger on all fronts. Referring to the fight against the pandemic, the Vice President said that India was comparatively better placed than other nations and added that Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi guided the nation with his vision. He lauded the selfless service rendered by frontline warriors like doctors, farmers, security personnel, sanitary staff and appreciated the Government of India and all States for the measures taken to fight the pandemic. He appealed to the people to adhere to the instructions issued by the government, follow safe distancing norms and wear masks. He said the people must be prepared to face future challenges by improving their endurance.

For details:

NPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: Assam have completed 50 lakhs COVID-19 tests till date tweeted Health Minister of Assam Shri HimantaBiswaSarma.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya recorded 35 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, taking the active tally to 971. 76 persons also recovered taking the number to 9594. The death toll in the state rose to 101 after a 59-year-old positive patient died in Tura on Sunday. The confirmed number of cases stood at 10,665.
- Kerala: State government has decided to conduct Serosurvey to find out the intensity of Covid-19 spread in the state. The survey will be conducted after the completion of the local body poll in December. Antibody tests will be carried out among various categories of people across 14 districts to find out among various categories of people across 14 districts to find out the percentage of infected persons among the population. This was decided at the review meeting presided over by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Meanwhile, the state government has started preparations for the distribution of Covid vaccine in the state. Details of health workers who will receive the vaccine in the first phase are being collected. Renowned hill shrine of Sabarimala has allowed pilgrims from today as part of its 41-day annual pilgrimage. Authorities have announced a slew of regulations to prevent the spread of the pandemic.
- Tamil Nadu: TN preparing database of healthcare workers who will get Covid-19 vaccine on priority; presently, phase two trials of Covishield, Oxford University's Covid-19 vaccine, are ongoing in the state. '22.1 per cent blood sample in Coimbatore's 42 clusters have antibodies', says survey; of the 42 clusters where study was conducted, Karamadai to Mettupalayam stretch has a maximum number of people with antibodies.
- Karnataka: Interstate bus services between Karnataka and Kerala resume after nine months; Road transport corporations of both States deploy 20 buses each between Mangaluru and Kasargod. Degree level, Engineering and Diploma colleges will commence from tomorrow, direct classes for final year and postgraduate students; corona test compulsory for students & teachers.
- Andhra Pradesh: Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Botcha Satyanarayana organised a huge rally on Sunday from Garividi to Cheepurupalli in which thousands of activists participated. Those who took part in the rally failed to follow the Covid guidelines. Andhra Pradesh reported 1056 new infections and 14 deaths on Sunday. It was the lowest single-day tally of infections in four months. The number of active cases came down to less than 20,000, to 18,659. With 2,140 persons recovering in the last 24 hours, the total number of recoveries rose to 8,28,484 and the recovery rate to 97.01 per cent. The tests per million ratio increased to 1.71 lakh and cases per million ratio has gone up to 15,993.
- Telangana: 502 new cases, 1539 recoveries & 3 deaths Reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; out of 503 cases, 141 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,57,876; Active cases: 14,385; Deaths 1407 Discharges: 2,42,084 with with a recovery rate of 93.87 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 93.2 per cent. In a major relief to people awaiting registration of non-agriculture properties to resume, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has decided that it will commence on Dharani portal from November 23.
- Maharashtra: In Maharashtra, all religious places and places of worship have opened from today. Some famous temples like Sai Baba temple at Shirdi, Vitthal Mandir of Pandharpur, Tulja Bhavani temple in Tuljapur opened early this morning, after nearly 7 months. The state reported 2,544 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, which is the lowest single-day spike since June first week.

- Gujarat: Gujarat reported 1,070 new coronavirus positive cases on Sunday, taking its infection count to 1,88,310. As the virus claimed six lives during the day, including three in Ahmedabad and one fatality each in Rajkot, Surat and Vadodara, the cumulative death toll mounted to 3,803.
- Rajasthan: Ten more people died from coronavirus in Rajasthan on Sunday as 2,184 fresh cases took the state's infection count to 2,25,817. Jaipur recorded the maximum 498 cases, followed by 443 in Jodhpur. The state has 18,337 active cases as of now.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh's COVID-19 caseload rose to 1,83,927 on Sunday with 870 new additions. With seven more fatalities, including two each in Indore and Sagar and one death each occurring in Bhopal, Hoshangabad and Shivpuri, the overall toll in the state mounted to 3,090.

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- India's active cases stand at 4,84,547, today being the third day of the active cases being below the 5-L mark
- Compared to 44,879 new reported cases, 49,079 cases have recovered in the last 24 hours
- Total recovered cases stand at 81,15,580 which translates to a Recovery Rate of 92.97%
- Ten States/UTs account for about 80% (79.34%) of the 547 case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours
- PM dedicates two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation

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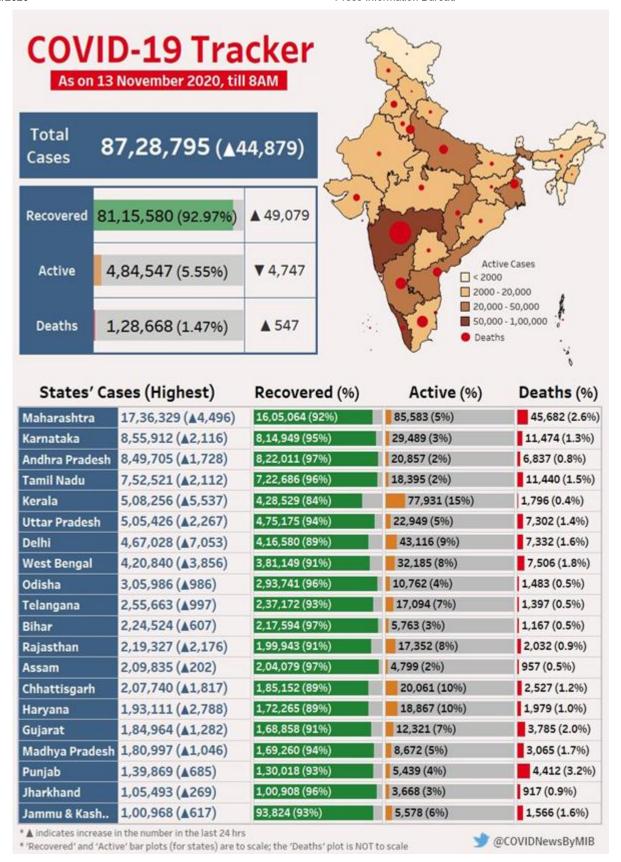
484547 (47474)

Discharged (92.97%)

8115580 (490794)

Deaths (1.47%)

128668 (5474)



<u>India's Active Caseload drops below 4.85 Lakhs, Daily New Recoveries continue to outnumber Daily New Cases</u>

India's active cases today stand at 4,84,547, much below the 5-lakh mark. This is the third day of the active cases being sustained below the 5-L mark. Their share in the total Positive Cases stands at only 5.55%. In contrast to 44,879 new reported cases, 49,079 cases have recovered in the last 24 hours which

continues India's trend of having daily high recoveries that outnumber the daily new cases. This trend has been observed for the 41st day today. The total recovered cases stand at 81,15,580 which translates to a Recovery Rate of 92.97%. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases continues to grow and presently stands at 76,31,033. 77.83% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra reported the maximum number of single day recoveries. 7,809 new recoveries have pushed up the State's total recoveries to 16,05,064. 76.25% of the new cases are concentrated in 10 States and UTs. Delhi reported the maximum daily new cases numbering 7,053 in the last 24 hours. Kerala recorded 5,537 new cases while Maharashtra reported 4,496 new cases yesterday. Ten States/UTs account for about 80% (79.34%) of the 547case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. 22.3% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra which reported 122 deaths. Delhi and West Bengal follow with 104 and 54 new deaths, respectively.

For details:

PM dedicates two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation on Ayurveda Day

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation on the 5th Ayurveda Day today via video conferencing. These are the Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar and the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur. Both the Institutes are premier institutions of Ayurveda in the country. The former has been conferred the status of an Institution of National Importance (INI) by an Act of the Parliament, and the latter is an Institution Deemed to be University by the University Grants Commission. The Ministry of AYUSH, since 2016, has been observing 'Ayurveda Day' every year on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras). Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Shri Shripad Naik, Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Ashok Gehlot, Governor of Rajasthan Shri Kalraj Mishra, Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat, were present on the occasion and Director General of World Health Dr TedrosAdhanom Ghebreyesus gave a video message on the occasion and praised the Prime Minister's commitment to the universal coverage under Ayushman Bharat and evidence-based promotion of traditional medicines to achieve health related objectives. The Prime Minister thanked WHO and the DG for choosing India for the Global Centre of Traditional medicineThe Prime Minister said today, on one hand, India is testing vaccines, on the other, it is also increasing international cooperation on Ayurvedic research to fight COVID.

For details:

<u>Text of PM's address at the inauguration of two future-ready Ayurveda institutions at Jamnagar and Jaipur</u>

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PM addresses 17th ASEAN India Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today participated in the 17thASEAN-India Summit at the invitation of H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of Vietnam, the current Chair of ASEAN.The Summit, which saw the participation of all ten ASEAN Member States, was conducted in virtual format.Speaking at the Summit, Prime Minister underlined the centrality of ASEAN in India's Act East Policy. He noted that a cohesive, responsive and prosperous ASEAN is central to India's Indo-Pacific Vision and contributes to Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR). On COVID-19, the Prime Minister

highlighted India's response and broader support to the international community, and welcomed ASEAN's initiatives to fight the pandemic. Prime Minister announced a contribution of US\$ 1 million to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund. The Prime Minister also underscored the importance of greater physical and digital connectivity between ASEAN and India and reiterated India's offer of US\$ 1 billion Line of Credit to support ASEAN connectivity. On trade and investment, he underlined the importance of diversification and resilience of supply chains for post-COVID economic recovery.

For details:

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package is a continuation of the Government's effort to help all sections of the society: PM

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that yesterday's Aatmanirbhar Bharat package is a continuation of the government's effort to help all sections of the society. In a tweet Shri Narendra Modi said "Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package continues our efforts to help all sections of society. These initiatives will help in creating jobs, alleviate stressed sectors, ensure liquidity, boost manufacturing, energise real-estate sector & support farmers."

For details:

PM unveils statue of Swami Vivekananda at JNU Campus, Ideology should never be put before national interest: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda in JNU Campus, New Delhi yesterday through video conferencing. Addressing the JNU students and the youth of the country, the Prime Minister expressed his views on harms of prioritizing ideology over national interest. He said this is one thing that has done great harm to the democratic system of our country. "Because my ideology says this, so in matters of national interest, I will think in the same framework, I will work on the same parameter, this is wrong", said Shri Modi. It is natural to be proud of one's ideology still, on the subjects of national interest, our ideology should be seen standing with the nation not against it, he stressed. The Prime Minister put forward the framework of the reform agenda of his government before the students. He added the idea of AtmaNirbhar Bharat has become the collective consciousness of more than 130 crore Indians, has become part of our aspirations. Continuing about the Reforms in India, the Prime Minister urged JNU students to ponder on how the notion of Good Reforms as bad politics changed to good reforms as good politics

For details:

<u>Text of PM's address during unveiling of statue of Swami Vivekananda at Jawaharlal Nehru University campus, New Delhi</u>

For details:

<u>High Level Committee under Chairmanship of Union Home Minister approves Rs. 4,381.88 crore of additional Central assistance to six States</u>

The High Level Committee (HLC) under the Chairmanship of the Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, has approved additional Central assistance under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to six States, which were affected by cyclone/ floods/ landslides during this year. HLC has approved additional Central assistance of **Rs 4,381.88 crore to six States** from the National Disaster Response

Fund (NDRF). For cyclone 'Amphan', Rs 2,707.77 crore has been approved for West Bengal and Rs.128.23 crore for Odisha. For cyclone 'Nisarga' Rs 268.59 crore has been approved for Maharashtra. For floods and landslides during the South-West monsoon, Rs.577.84 crore has been approved for Karnataka, Rs 611.61 crore for Madhya Pradesh, and Rs 87.84 crore for Sikkim. In addition, during the financial year 2020-21, till date, the CentralGovernment has released Rs 15,524.43 crore to 28 States from the SDRF.

For details:

Finance Minister announces measures on AatmaNirbhar Bharat 3.0

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has announced 12 key measures, as part of Government of India's stimulus to the economy, under AatmaNirbhar Bharat 3.0. The net stimulus announced yesterday amounts to ₹ 2.65 Lakh crore. While addressing the Press Conference yesterday ,SmtSitharaman also informed that the total stimulus announced by the Government and Reserve Bank of India till date, to help the nation tide over the COVID-19 pandemic, works out to ₹ 29.87 lakh crore, which is 15% of national GDP. Out of this, stimulus worth 9% of GDP has been provided by the government.₹900 Crore is being provided to Department of Biotechnology for Research and Development of Indian COVID Vaccine.

For details:

Scientific Social Responsibility to create new interface between science and society: DST Secretary

Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Professor Ashutosh Sharma, highlighted that a policy on Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) would be in place in the next few months to create new interfaces between science and society, at a webinar organised on the occasion of World Science Day. "Connecting science to society can make S&T one of the strongest pillars for peace and development. Communication of science to society at large is a major challenge. Science needs to reach the masses so that it can be used as a major tool for peace and development," he pointed out at the webinar on World Science Day for Peace and Development organised jointly by DST and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

For details:

<u>Last date for filing applications under Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme extended to 31st December, 2020 for UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh</u>

In a major decision to help the trade and industry in the newly formed Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh, the Central Government has decided to extend the period for availing the Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) (SVLDR) Scheme (SVLDRS), 2019 to 31st December, 2020 for eligible taxpayers from these UTs. This decision would come as a major relief to taxpayers of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh who faced genuine difficulties in availing the Scheme during the original period of operation. The extension gives these taxpayers a fresh opportunity to settle their past tax disputes. This decision to extend the period for availing the Scheme for the taxpayers of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh would provide them a level playing field with the thousands of other taxpayers across the country who took the advantage of the Scheme. The detailed guidelines shall be issued shortly.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam, 202 cases detected out of 24,350 tests conducted today, with positivity rate of 0.83%, 771 patients discharged. Total cases- 209835, recovered- 97.25%, active cases- 2.29%.
- Mizoram: Mizoram reports 25 new cases of COVID-19.
- Nagaland: With 37 new cases, Nagaland's COVID-19 total reaches 9,615. Active cases comes down to just 786 cases.
- Sikkim: 25 new cases take Sikkim's COVID caseload to 4,368.
- Kerala: Amidst fears that the ensuing civic body polls may trigger another Covid-19 wave in Kerala, State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has said that the candidates, political activists and the public should be cautious while campaigning for the elections. She pointed out that even though the daily number of cases is coming down, there are high chances of spread in many places. Only a maximum of five people, including the candidate should go for house visits during the campaign. No handshakes to be made and under no circumstances the masks should be lowered. The Minister also urged to include messages in their campaign materials that voters should adhere to Covid appropriate behavior. Meanwhile the test positivity rate dropped below 10% after the state touched 77,183 active cases on Thursday. The current Covid death toll in the state stands at 1797.
- Tamil Nadu: Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami flagged off ambulances with Rs 24 crore equipment; CM flagged off a total of nine 108 ambulances as a token of launching as many vehicles, from the Secretariat.
- Karnataka: Health and Medical Education Minister Dr.K. Sudhakar said that new improved Primary Health Care Centres will be set up in the state with the help of World Bank which will be functioning 24*7; necessary policy changes will be made to implement the project. High Court of Karnataka on Friday allowed to burn green crackers during Deepavali. Karnataka Government has decided to reopen all the medical, dental, AYUSH, paramedical, nursing and pharmacy colleges affiliated to RGUHS from 1st December adhering to Covid guidelines.
- Andhra Pradesh: State has issued orders revising the rates being charged for Covid-19 tests in private laboratories approved by NABL and ICMR. The lab managements have been instructed to charge only Rs 800 for the samples sent by the government. The government has made it clear in its orders that up to Rs 1,000 can be charged for incoming samples. Meanwhile, 1728 positive cases were reported on Thursday bringing the total number of cases to 8,49,705. A total of 8,22,011 covid affected patients have been discharged after treatment. So far 8 9,40,488 people have undergone corona diagnostic tests. There are currently 20,857 active cases in the state. The number of fatalities climbed to 6837 with the addition of 9 more yesterday.
- Telangana: 997 new cases, 1222 recoveries & 04 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; 169 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,55,663; Active cases: 17,094; Deaths: 1397; Discharges: 2,37,172.
- Maharashtra: The state government has requested the railways to allow teachers and school staff to travel by local trains. The move comes days after the Maharashtra education department made 50% attendance mandatory for teachers and non-teaching staff in schools. Mumbai's local trains may be thrown open to all commuters about a fortnight after Diwali festival, if there isn't a significant spike in Covid-19 cases. Officials of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)

- said that daily Covid-19 cases will be closely monitored for two weeks following which a final call on resuming local trains will be taken.
- Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 1,120 new cases during the last 24 hours. Recovery rate has improved to 91.29 percent. Ahmedavad Municipal Corporation has appealed to the citizens not to go for a free Coronavirus test unnecessarily. AMC said that only those in need should go for the Coronavirus test. It is found that a lot of citizens are queuing up at AMC facilities for free Coronavirus tests only for curiosity. AMC has also started using indelible ink in order to identify those who have already undergone Coronavirus tests. Meanwhile,
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan reported 13 more COVID-19 fatalities on Thursday, taking the death toll to 2,032 as 2,176 new cases pushed the state"s infection tally to 2,19,327. According to a Health department bulletin, 17,352 patients are currently undergoing treatment in the state, and the number of recoveries stands at 1,99,943. In Jaipur, the death toll from the coronavirus infection stands at 391, followed by 199 in Jodhpur, 151 in Ajmer, 149 in Bikaner, 116 in Kota, 97 in Bharatpur and 78 in Pali. Among the new cases reported in the state, 475 are in Jaipur, 366 in Jodhpur, 258 in Bikaner, 131 in Ajmer, 111 in Alwar, 95 in Kota and 71 each in Sikar and Udaipur, besides those reported in other districts of the state.
- Madhya Pradesh: The five-day Diwali festival started on a dull note under the shadow of COVID-19 on Thursday in Chitrakoot a holy place in Madhya Pradesh closely associated with Lord Ram. Devotees in small numbers turned up at the banks of the Madakani river in Chitrakoot to do deep daan (offering of lighted lamps) on Dhanteras evening to mark the start of the five-day-long festival. In contrast, the place saw visits by more than 35 lakh devotees during the festival of lights last year, most of them coming on the day of Laxmi Pujan.
- Chhattisgarh: Multiplexes and cinema halls have been allowed to reopen with 50 per cent of their seating capacity in areas outside containment zones in Chhattisgarh's Raipur. Raipur is the latest addition to the list of districts where screening of films has been allowed by the state government. Screening of films is expected to start by Saturday, the Diwali day, or Sunday in Raipur.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

- India reports less than 50K Daily New Cases for the 5th continuous day
- Active Caseload under 4.9 lakhs
- 47,905 persons have tested positive for COVID-19 and 52,718 new recoveries registered in the last 24 hours
- National Recovery Rate further improves to 92.89%
- Prime Minister expresses his appreciation for WHO's important role in facilitating a coordinated global response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package 3.0 announced to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19

