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PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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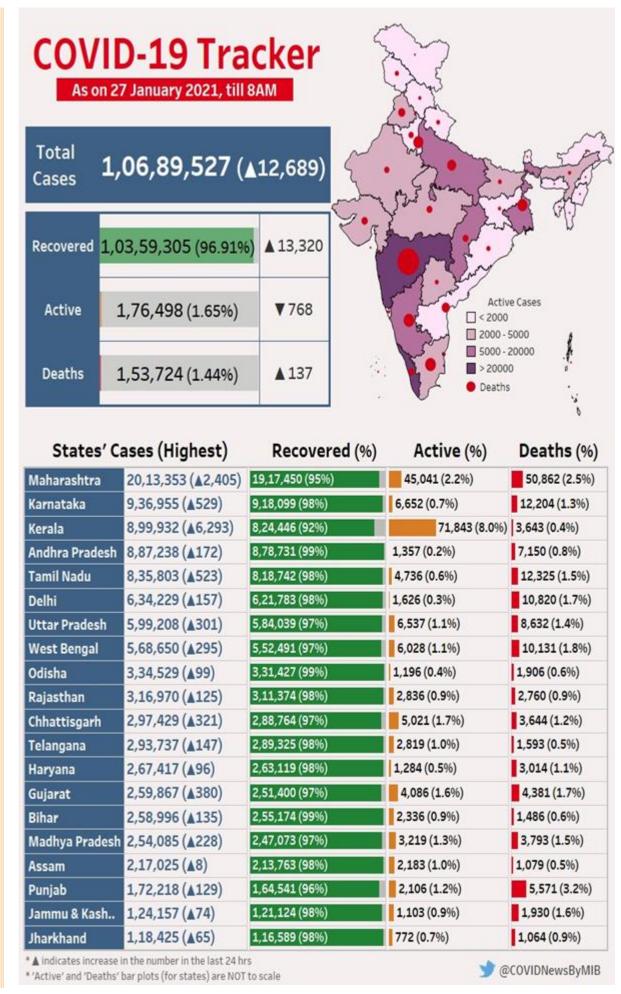




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The daily recovered cases in India continue to surpass the daily new cases. The daily recoveries have overtaken the daily new cases since last 20 days. Total cumulative recoveries stand at 1,03,59,305 today.13,320 patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The national Recovery Rate has further grown to 96.91%.12,689 daily new cases were added to the national tally in the last 24 hours.India's total Active Caseload stands at 1,76,498 today.India's present active caseload now composes of just 1.65% of India's total Positive Cases. India has one of the lowest Daily New Cases per Million population (69) in the last 7 Days. As on 27thJanuary, 2021, till 8 AM, more than 20lakh (20,29,480) beneficiaries have received the vaccination under the countrywide COVID19 vaccination exercise.In the last 24 hours, 5,671 people were vaccinated across 194 sessions. 36,572 sessions have been conducted so far.84.52% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 9 States/UTs.Kerala has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 5,290 newly recovered cases. 2,106 people recovered in Maharashtra in the past 24 hours followed by 738 in Karnataka.84.73% of the new cases are from 7 States and UTs.Kerala continues to report the highest daily new cases at 6,293. It is followed by Maharashtra with 2,405, while Karnataka reported 529 new cases. Seven States/UTs account for 83.94% of the new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (47). Kerala follows with 19daily deaths and Chhattisgarh with 14. India has reported only 1 death per million populationin the last seven days.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates the 7th Edition of MASCRADE 2021 organized by FICCI,

Dr. Harsh Vardhan,Union Minister of Health and Family welfare today inaugurated the 7th Edition of "MASCRADE 2021"- Movement against Smuggled & Counterfeit Trade on Thursday organised by FICCI Cascade. In his address, the Union Health Ministerexpressed pleasure that the 7th edition of MASCRADE will deliberate and discuss actionable, innovative policy solutions that can reverse the rising tide of counterfeit, smuggled and spurious products. He emphasized the challenges of COVID 19 pandemic and illegal operator of drugs and stated, "As we are all aware, amid the chaos created by the Covid-19 pandemic and the various policy responses designed to contain its spread, illicit players have used the pandemic as an opportunity to increase their nefarious activities, causing significant damage to the economy of the nation, health and safety of people worldwide." Dr Harsh Vardhan added, "The aim of MASCRADE 2021 is to foster a healthy discussion on newer and practical strategies to mitigate the challenges of counterfeiting and smuggling especially in a post COVID era. Chief among them should be a focus on generating awareness. The COVID 19 pandemic has placed unprecedented demands on our health system. Health care providers are reinventing existing delivery models to bring healthcare closer to the patient."

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan unveils IEC Campaign to address Vaccine Hesitancy and Misinformation, "Let us put a STOP to these falsehoods"

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on Thursday unveiledIEC posters to address the emerging issue of vaccine hesitancy in some sections of population in the country in presence of Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare and Dr V K Paul, Member (Health), Niti Aayog. The world's largest immunisation exercise against COVID-19 was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 16th January 2021. More than 8 lakh healthcare workers have been vaccinated till 7 am on 21st Jan 2021. The Union Health Minister reminded everyone of the achievements of the country, the second most populous country in the world. He said, "India is one of the few countries to halt the march of COVID-19 and simultaneously develop a vaccine for COVID, thanks to the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji who bestowed his personal attention to get the country rid of the pandemic." Explaining the role of the vaccination in eradicating diseases, he noted, "The elimination of Polio and Smallpox was made possible by large scale immunization. Once immunized, not only that person is not capable of catching the disease, he/she is also unable to transmit the disease to others thus passing on the social benefit to the larger society he/she interacts with. Vaccination against COVID will similarly create persons incapable of transmitting the disease and eradicate the disease altogetherin some time."Dr Harsh Vardhan urged everyone to counter the vested campaigns of untruth and misinformation.

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Address by the Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind On the eve of 72nd Republic Day

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<u>Covid-19 pandemic has taught us the importance of good ventilation and sunlight for our health – Vice President</u>

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Vice President asks Centre to consider setting up vaccine testing and certification lab in Hyderabad

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday spoke to the Union Health Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and urged the Centre to consider the request of the Telangana government to set up a vaccine testing and certification laboratory at the Genome Valley in Hyderabad. Shri Naidu referred to the request made by the Telangana IT Minister, Shri K T Rama Rao to the Union Health Minister in this regard. Shri Rao, in a letter to the Union Health Minister pointed out that Hyderabad was manufacturing over six billion doses annually and contributing one-third of global vaccines production. Dr. Harsh Vardhan assured the Vice President that he would examine the request from all angles. He also informed the Vice President that there were seven vaccine testing and certification laboratories in the world, including the one at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh, and that an accreditation would be required from an international body for such a facility.

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3th Instalment of Rs.6,000 crore released to the States to meet the GST compensation shortfall

The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure has released the 13th weekly instalment of Rs. 6,000 crore to the States today 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. Till now, 70 percent of the total estimated GST compensation shortfall has been released to the States & UTs with Legislative Assembly. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 71,099.56 crore has been released to the States and an amount of Rs. 6,900.44 crore has been released to the 3 UTs with Legislative Assembly. The amount released this week was the 13th instalment of such funds provided to the States. So far, an amount of Rs. 78,000 crore has been borrowed by the Central Government through the special borrowing window at an average interest rate of 4.7491%.

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<u>Inspite of Covid challenges Indian Railways now running 65% of Mail Express Trains as compared to pre Covid time</u>

Inspite of Covid challenges Indian Railways is now running total 1138 Mail/Express including Festival Express trains per day in different Zones of Indian Railways. All important destinations across the country are connected by these special trains. Need for running of more trains is being constantly reviewed. In pre-covid times, Indian Railways was running average 1768 Mail/Express trains per day. It is noteworthy that total 115 pairs of Mail/Express train have been approved so far in month of January 2021.

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<u>Indian scientific diaspora discuss open science policy, opportunities for innovators, young researchers at the STIP post-draft consultation</u>

Indian scientific diaspora, including academicians, thought leaders, stakeholders, members of Science India Forum, and distinguished community leaders from gulf countries deliberated on open science policy, fellowships in India, opportunities for innovators, young researchers at the post-draft STIP consultation with Indian diaspora from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries viz., Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, UAE and Oman on, 22nd January 2021. "The uniqueness of this policy is that this is the first policy which has consulted the Indian Diaspora in policy formulation. It focuses on leveraging the internal strength of the country by making India self-reliant through science and technology interventions and at the same time proactively promoting international cooperation", said Dr. Akhilesh Gupta Adviser Scientist-G & Head, SITP-2020, Secretariat, who led the consultation.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam, 8 new cases of COVID-19 detected and 1 death reported on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 217025, total discharged 213763 and total death 1079. Active case 836.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 2 new cases of COVID-19 reported on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 12081. Total death 88.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra's recovery rate stands at 95.24% while the case fatality rate stands at 2.53%.
 With 57,229 tests in the last 24 hours, Maharashtra has conducted 1.43 crore coronavirus tests so far and

