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# **PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19**

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- Daily Recoveries outnumbering daily New Cases successively since last 33 days further push down the Active Caseload
- In the last 24 hours, 20,549 persons were found to be COVID positive in the country while 26,572 new recoveries were registered
- India's Cases per million and Deaths per million population one of the lowest in the world
- Ministry of Home Affairs issued an Order on Monday to extend the earlier Guidelines for Surveillance to remain in force upto 31.01.2021
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States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	19,25,066 (▲3,018)	18,20,021 (95%)	55,672 (3%)	49,373 (2.6%)
Karnataka	9,17,571 (▲662)	8,93,617 (97%)	11,880 (1%)	12,074 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,81,599 (▲326)	8,71,116 (99%)	3,383 (0%)	7,100 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	8,16,132 (▲957)	7,95,293 (97%)	8,747 (1%)	12,092 (1.5%)
Kerala	7,49,450 (▲5,887)	6,81,397 (91%)	65,039 (9%)	3,014 (0.4%)
Delhi	6,24,118 (▲703)	6,07,494 (97%)	6,122 (1%)	10,502 (1.7%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,83,941 (▲1,021)	5,61,257 (96%)	14,344 (2%)	8,340 (1.4%)
West Bengal	5,49,715 (▲1,244)	5,27,272 (96%)	12,788 (2%)	9,655 (1.8%)
Odisha	3,29,001 (▲263)	3,24,775 (99%)	2,358 (1%)	1,868 (0.6%)
Rajasthan	3,06,784 (▲626)	2,93,888 (96%)	10,213 (3%)	2,683 (0.9%)
Telangana	2,85,939 (▲474)	2,78,523 (97%)	5,878 (2%)	1,538 (0.5%)
Chhattisgarh	2,77,471 (▲1,134)	2,61,663 (94%)	12,472 (4%)	3,336 (1.2%)
Haryana	2,61,672 (▲414)	2,54,880 (97%)	3,900 (1%)	2,892 (1.1%)
Bihar	2,50,928 (▲538)	2,44,599 (97%)	4,940 (2%)	1,389 (0.6%)
Gujarat	2,43,459 (▲804)	2,29,143 (94%)	10,021 (4%)	4,295 (1.8%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,40,081 (▲853)	2,26,904 (95%)	9,595 (4%)	3,582 (1.5%)
Assam	2,16,063 (▲66)	2,11,723 (98%)	3,300 (2%)	1,040 (0.5%)
Punjab	1,65,878 (▲210)	1,56,719 (94%)	3,837 (2%)	5,322 (3.2%)
Jammu & Kash	1,20,527 (▲234)	1,15,560 (96%)	3,088 (3%)	1,879 (1.6%)
Jharkhand	1,14,650 (▲230)	1,12,021 (98%)	1,604 (1%)	1,025 (0.9%)

\*▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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

## For details :

Health Ministry recommends extension of temporary suspension of international flights from the UK to India till 7th Jan 2021

The Health Ministry has recommended to the Ministry of Civil Aviation the extension of the temporary suspension of flights originating from UK into India to be further extended **till 7th January (Thursday), 2021**. This has been recommended based on the inputs received from the Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) headed by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) and the National Task Force jointly headed by DG, ICMR and Member (Health), NITI Aayog. It has also been suggested to Ministry of Civil Aviation that after 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021, strictly regulated resumption of limited number of flights originating from UK into India may be considered. The specifics of such a mechanism may be worked out by Ministry of Civil Aviation in consultation with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The Union Health Secretary has written to all the States to keep a strict vigil on all events that could be potential "super spreader" events, and to curb crowding in the wake of the New Year celebrations and various events associated with it as well as on-going winter season. The recent advice and guidance to the States by Home Ministry has been reiterated by the Health Ministry.

## For details :

## Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan nominated to the Board of GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has been nominated by the **Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation** (GAVI) as a member on the GAVI Board. Dr. Harsh Vardhan will be representing the **South East Area Regional Office**(SEARO)/ **Western Pacific Regional Office** (WPRO) constituency on the GAVI Board. The seat is currently held by Mr. MyintHtwe of Myanmar. Dr. Harsh Vardhan will be representing India from 1<sup>st</sup>January 2021 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The Board normally meets twice a year in June and November/ Decemberand holds an annual retreat, normally in March or April. The GAVIBoard is responsible for strategic direction and policy-making, oversees the operations of the Vaccine Alliance and monitors programme implementation. With membership drawn from a range of partner organisations, as well as experts from the private sector, the Board provides a forum for balanced strategic decision making, innovation and partner collaboration.

## For details :

# Dry run for COVID-19 Vaccination successfully conducted in Four states

Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare conducted a two-day dry run for activities entailed in Covid-19 vaccination in four states Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat on 28th and 29th December 2020.Backed with the experience of rolling out Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) and conducting nationwide multiple wide-range injectable vaccination campaigns such as measlesrubella (MR) and adult Japanese Encephalitis (JE) campaign, required steps are being undertaken to vaccinate priority population groups such as Health care workers, Frontline workers and people above 50 years for Covid-19. The dry run exercise is aimed at end-to-end testing of COVID-19 vaccination process and will include planning & preparations as per the Operational Guidelines; creation of facilities & users on Co-WIN application, session site creation & mapping of sites, Health Care Workers (HCW) data upload, receipt of vaccines and vaccine allocationby the district, session planning, deployment of vaccination team, logistics mobilization at session site, mock drill of conducting vaccination and reporting and review meetings at block, districts and state level. The objective of dry the run is also to undertake and confirm field implementation of IT platform Co-WIN and guide way forward prior to actual implementation

## For details :

# Dr Harsh Vardhan releases the report Action Agenda for an AtmaNirbharBharat(AAAN) prepared by TIFAC in New Delhi

The Minister of Science& Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare Dr HarshVardhan released the report Action Agenda for an AtmaNirbharBharat(AAAN) prepared byTechnology Information, Forecasting and assessment Council (TIFAC) in New Delhi yesterday. Secretary, DST, Prof Ashutosh Sharma; ED, TIFAC Prof Pradeep Srivastava and other senior scientists from TIFAC were present on the occasion. The comprehensive report AAAN is a consequential follow-up of the TIFAC's White Paper on Focused Interventions for 'Make in India': post COVID -19 which was released earlier in July, 2020 by Dr Harsh Vardhan. The White Paper highlighted five thrust sectors namely, Healthcare, Machinery, ICT, Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Electronics that would be critical for India's economic growth post-COVID using technology stimulus and captured sector-specific strengths, market trends and opportunities. Addressing at the event, Dr Harsh Vardhan said that the vision of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has stood by us during the Covid pandemic. It is this which has given confidence to the people of the country, "We have been able to beat the virus, we have even left behind the professional acumen of the world". "We have shown to the world 'When India decides, it does'", the Minister stated.

# For details :

Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) Labs release initial results of Genome sequencing of mutant variant of SARS-CoV-2

Government of India took cognizance of the reports of mutant variant of SARS- CoV-2 virus reported from UK and put in place a pro-active and preventive strategy to detect and contain the mutant variant. This strategy includes:-Temporary suspension of all flights coming from UK with effect from the midnight of 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 till 31<sup>st</sup>December 2020, Mandatory testing of all UK returnee air passengers through RT-PCR test. The samples of all UK returnees found positive in RT-PCR test to be genome sequenced by a consortium of 10 govt. labs i.e. INSACOG, Meeting of the National Task Force (NTF) on Covid-19 on 26th December 2020 to consider and recommend Testing, Treatment, Surveillance and Containment Strategy and Standard Operating Protocol for States/UTs to tackle the mutant variant of SARS-CoV-2 issued on 22nd December 2020.The entire issue was examined at length by NTF on 26th December 2020 and the NTF concluded that there is no need to change either the existing National Treatment Protocol or existing Testing Protocols in view of the mutant variant. NTF also recommended that in addition to the existing surveillance strategy, it is critical to conduct enhanced genomic surveillance.

### For details :

## Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurates Country's First Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare on Monday inaugurated India's first pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). The vaccine "Pneumosil" has been developed by the Serum Institute of India Private Limited (SIIPL) in collaboration with partners like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Recognizing SIIPLas the world's largest manufacturer of vaccines by number of doses and its contribution to India's economy, Dr. Harsh Vardhan remarked that Serum Institute's Vaccines are used in 170 countries and every third child in the world is immunized with the manufacturer's Vaccine. He reminded the audience that SIIPL developed and got license of first indigenous Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) from Government of India during COVID-19 pandemic lock-downin line with Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. He also mentioned about the extraordinary efforts of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in this endeavour to make Indiaselfreliantin PCV. Detailing the achievements of SIIPL in tailoring a vaccine for India's needs, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "Serum Institute's first Indigenous Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine will be available in the market under brand name "Pneumosil" at an affordable price in single dose (vial and pre-filled syringe) and Multidose (vial) presentations. Speaking on the Prime Minister's commitment of Atmanirbhar Bharat and his vision of 'Making In India for the World', Dr. Harsh Vardhan noted, "Pneumosil is an example of India's capability in Research & Development & manufacturing high end sophisticated Vaccines. In fact, it is matter of pride for our country for this historical milestone during COVID-19 Pandemic because till now we are fully dependent on Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine manufactured by Foreign Manufacturers which are available at very high prices."

### For details :

Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally inaugurates the 7th NHM National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices through a video conference

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare digitally inaugurated the 7th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices through a video conference on Monday. Dr. Vardhan also launched New Health Management Information System (HMIS) along with the Operational Guidelines for TB services at AB-HWCs and the Operational Guidelines 2020 on Active Case Detection and Regular Surveillance for Leprosy. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare holds the National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Healthcare Systems in India. Dr. Vardhan expressed his happiness on the event and congratulated everyone for organizing this event amid the pandemic situation. He said, "It is important to focus on innovative convergence strategies which will take India's healthcare system to a new height. In the year 2020, 210 new initiatives were uploaded by the States and UTs in the National Healthcare Innovation Portal. The ultimate goal of these innovations is to improve the health status of the people on one hand and strengthen Public Health Systems in a sustainable manner on the other." He also stressed on the need to involve and integrate the grassroots healthcare workers for brainstorming on the innovations in the healthcare ecosystem, and benefit from the collective wisdom which emanates from years of experience and expertise of working with people's health delivery systems.

# For details :

# Technological advances are often termed as 'Disruptions', but this year they helped us overcome the big disruption to a great extent: President Kovind

The Coronavirus has changed the world in terms of social relations, economic activities, healthcare, education and several other aspects of life. Yet, life has not come to a standstill – thanks largely to information and communication technology. Technological advances are often termed as 'disruptions', but this year they helped us overcome the big disruption to a great extent, said the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind. He was speaking on the occasion of presentation of the Digital India Awards 2020 today (December 30, 2020) via video conferencing. The President noted that due to proactive digital interventions, we have been able to ensure operational continuity of important government services during and after the lockdown. He said that the role of our digital warriors has been commendable in helping the country overcome challenges posed by the pandemic. Proactive implementation of platforms such as Arogya Setu, e-Office and video conferencing services backed by a robust ICT infrastructure has helped the country reduce the pandemic hardships.

## For details :

# PM to lay Foundation Stone of AIIMS at Rajkot on 31 December

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will lay the Foundation Stone of AIIMS at Rajkot, Gujarat on 31st December 2020 at 11 AM via video conferencing. Governor of Gujarat, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Union Health Minister and Union MoS for Health will also be present on the occasion. For the project, 201 acres of land has been allotted. It will be built at an estimated cost Rs. 1195 crores, and is expected to be completed by mid of 2022. The state-of-the-art 750 bed hospital will also have a 30 bed AAYUSH block. It will have 125 MBBS seats and 60 nursing seats.

# For details :

## PM flags off 100th Kisan Rail

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the 100th Kisan Rail from Sangola in Maharashtra to Shalimar in West Bengal on Monday via video conferencing. Union Ministers, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Shri Piyush Goyal were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister termed the Kisan Rail Service as a major step towards increasing the income of the farmers of the country. He expressed happiness that even during the Corona pandemic, 100 Kisan Rails were launched in the last 4 months. He said this service will bring a major change in the economy related to farming and will also increase the strength of the country's cold supply chain.

## For details :

# VP Naidu reiterates that skilling and training our youth is the key for a better future

The Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu on Monday advised youth to turn the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic into opportunities. Addressing the gathering after presentation of certificates to the trainees at Swarna Bharat Trust, Vijayawada, the Vice President underlined that while the pandemic has impacted many sectors, it has also opened avenues in many others. Noting that more than 65 percent of the population is under the age of 35, Shri Naidu reiterated that if we can utilize these human resources, youth and women can become key partners in furthering our nation's growth. With these great human resources, we can shape the future world, he added. In this regard, he recalled various efforts of the State and Central governments to up-skill the youth and called for intensification of these programmes. Emphasising that skilling must be in tune with the 21st century needs, the Vice President called for private participation in this field.

# For details :

## Vice President calls for mass media campaign to educate people on single use plastics

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu called for a mass media campaign to bring behavioural changes in how people dispose of plastic products. He emphasised that the problem is not with plastics, instead the problem lies in our attitude towards handling of plastics.Addressing the students, faculty and staff of the Central Institute of Petrochemical Engineering & Technology (CIPET) in Vijayawada on Mondaythe Vice President expressed concern about the environmental challenge posed by the durability and longevity of plastics. He stressed the need to follow the best practices of plastics waste management and wanted people to be made aware of the importance of the 3Rs - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Shri Naidu specifically appreciated the importance of plastics during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as they have been used extensively in manufacturing of medical protection equipment and PPE kits, which have played a significant role in preventing its spread. Polymeric materials are also being used widely to create medical tools and devices like insulin pens, IV tubes, implants and tissue engineering as well.Underlining the importance of polymers in Indian economy, the Vice President said that 30,000 plus plastics processing units are employing over four million people across the country.

## For details :

## MHA extends Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an Order on Monday to extend the earlier **Guidelines for Surveillance** to remain in force upto 31.01.2021. While there has been a continuous decline in the active and new COVID-19 cases, there is need to maintain surveillance, containment and caution, keeping in view the surge in cases globally, and emergence of a new variant of the virus in the United Kingdom

(UK). Accordingly, Containment Zones continue to be demarcated carefully; prescribed containment measures strictly followed within these zones; COVID-appropriate behaviour promoted and strictly enforced; and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) prescribed in respect of various permitted activities followed scrupulously. Therefore, the focused approach on surveillance, containment and strict observance of the guidelines/ SOPs issued by MHA and Ministry of Health &Family Welfare (MOHFW), as envisaged in the Guidelines issued on 25.11.2020; need to be enforced strictly by States and UTs.

# For details :

# KVIC Distributed Rs. 30 crore to Khadi Artisans in J&K During Covid- 19 to Sustain Their Lives

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) lent special focus on Khadi artisans in Jammu & Kashmir during the Covid-19 period. While KVIC worked tirelessly for creating sustainable employment across the country, it disbursed Rs 29.65 crore to Khadi Institutions in the hilly terrains of J&K alone, which has been the focus area of the Central Government. This amount has been disbursed from May 2020 to September 2020 to 84 Khadi institutions in J&K benefitting 10,800 Khadi artisans associated with these institutions.

For details :

# **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Kerala: Kerala government has initiated steps to screen passengers arriving from Europe in the wake of reports that 20 UK returnees tested positive for the mutant strain of Covid-19 in various parts of the country. The state has been on tenterhooks after 18 UK returnees tested positive for Covid-19. Their samples were sent to the NIV, Pune for whole genome sequencing to check whether they are of mutated strain. Results are awaited. Health Minister K K Shailaja has said that in the case of people turning positive for the new virus strain, the existing Covid-19 treatment will continue. After the recently held local body polls in Kerala, it was feared that there would be a massive surge in COVID-19 cases in the state. However, the number of new positive cases reported in the last fortnight at least negates such fears. The state recorded 5,887 new COVID-19 cases and 5,029 recoveries on Tuesday. The death toll is 3014. The current test positivity rate is 9.5.
- Tamil Nadu:As on today, Tamil Nadu recorded 8,16,132 total cases, 12,092 deaths, 8747 Active cases and 7,95,293 discharges:
- Karnataka: Total cases reached 9,17,571, Active cases: 11,861, Deaths 12074 and discharges: 8,93,617 as on today
- Andhra Pradesh: A two-day dry run to assess the readiness of the mechanism laid out for the Covid-19 immunisation drive was successfully conducted in Andhra Pradesh, along with Gujarat, Punjab and Assam. The end-to-end exercise was undertaken by specific teams formed for various tasks in Krishna district on Monday and Tuesday. The dry run was to check the operational feasibility of Co-WIN in the field, besides the planning, implementation and reporting mechanism. Activities like uploading of dummy beneficiary data, session site creation, vaccine allocation and communication vaccination details to vaccinators and beneficiaries, and beneficiary mobilisation were carried out. The State government is on high alert after laboratory reports confirmed that a woman who had evaded health authorities at Delhi

airport on returning from the UK last week was carrying the mutated strain of the novel coronavirus. State so far traced 1,406 UK returnees out of the identified 1,423 and also identified 6,364 of their contacts. Amid the Covid pandemic which has made its lasting impact on the year which is going to end in a couple of days, Covid flower baskets have appeared in the market to woo denizens in Tirupati. With many people scared of buying flower bouquets with the fear of spread of virus, florists are taking extra caution in preparing them to create confidence in buyers

- Telangana: As on date, total cases reached 2,81,730 Active cases: 6590, Deaths 1538. Discharges :2,85,939.Authorities in Telangana are gearing up to tackle the threat from the mutant UK variant of Covid-19 after after a 49 year old man from Warangal tested positive for it after the analysis at CCMB. Meanwhile the Director of CCMB Dr. Rakesh Mishra has urged people not to let their guard down as the UK variant has potential to create a 2nd wave of infections. The MD of Bharat Biotech Dr. Krishna Ella has assured that the Covaxin it is producing would protect against the new mutants too.
- Assam:In Assam, 66 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 87 patients discharged on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 216063, total discharged patients 211720, active 3300 and 1040 total death. Two patients died yesterday.
- Sikkim:In Sikkim, 19 more people tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 5864 and 537 active cases.

# FACT CHECK



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दावा : कुछ मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स में दावा किया जा रहा है कि तेल कंपनियां अब गैस सिलेंडर के दामों में प्रतिदिन या साप्ताहिक तौर पर बदलाव करने का विचार कर रही हैं।

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It is being claimed that PM @narendramodi has said that country's first metro was started due to the efforts of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

FACT: The claim is misleading! PM mentioned Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the context of Delhi Metro.

Read PM's speech here pib.gov.in/PressReleasePa...







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Indian Customs never calls or send message for paying duty in a personal bank account. All communication from Indian Customs contain a Document Identification Number (DIN) which can be verified online.





Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

Avoid the Three Cs

#### There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:







# Close-contact settings

Especially where people have closerange conversations



# Confined and enclosed spaces

with poor ventilation



The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

Even as restrictions are lifted, consider where you are going and #StaySafe by avoiding the Three Cs.

# WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces

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Maintain at least 1m distance from others



When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes



vear a mask it requested or if physical distancing is not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.



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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's total Active Caseload has significantly dropped to 3.63 lakh (3,63,749) today
- 37,528 cases recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours while the number of daily new cases in the last 24 hours is 29,398
- Recovery Rate has improved to 94.84% today
- 414 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours.

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 11 December 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)	Active (3.71%)	Discharged (94.84%)	Deaths (1.45%)
(†     Status change since vesterday)	363749 (8544 <b></b> ∳)	9290834 (37528 <b>†</b> )	142186 (4144



\* 🛦 indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

Madhya Pradesh 2,19,893 (1,319)

2,24,081 (1,270)

2,14,305 (140)

1,58,556 (▲628)

1,14,773 (▲366)

1,11,003 (▲173)

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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4,135 (1.8%)

3,373 (1.5%)

5,007 (3.2%)

1,775 (1.5%)

993 (0.9%)

999 (0.5%)

# India reports landmark achievement: Active Caseload drops to 3.63 Lakh after 146 days; Less than 30,000 Daily New Cases recorded

2,06,126 (92%)

2,03,294 (92%)

2,09,790 (98%)

1,46,126 (92%)

1,08,150 (94%)

1,08,320 (98%)

13,820 (6%)

13,226 (6%)

3,516 (2%)

7,423 (5%)

4,848 (4%)

1,690 (2%)

Gujarat

Assam

Punjab

Jharkhand

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India's total Active Caseload has significantly dropped to 3.63 lakh (3,63,749) today. This is the lowest after 146 days. The total active cases were 3,58,692 on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. The country has reported a trend of sustained decrease in the number of active cases. India's present active caseload consists of just 3.71% of India's Total Positive Cases.37,528 cases recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. This has led to a net decline of 8,544 from the total active caseload. India has registered less than 30,000 daily new cases in the last 24 hours. The number of daily new cases in the last 24 hours is 29,398. The total recovered cases are nearing 93 lakh (92,90,834). The gap between Recovered Cases and Active Cases, that is steadily increasing, has crossed 89L today and presently stands at 89,27,085. The difference in the New Recoveries outnumbering New Cases has also improved the Recovery Rate to 94.84% today.79.90% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs.Karnataka has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 5,076 newly recovered cases. 5,068 people recovered in Maharashtra followed by 4,847 in Kerala.Maharashtra recorded maximum average daily recovered cases with 6,703 persons followed by Kerala and Delhi with 5,173 and 4,362 recovered cases, respectively.72.39% of the new cases are concentrated in 10 States and UTs.Kerala reported the highest daily new cases at 4,470. It is followed by Maharashtra with 3,824 new cases.414 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Ten States/UTs account for 79.95% of new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (70). Delhi and West Bengal follow with 61 and 49 daily deaths, respectively.

For details :

#### Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses World Bank Inter Ministerial Meet on Vaccinating South Asia

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally addressed the Inter-Ministerial meeting on Vaccination of South Asia against COVID-19 by the World Bank, yesterday through Video Conference. Presenting a detailed summary of the proactive, preemptive, graded, whole of government and society approach to the COVID-19 pandemic undertaken by India, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "Effective planning and strategic management has enabled India to keep its cases per million at 7,078against the global average of 8,883. The fatality rate is 1.45%, well below the global average of 2.29%." He then proceeded to inform the audience of the vaccine distribution expertise, production and storage capacity of India along with the presence of an experienced and vast network of professionals to streamline COVID vaccination. He stated, "India's world-class research institutes have spearheaded the campaign against COVID-19 and are currently working towards facilitating capacity building for producing, distributing & administering the vaccine. 260 vaccine candidates are in different stages of development globally. Out of these, 8 are scheduled to be manufactured in India, including 3 indigenous ones. We have enthusiastically leveraged the support of international partners like Oxford University, UK, and Thomas Jefferson University, USA, for vaccine research with Indian entities, both public and private."

For details:

### PM's opening remarks in the India-Uzbekistan virtual summit

For details :

MOHUA launches Socio-Economic Profiling of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries

Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched a programme of Socio-Economic Profiling of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries and their families today, as an additional component of PM SVANidhi Scheme, in the presence of representatives of various Central Ministries and State officials. Under this, a complete profile of each PM SVANidhi beneficiary and their family members will be prepared. Based on the profiled data, benefits of the various eligible Central Schemes would be extended to them for their holistic socio-economic upliftment. The launch has been in the context of the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister that PM SVANidhi scheme should not be seen merely from the perspective of extending loans to street vendors but should also be seen as an instrument for outreach to street vendors and their families for their holistic development and socio-economic upliftment.

For details :

### Indian Railways Launches Hospital Management Information System Trial Project

Indian Railways has launched another major IT initiative towards according priority for the well-being of its work force. The HMIS in Railways has been developed by Indian Railways in coordination with RailTel Corporation Limited. The objective of the HMIS is to provide a single window of clearance of hospital administration activity such as clinical, diagnostics, pharmacy, examinations, industrial health etc.

For details :

# 2927 Court complexes across country have been connected by a high-speed Wide Area Network (WAN) as against target of 2992 under e-Courts Project

As many as 2927 Court complexes across India have been connected so far by a high-speed Wide Area Network (WAN) under e-Courts Project. It has led to completion of 97.86 % sites out of 2992 sites conceived to be connected with high speed WAN under the project. Department of Justice (DoJ) along with BSNL is working relentlessly on connecting the remaining sites. Under e-Courts Project, one of the largest digital networks of the world was conceived by Department of Justice along with the e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India to connect the 2992 court complexes located all over India by a high-speed Wide Area Network (WAN) via different modes of connectivity such as Optical Fiber Cable (OFC), Radio Frequency (RF), Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) etc.

For details :

## Several measures taken by DoCA to provide simple and speedy redressal for consumer disputes

It has been reported to the Department of Consumer Affairs that most of the honey brands sold in the market are adulterated with sugar syrup. This is a serious matter as it will compromise our health in the troubled times of COVID 19 and add to the risk of Covid-19. The Department has asked the Central Consumer Protection Authority(CCPA) to look in to matter. The CCPA, in accordance with section 19(2) of the Consumer Protection Act 2019, after preliminary examination, has referred the matter to the FSSAI, the food regulator, to take appropriate action in the matter and has offered to extend cooperation in investigation of the matter for taking class action as envisaged in section 10 of the Act. The Department takes the consumer issues seriously. Recently, taking note of an incident where a 40-year – old man set himself on fire in a Rohini mall and got burn injuries after mobile phone service centre allegedly refused to replace a phone he had bought for his niece, a  $12^{\text{th}}$  class school student for her online classes, the Department took up the matter with the mobile phone company concerned. The

mobile company has informed that they have decided to compensate the consumer with Rs. 1,00,000/and a new Mobile handset. Use of proper accurate and standards weights and measures are very important for effective functioning of any economy, as it plays an indispensable role in consumer protection as protection from malpractices of under weights or under-measure is an important function of the Government.

For details:

### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Maharashtra: Maharashtra's COVID-19 tally on Thursday reached 18,68,172 with the addition of 3,824 cases. Mumbai in the last 24 hours has registered 798 new cases of Covid 19, taking the total tally of infected people to 2,88,696. The city has also witnessed 13 deaths which take the total death toll to nearly 11,000. There are currently 11943 active patients undergoing treatment at various hospitals.
- Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 1270 new Corona cases during the last 24 hours. Maximum 278 new cases reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 196 new cases. At present total active cases in the state are 13820, out of which 72 patients are on ventilator. 12 patients died yesterday taking the total deaths due to Covid19 up to 4135. Meanwhile, Ahmedabad Municipal corporation has added two new areas in the micro containment zone including one old age home following detection of new cases.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, new COVID cases are declining. The number of active cases has come down to 19 thousand. The number of new cases has come down in Jaipur and Jodhpur cities too. In the first ten days of this month, around 19,000 new cases of infection have been reported in the state, while the number of people recovered was close to 28,500. During this period, there were on average 500 new cases reported daily in the capital Jaipur, while the number of new infections in Jodhpur was average 225. The number of new infections is decreasing rapidly in other districts also. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has instructed officials to increase the scope of investigation for effective prevention of infection in the state
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh on Thursday recorded 1,319 new COVID-19 cases, taking the count of infections in the state to 2,19,893. With seven more people succumbing to the viral infection, the death toll reached 3,373. A total of 1,307 patients were discharged from hospitals, taking the overall recovery count to 2,03,294. Of 1,319 new cases, Indore accounted for 456 and Bhopal 296. The number of cases in Indore district rose to 47,427 including 799 deaths, while Bhopal's case tally stood at 35,137 with 537 fatalities. Indore now has 5,175 active cases, while this figure for Bhopal is 3,143.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh on Thursday reported 1,518 new COVID-19 cases and 16 fatalities, taking the caseload to 2,52,638 and death toll to 3,054. The number of recoveries reached 2,30,238 as 177 people were discharged from hospitals while 1,682 others completed their home isolation period during the day. There are 19,346 active cases in the state. Raipur district reported 210 new cases on Thursday, taking its total count to 48,457, including 682 deaths. Korba district recorded 137 new cases, Bilaspur 127, Rajnandgaon 102 and Durg 101, among other districts.
- Goa: No casualties were reported in Goa on Thursday. As many as 95 persons tested positive for coronavirus, while 159 recovered from the infection in Goa on Thursday. With the addition of the latest cases, the coastal state's COVID-19 tally rose to 49,131. The toll in the state stood at 703, as no casualties were reported during the day. 47,215 patients have recovered from the infection so far. The state is now left with 1,213 active cases.

- Assam: In Assam, 140 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 165 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 214305, total discharged patients 209787, active 3516 and 999 total death.
- Kerala: State Health Minister KK Shailaja has informed that a soldier, who had returned after serving in Sudan, has been detected with 'plasmodium oval, a new genus of malaria'. The person is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Kannur, she said. The minister added that the spread of the disease can be controlled by timely preventive measures. Meanwhile, 4470 new Covid 19 cases were reported in Kerala yesterday. Covid death toll has reached 2533.
- Tamil Nadu: Five lakh people to get CoVid vaccine first in Tamil Nadu, 2,800 vaccine centres are being set up. Tamil Nadu is getting ready with an anticipatory vaccination plan by identifying 51 warehouses that will have the capacity to store 2.5 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine at any given time. The state discharged 1,302 patients from the Covid-19 registry, and added 1,220 fresh cases on Thursday, which pushed the cumulative case tally to 7,95,240. The active cases dropped to 10,392 from 10,491 on Wednesday
- Karnataka: Third phase of covid 19 vaccine trials began at Belagavi. Health department asked OPDs to function normally. Health minister K Sudhakar held a meeting of COVID taskforce to take stock of covid situation in the state.
- Andhra Pradesh: The overall number of Covid tests conducted in the state so far has crossed the 1.06 crore mark taking the tests conducted per million population to nearly two lakh. All districts reported fewer than 100 new infections with the highest of 95 in Chittoor followed by 86 in Krishna. The lowest of seven cases were reported in Vizianagaram while 13 cases emerged in Kadapa. Only two Covid-19 deaths each were reported on Thursday and Friday as well which is the lowest number of casualties reported in a day in about six months after the pandemic saw its peak. The state Covid-19 chart now showed 8,74,515 total positive cases; 8,62,230 recoveries and 7,049 deaths. The active caseload dipped to 5,236.
- Telangana: 643 new cases, 805 recoveries & 2 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana. Total cases 2,75,904 Active cases: 7,497, Deaths: 1482 Discharges :2,66,925 with a recovery rate of 96.74 per cent.

# FACT CHECK





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Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

#### There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:







# Close-contact settings

Especially where people have closerange conversations



# Confined and enclosed spaces

with poor ventilation



The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

Even as restrictions are lifted, consider where you are going and #StaySafe by avoiding the Three Cs.

# WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces



Maintain at least 1m distance from others



when possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes

Wear a mask if requested or if physical distancing is

not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.



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# **PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19**

Posted On: 10 DEC 2020 5:42PM by PIB Delhi



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States'	Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)	
Maharashtra	18,64,348 (▲4,981)	17,42,131 (93%)	74,315 (4%)	47,902 (2.6%)	
Karnataka	8,96,563 (▲1,279)	8,61,588 (96%)	23,075 (3%)	11,900 (1.3%)	
Andhra Prades	sh 8,73,457 (▲618)	8,61,153 (99%)	5,259 (1%)	7,045 (0.8%)	
Tamil Nadu	7,94,020 (▲1,232)	7,71,693 (97%)	10,491 (1%)	11,836 (1.5%)	
Kerala	6,49,571 (▲4,875)	5,86,998 (90%)	60,066 (9%)	2,507 (0.4%)	
Delhi	5,99,575 (▲2,463)	5,69,216 (95%)	20,546 (3%)	9,813 (1.6%)	
Uttar Pradesh	5,59,499 (▲1,326)	5,30,854 (95%)	20,658 (4%)	7,987 (1.4%)	
West Bengal	5,10,951 (▲2,956)	4,78,434 (94%)	23,650 (5%)	8,867 (1.7%)	
Odisha	3,22,299 (▲386)	3,17,412 (98%)	3,098 (1%)	1,789 (0.6%)	
Rajasthan	2,85,627 (▲1,511)	2,63,350 (92%)	19,792 (7%)	2,485 (0.9%)	
Telangana	2,75,904 (▲643)	2,66,925 (97%)	7,497 (3%)	1,482 (0.5%)	
Chhattisgarh	2,51,120 (▲1,421)	2,28,304 (91%)	19,778 (8%)	3,038 (1.2%)	
Haryana	2,48,079 (▲1,400)	2,33,696 (94%)	11,733 (5%)	2,650 (1.1%)	
Bihar	2,39,955 (▲633)	2,33,298 (97%)	5,354 (2%)	1,303 (0.5%)	
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Exponential rise in India's testing; Cumulative tests cross 15 Cr, 1 crore Tests conducted in the last 10 days; Less than 40,000 Daily New Cases since the last 11 days continuously; For the last Five days, less than 500 daily deaths recorded

India has crossed yet another landmark milestone in the fight against the global pandemic. The cumulative testing has crossed 15 Cr. 9,22,959 samples were tested in the last 24 hours which has increased India's total cumulative tests to 15,07,59,726. The past one crore tests were added in just 10 days. Comprehensive and widespread testing on a sustained basis has resulted in bringing down the positivity rate. In another significant achievement, India has reported less than 40,000 new daily cases for eleven continuous days. In the last 24 hours, only 31,521 persons were found to be COVID positive in the country. India also registered 37,725 new recoveries in the same duration which has led to a further contraction of the Active Caseload. India's present active caseload of 3,72,293 consists of just 3.81% of India's Total Positive Cases. The total recovered cases have surpassed 92.5 lakh (92,53,306) today. The Recovery Rate has improved to 94.74%. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is steadily increasing and presently stands at 8,881,013. 77.30% of the new recovered cases is contributed by ten States/UTs. Maharashtra saw 5,051 persons recovering from COVID. Kerala and Delhi reported 4,647 and 4,177 new recoveries, respectively. Ten States/UTs have contributed 74.65% of the new cases. 77.67% of the 412 case fatalities that have been reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs. 18.20% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra which reported 75 deaths. Delhi also saw a figure fatality count of 50 contributing another 12.13% of the fatalities. The daily new deaths have been less than 500 from the last five days.

For details :

PM lays foundation stone of New Parliament Building

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the New Parliament Building today. The new building is an intrinsic part of the vision of 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat' and will be a landmark opportunity to build a peoples' Parliament for the first time after independence, one which will match the needs and aspirations of 'New India' in the 75th anniversary of independence in 2022. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said today is a milestone in India's democratic history, filled with the idea of Indianness. He added that the start of the construction of Parliament House of India is one of the most important stages of our democratic traditions. He gave a call to the people of India, to build this new building of the Parliament together. He said it can't be more beautiful or more pure than the new building of our Parliament witnessing when India celebrates 75 years of its independence. He remarked that many new things are being done in the new Parliament House that will increase the efficiency of the MPs and modernize their work culture. He said if the old Parliament House gave direction to post-independence India, the new building would become a witness to the making of a 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat.' If work was done to fulfill the needs of the country in the old Parliament House, then the aspirations of 21st century India will be fulfilled in the new building.

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Text of PM's address at the laying of foundation stone of New Parliament Building

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Dr Harsh Vardhan digitally addresses the virtual Curtain Raiser Ceremony by ICMR-National Institute of Research in Tribal Health, Jabalpur as a part of 6th India International Science Festival 2020

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, and Earth Sciences digitally addressed the virtual Curtain Raiser Ceremony by ICMR-National Institute of Research in Tribal Health, at Jabalpur as a part of 6<sup>th</sup> India International Science Festival 2020 (IISF 2020). The 6th IISF-2020 is being organized by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA). Delivering the address, Dr Harsh Vardhan said, "IISF, launched in 2015, has always been about showcasing the progress of science and its application for the betterment of the lives of our people. It is indeed a privilege to preside over this Curtain Raiser Ceremony being organized by the ICMR-NIRTH, Jabalpur."

For details :

6th Instalment of Rs.6,000 crore released to the States as back to back loan to meet the GST compensation shortfall

The Ministry of Finance has released the weekly instalment of Rs. 6,000 crore to the States to meet the GST compensation shortfall. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 5,516.60 crore has been released to 23 States and an amount of Rs.483.40 crore has been released to the 3 Union Territories (UT) with Legislative Assembly (Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir & Puducherry) who are members of the GST Council. The remaining 5 States, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim do not have a gap in revenue on account of GST implementation. The Government of India is borrowing this amount on behalf of the States and UTs through a special borrowing window to meet the estimated shortfall of Rs.1.10 lakh crore in revenue arising on account of GST implementation. The amount released this week was the 6<sup>th</sup> instalment of such funds provided to the States. **The amount has been borrowed this week** 

at an interest rate of 4.2089 %. So far, an amount of Rs. 36,000 crore has been borrowed by the Central Government through the special borrowing window at an average interest rate of 4.7106%.