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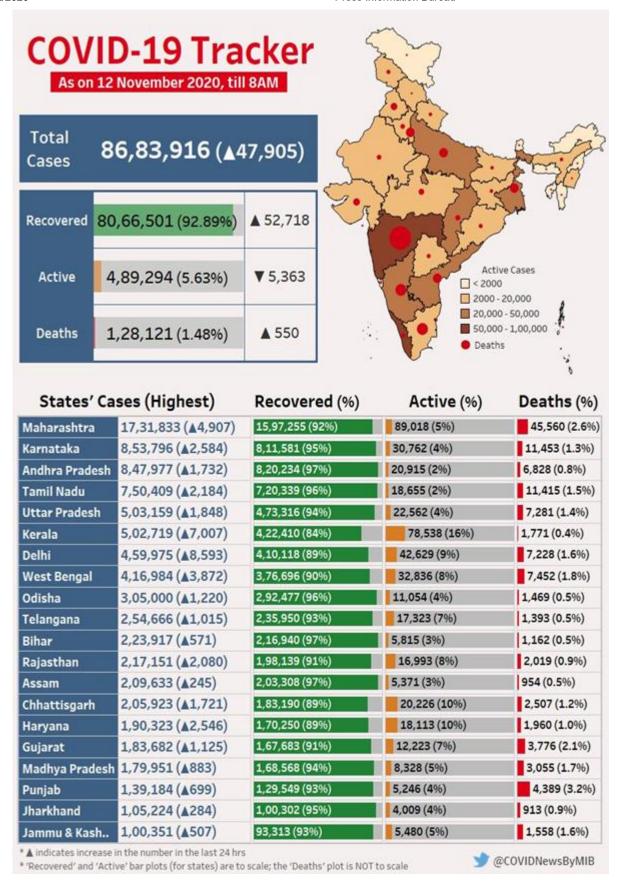
COVID-19 INDIA as on: 12 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†1 Status change since yesterday)

Active (5.63%)
489294 (53634)

Discharged (92.89%) 8066501 (52718♠)

Deaths (1.48%)
128121 (550♠)



<u>India reports less than 50K Daily New Cases for the 5th continuous day, Active Caseload under 4.9 lakhs, share in Total Cases drops to 5.63%</u>

For the successive fifth day, new cases reported in the last 24 hours did not cross the 50,000 mark. 47,905 persons have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours. The trend of daily new recoveries outnumbering daily new cases continues for the 40th Day with 52,718 new recoveries registered in the last 24 hours. This trend has continued to compress the active caseload of India which is presently 4.98 lakhs. With a contribution of only 5.63% of India's total positive cases, India's active caseload stands at 4,89,294, well below the 5 lakh mark. The Recovery Rate has also been boosted with the trend of recoveries exceeding new cases. It presently stands at 92.89%. Total Recoveries today are 80,66,501. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has steadily widened to 75,77,207. 78% of the new recovered cases are concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 9,164 newly recovered cases. 7,264 people recovered in Delhi followed closely by Kerala which reported 7,252 new recoveries. 10 States and UTs reported 78% of the new cases. Delhi observed another spike and reported the highest daily new cases, also its highest tally so far with 8,593 new cases. Delhi is followed by Kerala with 7,007 cases and Maharashtra with 4,907 cases. 550 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Case Fatality Rate stands at 1.48% today. Of these new deaths, ten States/UTs account for 80%. Maharashtra accounted for 22. 7% share with 125 fatalities. Delhi and West Bengal follow with 85 and 49 new deaths, respectively.

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Dr. TedrosAdhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation yesterday with H.E. Dr. TedrosAdhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO). Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for WHO's important role in facilitating a coordinated global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also noted the need to not lose sight of the battle against other diseases, and appreciated the importance of WHO's support to the health systems of developing countries. The Director General stressed the close and regular collaboration between the WHO and the Indian health authorities, and specially appreciated India's domestic initiatives like the Ayushman Bharat scheme and India's campaign against Tuberculosis. He said that India had an important role to play in global health issues. The Prime Minister and the Director General had a productive discussion on the value of Traditional Medicinal Systems, especially for enhancing wellness and immunity of the global population. They agreed on the need for integrating traditional medicine solutions into modern medical practice through holistic protocols, and for careful scientific validation of time-tested traditional medicine products and practices.

For details:

PM's address at the 17th ASEAN - India Summit

For details:

English rendering of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's address at the inauguration of the state-of-the-art office-cum-residential complex of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) at Cuttack

For details:

<u>Presentation of details under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package 3.0 to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19 as announced by Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman</u>

For details:

Prime Minister to dedicate Two Ayurveda Institutions to the nation tomorrow

The Prime Minister will dedicate two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation at the **5th Ayurveda Day** on **13th November**, **2020**. These are the Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar and the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur. Both the Institutes are premier institutions of Ayurveda in the country. The former has been conferred the status of an Institution of National Importance (INI) by an Act of the Parliament, and the latter that of an Institution Deemed to be University by the University Grants Commission. Ministry of AYUSH, since 2016, has been observing 'Ayurveda Day' every year on the occasion of **Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras)**. This year, it falls on 13th of November. Considering the prevailing situation of COVID-19, the 5th Ayurveda Day 2020 is being observed largely on virtual platforms at the national as well as international levels.

For details:

Mission Sagar - II Handing Over Food AID to Djibouti by INS Airavat

In continuation of the ongoing humanitarian mission 'Sagar-II', Indian Naval Ship Airavat arrived at Port of Djibouti, Djibouti on 10 November 2020. The Government of India is providing assistance to Friendly Foreign Countries to overcome natural calamities and COVID-19 pandemic, and towards the same INS Airavat is carrying food aid for the people of Djibouti. The Mission Sagar-II is aligned with Prime Minister's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and reiterates India's position as a dependable partner in Indian Ocean Region (IOR) with Indian Navy as the first responder in the maritime domain. The mission also highlights the importance accorded by India to relations with her maritime neighbours and further strengthens the existing bond. The Indian Navy is progressing this mission in close coordination with the Ministries of Defence and External Affairs, and other agencies of the Government of India.

For details:

Doorstep Service for submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman launched

India Post Payments Bank, IPPB of Department of Posts &Meity have successfully launched the initiative of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare: "Doorstep Service for submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman". The facility to submit life certificate online through Jeevan Pramaan Portal was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in November, 2014 with the objective to provide a convenient and transparent facility to pensioners for submission of Life Certificate. In order to avail "doorstep service for submission of DLC" through IPPB, pensioners can get detailed information on ippbonline.com. It is a chargeable service and will be available to all Central Government Pensioners across the country irrespective of the fact their pension accounts are in different bank.

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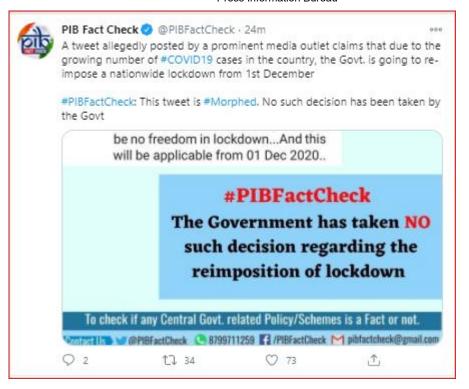
INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam, 245 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 837 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 209633, total discharged patients 203305, active 5371 and 954 death.
- Maharashtra: The state added 4,907 new Covid cases on Wednesday, even as 9,164 patients recovered brining down the number of active cases to 88,070. The state has thus far reported 45,560 Covid related deaths and the case fatality rate is now 2.63%. Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on Wednesday advised seven states, including Maharashtra, to focus on enhanced testing, especially in districts with higher COVID-19 positivity and places of large gatherings like markets and workplaces. He however also appreciated the innovative and effective decisions taken by the Maharashtra Government, keeping in mind the interest of common people in controlling the spread of Corona virus infection. State Health Minister Rajesh Tope demanded insurance cover for all private doctors in the state under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana.
- Gujarat: Recovery rate has reached up to 91.28 per cent in the state. Gujarat reported 1,125 new Covid cases on Wednesday. Maximum 207 new cases were reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 184 new cases. Meanwhile, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has lifted the ban in 27 busy areas of the city and allowed the shops to remain open till 12 midnight in view of the coming Diwali festival. This apart, tent City in the Rann of Kutch reopens today following COVID-19 norms, in view of the upcoming tourist season in the Kutch district.
- Rajasthan: The state witnessed a sudden spike in new Covid-19 cases with 2,080 infections on Wednesday, the highest in the last 30 days. Maximum cases on Wednesday were found in Jaipur district (450 new cases), followed by Jodhpur district (310 new cases) and then Bikaner (175 new cases). The health department has asked district collectors to keep the government informed about the situation in their respective districts. It has also asked districts to increase the number of oxygen supported and ICU beds and ventilators for Covid patients in dedicated hospitals.
- Madhya Pradesh: Many districts which had reported very few number of corona positive cases on Tuesday, registered sharp increase in the state on Wednesday. Niwari district, which had reported one positive case on Tuesday, reported 21 positives cases on Wednesday. Similarly, Panna which had not reported any positive case on Tuesday, reported 10 positive cases and Damoh, which had reported 10 positive cases, reported 30 cases. In aggregate, the state reported 883 positives cases taking its tally to 1.79 lakhs, while the number of active cases is 8,328.
- Kerala: Post-Covid Alert Clinics started functioning at primary health centers and community health centers in the state from today. State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja said all Covid cured patients will be contacted through these clinics or via e-Sanjeevini platform at least once in a month and further directions will be given after analyzing their health condition. Post Covid referral Clinics have also been started at secondary and tertiary level in Taluk, District and General hospitals and Medical college. Meanwhile, the state government has decided to provide free treatment to those devotees who are beneficiaries of the Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi for the upcoming pilgrimage season at Sabarimala. Those coming from outside state could make use of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana card for the same. These decisions were taken as part of the action plan prepared by the health department for patient management in the context of Covid-19.
- Tamil Nadu: Schools, colleges not to reopen in T.N. on November 16; only PG final year courses to start from December 2; State Govt withdraws previous announcement after feedback from parents. TN resumes bus services to Karnataka; since the resumption of intra-state bus services a few months ago, buses bound for Bengaluru were stopped at the State border. Hospitality sector in

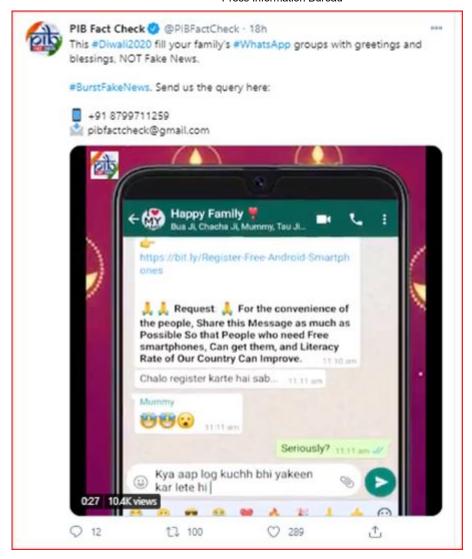
- the State stares at Rs 8,000 crore loss due to pandemic, seeks relief; occupancy levels in hotels across State barely 10%, Chennai hotels fare slightly better at 35%; hotels offer as much as 50% discount. NGT permits Isha Foundation to hold Sivarathri events after getting permission; Tribunal directs govt. departments to monitor celebrations.
- Karnataka: State Health Minister expressed helplessness with regard to recent violations of
 governments Covid-19 guidelines and advisories during recent bye election; High court asked
 state government to spell out its stand on initiating criminal actions against political leaders who
 violated covid guidelines. After seven months KSRTC resumed service to Tamilnadu. State Law
 Minister today clarified that re-opening of schools issue not discussed in the cabinet meeting.
- Andhra Pradesh: South coastal A.P. sees improvement in health situation; with less than a few hundred new cases, the cumulative confirmed cases went up to 1,22,750 in Nellore and Prakasam districts. The State once again reported less than 2000 new Covid-19 infections and 14 new deaths as on Wednesday. With 1,732 new cases, the tally increased to 8,47,977 and death toll went up to 6,828. The death rate and recovery rate due to Covid-19 in the state remains at 0.81 per cent and 96.73 per cent respectively. There are 20,915 active cases currently.
- Telangana: 1015 new cases, 1716 recoveries & 3 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; out of 1015 cases, 172 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,54,666; Active cases: 17,323; Deaths: 1393; Discharges: 2,35,950 with a recovery rate of 92.65 per cent. Junior doctors of Hyderabad's Gandhi Hospital go on strike, demand resumption of non-Covid services. Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE) Chairman T Papi Reddy says colleges in Telangana may open in December if the situation remains favourable.

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- Active caseload of India falls under the 5 lakh mark for the first time after 106 days
- Total Recoveries cross 80 lakhs
- 44,281 new cases reported in the last 24 hours while 50,326 active cases have recovered in this period
- Cumulative Tests cross 12 crores
- · Recovery Rate has increased to 92.79%.
- Total Case Fatality Rate stands at 1.48% and continues its downwards trajectory
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews COVID situation and public health measures of 7 States

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494657 (65574)

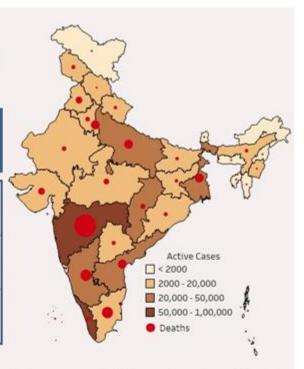
Discharged (92,79%) 8013783 (503264)

Deaths (1.48%)
127571 (5124)

COVID-19 Tracker As on 11 November 2020, till 8AM

Total 86,36,011 (444,281) Cases

Recovered	80,13,783 (92.79%)	▲ 50,326
Active	4,94,657 (5.73%)	▼ 6,557
Deaths	1,27,571 (1.48%)	▲ 512



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	17,26,926 (▲3,791)	15,88,091 (92%)	93,400 (5%)	45,435 (2.6%)
Karnataka	8,51,212 (42,362)	8,08,700 (95%)	31,082 (4%)	11,430 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,46,245 (▲1,886)	8,18,473 (97%)	20,958 (2%)	6,814 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	7,48,225 (\$2,146)	7,18,129 (96%)	18,709 (3%)	11,387 (1.5%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,01,311 (42,112)	4,71,204 (94%)	22,846 (5%)	7,261 (1.4%)
Kerala	4,95,712 (46,010)	4,15,158 (84%)	78,812 (16%)	1,742 (0.4%)
Delhi	4,51,382 (47,830)	4,02,854 (89%)	41,385 (9%)	7,143 (1.6%)
West Bengal	4,13,112 (▲3,891)	3,72,265 (90%)	33,444 (8%)	7,403 (1.8%)
Odisha	3,03,780 (4987)	2,91,137 (96%)	11,189 (4%)	1,454 (0.5%)
Telangana	2,53,651 (▲1,196)	2,34,234 (92%)	18,027 (7%)	1,390 (0.5%)
Bihar	2,23,346 (429)	2,16,097 (97%)	6,093 (3%)	1,156 (0.5%)
Rajasthan	2,15,071 (▲1,902)	1,96,338 (91%)	16,725 (8%)	2,008 (0.9%)
Assam	2,09,388 (4271)	2,02,471 (97%)	5,965 (3%)	952 (0.5%)
Chhattisgarh	2,04,202 (▲1,679)	1,80,995 (89%)	20,725 (10%)	2,482 (1.2%)
Haryana	1,87,777 (42,546)	1,68,421 (90%)	17,421 (9%)	1,935 (1.0%)
Gujarat	1,82,557 (1,049)	1,66,331 (91%)	12,456 (7%)	3,770 (2.1%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,79,068 (▲900)	1,67,877 (94%)	8,149 (5%)	3,042 (1.7%)
Punjab	1,38,485 (▲486)	1,29,089 (93%)	5,038 (4%)	4,358 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	1,04,940 (\$252)	99,988 (95%)	4,042 (4%)	910 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash	99,844 (▲492)	92,880 (93%)	5,415 (5%)	1,549 (1.6%)

^{* ▲} indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

^{* &#}x27;Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

<u>India scales several unprecedented peaks, Active Caseload falls below 5 lakhs, Total Recoveries cross 80 lakhs, Cumulative Tests cross 12 crores</u>

India has crossed several landmark milestones in its collective fight against the global pandemic. The active caseload of India has fallen under the 5 lakh mark for the first time after 106 days. Today, the total burden of active cases is pegged at 4,94,657. It was 4,96,988 on 28th July. With this, the Active Caseload stands at 5.73% of the total positive cases.27 States/UTs have less than 20,000 active cases. Just 8 States/UTs have more than 20,000 cases; two states (Maharashtra and Kerala) have active cases more than 50,000.44,281 new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours while 50,326 active cases have recovered in this period. This is the 39th Day of daily recoveries exceeding the daily new cases. Total Recoveries have thus also risen in the corresponding period along with the difference between Total Recoveries and Total Active Cases. The Total Recoveries have crossed the 80L mark. The number of total recoveries as on date is 80,13,783. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has widened 75,19,126. The Recovery Rate has increased to 92.79%. In another milestone, India has crossed 12 crore cumulative tests. 11,53,294 tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours in the country. The New Daily cases continue to be less than 50,000.77% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 6,718 newly recovered cases closely followed by the 6,698 figure achieved by Kerala. They are followed by 6,157 recoveries in Delhi. The top 10 States and UTs have reported 78% of the new cases. Delhi has reported the highest daily new cases at 7,830. It is followed by Kerala with 6,010 cases. Ten States/UTs account for 79% of the COVID fatalities. 512 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Total Case Fatality Rate stands at 1.48% and continues its downwards trajectory.

For details:

<u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews COVID situation and public health measures with Chief Ministers, Health Ministers and senior State officials of 7 States</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today interacted with Chief Ministers, State Health Ministers and Principal Secretaries/ Additional Chief Secretaries of 7 States though video conferencing. These States included Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura Meghalaya and Goa. Sh. T. S. Rawat, Chief Minister (Uttarakhand) who also oversees the State's Health Ministry, Sh. N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister (Manipur), Sh. Rajesh Tope, Health Minister (Maharashtra), Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Health Minister (Mizoram), Sh. VishwajitPratapsingh Rane, Health Minister (Goa), Sh. Ratan Lal Nath, Minister of School Education, Higher Education, Law and Parliamentary Affairs (Tripura) participated virtually. Highlighting the State specific areas of concern that would require focussed attention, Dr. Harsh Vardhan noted that although the active cases have come down in Maharashtra, it continues to have a large Active Caseload, with a high Fatality Rate (2.6%) which increases to 3.5% in and around Mumbai. CFR in Uttarakhand is higher than the national average at 1.64%; Active cases are on the rise in the recent days in Manipur. Higher Positivity in the State is indicative of hidden transmission, he stated. 40% of total deaths are recorded in just the last one month in Goa which is a cause of worry. With 70% of cases concentrated in Aizawl, Mizoram is seeing a further rise in active cases; Tripura and Meghalaya are witnessing higher deaths (~37%) in the active age groups (45-60 years) which are preventable. To stop the chain of transmission, he stressed upon the importance of Jan-Andolan initiated by Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji. Elaborating on steps taken by the government to promote Jan Andolan among the masses, he added that "COVID Appropriate Behaviour is the most potent Social Vaccine."