- the positivity rate stands at 14.06 percent. Mumbai's caseload has increased to 3,06,740. The city reported 778 recoveries and six deaths during the day.New Cases- 2405; Deaths- 47; Recovered patients- 2106; Active Cases 43,811; Total recovered patients-19,17,450; Total deaths- 50,862; Total positive cases-20,13,353; Samples tested till date 1,43,00,000
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the fresh cases of COVID-19 are constantly reducing. Recovery rate has further improved to 96.74%. New Cases- 380; Deaths- 02; Recovered patients- 637; Active Cases 4086; Total recovered patients-2,51,400; Total deaths- 4381; Total positive cases-2,59,867
- Madhya Pradesh:Covid positivity rate is consistently declining in the state and now stands at 1.1%. 11 districts recorded no positive cases yesterday (26th Janurary). Meanwhile, Covid vaccination is being done smoothly in the state. More than 67,400 people have been vaccinated so far.New Cases- 228; Deaths- 02; Recovered patients- 515; Total recovered patients- > 2,47,000; Total deaths- 3793
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh on Tuesday reported 321 COVID-19 cases and 9 deaths, taking the infection count to 2,97,429 and the toll to 3,644. The number of recoveries reached 2,88,764 leaving the state with 5,021 active cases. New Cases- 321; Deaths- 09; Recovered patients- 3; Active Cases 5,021; Total recovered patients 2,88,764; Total deaths- 3644; Total positive cases-2,97,429
- Rajasthan: COVID vaccination is being held at 1205 sites in Rajasthan today. The health department has set a target to vaccinate over 1,14,000 health workers today. Health department is continuously increasing the session sites to complete the vaccination of 4.5 lakh registered health workers by 31st January. 2410 vaccination sessions have been organized in the state so far and 1,61,116 health workers have been vaccinated. No new case was reported from 15 districts out of 33 districts. While, less than 5 persons tested positive in 13 districts of the state. The number of active cases has also been reduced to less than 3000 in the state. New Cases- 125; Active Cases 1,066; Total recovered patients-3,11,374; Total deaths- 2760; Total positive cases-3,16,970; Samples tested till date- 57,71,559
- Goa: Goa's COVID Recovery rate has reached 97.6% leaving the total active cases in the state below 1000. More than 4.4 lakh samples have been tested so far.New Cases- 63; Deaths- 01; Recovered patients- 62; Active Cases 774; Total recovered patients-51,510; Total deaths- 763; Total positive cases-53,047; Samples tested till date- 4,42,488
- Kerala: According to health experts, Kerala which effectively prevented the pandemic, is now on the brink of a second Covid surge. Latest reports show that the state has now topped the country in terms of per day Covid-19 cases in the country. In the past few weeks, per day cases in the state are above 6,000 and test positivity rate hovers at 10%. Meanwhile, the state health department has started to implement an action plan to expand the Covid vaccination drive. The number of vaccination centers will be raised to 249 from the present 133. The Union Health Ministry has sanctioned 60,500 doses of Covishield vaccine in the second phase. The state yesterday reported 6,293 new coronavirus positive cases after 60,315 tests. The state has reported 8,99,932 COVID-19 cases so far. Several health experts have hinted that the contact tracing and surveillance testing measures should be done more rigorously as it was during the initial phases to keep the disease under control. The state's death toll has risen to 3,643. So far 71 people who returned from UK were tested positive and 45 of them later tested negative.
- Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu Public health department has said that only 40% of the targeted medical and frontline workers were inoculated for COVID-19 in Tamil Nadu in the last 10 days after the vaccination drive was launched on January 16. Health secretary J Radhakrishnan informed that private hospitals inviting 'registrations' for Covid-19 vaccination or trying to monetise the government-sponsored programme will have their licences cancelled besides facing action under the Clinical Establishment Act.

- Karnataka: As on date, Karnataka recorded 936955 total cases, 12,204 deaths, 6633 Active cases and 918099 discharges
- Andhra Pradesh: A day after Andhra Pradesh recorded less than 100 new coronavirus cases, the single-day tally went up to 172 in the last 24 hours ending on Tuesday, while the cumulative infection count increased to 8,88,723. With one death case being reported in Kadapa district, the death toll rose to 7,150. The number of active cases came down to 1,357 as 203 patients recovered in the past day, taking the total recoveries to 8,78,731. The recovery rate remained at 99.04 per cent. The positivity rate of the 38,323 samples tested during the period was put at 0.45 per cent, while the overall positivity rate of 1.294 crore samples tested was 6.86 per cent. The total number of tests done in the State so far stood at 1,29,42,153. Meanwhile, following the Supreme Court ruling, Adityanath Das, the chief secretary directed all the employees to participate in the election duties of local bodies. The State Election Commission (SEC) also made it clear that the postponement of elections cannot be carried out which had been announced earlier.
- Telangana: Telangana Industries Minister KT Rama Rao has written a letter to the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan requesting him to set up a Vaccine Testing and Certification Laboratory in Hyderabad on the lines of the Central Drug Laboratory in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri G.Kishan Reddy launched the mobile publicity campaign on Corona Vaccination Drive, jointly organized by the Press Information Bureau (PIB) and the Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt of India by flagging off mobile publicity vans on 23rd of this month in Hyderabad. The mobile awareness campaign on Covid vaccination will cover eight districts of Telangana namely --Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Siddipet, Warangal (Urban), Karimnagar, Nizamabad and Sangareddy till 29th of this month. Covid vaccination for private health staff including doctors began on 25th of this month in the state. Till now, a total of 1.55 lakh private health staff registered their names in Co-WIN App for vaccination in the state. Out of this, 42,915 people were supposed to take the vaccine on the first day. But only 20,359 turned up (47.4 percent). About 36.40 percent of the registered Govt health staff did not take the vaccine. The cumulative number of health staff (including Private and Govt) vaccinated in the state reached 1,30,607. Yesterday (Republic Day) and Today (Every Wednesday regular immunization programme is carried out) are holidays for Covid vaccination.

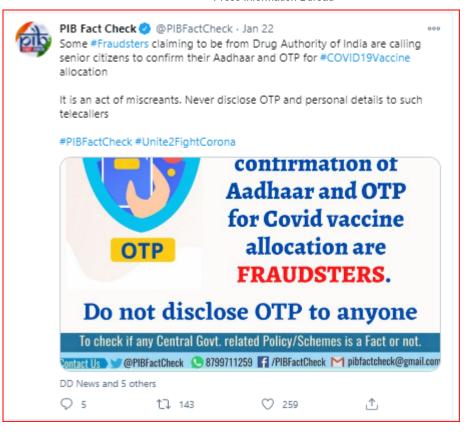
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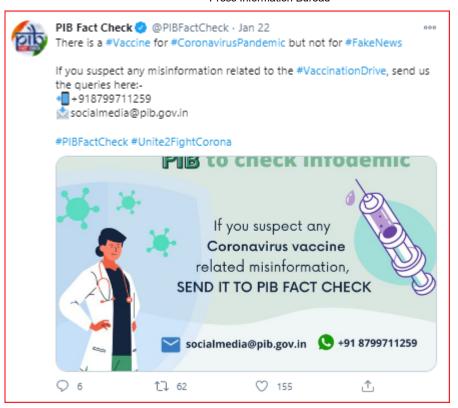














Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

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



Crowded places

with many people nearby



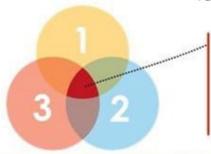
Close-contact settings

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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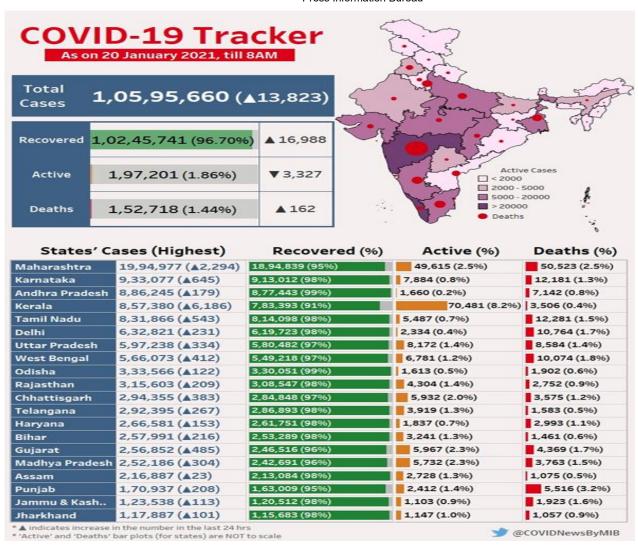




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- India registers one of the lowest daily new confirmed COVID19 cases per million population in the last 7 days
- Health Ministry rushes a multi-disciplinary team to assist Lakshadweep Administration in COVID-19 management
- Leaders from neighborhood greet PM and Government of India for successful launch of vaccination drive against COVID-19

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India accomplished a significant achievement today. The total Active Caseload has **fallen below the 2-lakh mark** today to **1,97,201**. This number translates to just **1.86%** fotal cases. This is the lowest after **207** days. The total active cases were 1,97,387 on 27thJune, 2020. **16,988** cases have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. This has led to a net decline of **3327** from the total active caseload. **72%** of these active cases are concentrated in just **5 States.** 34 States and UTs have less than 10,000 active cases. India's daily new cases are on a steady decline which has also contributed to the shrinkage in Active Caseload. Globally, India has one of the lowest daily new confirmed COVID19 cases per million population in the last 7 days. As on 20th January, 2021, till 7 AM, a total of **6,74,835** beneficiaries have received the vaccination. In the last 24 hours, **2,20,786** people were vaccinated across **3,860** sessions. **11,720** sessions have been conducted so far. The Total Recovered Cases stand at **1.02** cr (**10,245,741**). The total recovered cases have crossed the Active caseload by one crore a few days ago. The gap presently stands at **10,048,540** today. The Recovery Rate has improved to **96.70%** today. This difference is continuously growing as the recoveries outpace the daily new cases.**80.43%** of the new

recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtrahas reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 4,516 newly recovered cases. 4,296 people recovered in Kerala followed by 807 in Karnataka. 79.2% of the new cases are concentrated in seven States and UTs. Kerala reported the highest daily new cases at 6,186. It is followed by Maharashtra with 2,294 new cases. There is also a steady decline in the number of daily fatalities which stands at 162 today.

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<u>Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare rushes a multi-disciplinary team to assist Lakshadweep Administration in COVID-19 management</u>

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep has reported its first ever case of COVID-19 on 18.01.2021. The index case is a traveler who had come to Lakshadweep from Kochi in Kerala on 4th January 2021 by a ship. The case had reported to hospital with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 and was tested positive. Initially 31 primary contacts of the index case have been traced and quarantined of which 14 have now been found to be positive and have been isolated. 56 contacts of positive cases detected so far have also been traced and quarantined. The UT Administration has initiated disinfection procedures and intensive risk-communication activity has been operationalized. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has rushed a Central multi-disciplinary team to Lakshadweep. The team comprises of experts drawn from Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry; National Institute of Virology, Pune and Regional Office of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The team shall assist UT Administration in COVID-19 containment activities.

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<u>Leaders from neighborhood greet PM and Government of India for successful launch of vaccination drive against COVID-19</u>

Leaders from neighboring countries have greeted the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and Indian Government for successful launch of vaccination drive against COVID-19 on 16th January 2021. In a tweet, the President of Sri Lanka Shri Gotabaya Rajapaksa said "My heartiest congratulations to Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi on the successful roll out of the #COVID19 vaccine & his generosity towards friendly neighboring countries." In a tweet, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Shri Mahinda Rajapaksa said "Congratulations PM @narendramodi and the Government of India on taking this very important step with this massive #COVID19 Vaccination drive. We are starting to see the beginning of the end to this devastating pandemic." In a tweet, the President of the Republic of Maldives Shri Ibrahim Mohamed Solih said "Congratulations to PM @narendramodi and the Indian government for its landmark program to vaccinate India's population against COVID-19. I'm highly confident that you'll be successful in this endeavor and that we are finally seeing an end to the COVID-19 scourge." In a tweet, the Prime Minister of Bhutan Dr.Lotay Tshering Said "I would like to congratulate PM @narendramodi and the people of India for the landmark launch of nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive today. We hope it comes as an answer to pacify all the sufferings we have endured this pandemic."