For details :

FM lauds concerted efforts resulting in higher procurement and payment of over Rs 21000 crore to MSMEs upto November

Union Minister of Finance Smt Nirmala Sitharaman reviewed the situation about payment to the MSMEs and expressed satisfaction and appreciation on the excellent work done by the Ministry of MSME. As part of Prime Minister of India's vision the Finance Minister had announced AtmaNirbhar Bharat package in May, 2020, it was also stated that the MSME dues should be paid in 45 days. Since the month of May 2020, regular follow-up and concerted efforts have been made by Government of India, particularly by the MSME Ministry for payment of these dues. Particular focus was placed on Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and the Central Government Agencies for payment of dues to MSMEs. As a result, over Rs 21000 crore of MSME dues have been paid in past 7 Months since May 2020 by the Central Govt Agencies and CPSEs. The highest level of Procurement was achieved in October of over Rs 5100 crore and payment of over Rs 4100 crore. Going by the reports received in first 10 days for November 2020, this level of performance is expected to be surpassed as Procurement of about Rs 4700 crore and payment of about Rs 4000 crore have already been reported.

For details :

India and UN-Based Better Than Cash Alliance organized a joint Peer learning exchange on fintech solutions for responsible digital payments at the last mile

Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance yesterday hosted a learning session "Accelerating **Responsible Digital Payments: Unlocking the Role of Fintech in Last Mile Service Delivery**" with leaders from States and Union Territories across India. This Peer Exchange is a result of the tremendous success and opportunities highlighted during COVID-19 and is co-organized with the UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance. Various Ministries and agencies made presentations on Open APIs, Smart City Cards, Blockchain use cases, Account Aggregator Eco system etc. State Government presented case studies on use cases. During the COVID-19 relief efforts, nearly Rs 68,000 crore of cash was provided as direct benefits transfers directly into the bank accounts of the most vulnerable. The Digital Payment Infrastructure established by Government of India including Jandhan accounts, Aadhaar and Mobile phone (JAM) was put to excellent use during the pandemic. The Government of India has taken several initiatives to foster innovation and adoption of technology to bring in greater inclusive growth.

For details :

# <u>Union Education Minister virtually interacts with teachers, parents and students on upcoming</u> <u>competitive and board exams</u>

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank 'virtually interacted with teachers, parents and students across the country on upcoming competitive and board exams. During the one-hour interaction, the Minister responded to the various concerns and queries of the students relating to school examinations, entrance examinations, among others. Speaking on the occasion Shri Pokhriyal said that the students are the brand ambassadors of the National Education Policy-2020. Emphasizing that all of us have to take collective efforts to make the policy a grand success, he sought the cooperation of students and teachers in effective implementation of the policy. While hoping that students will soon return to their normal school days, the Minister urged them to continue their studies along with adhering

to all the precautions and guidelines on COVID. Addressing the students, he suggested that student can use this time to revive the pen friend culture that is writing letters to friends. Going beyond the current trend of SMS, Whatsapp, this practice of writing letters to friends will bring in more joy and happiness.

For details :

# Last date for submission of application forms for Haj 2021 extended up to 10th January 2021

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has said that the last date for submission of application forms for Haj 2021 has been extended up to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Embarkation Points-wise estimated cost per Haj pilgrim has also been reduced. Shri Naqvi was addressing a press conference after chairing a meeting of Haj Committee of India at Haj House, Mumbai, today.Shri Naqvi said that todaywas supposed to be the last date for submission of application forms for Haj 2021 and now it has been extended up to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021. More than 40,000 applications have been received for Haj 2021 till now, including more than 500 applications under women without "Mehram" category.Shri Naqvi said that after thorough discussions according to Embarkation Points and feedback received from Saudi Arabia; the Embarkation Points-wise estimated cost per Haj pilgrim has been reduced.Shri Naqvi said that national-international Protocol Guidelines due to Pandemic Position will be implemented and followed strictly during the Haj 2021. 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.

For details :

# <u>Shri ThaawarchandGehlot E-Inaugurates ADIP Camp to Provide AIDS and Assistive Devices to</u> <u>8797 Divyangjan of Latur, Maharashtra</u>

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri ThaawarchandGehlot e-inaugurated an ADIP Camp for free distribution of assistive aids and devices at Block level for identified Divyangjans of Latur District under the ADIP scheme of Government of India through online video streaming today. Delivering inaugural address, Shri ThaawarchandGehlot said that in COVID-19 Pandemic situation, special measures have been taken by Government of India so that the benefit of welfare scheme may continue uninterrupted in the interest of persons with disabilities. He said that ALIMCO is being modernized with a cost of Rs 338.00 crores in order to provide free aids and assistive devices to Divyangjan in our country. Since year 2014-15, 9331 ADIP Camps have been organized to benefit 16,87 lakhs beneficiaries with aids and assistive devices worth Rs 1003.09 crores. 637 Special Camps have been organized and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is trying its best to cover all parts of the country with such Camps.

For details :

# Government, academia & industry representatives from India & Portugal discuss possible areas of tech collaboration

Dignitaries from India and Portugal discussed about areas like water, healthcare, agritech, waste management, cleantech climate solutions, and ICT in which the two countries can collaborate to bring about solutions for societal challenges and build a holistic and mutually beneficial relationship at the high-level Tech Leadership Plenary Session of the DST-CII Technology Summit. India and Portugal

have been rediscovering each other through science, technology, innovation, industry and markets and started collaboration in co-creating bilateral knowledge, collaborative projects in science, technology and innovation and co-operating on multilateral issues," Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Prof. Ashutosh Sharma said in his keynote address at the summit on Monday. Dr. Naresh Trehan Chairman and Managing Director Medanta- The Medicity highlighted that the COVID pandemic has tested India's potential very efficiently as the country scaled up from a situation where there was no equipment and material for dealing with the pandemic to one in which ventilators and PPEs were produced not only to meet the country's demands but also for export.

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# **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam, 146 cases detected out of 28,896 tests conducted with positivity rate of 0.51% while 178 patients are discharged yesterday. Total cases- 214165 out of which recovered are 97.88% & active cases are 1.65%.
- Sikkim: With 24 new cases, Sikkim's COVID-19 count reaches 5,239. The number of discharged patients has further improved to 4,661 with the release of 19 patients from hospital and home isolation. There are currently 368 active cases of novel Coronavirus in the State.
- Kerala: Despite the Covid pandemic and the strict measures to curb it, voters thronged the polling booths in five central districts in the second phase of the Kerala local body elections. Brisk polling is being witnessed in many places pushing the voting percentage to cross 70 %. Meanwhile Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has convened a meeting of senior officials next week to decide on opening of schools in the state which were closed following the outbreak of the pandemic. The Covid Expert Committee had recommended that Classes for tenth standard and higher secondary can be resumed in January. Covid-19 was detected in 4,875 more people in the state yesterday. Covid death toll has touched 2,507. The current test positivity rate is 9.26.
- Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu's electricity demand increased over 9% to 9,086 million units in October this year from 8,266 million units in the same period last year, posting a positive growth for the first time since the lockdown was imposed in March to curb the spread of COVID-19. Meanwhile, active Covid-19 cases in Tamil Nadu dropped to 10,491 on Wednesday while 1,232 new cases and 14 deaths were recorded. The case tally touched 7,94,020 and the cumulative death toll reached 11,836
- Karnataka: 279 new cases, 3218 discharges & 20 deaths were reported in Karnataka yesterday. Total positive cases are 8,96,563 while active cases are 23,056. Deaths: 11,900; Discharges: 8,61,588.
- Andhra Pradesh: Following the government guidelines, the officials in the districts have geared up to
  administer the vaccine. Committees were formed at mandal and town level also. In Chittoor district, the
  DM&HO has conducted a one-day training camp for vaccine cold chain handlers on the e-VIN app
  (electronic vaccine intelligence network). Using the cold chain method vaccine will be safeguarded and
  administered to the healthcare workers. Meanwhile, the severity of the mysterious disease in Eluru is
  said to be slowing down with many victims being decreased every day. District officials, who have so far
  examined the results of test samples are currently awaiting reports from central agencies.
- Telangana: 643 new cases, 805 recoveries & 2 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; Total cases 2,75,904 Active cases: 7,497, Deaths: 1482 Discharges :2,66,925 with a recovery rate of 96.74 per cent.

- Maharashtra: Maharashtra's Health Secretary Pradeep Vyas has informed that over 16,000 people have registered their names on the CO-WIN portal as vaccine administrators while close to a lakh have registered as beneficiaries. While giving a detailed presentation on the State's preparedness to roll out the COVID vaccine, Mr. Vyas informed the Steering Committee headed by Maharashtra's Chief Secretary Sanjay Kumar, that a cold storage chain of 3,135 centres is currently available to store and move the vaccine to its desired locations across the State. Mr. Vyas said vaccination booths will be set up at primary healthcare clinics and private hospitals initially to administer the vaccine to healthcare workers. At a later stage, such booths will be set up at schools, community halls and civic offices wherein frontline workers like police personnel, essential services providers, people above the age of 50 and those with co-morbidities will be vaccinated. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Cyber Cell has issued an advisory, informing about a warning given by the Interpol in connection to a potential increase in cybercrime scams surrounding the availability of COVID-19 vaccines being approved for use. The state cyber cell also highlighted that organized crime networks could target the vaccine supply chains and create various shady websites selling illegal and/ or fake products.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, after a spike in Covid19 cases post Diwali festival, now new cases are slowly decreasing. The new cases of Covid19 recorded during the last 24 hours have fallen below the 1,400 mark. The number of active cases in the state is 14,027.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 17 more fatalities due to Covid on Wednesday, taking the death toll to 2,845, while the infection count rose to 2,85,627 with 1,511 fresh cases. The state has 19,792 active COVID-19 cases.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday reported 1,272 fresh coronavirus positive cases, taking the state's infection count to 2,18,574. With the virus claiming eight more lives in the state, the death toll rose to 3,366. The active case count in the state is 13,221.

# FACT CHECK







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# PIB Fact Check 🤣 @PIBFactCheck · 13h

An article claims that CGHS beneficiaries can now undergo specific treatments at empanelled private hospitals without any referral or permission letter.

#PIBFactCheck: This claim is #Fake. @MoHFW\_INDIA has not taken any such decision.




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When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes

Wear a mask if requested or if physical distancing is not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.



**PIB Headquarters** 

# **PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19**

Posted On: 09 DEC 2020 5:35PM 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)

- Active caseload of the country stands at 3,78,909.
- Share of Active Cases in the total Positive Cases has further shrunk to 3.89%
- 32,080 persons were found positive in the past 24 hours and 36,635 new recoveries during the same period
- India's total cumulative tests are nearing 15 Cr (14,98,36,767)
- National Positivity Rate stands at 6.50% today
- Recovery Rate has also increased to 94.66%.

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At less than 4% of Total Cases, India's Active Caseload of 3.78 lakh continues to retreat, Daily Positivity Rate stands at 3.14%, 19 States/UTs have weekly Positivity Rate more than the national average

The ongoing trend of contraction of India's total active cases continues. The active caseload of the country stands at **3,78,909**. The share of Active Cases in the total Positive Cases has further shrunk to **3.89%**. The daily recoveries exceeding the daily new cases have ensured a total net reduction of the Active Caseload. A net decline of **4,957** cases has been recorded in the total active cases in last 24 hours. India has reported more daily recoveries than the daily new cases during the past 24 hours. While **32,080** persons were found positive in the past 24 hours, India has registered **36,635** new recoveries during the same period. India's total cumulative tests are nearing **15** Cr (**14,98,36,767**). Keeping in line with its commitment to conduct more than one million tests every day, **10,22,712** samples were tested in the last 24 hours. The testing capacity of the country has grown to 15 lakh tests per day. India's testing infrastructure has seen a significant boost with **2,220 labs** across the country. An average of more than 10 lakh tests are conducted daily. The cumulative national Positivity Rate stands at **6.50%** today. The daily positivity rate is just **3.14%**. Higher volumes of testing eventually lead to low Positivity Rate.**19** States/UTs have weekly positivity rate more than the national average.

Uttar Pradesh has the highest cumulative testing with more than 2 Cr tests. Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are among the States with highest cumulative testing with more than 1 Cr tests. The Recovery Rate has also increased to **94.66%**. Total Recoveries have surpassed **92 lakhs** today (**92,15,581)**.**76.37%** 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 6,365 newly recovered cases. **4**,735 people recovered in Kerala in the past 24 hours followed by 3,307 in Delhi.**75.11% of the new cases** are from 10 States and UTs.Kerala continues to report the highest daily new cases at 5,032. It is followed by Maharashtra with 4,026 new cases.**402** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours.Ten States/UTs account for **76.37%** of new deaths.

### For details :

#### PM to lay foundation stone of New Parliament Building on December 10, 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the New Parliament Building at Sansad Marg, New Delhi on December 10, 2020. The new building is an intrinsic part of the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and will be a landmark opportunity to build peoples' Parliament for the first time after independence, one which will match the needs and aspirations of 'New India' in the 75th anniversary of independence in 2022. The New Parliament Building will be modern, state-of-the-art and energy efficient, with highly non-obtrusive security facilities to be built as a triangular shaped building, adjacent to the present Parliament. Lok Sabha will be 3 times of the existing size and Rajya Sabha will be substantially bigger. The interiors of the new building will showcase a rich blend of Indian culture and diversity of our regional arts, crafts, textiles and architecture.

#### For details :

# <u>Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and Suriname on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine</u>

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health of the Government of the Republic of Suriname on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. The bilateral Memorandum of Understanding will encourage cooperation between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health of the Government of the Republic of Suriname through joint initiatives and technology development in the

health sector. It will strengthen bilateral ties between India and Suriname. It leads towards achieving Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) by way of sharing of expertise in public health system, and by promoting mutual research in various relevant areas.

### For details :

## Reform linked borrowing permissions lead to various citizen centric reforms in the States

In view of the challenges posed by the COVID 19 pandemic for mobilisation of financial resources, the Government of India has strengthened the hands of the States through multiple measures. These included grant of additional borrowing permission of 2% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in the year 2020-21. This has enabled the States to mobilise additional financial resources to fight the pandemic and maintain the standards of service delivery to the public. However, to ensure long-term debt sustainability and prevent any adverse impact on future, a part of the additional borrowing was linked to the States carrying out reforms in the sectors critical for service delivery to the citizens. One of the sectors identified for reforms is the Public Distribution System. Out of the additional borrowing limit of 2% of GSDP, 0.25% is linked to implementation of "One Nation One Ration Card system". This was aimed to ensure that the beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes, especially the migrant workers and their families, get ration from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) across the country. Other aims of the intended reform were to better target beneficiaries, elimination of bogus/ duplicate/ ineligible ration cards and thus enhance welfare and reduce leakage.

### For details :

## Cabinet approves Atmanirbhar Bharat RojgarYojana (ABRY)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Atmanirbhar Bharat RojgarYojana (ABRY) to boost employment in formal sector and incentivize creation of new employment opportunities during the Covid recovery phase under Atmanirbhar Bharat Package 3.0.Cabinet has approved an expenditure of Rs. 1,584 crore for the current financial yearand Rs.22,810 crore for the entire Scheme period i.e. 2020-2023.

### For details :

# Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally addresses the Inter Ministerial Conference by Partners in Population and Development (PPD)

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally addressed the Inter-Ministerial Conference by Partners in Population and Development (PPD), yesterday,

### For details :

<u>Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually addresses the Curtain Raiser function of IISF 2020</u> Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & family Welfare has said that organising the India International Science Festival -2020 this year on a virtual platform due to COVID-19, signifies the indomitable spirit of nurturing and celebrating scientific temperament amongst all the stakeholders of Science, Technology and Innovation. He was addressing the audience through video-conferencing as the Chief Guest at the Curtain Raiser function of IISF-2020 organised by the Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ladakh yesterday.

### For details :

Ministry of AYUSH and AIIMS decides to work together to set up a Department of Integrative Medicine

Ministry of AYUSH and AIIMS have decided to initiate work on setting up a Department of Integrative Medicine at AIIMS. This was decided in a joint visit and review by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, AYUSH and Dr. RandeepGuleria, Director, AIIMS of the Centre for Integrative Medicine and Research (CIMR) at AIIMS, New Delhi. The CIMR receives notable support through the Centre of Excellence Scheme of the Ministry of AYUSH. Dr. Gautam Sharma, Head, CIMR and senior officers of AYUSH Ministry were also present during the visit. The cutting edge research activities being held by CIMR in the Yoga and Ayurveda disciplines were reviewed and the research outcomes were seen to be impressive. Considering the research work, other activities and accomplishments of CIMR, it was felt that setting up a dedicated OPD and IPD beds for CIMR could be the next steps in the growth and development of CIMR. Secretary AYUSH assured that the Ministry of AYUSH will strive to continue its support to CIMR till the dedicated Department is developed.

### For details :

# Ministry of AYUSH and ICCR to streamline and intensify joint efforts to promote Yoga worldwide

In a high level review meeting of collaboration activities between Ministry of AYUSH and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for promotion of Yoga globally yesterday at New Delhi, it was resolved to streamline and intensify the joint efforts to promote Yoga in various countries across the world. The review was jointly held by Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President, ICCR and Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH. It was also decided to utilise the certification framework of the Yoga Certification Board (YCB) as a means of promoting authentic Yoga across the world. The Yoga Certification Board (YCB) and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), two institutions under the oversight of the Ministry of AYUSH in the discipline of Yoga, have forged separate partnerships with ICCR to spread Yoga around the globe.

### For details :

# ESIC takes Major Policy Initiatives for better medical services to Workers

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) during its 183<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held yesterday under the chairmanship of Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State for Labour& Employment (I/C) has taken several significant decisions to improve its delivery of medical services and other benefits to workers. Medical services to the insured workers and their dependents under the ESI Scheme are provided primarily through hospitals and dispensaries run by the State Governments. There are, at present, around 1520 ESI dispensaries and 159 hospitals across the country, out of which 45 dispensaries and 49 hospitals are directly run by ESIC while remaining dispensaries and hospitals are run by the respective State Governments. Several representatives have been received about deficient services in ESI hospitals run by State Governments due to poor availability of equipment and doctors.

For details :

# **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam, 94 cases detected out of 19,955 tests conducted with positivity rate of 0.47% while 102 patients discharged. Total cases 2,14,019 out of which recovered are 97.86% & active cases are 1.67%.
- Sikkim: 13 new cases take Sikkim's COVID-19 tally to 5,215.