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan showcases India's fight against COVID to his BRICS Counterparts

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally attended the BRICS Health Ministers Conference, today through Video Conference. He said "Decentralized but Unified mechanism to provide Universal, Accessible, Equitable and Affordable Health Care to one and all was the driving force behind our Unique Response Strategy for COVID-19. India's COVID-19 response approach was pre-emptive, proactive and graded. Starting with early screening and isolation of passengers, imposing lockdowns and creating containment zones to prevent over-burdening of health facilities and personnel, propagating behavior change as an integral move to contain the spread, and ultimately recognizing the imperative need for reopening of the economy in a phased, cautious and responsible manner. India has curated its response, keeping in mind the large population size."

For details:

PM to inaugurate two future-ready Ayurveda institutions at Jamnagar and Jaipur on 13th November 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) at Jamnagar and National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) at Jaipur on 5th Ayurveda Day (i.e) 13th November, 2020 via video conferencing. These institutions are expected to play global leadership roles in the growth and development of Ayurveda in the 21st Century. The Ayurveda Day is being observed every year from 2016, on the day of Dhanwantri Jayanti. This year it falls on 13th November 2020. Ayurveda day is more an occasion of re-dedication to the profession and the society, than one of festivities or celebrations. Potential role of Ayurveda in the management of the Covid-19 pandemic will be the focus of this year's 'Ayurveda Day' observation.

For details:

<u>Cabinet approves PLI Scheme to 10 key Sectors for Enhancing, India's Manufacturing Capabilities and Enhancing Exports – Atmanirbhar Bharat</u>

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to introduce the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme in the 10 key sectors for Enhancing India's Manufacturing Capabilities and Enhancing Exports – Atmanirbhar Bharat. These sectors are: Advance Chemistry, Cell (ACC) Battery (NITI Aayog and Department of Heavy Industries), Electronic/Technology Products (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), Automobiles & Auto Components (Department of Heavy Industries), Pharmaceuticals drugs (Department of Pharmaceuticals), Telecom & Networking Products (Department of Telecom), Textile Products: MMF segment and technical textiles (Ministry of Textiles), Food Products (Ministry of Food Processing Industries), High Efficiency Solar PV Modules (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy), White Goods (ACs & LED) (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) and Specialty Steel (Ministry of Steel).

For details:

<u>Cabinet approves Continuation and Revamping of the Scheme for Financial Support to Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure Viability Gap Funding VGF Scheme</u>

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approvedContinuation and Revamping of the Scheme for Financial Support to Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Infrastructure Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Schemetill 2024-25 with a total outlay of Rs. 8,100 cr.Revamping of the proposed VGF Scheme will attract more PPP projects and facilitate the private investment in the social sectors (Health, Education, Waste Water, Solid Waste Management, Water Supply etc.). Creation of new hospitals, schools will create many opportunities to boost employment generation.

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20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State

20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State was held on November 10, 2020. This was the first SCO Summit held in Virtual Format and third meeting that India participated after becoming a full member in 2017. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his address to the SCO leaders congratulated President Vladimir Putin for organizing the meeting despite challenges and constraints arising due to the COVID-19 pandemic.Prime Minister, in his address, highlighted the imperative of a reformed multilateralism to meet the expectation of a world suffering from the social and financial after-effects of the pandemic. India, as a non-permanent member of the UNSC, beginning from 1 January 2021, will focus on the theme of 'reformed multilateralism' to bring about desirable changes in global governance.Prime Minister reiterated India's firm belief in regional peace, security and prosperity and raising voice against terrorism, smuggling of illegal weapons, drugs and money-laundering. He mentioned that India's brave soldiers participated in about 50 UN peacekeeping missions and India's Pharma industry supplying essential medicines to more than 150 countries during the pandemic.

For details:

Shri Gangwar Felicitates Officials and Regional Offices of CLC, EPFO and ESIC for commendable work during Covid pandemic

Ministry of Labour and Employment organized a felicitation event today to honour and appreciate the hard work and consistent efforts put in by COVID-19 warriors of Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) office, Employees Provident Fund Organisation and Employees State Insurance Corporation. The Minister of State (I/C) Sh. Santosh Kumar Gangwar awarded Certificates of Appreciation to acknowledge the dedication and high degree of professionalism exhibited by officials and Regional Offices of these organisations. The Minister stated that the Ministry undertook historic steps for the betterment of workers and the industry. He further stated that Rs. 5 thousand crore has been deposited in the bank accounts of 2 crore construction workers. He elaborated that CLC(c) had deputed 80 officers to ensure smooth implementation of the same. Nodal officers of ESIC and EPFO along with their regional offices were working day and night to to redress the problems faced by the workers. The minister went on to submit that via 20 control rooms about 16 thousand complaints were received of which 96 per cent were resolved in a time bound manner by CLC(c), EPFO and ESIC. Sh. Gangwar shared that 23 ESIC hospitals have now been declared as covid-19 hospitals consisting of 2600 isolation beds, more than 555 ICU beds and more than 213 ventilators. Minister highlighted EPFO's initiative of special COVID-19 claim wherein over Rs.12, 000 crore were disbursed against over 47 lakh covid claims by its subscribers during Covid pandemic.

For details:

Government is helping the pensioners to be "Atamnirbhar" in life: Dr. Jitendra Singh

The Union Minister of State (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that under the able leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the Department of Pensions & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) is trying to make the pensioners "Atamnirbhar" by promoting the Digital Life Certificate for pensioners which can be given from the comfort of one's home also. Earlier due to difficulties faced by the pensioners in submitting the Life Certificate because of Covid-19 pandemic, the Government has relaxed the existing timeline for submission of Life Certificate from 1st November, 2020 to 31st December 2020, MoS said. Addressing an interactive session of Brahma Kumari Sister Shivani, on "Power of Thoughts and Meditation in Covid-19 pandemic" organized by DoPPWyesterday, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the Pensioners as senior citizens being the most vulnerable group in the wake of the Covid 19 pandemic, need a helping hand and compassionate ears in addition to medical care and such programmes will help them to tackle their mental stress level thus protecting them from physical illness as well.

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Indian Railways engages RailTel to implement an HMIS across its health facilities

Indian Railways with the objective of bringing hospital management on a single architecture to prevent pilferage and making operations seamless has entrusted RailTel Corporation of India Limited ("RailTel") with implementation of hospital management information system ("HMIS") an integrated clinical information system for its 125 health facilities and 650 polyclinics across India for improved hospital administration and patient healthcare. The features of the software extend from customizing clinical data according to the departments and laboratories, multi hospital feature that provide cross consultation, seamless interface with medical and other equipment's and the patients will have the benefit of accessing all their medical records on their mobile device. RailTel and Ministry of Railways have signed an MOU with regard to the modalities for execution of the work. The open source HMIS software is to be deployed over the cloud.

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- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 271 COVID-19 cases detected out of 25339 tests conducted with positivity rate of 1.07%.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra on Tuesday reported 3,791 new Covid 19 cases, taking the overall count to 17.27 lakhs. With high number of recoveries, the number of active cases in the state has come below 1 lakh at 92,461. Mumbai reported only 535 new cases and the number of active cases in the city now stands at 16,374. Meanwhile, the State Government has said it is awaiting launch of the Mobile App Covin, to upload the data of health workers for Covid vaccination. With the first batch of Covid vaccine healthcare workers like doctors, nurse, swab sample collectors will be immunised followed by frontline workers like the police force. On Monday the centre informed the Covin app is in its final staged of coding and will be launched soon.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the State Government has decided to reopen schools and colleges from 23rd of November. This decision was taken in a State Cabinet Meeting chaired by Chief Minister Vijay

- Rupani at Gandhinagar today. Schools for Class 9 to 12 and colleges for medical, paramedical, engineering and other final year students will be allowed to reopen in the first phase. State Education Minister BhupendrasinhChudasama said that guidelines have been finalized after intense deliberations with all stakeholders.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 1,902 fresh COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, while 10 more fatalities pushed the state's death toll to 2,008, according to the Health Department bulletin. The number of active cases in the state is 16,725.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday recorded 900 new COVID-19 cases, taking its tally to 1,79,068, while eight fatalities pushed the death toll to 3,042. Of the new cases, Bhopal accounted for 208, Indore 117, Gwalior 77 and Jabalpur 41. Bhopal now has 1,761 active cases, while this figure for Indore is 1,707. Jabalpur and Gwalior have 515 and 543 active cases, respectively.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh's COVID-19 count reached 2,04,202 on Tuesday after 1,679 people tested positive for the infection, while the number of people who have recovered reached 1,80,995. With 18 more deaths, the fatality count climbed to 2,482.
- Kerala: Kerala Cabinet today recommended the State Governor to amend Kerala Panchayati Raj Act and Municipalities Act for enabling those who get contracted with Covid-19 and goes in quarantine to exercise their franchise in the ensuing local body polls. The amendment stipulates that these voters may be exclusively given chance for voting during the last one hour of polling time, 5pm to 6pm. Meanwhile, the government is yet to take a decision on the recommendation of Higher Education Secretary to reopen colleges which closed amid Covid outbreak. The colleges will be reopened only after obtaining permission from COVID expert committee and State Disaster Management Authority.
- Tamil Nadu: Vivekananda Rock, Thiruvalluvar statue to be opened for tourists again; however as Kerala is witnessing a sudden surge in Covid-19 cases after a lull, the Kanniyakumari district's border with the neighbouring State will be monitored round the clock to check the entry of infected persons, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami said today. How is BJP's Vetrivel Yatra going on without permission, asks Madras HC directing the police department to take uniform action against everyone violating orders. Theatres across the city that threw open their doors on Tuesday, nearly eight months after they were asked to close in the State due to the Covid-19 pandemic, saw a low turnout.
- Karnataka: State government has admitted before Highcourt of Karnataka to not supplying food to students as per food security act during lockdown. After holding consultation with all stake holders, Public Instructions Department Commissioner has submitted report to state government, recommending re-opening of schools from Dec 1. Experts have suggested that the State government must conduct two more rounds of sero survey one in December and another in March to determine the extent of the spread of Covid-19.
- Andhra Pradesh: IIT-Tirupati has entered into a partnership with Amara Raja Group to jointly produce reusable N-95 equivalent masks to facilitate the growing need for personal protective equipment (PPE) during the Covid-19 pandemic. Krishna district Collector has directed the health department officials to test 200 samples per day from each mandal to reduce the severity of Covid-19 in the district. Meanwhile, corona cases continue to be reported in schools in Prakasam district. Nine students at ZP High School in Donakonda zone have been diagnosed corona positive. The students are under home isolation.

• Telangana: 1196 new cases, 1745 recoveries & 05 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; 192 cases in GHMC. Total cases: 2,53,651; Active cases: 18,027; Deaths: 1390; Discharges: 2,34,234.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 10 NOV 2020 6:04PM by PIB Delhi





(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

- India reports less than 40K Daily New Cases
- Number of daily new cases in the last 24 hours is 38,073.
- For the 38th day today, recoveries have exceeded the daily new cases with 42,033 cases recovering in the last 24 hours
- India's total positive cases stands at 5.88%.
- Recovery Rate hasincreased to 92.64%
- Total Recoveries as of today is 79,59,406

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COVID-19 INDIA as on ; 10 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†1 Status change since yesterday) Active (5.83%)

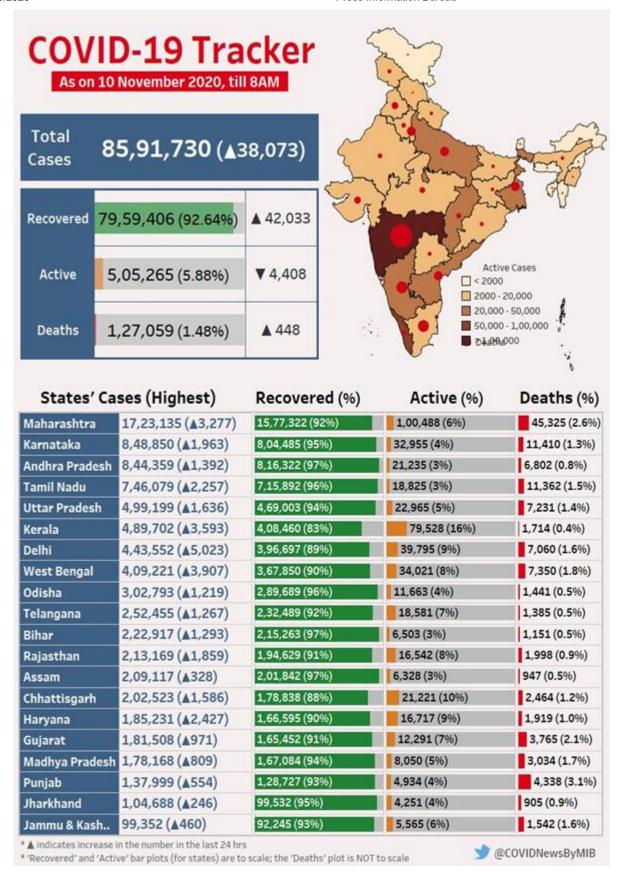
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Discharged (92.69%)

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Deaths (1.48%)

127059 (4484)



India reports less than 40K Daily New Cases, Active Caseload and Daily Fatalities continue to shrink

India has registered less than 40,000 daily new cases after six days. The number of daily new cases in the last 24 hours is **38,073.** For the third day in a row, daily new cases have been sustained below the 50,000 mark. This assumes significance in the context of some countries reporting a very number i.e. as high as one lakh cases per day since the last 3-4 days. There has been a sustained decrease in the number of active cases over the past few weeks. For the 38th day today, recoveries have exceeded the daily new cases with 42,033 cases recovering in the last 24 hours. The Active Caseload has shrunk to 5,05,265. Present contribution of Active Caseload to India's total positive cases stands at 5.88%, following a declining curve. The Recovery Rate has also, as a consequence, increased to 92.64%. Total Recoveries as of today is 79,59,406. The gap between recovered cases and active cases has widened to 74,54,141. 78% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Delhi has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 7,014 newly recovered cases. 5,983 people recovered in Kerala followed by 4,396 in West Bengal. 72% of the new cases are from 10 States and UTs. Delhi continues to report the highest daily new cases; 5,983, which is less than its previous day tally of 7,745 new cases. Delhi is followed by West Bengal with 3,907 new cases. Kerala's daily case has declined to 3,593 while Maharashtra's new cases have declined to 3,277 cases although they occupy the third and fourth spot in reporting daily new cases.448 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Fatalities have continued to decrease with less than 500 fatalities reported for the second day. Ten States/UTs account for nearly 78%.

For details:

Prime Minister's remarks at Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2020

For details:

PM to unveil statue of Swami Vivekananda at JNU campus on 12th November 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will unveil the life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda at the campus of Jawaharlal Nehru University on 12th November at 6:30 PM via video conferencing. Union Minister for Education will also be present on the occasion. The Prime Minister has always said that the ideals of Swami Vivekananda are as relevant today as they were during the life of Swami ji. The Prime Minister himself has often emphasized that serving the masses and empowering the youth of the nation strengthens the country physically, mentally, and spiritually as well as enhances the global image of the Nation. Prosperity and power of India reside in its people and, therefore, empowering all alone will take the nation towards achieving the solemn goal of a self-reliant India.

For details:

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 1st BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the BRICS Russian Chairmanship yesterday. The agenda of the meeting included discussions on the outcomes of G20 Saudi Presidency in 2020, a digital platform to encourage infrastructure investments and expansion of the membership of the New Development Bank. The Finance Minister observed that the G20, of which all BRICS countries are members, has delivered some very significant initiatives this year including the G20 Action Plan in response to COVID-19 which has provided broad guidance to navigate a collective global response to the crisis. Additionally, the **G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative** ensured immediate support to address the liquidity needs of low-income countries. She further noted that BRICS members have played an important role in ensuring that concerns of emerging economies are

appropriately reflected in these initiatives. On the ongoing international efforts to find a solution to the issue of taxation of digital economy, Smt. Sitharaman said that a consensus solution will play an important role in ensuring fairness, equity and sustainability of tax systems.

For details:

<u>Union Minister of Culture (I/C) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel visits National Museum to review the preparations regarding re-opening of Museums, Art Galleries and Exhibitions</u>

Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) visited National Museum yesterday to review the preparations regarding re-opening of Museums, Art Galleries and Exhibitions from today, as per the SoPs issued by the Ministry. During the visit the Minister said that detailed directions have been issued to re-open the Museums, Art Galleries and Exhibitions from tomorrow. In view of this it was decided to review the arrangements made by National Museum. He expressed satisfaction with the preparations and complimented the entire team for the same. He mentioned that National Museum has taken several precautionary measures such as online tickets, temperature screening at the entrance among others. He urged all to provide their suggestions to improve the arrangement further and sought people's cooperation in the process. National Museum, New Delhi will be re-opened for public from today, 10 November, 2020 by following all the guidelines issued by various Ministries of Govt. of India. Other museums under Ministry of Culture will also follow the same.

For details:

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi to inaugurate HunarHaat" at DilliHaat, Pitampura

HunarHaat will restart from tomorrow after a gap of about 7 months due to the Corona pandemic. Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi will inaugurate the HunarHaat at Delhi Haat at Pitampura with thetheme of "Vocal for Local" where indigenous exquisite products made from "Maati (clay), Metal and Machiya (wooden & jute products)" will be the major attraction. Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today said that rare exquisite products made from clay, different metals and wooden products, products made from cane-bamboo, mesmerising pottery work etc will be available for display and sale at "HunarHaat", being organised at Delhi Haat, Pitampura from 11th to 22nd November, 2020. The Indian indigenous industry has got tremendous boost after Shri Modi advocated to get "Vocal for Local". The artisans involved in making these indigenous products are also being extended help through various institutions for attractive packaging of "Swadeshi products". This is strengthening the mission of "AatmaNirbhar Bharat". Shri Naqvi said that more than 100 stalls have been set up at this "HunarHaat".

For details:

Startups offering medical equipment & aids catering to doctors' safety during pandemic in the new normal

Can medical equipment be designed in a manner that it can keep doctors safe and cater to unique emergency requirements of the COVID 19 crisis? Several start-ups supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) are showing the way with stethoscopes that doctors can use without touching the patient, oxygen concentrator that can help the hospitals generate their in-house oxygen and portable and app-controlled **IoT** (Internet of Things) based ventilator system. Several Indian medical devices manufacturers and indigenous automation companies took up the pandemic as a challenge and

came up with **innovative designs** of ventilators, **portable** respiratory aids or devices for **contactless diagnosis** and **monitoring** of the patients. Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India through its Centre for Augmenting WAR with COVID-19 Health Crisis (CAWACH) initiative scouted, evaluated and supported promising ventilator, respiratory aids and other vital medical equipment from 5 companies who have now taken their products to deployment stage.