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COVID-19 Vaccination, India begins World's Largest Vaccination Drive

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare chose to be with doctors, nurses and other healthcare and frontline workers at AIIMS, New Delhi on the momentous day when the Prime Minister launched the world's largest COVID-19 vaccination drive on Saturday. He applauded their selfless devotion and commitment to the nation's fight against COVID-19, as the a sanitation worker Shri Manish Kumar became the first recipient of the vaccination drive at AIIMS, New Delhi. Describing the exercise as the start of the climax of the pandemic that started a year before, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said,

"The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been personally involved in the management of the pandemic since the start. Today marks the culmination of five months' hard work on rolling out the COVID vaccines."The Health Minister added that efficient teamwork and staunch political commitment formed the bedrock of this massive exercise. "The Prime Minister and all the Chief Ministers along with my fellow colleague Health Ministers have worked as a team and made history today", he said.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan interacts with the Health Ministers of States/UTs to review the First Day of World's largest Vaccination Program

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on Saturday interacted with the Health Ministers and Principal Secretaries/ Additional Chief Secretaries of the States and Union Territories to review the vaccination drive through a video conference. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the COVID-19 vaccination drive today at 10:30 AM via video conferencing. This is the world's largest vaccination program covering entire length and breadth of the country. At the outset, Dr. Harsh Vardhan thanked his state counterparts for their commitment and personal indulgence in leading the vaccination drive. The Union Ministercongratulated the health ministers on the successful launch of world's largest vaccination drive. He said, "Today is a very important day for us. The vaccination drive, for which preparations were being done from the last five months under the unwavering and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri NarendraModi ji has finally started. We have got encouraging and satisfactory feedback results on the first day. This indicates that we are moving towards victory in the fight against Coronavirus." The State Health ministers and Secretaries apprised the Union Health Minister on the progress and the target achieved on the first day of the vaccination. They also shared the minor technical glitcheson the software such as uploading the details of beneficiaries were noted during the vaccination. The Minister was informed that people showed appreciation and confidence in the vaccine throughout the country.

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PM Launches pan India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive, Indian response to corona is one of self-confidence and self-reliance

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modilaunched the pan India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive via video conferencing on Saturday. This is the world's largest vaccination program covering the entire length and breadth of the country. A total of 3006 session sites across all States and UTs were virtually connected during the launch. The Prime Minister started his speech by paying compliments to the scientists who were associated with the development of the vaccines. He said, usually it takes years to prepare a vaccine but here, in such a short time, not one but two made-in-India vaccine were launched. The Prime Minister cautioned the people to be careful about not missing taking two doses. He said that there will be a gap of one month between the doses. He asked people to keep their guards up even after taking the vaccine as only two weeks after taking the second dose, human body will develop necessary immunity against Corona. The Prime Minister put the unprecedented scale of the vaccination drive in perspective by informing that, in the first round itself, 3 crore people, which is more than population of at least 100 countries of the world, are being vaccinated.

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English rendering of PM's address at the launch of Pan-India Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccination Drive

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Those who need the vaccine the most will get it first: PM

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi said that India's COVID-19 vaccination campaign is based on very humane and important principles. Those who need the vaccine the most will get it first. Those who are at the maximum risk of getting infected will be vaccinated first. He said, our doctors, nurses, hospital sanitation workers and para-medical staff will have the first right to get vaccinated. This priority is available to the medical hospitals in both public and private sectors. The Prime Minister was speaking after launching the pan-India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive via video conferencing on Saturday. After the medical staff, the Prime Minister said, the members of essential services, and those responsible for country's security and law and order will be vaccinated. Our security forces, police personnel, fire brigade, sanitation workers will be given priority.

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<u>India is expressing its gratitude to frontline Corona warriors by giving them priority in vaccination: PM</u>

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi praised the selfless strong spirit of the country which has been on full display during the fight against Corona. Speaking after launching the pan-India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive via video conferencing Shri Modi said, in the year gone by, Indians learnt and endured a great deal as individuals, family and as a nation. Quoting the great Telugu poet, Gurajada Venkata Apparao, Shri Modi said we should always work selflessly for others. A nation is not just soil, water and stones, but a nation stands for 'We the People.' Corona has been fought with this spirit in India, said the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister recalled with sensitivity and empathy the initial feeling of helpless confusion among the people of the country when people could not attend to their near ones when they got infected. He dwelled at length on the contribution of doctors, nurses, para medical staff, ambulance drivers, ASHA workers, sanitation workers, police and other frontline workers who endangered their lives to save other.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout, Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews preparedness for Nationwide Vaccination Drive

The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, on Friday reviewed preparations for the launch of the nationwide COVID19 vaccination drive scheduled to begin tomorrow. The Union Minister visited the Dedicated COVID Control Room which has been setup at the Nirman Bhawan premises of the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will flag off the 1st phase of the pan India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive tomorrow, 16th January, 2021 at 10:30 AM via video conferencing. This vaccination program will cover the entire length and breadth of the country, with a total of 3006 session sites across all States and UTs which will be connected virtually throughout the exercise. Around 100 beneficiaries will be vaccinated tomorrow at each of the session sites. The vaccination drive has been planned in a phased manner, identifying priority groups. Health Care workers, both in government and private sectors including ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services) workers, will receive the vaccine during this phase.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs 148th session of WHO Executive Board

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally chaired the 148th session of WHO Executive Board, through Video Conference.

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<u>Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, while visiting the Delhi Police Headquarters in New Delhi, paid homage to brave Corona Warriors of Delhi Police who laid down their lives for welfare of society and nation</u>

The Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, while visiting the Delhi Police Headquarters in New Delhi yesterday, paid homage to the brave Corona Warriors of the Delhi Police who laid down their lives for the welfare of society and the nation. On this occasion, Shri Amit Shah honoured the Corona Warriors of Delhi Police and also presented ranks to policemen who were promoted out of turn in recognition of their outstanding work. Short films '2020 ka safar' and 'Vijaypath - kahani khaki yoddhaonki' were screened on the occasion. The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Union Home Secretary Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Director of Intelligence Bureau, Shri Arvind Kumar and Delhi Police Commissioner Shri SN Srivastava and many senior officers of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Delhi Police were present during the function.

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<u>Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah congratulated all the scientists on the historic launch of biggest vaccination drive of the world against COVID-19</u>

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah congratulated all the scientists as the nation is witnessing the historic moment of launch of biggest vaccination drive of the world against Covid19. In a series of tweets, Shri Amit Shah said "under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi India has crossed a crucial stage in the fight against Corona. The world's largest vaccination campaign showcases the immense potential of India's scientists and the power of our leadership." Shri Amit Shah said "India is one of the few countries which have become successful in the direction of ending the biggest crisis against humanity. Every Indian is proud of this phenomenal achievement." He added that this is the rise of a new Atmanirbhar Bharat on the global landscape. On this historic day, expressing heartiest gratitude to all Corona warriors Shri Amit Shah said this 'Made in India' vaccine is a proof of the determination of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

For details:

Big Boost for Khadi Artisans with Railway's Rs 49-crore Purchase Order to KVIC during Covid-19 Lockdown

Khadi activities got a major push during the last year – a year that largely remained affected due to the Covid-19 lockdown - thanks to a huge purchase order worth Rs 48.90 crore from the Indian Railway. While the railways purchased Khadi goods worth Rs 8.48 crore in December 2020 alone, it substantially created employment and income for Khadi artisans during the testing times of Covid-19. The purchase orders from Indian Railways directly benefited artisans registered with 82 Khadi Institutions across the country that are engaged in production of material like sheeting cloth, towels, bed sheet, flag banner, sponge clothes, Dosuti Cotton Khadi, bunting clothes and others. During the period from May 2020 to December 2020 (till December 21), Indian Railways procured Khadi material worth Rs 48.90 crore which kept Khadi activities going during the pandemic. Interestingly, Indian Railways purchased goods worth Rs 19.80 crore from Khadi in the months of May and June when the economy had taken a severe hit due to lockdown. Similarly, railways procured Khadi goods worth Rs 7.42 crore in July and August

while it purchased Khadi products worth Rs 13.01 crore in the months of October and November.KVIC Chairman Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena thanked Hon'ble Railway Minister Shri Piyush Goyal for supporting Khadi artisans by placing large orders to KVIC.

For details:

Polio National Immunisation Day rescheduled to 31st January 2021, President of India to launch NID on 30th January 2021

The massive countrywide COVID-19 vaccination drive will be rolled out by Hon'ble Prime Minister from 16th January, 2021. This would be world's largest immunisation exercise. Therefore, it has been decided by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) in consultation with the office of the Hon'ble President of India to reschedule the Polio vaccination day, also known as the National Immunisation Day (NID) or "*Polio Ravivar*" to 31th January 2021 (Sunday). The Hon'ble President will launch the Polio National Immunisation Day on 30th January 2021 (Saturday) by administering Polio drops to some children at the Rashtrapati Bhawan at 11.45 am.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan virtually addresses webinar on Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Swatantra Bharat

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare virtually addressed a webinar organised by Swarjya Magazine on Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Swatantra Bharat and India's Healthcare Ecosystem in a Post-Covid-World on Thursday. Dr Harsh Vardhan said that Atmanirbhar Bharat has become one of the focal areas of our government, around which all economic policies are being drawn up. Our government is focused on bridging the gap between the rich and the poor and on providing equal opportunity to all citizens. On the subject of turning the COVID crisis into opportunity, Dr Harsh Vardhan said, "At the time of COVID emergency, Prime Minister said that "India MUST see the COVID-19 pandemic crisis as an opportunity" and focused on 5 fundamental pillars: the economy, technology, Infrastructure, Vibrant Demography, and Demand to create a Self-Reliant India. The high density of population coupled with poor infrastructure posed a big challenge. Understanding the highly infectious nature of the disease and the need to ensure overall healthcare availability across the country, India did a strategic re-purposing of existing health infrastructure to ensure that the health systems providing primary healthcare at grassroots levels were left untouched. With the proactive, preemptive, and graded whole of government, whole of society approach that India followed in managing COVID-19 has been one of the hallmarks of its response."