- Kerala: With the second phase of local body polls slated to be held in the state tomorrow, the health department officials have warned that the faults in maintaining COVID protocols in the first phase of voting held yesterday should be rectified. They point out that delinquency from the part of voters will definitely have an impact on the COVID situation which may lead the pandemic curve to climb for certain. Though the State Election Commission had mandated physical distancing and barred crowding, these were openly violated at many places in the polling held yesterday which recorded 72.67% voting. Meanwhile, for the third time in the month, the COVID deaths in a day crossed the 30-mark on Tuesday. A total of 5.032 fresh cases and 4735 recoveries were reported yesterday. The latest test positivity rate is 8.31%.
- Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu on Tuesday reported 1,236 new COVID-19 cases, taking the overall infection count to 7,92,788, while 13 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 11,822. Recoveries continued to outnumber the new infections with 1,330 people being discharged from health care facilities after getting cured, taking the aggregate to 7,70,378, a health department bulletin said.
- Karnataka: Karnataka government has amended the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020 which makes provisions to impose penalties for violation of the act. As per amended law local authorities may impose fine for ₹ 5000 for non AC party halls, departmental stores and ₹ 10,000 for AC party halls and also organisations. State government further reduced the price of COVID test. A price of ₹ 800 was fixed for COVID test in private hospitals.
- Andhra Pradesh: 583 people have been admitted to hospitals so far due to illness. Of these, 470 were discharged and twenty patients were shifted to Vijayawada and Guntur hospitals for better treatment. One death has been reported so far. Health officials suspect food or water contamination. A preliminary report by a team from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, has found traces of lead and nickel in some blood samples.
- Telangana: As the race for Covid-19 vaccine heats up, the government organised a visit for foreign envoys to biotech companies leading India's effort to find an antidote to the virus. MEA took more than 60 heads of mission (HoMs) to Bharat Biotech and Biological E in Hyderabad on December 9. Meanwhile, 721 new cases, 753 recoveries & 3 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; Total cases 2,75,261 Active cases: 7,661, Deaths 1480 Discharges :2,66,120 with a recovery rate of 96.67 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 94.6 per cent.
- Maharashtra: The world-famous tourism sites in Aurangabad will be reopened for the visitors from tomorrow. District Collector, Sunil Chavan has directed the concerned agencies to take preventive measures in this regard, including the facility to conduct the COVID test for guides, shopkeepers, local artisans, hoteliers and transport professionals at the respective tourist spots. Mumbai's new cases continue to remain below the thousand mark. It was 585 new cases, apart from 565 recoveries and 7 deaths on Tuesday. Pune circle reported 749 new cases and 20 deaths on the same day.
- Gujarat: Maximum 294 new cases reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 214 new cases. The recovery rate has improved and reached 91.70 percent.
- Rajasthan: The recovery rate in the State has increased to 91.78 per cent. More than 100 cases have been reported in only four districts on Tuesday. A total of 465 new infections have been reported in Jaipur, 187 in Jodhpur, 140 in Ajmer and 134 cases reported from Udaipur. The number of active cases in Jaipur has dropped to 9,000. The number of new patients in 9 districts has been less than 10.

- Madhya Pradesh: Maximum cases on Wednesday were found in Indore district (509 new cases), followed by Bhopal district (317 new cases) and then Gwalior (74 cases).
- Chhattisgarh: Maximum cases on Wednesday were found in Raipur district (179 new cases), followed by Durg district (135 new cases) and then Janjgir-Champa district (109 new cases).
- Goa: Recovery rate has reached up to 95.89 per cent in the state.

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Posted On: 08 DEC 2020 5:36PM 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 records lowest daily New Cases after a gap of 5 months
- 26,567 new cases reported during the last 24 hours while 39,045 new recoveries were registered
- Total Active Caseload at 3.83 lakhs falls under 4% mark
- Steady decline in number of deaths- Daily Fatalities below 400
- Recovery Rate improves to 94.59%
- India in the forefront of developing COVID-19 vaccines: Dr Harsh Vardhan

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 08 December 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)	Active (3.96%)	Discharged (94.59%)	Deaths (1.45%)
(†↓ Status change since yesterday)	383866 (128634)	9178946 (39045+)	140958 (3854



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	18,55,341 (▲3,075)	17,30,715 (93%)	76,852 (4%)	47,774 (2.6%
Karnataka	8,94,004 (▲998)	8,57,351 (96%)	24,786 (3%)	11,867 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,72,288 (▲316)	8,59,624 (99%)	5,626 (1%)	7,038 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	7,91,552 (▲1,312)	7,69,048 (97%)	10,695 (1%)	11,809 (1.5%)
Kerala	6,39,664 (▲3,272)	5,77,616 (90%)	59,607 (9%)	2,441 (0.4%)
Delhi	5,93,924 (▲1,674)	5,61,732 (95%)	22,486 (4%)	9,706 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,56,397 (▲1,453)	5,26,721 (95%)	21,732 (4%)	7,944 (1.4%)
West Bengal	5,05,054 (▲2,214)	4,72,454 (94%)	23,829 (5%)	8,771 (1.7%)
Odisha	3,21,564 (▲368)	3,16,447 (98%)	3,339 (1%)	1,778 (0.6%)
Rajasthan	2,82,512 (▲1,927)	2,58,393 (91%)	21,671 (8%)	2,448 (0.9%)
Telangana	2,74,540 (▲682)	2,65,367 (97%)	7,696 (3%)	1,477 (0.5%)
Chhattisgarh	2,48,232 (▲1,423)	2,25,633 (91%)	19,589 (8%)	3,010 (1.2%)
Haryana	2,45,288 (▲1,392)	2,30,551 (94%)	12,126 (5%)	2,611 (1.1%)
Bihar	2,38,648 (▲542)	2,31,884 (97%)	5,467 (2%)	1,297 (0.5%)
Gujarat	2,20,168 (▲1,380)	2,01,580 (92%)	14,493 (7%)	4,095 (1.9%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,15,957 (▲1,452)	1,99,167 (92%)	13,443 (6%)	3,347 (1.5%)
Assam	2,13,925 (▲166)	2,09,345 (98%)	3,585 (2%)	995 (0.5%)
Punjab	1,56,839 (▲613)	1,44,301 (92%)	7,604 (5%)	4,934 (3.1%)
Jammu & Kash	1,13,568 (▲280)	1,06,758 (94%)	5,055 (4%)	1,755 (1.5%)
Jharkhand	1,10,457 (▲179)	1,07,710 (98%)	1,759 (2%)	988 (0.9%)

\* A indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

@COVIDNewsByMIB

# India records lowest daily New Cases after a gap of 5 months; Total Active Caseload at 3.83 lakhs falls under 4% mark; Steady decline in number of deaths; Daily Fatalities below 400

India has achieved a significant milestone in its fight against COVID. The new confirmed cases in the last 24 hours have fallen **below 27,000 (26,567) for the first time after nearly 5 months.** The new cases were 26,506 last on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. In another achievement, India's

active caseload has fallen under the 4% mark today. The active cases have drastically declined to 3.83 lakh. The total positive cases of the country are 3,83,866 and comprise (3.96%) of the total cases. 39,045 new recoveries were registered during the last 24 hours. It has led to a net decline of **12,863** cases from the total Active Caseload in the last 24 hours. New Recoveries outnumbering the daily New Cases has also improved the Recovery Rate to 94.59% today. The total recovered cases stand at 91,78,946 today. 76.31% of the new recovered cases are contributed by ten States/UTs. With 7,345 persons recovering from COVID, Maharashtra has recorded the maximum number of recoveries. Kerala has registered another 4,705 daily recoveries while Delhi has reported 3,818 new recoveries in the past 24 hours. Ten States/UTs have contributed **72.50%** of the new cases. Kerala has reported 3,272 cases in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra recorded 3,075 new cases while West Bengal has registered 2,214 new cases yesterday. 75.58% of the 385 case fatalities that reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs. **16.36%** of new fatalities reported are from Delhi which reported 63 deaths. West Bengal also saw a fatality count of 48 while Maharashtra reported 40 new deaths. There is a steady decline in the number of daily deaths recorded in the country. Less than 400 new deaths were recorded in the country in the last 24 hours.

## For details :

India in the forefront of developing COVID-19 vaccines: Dr Harsh Vardhan

Union Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan yesterday informed the DST-CII India Portugal Technology Summit 2020 which is aflagship event with Portugal as a partner country, "In India, about 30 vaccines are in different stages of development. 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. Both are in the Phase-III clinical trial stage. Our premier institution the Indian Council of Medical Research-is involved in their trial executions. India is also hosting clinical trials for all the major vaccine contenders. Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer, is conducting trials for the vaccine developed by Oxford University. ZydusCadila is also conducting Ph2 trial of an indigenous DNA Vaccine. 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". The Science & Technology Minister disclosed that India is among the top ten countries in the world with respect to number of patents filed. Highlighting India's efforts to fight the challenge of COVID, he said "More than 100 start-ups supported by the Government have provided innovative products and solutions to overcome challenges posed by Covid-19".

# For details :

# PM addresses India Mobile Congress 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered inaugural address at the virtual India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2020 today through video conference. The theme for IMC 2020 is "Inclusive Innovation - Smart, Secure, Sustainable". It aims to align to the Prime Minister's vision to promote 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat', 'Digital Inclusivity', and 'Sustainable development, entrepreneurship & innovation'. It also aims to drive foreign and local investments, encourage R&D in the telecom and emerging technology sectors. Addressing the event, the Prime

Minister gave a call to work together to make India a global hub for telecom equipment, design, development and manufacturing. He cautioned, due to technological upgradation, we have a culture of replacing handsets and gadgets frequently. The Prime Minister stressed that it is because of mobile technology that we are able to provide benefits worth billions of dollars to millions of Indians, we were able to help the poor and vulnerable quickly during the pandemic and we are seeing billions of cashless transactions which boost formalisation and transparency and we will also enable a smooth contactless interface on toll booths. The Prime Minister expressed satisfaction on achieving success in mobile manufacturing in India. He said India is emerging as one of the most preferred destinations for mobile manufacturing.

# For details :

# Text of PM's Address to Indian Mobile Congress For details :

# PM congratulates Invest India

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has greeted Invest India for winning the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award given by UNCTAD."Congratulations to Invest India for winning the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award given by UNCTAD. This is a testimony to our government's focus on making India the world's preferred investment destination & improving ease of doing business", the Prime Minister said.

## For details:

## United Nations Declares Invest India the Winner of the Investment Promotion Award 2020

The United Nations (UNCTAD) has declared Invest India- the National Investment Promotion Agency of India- as a winner of the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award. The award ceremony took place on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at UNCTAD Headquarters in Geneva. The award recognizes and celebrates the outstanding achievements and best practices of Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) across the globe.

# For details :

# <u>Telephone conversation between Prime Minister and His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad</u> <u>Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar</u>

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on telephone with His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar. Prime Minister conveyed his felicitations to H.H. The Amir for the forthcoming National Day of Qatar. While thanking Prime Minister for the greetings, H.H. The Amir appreciated the enthusiasm with which the Indian community in Qatar participates in the National Day celebrations. The two leaders discussed the robust cooperation between both countries in the fields of investment flows and energy security, and reviewed recent positive developments in this regard. The leaders agreed to remain in regular touch, and looked forward to meeting in-person after the normalisation of the public-health situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

# For details :

<u>Telephone Conversation between Prime Minister and H.E. Emmanuel Macron, President of the France</u>

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation yesterday with His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic. The Prime Minister conveyed to President Macron his condolences for the terror attacks in France, and reiterated India's full support to France in the fight against terrorism, extremism and radicalism. The leaders also discussed other bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest, including improving the affordability and accessibility of COVID-19 vaccines, post-covid economic recovery, cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, maritime security, defence cooperation, digital economy and cyber security, strengthening multilateralism, and climate change & biodiversity. Prime Minister expressed his wish to welcome President Macron in India after the normalisation of the public-health situation.

# For details :

# Centre rushing medical experts team to Eluru following Vice President's intervention

The Centre is rushing a three-member team of medical experts to Eluru in Andhra Pradesh after the Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu yesterday spoke to Union Health Minister, Shri Harsh Vardhan after scores of children were hospitalised with an undiagnosed illness in the past few days. On seeing reports of more than 300 children becoming ill, the Vice President initially spoke to the district collector for firsthand information. He later spoke to the Director, AIIMS at Mangalagiri and Director, AIIMS Delhi and was informed that blood samples of the children were sent to Delhi. Subsequently, the Vice President spoke to Shri Harsh Vardhan and asked him to extend all necessary help in diagnosing and providing treatment to the afflicted children. The minister assured him that all steps would be taken to find out the cause of the illness once the lab reports are received. The Union Health Minister and the Director of AIIMS assured the Vice President that treatment would be taken up upon diagnosis of the illness on receiving the reports of the blood samples. The children reportedly suffered from dizziness, fainting spells, headache and vomiting.

# For details :

# **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam, 166 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 131 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 213925, total discharged patients 209342, active 3585 and 995 total death.
- Kerala: Over 70 % voting was recorded in the first phase of the three-tier local body polls held today in the state by adhering to Covid protocols. This the first election in the state after the outbreak of the pandemic. Moderate to brisk polling was held peacefully in the five districts which went to booths today. Amid fears in many quarters about the impact of Covid on voting percentage, large turnout was seen in almost all booths. Apart from postal ballots, Covid-19 patients were allowed to vote after regular voters cast their votes.

Those tested Covid positive or instructed to go in quarantine after 3 pm on Monday, were allowed to cast by wearing PPE kits. Two persons collapsed and died in polling booths in Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta districts. Chief Electoral Officer Teeka Ram Meena has lodged a complaint with authorities after his name was missing in the voters list in state capital.

- Tamil Nadu: Almost 50 per cent of shops remained shut today in various districts of Tamil Nadu including Pudukkotai, Thiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai, Sirkazhi, Erode, Satyamangalam, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Thanjavur and Karur in support of the farmers' protest.Meanwhile, 1312 new cases, 1389 discharges & 16 deaths were reported yesterday. Total cases: 7,91,552; Active cases: 10,695; Deaths: 11,809; Discharges: 7,69,048
- Karnataka: The Karnataka High Court has directed the state government to assess the status of Covid-19 in the State and take a decision within 10 days as to whether 'Vidyagama' can be re-commenced. Vidyagama is a programme for those students who do not have the facility of technology or internet, particularly in the rural and semi-urban areas.
- Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy inquired about the tests conducted for identifying the cause of mysterious illness in Eluru of West Godavari district. Officials told that tests carried out by AIIMS team of medical experts on the lab samples of affected people showed that they contained elements such as lead and nickel. It was also revealed that the details will also come soon as IICT is also conducting tests.Meanwhile, two delegates from WHO arrived in Eluru to find cause of the mysterious disease.
- Telangana: 682 new cases, 761 recoveries & 3 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana ; Total cases 2,74,540 Active cases: 7,696, Deaths 1477 Discharges :2,65,367.
- Maharashtra: The number of daily Covid-19 cases in Maharashtra has dipped, but the contribution of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), which comprises Mumbai and surrounding areas, has increased. The MMR also continues to be the worst affected region in Maharashtra. Of the total 3,075 cases on December 7, as many as 1,050 were reported from the MMR (34.14% of the day's tally).
- Gujarat: Night curfew in Ahmedabad was extended further on Monday in an attempt to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. Earlier, the night curfew, that came into effect in the city on November 23, was extended till December 7. A new notification was issued on Monday morning announcing the extension of the night curfew till further orders. The notification also announced relaxations for some specific services. As per the new order, personnel of the police, civil defence, Central Armed Police Forces, fire and emergency services, home guards, media outlets, ATM operations and private security agencies have been exempted.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 19 more coronavirus-related fatalities, taking the death toll to 2,448, while 1,927 new cases pushed the infection tally to 2,82,512 on Monday. At present, there are 21,671 active cases in the state, while 2,58,393 people have recovered from the disease so far. Of the 1,927 new cases, 475 were reported from

Jaipur, 203 from Jodhpur, 137 from Kota, 96 from Bharatpur, 89 from Nagaur, 84 from Udaipur, 78 from Alwar, among others.

- Madhya Pradesh: Markets will be allowed to operate in the Madhya Pradesh capital, Bhopal and commercial hub Indore with further relaxations by the state government from Monday. They will be allowed to remain open till 10 p.m. as against the earlier cap of 8 p.m. due to surge in Coronavirus cases in the state. Madhya Pradesh on Monday recorded 1,307 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the count of infections to 2,15,957. With 10 more people succumbing to the viral infection, a total of 1,245 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, taking the state's count of recoveries to 1,99,167.
- Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, the rates of various tests for Covid-19 have been reduced. The new rates will be applicable in all private hospitals and pathology centres with immediate effect. An order has been issued by the State Health Department in this regard. Earlier, RTPCR test cost Rs.1600 while it has now been reduced to Rs. 750. Similarly, for the rapid antigen test, the rate has been slashed to only Rs. 400. Besides, the price of True Nat test has also been reduced to Rs. 1500.
- Goa: Goa's coronavirus caseload went up by 90 and reached 48,776 on Monday, while three patients died and 154 recovered during the day. The toll in the state is now 701, while the number of people who have recovered stands at 46,778, leaving it with 1,297 active cases. A total of 1,575 samples were tested during the day.

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# **PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19**

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- 482 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours

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India's total Active Caseload has significantly fallen to 4.03 lakh (4,03,248) today. This is the lowest after 138 days. The total active cases were 4,02,529 on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020. Continuing with the trend of the last nine days, India has reported more daily recoveries than the daily new cases during the past 24 hours. India's Active Caseload presently consists of just 4.18% of the Total Positive Cases. While **36,011** persons in India were found to be infected with COVID, **41,970** new recoveries were registered during the same period. The new recoveries have led to a net decline of 6,441 in the Total Active cases. New cases per million population in India in the last seven days are 186. It is one of the lowest in the world. The difference in New Recoveries outnumbering New Cases has also improved the Recovery Rate to 94.37% today. The total recovered cases have crossed 91 lakh (91,00,792). The gap between Recovered Cases and Active Cases, that is steadily increasing is nearing 87 lakh (86,97,544) today. 76.6% 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 5,834 newly recovered cases. Kerala follows closely with 5,820 new recoveries. Delhi registered 4,916 new recoveries. 75.70% of the new cases are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala reported the highest daily new cases at 5,848. It is followed by Maharashtra with 4,922 new cases. Delhi recorded 3,419 new cases. 482 case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Ten States/UTs account for 79.05% of new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (95). Delhi and West Bengal follow with 77 and 49 daily deaths, respectively. The daily registered deaths per million population during the past week when compared globally demonstrate that India has one of the lowest at 3 deaths/million population.

# For details:

# PM inaugurates construction work of Agra Metro project in Agra

PM inaugurated construction work of Agra Metro project in Agra, Uttar Pradesh today through video conference. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, and other dignitaries attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister pointed out that one of the major problems of the country's infrastructure sector has been that new projects were announced, but not much attention was given to where the money would come from. He added that his government has ensured the necessary funds at the start of the new projects itself. The Prime Minister said that more than Rs 100 lakh crore will be spent under the National Infrastructure Pipeline Project. Work is also being done on the Multi-modal Connectivity Infrastructure Master Plan. He added that efforts are on to attract investment from all over the world to improve the country's infrastructure.

