20 persons found with the new mutant variant of SARS- CoV-2 virus reported from UK

Daily Recoveries outnumbering daily New Cases successively since last 33 days further push down the Active Caseload

India's Cases per million and Deaths per million population one of the lowest in the world

Total of 20 persons have been found with the mutant variant of SARS- CoV-2 virus reported from UK. These include the six persons reported earlier (3 in NIMHANS, Bengaluru, 2 in CCMB, Hyderabad and 1 in NIV, Pune). 107 samples were tested in the 10 labs as indicated in the table below.

Government of India has constituted the INSACOG (Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium) comprising 10 labs (NIBMG Kolkata, ILS Bhubaneswar, NIV Pune, CCS Pune, CCMB Hyderabad, CDFD Hyderabad, InSTEM Bengaluru, NIMHANS Bengaluru, IGIB Delhi, NCDC Delhi) for genome sequencing. The situation is under careful watch and regular advice is being provided to the States for enhanced surveillance, containment, testing and dispatch of samples to the INSACOG labs.
Daily recoveries have outnumbered the daily new cases since **last 33 days successively**. In the last 24 hours, **20,549** persons were found to be COVID positive in the country. During the same period, **26,572** new recoveries were registered ensuring drop in the Active Caseload.

India’s cumulative recoveries stand at **98,34,141 today. This is the highest globally.** The Recovery Rate has also reached nearly **96% (95.99%)**. The gap between recoveries and active cases is consistently widening (**95,71,869**).

India’s total Active Caseload of **2,62,272** consists of just **2.56%** of India’s Total Positive Cases. The new recoveries have led to a net decline of **6,309** in the Total Active cases.

When compared globally, India's Cases per million population are **amongst the lowest in the world (7,423)**. Countries such as Russia, Italy UK, Brazil, France and USA have much higher cases per million population.
78.44% 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 5,572 newly recovered cases. 5,029 people recovered in Kerala followed by 1,607 in Chhattisgarh.

![Chart showing 78% of new recovered cases in the 10 States & UTs](chart.png)

79.24% of the new cases are from 10 States and UTs.

Kerala reported the highest daily new cases at 5,887. It is followed by Maharashtra with 3,018 new cases. West Bengal recorded 1,244 new cases.

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286 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours.

Ten States/UTs account for 79.37% of the new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (68). West Bengal and Delhi follow with 30 and 28 daily deaths, respectively.
Focussed measures including aggressive and targeted testing, early identification of the positive cases, timely isolation & prompt hospitalization of the severe cases (and supervised home isolation of the mild cases) & Standard Treatment Protocol have collectively ensured that the daily fatalities are under 300.

Daily deaths in India are on a sustained decline. Deaths per million population in India (107) are amongst the lowest in the world.
Deaths per million population – Amongst the lowest in the world

Source: WHO COVID-19 Dashboard updated 29th December 2020

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