For details:

Indian Railways participates in the largest Vaccination Drive against COVID 19,

Indian Railways participated in the largest vaccination programme against COVID 19. After the address and inauguration of the largest vaccination drive in history by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, vaccination programme started on Saturday in Northern Railway Central Hospital as a part of national COVID 19 vaccination drive. Dr Sharad C. Khorwal, MD, NRCH took the first shot of covid vaccine to motivate staff. Similarly, at Jabalpur also, MD took the first shot. Total 51 health care workers of Northern Railway Central Hospital were vaccinated with Covishield vaccine. Out of which 28 were males and 23 females. The vaccination drive started in Jabalpur Railway hospital where 73 doctors and paramedics were vaccinated. The next session for vaccination in NRCH is planned on Monday, 18th January 2021.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- · Maharashtra: In the first phase of covid-19 preventive vaccination drive in Maharashtra, as many as 14,883 health workers have been vaccinated so far. Dr. Pradeep Vyas, Principal Secretary, Department of Health said there were no serious adverse side effects reported during the vaccination drive. Vaccination drive started in 34 districts and 27 municipal areas in the state on Saturday, with 17,762 vaccinators and 7,85,927 health workers registered on the CoWin portal. In the first phase of this vaccination drive, 52.68 per cent health workers have been vaccinated. In Mumbai, about 1,597 health workers were vaccinated yesterday.
- · Gujarat: The second day of the COVID-19 vaccination drive in Gujarat on Tuesday ended without any issues across 161 booths where doctors and healthcare workers, including nurses and paramedical staff, were administered doses of Covishield. A total of 13,274 beneficiaries were inoculated on the first day of the vaccination drive on January 16. The vaccination drive in Gujarat will be undertaken three days in a week in eight municipal corporation areas, and on four days in a week in the rest of the state. The Gujarat government had identified 4.31 lakh beneficiaries in the first phase of vaccination. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Saturday said no case of serious adverse reaction due to administration of a vaccine was reported from anywhere in Gujarat.
- · Madhya Pradesh: The trend of declining Covid cases continued in Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday with just 304 new cases diagnosed. With this, MP's overall Covid-19 tally stood at 2,52,186. With seven more people succumbing to the viral infection, the death toll in the state went up to 3,763, according to the state health bulletin. A total 725 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, taking the cumulative count of recoveries in MP to 2,42,691.
- Chhattisgarh Chhattisgarh, more than 10,000 health workers have been vaccinated against Coronavirus. No major adverse event has been reported so far due to the vaccine. On the second day of Covid vaccination in Chhattisgarh, 5280 health workers were vaccinated yesterday. Covid vaccination was conducted at the 97 vaccination centres of the state. Chhattisgarh on Tuesday reported 383 COVID-19 cases and 10 deaths, taking the infection count to 2,94,355 and the toll to 3,575. The number of recoveries reached 2,84,848 after 59 people were discharged from hospitals and 279 completed home isolation, leaving the state with 5,932 active cases.
- · Rajasthan: More than 11, 288 health workers were vaccinated in Rajasthan on Tuesday. Maximum 1,0 57 health workers were vaccinated in Capital Jaipur. Project Director- Immunization Dr. Raghuraj Singh said that the vaccination campaign is gaining momentum. He said that no adverse effect on the health of any person has been observed so far. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot also reviewed the COVID vaccination programme in the state. He said that more than 73 per cent of health workers got the vaccine on the first day. Chief Minister said that vaccines are completely safe and people should get vaccinated without hesitation.
- · Goa: A consignment of 18,000 vaccine doses against COVID-19 reached Goa by a flight from Mumbai today morning and the immunisation drive in the state will resume from Friday. The vaccination process began in the state last Saturday at seven centres, including two private hospitals.

Goa Health Services Director Dr Jose D'Sa said the state is adding more facilities, including private hospitals, for the inoculation process. Last week, the state had received a stock of 23,500 vaccine doses, out of which 426 were given to health workers on the first day of the inoculation drive.

- · Assam: In Assam, total COVID-19 cases rise to 216887 with 23 new cases on Tuesday, total discharged patients 213081 and 1075 total death. Active cases 1384.
- · Nagaland: In Nagaland, 05 new COVID-19 cases detected on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 12066.
- · Sikkim: In Sikkim, total COVID-19 cases rise to 6052 with 14 new cases on Tuesday. Total death 131.
- · Kerala: The second batch of the COVID-19 vaccine arrived at Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) this morning. A GoAir flight carrying 22 boxes of vaccine landed at Kochi airport carrying 3,60,500 doses of vaccines. Each box contains 9500 doses of vaccines 12 boxes of the consignment are allotted for Ernakulam district and nine boxes will be sent to Kozhikode. One box is meant for Lakshadweep. The box containing vaccine for Lakshadweep was ramp transferred to a Pawan Hans which departed for the Island immediately. Meanwhile, vaccination drive continued for the fourth day in the state. So far 24,501 health workers have been vaccinated. Ernakulam, being the district with the most number of health workers registered for the shots, has vaccinated 1854 health workers till date. The government has decided to intensify the vaccination drive in view of the Centre's criticism of the slow pace. Directions have been given to the officials in charge at the centres to make necessary arrangements including setting up vaccination booths in the identified centres.

.Tamil Nadu: As on date, Tamil Nadu recorded 831866 total cases, 12,281 deaths, 5487 Active cases and 814098 discharges.

- · Karnataka: As on date, Karnataka recorded 933077 total cases, 12,181 deaths, 7865 Active cases and 913012 discharges
- · Andhra Pradesh: As on date, Andhra Pradesh recorded 913350 total cases, 7142 deaths, 1660 Active cases and 874548 discharges
- Telangana: The Covid-19 vaccination programme began on 16th of this month in Telangana. The vaccination was started in 140 centres in the state after the formal launching of the programme by the PM virtually. On the first day, out of 4296 people registered for vaccination for the day, a total of 3962 were administered vaccine on the first day in 140 Vaccination Centres throughout the state. Governor SmtTamilisaiSoundararajan launched the vaccination at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad. In Gandhi Hospital, Hyderabad the vaccination was formally launched by the Union Minster of State for Home Affairs Shri G.Kishan Reddy and State Health Minister Shri EetalaRajender. On the second day of the vaccination drive i.e. on 18th January (17th January being holiday/Sunday), a total of 13,666 pre-registered health staff and sanitation workers were given vaccine in 335 Vaccination Centres. As many as 15 cases of minor reactions were reported on the second day. On the third day of Covid vaccination (Tuesday), a total of 51,997 health workers were administered Covid vaccine in 894 Vaccination Centres across the state and as many as 51 cases of minor reactions were reported. Now, the TOTAL number of persons vaccinated in the state stands at 69,625. A total of 3.48 lakh more doses of COVISHIELD vaccine reached Hyderabad on Tuesday.

The vaccination for health staff including doctors working in private hospitals in the state will start from 25th of this month. The Union Health Ministry appreciated the State Health authorities for conducting the Covid vaccination programme smoothly and a greater number of health staff coming forward to get vaccines. Instead of Covidvaccination, today (WEDNESDAY), regular vaccination programme is going on in the state. (Covid vaccination will be done for days in a week i.e. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and routine immunization will go on for two days in a week i.e. on Wednesday and Saturday).

FACT CHECK





















Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

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



Crowded places

with many people nearby



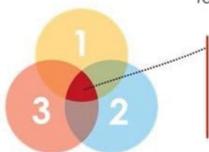
Close-contact settings

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 BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- India's active caseload has fallen to 2,14,507 today
- 15,968 cases were added to the national tally in the last 24 hours while 17,817 recoveries were registered in the period
- COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout as India gears up for COVID19 Vaccine roll out, Centre guides States/UTs on Co-WIN management
- PM chairs meeting with CMs on COVID-19 vaccination
- COVID-19 vaccination drive is scheduled to kick start from 16th January, 2021

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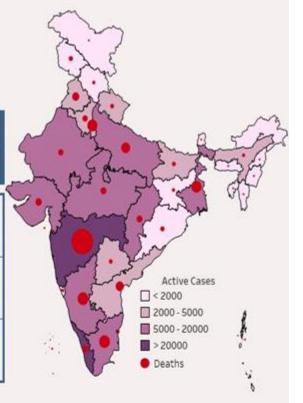
COVID-19 Tracker

As on 13 January 2021, till 8AM

Total Cases

1,04,95,147 (15,968)

Recovered	1,01,29,111 (96.51%)	▲ 17,817
Active	2,14,507 (2.04%)	▼ 2,051
Deaths	1,51,529 (1.44%)	▲ 202



States Cases (Highest)		Recovered (90)	ACTIVE (70)	Deatilis (70
Maharashtra	19,74,488 (\$2,936)	18,71,270 (95%)	53,067 (2.7%)	50,151 (2.5%)
Karnataka	9,28,806 (▲751)	9,07,729 (98%)	8,928 (1.0%)	12,149 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,85,234 (▲197)	8,75,690 (99%)	2,411 (0.3%)	7,133 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	8,27,614 (4671)	8,08,571 (98%)	6,807 (0.8%)	12,236 (1.5%)
Kerala	8,19,765 (\$5,507)	7,51,659 (92%)	64,759 (7.9%)	3,347 (0.4%)
Delhi	6,30,892 (▲386)	6,17,006 (98%)	3,179 (0.5%)	10,707 (1.7%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,94,175 (495)	5,75,101 (97%)	10,560 (1.8%)	8,514 (1.4%)
West Bengal	5,62,072 (▲751)	5,44,705 (97%)	7,392 (1.3%)	9,975 (1.8%)
Odisha	3,32,331 (4225)	3,28,452 (99%)	1,985 (0.6%)	1,894 (0.6%)
Rajasthan	3,13,718 (4293)	3,04,779 (97%)	6,200 (2.0%)	2,739 (0.9%)
Chhattisgarh	2,90,813 (▲729)	2,79,236 (96%)	8,060 (2.8%)	3,517 (1.2%)
Telangana	2,90,640 (▲331)	2,84,611 (98%)	4,458 (1.5%)	1,571 (0.5%)
Haryana	2,65,391 (▲192)	2,59,986 (98%)	2,441 (0.9%)	2,964 (1.1%)
Bihar	2,56,309 (▲377)	2,50,632 (98%)	4,234 (1.7%)	1,443 (0.6%)
Gujarat	2,53,161 (▲602)	2,41,372 (95%)	7,439 (2.9%)	4,350 (1.7%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,49,553 (4471)	2,38,328 (96%)	7,499 (3.0%)	3,726 (1.5%)
Assam	2,16,690 (▲55)	2,12,632 (98%)	2,994 (1.4%)	1,064 (0.5%)
Punjab	1,69,479 (1254)	1,61,235 (95%)	2,788 (1.6%)	5,456 (3.2%)
Jammu & Kash	1,22,764 (▲113)	1,19,170 (97%)	1,682 (1.4%)	1,912 (1.6%)
Jharkhand	1,17,088 (▲127)	1,14,684 (98%)	1,356 (1.2%)	1,048 (0.9%)

States' Cases (Highest) Recovered (%) Active (%)

* 'Active' and 'Deaths' bar plots (for states) are NOT to scale

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<u>India continues its streak of decline in active caseload; at 2.14 lakh after 197 days,15,968 daily new cases registered in the last 24 hours</u>