# For details:

# Text of PM's address on inauguration of construction work of the Agra Metro Project

# For details:

# PM to address India Mobile Congress 2020 tomorrow

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will give the inaugural address at the virtual India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2020 on 08 December 2020 at 10:45 AM. IMC 2020 is being organised by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). It

will be held from 8th to 10th December 2020. The theme for IMC 2020 is "Inclusive Innovation - Smart, Secure, Sustainable". It aims to align to the Prime Minister's vision to promote 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', 'Digital Inclusivity', and 'Sustainable development, entrepreneurship & innovation'. It also aims to drive foreign and local investments, encourage R&D in the telecom and emerging technology sectors.

# For details:

# PM delivers keynote address at IIT-2020 Global Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at the IIT-2020 Global Summit, organised by PanIIT USA, on Friday through a video conference. The Prime Minister said that the Government is fully committed to the principle of "Reform, Perform, Transform". He stressed that there is no sector left out from the ambit of reforms. He listed many path-breaking reforms brought in by the Government in various sectors such as assimilating 44 Union labour laws into just 4 codes, having one of the lowest corporate tax rate in the world, Production Linked Incentive Scheme in ten key sectors to enhance exports as well as manufacturing. He highlighted that even in these testing times of COVID-19, India has got record investment and much of this investment has come in the tech sector. He said our actions today will shape our planet's tomorrow. He stressed that the post Covid-19 order will be about: Re-learning, re-thinking, re-innovating and re-inventing. This, along with a series of economic reforms in almost every field is what will re-energise our planet. He said this will ensure 'Ease of Living' and positively impact the poor as well as marginalised. He said several innovations came out during the pandemic emerged from collaboration between the industry and academia. He said the world today needs viable solutions to adjust to the new normal.

# For details:

# Text of PM's Keynote address at Pan IIT Global Summit

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# Dr. Harsh Vardhan e-inaugurates curtain raiser programme of CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar for IISF 2020 in the presence of Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Health & Family Welfare, and Earth Sciences einaugurated the curtain raiser programme of CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar for the 6<sup>th</sup> India International Science Festival 2020 (IISF-2020) on Saturday. The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Minister of Steel. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan was the Chief Guest at the event. Dr.Shekhar C Mande, DG, CSIR & Secretary, DSIR and Prof .SuddhasatwaBasuDirector, CSIR- IMMT, Bhubaneswar were present on the occasion. The theme of IISF-2020 is "Science for Self-Reliant India and Global Welfare". Delivering the inaugural address, Dr HarshaVardhan said, "The proposed theme of IISF-2020 - Science for Self-Reliant India and Global Welfare is very relevant in the present context when the nation is looking towards science and technology for spearheading growth and for implementing the vision of our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji of an "Atmanirbhar Bharat" playing a significant role in the global economy. Many great scientific discoveries and technological advancements in various fields have showcased the excellence of our efforts in science and technology to the world".

# For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan addresses the curtain raiser event of RGCB for IISF 2020

The Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. HarshVardhan on Friday addressed the virtual curtain raiser program of IISF 2020 hosted by Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram. Various outreach and popularization programs are going on across the country in the run up to IISF 2020. Addressing at the curtain raiser event, Dr. HarshVardhan said , "The aim of theScience Festival is to engage the public with science and celebrate the joy of science and show the ways how Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics(STEM) provide us with the solutions to improve our lives". He further elaborated that the unique platform of India International Science Festival has been created which intends to inspire curiosity and make learning more rewarding.IISF, 2020, being organized in virtual platform will help in connecting to the science loving people from the remotest corner of the country in a single click, thereby increasing the digital footprint, the Minster explained. Appreciating the work done by RGCB, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that RGCB, in addition to testing for infectious and non-infectious diseases, has been at the forefront of COVID testing since the outbreak started in India. RGCB has done over one lakh of COVID testing till now, he disclosed.

## For details:

# Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually inaugurates the 2nd Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) 2020 Conference

The Minister of Science and Technology and Vice President of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Dr HarshVardhan virtually inaugurated the 2<sup>nd</sup>TCGA 2020 conferencein New Delhi on Friday. Delivering the inaugural address,Dr Harsh Vardhan reiterated commitment of government of India to reduce the burden of cancer in the country by employing latest technologies in the genomics, proteomics, metabolomics and artificial intelligence and machine learning- mediated data analysis. He said, "Diverse molecular mechanisms- including genetic and lifestyle factors contribute to cancer, posing significant challenges to treatment. Therefore, it is necessary to better understand the underlying factors-patient by patient. In this context, it is important that we create indigenous, open-source and comprehensive database of molecular profiles of all cancer prevalent in Indian population".The Union Minister acknowledged the efforts of the consortium comprising of scientists and clinicians from across the world, who have come together to build an Indian Cancer Genomics Atlas (ICGA).

# For details:

# Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of AYUSH decides to set up an AYUSH Export Promotion Council

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of AYUSH have decided to work together to set up an Export Promotion Council to boost AYUSH exports. This decision was taken recently in a joint review of AYUSH trade and Industry by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Shri Shripad Naik, Minister of AYUSH. It was also decided in the review that the entire AYUSH sector will work together to achieve price and quality competitiveness to boost AYUSH exports. The review was held through video conference on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020, which was attended by nearly 50 industry and trade leaders from the AYUSH Sector. More than 2000 stake-holders of the AYUSH Sector also attended the e-event through live streaming on virtual platforms. Secretary AYUSH initiated the discussions with a presentation on the action taken on the recommendations of the previous meeting by the Ministry of AYUSH. He also briefed about the various other initiatives taken by the Ministry of AYUSH to mitigate the COVID19 situation and to promote AYUSH industry.

# For details:

Indian economy will be among top economies in the world in next few years using science, technology, and innovation in all sectors, bouncing back soon from after effects of COVID 19: NITI Aayog Vice Chairman

Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, emphasised that the Indian economy will be among the top economies in the world in the next few years using science, technology, and innovation in all sectors, bouncing back soon from the after effects of COVID 19, at a webinar organized to celebrate 50 years of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) recently. "Steps and reforms have been taken by the Government in all the sectors, like agriculture, modern medicine, traditional medicine, New Education Policy, Small & Medium Enterprises, labour sector and so on, to target being among the world's top three economies," he said at the webinar on DST Golden Jubilee Discourse Series - On the other side of the Pandemic - organised by National Council for Science & Technology Communication and Vigyan Prasar. He said that the pandemic has changed many things and shown new ways of doing things and many of these are going to stay in the post-COVID world, and we need to have an innovative economic system in the post-COVID world to remain floating. Dr. Kumar added that the economy post-COVID has been in the recovery mode after the first quarter and hoped that Indian economy will bounce back in next few quarters from the effects of COVID-19 disruptions, will grow by average 7-8 percent in next 20-30 years and become the third-largest economy by 2047.

### For details:

## Fourth South Asia Forum on SDGs

In the backdrop of the 4<sup>th</sup> South Asian Forum of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), UNESCAP South Asia and Pacific virtually organised a special dialogue on disaster and climate resilience in South Asia on Friday. The key objectives of the High Level meeting were to identify the opportunities and imperatives to overcome the challenges in implementing the systemic approach to disaster and public health risk management. Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Nityanand Rai addressed the gathering. In his speech the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai highlighted that South Asian nations are facing challenges of extreme weather events like floods, cyclone, heat waves, cold waves, landslides and drought as well as COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery. Public health issues are posing an additional challenge to all countries of South Asia. For such situations, we need to have a strong collaborative framework for cooperation.

### For details:

### **<u>COVID-19 might prove to be a game-changer for India's fisheries sector – Vice President</u>**

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today opined that COVID-19 might prove to be a gamechanger for India's fisheries sector as the pandemic has made people conscious of adopting healthy dietary habits.Addressing the scientists and staff at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) in Visakhapatnam today, the Vice President said that the fish is a great source of protein and holds the key for reducing malnutrition in the country, especially in children. In this regard, he asked the health experts and nutritionists to bring awareness among the common people about the many benefits of having fish in our diet. "Fish is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which are necessary for our body and good for cardiovascular health. This aspect needs to be popularized and conveyed to the common man", he added.

# For details:

# **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam, 97 cases detected out of 11,514 tests conducted with positivity rate of 0.84% while 84 patients discharged. Total cases- 213759, recovered- 97.87% & active cases- 1.66%, tweeted State Health Minister.
- Sikkim: 27 new cases take Sikkim's COVID-19 tally to 5,194.
- Kerala: As the first phase of the three-tier local body elections is to be held in Kerala tomorrow, polling booths are being sanitized as part of COVID protocol. The State health department has issued guidelines for safe conduct of the civic polls, which is taking place in the midst of the pandemic. Health Minister K.K. Shylaja said though the number of new cases on a daily basis had come down, there are many indicators which shows that there could be a resurgence of the infection in some parts of the state. Public Health experts are also of the opinion that the case graph could spike again after the polls. During the polling, not more than three voters would be allowed in one booth. Those who tested positive 10 days before the poll date can do postal vote till 3 pm on the previous day of the polling. 11,225 polling stations have been arranged for the first phase of election to be held tomorrow in five districts. 88. 26 lakh voters will decide the destiny of as many as 23, 584 candidates in this phase.
- Tamil Nadu: As many as 1,320 more persons tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, taking Tamil Nadu's case tally to 7,90,240. 16 persons, all aged above 60, died in the last 24 hours, taking the Covid-19 toll in the State to 11,793. Struggling MSMEs in Tamil Nadu, which were already paralyzed during the pandemic, are hit hard due to rise in raw material price as those placing orders want consignments at older rates, reports media.
- Karnataka: Most of the districts fail to achieve Covid 19 test targets, Chikkamagalur and Bangalore urban have conducted test over and above targets. and in the stare significant decline in ICU cases presently 280. State government will likely take decision on restrictions for celebration of new year.
- Andhra Pradesh: The Government Hospital in Eluru has been grappling with a mysterious illness which has so far affected nearly 340 people, reporting one death. Since Saturday evening, several people with symptoms like nausea and foam oozing from mouth have been admitted to the hospital. According to Government hospital doctors, blood reports of the patients are normal and patients were found Covid-19 negative. Experts from AIIMS, IICT and ICMR are arriving to investigate the cause of the illness, according to officials. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy visited the Government General Hospital in Eluru where over 150 patients were admitted with complains of nausea, giddiness and epilepsy and interacted with those afflicted by the mysterious disease.
- Telangana: 517 new cases, 862 recoveries & 2 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana. Total cases: 2,73,858; Active cases: 7,778; Deaths: 1474; Discharges: 2,64,606. Telangana's Covid recoveries continue to outnumber new cases.

- Maharashtra: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Commissioner, Iqbal Singh Chahal has said that the COVID-19 positivity rate has fallen to just 5 per cent, the lowest in the past 10 months since the outbreak of the pandemic. He said the Covid-19 test positivity rate for the past 10 days including today in Mumbai looks promising. He said when the pandemic hit Maharashtra in full force in March, the positivity rate was as high as 35-36 per cent.
- Gujarat: Gujarat on Sunday reported 1,455 fresh coronavirus positive cases, taking the count of infections to 2,18,788. With 17 more patients succumbing to the viral disease, the cumulative toll in the state mounted to 4,081. At 1,485, the number of recoveries exceeded the new cases. The tally of recoveries in the state now stands at 2,00,012, taking the case recovery rate to 91.42 per cent. The state now has 14,695 active cases.
- In the Union Territory of Daman, Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, the COVID-19 caseload mounted to 3,315 with the addition of two new cases, while the recoveries rose to 3,299.
- Rajasthan: Twenty more fatalities related to the coronavirus infection took the death toll in Rajasthan to 2,429 on Sunday, while 2,089 new cases pushed the infection tally to 2.80 lakh. Of the total caseload, 22,427 are under treatment while 2,55,729 people have been discharged after treatment till now. Of the new cases recorded on Sunday, Jaipur accounted for 481, Jodhpur 221, Ajmer 105, Kota 101, Alwar 95, Udaipur 91 and Bhilwara 81.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh government has initiated preparations for vaccination for Covid-19 on war footing so that it can be executed with ease once the vaccine is available. All protocols and supporting arrangements to facilitate movement, storage and administration of the vaccine have been undertaken by the state government.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh on Sunday recorded 1,229 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the count of infections to 2,46,809. With 12 more patients succumbing to the infection, the cumulative toll in the state rose to 2,989. The number of recoveries mounted to 2,23,772 after 93 people were discharged from various hospitals while 623 patients completed their home isolation during the day. The state now has 20,048 active cases. Raipur district reported 143 new cases, taking its total count to 47,745, including 671 deaths.
- Goa: Goa on Sunday reported 112 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the count of infections to 48,686. With one person succumbing to the viral disease, the death toll went up to 698 in the state. The number of recoveries rose to 46,624 with 131 people being discharged after treatment in the day, leaving the state with 1,364 active cases.

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- India's active caseload has fallen to 4.35% mark today
- 36,595 persons in India found infected with COVID in last 24 hours
- 42,916 new recoveries were registered during the same period
- India still continues to have one of the lowest cases per million population in the world (6,936), much lower than many other countries of the Western Hemisphere
- Recovery Rate has improved to 94.2% today
- PM holds All Party Meeting to discuss Covid-19 vaccination strategy, says eight potential vaccines including three indigenous ones are in different stages of trial in India



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	18,37,358 (▲5,182)	17,03,274 (93%)	86,612 (5%)	47,472 (2.6%)
Karnataka	8,89,113 (▲1,446)	8,52,584 (96%)	24,708 (3%)	11,821 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,70,076 (▲664)	8,56,320 (98%)	6,742 (1%)	7,014 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	7,86,163 (▲1,416)	7,63,428 (97%)	10,988 (1%)	11,747 (1.5%)
Kerala	6,20,049 (▲5,376)	5,56,378 (90%)	61,342 (10%)	2,329 (0.4%)
Delhi	5,82,058 (▲3,734)	5,43,514 (93%)	29,120 (5%)	9,424 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,49,228 (▲1,920)	5,18,390 (94%)	22,990 (4%)	7,848 (1.4%)
West Bengal	4,93,316 (▲3,246)	4,60,634 (93%)	24,106 (5%)	8,576 (1.7%)
Odisha	3,20,017 (▲434)	3,14,023 (98%)	4,239 (1%)	1,755 (0.5%)
Rajasthan	2,74,486 (▲2,086)	2,46,572 (90%)	25,544 (9%)	2,370 (0.9%)
Telangana	2,72,123 (▲631)	2,61,830 (96%)	8,826 (3%)	1,467 (0.5%)
Chhattisgarh	2,42,418 (▲1,555)	2,20,177 (91%)	19,300 (8%)	2,941 (1.2%)
Haryana	2,39,239 (▲1,635)	2,21,203 (92%)	15,516 (6%)	2,520 (1.1%)
Bihar	2,36,420 (▲581)	2,29,249 (97%)	5,890 (2%)	1,281 (0.5%)
Gujarat	2,14,309 (▲1,540)	1,95,365 (91%)	14,913 (7%)	4,031 (1.9%)
Assam	2,13,336 (▲165)	2,08,846 (98%)	3,505 (2%)	985 (0.5%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,10,374 (▲1,450)	1,93,187 (92%)	13,887 (7%)	3,300 (1.6%)
Punjab	1,54,064 (▲756)	1,41,478 (92%)	7,724 (5%)	4,862 (3.2%)
Jammu & Kash	1,11,712 (▲582)	1,04,890 (94%)	5,104 (5%)	1,718 (1.5%)
Jharkhand	1,09,771 (▲233)	1,06,868 (97%)	1,926 (2%)	977 (0.9%)

India's Active Caseload further dips to 4.35% of Total Cases, Daily Recoveries outnumber daily New Cases for the past 7 Days, More than 0.9 Cr Cumulative Recoveries registered

India's active caseload has fallen to 4.35% mark today from 4.44% yesterday. Continuing with the trend of the last 7 days, India has reported more daily recoveries than the daily new cases during the past 24 hours. India's Active Caseload presently stands at 4,16,082 today. While 36,595 persons in India were found to be infected with COVID, 42,916 new recoveries were registeredduring the same period. The difference of 6,321 between new recoveries and new cases has led to a net decline of 6,861 cases from the total Active Caseload in the last 24 hours. India still continues to have one of the lowest cases per million population in the world (6,936) much lower than many other countries of the Western Hemisphere. The Recovery Rate has improved to 94.2% today. The total recovered cases stand at 90,16,289. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is steadily increasing and presently stands at 86,00,207. 80.19% of the new recovered cases are contributed by ten States/UTs. Maharashtra leads with 8,066 persons recovering from COVID while Kerala recorded 5,590 recoveries. Delhi registered another 4,834 daily recoveries. Ten States/UTs have contributed 75.76% of the new cases. Kerala reported 5,376 cases in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra registered 5,182 new cases yesterday while Delhi recorded 3,734 new cases. 540 case fatalities that have been reported in the past 24 hours. 77.78% of them are from Ten States/UTs. 21.29% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra which reported 115 deaths. Delhi also saw a fatality count of 82 while West Bengal reported 49 new deaths. When compared globally, India has one of the lowest case fatalities per million population (101).

## For details:

# <u>PM holds All Party Meeting to discuss Covid-19 vaccination strategy; Eight potential vaccines including three indigenous ones are in different stages of trial in India: PM</u>

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the All Party Meeting today via video conferencing to discuss the Covid-19 vaccination strategy in India. The Prime Minister said that the government is developing a comprehensive vaccination strategy. He emphasised that the world is looking towards India for the development of a safe and affordable vaccine. The Prime Minister shared his experience of visiting the vaccine manufacturing facilities in Ahmedabad, Pune, and Hyderabad, informing that about eight potential vaccines, currently in different stages of trial, will be manufactured in India, that includes the three indigenous vaccines. The Prime Minister said that it is expected that the vaccine will be available in the coming few weeks. The vaccination campaign will kickstart in India as soon as the vaccine is approved by the scientists. The Central government is working in close coordination with the State governments to identify the priority groups for vaccination. Underlining India's vaccine distribution expertise, capacity and presence of an experienced and vast network for vaccination, the Prime Minister said that this will help us in streamlining Covid vaccination. Collaboration with State Governments will be established for additional cold chain equipment and other such logistical requirements.

### For details:

# Text of PM's closing remarks at All Party Meeting

# For details:

Vice President releases commemorative postage stamp in honour of late Prime Minister, Shri I K Gujral
The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today paid rich tributes to the late Prime Minister, Shri I K Gujral while releasing through virtual mode a commemorative postage stamp in his honor. The Vice President said Shri Gujral was a learned man, soft-spoken and a "gentleman-politician", who never compromised on his values irrespective of the challenges or hardships he had faced. "Bearing an amiable demeanour, he was courteous to a fault and made friends across the political spectrum", he added. Shri Naidu also appealed to the people to not lower the guard and continue to take all precautions by following COVID-19 protocols like wearing a mask, frequent hand-washing and maintaining a safe distance.