For details:

29 Projects Approved Under Chairmanship of Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee (IMAC) meeting chaired by Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries yesterday approved 21 projects, leveraging investment worth Rs 443 crores supported with a grant of Rs. 189 Crores under the Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition. 8 projects leveraging investment worth Rs 62 crores with grants of Rs. 15 cr under the BFL Scheme were approved in another meeting chaired by Union FPI Minister. Shri RameswarTeli, MoS, FPI was also present in the meeting. Shri Tomar said that these projects would benefit farmers and consumers. He urged the officers to expedite the implementation of approved projects. 21 projects are likely to generate employment for nearly 12600 people and benefit 200592 farmers. These projects are spread across the 10 states of Andhra, Gujarat, HP, J&K, Kerala, Nagaland, Punjab, Telangana, UK, UP. The Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value addition infrastructure aims at arresting post-harvest losses of horticulture & non-horticulture produce & providing remunerative price to farmers. 8 projects approved in another meeting are likely to generate employment for nearly 2500 people.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- · Maharashtra: The downward trend of COVID-19 cases continued in Maharashtra on Monday. The state reported 3,277 new COVID-19 cases, which is the lowest since the June 23rd. Mumbai reported 599 new cases. Pune also recorded a significant dip at 631 new cases reported on Monday.
- · Gujarat: Gujarat's Coronavirus tally touched nearly 1.82 lakh cases on Monday with 971 fresh cases as the state Health Department data. Five persons, including one in Mehsana, succumbed to the viral infection on the day, taking the overall death toll to 3,768. At least 1,000 patients were discharged across Gujarat on Monday. So far, 1.65 lakh Covid-19 patients have recovered in the state.
- · Rajasthan: Ahead of Diwali, active Covid-19 cases and daily new infections have started to rise again after declining rapidly in the second half of October. The state reported 1,858 new cases on Monday, as the number of active cases climbed to 16,542.
- · Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh on Monday reported 809 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the count of infections to 1,78,168, while six fatalities pushed the death toll to 3,034. A total of 681 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, taking the tally of recoveries to 1,67,084. Number of active cases in the state is 8,050.
- Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh government on Monday directed officials to strictly implement the order of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on the sale and use of firecrackers observing that excessive fireworks may trigger air pollution that could increase the spread of COVID-19. A state

- government order has restricted the period for bursting of crackers during festivals to only two hours. Chhattisgarh has 21,221 active Covid cases as on date.
- Assam: In Assam, 328 cases detected out of 28,526 tests conducted today, with positivity rate of 1.15%. 508 patients discharged & total cases are 2,09,117, State Health Minister tweeted.
- · Manipur: In Manipur, Churachandpur doctors set up COVID-19 OT from own pocket due to a surge in number of patients.
- · Meghalaya; In Meghalaya, total active COVID-19 cases are 1,024, total recovered cases 9,112 & new cases 28.
- · Mizoram: After 11 days blockade on National Highway 306, Assam police escorted more than 20 trucks to Mizoram.
- Nagaland: With 29 new cases on Monday, Nagaland's COVID-19 positive cases reach 9,503. Active cases are 941 while recoveries are 8,423.
- Sikkim: Sikkim COVID-19 status is- cured & discharged- 3,839, active cases- 305, new cases- 51; Total cases till date are 4,308.
- Kerala: With local body elections around the corner, the State health department is worried whether the democratic exercise could trigger another Covid-19 wave in Kerala. All eyes are on the outcome of a plea filed by an independent MLA at the Supreme Court to postpone the poll, which is expected to be heard on next Monday. State expert committee for Covid-19 have observed that the possibility of formation of 'election clusters' similar to that of 'Onam clusters' could not be ruled out. Meanwhile, with the two-month long Sabarimala pilgrimage season is to commence from November 16, the government has issued health advisory to ensure strict compliance by pilgrims to standard protocols while trekking the hill shrine to prevent the spread of Covid-19.
- Tamil Nadu: Reopening of Tamil Nadu schools: Meeting with parents ends in deadlock; over 12,000 schools in TN on Monday, held a State-wide consultation to ascertain stakeholders' opinion on reopening schools for students in classes 9 to 12. Tamil Nadu govt issues SOPs as museums reopen from November 10; the number of visitors to be allowed for entry per hour to be ascertained considering the physical distancing of six feet. Tamil Nadu reported 18 Covid-19 fatalities yesterday, lowest in nearly five months.
- Karnataka: The department of higher education has formulated the SOPs as per UGC guidelines, in view of the opening of degree, engineering, and diploma colleges in the state from Nov 17. KSRTC to run 1000 extra buses this festive season; advance reservation of tickets for the special and scheduled buses of KSRTC can be booked through 706 counters within Karnataka and in other states. Despite high footfall due to festival season, Bengaluru City reported 978 cases yesterday, which is the lowest in last 4 months.
- Andhra Pradesh: The government has set up a state-level steering committee to chalk out distribution of Covid vaccine. Orders have been issued for setting up a steering committee with a total of 18 members. Chief Secretary Neelam Sahni will be the Chairperson of the Committee; while Principal Chief Secretary of Health Department will act as Convener. Healthcare workers will be the first to be vaccinated against the novel coronavirus whenever a vaccine is ready for the public. Eight districts of Andhra Pradesh record less than 100 Covid-19 cases yesterday; meanwhile, 1,549 patients getting cured from the infection in the same period brought down active

- cases to 21,235. Overall, more than 8.16 lakh persons who tested positive for Covid-19 have recovered in the state.
- Telangana: 1267 new cases, 1831 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1267 cases, 201 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,52,455; Active cases: 18,581; Deaths: 1385; Discharges: 2,32,489 with a recovery rate of 92.09 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 92.60 per cent.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- India reports 37th Day of Recoveries outnumbering New Cases
- 45,903 persons have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, with 48,405 persons recovering in the period
- Number of active caseload of India shrinks to 5.09 lakhs
- National Recovery Rate boosts to 92.56%
- India's Cumulative Positivity Rate has dropped to 7.19% today
- Health Ministry's telemedicine service eSanjeevani completes 7 lakh consultations

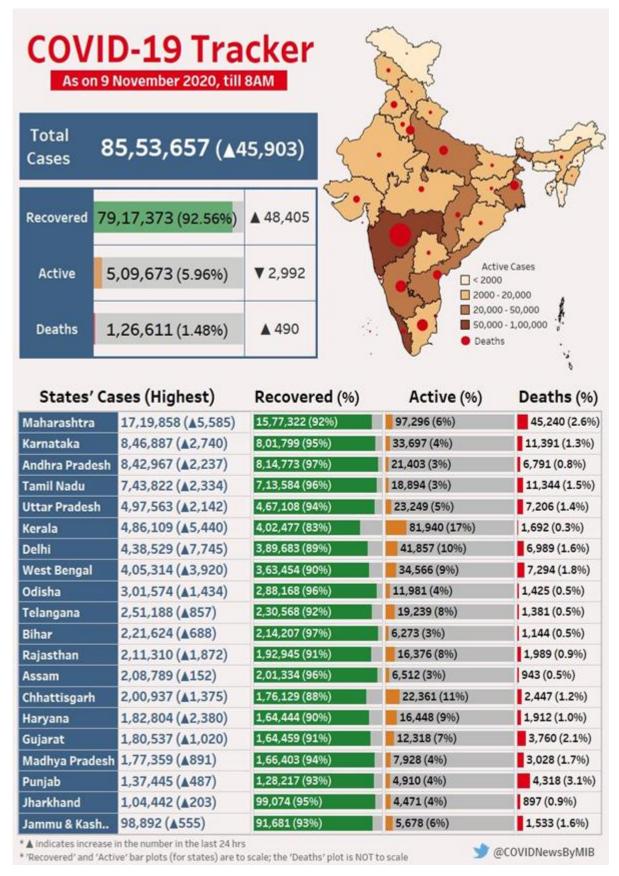
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 09 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(↑↓ Status change since yesterday) Active (5.96%)
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Discharged (92.56%) 7917373 (48405全) Deaths (1.48%)
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<u>India reports 37th Day of Recoveries outnumbering New Cases, Positivity Rate and Daily Fatalities continue with sustained Decline</u>

For the second day, new cases reported in the last 24 hours did not cross the 50,000 mark. 45,903 persons have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours. New daily cases continue to trend downwards with the success of Jan-Andolan promoting COVID appropriate behaviour. The trend of recoveries outnumbering new cases has continued for the 37th Day with 48,405 cases recovering in the last 24 hours. This trend has continued to shrink the active caseload of India which is presently 5.09 lakhs. With a manageable contribution of 5.95% of India's total positive cases, India's active caseload stands at 5,09,673. The Recovery Rate has also been boosted with the trend of recoveries exceeding new cases. It presently stands at 92.56%. Total Recoveries today stand at 79,17,373. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has steadily widened to 74,07,700. India's Cumulative Positivity Rate has also dropped to 7.19% today. 79% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 8,232 newly recovered cases. 6,853 people recovered in Kerala followed by 6,069 in Delhi. 79% of the new cases are from 10 States and UTs. Delhi has reported the highest daily new cases, also its highest tally so far with 7,745 new cases. Delhi is followed by Maharashtra with 5,585 cases and Kerala with 5,440 cases. 490 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Fatalities have continued to decrease with less than 500 fatalities reported in the last 24 hours. Of these 490 new deaths, ten States/UTs account for nearly 81%.

For details:

<u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews COVID and public health measures with Health Ministers and senior State officials of 9 States</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today interacted with the State Health Ministers and Principal Secretaries/ Additional Chief Secretaries of 9 states. These states included Andhra Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, Haryana and Kerala. The States/ some districts in the States have been reporting a rise in the number of cases, high average daily cases on a seven day average, decline in testing, high rate of mortality within the first 24/48/72 hours of hospitalisation, high doubling rate, higher death among the vulnerable population groups. Dr. Harsh Vardhan started by reminding everyone that the country had stepped into the 11th month of the pandemic with the first meeting on COVID being held on 8th of January. Restating his concern that the coming winter and the long festive season pose a significant risk that could threaten the gains made collectively till now against COVID-19, he said, "We all need to bemore vigilant for the entire festive season that started with Dussehra and would continue onto Diwali, Chhat Puja, Christmas and then onto Makar Sankranti in the next year. Respiratory virus also spreads rapidly in the winter months."

For details:

<u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan discusses implementation of Prime Minister's Jan Andolan with Health and Medical Education Minister of Chhattisgarh</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on Saturday interacted withSh. Tribhuvaneshwar Saran Singh Deo,Health and Medical Education Minister of Chhattisgarh in the presence ofDistrict Magistrates and Municipal Commissioners of different districts of Chhattisgarh. Reiterating his concern that the coming winter and the long festive season pose a significant risk that could threaten the gains made against COVID-19, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "We all need to be more

vigilant for the next three months. Hon'ble Prime Minister's message of wearing mask, maintaining a physical distance and frequent handwashing should reach the last citizen." Comparing the COVID trajectory of Chhattisgarh with that of the country, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "The recovery rate of Chhattisgarh stands at 87% against the National rate of 92%. The State actually has a lower CFR of 1.19% compared to 1.49% for the entire country." He expressed concern that the State is still seeing a high positivity in the districts of Rajnandgaon, Durg, Raipur, Bilaspur, Raigarh and Baloda-bazar while cases are increasing in tribal areas as well.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan holds first of its kind policy consultations with Indian Scientific Diaspora on STIP-2020 in a virtual meeting

Union Minister for Science Technology, Earth Sciences, and Health & Family Welfare, Dr.Harsh Vardhan chaired the first of its kind policy consultation with the highly-skilled Indian diaspora to facilitate channels for them to contribute to India's Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020, on Sunday evening in New Delhi. Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that the landmark policy initiative has been started as India and the world reorient in the present context of the COVID-19 crisis and emphasised, "The consultation aims at generating and streamlining key ideas in the making of STIP 2020 and involving the Indian diaspora as one of major stakeholders in the policy formulation process." He encouraged the Indian Scientific diaspora to share their suggestions on the policy adding that these suggestions would be collated and considered to be included in the draft STI policy.

For details:

Health Ministry's telemedicine service eSanjeevani completes 7 lakh consultations

eSanjeevani, the national telemedicine service set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has completed 7 lakh consultations on Saturday. The last one lakh consultations have come up in 11 days. This novel digital modality to deliver OPD services virtually has been rapidly gaining popularity. With over 10,000 consultations being recorded on eSanjeevani per day, it is shaping into the largest OPD services set up in the country. An innovative intervention to deliver health services, eSanjeevani has started making impact in smaller towns and rural areas. While telemedicine is beneficial for the patients, it also is favourable for the doctors practicing telemedicine as it limits the contact with patients who are present virtually. Utilisation of eSanjeevani in States like Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka has gone up significantly in the recent past. In Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Uttarakhand the utilisation of eSanjeevani has already been high and steady for past few months. The top ten States which have registered highest consultations through eSanjeevani and eSanjeevaniOPD platforms are Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Maharashtra. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India along with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (Mohali) is consistently enhancing the capabilities and adding new functionalities in eSanjeevani in consultation with State Administrations.

For details:

PM inaugurates and lays foundation stone of various development projects in Varanasi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects in Varanasi today through video conference. The Prime Minister today launched 16 schemes worth Rs 220 crore and informed that the work has already begun on 14 schemes worth Rs 400 crore in Varanasi. The projects inaugurated today include Sarnath Light and Sound show, upgradation of Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital Ramnagar, sewerage related works, infrastructure facilities for protection and conservation of cows, multipurpose seed storehouse, agriculture produce warehouse of 100 MT, IPDS phase 2, a housing complex for players in Sampurnanand Stadium, Varanasi city smart lighting work, along with 105 Anganwadi Kendras and 102 Gau Ashray Kendras.

For details:

<u>Text of PM's address at foundation stone laying ceremony of various development projects in Varanasi</u>

For details:

PM addresses 51st convocation of IIT Delhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has asked the fresh IIT graduates to recognize the needs of the country and connect with the changes on the ground. He also asked them to identify with the aspirations of the common people in the context of Atamnirbanar Bharat. The Prime Minister was addressing the 51st Annual Convocation Ceremony of IIT Delhi as Chief Guest via video conferencing, on Saturday. Congratulating more than 2000 IITians on their convocation, the Prime Minister said AtmaNirbhar Campaign is a mission that gives opportunities to youth, technocrats and tech-enterprise leaders of the country. He said today a favorable environment has been created for implementation of the ideas and innovation of the technocrats freely and to scale them and market them easily. He said that today's India is committed to provide 'ease of doing business' to its youth so that they can bring changes in the life of crores of their countrymen through their innovation. "The country will give you 'ease of business' you just work for 'ease of living' of the people of this country," Shri Modi said. The Prime Minister said post-Covid world is going to be very different and technology will play the biggest role in it. He said Virtual Reality was never thought of but now Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality have become the Working Reality. He said the present batch of students has a first mover advantage to learn and adapt to the new norms emerging in the workplace and he urged them to make most use of this. He said Covid -19 has taught Globalization is important but Self-Reliance is equally important.

For details:

Text of PM's address at the convocation ceremony of IIT Delhi

For details:

PM inaugurates Ro-Pax terminal at Hazira

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ro-Pax terminal at Hazira and flagged off the Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira and Ghogha in Gujarat through video conferencing on Sunday. He also interacted with the local users. He renamed the Ministry of Shipping as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that business will be boosted and connectivity will become faster. He further said RO-PAX service between Hazira and Ghogha has made dreams come true for the people of Saurashtra and South Gujarat, as the journey is shortened from 10-12 hours to 3-4 hours. He said this will save time and expenses will also be reduced. He said about 80000 passenger trains and 30000 trucks will be able to take advantage of this new service in a year. Shri Modi also said better connectivity between Saurashtra and Surat is going to change the life of the people in

these regions. He added fruits, vegetables and milk can now easily be transported and pollution will also be reduced due to this service. He thanked all those engineers, workers, who remained courageous to develop the facility amidst a lot of challenges. He wished the people for this new maritime connectivity established between Bhavnagar and Surat.

For details:

English rendering of PM's address at inauguration of Ro-Pax terminal at Hazira

For details:

13th Urban Mobility India Conference on "Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility" Inaugurated

Shri Hardeep S. Puri, MoS (I/C), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has stated that "Future mobility is about striving towards environment-friendly, integrated, automated and personalized travel ondemand. New advancements like intelligent transportation systems, and traffic management applications are in the pipeline for enhanced mobility in major cities." He was speaking at the 13th Urban Mobility India Conference on the theme of "Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility" today. Prof. Jan Gehl, Founder and Senior Advisor, M/s Gehl, Mr Jean-Baptiste Djebbari, Minister Delegate for Transport, Ministry for the Ecological Transition, Government of France, Dr. Claudia Warning, Director-General GIZ, Shri D S Mishra, Secretary, Housing and Urban Affairs attended the Conference. Addressing the Conference, the Minister said that in the aftermath of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, India is likely to experience a behavioral change in urban mobility. This crisis also presents an opportunity to guide the recovery of urban transport towards long-term development goals. As articualted by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi that the present crisis should be turned into an opportunity to create an 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat', and the time being ripe enough to make bold decisions and investments. To my friends from abroad, Atma Nirbhar Bharat essentially means "self-reliant India". Investment in infrastructure to address more effective circulation and interchange of people and goods will have an economic multiplier effect — both job-creation in the present and boosting growth and productivity in the future. During the Conference, Awards for innovations in Urban Transport during Covid-19 were also announced.

For details:

Arunachal Pradesh School Children to Wear Khadi Face Masks

Thousands of school children in Arunachal Pradesh will be sporting tri-color Khadi Face Masks as they return to their schools for the first time post Covid-19 lockdown. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has supplied 60,000 high quality Khadi Cotton Face Masks for school children as the Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to reopen schools from November 16. This purchase order assumes great significance as this is for the first time that a State Government in North East India has purchased such a huge quantity of Khadi face masks for its students. The purchase order was issued on November 3, and in just 6 days, KVIC has supplied the requisite masks to the government considering the urgency involved. In order to ensure timely delivery of masks, KVIC has dispatched the consignment by air.

For details:

<u>Union Minister and renowned diabetologist Dr. Jitendra Singh says, right food regime plays an important role in disease control</u>

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a renowned Diabetologist, said that proper food regime prescribed for a diabetic patient can also be prescribed for healthy people so that they cannot catch the disease. Delivering the inaugural address, as chief guest on the topic "Digital Outreach for Knowledge Upgradation-Diabetes Specific Nutrition", organized by Association of Physicians of Indiaon the eve of World Diabetes Week on Sunday, he said, COVID has prompted us to discover new norms in adversity and underlined the importance of Indian Traditional Medicine System.Dr Jitendra Singh said that ever since Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister of India, he has brought to the centre stage the virtues of indigenous system of medical management. He said, it was Modi, who brought a unanimous resolution in the United Nations to observe International Day of Yoga, as a result of which Yoga has reached virtually every household across the world. While Corona has taught us to live with new norms, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it has also given the physicians a cue to emphasize on the non-pharmacological methods of management including hygiene etc which had somehow lost due importance in recent years. He noted, even after the COVID pandemic is over, the discipline of physical distancing and avoiding droplet infection will act as safeguard against many other infections as well.