India's active caseload has fallen to 2.14 lakh (2,14,507) today. The share of Active Cases in the total Positive Cases has further shrunk to 2.04%. This is lowest after 197 days. The total active cases were 2,15,125 on 30th June, 2020. A net decline of 2051 cases has been recorded in the total active cases in last 24 hours. The daily cases in India are registering a consistent decline on a daily basis. Less than 16,000 daily new cases (15,968) were added to the national tally in the last 24 hours. On the other hand, 17,817 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. Recoveries outnumbering new cases have ensured a steady fall in the Active Cases. The total recovered cases stand at 10,129,111 which translates to a Recovery Rate of 95.51%. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases continues to grow and presently stands at 99,14,604. 81.83% of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Kerala has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 4,270 recoveries. Maharashtra follows with 3,282 new recoveries. Chhattisgarh recorded another 1,207 daily recoveries. 74.82% of the new cases are concentrated in 7 States and UTs. Kerala reported the maximum daily new cases numbering 5,507 in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra recorded 2,936 new cases while Karnataka reported 751 new cases yesterday. Seven States/UTs account for 70.30% of the 202 case fatalities reported in the past 24 hours. Maharashtra reported 50 deaths. Kerala and West Bengal follow with 25 and 18 new deaths, respectively. The total number of persons found to be positive with the new UK variant genome stands at 102 today. The COVID-19 vaccination drive is scheduled to kick start from 16th January, 2021. The roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine will provide priority to the healthcare workers and the frontline workers who are estimated to be around 3 cr, followed by those above 50 years of age and the under-50 population groups with co-morbidities numbering around 27 cr.

For details:

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout, As India gears up for COVID19 Vaccine roll out, Centre guides States/UTs on Co-WIN management

The Centre has been proactively carrying activities towards preparing for the nationwide roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine in close collaboration with States/UTs and all stakeholders. The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) on Sunday held a VC with administrators from States and UTs on the CoWIN software which forms the backbone of the last mile vaccine administration. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ram Sewak Sharma, Chairman of Empowered Group on Technology and Data Management to combat COVID-19 and member, National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration of COVID-19. The meeting was attended by the State Principal Secretaries, NHM Mission Directors, and State Immunisation officers and senior officers of the Health Ministry. During the meeting the feedback of the States/UTs on the Co-WIN software and its operational use, emanating from the dry runs, was discussed in detail. Shri R. S. Sharma gave an overall view of the Co-WIN software and the principles that shall underpin the technology back-up for the vaccination exercise. He said that robust, dependable and agile technology shall form both the foundation and the back-up for the country's COVID-19 vaccination which shall be the world's largest immunisation exercise.

For details:

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout, Dr Harsh Vardhan interacts with Health Ministers of States/UTs to review preparedness and seek their personal leadership in glitch-free Dry Run of 8th Jan,

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on Thursday interacted with the Health Ministers and Principal Secretaries/ Additional Chief Secretaries of the States/UTs to review the preparedness for the nationwide Mock Drill on the COVID vaccination scheduled for 8th January, through video conference. He also urged for their keen overview and personal indulgence to lead the whole exercise. The second nationwide mock drill on the Covid19 vaccination will be held at three session sites of 736 districts across 33 States/UTs. The objective of the mock drill on COVID19 vaccination is to simulate the actual vaccine administration event. The entire planning of the vaccination drive including beneficiary registration, microplanning and vaccination at the planned session site, will be tested under the leadership of District Collector/District Magistrate. The dry run will also familiarize the State, District, Block and Hospital level officers on all aspects of COVID-19 roll out. This activity will help administrators in strengthening the linkages between planning, implementation and reporting mechanisms, identification of any residual challenges prior to the actual implementation and to provide confidence to the programme managers at all levels to carry out a smooth implementation of the vaccination drive.

For details:

In a massive country-wide exercise, another Mock Drill on COVID19 Vaccine administration to be conducted in all States and UTs on 8th January 2021

The Central Government is gearing up for the roll out of COVID19 vaccine across the country. Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) has been pro-actively carrying out the preparations for roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine, in collaboration with States/UTs and all stakeholders, over the past couple of months to ensure that the preparations for roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine are on track. Two COVID vaccines have been given emergency use authorisation by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) recently. The roll out of COVID-19 vaccine is expected to begin in the near future. This milestone entails the need for testing of all planned mechanisms for conducting the vaccination drive in the country. As a simulation of actual execution, another round of dry run/mock drill in all 700+ districts of all States/UTs (except UP and Haryana who have already conducted/ will be conducting the dry run in all districts on 5th January and 7th January respectively) is planned on 8th January 2021 to ensure efficient planning and management for vaccine delivery in each district of all States/UTs. Each district will identify three types of session sites, similar to the previous dry run including a public health facility (District Hospital/Medical College), private health facility and rural or urban outreach sites.

For details:

PM chairs meeting with CMs on COVID-19 vaccination

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired a high level meeting with Chief Ministers and Administrators of all States and Union Territories to review the status and preparedness for COVID-19 vaccination on 11th January, 2021, via video conferencing. He lauded the constant coordination and communication between the Centre and the States, and timely decision making, which has played a big role in the fight against the virus. As a result, the spread of the virus has been contained vis-a-vis several other countries. Prime Minister noted that the fear and apprehensions that citizens had at the start of the pandemic have now ebbed, and the growing confidence has reflected positively on the economic

activities also. He also appreciated the State governments for working zealously in this battle. Prime Minister said that the country is in a decisive phase of this fight, with the start of the world's biggest vaccination campaign from 16th January. He underlined that it's a matter of pride that both the vaccines for which Emergency Use Authorization has been given are made in India. He highlighted that both the approved vaccines are highly cost effective in comparison to other vaccines from across the world, adding that India would have faced great difficulty if it would have had to depend on foreign vaccines. The Chief Ministers expressed happiness at the rollout of vaccination. They discussed some issues and concerns about vaccines, which were clarified in the meeting.

For details:

Text of PM's closing remarks at meeting with CMs on Covid-19 situation and vaccination rollout

For details:

Prime Minister reviews status of COVID-19 and preparedness for COVID19 vaccination

The Prime Minister chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of COVID-19 in the country along with the preparedness of the State/UTs for COVID vaccination, on Saturday. Meeting was attended by Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to PM, Health Secretary, and other senior officials concerned. The Prime Minister took a detailed and comprehensive review of status of COVID management covering various issues. Emergency Use Authorisation or Accelerated Approval has been granted by the National Regulator for two vaccines (Covishield and Covaxin) which have established safety & immunogenicity. The Hon'ble PM was also briefed about the preparedness status of the Centre in close collaboration with the State and UT governments for roll out of the vaccine in the near future. The vaccination exercise in underpinned by the principles of people's participation (Jan Bhagidari); utilizing experience of elections (booth strategy) and Universal Immunization Program (UIP); no compromise of existing healthcare services, especially national programs and primary health care; no compromise on scientific and regulatory norms, other SOPs; and an orderly and smooth implementation driven by technology. The roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine will provide priority to the healthcare workers and the frontline workers who are estimated to be around 3 cr, followed by those above 50 years of age and the under-50 population groups with co-morbidities numbering around 27 cr.

For details:

India-Germany Leaders' Video-Teleconference

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a video-teleconference with his German counterpart, Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel on Wednesday. The Prime Minister appreciated the long-standing role of Chancellor Merkel in providing stable and strong leadership at the European and global stage, and thanked her for guiding the growth of the India-Germany Strategic Partnership. The two leaders discussed key issues of mutual importance including the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, bilateral ties, regional and global issues, particularly India-EU relations. The Prime Minister briefed Chancellor Merkel on the developments in India with regard to vaccine development and assured Chancellor Merkel of India's commitment to deploy its capacities for the benefit of the world. He conveyed his best wishes for early containment of the new wave of infections in Germany and other European countries. The

Prime Minister welcomed Germany's decision to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), and expressed his desire to further strengthen cooperation with Germany under the platform of Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

For details:

Ministry of Education issues guidelines for identification, admission and continued education of migrant children

In order to mitigate the impact of challenges thrown by the COVID-19 pandemic for out of school children, it was felt necessary for every State/UT to devise a proper strategy for preventing increased drop outs, lower enrolments, loss of learning and deterioration in the gains made in providing universal access, quality and equity in the recent years. Thus the Ministry of Education had issued guidelines for identification, admission and continued education of migrant children. In order to ensure that school going children have access to education with quality and equity and to minimize the impact of the pandemic on school education across the country, the Ministry of Education has prepared and issued detailed guidelines on steps to be taken by the States and UTs during school closure and when the school re-open. The main features of the Guidelines are: Continued Education for Out of School Children (OoSC) and Children with Special Needs (CWSN), Identifying Out of School Children, Enrolment Drives and Awareness Generation, Student Support while Schools are closed, Student Support on School Reopening, Teacher Capacity Building.

For details:

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said Corona took India back to its original ethos

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space Dr Jitendra Singh said that Corona has enabled us to go back to our original Indian ethos and practices like hand wash and Namaste have come into vogue with greater vigour. He said, Covid has awakened us all on the importance of healthcare as a national priority and also made the world aware of the virtues of social distancing hygiene, cleanliness, yoga, Ayurveda and traditional medicine, etc. Now they have come to trust this much more than earlier on and there is a renewed interest in yoga, Ayurveda etc. which have always been thrust areas for PM Narendra Modi. He was addressing a session with Sadhguru on "Inner Engineering-Technologies for Well Being" at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) on Saturday

For details:

CBIC introduces flagship LiberalisedAuthorised Economic Operator Package for MSMEs

Recognising their critical contribution in supporting the economy especially during the present difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) has taken a new initiative to introduce its flagship "Liberalised MSME AEO Package" for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

For details:

<u>Health Ministry deploys multi-disciplinary teams to Avian Influenza affected districts in Kerala and Haryana</u>