#### For details:

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam, 165 cases detected out of 28,008 tests conducted with positivity rate of 0.59% while 177 patients are discharged. Total cases- 2,13,336 out of which recovered- 97.89% & active cases- 1.64%, State Health Minister tweeted.
- Manipur: Three more deaths recorded to take total COVID-19 toll to 296, official report yet to mention two deaths.
- Meghalaya: In the wake of two more deaths due to COVID-19 in Meghalaya during the last 24 hours, the death toll in the state went up to 116 while 52 new COVID-19 positive cases were detected in the state during the period. The number of active cases as on date is 648.
- Sikkim: With 27 new cases, active COVID-19 cases in Sikkim stand at 320.
- Maharashtra: The BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation is gearing up to vaccinate around 1 crore people in a month as soon as the vaccine is approved. For this, the civic body has made a blueprint of the vaccination process and they are planning to vaccinate Mumbaikars first. The civic body also has plans to include medical staff, solid waste management staff, police force and citizens above 50 years in the priority list for vaccination.
- Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 1,540 fresh cases of coronavirus and 13 deaths in the last 24 hours. The caseload in the state, thus, rose to 2,14,309 while death toll reached 4,031. Also, 1,427 patients were discharged during the day. Meanwhile, the Gujarat High Court order of compulsory social service at Covid Centre for those not wearing mask was stayed on Thursday by the Supreme Court. The number of active cases in Gujarat is 14,913.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 2,086 fresh coronavirus cases and 20 fatalities due to the disease on Thursday, taking the infection tally to 2,74,486 and the death toll from the pandemic to 2,370. A maximum of 590 fresh cases were reported from Jaipur, followed by 201 in Jodhpur and 149 in Kota among the major cities. The active cases in the state has risen to 25,544 during the post Diwali period.
- Madhya Pradesh Madhya Pradesh on Thursday recorded 1,450 new COVID-19 cases, taking the count of infections to 2,10,374. With 13 more people succumbing, the death toll due to the pandemic rose to 3,300. Of 1,450 new cases, Indore district accounted for 560 and Bhopal 375.
- Kerala: Left MPs from Kerala who attended today's all-party meet convened by Prime Minister have urged that Covid vaccine should be distributed free of cost. They pointed out that the proposed cost of Rs 2,500 per dose is not affordable for the common people. Meanwhile, the state recorded its highest single-day death toll yesterday after 31 deaths were confirmed as due to

Covid-19. The state recorded 5,376 fresh cases. The daily test positivity rate came down to 8.89 per cent. At the same time, as part of controlling and managing the pandemic better, Kerala is likely to revise its intervention programmes at market places. Accordingly, a sub-committee is to be formed at each market to facilitate and monitor the implementation of Covid-appropriate behaviour as recommended in the SOP issued by the Centre.

- Tamil Nadu: Southern districts of Tamil Nadu witness less rains than expected due to Cyclone Burevi. Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami says the new farm laws will not affect Tamil Nadu farmers but protect them from loss. Following a review meeting with officials at Circuit House in Hasthampatti, CM told reporters: 'Oversupply of an agricultural produce will reduce its market price. The new laws ensure a pre-agreed price for the produce'.
- Karnataka: No night curfew for Christmas and New Year, hint Karnataka ministers; Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar concurred that curfew may not be necessary, but questioned the need for any celebrations. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said the State Government is looking at options other than imposing a 'night curfew' ahead of Christmas and New Year celebrations. A number of nutritionists, doctors and activists wrote letter to CM to restart Ksheera Bhagya, giving milk to all government and added schools.
- Andhra Pradesh: Navy Day manoeuvers are held annually at Visakhapatnam by Eastern Naval Command and its Fleet. But this year no manoeuvers were held in the wake of the covid regulations. Member of Legislative Council and TDP Gannavaram Assembly constituency incharge BatchulaArjunudu has tested positive for coronavirus for the second time and was shifted to Hyderabad for treatment.
- Telangana: 631 new cases, 802 recoveries & 2 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; Total cases: 2,72,123; Active cases: 8,826; Deaths: 1467; Discharges: 2,61,830 with a recovery rate of 96.21 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 94.2 per cent.

### FACT CHECK



PIB Fact Check 🕗 @PIBFactCheck · 30m 000 Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) has indeed announced a fresh schedule for NTPC 2020 examination in a media interaction. RRB NTPC recruitment exam will be held from December 28, 2020 to end of March 2021. #PIBFactCheck **#PIBFactCheck** RRB NTPC recruitment exam will be held from 28 December 2020 to March 2021 RRB NTPC 2020 CBT 1 Exam Date The detailed exam schedule for RR8 NTPC 2020 Stage I Exam has been released on 1st December 2020. According to the officials, the Railway board is likely to conduct the NTPC recruitment exam from December 28, 2020 to March 2021. All candidates who have registered themself for this exam were egarly waiting for the exam dates of RRB NTPC Exam Name Exam Date RRB NTPC 2019 (CEN 01/2019) December 28, 2020 to March 2021 Q 1 17 19 C 98 £



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## **PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19**

Posted On: 03 DEC 2020 5:40PM 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 has registered 40,726 new recoveries in India during the last 24 hours
- 35,551 persons found infected with COVID during the same period, leading to a net decline of 5,701 Active Cases
- Recovery Rate improves to 94.11% today
- 526 case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours

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States' Ca	ses (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	18,32,176 (▲3,350)	16,95,208 (93%)	89,611 (5%)	47,357 (2.6%)
Karnataka	8,87,667 (▲1,440)	8,51,690 (96%)	24,169 (3%)	11,808 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,69,412 (▲663)	8,55,485 (98%)	6,924 (1%)	7,003 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	7,84,747 (▲1,428)	7,62,015 (97%)	10,999 (1%)	11,733 (1.5%)
Kerala	6,14,673 (▲6,316)	5,50,788 (90%)	61,587 (10%)	2,298 (0.4%)
Delhi	5,78,324 (▲3,944)	5,38,680 (93%)	30,302 (5%)	9,342 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,47,308 (▲1,763)	5,16,694 (94%)	22,797 (4%)	7,817 (1.4%)
West Bengal	4,90,070 (▲3,271)	4,57,377 (93%)	24,166 (5%)	8,527 (1.7%)
Odisha	3,19,583 (▲480)	3,13,394 (98%)	4,439 (1%)	1,750 (0.5%)
Rajasthan	2,72,400 (▲1,990)	2,43,340 (89%)	26,710 (10%)	2,350 (0.9%)
Telangana	2,71,492 (▲609)	2,61,028 (96%)	8,999 (3%)	1,465 (0.5%)
Chhattisgarh	2,40,863 (▲1,648)	2,18,195 (91%)	19,749 (8%)	2,919 (1.2%)
Haryana	2,37,604 (▲1,607)	2,18,443 (92%)	16,673 (7%)	2,488 (1.0%)
Bihar	2,35,839 (▲687)	2,28,797 (97%)	5,768 (2%)	1,274 (0.5%)
Assam	2,13,171 (▲173)	2,08,669 (98%)	3,519 (2%)	983 (0.5%)
Gujarat	2,12,769 (▲1,512)	1,93,938 (91%)	14,813 (7%)	4,018 (1.9%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,08,924 (▲1,439)	1,91,618 (92%)	14,019 (7%)	3,287 (1.6%)
Punjab	1,53,308 (▲599)	1,40,772 (92%)	7,694 (5%)	4,842 (3.2%)
Jammu & Kash	1,11,130 (▲452)	1,04,471 (94%)	4,951 (4%)	1,708 (1.5%)
Jharkhand	1,09,538 (▲206)	1,06,660 (97%)	1,907 (2%)	971 (0.9%)

<u>Daily Recoveries outnumbering daily New Cases ensures steady decline in the Active Caseload, Active Caseload falls below 4.5% of the Total Cases</u>

India has reported more daily recoveries than the daily new cases during the past 24 hours. While **35,551** persons were found to be infected with COVID in India, during the same period, India has registered 40,726 new recoveries. It has led to a net decline of 5,701 cases from the total Active Caseload in the last 24 hours. The new recoveries continue to overtake the daily new cases continuously since the past 6 days.India's active caseload has fallen under the 4.5% mark today.The 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 4,22,943 consists of just 4.44% of India's Total Positive Cases. New Recoveries outnumbering the daily New Cases has also improved the Recovery Rate to 94.11% today. The total recovered cases stand at 89,73,373. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is steadily increasing and presently stands at 85,50,430.77.64% of the new recovered cases are contributed by ten States/UTs. With 5,924 persons recovering from COVID, Kerala recorded maximum number of recoveries. Delhi registered another 5,329 daily recoveries while Maharashtra 3,796 new recoveries. Ten States/UTs have contributed 75.5% of the new cases. Kerala reported 6,316 cases in the last 24 hours. Delhi recorded 3,944 new cases while Maharashtra registered 3,350 new cases yesterday. 79.28% of the 526 case fatalities that have been reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs. 21.10% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra which reported 111 deaths. Delhi also saw a fatality count of 82 while West Bengal reported 51 new deaths.

#### For details:

#### PM's message on International Day of Persons with Disabilities

On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "In line with the year's United Nation's theme of "Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World", let us collectively keep working towards ensuring opportunity and improving accessibility for our Divyang sisters and brothers. The resilience and fortitude of persons with disabilities inspires us. Under the Accessible India initiative, numerous measures have been taken that ensure there is a positive change in the lives of our Divyang sisters and brothers".

#### For details:

## <u>Vice President calls upon youngsters to draw inspiration from Dr Kalam and work towards</u> <u>building a strong, self-reliant and inclusive India.</u>

The Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu called upon youngsters to draw inspiration from former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and work towards building a strong, self-reliant and inclusive India. He said that like Dr Kalam, the youth should think out of the box and use technology for providing solutions to the various economic and societal challenges that impact large sections of India's population.Speaking at virtual release of the book, '40 Years with Abdul Kalam- Untold Stories' authored by Dr Sivathanu Pillai,today, Shri Naidu expressed his happiness that the book provided a gripping first-hand account of Dr Kalam's life. "The life of Dr Kalam sends a powerful message about how difficulties and setbacks when taken in the right spirit, serve as the key ingredients in making us robust in character and mindset," he added.Referring to the impact of COVID-19 on the migrant workers, the Vice President stressed the need to create employment and economic opportunities in villages and small towns. "We will have to focus on decentralized planning, capacity building of local bodies and largescale promotion of cottage industries so that our villages and towns emerge as growth centres," he added. For this, Shri Naidu wanted that the local bodies should be motivated to give boost to local development.

#### For details:

# Even in trying times like these, India has not forgotten to help countries who needed assistance - Vice President

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu expressed happiness over India's extension of help to other needy countries despite facing enormous challenges in taking care of its own population due to Covid-19 pandemic. He said that in these trying times, India has not forgotten to help countries who needed assistance with items such as pharmaceutical products made by our industry. The Vice President addressed the 18th meeting of the Governing Council of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) in virtual mode yesterday. In his opening remarks as the President of ICWA, Shri Naidu said that India has been leading from the front in the global effort to counter the pandemic. "We are also in the vanguard of research endeavours to develop a vaccine and expect good news soon", he added. The Vice President was of the view that the role and relevance of international relations and foreign policy to the lives of ordinary Indians has been re-emphasized resoundingly during the pandemic period. Shri Naidu specifically referred to the Vande Bharat missions that enabled Indian nationals living and working abroad to return to their homeland and lauded concerned departments and agencies for skillfully managing this huge task. He wanted ICWA to undertake more such people-centric activities and reach out to hitherto untouched audiences around the country.

#### For details:

#### Young scientists share innovative ideas in a range of areas at the SCO Young Scientist Conclave

Young scientists shared their innovative ideas in a range of thematic areas in the five days Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Young Scientist Conclave which concluded recently. The areas included agriculture and food processing; sustainable energy and energy storage; biotechnology and bioengineering; combating COVID-19 and emerging pandemics through research and innovation; environmental protection and natural resource management. 22 young scientists were given certificates of appreciation for their innovative research work and ideas on which they would like to work in collaboration with SCO countries. Minister for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, Health, and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan, who inaugurated the conclave, called upon all the ignited young minds from SCO member states to use science as a tool to improve the quality of life of the common man which is the biggest challenge of this millennium. He exhorted the astute scientists at the 1st SCO Young Scientist Conclave to 'Innovate, Patent, Produce & Prosper' to lead our countries towards faster development.

#### For details:

#### Experts discuss how STIP 2020 can help country become future-ready & face situations like COVID 19

Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, Niti Aayog highlighted how COVID 19 created opportunities and will have profound long-term consequences while Prof Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST), underlined how the new Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020 would make us future-ready to face such situations, at a webinar. COVID-19 has hugely impacted the world, but it has also shown us the way forward, Dr. Saraswat said at the webinar on DST Golden Jubilee Discourse Series - On the other side of the Pandemic - organised by National Council for Science & Technology Communication and Vigyan Prasa, recently.

#### For details :

#### Vice Chief of the Army Staff Addresses Bangladesh National Defence College on Security Challenges Post COVID -19 Pandemic

Lt Gen SK Saini, the Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) addressed the participants of National Defence Course Bangladesh on "Security Challenges Post COVID – 19 Pandemic" via a virtual platform on 02 December 2020. Earlier in his career, the VCOAS had attended the National Defence College Bangladesh in 2011. The address covered the impact of Corona virus on the emerging world and focused on its impact on military, the security challenges and his views on ways and means to tackle them. On the impact of the virus, the VCOAS said that "strategic security of most nations have been impacted due to reduction in funds for military capability and projects since vast sums of money have been diverted for urgent health requirements". On the impact of COVID-19 on military, the VCOAS spoke on its impact on force readiness, training, operational logistics and HR issues highlighting that "force sustainment is a challenge due to delays in delivery schedules owing to production halts and workforce disruptions". Towards suggesting recommendations for post COVID era, to the future senior military leadership attending the course, the VCOAS emphasised that the "militaries of the region must evolve a defence cooperation plan since they will become the first responders during such health disasters".

#### For details:

#### Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed inaugural session of Annual DGsP/IGsP Conference

The inaugural session of 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Director Generals of Police/Inspector Generals of Police Conferencewas addressed by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah yesterday, in which Heads of various Central Para Military Forces and Director Generals of Police and Inspector Generals of Policeof the States participated virtual mode from their respective States. This is the first such Conference organised by the Intelligence Bureau in virtual mode. Paying homage to the Police martyrs, the Union Home Minister awarded Indian Police Medals to 50 awardees and congratulated them on their achievements. In his inaugural address, Shri Amit Shahhighlighted policy issues on national security and applauded the role of the police as frontline warriors in crisis and disaster management. Discussions on the role of police during the COVID-19 pandemic and implementation of safety protocol by the police was also discussed. Follow-up actions were also suggested to develop an SOP to manage various types of emergency situations.

#### For details:

# Ravi Kumar, Deepak Punia among 24 wrestlers to represent India in Wrestling World Cup from December 12, in first international competition since coronavirus outbreak in March

A contingent of 42 members (24 wrestlers, 9 coaches, 3 support staff and 3 referees) will be travelling to Belgrade, Serbia to represent India at the Senior Individual World Cup to be held from December 12 to December 18, 2020. It will be the first international competition that Indian wrestlers will be participating in, after the nationwide lockdown was imposed in March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

#### For details:

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

• Maharashtra: Maharashtra saw a significant drop of around 50 per cent in the number of Covid-19 cases and deaths in the month of November in comparison to October and September. In October,

Maharashtra had recorded 293,960 Covid-19 cases, which dropped by 50.5 per cent in November to 145,490. Fatalities reported in October were 7,249, which dropped by 49.09 per cent to 3,690 in November. Case positivity rate in the state has also dropped to 7.7 per cent. The number of active cases in the state is 88,537.

- Gujarat: The state reported 1,511 new Covid cases and 1,570 recoveries on Wednesday, while 14 patients succumbed to the infection in the state. According to Gujarat Health Department, the case positivity rate in Gujarat has come down drastically from 16.15 % in August to 2.98% as of December 1. Active cases- 14,813
- Madhya Pradesh: The COVID-19 caseload in Madhya Pradesh reached 2,08,924 after 1,439 new infections were detected on Wednesday. As many as 17 patients succumbed to the infection during the day, raising the state's death toll to 3,287. On the other hand, 1,838 patients were discharged leaving active cases at 14,019.
- Goa: In Goa, District Collectors have been directed to collect data from public and private health facilities related to health workers, as the Goa administration on Wednesday kick-started preparatory efforts ahead of the proposed national Covid-19 vaccination programme roll out.
- Assam: In Assam, 173 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 138 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 213171, total discharged patients 208666, active 3519 and 983 total death.
- Kerala: State Health department has issued a high alert following Burevi cyclone warning; Health Minister K.K. Shylaja said instructions have been given for ensuring all facilities, adhering to Covid protocols, to address health issues that may arise out of heavy rain and cyclone. Kerala is still ahead on daily case load among southern states. 6,316 new Covid-19 cases were confirmed in the state yesterday along with 28 deaths; the test positivity rate stands at 11.08 per cent.
- Tamil Nadu: Despite the colleges reopening after a long gap, a majority of students decided to stay away from campuses owing to the still serious Covid scare in the state. Hours after announcing that he would launch a political party in January 2021, actor Rajinikanth explained how the pandemic had delayed his political entry.
- Karnataka: Karnataka releases Rs 300 crore for vaccine trials, Covid treatment; with 1,000 volunteers to be administered the vaccine initially, the trials being carried out in collaboration with Clintrac International will see two doses being given to volunteers. Hubballi airport bounces back from Covid gloom, sees uptick in footfall; currently Indigo is operating flights between Hubballi-Mumbai flights thrice weekly; it will begin daily flight operations on this route from December 10.
- Andhra Pradesh: East Godavari District Collector D Muralidhar Reddy said that necessary arrangements have been made to distribute the Covid-19 vaccine to about 35,000 medical and health workers in the district in the first phase as per the standard operating guidelines issued by the Central government. The task force would take legal action if anyone was found guilty of spreading rumours and misinformation about the vaccine with malice. Awareness programmes are being conducted for 50 days from December 1 to January 19, the Collector said.
- Telangana: Fearing a second wave of Covid-19 in Telangana after high-intensity campaigns for the recently-concluded GHMC elections, the Director of Public Health in Telangana has advised all the political leaders and cadre involved in electioneering to go under a week's self-isolation. Telangana has recorded 609 new Covid-19 infections and three fatalities on Wednesday taking the overall toll to 1,465 and the cumulative number of positive cases so far to 2,71,492.