For details:

<u>Claims through Affidavit Form no longer required now under Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) of ESIC</u>

The ESI Corporation in its Meeting held on 20.08.2020 had extended the Scheme, 'Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana' from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021. It was also decided to enhance the rate of relief under the scheme from present 25% of the average daily earning to 50% of average daily earning and also relax the eligibility conditions for the period 24.03.2020 to 31.12.2020 to provide relief to the workers who have become unemployed during COVID-19 Pandemic. While analysing the response of the beneficiaries to the Scheme under relaxed conditions, it was found that the condition of submitting the claim in Affidavit Form is causing inconvenience to the claimants. Considering the difficulties faced by the beneficiaries, it has now been decided that the claimant who has submitted the claim under Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana online and uploaded the scanned copies of the required documents i.e. copies of Aadhar and Bank details need not submit the physical claim. If the documents are not uploaded at the time of online filing of the claim, claimant will submit the printout of the claim duly signed along with the required documents. Condition for submitting the claim in Affidavit Form has been dispensed with.

For details:

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi announces Haj 2021 guidelines

Online application process for Haj 2021 started, with Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi announcing Haj 2021 with significant changes keeping in view the Corona pandemic. While announcing Haj 2021 at Haj House on Saturday, Mumbai Shri Naqvi said that national-international Protocol Guidelines due to Pandemic Position will be implemented and followed strictly during the Haj 2021. The last date of applying for Haj 2021 is 10th December, 2020. The people can apply online, offline and through **Haj Mobile App**. Shri Naqvi said that **Haj 2021 is scheduled for June-July 2021**, and the entire Haj process is being held according to the necessary guidelines issued by the Saudi Arabia Government and the Government of India in view of Corona Pandemic to ensure health and well-being of the people in India and Saudi Arabia. The Haj 2021 process has been chalked out after

deliberations among Ministry of Minority Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Haj Committee of India, Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia and India's Consul General in Jeddah and other agencies keeping in view all aspects of the pandemic challenges. Shri Naqvi said that the entire Haj travel process has been done with significant changes in view of the pandemic. These include accommodation, period of stay of pilgrims, transportation, health and other facilities both in India and Saudi Arabia. Shri Naqvi said that all the necessary guidelines for Haj 2021 amid Pandemic position from the Saudi Arabia Government will be implemented strictly.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: Covid-19 case positivity ratio has been showing a declining trend in Maharashtra. In November, so far, the positivity rate has averaged 8.35%. This ratio was around 15% in October and 24% in September. Maharashtra, on Sunday, continued to record a dip in cases over the past few weeks, reporting 5,052 new cases. Mumbai reported 998 new cases.
- Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 1,020 fresh Covid-19 cases and seven deaths on Sunday, taking the state tally to 1,80,980 and total toll to 3,788. Though declined from the usual over 200 cases, Surat with 194 cases continues to top the state with the highest number of cases reported on a single day. Ahmedabad reported 195 new cases.
- **Rajasthan:** First week of November has remained slightly better in comparison to last week of October as number of Covid-19 cases and deaths have reduced marginally. October's last week had reported 12,571 cases and 81 deaths, but in November's first week, the state reported 12,445 cases and 72 deaths, 126 cases and nine deaths less than October's last week.
- Madhya Pradesh: After a month-long lull, the number of active Covid-19 casesin the state have started increasing since the past two days. The overall number of Covid-19 cases reported per day have also started increasing steadily since November 2. On Sunday, 891 fresh cases were reported in the state taking the count of total Covid cases reported so far in the state to 1.77 lakhs.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh on Sunday reported1,375 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the total count of infections to 2,00,937, a health official said. The count of recoveries increased to 1.76 lakhs after 153 people were discharged from various hospitals while 1,940 patients completed their home isolation period during the day.
- **Kerala:** State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has stated that Covid out- patient service will be made available through e-Sanjeevini, the telemedicine service which is implemented under Ayushman Bharat health initiative for tele-consultation. She said treatment for post-Covid issues will also be taken up under this platform. In an effort to analyse the impact of the reverse quarantine implemented in the state following the pandemic outbreak, Kerala has launched a comprehensive study by comparing similar measures adopted by other states. Meanwhile, to assist the increasing number of people seeking assistance of mental health

specialists for Covid-induced psychiatric issues, the Health department is considering the recommendations of the Union Health Ministry and the Bengaluru-based NIMHANS for redesigning its intervention programmes.

- Tamil Nadu: State health officials concerned about over-reliance on CT scans to diagnose Covid-19; official say that patients are delaying treatment by skipping PCR tests and opting for scans and blood tests instead. Spread of Covid-19 higher in 3 Tamil Nadu districts, says Chief Secretary; on recent sero-surveys conducted to find people's exposure to virus, he said that only 30 per cent of participants were found to have antibodies. Four doctors and nurses at Madurai Govt. Hospital re-infected with coronavirus. The State government's finances, especially the collections through the State Own Tax Revenue (SOTR), appear to be on the path of recovery, if the pattern of revenue generation in the last two months is any indication.
- · Karnataka: Chitradurga to house Covid-19 vaccine centre; the storage centre will have a capacity to store 10 lakh doses of vaccines at a time and preparations have been made. Auto rickshaws and cab drivers in the state are caught between the Centre's new Motor Vehicle Act 2019 and the state's Motor Vehicle Act; though the Centre's new act has come into force, the state government is yet to issue a gazette notification implementing this act across the state. As many have lowered their guard with Covid cases coming down, authorities in Mandya are reviving the village-level task force teams to monitor and create awareness on Covid restrictions.
- Andhra Pradesh: State has kicked off second serological surveillance to ascertain the prevalence of coronavirus among citizens, and form strategies to tackle the situation. While the first survey was conducted in two phases, all the 13 districts of the state are being surveyed at once in the second. As per the results of the first survey, 19.7 per cent of the population in the state has developed antibodies. State Government has taken a decision announcing that it will give top priority to save the lives of corona warriors who risk their lives in government and government-recognised private hospitals, by making available the vaccine as soon as it is launched for public use.
- Telangana: 857 new cases, 1504 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 857 cases, 250 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,51,188; Active cases: 19,239; Deaths: 1381; Discharges: 2,30,568. State government launched its prestigious Telangana Diagnostics initiative aimed at addressing non-availability of diagnostic tests at the government hospitals not only in Hyderabad but across the State. Passenger rides continue to steadily escalate in Hyderabad Metro taking it to the second position, after Delhi Metro, in terms of patronage since commencement of operations post unlock in September.
- · **Assam:** In Assam, 152 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 395 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 208789, total discharged patients 201331, active 6512 and 943 deaths.

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- India is reporting more recoveries daily than new cases successively for the last five weeks now
- 54,157 COVID patients have recovered in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases are 47,638
- National Recovery Rate has further improved to 92.32%
- Active cases stand at 5,20,773 today
- Prime Minister says that the pandemic successfully brought out traits like a sense of responsibility, a spirit of compassion, national unity and the spark of innovation, for which Indians are known for
- UGC Issues Guidelines for Re-opening the Universities and Colleges Postlockdown due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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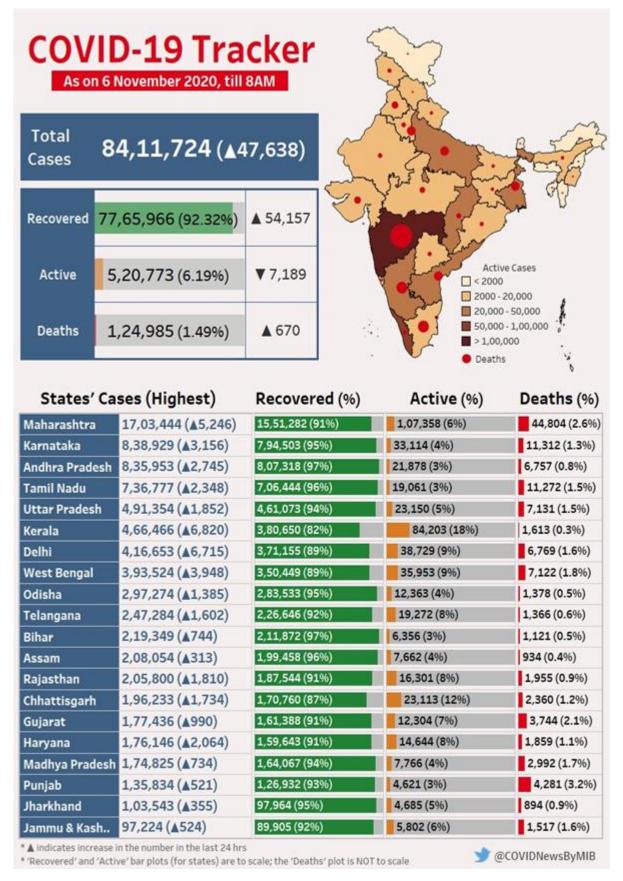
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COVID-19 INDIA as on: 06 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†↓ Status change since yesterday) Active (6.19%)
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Discharged (92.32%) 7765966 (54157♠)

Deaths (1.49%)
124985 (6704)



New Recoveries exceed New Cases continuously from last 5 weeks, Sustained dip in the Active Cases; stand at 5.2 lakh today

Less than 50,000 new cases have been reported in the country in the last 24 hours whereas the daily new recoveries have exceeded 54,000. India is reporting new recoveries more than the daily new cases successively for the last five weeks now. 54,157 COVID patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases presently are pegged at 47,638. There is a continuous decline in average daily new cases for last 5 weeks. From registering more than 73,000 average daily new cases in the first week of October, the average daily new cases have declined to 46,000 cases. The active cases are also on a sustained decline as a result of continuously rising recoveries. The active cases stand at 5,20,773 today. The active cases now comprise only 6.19% of the total positive cases of the country. The declining trend of the active cases is supported by a high number of recovered cases. The total recovered cases stand at 7,765,966. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is nearing 72.5 lakh (72,45,193). The national Recovery Rate has further improved to 92.32%. 80% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra has contributed the maximum with more than 11,000 single day recoveries. 79% of the new cases are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra is reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 10,000 cases followed by Kerala with more than 9,000 cases.670 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, ten States/UTs account for nearly 86%. More than 38% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (256 deaths). Delhi follows with 66 new deaths.

For details:

PM chairs Virtual Global Investor Roundtable

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired Virtual Global Investor Roundtable yesterday. Addressing the roundtable, the Prime Minister said through this year, as India bravely fought the global pandemic, the world saw India's national character and India's true strengths. He said the pandemic has successfully brought out traits like a sense of responsibility, a spirit of compassion, national unity and the spark of innovation, for which Indians are known for. The Prime Minister remarked that India has shown remarkable resilience in this pandemic, by fighting the virus as well as ensuring economic stability. He attributed this resilience to the strength of the systems in India, support of the people and stability of the Government's policies. The Prime Minister said New India is being built which is free of old practices and today, India is changing for the better. He added India's quest to become AatmaNirbhar is not just a vision but a well-planned economic strategy. He stressed it is a strategy that aims to use the capabilities of India's businesses and skills of its workers to make India into a global manufacturing powerhouse. Shri Modi said it aims to use the country's strength in technology to become a global centre for innovations and aims to contribute to global development using its immense human resources & their talents.

For details:

Text of PM's address at the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable

For details:

EEPC India, NID join hands for scaling up medical device industry to meet health challenges like Covid 19

EEPC India and the National Institute of Design have joined together to promote and upgrade the designs and technology for the medical devices industry, enabling it to meet the emerging needs of the country's health sector, particularly in the aftermath of Covid-19 pandemic. With a view to taking the innovative and superior designs to the implementation level, the MSME Ministry has approved seven incubation ideas for the health sector under a special government scheme, Mr. D K Singh, Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner (MSME) said today. He was addressing a webinar at the launch of the EEPC India-NID Design Series. It has been titled as: Post Covid 19- Design Intervention for Medical Device Industry. He said the first design series had been proposed for the medical sector. "During this pandemic situation of COVID-19, the country is trying to tackle the situation to overcome this difficult phase. We are able to produce over 2 lakh PPE kits in a day to fight COVID-19. Medical devices have been one of the key import-dominant sectors in our country. Dependence on complex medical devices for critical care is technology centric and calls for a consistent focus on innovation and design," Mr. Singh said.

For details:

<u>UGC Issues Guidelines for Re-opening the Universities and Colleges Post Lockdown due to COVID-19 Pandemic</u>

The University Grants Commission framed and issued Guidelines for the universities and colleges for reopening their campuses. These Guidelines have been vetted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Education. The Guidelines may be adopted by the institutions as per the local conditions and directives of the Government authorities. The Universities and Colleges outside the containment zones may be opened in a graded manner after consultations with concerned State/UT Governments and subject to adherence to the guidelines/SOP for safety and health protocol prepared by UGC. These Guidelines provide in detail the measures to be taken by Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) before re-opening of campuses. It also describes the safety measures to be taken by HEIs at Entry/Exit Point(s), in the classrooms and other learning sites, inside the campus and I n the Hostels. Guidance for counselling and mental health is also provided in this document. Earlier, the University Grants Commission issued "Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown" on 29th April, 2020 and then, on 6th July, 2020. These Guidelines covered important dimensions related to examinations, academic calendar, admissions, online teaching-learning, and provided flexibility for adoption by the universities.

For details:

RT-PCR tests conducted at National Archery camp in Pune, Archer Himani Malik tests positive

As per the Standard Operating Procedures established by the Sports Authority of India, campers who are a part of the National Archery camp currently in progress at the Army Sports Institute, Pune were given a RT-PCR test to know their Covid-19 status. Of the 23 campers who were tested, one Himani Malik tested positive for Covid-19 while the other 22 came negative. Malik is currently asymptomatic and has been admitted to a hospital as a precautionary measure.

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Fare bands for domestic flights extended upto 24th February, 2021

The fare bands within which the airlines have to operate have been extended upto 24th February, 2021 by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. se fare bands came into force with effect from 21st May, 2020. daily passenger traffic has reached 2.05 lakh on 1st November, 2020. When the domestic aviation opened in May 2020, the airlines were enabled to fly upto 33% of the normal capacity (as per summer schedule, 2020). At that time, the average daily traffic was about 30,000. This cap was enhanced to 45% w.e.f. 26th June, 2020. This cap was further revised to 60% w.e.f. 2nd September, 2020. At present the airlines can operate upto 60% of their capacity.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: 84 new COVID-19 positive cases detected in the state yesterday. Currently 1621 active cases in the state.Recovery rate is now more than 89 percent. The Itanagar capital Region currently accounts for 57.55 percent of the total number of active Covid-19 cases in the state.
- Assam:In Assam during the last 24 hours 313 COVID-19 cases detected out of 27959 tests conducted with positivity rate of 1.12%.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya total active COVID-19 cases reached to 989 and total recovered cases stands at 8813. While 92 new cases found in the state.
- Mizoram:32 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases reached to 2990 and active cases stands at 515.
- Nagaland: Nagaland reported 57 new COVID cases on Thursday. There were 144 recoveries too.
- Maharashtra: The declining trend in daily Covid-19 cases continued as Maharashtra recorded 5,246 positive cases on Thursday, much lower than Delhi's daily record. Mumbai recorded 841 new cases, with active caseload down to 16,116, which is one-sixth of the state's active caseload. With the upcoming festive season posing a major challenge during the novel coronavirus pandemic the Maharashtra Government today issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Diwali. It has urged people not to burst firecrackers.
- Madhya Pradesh: The number of COVID-19 cases in Madhya Pradesh rose to 1,74,825 on Thursday with 734 more people testing positive, while five fresh fatalities took the toll to 2,992. A total of 817 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, taking the state's overall recovery count to 1,64,067
- Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh Government has initiated the process of creating a database of health workers from state-run and private health facilities for vaccination once an antidote for Covid-19 is available. A state Task Force has been created to facilitate inter departmental coordination.
- Goa: One of the most popular tourist hotspots in the country, Goa is set to witness a significant jump in the arrival of visitors as flight and hotel bookings climb up for this coastal state. Online travel agency Ixigo said bookings for Goa have jumped by 74 per cent, and inquiries by 66 per cent in October, from a month ago. Earlier this week the Goa Government permitted reopening of Casinos with 50 percent capacity.
- Kerala: State Election Commission has announced the schedule of local body polls to be conducted in three phases by strictly adhering to Covid-19 protocols. Polling for 1199 local bodies will be held on 8th, 10th and 14th of December. Counting will be held on December 16th. Announcing the poll schedule, State Election Commissioner V. Bhaskaran said arrangements will be made for Covid patients and those in quarantine to cast votes. They must apply at least three days in advance. Use of masks, gloves and maintaining social distancing will be strictly complied with. Meanwhile, State Health Minister

- K.K.Shylaja has said that the working of State Covid outbreak Control Cell has been strengthened in view of the increase of Covid-19 cases in the state. Kerala reported 6820 new cases and 26 deaths yesterday.
- Tamil Nadu: Chief Justice of Madras High Court Amreshwar Pratap Sahi has been tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital in Chennai. BJP leaders defy Tamil Nadu govt to launch 'Vetrivel Yatra': BJP State president L Murugan today left for Tiruttani to 'launch' Vetrivel Yatra even as the State government had denied permission for the month-long programme. Delay reopening of schools and colleges, says Prince of Arcot; he said reopening now would be like playing with fire and lead to a spike in cases.
- Karnataka: Karnataka becomes latest state to ban firecrackers due to covid-19 pandemic. The decision comes at a time when Karnataka has been recording more than 3000 cases on average on a daily basis for more than a week now. The gram panchayat elections in Karnataka, which were to be held in December this year, may be postponed to February 2021. A high-level expert committee led by Dr M K Sudarshan on Thursday submitted a detailed report on how dangerous it might be to conduct GP elections at this time when the number of Covid-19 cases is increasing in rural areas.
- Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh is witnessing rising number of coronavirus cases creating tension after reopening of government schools, as the number of teachers and students affected by the contagion is growing slowly. According to the Department of Education, 70,790 teachers have been tested for Covid-19 with 829 of them being found positive, while 575 students have been diagnosed with dreadful virus after examining 95,763 samples.
- Telangana: 1602 new cases, 982 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; out of 1602 cases, 295 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,47,284; Active cases: 19,272; Deaths: 1366; Discharges: 2,26,646 with recovery rate of 91.65 per cent.