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has deployed multi-disciplinary teams to Avian Influenza affected Alappuzha and Kottayam districts in Kerala, and Panchkula District, Haryana. The Department of Animal Husbandry on 4th January 2021 notified detection of Avian Influenza (H5N8) in samples of dead ducks from Alappuzha and Kottayam districts in Kerala. A similar reports of Avian Influenza has also been received from poultry samples from Panchkula District of Haryana. The two multi-disciplinary teams comprising of experts from National Center for Disease Control, National Institute of Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi and Lady Hardinge Medical College. New Delhi have been deployed to the affected districts by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 4th January 2021 to assist the State Health Departments in implementation Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's Avian Influenza containment plan. Additionally, a high level team comprising Director, NCDC and Joint Secretary & COVID-19 nodal officer, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been deployed to Kerala on 6th January 2021 (today) to oversee the implementation of Avian Influenza containment operations and guide State Health Departments in mounting appropriate public health interventions for the same. In addition, this high level team will also review the COVID-19 situation in the State.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 5 new COVID-19 cases detected on Tuesday. There are 61 active cases in the State.
- Assam: In Assam, total COVID-19 cases rise to 2,16,690 with 55 new cases, total discharged patients 2,12,632 and 1,064 total death.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 10 new COVID-19 cases detected on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 11,997.
- Sikkim:In Sikkim, total COVID-19 cases rise to 5,996 with 7 new cases on Tuesday, total discharged patients 5,459, active case 313 and 129 total death.
- Kerala: The first flight carrying COVID vaccines for the first phase of vaccination in Kerala, the first state in the country to report the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, has arrived at Cochin International airport this morning. Kerala will get 4,33,500 doses of Covishield vaccine manufactured by the Pune-based Serum Institute of India. The first flight from Pune carried the vaccine doses for Ernakulam and Kozhikode districts. The vaccine for Thiruvananthapuram will arrive later today. These vaccines will be stored in Regional Vaccine stores in the three districts. While Thiruvananthapuram will receive 1,34,000 doses of the vaccine, Ernakulam and Kozhikode will receive 1,80,000 and 1,19,500 doses respectively. So far, 3,62,870 people have registered themselves for the vaccination, which will commence from January 16. A total of 133 Centres has been set up across the state. 100 doses will be provided a day in each centres. State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has stated that depending on the availability of the vaccine, the number of shots and centers will be increased.
- Tamil Nadu: As on date, Tamil Nadu recorded 8,27,614 total cases, 12,236 deaths, 6,807 Active cases and 8,08,571 discharges.
- Karnataka: As on date, Karnataka recorded 9,28,806 total cases, 12,149 deaths, 8,909 Active cases and 9,07,729 discharges.
- Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh received its first consignment of coronavirus vaccine on Tuesday, the same day when Pune-based Serum Institute of India dispatched first batches of Covishield—one of the two vaccines approved for emergency use in India. Around 4.77 lakh doses were received as the nation readies to begin the 'biggest vaccination drive' this Saturday. The vials were taken to the State Cold Storage Centre at Gannavaram Community Health Centre under high security. A total of 4,97,000 vials

have been sanctioned to the state for the first phase. As many as 3.8 lakh health workers—including Integrated Child Development Services staff—are set to get immunised at 332 session sites in the first phase. Later, the process will be followed for nine lakh frontline workers such as state and Central government employees, Armed forces personnel, home guards, prison staff, disaster management volunteers, civil defence staff, municipal workers and revenue employees. Then, 90 lakh people above the age of 50 years and with co-morbidities will be inoculated against Covid-19. Village volunteers have been instructed to conduct a door-to-door survey for preparation of a database of co-morbid persons. State has one state and four regional cold storage centre (one each at Kurnool, Kadapa, Guntur and Visakhapatnam), 13 district vaccine storage units and 1,659 cold chain points. Meanwhile, Covid-19 cases in the Andhra Pradesh went up to 8,85,234 as on Tuesday. The total recoveries have touched 8,75,690 and deaths 7,133, leaving 2,411 active cases. The overall positivity rate in the state dropped to 7.14 per cent after a total of 1.23 crore sample tests.

- Telangana: All arrangements have been made in Telangana for the ensuring the proper implementation of Covid vaccination programme which it to begin on 16th of this month. Chief Minister Shri K.Chandrasekhar Rao participated in the video conference of PM with all states' CMs on 11th of this month and held a review meeting with the all Ministers and District Collectors on the same day and took stock of the ground situation. A total of 3.64 lakh doses of COVISHIELD vaccine have reached Hyderabad from Serum Institute of India, Pune on Tuesday and they will be sent to 866 Cold Chain Units in the state by Thursday evening. On the first day i.e. on 16th of this month – vaccination will begin in 139 selected centres and as many as 30 people will be vaccinated in these centres on the first day and number of beneficiaries and centres will be increased gradually. Two Vaccination Centres – i.e. Gandhi Hospital, Hyderabad and Narsingi Primary Health Centre in Ranga Reddy district - have been selected for PM's interaction with health staff through video conferencing slated on the 16th. The state Health Department has kept ready 1200 beds in 235 hospitals (57 Govt and 178 Private hospitals) and 720 ambulances in the state to treat the people in case of adverse events following immunization. Health Minister Shri EetalaRajender has written a letter to all Sarpanches (Gram Panchayat Presidents) in the state urging them to actively involve themselves in vaccination programme and ensure that the registered persons reach the Vaccination Centre as per schedule so that the vaccination programme goes off smoothly. Chief Secretary held a teleconference with all District Collectors on Tuesday to review the arrangements done for vaccination programme. Total number of Covid cases in the state stands at 2,90,640 and number of fatalities at 1,571. Number of recoveries reached 2,84,611. While number of active cases in the state is 4,458 out of which 2,461 are in home isolation.
- Maharashtra: 9.63 lakh doses of Covishield vaccine have been received in the state. The first consignment of Covishield vaccine arrived in Mumbai today. In all, 1,39,500 doses of the vaccine were received. The consignment of the vaccines is stored at the storage facility at F/South Ward Office situated in Parel and it will be delivered across the Mumbai at designated Vaccination Centres for national inoculation drive set on 16th January. Health Minister Rajesh Tope has said that the preparations for the launching of the drive are in full swing and all arrangements have been done for the drive. He said more than seven lakh 84 thousand health workers are registered on COWIN portal and the doses will be administered to those workers who have been registered till last midnight. Vaccination will be done across 511 centres in the next three months. Maharashtra's Health Secretary Pradeep Vyas has said that a minimum of 100 people will be vaccinated at each of these centres which have been set up at primary healthcare units, district and civic hospitals across the state. At 72, Mumbai has the largest number of vaccinationcentres followed by Pune which has 55 centres while Thane has 42, Nashik 23 and

- Ahmednagar 21 centres. 17,749 people from Maharashtra have registered as vaccinators on the COWIN app.Maharashtra recorded 2,936 new cases of coronavirus on Tuesday, taking the state's tally of total cases to 19,74,488. According to the state's public health department,3,282 patients were discharged on the same day, taking the total number of recoveries to 18,71,270. With 50 fatalities, the state's death toll has risen to 50,151. The number of active cases in the state stand at 51,892. Maharashtra's recovery rate stands at 94.77 percent while the case fatality rate stands at 2.54 percent. Maharashtra has conducted 1.35 crore tests so far and the positivity rate stands at 14.63 percent. With 473 new cases, Mumbai's caseload has increased to 2,99,799. The city reported 441 recoveries and seven deaths during the day.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the first batch of vaccine with two lakh 76 thousand doses reached Ahmedabad airport Tuesday morning from Pune. State Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel along with senior officials of the Health Department received the first batch of vaccines. The first batch of vaccine received from Pune Institute have been preserved at the Regional Storage Centre in Gandhinagar. Apart from Gandhinagar, similar Regional Storage Centres have been set up at Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat and Bhavnagar. Each Regional Centre has a capacity to preserve and store eight to ten lakh vaccine doses. First Phase of vaccination will begin at 256 booths across the state on Saturday. Health workers and frontline Corona Warriors will be vaccinated during the First Phase. Meanwhile, Gujarat has recorded 602 new cases of Covid 19 during the last 24 hours. According to the state health department, the recovery rate has further improved to 95.34 percent. The total number of Covid 19 cases detected so far in Gujarat has reached up to 2 lakh 53 thousand 161. Out of these, 2 lakh 41 thousand 372 patients recovered. 855 patients recovered during the last 24 hours. Maximum 133 new cases reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 121 new cases. At present total active cases in the state are 7439.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh is all set to launch Covid Vaccination from January 16 along with the rest of the country. 5.06 lakh doses of vaccine have been received in the state today, which will be kept in 1,200 storage systems at state level. The vaccine will go to 8 zillas after the quantity has been decided, said Dr Santosh Shukla, State immunisation officer, Madhya Pradesh. Meanwhile the state reported 471 corona-positive cases on Tuesday. In the first phase of Covid vaccination, 4 lakh 16 thousand health workers have been registered including 85 thousand private health workers along with all government health workers. The work of registration for Covid vaccination of frontline workers, including police personnel, security personnel, home guards and sanitation workers is underway. The last date of registration is January 25. Meanwhile the Covid positive rate has gone down below 2 per cent on Tuesday. The Covid positive rate was 1.9 per cent. Consistently, the number of corona-positive cases is declining in the state. The two major cities Bhopal and Indore reported below 100 covid cases on Tuesday. Indore reported 76 covid -positive cases, while Bhopal reported 97 covid-positive cases.
- Chhattisgarh Chhattisgarh reported 729 positive cases on Tuesday, which takes the tally of positive cases to 2,90,813. On the same day, 1039 patients recovered from the infection, which takes the total recoveries to 2,79,236. While 10 deaths also occurred on Tuesday, the total active cases at present are 8060. Raipur reported the maximum number, that is, 121 cases, followed by Durg at 102 cases.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan received its first consignment of 20,000 Covid-19 doses today afternoon. The vaccine was packed in three boxes which were transported to the state level storage centre in Jaipur. Rajasthan reports 429 new COVID-19 cases, 568 recoveries and 2 deaths on Tuesday. There are 6585 active cases at present. Total cases have touched 3,13,425, while total recoveries stand at 3,04,104 now. Also, 2736 people have lost their lives to COVID-19 in all.
- Goa: The first lot of COVID 19 vaccine for Goa has reached today early morning. The two boxes carrying 2350 vials with 10 doses each, totaling 23,500 shots of the vaccine has been handed over to the

Health Department officials. The vaccines are being stored appropriately by the authorities, and would be distributed to all centres 24 hours prior to vaccination day, stated Goa CM Pramod Sawant. With the report of 92 new cases in Goa on Tuesday, the total cases have gone up to 51,983. This apart, 94 recoveries and no death have also been reported on the same day. With this, the number of recoveries has gone up to 50,437, while the recovery rate in the state is 97.03%. There are 797 active cases at present.