#### FACT CHECK



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Posted On: 02 DEC 2020 5:34PM by PIB Delhi



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- India's total Active Caseload had significantly dropped to 4.28 lakh
- Number of daily new cases in the last 24 hours is 36,604.
- 43,062 cases recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours
- Recovery Rate has improved to 94.03% today
- Health Ministry releases SOP on Preventive Measures in Markets to contain spread of COVID-19
- Telemedicine service e-Sanjeevani completes 9 lakh consultations

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Andhra Pradesh	8,68,749 (▲685)	8,54,326 (98%)	7,427 (1%)	6,996 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	7,83,319 (▲1,404)	7,60,617 (97%)	10,980 (1%)	11,722 (1.5%)
Kerala	6,08,357 (▲5,375)	5,44,864 (90%)	61,223 (10%)	2,270 (0.4%)
Delhi	5,74,380 (▲4,006)	5,33,351 (93%)	31,769 (6%)	9,260 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,45,545 (▲1,657)	5,14,087 (94%)	23,670 (4%)	7,788 (1.4%)
West Bengal	4,86,799 (▲3,315)	4,54,102 (93%)	24,221 (5%)	8,476 (1.7%)
Odisha	3,19,103 (▲378)	3,12,734 (98%)	4,625 (1%)	1,744 (0.5%)
Telangana	2,70,883 (▲565)	2,60,155 (96%)	9,266 (3%)	1,462 (0.5%)
Rajasthan	2,70,410 (▲2,347)	2,40,105 (89%)	27,974 (10%)	2,331 (0.9%)
Chhattisgarh	2,39,215 (▲1,893)	2,16,990 (91%)	19,333 (8%)	2,892 (1.2%)
Haryana	2,35,997 (▲1,871)	2,15,797 (91%)	17,744 (8%)	2,456 (1.0%)
Bihar	2,35,152 (▲542)	2,28,316 (97%)	5,568 (2%)	1,268 (0.5%)
Assam	2,12,998 (▲222)	2,08,531 (98%)	3,486 (2%)	981 (0.5%)
Gujarat	2,11,257 (▲1,477)	1,92,368 (91%)	14,885 (7%)	4,004 (1.9%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,07,485 (▲1,357)	1,89,780 (91%)	14,435 (7%)	3,270 (1.6%)
Punjab	1,52,709 (▲618)	1,40,254 (92%)	7,634 (5%)	4,821 (3.2%)
Jammu & Kash	1,10,678 (▲454)	1,04,068 (94%)	4,908 (4%)	1,702 (1.5%)
Jharkhand	1,09,332 (▲181)	1,06,398 (97%)	1,965 (2%)	969 (0.9%)

#### India's Active Caseload drops to 4.28 Lakh after 132 days, Daily New Cases at around 30K for the past three days

India's total Active Caseload had significantly dropped to 4.28 lakh (4,28,644) today. This is the lowest after 132 days. The total active cases were 4,26,167 on 23rd July, 2020. There has been a sustained decrease in the number of active cases. India's present active caseload consists of just 4.51% of India's

Total Positive Cases. The daily new cases added to the country's COVID numbers have been around 30K since the past three days. The number of daily new cases in the last 24 hours is **36,604. 43,062** cases recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The number of daily recovered cases has surpassed the daily new cases since the past five days. The difference in New Recoveries outnumbering New Cases has also improved the Recovery Rate to **94.03%** today. The total recovered cases stand at **89,32,647**. The gap between Recovered Cases and Active Cases, that is steadily increasing, has crossed 85L today and presently stands at **85,04,003**. **78.35%** 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 6,290 newly recovered cases. 6,151 people recovered in Kerala followed by 5,036 in Delhi. **77.25% of the new cases** are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala reported the highest daily new cases at 5,375. It is followed by Maharashtra with 4,930 new cases. **501** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Ten States/UTs account for **79.84%** of new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (95). Delhi and West Bengal follow with 86 and 52 daily deaths, respectively.

#### For details:

#### Health Ministry releases SOP on Preventive Measures in Markets to contain spread of COVID-19

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued Standard operating Procedures (SOPs) on the preventive and precautionary measures to be followed to contain the spread of COVID19 in the country. The Health Ministry in recognition of the fact that marketplaces are visited by large number of people for their daily needs, shopping, entertainment, and food has designed a protocol to contain the spread of COVID-19. Amid COVID pandemic, with gradual opening of economic activities, markets are witnessing high footfalls. Such large gatherings, without observance of COVID19 appropriate behaviour have the potential to spread Coronavirus disease. This document outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition tospecific measures to be ensured at marketplaces to prevent spread of COVID-19. These guidelines shall be applicable to both retail and wholesale markets. Some of the bigger markets may also have malls/ hyper/ supermarkets in them.

#### For details:

#### Health Ministry's telemedicine service e Sanjeevani completes 9 lakh consultations

In a landmark achievement, eSanjeevani, Health Ministry's national telemedicine initiative today completed 9 lakh consultations. The top ten States with highest consultations through eSanjeevani and eSanjeevaniOPD platforms are Tamil Nadu (2,90,770), Uttar Pradesh (2,44,211), Kerala (60,401), Madhya Pradesh (57,569), Gujarat (52,571), Himachal Pradesh (48,187), Andhra Pradesh (37,681), Uttarakhand (29,146), Karnataka (26,906), and Maharashtra (10,903). Telemedicine is a new modality for remote diagnosis and treatment of patients over internet. eSanjeevani enables virtual meetings between the patients and doctors & specialists from geographically dispersed locations, through video conferencing that occurs in real time. At the end of these remote consultations, eSanjeevani generates an electronic prescriptions which can be used for sourcing medicines. In order to enable delivery of outpatient services remotely during COVID-19 pandemic as many as 28 States have on-boarded the Ministry of Health's eSanjeevani initiative. These States are aggressively working towards long term enablement of telemedicine services.

#### For details:

WHO World Malaria Report 2020: India continues to make Impressive Gains in reduction of Malaria Burden

The World Malaria Report (WMR) 2020 released by WHO, which gives the estimated cases for malaria across the world, based on mathematical projections, indicates that India has made considerable progress in reducing its malaria burden. India is the only high endemic country which has reported a decline of 17.6% in 2019 as compared to 2018. The Annual Parasitic Incidence (API) reduced by 27.6% in 2018 compared to 2017 and by 18.4% in 2019 as compared to 2018. India has sustained API less than one since year 2012. India has also contributed to the largest drop in cases region-wide, from approximately 20 million to about 6 million.

### For details:

### AYUSH Day Care Therapy Centres for Central Government employees approved

A proposal of Day Care Therapy Center facility under Ayurveda, Yoga, and Naturopathy systems for central government employees and pensioners has been approved by the Ministry of Health and Family welfare. Private Day Care Therapy centers of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy will be empanelled under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) shortly, in a manner similar to empanelment of Day Care Therapy Centers of conventional (Allopathy) medicine already provided by CGHS.All CGHS beneficiaries, serving as well as pensioners will be able to avail the benefit of these centres. This step has been taken by the Ministry, keeping in view of the growing popularity of AYUSH system of medicines amongst the public at large and all CGHS beneficiaries.Initial empanelment of Day Care Therapy Centres will be undertaken on pilot basis for Delhi and NCR for a period of one year and subsequently would be considered for other places.

### For details:

#### Finance Minister delivers keynote address at the inauguration of the Sri Lanka Economic Summit 2020

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman delivered a Keynote Address at the inauguration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Edition of Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES) 2020 in virtual format, yesterday. SLES annually organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) is the premier forum in Sri Lanka for discussion on economic and business issues. The theme for this year's event is "Roadmap for Take-off: Driving a People –Centric Economic Revival". President of Sri Lanka H.E. Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session. The Finance Minister highlighted the measures taken by India to address the challenges related to pandemic. Talking on the economic take-off for Sri Lanka leveraging on the key policy levers, the Finance Minister in her keynote address said that India's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' and the vision of 'Self Reliant Sri Lanka', are synergistic and complementary and could be used to further consolidate the economic rejuvenation efforts by both countries.

#### For details:

#### Shri Pradhan says India is all for a reasonable and responsive pricing of crude

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has said that India is all for a reasonable and responsive pricing of crude. Speaking at SwarajyaWebiner Event on Aatmanirbhar Bharat today, he said that gone are the days of monopoly, and the producers should take into account the consumers' viewpoint also. The Minister said that India will drive the growth in global energy demand as its energy consumption is projected to grow at 3 percent per annum up to 2040, faster than all major

economies of the world. Talking about the Atmanirbhar Bharat, Shri Pradhan said that India has faced the COVID-19 situation with fortitude and a spirit of self-reliance. He said that the Five pillars of Atmanirbhar Bharat focus on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand. "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. In the midst of coronavirus pandemic, Indians resolve to become self-reliant and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' is on the mind of India. This dream is turning into a pledge. Aatmanirbhar Bharat has become a 'mantra' for the 130 crore Indians today.", he added.

#### For details :

# Railway Freight records highest loading in 2020 and marks 9% increase in November compared to same period last year

Freight figures continue to maintain the high momentum in terms of earnings and loading in the month of November 2020 for Indian Railways. On mission mode, Indian Railways' Freight loading for the month of November 2020 crossed last year's loading and earnings for the same period. In the month of November 2020, Indian Railways loading was 109.68 million tonnes which is 9% higher compare to last year's loading for the same period (100.96 million tonnes). In this period Indian Railways earned Rs. 10657.66 Crores from freight loading which is also Rs. 449.79 Cr.(4%) higher compare to last year's earnings for the same period (Rs. 10207.87 crores). Despite festival holidays and Cyclone Nivar affecting freight loading, Indian Railways continue to register impressive figures in freight loading in last three months (in October 15%, in September 15%) suggesting steady economic recovery. COVID 19 has been used by Indian Railways an opportunity to improve all round efficiencies and performances.

#### For details:

#### <u>Meeting of National Selection Committee to Select Awardees for National Awards for Empowerment of</u> <u>Persons with Disabilities Postponed Due to Prevaling Situation of Pandemic Covid-19</u>

National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are conferred on the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' in recognition of the contributions/skills of persons with disabilities Accordingly, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), had issued an advertisement dated 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 inviting applications for the National Awards, 2020. Applications/nominations have been received by this Department. Consequently, the selection process has to be undertaken in a detailed manner by examination of documents and records submitted by the applicants. Thereafter, it needs to be placed before the National Selection Committee. Accordingly, the meeting of the National Selection Committee had been scheduled to be held on 01.12.2020. However, this meeting has now been postponed due to prevailing situation on account of Covid 19 pandemic. Once the situation improves, the meeting of the National Selection Committee will be held for taking up this exercise under intimation to the public through a prior notice.

#### For details:

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Maharashtra: A gradual rise in recovered cases of Covid 19 is being witnessed as the cured patients outnumbered those infected in the last 24 hours. Recovery rate of COVID-19 in Maharashtra stands at 92.49 percent while the case fatality rate is 2.58 percent. For the first time after seven months, Mumbai recorded Covid mortality in single digit of 9 on Tuesday. The number of active cases in the state now stands at 89,098.
- Gujarat: Gujarat High Court has ordered compulsory community service at COVID-19 care centres for those who do not wear masks and directed State Government to issue a notification. Meanwhile, Gujarat has capped the rate for Covid 19 RT-PCR test at Rs 800. The number of active cases in the state is 14,885.
- Rajasthan: A central team is on a visit to Jaipur today to review COVID 19 situation in Rajasthan. The central team led by Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul, member of NITI Aayog had state level review of COVID 19 infection with officials of Health Department this morning. The situation of infection in Jaipur and Jodhpur was also reviewed. There has been a decline in new cases in the state in the last one week. But a large number of cases are being reported in Jaipur, Jodhpur and Kota and 34 percent of all active cases are in Jaipur alone, while about 22 percent active patients are in Jodhpur.
- Assam: In Assam, 222 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 135 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 212998, total discharged patients 208528, active 3486 and 981 total death.
- Kerala: State Government has revised Covid-19 investigation guidelines. Accordingly, RTPCR test will be conducted for those aged more than 60 years, pregnant women, children with malnutrition in the beginning of containment period itself. Also all inmates of old age homes will be subjected to RTPCR test once in a month. Meanwhile, the state-run Kerala State Drugs and Pharmaceutical Ltd. has produced over 2.5 lakh litres of sanitizer to be used in the local body polls. It will be used in 34,780 booths in the state during next week's local body polls. This is the first ever election to be held in in Kerala after the Covid-19 outbreak. The Online booking for additional coupons for the darshan at the Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple has begun today. The number of devotees on weekdays has been raised from the previous 1,000 to 2,000.
- Tamil Nadu: CM EdappadiPalaniswami chaired review meeting ahead of cyclone Burevi's expected arrival; CM said that nine NDRF teams have been deployed to Madurai, Kanniyakumari, Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli districts. "Officials have been directed to evacuate people living in low-lying areas. Basic necessities would be arranged at such centres, which would also provide hand sanitiser and ensure physical distancing," he said. Southern Railways to operate nine more special trains; reservations for the nine special trains will be opened at 8 am on December 2nd.
- Karnataka: Covaxin trails are going to be successful in the state and Karnataka is fully prepared for the distribution of Covid-19 vaccine, said Health & Medical Education Minister Dr.K.Sudhakar. He was speaking here after the launch of 3rd phase clinical trials of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin in Vydehi Institute of Medical Science and Research Centre. In view of Covid, State Technical Advisory Committee has recommend that New Year public celebration be banned and night curfew be imposed from Dec 26 to Jan 1.
- Andhra Pradesh: State on Tuesday filed a petition in the High Court challenging the State Election Commission's (SEC) decision to conduct local elections in February 2021. Panchayat Raj department principal secretary Gopal Krishna Dwivedi stated that it was a unilateral decision and urged the High Court to direct the SEC not to conduct elections in February without proper

consultations. Mr Dwivedi urged the court to cancel the orders issued by the SEC for conduct of the local elections, stating that public health is the priority of the government and the entire government machinery is engaged in containing the spread of Covid-19.

• Telangana: 565 new cases, 925 recoveries & 1 death reported in the last 24 hours; Total cases: 2,70,883; Active cases: 9,266; Deaths: 1462; Discharges: 2,60,155 with a recovery rate of 96.03 per cent, while the countrywide recovery rate is 94 per cent. Hyderabad records final voting percentage of 46.6% in GHMC elections as against 45.29% recorded in 2016 and 42.04% recorded in 2009.

#### 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.



## Check your temperature.

Check your temperature at least twice a day.



# Watch for other symptoms.

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



# Practice social distancing.

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



#### Wash your hands.

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



## 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.



If possible, have a designated toilet and bathroom as well.

## 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.







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## **PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19**

Posted On: 01 DEC 2020 5:33PM 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's active cases today stand at 4,35,603
- 31,118 new reported cases while 41,985 cases have recovered in the last 24 hours
- Total recovered cases stand at 88,89,585 which translates to a Recovery Rate of 93,94%
- PM interacts with three teams working on developing & manufacturing COVID-19 vaccine
- PM reviews vaccine development and manufacturing process at 3 facilities
- Government Launches Mission COVID Suraksha to accelerate Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 01 December 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)	Active (4.60%)	Discharged (93.94%)	Deaths (1.45%)
(1) Status change since yesterday)	<b>435603</b> (11349 <b>↓</b> )	8889585 (419854)	137621 (4824



States' Ca	ses (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	18,23,896 (▲3,837)	16,85,122 (92%)	91,623 (5%)	47,151 (2.6%)
Karnataka	8,84,897 (▲998)	8,49,821 (96%)	23,298 (3%)	11,778 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,68,064 (▲381)	8,53,232 (98%)	7,840 (1%)	6,992 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	7,81,915 (▲1,410)	7,59,206 (97%)	10,997 (1%)	11,712 (1.5%)
Kerala	6,02,982 (▲3,382)	5,38,713 (89%)	62,025 (10%)	2,244 (0.4%)
Delhi	5,70,374 (▲3,726)	5,28,315 (93%)	32,885 (6%)	9,174 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,43,888 (▲2,015)	5,12,028 (94%)	24,099 (4%)	7,761 (1.4%)
West Bengal	4,83,484 (▲2,671)	4,50,762 (93%)	24,298 (5%)	8,424 (1.7%)
Odisha	3,18,725 (▲418)	3,12,065 (98%)	4,921 (2%)	1,739 (0.5%)
Telangana	2,70,318 (▲502)	2,59,230 (96%)	9,627 (4%)	1,461 (0.5%)
Rajasthan	2,68,063 (▲2,677)	2,37,098 (88%)	28,653 (11%)	2,312 (0.9%)
Chhattisgarh	2,37,322 (▲1,324)	2,14,826 (91%)	19,635 (8%)	2,861 (1.2%)
Bihar	2,34,610 (▲491)	2,27,987 (97%)	5,359 (2%)	1,264 (0.5%)
Haryana	2,34,126 (▲1,604)	2,13,336 (91%)	18,362 (8%)	2,428 (1.0%)
Assam	2,12,776 (▲159)	2,08,396 (98%)	3,399 (2%)	981 (0.5%)
Gujarat	2,09,780 (▲1,502)	1,90,821 (91%)	14,970 (7%)	3,989 (1.9%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,06,128 (▲1,383)	1,88,097 (91%)	14,771 (7%)	3,260 (1.6%)
Punjab	1,52,091 (▲553)	1,39,442 (92%)	7,842 (5%)	4,807 (3.2%)
Jammu & Kash	1,10,224 (▲370)	1,03,565 (94%)	4,965 (5%)	1,694 (1.5%)
Jharkhand	1,09,151 (▲167)	1,06,171 (97%)	2,016 (2%)	964 (0.9%)

\* A indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

# India's Active Caseload further contracts to 4.35 Lakhs; Daily New Recoveries outnumber Daily New Cases

@COVIDNewsByMIB

India's active cases today stand at **4,35,603**, much below the 5-lakh mark. The share of Active Cases in the total Positive Cases has further shrunk to **4.60%**. The daily recoveries exceeding new cases has ensured a total net reduction of the Active Caseload. A net decline of 11,349 cases has been recorded in

the total active cases in last 24 hours. **31,118 new cases** were added to the national tally in the last 24 hours. While some States (Kerala, Delhi, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh etc) have witnessed a decline in the active caseload in the past 24 hours, others such as Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Assam and Goa have reported an addition to their caseload. In contrast to **31,118** new reported cases, **41,985** cases have recovered in the last 24 hours. The total recovered cases stand at **88,89,585** which translates to a Recovery Rate of **93.94%**. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases continues to grow and presently stands at **84,53,982**. **76.82%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Kerala reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 6,055 recoveries. Delhi follows with 5,824 new recoveries. **77.79%** of the new cases are concentrated in 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra reported the maximum daily new cases numbering 3,837 in the last 24 hours. Delhi recorded 3,726 new cases while Kerala reported 3,382 new cases yesterday. Ten States/UTs account for **81.12%** of the **482** case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours. 22.4% of new fatalities reported are from Delhi which reported 108 deaths. Maharashtra and West Bengal follow with 80 and 48 new deaths, respectively.