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- Active cases are less than 6 lakh for the last seven consecutive day and stand presently at 5,27,962
- 27 States/UTs have less than 20,000 active cases
- National Recovery Rate has further improved to 92.20%
- 55,331 COVID patients have recovered in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 50,210
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorts Delhi to implement Prime Minister's Jan Andolan successfully to blunt the momentum of COVID by the end of the year
- SOPs issued for "Re-opening of Museums, Art Galleries and Exhibitions" on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19

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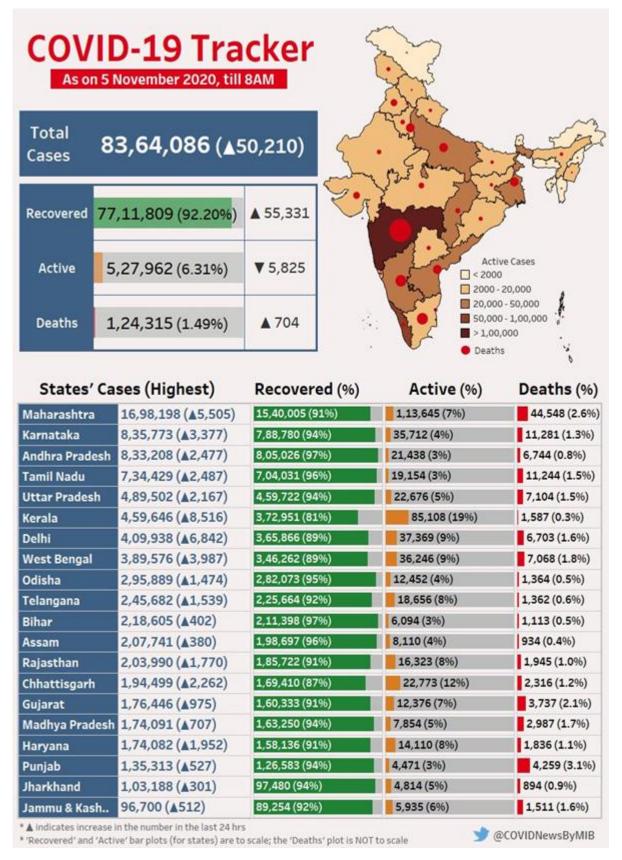
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Discharged (92.20%)

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Deaths (1.49%)

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<u>India maintains a steady trajectory of sustained fall in Active Cases, 27 States/UTs have less than 20,000 Active Cases, 10 States account for 78% of total Active Cases</u>

India continues to report a steady trend of declining active cases. The active cases are less than 6 lakh for the last seven consecutive day and stand presently at **5,27,962**. The active cases are now only **6.31%** of the total positive cases of the country. Following the national trend, 27 States/UTs have less than 20,000

active cases. 10 States/UT account for 78% of the total active cases in the country. Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi and West Bengal together account for more than 51% of the active cases. The declining trend of the active cases is complemented by the unbroken increase, day on day number of recovered cases. The total recovered cases stand at 7,711,809. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has reached nearly 72 lakh (71,83,847). The national Recovery Rate has further improved to 92.20%. 55,331 COVID patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 50,210. 82% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra, Kerala and Karnataka have contributed the maximum to the single day recoveries with more than 8,000 recoveries. They together account for more than 45% of the new recovered cases. 79% of the new cases are found concentrated in 10 States and UTs.Kerala continues to be the State reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 8,000 cases followed by Delhi with more than 6,000 cases. 704 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, ten States/UT account for nearly 80% of the new deaths. More than 42% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra alone (300 deaths).

For details:

"Let's end it by 2020":Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorts Delhi to implement Prime Minister's Jan Andolan successfully to blunt the momentum of COVID by the end of the year

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today interacted with Sh. Anil Baijal, Lt. Governor, Delhi and Sh. Satyendra Kumar Jain, Delhi Health Minister in presence of senior officials, Mayors, Municipal Commissioners and District Magistrates of Delhi. Lauding Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi for starting the *Jan Andolan* to make the last citizen aware of the virtues of wearing masks, physical distancing and hand washing, Dr. Harsh Vardhan highlighted that the whole of government approach has helped the country curb the COVID crisis effectively.Dr. Harsh Vardhan expressed particular concern over the surge in number of cases and the high positivity rate in the North, Central, North East, East, North West and South East districts of Delhi. The Union Minister was also informed in this respect that Delhi continues to have a highly skewed RAT to RT-PCR ratio - 77% of the tests are RAT based while RT-PCR comprises only 23% of the total tests.Noting that false negative results might give way to complacency among the COVID infected, he pressed for mandatory testing of all RAT negative persons if they develop ILI/SARI symptoms afterwards.

For details:

<u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews COVID19 preparedness and measures for ensuring COVID Appropriate</u> <u>Behaviour in Karnataka</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare held a meeting through video conferencing to review COVID-19 preparedness and measures for ensuring COVID Appropriate Behaviour with Dr. K.Sudhakar, Health and Medical Education Minister, Karnataka and other senior officials of the State Government yesterday.

Expressing satisfaction over India's progress in combating Corona, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "We will soon be completing a journey of 10 months in fighting Corona. The country is now witnessing substantial improvements in COVID parameters. The number of cases and deaths are in a declining phase. The active cases have been substantially reduced. The Recovery Rate of India has surpassed 92%. The Case Fatality Rate is also declining and stands at 1.49%. With over 2000 labs, the testing capacity

has also increased", he said. Urging people across the country to follow the clarion call of Hon. Prime Minister as part of the 'Jan Andolan', the Union Health Minister urged people to follow COVID appropriate behaviour. He said, "In the coming festival and winter season, the virus poses potential threats. It becomes very important to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour to cut the transmission of virus. Whenever there is a laxity in following basic precautionary measures, the country has suffered."

For details:

ECI to host International Election Visitors Programme 2020 for Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections (05- 07 November 2020)

The Election Commission of India is organizing an International Virtual Election Visitors Programme 2020 (IEVP) for foreign Election Management Bodies (EMBs)/Organisations from 05-07 Nov 2020, in the context of the ongoing Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections. Bihar has an electorate of over 72 million, one of the largest in the world to vote so far amid the COVID19 pandemic. This provides an opportunity to share best practices and experience of the conduct of our poll process during the pandemic period. Delegates from over 40 countries across the world and 3 international organizations have been invited to participate in the IEVP 2020. The Programme for IEVP 2020 comprises an online briefing session today which would provide to the participants an overview of the large canvas of Indian electoral process, the new initiatives taken by ECI on voter facilitation, transparency and accessibility of electoral system; and ECI's response to the changing needs of training and capacity building.

For details:

Ministry of Culture issues SOPs for "Re-opening of Museums, Art Galleries and Exhibitions" on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19

Based on the Unlock 5.0 Guidelines of MHA, and after taking into consideration suggestions received from various stakeholders in the culture and creative industry, Ministry of Culture has issued detailed SOPs for "Re-opening of Museums, Art Galleries and Exhibitions" on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19. These guidelines contain Standard Operating Procedures to be followed by the management of museums, art galleries and exhibitions (both temporary and permanent), as well as the visitors to these spaces. Comprehensive guidelines have been issued for adequate cleaning, purchase of tickets and for ensuring safety of visitors and staff at museums, exhibitions and art galleries. It is clarified that no museums and/or art galleries shall re-open inside containment zones. Further, State/UT Governments may consider proposing additional measures as per their field assessment. The National Directives for COVID-19 Management and the relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, State/UT Governments, etc. shall be strictly complied with during all activities and operations. These guidelines shall come into effect immediately, and shall continue to be in effect until further orders. While the museums, exhibitions and art galleries under Ministry of Culture would be reopened from 10 November, 2020 onwards, others can be reopened as per convenience and in tune with relevant State/city /local laws, rules and regulations/unlock guidelines in force.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: One more patient died due to COVID-19 in Arunachal Pradesh; death toll mounts to 43. Currently, 1,645 active positive cases in the state. Recovery rate from COVID-19 is now 88.86 percent.
- Assam: In Assam, 380 new cases detected out of 29,026 tests conducted with positivity rate of 1.31% while 655 patients discharged. Total cases 2,07,741, recovered 95.64% & active cases 3.90%.
- Manipur: Manipur to take up new measures for dealing with COVID-19 related issues as confirmed tally crosses 19,500 cases.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, total Active Cases are 959, total recovered cases 8752 & new cases 60.
- Mizoram: 101 new cases push Mizoram's COVID-19 tally to 2,893. Male population accounts for 77% of COVID-19 cases in Mizoram.A 78 year old female COVID-19 patient died at ZMC in Mizoram this morning. This is the second COVID-19 mortality in the state.
- Nagaland: Nagaland's COVID-19 total reaches 9207, 2 more deaths reported. Active cases are 1,143 and recovered 7,934.
- Sikkim: With 29 new Covid cases, active tally is 240 in Sikkim. So far, 3,657 persons in Sikkim have recovered from Coronavirus while 73 personshave succumbed to the contagion. The total COVID-19 number in Sikkim stands at 4,093.
- Kerala: State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has urged people to observe self-lock down to curb the rampant spread of Covid-19 in the state. She also cautioned the public to take maximum precautions in the backdrop of ensuing civic polls in the state. Meanwhile, the Kerala High Court has rejected the plea for postponing the local body polls in view of the Covid situation in the state. The petitioner, an independent MLA, P.C. George said he will approach the Apex Court through an appeal. New Zealand's first India origin Minister Priyanka Radhakrishnan, who has roots in Kerala has hailed the state government's efforts in containing the virus. In an interview to a Malayalam news channel she said the state undertook sincere steps in the fight against the pandemic.
- Tamil Nadu: The State government, which recently announced the reopening of schools for Classes 9, 10, 11 and 12, has gone back on the decision; it said a consultation would be held with the parents of students and the representatives of parent-teacher associations on November 9 before a further decision is taken. Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami wrote to his counterparts in Odisha and Rajasthan urging them to reconsider the decision to ban the sale and bursting of firecrackers in these State this Deepavali season, in order to protect the livelihood of people from Tamil Nadu involved in the fireworks industry. Fisheries Minister D. Jayakumar said that the State government has declined permission for the BJP's proposed 'Vel Yatra' only to ensure that there was no second or third Covid-19 wave in Tamil Nadu; he warned that if anyone violated the restrictions, the law would take its course.
- Karnataka: The "Bengaluru Technological Summit-2020" which is all set to be held virtually for the first time has seen an overwhelming response from industry and experts than ever before despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Prime Minister Narendra modi will inaugurate the conference, said the Deputy Chief Minister Dr C.N.Ashwatha Narayana, who is also the Minister for IT. Meanwhile Primary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said that no decision has been taken yet with regard to re-opening of schools in the State.
- Andhra Pradesh: State Education Minister Adimulapu Suresh said tough measures have been initiated to prevent spread of coronavirus in government schools. Mr Suresh said that the

- management of classes 9, 10 will be reviewed after three weeks and a decision would be taken in view of the number of cases being reported. He asserted that precautionary measures are being implemented following Covid guidelines. The government will distribute free ration to sex workers in the state, as many of them are struggling to make the ends meet due to Covid-19 pandemic. Supreme Court, earlier, had directed all states to distribute free rations to sex workers and submit the details of the operation. Meanwhile, the total coronavirus positive cases in Andhra Pradesh increased to 8,33,208 with the addition of 2477 on Wednesday, but the overall infection positivity rate dropped below 10 per cent after about four months.
- Telangana: 1539 new cases, 978 recoveries & 5 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1539 cases, 285 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,45,682; Active cases: 18,656; Deaths: 1362; Discharges: 2,25,664 with a recovery rate of 91.85 per cent. Anticipating a second wave, the state health authorities have directed district medical health officers (DMHOs) to look out for possible super-spreaders of the virus; 11 districts have seen a sharp increase of Covid-19 cases over the last seven days.
- Maharashtra: The Maharashtra Government has permitted opening of Cinema Halls and Theatres in the state with 50 per cent capacity. With no big ticket releases line up during the Covid pandemic, the business prospects for cinemas are looking bleak. Meanwhile, Maharashtra recorded a recovery rate of 90.68%. The number of active cases in the state has dropped to 1.12 lakhs.
- Gujarat: The tally of coronavirus cases in Gujarat rose to 1,76,608 with 975 fresh cases being reported on Wednesday, the state health department said. With six fatalities, including three in Ahmedabad, two in Surat and one in Vadodara, the state"s COVID-19 death toll went up to 3,740, it said. At the same time, the number of recoveries outnumbered new cases, with 1,022 patients getting discharged in the day, the department said. Total number of recovered cases in Gujarat increased to 1,60,470 which pushed up the state's recovery rate to 90.86 per cent.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan reported 1,770 new Covid cases, pushing the overall case count to 2.03 lakhs. Maximum new cases, that is, 320 patients tested positive on Wednesday from Jaipur, followed by 185 patients from Jodhpur and then 179 from Bikaner. The number of active cases in the state is 16,323
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, more than 30 lakh tests have been conducted in the state so far while around 700 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours. The state also reported 884 recoveries. The positivity rate in the state has come down to around 2.6 per cent.

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- India's active caseload stands at 5.33.787
- · Total recovered cases are more than 76.5 Lakhs
- National Recovery Rate has surpassed 92% (92.09%)
- 53,357 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 46,253
- Cumulative tests are nearly 11.3 crore, with 12,09,609 tests conducted in the last 24 hours
- 6 women led Startups win COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 04 November 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

(†) Status change since yesterday) Active (6.42%)

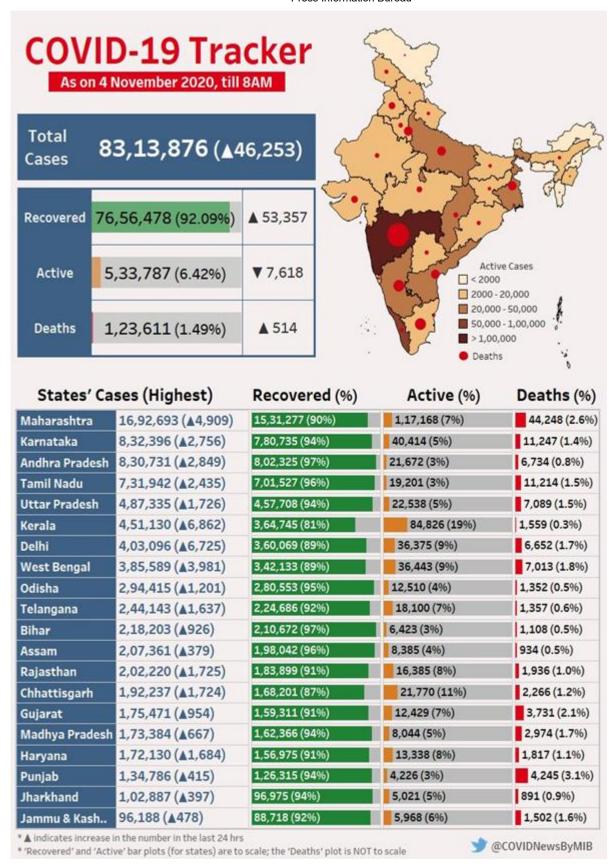
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Discharged (92.09%)

7656478 (533574)

Deaths (1.49%)

123611 (5144)



<u>India sustains trend of consistently low Active Cases, Active Caseload below 6 lakh for the sixth day;</u> Recovery Rate crosses 92%

With a high number of COVID patients recovering every day and the sustained fall in the mortality rate, India's steady trend of registering dipping active cases continues. The active caseload is sustained below the 6L mark for the sixth successive day today. India's active caseload stands at **5,33,787** today. Presently

the active cases comprise merely **6.42%** of the total positive cases of the country. 16 States & UTs have cases per million lower than the national average. The total recovered cases are more than 76.5 Lakhs (76,56,478) thereby enhancing the difference with respect to the active cases. In another achievement, the national Recovery Rate has surpassed **92%** (92.09%). **53,357** patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at **46,253**. 17 States/UTs have Recovery Rate more than the national average. The country's testing capacities have expanded rapidly. The cumulative tests are nearly 11.3 crore (11,29,98,959) today. **12,09,609** tests were conducted in the last 24 hours. 25 States/UTs have better tests per million than the national average. **80%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Kerala is leading with more than 8,000 single day recoveries followed by Karnataka with more than 7,000 recoveries. **76%** of the new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala and Delhi have contributed the maximum to the new cases with more than 6,000 cases each. Maharashtra follows with more than 4,000 new cases. **514** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours.Of these, **nearly 80%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. Maharashtra has reported the maximum single day deaths (120 deaths). India's Case Fatality Rate stands at **1.49%**. 21 States and UTs have deaths per million lower than the national average.

For details:

<u>Cabinet approves the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Israel on cooperation in the field of Health</u> and Medicine

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Israel on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. The MoU covers the areas of cooperation including Exchange and training of medical doctors and other health professionals; Assistance in development of human resources and setting up of health care facilities; Exchange of information regarding regulation of pharmaceutical, medical devices and cosmetics; Sharing expertise for vulnerability assessment for health of citizens against climate risk and public health actions targeted towards mitigation and adaptation; Sharing of expertise for facilitating climate resilient infrastructure as well as providing support for development of 'Green Healthcare' (climate resilient hospitals); Promote mutual research in various relevant areas; and any other area of cooperation as may be mutually decided upon.

For details:

Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Kingdom on cooperation in the field of Medical Products Regulation

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), India and the United Kingdom Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UK MHRA) on cooperation in the field of medical Product Regulation. The MoU will help in establishing a framework for fruitful cooperation and exchange of information between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and the United Kingdom Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UKMHRA) of United Kingdom in matters relating to Medical products regulation in line with their international responsibilities.

For details:

PM to chair Virtual Global Investor Roundtable on 5th November

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will chair the Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) on 5th November, 2020. The VGIR is being organized by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and National Investment and Infrastructure Fund. It is an exclusive dialogue between leading global institutional investors, Indian business leaders and the highest decision makers from the Government of India and Financial Market Regulators. Union Finance Minister, Union Minister of State for Finance, RBI Governor and other dignitaries will also be present on the occasion. The Roundtable will witness participation from twenty of the world's largest pension and sovereign wealth funds with a total Assets Under Management of about US\$6 trillion. These global institutional investors represent key regions including the US, Europe, Canada, Korea, Japan, Middle East, Australia, and Singapore. Event will witness participation of key decision makers of these funds, i.e., the CEOs and CIOs. Some of these investors would also be engaging for the first time with the Government of India. Apart from global investors, the Roundtable will also see participation of several top Indian Business Leaders.

For details:

6 women led startups win COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge organized by MyGov in Collaboration with UN Women

Six women led startups have won COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge organized by MyGov in collaboration with UN Women. With an objective to encourage and involve women led startups to come up with innovative solutions that can help in the fight against COVID19 or solve problems that impact a large number of women, MyGov in collaboration with UN Women, launched the COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge in April 2020. This was a unique challenge hosted on the Innovate platform of MyGov that called for applications from women led startups as well as startups who have solutions that address issues faced by a larger number of women. The Challenge was implemented in two stages: Ideation stage and Proof of Concept (PoC) Stage. The challenge received an overwhelming response with a total of 1265 entries, from across the nation.