FACT CHECK













Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

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



Crowded places

with many people nearby



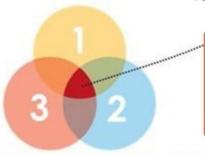
Close-contact settings

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 BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- Less than 300 new deaths are being recorded in the country from the last 12 days due to Covid-19
- Active caseload of the country stands at 2,27,546
- 21,314 new recoveries were registered during the last 24 hours while 18,088 new cases were registered during the period
- Recovery Rate has improved to 96.36%
- PM CARES Fund Trust allocates Rs201.58 crores for installation of 162 dedicated PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plants in public health facilities
- Vaccines of M/s Serum and M/s Bharat Biotech approved for restricted use in emergency situation and permission granted to M/s Cadila Healthcare for conduct of the Phase III clinical trial

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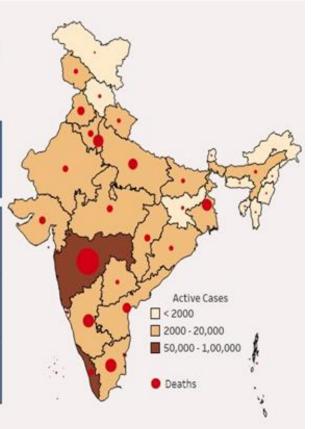
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COVID-19 Tracker

As on 6 January 2021, till 8AM

Total **1,03,74,932** (▲18,088)

Recovered	99,97,272 (96.36%)	▲ 21,314
Active	2,27,546 (2.19%)	▼ 3,490
Deaths	1,50,114 (1.45%)	▲ 264



Contract and Contr	19,50,171 (▲3,160) 9,23,353 (▲815) 8,83,587 (▲377)	18,50,189 (95%) 9,01,579 (98%)	50,223 (3%)	49,759 (2.6%)
Karnataka		9,01,579 (98%)	0 SES (105)	
	8.83.587 (4377)		9,656 (1%)	12,118 (1.3%)
Andhra Pradesh		8,73,427 (99%)	3,038 (0%)	7,122 (0.8%)
Tamil Nadu	8,22,370 (▲820)	8,02,385 (98%)	7,808 (1%)	12,177 (1.5%)
Kerala	7,84,488 (\$5,615)	7,17,311 (91%)	63,993 (8%)	3,184 (0.4%)
Delhi	6,27,698 (4442)	6,12,527 (98%)	4,562 (1%)	10,609 (1.7%)
Uttar Pradesh	5,89,611 (▲729)	5,68,892 (96%)	12,286 (2%)	8,433 (1.4%)
West Bengal	5,56,384 (▲812)	5,37,250 (97%)	9,293 (2%)	9,841 (1.8%)
Odisha	3,30,690 (▲198)	3,26,778 (99%)	2,025 (1%)	1,887 (0.6%)
Rajasthan	3,10,675 (▲397)	3,00,126 (97%)	7,830 (3%)	2,719 (0.9%)
Telangana	2,88,410 (▲417)	2,81,872 (98%)	4,982 (2%)	1,556 (0.5%)
Chhattisgarh	2,84,536 (▲1,021)	2,71,988 (96%)	9,111 (3%)	3,437 (1.2%)
Haryana	2,63,571 (▲259)	2,57,952 (98%)	2,692 (1%)	2,927 (1.1%)
Bihar	2,53,695 (▲423)	2,47,929 (98%)	4,351 (2%)	1,415 (0.6%)
Gujarat	2,48,581 (▲655)	2,35,426 (95%)	8,830 (4%)	4,325 (1.7%)
Madhya Pradesh	2,45,318 (▲671)	2,33,229 (95%)	8,427 (3%)	3,662 (1.5%)
Assam	2,16,381 (▲41)	2,12,249 (98%)	3,075 (1%)	1,057 (0.5%)
Punjab	1,67,652 (▲211)	1,59,265 (95%)	2,983 (2%)	5,404 (3.2%)
Jammu & Kash	1,21,923 (▲137)	1,17,426 (96%)	2,600 (2%)	1,897 (1.6%)
Jharkhand	1,15,840 (▲151)	1,13,380 (98%)	1,422 (1%)	1,038 (0.9%)

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

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

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Steady decline in number of deaths, Daily Fatalities below 300 continuously since the last 12 days, Total Active Caseload, at 2.27 lakhs, further shrinks to 2.19%, Total 71 persons detected with the new UK mutant strain

There is a steady decline in the number of daily deaths recorded in the country. Less than 300 new deaths are being recorded in the country from the last 12 days.

Only one new death per million population is reported in India in the last 7 days. In another achievement, the trajectory of contraction in India's total active cases continues unabated. The active caseload of the country stands at 2,27,546. The share of Active Cases in the total Positive Cases has further shrunk below 2.2% (2.19%). The daily recoveries exceeding the daily new cases have ensured a total net reduction of the Active Caseload. 21,314 new recoveries were registered during the last 24 hours. A net decline of 3,490 cases has been recorded in the total active cases in last 24 hours. The daily cases in India have been below 20,000 in the recent days. 18,088 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours.96 new cases per million population have been recorded in the last 7 days in India.The number of cases is much higher in countries such as Brazil, Russia, France, Italy, USA and UK.The cumulative recoveries in India has moved further close to 1 cr and stand at 99,97,272 today. New Recoveries outnumbering the daily New Cases has also improved the Recovery Rate to 96.36%.76.48% of the new recovered cases are contributed by ten States/UTs. With 4,922 persons recovering from COVID, Kerala has recorded the maximum number of recoveries. Maharashtra has registered another 2,828 daily recoveries while Chhattisgarh has reported 1,651 new recoveries in the past 24 hours. Ten States/UTs have contributed 79.05% of the new cases. Kerala has reported 5,615 cases in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra recorded 3,160 new cases while Chhattisgarh has registered 1,021 new cases yesterday.73.48% of the 264 case fatalities that reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs.24.24% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra which reported 64 deaths. Chhattisgarh also saw a fatality count of 25 while Kerala reported 24 new deaths. The total number of cases infected with the new strain of the novel Coronavirus first reported in the UK now stands at 71.

For details:

<u>Telephone Conversation between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of UK The Rt Hon Boris Johnson</u>

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation yesterday with the Prime Minister of UK The Rt Hon Boris Johnson. Prime Minister Johnson reiterated his thanks for India's invitation for him as the Chief Guest of the forthcoming Republic Day celebrations, but regretted his inability to attend in view of the changed COVID-19 context prevailing in the UK. He reiterated his keennees to visit India in the near future. Prime Minister expressed his understanding of the exceptional situation in the UK, and conveyed his best wishes for the quick control of the pandemic spread. The leaders reviewed ongoing cooperation between both countries, including in the area of making COVID-19 vaccines available for the world. They reiterated their shared belief in the potential of the India-UK partnership in the post-BREXIT, post-COVID context, and agreed to work towards a comprehensive roadmap for realising this potential.

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<u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates CEPI Centralized network lab at DBT-THSTI Faridabad through virtual platform</u>

The Minister for Science & Technology, Health & Family Welfare and Earth Sciences Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated one of the seven labs of the world called as the centralized network lab of Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) established at Translational Health Science & Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, through virtual platform in New Delhi yesterday. THSTI is an institute of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT). This is the only laboratory of such kind in India and is also accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) (ISO 17025:2017). Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Harsh Vardhan lauded DBT and BIRAC for "working relentlessly over the past ten months to develop effective interventions for combating the COVID pandemic". He said, "Today, the country is in the forefront of developing vaccines against COVID-19", and added, "already two of the 30 vaccines have already been cleared by the Drug Controller" for use and the rest are in advanced stages. Dr. Harsh Vardhan also released the e-Book on S & T solutions for COVID -19 that showcases the initiatives undertaken by the Department of Biotechnology for the mitigation of this Pandemic. The E-Book showcases the indigenous COVID-19 interventions developed by DBT supported initiatives.

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PM CARES Fund Trust allocates Rs.201.58 crores for installation of 162 dedicated PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plants in public health facilities

The Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund Trust is allocating Rs.201.58 crores for installation of additional 162 dedicated Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants inside public health facilities in the country. The total project cost includes Rs.137.33 crores towards supply and commissioning of the plants and Management fee of Central Medical Supply Store (CMSS) and around Rs.64.25 crores towards Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract. The procurement will be done by the Central Medical Supply Store (CMSS) – an autonomous body of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. A total of 162 plants with total capacity of 154.19 MT are to be installed in 32 States/UTs [Annexure-I]. The Govt. hospitals where these plants are to be installed have been identified in consultation with the States/UTs concerned. The plants have a warranty for first 3 years. For the next 7 years, the project includes CAMC (Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract). Routine O&M is to be done by the hospitals/States. After the CAMC period, entire O&M will be borne by the hospitals/States. This mechanism will further strengthen public health system and enable long term systematic augmentation of medical oxygen availability in a cost effective manner. Adequate and uninterrupted supply of oxygen is an essential pre-requisite for managing moderate and severe cases of COVID -19, in addition to various other medical conditions where this need arises.

For details:

PM calls upon the scientific community to strengthen value creation cycle in Science, Technology and Industry

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on Monday exhorted the scientific community to promote value-creation cycle of science to mass creation. He was speaking on the occasion of National Metrology Conclave 2021 where he dedicated National Atomic Timescale and Bhartiya NirdeshakDravyaPranali to the Nation and laid the foundation stone of National Environmental Standards Laboratory today through video conference. The Prime Minister pointed out, historically, any country has progressed in direct correlation to its effort to promote science. He termed this 'value creation cycle' of Science, Technology and Industry. Explaining further, the Prime Minister said that a scientific invention creates a technology and technology leads to industry development. The industry, in turn, invests further in science for new research. This cycle keeps on taking us in the direction of new possibilities. CSIR-NPL has played a major role in taking forward this value cycle, the Prime Minister added. This value creation cycle of science to mass-creation has become all the more important in today's world when the country is moving forward with the goal of Aatmnirbhar India, Shri Modi said.

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PM Congratulates the nation on vaccine approval of Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has called the DCGI approval of Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech vaccines, a decisive turning point to strengthen a spirited fight against Corona. In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said, "A decisive turning point to strengthen a spirited fight! DCGI granting approval to vaccines of @SerumInstIndia and @BharatBiotech accelerates the road to a healthier and COVID-free nation. Congratulations India. Congratulations to our hardworking scientists and innovators." He said, "It would make every Indian proud that the two vaccines that have been given emergency use approval are made in India! This shows the eagerness of our scientific community to fulfil the dream of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, at the root of which is care and compassion,"

For Details:

PM lays Foundation Stone of AIIMS at Rajkot,

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of AIIMS Rajkot through a video conference on thursday. Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, Governor Gujarat AcharayaDevvrat, Chief Minister Gujarat, Shri Vijay Rupani were present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister remembered the efforts of the millions of doctors, health workers, scavengers and other frontline corona warriors who have constantly put their lives at stake to protect humanity. He lauded the efforts of the scientists and all those who provided food to the poor in this difficult period with full dedication. The Prime Minister remarked that this year showed that when India unites, it can effectively cope up with the most difficult crisis. He said India is in a much better position as a result of the effective steps and India's record of saving victims of Corona has been much better than other countries. He said in India, every necessary preparation about the vaccine is going on. He said that efforts are in the final stages for making the vaccine made in India, rapidly reaching every nook and corner. He said India's preparation is in full swing, to run the world's largest immunization campaign.