#### For details :

#### Dr. Harsh Vardhan distributes masks and soaps with Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) at Old Delhi Railway Station

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) distributed masks and soaps at the Old Delhi Railway Station on Sunday. Emphasizing on the importance of wearing Mask and washing of hands, Dr Vardhan said, "We will soon be completing eleven months in our fight against COVID. Since then, the most important principle to protect ourselves and others is to follow basic principles of hygiene and physical distancing. In fight against COVID, our biggest weapon is mask and sanitizer." Appreciating the fact that everybody present at the event is wearing mask, Dr Vardhan said, "This mask and soap distribution has a big message behind it. The aim is to spread the message. The government is trying to spread awareness among people through different channels and activities. Coolies, Taxi unions, three wheeler unions play a very important role in its implementation." Speaking on the COVID situation in India, Dr Vardhan highlighted the progress in COVID parameters . He said, "India has one of the highest recovery rate in the whole world. From 1 lab in January 2020, we now have 2165 labs. More than a million people are being tested on a daily basis."

#### For details :

#### Dr Harsh Vardhan digitally addresses the students of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare on Friday digitally addressed the students of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC). At the outset, Dr Vardhan welcomed the students and extended his gratitude for inviting him to interact with the budding journalists. Dr Vardhan stated, "Media being the fourth pillar of democracy plays very important role in modelling attitude of people. Thus, there is a huge responsibility on the shoulders of journalists as they are capable of delivering richest of dividends." Applauding the efforts of journalists during the times of crisis due to pandemic from the last 11 months, Dr Vardhan said, "Journalistshave worked round the clock from ground zero to provide information to the public. The COVID war, which started from January 2020 is

now into its eleventh month. Media has been an active partner during this journey." He also paid his tribute to those who have sacrificed their lives in an attempt to provide information to the people. "My list of Corona warriors also include journalists", he said.

#### For details:

#### PM interacts with three teams working on developing & manufacturing COVID-19 vaccine

The Prime Minister on Monday had virtual meetings with 3 teams working on developing & manufacturing vaccine for COVID-19. These teams were from Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd Pune, Biological E Ltd Hyderabad and Dr. Reddys Laboratories Ltd Hyderabad. The PM appreciated the efforts being taken by the scientists in these companies to come out with a vaccine solution to tackle COVID-19. The potential of various platforms for vaccine development was also discussed. PM also asked the companies to come out with their suggestions and ideas regarding the regulatory processes and related matters. He also suggested that they should take extra efforts to inform the general public in simple language about the vaccine and related matters such as its efficacy etc. Matters relating to logistics, transport, cold chain etc in respect of delivering the vaccines were also discussed.

#### For details :

#### PM participates in Dev Deepawali Mahotsav in Varanasi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi participated in Dev Deepawali Mahotsav in Varanasi on Monday. Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said it was another special occasion for Kashi as, He said, the idol of Mata Annapurna that was stolen from Kashi more than 100 years ago, is now coming back again. It is a matter of great fortune for Kashi. He said these ancient idols of our gods and goddesses are a symbol of our faith as well as our priceless heritage.

#### For details :

#### Text of PM's address at Dev Deepawali Mahotsav in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

#### For details :

#### PM inaugurates six-lane widening project of the Varanasi-Prayagraj section of NH-19

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated six-lane widening project of the Varanasi - Prayagraj section of NH-19 yesterday in Varanasi. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said we are now seeing the outcome of the work of connectivity along with the beautification of Kashi done in the past. He added that the unprecedented work has been done on new highways, pull-flyovers, widening of roads to reduce traffic jams in and around Varanasi. The Prime Minister remarked that our farmers would benefit greatly when modern connectivity expands in the area. He said over the years, efforts have been made to create infrastructure like cold storage along with modern roads in the villages. A fund of 1 lakh crore rupees has also been created for this.

#### For details:

# Text of PM's address at the inauguration of six-lane widening project of the Varanasi-Prayagraj section of NH-19

#### For details:

PM reviews vaccine development and manufacturing process at 3 facilities

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on Saturday undertook a three city tour to conduct extensive review of the vaccine development and manufacturing process. He visited the Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad, Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad and Serum Institute of India in Pune. The scientists expressed joy that the Prime Minister met them face to face in order to boost their morale and help accelerate their efforts at this critical juncture in the vaccine development journey. Prime Minister expressed pride in the fact that India's indigenous vaccine development has progressed at such a rapid pace so far. He spoke on how India is following sound principles of science in the entire journey of vaccine development, while also asking for suggestions to make the vaccine distribution process better. Prime Minister stressed that India considers vaccines as not only vital to good health but also as a global good, and it is India's duty to assist other countries, including the nations in our neighbourhood, in the collective fight against the virus. He asked the scientists to express their free and frank opinion on how the country could further improve its regulatory process. The scientists also presented an overview of how they are also developing various new and repurposed drugs to better fight COVID-19.

#### For details:

#### English rendering of PM's address in the 18th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0' on 29.11.2020

#### For details:

#### Prime Minister Speaks to the UK PM Mr Boris Johnson

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone with Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, His Excellency Mr. Boris Johnson on Friday. The two leaders exchanged thoughts about the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and reviewed the promising cooperation between India and UK in the area of vaccine development and manufacturing. The leaders reiterated their shared desire to impart a quantum jump to the India-UK partnership in the post-COVID, post-BREXIT era, and agreed that there was tremendous potential for enhancing collaboration in trade and investment, scientific research, mobility of professionals and students, and defence and security.

#### For details:

#### Rs 1,04,963 crore of gross GST Revenue collected in the month of November 2020

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of November, 2020 is ₹ 1,04,963 crore of which CGST is ₹ 19,189 crore, SGST is ₹ 25,540 crore, IGST is ₹ 51,992 crore (including ₹ 22,078 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹ 8,242 crore (including ₹ 809 crore collected on import of goods). The total number of GSTR-3B Returns filed for the month of November up to  $30^{th}$  November 2020 is 82 lakhs. The government has settled ₹ 22,293 crore to CGST and ₹ 16,286 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of November 2020 is ₹ 41,482 crore for CGST and ₹ 41,826 crore for the SGST. In line with the recent trend of recovery in the GST revenues, the revenues for the month of November 2020 are 1.4% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 4.9% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 0.5% higher that the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

#### For details:

Government Launches Mission COVID Suraksha to accelerate Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development

The Government of India (GOI) has announced the third stimulus package of Rs. 900 Crore for the *Mission COVID Suraksha- The Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development Mission*. This grant will be provided to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) for Research & Development of Indian COVID-19 vaccines. The COVID-19 Vaccine development Mission with end-to-end focus from preclinical development through clinical development and manufacturing and regulatory facilitation for deployment, would consolidate all available and funded resources towards an accelerated product development. This will help accelerate development of approx. 5-6 vaccine candidates and ensure that these are brought closer to licensure and introduction in market for consideration of regulatory authorities for introduction in public health systems, to combat further spread of COVID infection. The important objectives of the fund will be accelerating pre-clinical & clinical development; licensure of COVID-19 vaccine candidates that are currently in clinical stages or ready to enter clinical stage of development, establishing clinical trial sites, and strengthening the existing immunoassay laboratories, central laboratories and suitable facilities for animal studies, production facilities and other testing facilities to support COVID-19 vaccine development.

#### For details:

#### Enhancement in ICU Capacity at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Covid Hospital Delhi

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has increased the number of ICU beds to 500 in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Covid Hospital at Delhi Cantonment on the advice of Union Government in view of the rising number of cases in Delhi NCR. All the beds are provided with oxygen support. Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS), Lt Gen Anup Banerji, SM, PHS, has been continuously monitoring the updating of the facility to meet the current upsurge and the information has been updated on Delhi Government portal.Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Covid Hospital is DRDO's 1000 bed facility, which was made operational on 5th July 2020 with a mandate to treat COVID-19 positive patients from Delhi and other states. The increase in the number of ICU beds required additional equipment like ICU monitors, HFNC machines, and up-gradation of existing oxygen pipeline. To deal with the unprecedented surge in number of cases, AFMS has increased the medics. Doctors and nursing staff from ITBP, CAPF and other services have joined and are working round the clock.There have been 3271 admissions in the hospital so far out of which 2796 patients have been cured/ discharged.

#### For details :

### <u>Union Education Minister releases a compilation of initiatives by School Education Department</u> <u>during COVID-19 pandemic</u>

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually released a compilation of initiatives undertaken by School Education Department during COVID-19 pandemic on Friday. The Minister noted that in the year 2020-21, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented public health emergency, affecting almost all countries and territories globally. He further said that the pandemic has led to severe disruptions in normal life, and has impacted children and also affected the closure of schools in the country. Releasing the compilation, ShriPokhriyal highlighted that Department of School Education & Literacy has taken several initiatives such as PM e-Vidya, Pragyata Guidelines, Manodarpan for Psycho-social support, E-Content, Alternative Academic Calender, etc to ensure that the

school going students don't lag behind in their studies during COVID-19 pandemic. He expressed happiness that these initiatives have contributed a lot in mitigating the impact of the pandemic. Ministry has come out with several measures to remodel and re-imagine the way teaching and learning have happened so far.

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## <u>EPFO extends time limit for Pensioners upto 28th February 2021 for submission of Jeevan</u> <u>Pramaan Patra; 35 Lakh pensioners with EPFO to benefit</u>

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the vulnerability of elderly population to Corona Virus, EPFO has extended the time limit up to 28th February 2021 for submission of Life Certificate (Jeevan Pramaan Patra-JPP) in respect of the Pensioners drawing pension under EPS 1995 and whose Life certificate is due in any month till February 28, 2021. Presently a Pensioner can submit JPP anytime during the year upto 30th November, which is valid for a period of one year from the date of issue. All such pensioners can submit Life Certificate till February 28, 2021. Multiple modes for submission of JPPs including 3.65 lakh Common Service Centres (CSCs), Branches of Pension Disbursing Banks 1.36 lakh post offices, Postal Network of 1.90 lakh Postmen and Grameen DakSevaks under the Department of Post can be availed by pensioners. Pensioners can use link for locating the nearest CSCs (https://locator.csccloud.in/) and link for placing online request to Post Offices for submission of JPPs from comfort of their Home or elsewhere (http://ccc.cept.gov.in/covid/request.aspx).

#### For details:

#### Archer Kapil tests positive for coronavirus, currently asymptomatic

Kapil who is part of the National Archery camp underway at Army Sports Institute, Pune has tested positive for the coronavirus. He is asymptomatic and being monitored by a medical team.

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#### Boxer Duryodhan Singh Negi tests covid positive, is asymptotic and under observation

Boxer Duryodhan Singh Negi (69 kg) who is presently training at SAI NSNIS Patiala has tested positive for the coronavirus. He is currently asymptomatic and has been shifted to Columbia Asia Hospital as a precautionary measure. He had been on leave for the Diwali break and and was in quarantine upon his return. As per SOPs established by SAI, he was tested on the 6th day after his return to the camp .

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### <u>Very Positive response from pharmaceutical and medical device industry to PLI Schemes for Bulk</u> <u>Drugs and Medical Devices which closed on 30-11-2020</u>

Production Linked Incentive(PLI) Scheme for Bulk Drugs and PLI Scheme for Medical Devices have shown a very positive response from the pharmaceutical as well as the medical device industry. The industry has shown a very good response to these schemes whereby 215 applications made by 83 pharmaceutical manufacturers have been received under the PLI Scheme for bulk drugs. Similarly, 28 applications made by 23 medical device manufacturers have been received under the PLI Scheme for bulk drugs. Scheme for medical devices. The closing date of applications was 30.11.2020.

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Indian growth story continues as is demonstrated by the trends in FPI, FDI and Corporate Bond Market flows

COVID-19 has drastically affected the investment climate in all economies of the world, causing a sharp decline in the demand and supply equilibrium everywhere. India has been no exception to this unprecedented economic shock. Yet, investment sentiment in the Indian economy has been buoyed by the frequent and active intervention of the Government of India despite being hit by a world-wide pandemic. The Indian growth story continues to expand as is demonstrated by the trends in FPI, FDI and Corporate Bond Market flows that indicate and underline the beliefs of investors in the strength and resilience of Indian economy. FPI inflows stood at Rs 62,782 crorefor November 2020. FDI equity inflows touched US\$30,004 millionup to September 2020 in FY2020-21-which is 15% more than the corresponding period of 2019-20. In H1 FY21, the total corporate bond issuances amount to Rs. 4.43 lakh crore, 25% higher than Rs. 3.54 lakh crore in the same period last year.

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### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam, 159 cases detected out of 22,683 tests conducted with positivity Rate- 0.70% & 52 cases are from Kamrup M. 110 patients discharged; total cases- 2,12,776, tweeted Assam Health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma.
- Nagaland: With 27 new cases, Nagaland's COVID-19 total reaches 11,186. Active cases are 925.
- Sikkim: COVID-19 protocol: Movementsbanned in Sikkim at night. 26 more patients were discharged from isolation to improve the figure of discharged COVID-19 patients in Sikkim to 4,544. State now have 248 active cases.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya has reported no fresh death due to COVID-19 during the last 24 hours while 70 new COVID-19 positive cases were detected in the state during the period taking the number of active cases up to 763.
- Maharashtra: To curb the spread of infection in Mumbai, Commissioner of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has asked the authorities to collect fine of 200 rupees from the people found not wearing masks in public places. Post-Diwali season, the civic body has further increased inspection drives all across the city. BMC said, from April till November 28, it took action against 4.85 lakh citizens for not wearing masks in public places and collected over 10.7 crore rupees as fine from them. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has started the process of identifying places for cold storage facilities for storing the Covid-19 vaccine. It is converting a 5,000 square feet floor in a building at Kanjurmarg into a cold storage facility. It will be ready by December 15. Additional Commissioner of BMC Suresh Kakani informed that the search for the exact sites for the cold storage houses is currently underway, while one site at Kanjurmarg has been finalized.
- Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 1502 new cases during the last 24 hours. The recovery rate in the state remains at 90.96 percent. The number of total cases of COVID-19 detected so far in Gujarat has reached up to 2,90,780. Out of these, 1,90,821 patients recovered. 1401 patients recovered during the last 24 hours. Maximum 312 new cases reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 266 new cases. At present total active cases in the state are 14970, out of which 83 patients are on ventilator. 20 patients died yesterday taking the total deaths due to Covid19 up to 3989.

Meanwhile, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has added 8 new areas in the micro containment zone following detection of new cases.

- Rajasthan: Rajasthan government has said that schools, colleges, cinema, entertainment parks etc. will remain closed in the state till December 31. The move comes after sharp rise in COVID-19 cases in the state. The state reported 20 coronavirus deaths yesterday, taking the total number of fatalities to 2,312. State also reported 2,677 fresh cases.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, strict steps are being taken by the administration in view of the increasing cases of corona infection in many cities including Bhopal and Indore. For the past several days more than 500 new cases have been reported in Indore and more than 300 cases in Bhopal. The number of active cases in MP has increased to around 15 thousand. In order to stop the spread of corona infection in Bhopal, the Roko Toko campaign has been started by the NSS and social organizations on the instructions of the administration. Under this campaign, people are being advised to wear masks through the characters of Yamraj and Chitragupta, along with the distribution of masks free of cost by the organizations.
- Chhattisgarh: With 1,324 new COVID-19 cases and 21 more deaths, Chhattisgarh's count of infections rose to 2,37,322 and toll to 2,861 on Monday. The number of recoveries went up to 2,14,826 after 153 people were discharged from various hospitals while 1,586 patients completed their home isolation stay during the day. The state now has 19,635 active cases. Raipur district reported 186 new cases, taking its total count to 46,526, including 656 deaths.
- Goa: Goa government has decided to photograph and fine tourists who are found roaming in the city without masks. Recently, several tourists in Goa have been noticed without masks and arguing with the authorities unnecessarily. Panaji Mayor Uday Madkaikar made the crucial announcement on Monday. It was only last week that the government announced a doubling of the fine for not wearing masks to INR 200.
- Kerala: State Health Minister K K. Shailaja has expressed concern on the transmission of Covid-19 while campaigning for the ensuing local body polls; Minister also warned that things would go out of hand if voters do not take precautionary measures; 3382 more people contracted the disease in the state yesterday. 2244 people have lost their lives due to the virus so far in the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Unlocking TN: Colleges to reopen on Dec 7, beaches and tourist places from Dec 14; announcing the State government's plan to ease lockdown curbs further from Tuesday, in line with the measures to revive the economy, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami said social, political and entertainment events would be allowed in auditoriums from that day. Colleges want officials to restore classrooms to pre-Covid state; beds and facilities put up for patients are yet to be cleared from many campuses
- Karnataka: The Karnataka Health department on Monday said that it has initiated necessary preparations for Covid-19 vaccine delivery, distribution and administration as per the Centre's advice; As of Monday, 68,317 government and 35,310 private potential vaccinators have been identified. Goa tourists fly from Karnataka to Maharashtra to avoid 'unnecessary' Covid test; the new travel rules announced by Maharashtra government in view of the second wave of Covid-19 have led to many taking a detour to reach the state.
- Andhra Pradesh: "Occurrence of another wave of infections couldn't be confirmed scientifically yet. However, we are well prepared to face any such spike in cases. We haven't downgraded anything yet and same testing capacity and hospital facilities are available and everything is functioning at full capacity," said Katamneni Bhaskar, Commissioner, Department of Health and

Family Welfare. The State's Covid-19 death rate at 0.81 per cent is the lowest in the country and the tests per million ratio at 1.8 lakh the highest among the States with higher caseloads.

• Telangana: Telangana continued to see a downward trend in daily COVID-19 cases with 502 fresh infections and three related deaths being reported, taking the tally to more than 2.70 lakh; Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) accounted for the most number of cases with 101, followed by MedchalMalkajgiri 46 and BhadradriKothagudem 33, a government bulletin said on Tuesday providing details as of 8 pm on November 30.

## 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 foo medicines or other essentials.



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#### Check your temperature.

Check your temperature at least twice a day.

## Watch for other symptoms.

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

#### Practice social distancing.

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



#### Wash your hands.

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



#### 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. If possible, have a designated toilet and bathroom as well.



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.