For details:

<u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates a 10-Bedded Make Shift Hospital and isolation centre at 4th Battalion Centre, Chennai</u>

Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan today inaugurated a 10-Bedded Make Shift Hospital and isolation centre set up by CSIR at 4th Battalion Centre, Chennai, through video-conference. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Harsh Vardhan congratulated CSIR-SERC (Structural Engineering Research Centre) and its scientists as well as National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for finding innovative solutions to meet new challenges like the one presented by COVID-19. He pointed out, "The new facility at 4th Battalion Centre, NDRF, Chennai is designed as a make-shift hospital solution for the patient to provide primary health facility with safety, security and a comfortable living environment and has a long life span of up to 20 years". "It demonstrates a modern, durable, fast installable, safe and geographically as well as all-weather

compatible fast deployable technology useful for disaster recovery as well as long pandemic or emergency situation", he added. "The CSIR-SERC laboratory introduced a foldable and framed steel structure, such that a single person can carry a couple of frames on his shoulder and assemble these at any site without much loss of time", the Minister pointed out.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: Even as Maharashtra continues to account for a bulk of India's Covid-19 caseload, the number of new cases have nearly halved over the past 15 days and the fatalities, too, are getting fewer. Government officials and health experts have said that the reasons for this drop in cases and deaths are multifactorial consequence of targeted testing over the past few months, a large part of the population being already exposed to the virus, its possible weakening, and a gradual unlocking process. Experts have warned that Covid-19 cases may spike in January due to combined effect of winter, Diwali, and more people coming into each others' contact as establishments reopen, and hence it is too early to celebrate. The current level of active cases in Maharashtra is 1.16 lakhs.
- Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 954 new cases during the last 24 hours. Recovery rate of the state has reached up to 90.78 percent. Gujarat has recorded a total 1,75,633 cases till now. The number of active cases is 12,451. Meanwhile, Gujarat government has said that following reduction in Covid19 cases, the demand of medical oxygen and life saving drugs have been reduced considerably in the state.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, active cases in the state have increased for the third consecutive day. After taking a significant dip between October 13 and October 31 when it came down to 15,102 from 21,924 (peak), active cases have started increasing again and touched 16,385 on Tuesday. The state reported 1,725 new cases and 10 deaths during the past 24 hours.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh's COVID-19 case count rose to 1,92 laksh on Tuesday after 1,724 people tested positive for the viral infection. Raipur district reported 143 new cases, taking its total count to 41,726, including 611 deaths. Korba district recorded 219 new cases, Raigarh 190, Janjgir-Champa 182, Durg 140 and Balod 101, among other districts, the official said.
- Assam: In Assam, 379 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 473 patients discharged yesterday.
 Total cases 207361, recovered 198039, active 8385 and death 934.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 63 more people tested positive for COVID-19. Total active cases 971 and total recovered cases 8680.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, 101 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. Total cases 2893 and active cases 516.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 55 new COVID-19 cases detected yesterday, 39 are from Dimapur, 13 from Kohima, 2 in Mon and 1 in Peren.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 62 more people tested positive for COVID-19, active cases 254, total discharged 3657 and total cases 4067.
- Kerala: The online bookings for the virtual queue for the upcoming Mandala-Makaravilakku pilgrimage season in the hill shrine of Sabarimala were closed in just two days. The temple will be open for the pilgrimage on 15th November. The state government meantime has stated that it will reconsider its decision to allow only 1,000 pilgrims daily. CPI(M) leader and State Youth Welfare Board Vice Chairman P. Biju died this morning during post Covid-19 treatment in the state capital. He was 43. Biju

- who was tested positive for Covid last month had been under treatment at Trivandrum Medical College. Kerala saw a slight dip in Covid cases with 6,862 Covid-19 cases being reported yesterday. 26 deaths were also confirmed taking the Covid death toll to 1559.
- Tamil Nadu: No inter-state buses this year from Tamil Nadu; as many as 9,510 buses will be operated from Chennai to various parts of the State between November 11 and 13 to help commuters during Deepavali. Health Minister C Vijayabaskar requests people to adhere to the Covid protocols ahead of the festive and winter season. As states ban crackers, Sivakasi workers stare at a dark Deepavali; already reeling under the impact of the pandemic and associated lockdowns, these families are now staring at abject poverty, if the sale of crackers is not up to the mark.
- Karnataka: Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Wednesday released first ever sero survey report. In the report it is found that 16.4% people were infected in the past found to have IgG antibodies against SARS Cov 2; 16,584 samples were collected for the survey. Education Minister Suresh Kumar started three days meeting with DDPIs on re opening of schools. State government releases 449cr for dry ration kits to government school children. Highcourt asks BBMP to explain norms enforced for disposal of materials used by covid patients.
- Andhra Pradesh: Post reopening of schools on November 2, corona cases are coming to light in various parts of the state. Teachers and students in four Zilla Parishad schools in Prakasam district reported infected with the virus. Students and parents are worried as new cases are being reported all at once. The Commissioner of Education is collecting the details of students and teachers attending the schools for taking necessary measures soon. Students' attendance remains low in West Godavari district, despite the government opening schools taking all precautionary measures as 8 school students in Kamavarapukota zone of East Yedavally and 27 students in Vizianagaram district studying in classes 9 and 10 tested positive for the corona virus.
- Telangana: 1637 new cases, 1273 recoveries & 6 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1637 cases, 292 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,44,143; Active cases: 18,100; Deaths: 1357; Discharges: 2,24,686 with recovery rate of 92.03 per cent. In an effort to help digitise the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Telangana, the State government is launching an initiative to give out free licenses of a cloud-based business automation software to 20,000 companies.

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- India's Active Cases have fallen under 5.5 lakhs today
- 58,323 patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours.
- . 38,310 daily New Cases recorded in last 24 hours
- Total Recoveries exceed the Active Cases by 70 lakhs
- · National Recovery Rate further escalates to 91.96%

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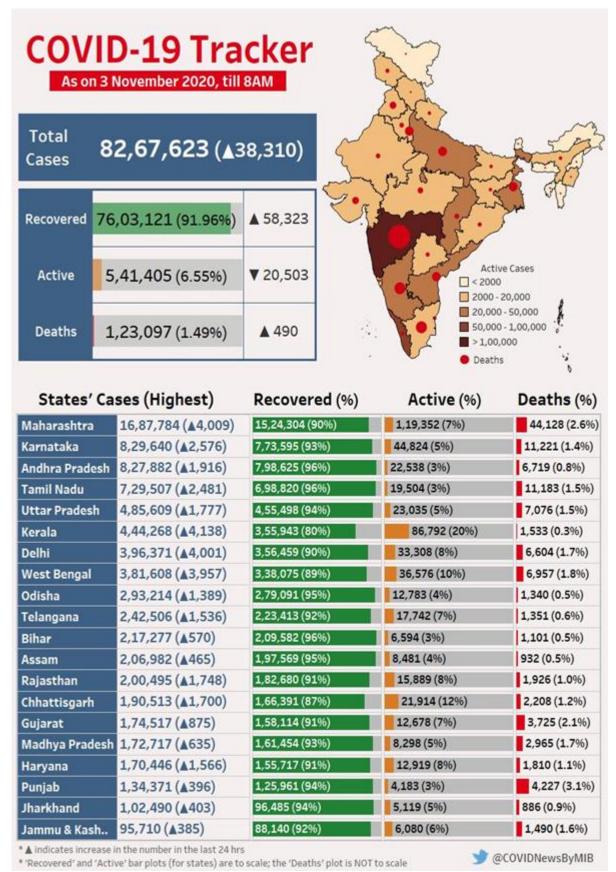
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(†) Status change since vesterday)

Active (6.55%)
541405 (205034)

Discharged (91.96%) 7603121 (583234)

Deaths (1.49%)
123097 (4904)



<u>India's Active Cases have fallen under 5.5 lakhs today, 38,310 daily New Cases recorded after 105 days;</u> <u>Total Recoveries exceed the Active Cases by 70 lakhs</u>

India has achieved several significant milestones in its fight against COVID. The new confirmed cases in the last 24 hours have fallen under 40,000. The daily new cases stand at **38,310** after 15 weeks (105 days). The new added cases were **37,724** on 22nd July, 2020.In another achievement, the active cases have drastically declined below 5.5 lakh. The total positive cases of the country are **5,41,405** and now comprise merely **6.55%** of the total cases. The slide in the active cases in supplemented by an exponential rise in the recoveries. The total recovered cases have crossed 76 lakhs (**76,03,121**). The gap between active cases and recovered cases has **crossed 70 lakh** today and stands at **70,61,716.58,323 patients** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The national Recovery Rate has further escalated to **91.96%.80%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra is leading with more than 10,000 single day recoveries followed by Karnataka with more than 8,000 recoveries. **74%** of the new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala, Delhi and Maharashtra have contributed the maximum to the new cases with more than 4,000 cases. West Bengal follows with more than 3,000 new cases. **490** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 80%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. Maharashtra has reported maximum single day deaths (104 deaths). India's case Fatality Rate stands at **1.49%**.

For details:

International Webinar on "Yoga and Ayurveda Medicine for Mental Wellness" on 5th November 2020

All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) is organizing a webinar on 5th November 2020 in association with Western Sydney University on the theme "Yoga and Ayurveda Medicine for Mental Wellness". The webinar is a collaborative activity focused on the opportunities for mental wellness through the strengths of Ayurveda and Yoga. This is expected to bring together the leading researchers in Yoga and Ayurveda from India, Australia, Italy, and Germany, and provide inputs through current international research. This will further promote international collaborations in scientific research related to Yoga and Ayurveda.

For details:

<u>Factual position in respect to Service Charges levied by banks</u>

There have been several media reports alluding to steep increase in service charges by certain Public Sector Banks (PSBs). In this context, the factual position is as follows: **Basic Savings Bank Deposit** (BSBD) accounts including Jan Dhan accounts - No service charge is applicable on the 60.04 crore BSBD accounts, including 41.13 crore Jan Dhan accounts opened by the poor and unbanked segments of society, for the free services prescribed by RBI. **Regular Savings accounts, Current Accounts, Cash credit accounts & Overdraft accounts-** In this regard, while the charges have not been increased, Bank of Baroda had made certain changes w.e.f. 1st November, 2020, with regard to the number of free cash deposits and withdrawals per month. The number of free cash deposits and withdrawals, have been reduced from 5 each per month to 3 each per month, with no change in the charges for transactions in

excess of these free transactions. Bank of Baroda has since informed that in the light of the current COVID related situation, they have decided to withdraw the changes. Further, no other PSB has increased such charges recently.

For details:

15 States have been identified for implementing Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on Fortification of Rice & its distribution through Public Distribution System

To initiate the process of taking the country towards nutritional security, Department of Food & Public Distribution has been running a "Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on Fortification of Rice & its distribution through Public Distribution System". The Pilot Scheme has been approved for a period of three years beginning 2019-2020 with a total budget outlay of Rs.174.6 Crore. Fifteen State Governments have identified their respective districts (1 district per state) for implementing the Pilot Scheme. Already 5 states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh have started the distribution of fortified rice in their respective identified districts. In this connection, the Union Minister for Food & Consumer Affairs, Railways, Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal in his review meeting held on 31.10.2020, laid the emphasis on scaling up of the distribution of fortified rice in the country. A further meeting was also chaired by the Secretary, DFPD, on 02.11.2020, in which the FCI has been asked to come up with a comprehensive plan for procurement and distribution of fortified rice in all the Districts of the country under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) & Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme from 2021-2022. Special focus would be placed on supplying fortified rice to the 112 specially identified Aspirational Districts of the country.

For details:

<u>Tele-Law touches a new milestone; 4 Lakh beneficiaries received legal advice under the initiative through CSC</u>

Tele-Law has touched a new milestone on 30th October 2020 with 4 Lakh beneficiaries having received legal advice under this through CSCs (Common Service Centres). As against total 1.95 lakh advices given till April 2020 since the launch of the programme, 2.05 lakh advices have been enabled during the first seven months of this financial year. Embarking on the "Digital India Vision" of the Government of India, Department of Justice has been harnessing "emerging" and "indigenous" digital platforms to accelerate and make access to justice a reality for all. In meeting this objective, Tele-Law programme was launched in 2017 to address cases at pre–litigation stage. Under this programme, smart technology of video conferencing, telephone /instant calling facilities available at the vast network of Common Service Centres at the Panchayat level are used to connect the indigent, down-trodden, vulnerable, unreached groups and communities with the Panel Lawyers for seeking timely and valuable legal advice.

For details:

India will emerge as the global leader in post Covid-19 world economy: Dr Jitendra Singh

The Union Minister of State (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today inaugurated a Webinar on "Economic Revival through Capital Markets post covid-19" today. While addressing the event Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said that under the able leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi India will emerge as the global leader in post-Covid-19 world economy. He said that the preemptive steps taken by the Indian government in enforcing earliest lock down saved many lives and further damage to the Indian economy. The lock-down period has taught us many lessons of life and this adversity has emerged as a virtue for us.

For details:

Member of Archery team support staff tests positive for coronavirus, camp resumes after a break

A member of the support staff attached to the National Archery Team that was training at the Army Sports Institute in Pune has tested positive for the coronavirus. The concerned support staff member tested positive for the virus on October 30th. Concerned staff had tested negative before joining campers for training. Treatment for the support staff member is being undertaken at a special Covid care hospital in Pune outside the premises of ASI. The training camp was suspended for two days that is October 31 and November 1 and all precautions were taken with campers being isolated and restricted to their respective rooms for those two days. With due Covid precautions and monitoring of temperature, the camp has resumed with effect from November 2. SAI is getting RT-PCR test conducted for all National campers as per the protocol.

For details:

Shri Sadananda Gowda holds a review meeting of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanaushdhiPariyojana

Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers Shri DV Sadananda Gowda held a comprehensive review meeting of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanaushadhiPariyojana (PMBJP) in New Delhi today. PMBJP has achieved sales of Rs 358 crores (as against sale of Rs 433 crore in FY 2019) worth of pharma products through 6600 Jan Aushadhi stores during first seven months of this fiscal (up to Oct 31st), and is likely to surpass sales of Rs 600 crore for entire fiscal year. During the meeting Shri Gowda congratulated BPPI Team for ensuring supply of medicines and other pharma products like masks to people at affordable rates during difficult times of covid-19.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: Maharashtra recorded 4,008 new Covid-19 cases on Monday, but the day also saw 10,225 recoveriess bringing down the number of active cases to 1.18 lakhs. Mumbai reported 706 new cases, which is the lowest in 69 days. The rate of infection in the city has dropped from 1.06% to 0.49%, even as the state's recovery rate has touched 90%. The State Health Minister Rajesh Tope has opined that the second wave of Covid is unlikely, and mentioned that the state is well prepared for any eventuality.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat government on Monday eased a COVID-19 restriction related to wedding functions
 in open spaces and allowed up to 200 guests in place of the earlier limit of 100. As per the State
 Government order, the guests must wear masks and follow all norms, including social distancing.
 However, the upper limit for guests at functions held in closed spaces like halls will be 50 per cent of
 capacity.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan assembly has passed the Rajasthan Epidemic Diseases (Amendments bill 2020) making it mandatory to wear masks. The bill prohibits the movements of any person in public place, public transport, workplace or at any Social, Political, general function or gathering without wearing a mask. The bill, however, does not specify the penalties if someone caught without masks. Meanwhile, number of COVID cases crossed 2 lakh in Rajasthan after 1,748 new cases reported yesterday. Active cases are 15,889.
- Chhattisgarh: About 15,000 health workers of the state have gone on a two-day 'mass leave' till Tuesday, to draw govt's attention towards their demands. As a result, sample collection dropped to a little over 17,000 from daily average of 24,000. The Health workers have been asking for an insurance cover of Rs50 lakh, Corona allowance, risk allowance and special allowance for risking their lives in the fight against Covid.
- Kerala: The Kerala Public Service Commission has decided to allot centers for the Kerala Administrative Service (KAS) exam, to be held over two days, in all districts. The PSC meet arrived at the decision due to the Covid-19 crisis. The PSC will also request the government to set up at least one special center in a district for candidates who have been tested positive for Covid-19. The state reported 4,138 Covid-19 cases yesterday. 21 deaths were also confirmed taking the death toll to 1533. Meanwhile, Gita Gopinath, Chief Economist of the IMF in an article has urged policymakers to provide more fiscal stimulus to boost the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic as the global economy is in a liquidity trap.
- Tamil Nadu: TN govt issues directions to Sabarimala pilgrims; only those devotees, who produce a medical certificate that they were not infected by Coronavirus 48 hours before visiting Sabarimala, will be allowed to proceed to the shrine. The devotees can make use of paid medical centres near the entrance points to undergo Covid tests. Free textbooks distributed to govt school students; in a bid to ensure smooth flow of textbook distribution, Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation had already issued SOP including ensuring social distancing norms during the distribution. Following a dip in the number of new Covid cases reported every day in Coimbatore, the district administration is planning to withdraw some Covid care centres (CCC) that currently have minimum occupancy.
- Karnataka: Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has restarted the buses to Hyderabad which were stopped in the wake of Covid-19 lockdown. The State government is likely to take a final decision on the reopening of schools and pre-university colleges in the state by November 6, after holding a series of meetings spanning three days with stakeholders. More than 80 volunteers had been vaccinated as part of a trial under way at JSS Hospital in Mysuru to give a booster dose of BCG to the elderly to prevent Covid-19-related morbidity and mortality.
- Andhra Pradesh: 98% schools reopen in Andhra Pradesh, attendance below 45%. First day after reopening of the schools on November 2, five positive cases were reported when officials conducted

Covid tests at Nandavaram in Marripadu Mandal and Pathavellanti in rural mandal of Nellore district. In Prakasam district of Hanumanthunipadu zone, headmaster of Gollapalli School has been tested positive for coronavirus. The district authorities are conducting tests on teachers and students of the school. After a gap of over seven months, inter-state bus services between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana resumed from Monday as SRTC officials of both the states came to an understanding and signed a MoU plying of buses following unlockdown measures for public transport.

- Telangana: 1536 new cases, 1421 recoveries & 3 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1536 cases, 281 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,42,506; Active cases: 17,742; Deaths: 1351; Discharges: 2,23,413 with recovery rate of 92.12 per cent. Polling in the Dubbak bye-election has picked up momentum around lunch hour and it stood at 71 per cent at 3 pm on Tuesday indicating a huge poll percentage.
- Arunachal Pradesh: One more covid patient died in the state, now total death toll touches to 38 .117 new
 positive cases detected in the state during last twenty four hours. Currently 1722 active positive cases in
 the state.
- Assam: In the last 24 hours 465 cases detected out of 30334 tests conducted with positivity rate of 1.53% in Assam. The COVID tally reached to 206982 while 197566 were discharged till date.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya registered 71 new covid cases and 117 new recoveries.
- Mizoram: 35 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases reached to 2792 and active cases stands at 444. Lockdown extended in Aizawl till November 9.
- Nagaland: Out of Nagaland's 1363 active cases, 1296 cases are asymptomatic, 42 are mild, 12 moderate, 6 severe, in ICU & 1 active case on ventilator.

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- India maintains top Global Ranking with Maximum Recoveries of more than 75
- Percentage Active Cases have reduced more than 3 times in the past 2 months
- India crosses the Landmark of 11 crore Total Tests
 National recovery rate has gone up to 91.68%
 45,321 confirmed cases reported in the last 24 hours in the country while 53,285 recoveries have been registered
 Union Home Secretary reviews the COVID-19 situation in NCT of Delhi

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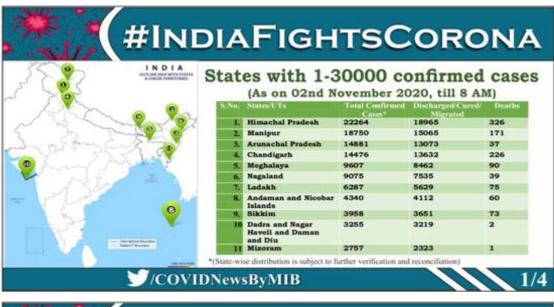
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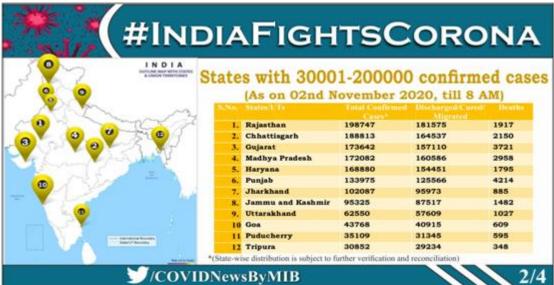
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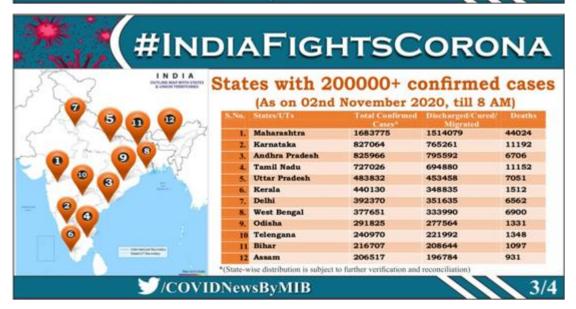
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<u>India maintains top Global Ranking with Maximum Recoveries of more than 75 lakhs, Percentage Active Cases have reduced more than 3 times in the past 2 months, India crosses the Landmark of 11 crore Total Tests</u>

India continues to occupy the top global position as the country with the maximum number of recoveries. The total recoveries have crossed 75 lakhs today (7,544,798). 53,285 recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country. The active cases have sustained on the downslide. The total active cases in India stand at 5,61,908. The Active Cases comprise only 6.83% of the total positive cases of the country. In a span of just two months, the percentage active cases have reduced more than 3 times. On 3rd September, the percentage active cases were 21.16%. Expanded testing has led to early identification and appropriate treatment. It has crossed the landmark of 11 crore (11,07,43,103) total tests today. The country's testing capacities have multiplied manifold with 2037 labs across the country. Higher number of recoveries is also reflected in the continuous increase in the national recovery rate, which is at present 91.68%. 78% of the new recovered cases in the past 24 hours are from 10 States/UTs. Kerala and Karnataka have contributed the highest number to these with more than 8,000 cases. Delhi and west Bengal follow with more than 4,000 cases. 45,321 confirmed cases have been reported in the last 24 hours in the country. 80% of the new cases are concentrated in ten States/UT. Kerala surged to first place with 7,025 new cases while Delhi and Maharashtra, both reported more than 5000 daily new cases. 496 deaths have been registered in the past 24 hours. 10 States and UTs account for 82% of fatalities in the past 24 hours. 22% of deaths reported yesterday are from Maharashtra with 113 deaths followed by West Bengal with 59 deaths.

For details:

Union Home Secretary reviewed the COVID-19 situation in NCT of Delhi

Union Home Secretary, Shri Ajay Bhalla reviewed the situation of COVID-19 in Delhi today. The meeting was also attended by Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Director General, ICMR, Chief Secretary and other senior officers Government of NCT of Delhi and Commissioner of Police, Delhi.GNCTD made a presentation on the present situation of COVID-19 in Delhi, which is witnessing 3rd surge in cases. While the new COVID cases and total active cases are going up, the administration is focusing on testing, contact tracing and treatment. The recent surge in the number of active cases was attributed to the festival season. The hospital bed situation was reported to be comfortable with 57% of the 15,789, dedicated beds being vacant. It was decided to concentrate efforts in certain key areas, such as targeted RT-PCR testing in sensitive and critical zones such as restaurants, market places, barber shops / salons, etc; gear up the availability of medical resources including beds, ICUs, and ventilators as a pre-emptive measure; ensure high degree of contact tracing and monitoring of quarantined contacts, so as to suppress and break the chain of transmission. It was also decided to enhance enforcement selectively, accompanied by greater awareness creation through targeted IEC campaigns; and ensuring that all cases under home isolation were monitored and shifted to hospitals well in time, before any deterioration in their medical condition. It was also emphasized that the Metro travel should be carefully regulated, strictly in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been issued in this regard. Home Secretary emphasized that the strategies for containment of spread of COVID-19 in Delhi should be strictly enforced and implemented. He stressed the need for reaching out to the residents of Delhi to sensitize them about safe COVID behavior through RWAs, Mohalla and Market Committees, public announcement systems, message on police vehicles, etc

For details:

<u>Strategic Policy Unit: One among the steps initiated by the Ministry of AYUSH to make the Ayush sector future-ready</u>

Ministry of AYUSH and M/s Invest India will form a collaboration to set up a strategic policy unit called "Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau (SPFB)" to facilitate planned and systematic growth of the Ayush Sector. This is among the various steps which the Ministry has initiated to chart future directions along which the stake-holding groups of the Ayush Sector can move. Setting up of the SPFB is a forward-looking step which will make the Ayush systems future-ready. This Bureau will support the Ministry in strategic and policy making initiatives that shall help pave the way to reach the full potential of the Sector and stimulate growth and investment. At a time when the Covid-19 pandemic is leaving indelible imprints in the health-seeking behaviours of people around the world, such a strategy unit can be of immense support to the stake-holding groups of the Ayush Sector.

For details:

Jan Andolan against Covid-19 gains traction in Ayush Sector

With thousands of Ayush professionals joining the Jan Andolan against Covid 19, the movement has gained considerable traction in the traditional systems of medicine. The movement is covering Ayush dispensaries, hospitals, educational institutions, wellness centres and other units. Ayush professionals work closely with the public at the grass root level, and hence they have been successful in adding momentum to the campaign by influencing public behavior during this awareness campaign. It was seen in a review done at AYUSH Ministry that during the 5 days period from 26th to 30th October 2020, Ayush stake-holders reached out to an estimated110 lakh people with messages propounding Covid 19-appropriate behaviours, through channels ranging from face-to-face communication to digital media.

For details:

<u>Prime Minister interacts with Officer Trainees of Indian Civil Services in the second edition of the Integrated Foundation Course, "Aarambh"</u>

The Prime Minister on Saturday interacted with the Officer Trainees (OTs) of the Indian Civil Services at LBSNAA Mussoorie through a Video conference from Kevadia, Gujarat. This is a part of the integrated foundation course AARAMBH launched for the first time in 2019. After witnessing presentations made by the OTs, in his address, the Prime Minister urged the probationers to follow Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's philosophy of "serving the citizens of the country is the highest duty of a civil servant". Shri Modi exhorted the young officers to take the decisions in the context of the nation's interests and to strengthen the unity and integrity of the country. He stressed that the decisions taken by the civil servants should always be in the interest of the common man notwithstanding the scope of the department or the region in which they are working. Shri Modi referred to one of the recent reforms in Civil Services the Mission Karmayogi and said it is an attempt at capacity building of Civil Servants to make them more creative and confident.

For details:

Text of PM's interaction with Civil Services Probationers at AARAMBH 2020

For details:

<u>Prime Minister inaugurates to &fro Sea-plane Service between Kevadia and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad</u>

The Prime Minister inaugurated Water Aerodrome at Kevadia and the Sea-plane Service connecting Statue of Unity in Kevadia with Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad on Saturday. Shri Modi also inaugurated Water Aerodrome in Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad and the SeaPlane Service from Sabarmati Riverfront to Kevadia. These are part of a series of Water Aerodromes being planned to bring the last mile connectivity.

For details:

<u>Prime Minister inaugurates Arogya Van, Arogya Kutir, Ekta Mall and Children Nutrition Park at Kevadia in Gujrat</u>

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated various projects under Integrated Development of Kevadia in Gujarat on Friday. Shri Modi inaugurated Arogya Van and Arogya Kutir. He also inaugurated the Ekta Mall, and Children Nutrition Park. Arogya Van has 5 lakh plants of 380 different species spread over an area of 17 acre. Arogya Kutir has a traditional treatment facility named Santhigiri wellness centre which will provide healthcare based on Ayurveda, Siddha, Yoga and Panchakarma.

For details:

Prime Minister inaugurates Sardar Vallabhai Patel Zoological Park

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Sardar Patel Zoological Park and Geodesic Aviary Dome in Kevadia on Friday. He dedicated to the nation 17 projects under Integrated Development of Kevadia and laid the foundation Stone for 4 new Projects. The projects include Navigation Channel, New Gora Bridge, Garudeshwar Weir, Government Quarters, Bus Bay Terminus, Ekta Nursery, Khalwani Eco Tourism, Tribal Home Stay. He flaged-off of the Ekta Cruise Service to the Statue of Unity.

For details:

Government is making policies for people's welfare but effective implementation of these policies is critical – Vice President

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu on Saturday emphasized the need to refine and streamline the implementation and delivery system for effective response to the needs of common people. Presiding over the 66th Annual Meeting of General Body of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) through video conferencing, the Vice President called for a change in the delivery of services, delivery of justice and the way governance structures respond to the needs of common people. "This is the change India is looking for today", he said. Shri Naidu observed that the government has been making policies and designing programs to improve the quality of life of people and fast track India's development. However, the effective implementation of these policies and programs by administrative leaders and professionals is critical, he pointed out. The Vice President said that good governance must percolate down to the lowest level. It should become a way of life for the institutions we have established for our country's governance, he added. Referring to Covid-19 pandemic, the Vice President said that India is fighting it with strategic alertness and prompt appropriate action and the international agencies like the United Nations and the World Health Organization have appreciated India's response to the pandemic.

For details:

Government extends Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by one month

The Union Government has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by one month till November 30th, 2020, or till such time that an amount of Rs. 3 lakh crore is sanctioned under the Scheme, whichever is earlier, in view of the opening up of various sectors in the economy and the expected increase in demand during the ongoing festive season. This extension will provide a further opportunity to such borrowers who have not availed of the Scheme so far, to obtain credit under the Scheme. The ECLGS was announced as part of the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package (ANBP) to provide fully guaranteed and collateral free additional credit to MSMEs, business enterprises, individual loans for business purposes and MUDRA borrowers, to the extent of 20 per cent of their credit outstanding as on 29.2.2020.

For details:

e-Invoice - A path breaking initiative completes one month on 31st October

Path breaking e-invoice initiative which completed one month on the 31st October, is poised to revolutionize the way businesses interact with each other. According to NIC, within the first month of introduction itself, more than 495 Lakh e-invoices were generated on the NIC portal by 27,400 tax payers. The e-invoice system, the game changer in the GST system, was launched on 1st October, 2020 for the businesses with aggregate turnover of more than Rs. 500 Crores in the financial year. It will be yet another milestone in India's journey in enhancing ease of doing business. The data captured by the Invoice Registration Portal will flow seamlessly to GSTR1 return of the tax payer in GST Common Portal (gst.gov.in), thus reducing the compliance burden. Starting with 8.4 Lakh e-invoices on 1st October, 2020, the usage has gradually picked up and 31st October, 2020 saw generation of as many as 35 lakh e-invoices in a single day. This coupled with generation of 641 Lakh e-way bills during the month of October, 2020, (by far the highest in a month during two and half years of journey of e-way bill system), establishes the robustness of the system.

For details:

<u>COVID has evoked worldwide interest in Yoga, Ayurveda and Naturopathy to build immunity and search for healthy lifestyle: Dr Jitendra Singh</u>

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that COVID has evoked worldwide interest in Yoga, Ayurveda and Naturopathy to build immunity and search for healthy lifestyle. Delivering the inaugural address at the Global AyushMela organized virtually by ASSOCHAM, he said that in the last 4-5 months the Western World has turned to India to explore the best practices of Alternate Medicine. Dr. Singh said that New India will become AtmaNirbhar in health care and will also contribute to the World in providing immunity booster mechanisms through the traditional medicine system. He said, COVID has reiterated and reemphasised the virtues of Integrated Healthcare and there is need to make it part of world medical regimes including that of WHO.

For details:

<u>Major step towards Medical Education reform, National Medical Commission notifies</u> <u>"Minimum Requirements for Annual MBBS Admissions Regulations (2020)"</u>

In a significant step towards affordable medical education, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has notified its first major regulation. Titled as "Minimum Requirements For Annual MBBS Admissions Regulations (2020)", the notification issued on Saturday replaces the "Minimum Standard Requirements for Medical Colleges, 1999 (for 50/100/150/200/250 Annual Admissions)" of the erstwhile Medical Council of India (MCI. The new Regulation shall be applicable to all new medical colleges proposing to be established, and to the established medical colleges proposing to increase their annual MBBS intake from the academic year 2021-22. During the transitory period, the established medical colleges will be governed by the relevant regulations existing prior to the current notification.

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Rs 1,05,155 crore of gross GST revenue collected in the month of October 2020

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of October, 2020 is ₹ 1,05,155 crore of which CGST is ₹ 19,193 crore, SGST is ₹ 25,411 crore, IGST is ₹ 52,540 crore (including ₹ 23375crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹ 8,011crore (including ₹932 crore collected on import of goods). The revenues for the month are 10% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 9% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are11% higher that the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. The growth in GST revenue as compared to that in months of July, August and September, 2020 of -14%, -8% and 5% respectively clearly shows the trajectory of recovery of the economy and, correspondingly, of the revenues.

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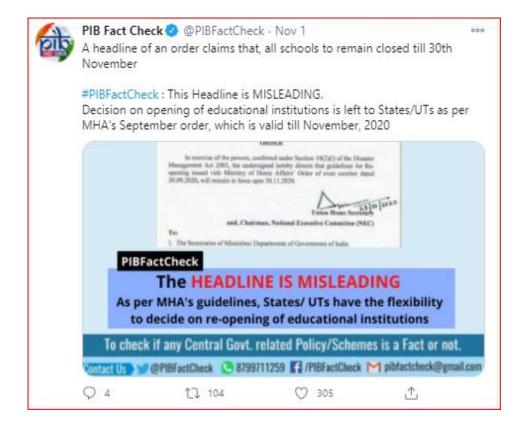
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- Maharashtra: Free COVID-19 testing facilities will be available for Mumbaikars from today at 244 places under the jurisdiction of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) daily between 10 am to 12 noon on a 'walk-in' basis. Some of these places will have RT PCR method medical testing facilities while the rest will have antigen-based medical testing facilities. There are already 54 private medical laboratories in the BMC area which provide COVID-19 testing facilities as per the revised government rates. Maharashtra reported 5,633 new cases on Sunday and the active cases in state now are 1.25 lakhs. The state has conducted more than 90.24 lakh Covid tests so far.
- Gujarat: Gujarat reported fewer than 900 fresh coronavirus cases Sunday, indicating a further dip in the number of daily cases reported over the past few days. A total of 860 new cases were reported in the state on the day, down from 935 cases reported Saturday and 969 a day earlier. Among the 860 cases reported Sunday, 220 were from Surat 167 from urban areas and 53 from rural parts. The state's total virus count now stands at 1,73,804 while its total toll is at 3,724 with five deaths reported on the day. Active Cases are 12,833
- Rajasthan: The Rajasthan government has decided to ban the sale of firecrackers during the festive season in the state in the wake of the crisis created by the Covid pandemic. The government has decided to keep the schools and colleges in the state closed till November 16. Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot

- reviewed the Covid situation in the state and also took stock of the the effectiveness of and "no mask-no entry" and "war for the pure" campaign of the state government.
- Madhya Pradesh: Each day for the past one month, people recovering from Covid-19 in a single day have outnumbered those testing positive leading to an improvement of more than 11% in cumulative Covid-19 recovery rate in state. On Sunday, the state reported 735 new cases, with only Bhopal reporting more than 100 cases, even as 35 of the other 50 districts recorded below 10 new cases.
- Goa: Goa's biggest music and dance festival Sunburn will be held this year with only 20 per cent capacity. It will be held on the Vagator Beach in North Goa between December 27-29, just after the Christmas. The organisers have put out protocols to be followed during the festival, including a limited capacity and minimal contact entry. The overall response this year has been lukewarm due to Covid pandemic.
- Kerala: The State Election Commission has informed the High Court that it is ready to conduct the local body polls by strictly adhering to the Covid-19 protocol. In its reply to the Court on a petition pleading postponement of the polls, the poll panel has also said that it has discussed election situation with all political parties in the state and the pre-poll arrangements are in the last phase. The state government is looking at various options on the partial reopening of schools even though the state is grappling with a rise in Covid-19 cases. The General Education Department has informed the government regarding the possibility of reopening the schools from November 15. With one more death reported in Kochi today, the Covid death toll in the state has gone up to 1513. The state recorded 7025 Covid-19 cases yesterday.
- Tamil Nadu: TN Agriculture Minister R. Doraikkannu, who died battling Covid-19-related complications on Saturday night at a private hospital in Chennai, was laid to rest, near his native village Rajagiri in Thanjavur district, with State honours, on Sunday. Tamil Nadu on Sunday hit the milestone of one crore tests using RT-PCR kits, nearly nine months after it started testing samples for Covid-19. Theatres, multiplexes in Tamilnadu are gearing up to reopen on November 10 following the standard operating procedure (SOP) laid down by the State and Central governments. With the Tamil Nadu government giving the green signal for the operation of bus services to neighbouring Puducherry, private bus operators and State-run road transport corporations, including TNSTC, resumed services between Puducherry to Tamilnadu on Sunday.
- Karnataka: With 8,053 recoveries and 3,652 new cases Karnataka witnessed more recoveries than new cases for the 18th consecutive day. In just 10 days, from October 21 to 31, active Covid-19 cases have dropped by almost half in the state. On October 21, the state's active cases were 1,00,440 and on October 31, the number dropped to 50,592. Mysuru has seen a remarkable improvement in the discharge of Covid patients that too amid the Dasara festivities; the active case count has dropped by over 75 per cent in the last 15 days in the district. Public instructions department will conduct meeting tomorrow on school re-opening with district deputy directors.
- Andhra Pradesh: Following Centre's guidelines for the reopening of schools and colleges, state government schools have reopened for class 9 and 10 students in the state following Covid precautionary norms. Schools will run half day classes on alternate days in three phases. The corporate and private schools did not open. The movie theatres in Andhra Pradesh which shut down for over a seven months due to coronavirus have resumed in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. Arrangements have been made to run three shows a day. Multiplexes will run on cashless transactions with paperless tickets. Seating arrangements are made with 50 per cent occupancy in all theatres.
- Telangana: 922 new cases, 1456 recoveries & 7 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 922 cases, 256 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,40,970; Active cases: 17,630; Deaths: 1348; Discharges

- :2,21,992. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana agree to restore inter-state bus services after seven months. Telangana resumes registration of properties after much-awaited one stop land services portal, Dharani-a flagship project of the State government- went live across the State today.
- Assam: 166 cases detected out of 11,576 tests conducted with positivity rate of 1.43% in Assam while 730 patients discharged. Total cases- 206517, recovered- 95.28% & active cases- 4.26%.
- Mizoram: Blockade on Mizoram-Assam border enters fifth day. Assam government alleges that bunker-like structures being set up inside Mizoram's territory.
- Nagaland: With 28 new cases, Nagaland's COVID-19 positive cases reach 9,075.
- Sikkim: Sikkim COVID-19 related death-toll climbs to 73; Total cases rise to 3,958.

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