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Text of PM's address at the laying of foundation stone of AIIMS Rajkot, Gujarat

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India's Covid vaccine is a leap of science, says Vice President

The Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has hailed the emergency authorization of two Covid vaccines as India's leap of science that benefits the humanity at large. Writing on social media on Monday, Shri Naidu stressed that this is an indication of how Atmanirbhar Bharat can benefit not only the Indians but the larger humanity. Hailing the national resolve shown by the country last year in containing the Covid-19, Shri Naidu called for the same spirit in taking the vaccine to the people during this year. Shri Naidu said; "India is in the forefront of shielding the humanity from the deadly disease by demonstrating its ability to mass produce the much needed vaccine and offer its own version as well. India's indigenous vaccine (Covaxin) has certain unique features based on the whole virus approach. This is a commendable achievement and all concerned deserve kudos for foresight perseverance and fruition of spirited efforts."

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Centre asks States/UTs to gear up for roll out of COVID19 Vaccine, Health Secretary chairs high level Meeting with all States/UTs, Dry Run for vaccine administration in all States/UTs on 2nd Jan 2021

With the objective of gearing up for the roll out of COVID19 vaccine across the country, the Central Government has asked all States and UTs to ensure effective preparedness for the vaccine roll out. Union Health Secretary Sh. Rajesh Bhushan chaired a high-level meeting on thursday to review the preparedness at session sites for COVID-19 vaccination with Pr. Secretaries (Health), NHM MDs and other health administrators of all States/UTs through video conference.

For details:

Press Statement by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on Restricted Emergency approval of COVID-19 virus vaccine

The Subject Expert Committee of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) met on 1st and 2nd January, 2021 and made recommendations in respect of proposal for Restricted Emergency Approval of COVID-19 virus vaccine of M/s Serum Institute of India and M/s Bharat Biotech as well as Phase III clinical trial of M/s Cadila Healthcare Ltd. The Subject Expert Committee consists of domain knowledge experts from the fields of pulmonology, immunology, microbiology, pharmacology, paediatrics, internal medicine, etc. M/s Serum Institute of India, Pune has presented a Recombinant Chimpanzee Adenovirus vector vaccine (Covishield) encoding the SARS-CoV-2 Spike (S) glycoprotein with technology transfer from AstraZeneca/Oxford University. M/s Bharat Biotech has developed a Whole Virion Inactivated Corona Virus Vaccine (Covaxin) in collaboration with ICMR and NIV (Pune), from where they received the virus seed strains. This vaccine is developed on Vero cell platform, which has well established track record of safety and efficacy in the country & globally.After adequate

examination, CDSCO has decided to accept the recommendations of the Expert Committee and accordingly, vaccines of M/s Serum and M/s Bharat Biotech are being approved for restricted use in emergency situation and permission is being granted to M/s Cadila Healthcare for conduct of the Phase III clinical trial.

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How the Domestic Medical Equipment Industry "Adapted, Evolved and Expanded" to meet COVID19 challenge in 2020

2020 witnessed tremendous achievements in the medical supplies sector in the country. At the beginning of the pandemic, India was almost totally dependent on imported Ventilators, PPE Kits and N-95 Masks. There were, in fact, no standard specifications for these products which are essential in the fight against the pandemic. The Central Government recognised the challenges posed by the pandemic in the very initial stages and successfully ensured more than adequate availability and supplies of essential medical items across the country. The average cost of ventilators in India in February-March, 2020 was approximately Rs. 15 lakh and nearly all were imported. Due to the Indian industry taking up manufacturing of ventilators, the average cost now ranges between Rs. 2 to Rs.10 lakhs. In the last 9 months, the Ministry has ensured delivery of 36,433 ventilators to Government hospitals in States/UTs. This is important because from independence of the country till pre-COVID times, all the public health facilities in the country had only about 16,000 ventilators but in less than 12 months 36,433 'Make in India' ventilators have been supplied to all the public health facilities. All export restrictions on ventilators have now been removed and "Make in India" ventilators are being exported. In the case of PPE kits, from a miniscule domestic production capacity in March, India has now become the world's second largest manufacturer with a production capacity of more than 10 lakh PPE coveralls per day which are also exported to several countries.

For details:

<u>DBT-BIRAC</u> supported indigenously developed <u>DNA</u> Vaccine Candidate by <u>Zydus Cadila</u>, approved for Phase III clinical trials.

The Nation's first indigenously developed DNA vaccine candidate against COVID-19, ZyCoV-D, by M/s Zydus Cadila has been approved by Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), for conduct of the Phase III clinical trials. The candidate has been supported by the National Biopharma Mission (NBM) under the aegis of BIRAC and the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.Zydus Cadila completed Phase-I/II clinical trials of this DNA Vaccine candidate, in India, in more than 1,000 participants and interim data indicated that the vaccine is safe and immunogenic when three doses were administered intradermally. Based on the recommendations of the Subject Expert Committee, which reviewed the interim data, the DCGI has accorded permission for conducting Phase-III clinical trial in 26,000 Indian participants.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: Kerala has requested the Centre to consider the state as priority during vaccine distribution. The state has cited four reasons to the Centre for its claim of priority access. By adopting "delay the peak" approach, the state had managed to keep the spread under check for the past eight months. However, a huge spike in cases has been witnessed since the past two months. According to the state government therefore the state should be given priority in vaccine distribution. High population of people with comorbidities, high density of population which could result in the spread of Covid-19 at a faster rate, average population of elderly in the state, which is a priority group for vaccination, being higher than the national average are some of the other reasons cited by the government. Meanwhile, the state health department is to conduct a COVID-19 density study to understand the possibility of a fresh virus wave from a new coronavirus strain and also to put in place an appropriate preventive strategy. The current test positivity rate is 9.16%. Six UK returnees from Kerala, including a two-year-old child, have so far tested positive for the new strain of the virus. A total of 41 samples have been sent for NIV, Pune for further testing and results are awaited.
- **Tamil Nadu:**As on date, Tamil Nadu recorded 8, 22,370 total cases, 12,177 deaths, 7808 Active cases and 8,02,385 discharges.
- **Karnataka**: Health minister Dr. K Sudhakar informed that in the first phase, 3, 57,313 health workers will have vaccination and 28,427 vaccine centres will be opened. He also informed that State is ready for CoVid vaccine and dry run has also been successfully conducted on last Saturday. Meanwhile High Court asked information from state government regarding not conducting test for 700 UK returned travellers.
- Andhra Pradesh: State Ministry of Health has issued orders reducing the prices of rapid antigen test kits administered in connection with Covid tests. The government has directed to charge only Rs 230 per kit including all charges. Meanwhile, State Health Commissioner Katamaneni Bhaskar said that there is no information from the Centre on when the vaccination for Covid-19 should start and how many doses would be made available to the state in the first phase. However, efforts were being made for cold-chain management, which was the most crucial part of storage and distribution. From a registration of 7,300 passengers in May 2020, Visakhapatnam airport steadily witnessed an apparent growth in the passengers' movement in subsequent months. In December, the airport saw 1.61 lakh passengers arriving and departing to various destinations. Compliance to safety precautions, contactless screening for ticketing, luggage-scanning and a hassle-free maintenance are some of the reasons for many travellers to prefer air travel from Visakhapatnam.
- Telangana: Telangana has seen the lowest daily positivity rate since Covid-19 outbreak. The positivity rate in the state dropped to 0.6 per cent on 5th Jan, a first since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. In March 2020, when the first cases of the novel coronavirus were recorded in the state, the average positivity rate was 8.92 per cent, which peaked in June; a dry run of the vaccination programme was held at 1,000 vaccine session sites in the state on Dec 31 and Jan 1. Researchers at Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and Chandigarh-based Institute of Microbial Technology (IMT) have now isolated the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) from air samples collected from designated Covid-19 wards. Hyderabad and Dubai airports signed a MoU to ensure safe and efficient movement of the vaccine across the world. Total cases reported in Telangana: 2, 88,410 Active cases: 4982, Deaths 1556 Discharges: 2, 81,872 with a recovery rate of 97.73 per cent.
- Maharashtra: With the recovery of 18,50,189 COVID-19 patients after full recovery till Tuesday; the recovery rate in Maharashtra has gone up to 94.87%. 3,160 new cases and 64 deaths have been reported in the state on the same day. Case fatality rate is the state is 2.55%. Mumbai Circle reported 1085 new

- cases and 22 deaths on Tuesday, while Pune Circle reported 635 new cases and 10 deaths on the same day. In this week, 8 persons had tested positive for the UK strain in the state, out of whom 5 are from Mumbai, while one each are from Pune, Thane and Mira Bhayander. The Chief Minister said on Monday that he will request the Centre for segregation of passengers coming from abroad via other states. Meanwhile, successful dry run of corona vaccination conducted in all four districts of the state Pune, Jalna, Nandurbar and Nagpur on Saturday (January 2, 2020). Another dry run to be undertaken in all 36 districts on coming Friday (January 8, 2020).
- Gujarat: Gujarat has recorded 655 new cases and 4 deaths from COVID-19 during the last 24 hours. The recovery rate has further improved to 94.71 per cent. The total number of COVID-19 cases detected so far in Gujarat has reached up to 2,48,581. Out of these, 2,35,426 patients have recovered. 868 patients recovered during the last 24 hours. More than 99 lakh tests have been carried out in the state till date. Maximum 141 new cases reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 124 new cases. At present, total active cases in the state are 8,830. This apart, entire Health Department is gearing up for the massive COVID-vaccination drive across the state. Ahmedabad Civil Hospital will be the major vaccination administrative centre. Hundreds of doctors, nurses and frontline health workers are being deployed for the vaccination drive. Yesterday a dry run was experimented. CO-WIN software has to be utilised by the citizens for registration. In the mean-time, 6 Municipal corporations have started registrations. Meanwhile, the State Government has announced resumption of 10-12 std schools from 11th January, 2021.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh continues to report more recoveries than positive cases, with a low positivity rate of 2.5%. Total number of Corona positive cases in the state have now reached 2,45,368 on Tuesday. With 14 patients succumbing to the infection, the death toll rose to 3662. There are 8,427 active cases while 2,33,229 is the number of total cured cases. There are only 14 districts out of 52 districts in state which recorded higher than 10 Corona positive cases in the state, which includes the four major cities of Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior and Jabalpur. Meanwhile, preparations for the first phase of COVID vaccination is underway. Health Department officials informed that free vaccine will be provided across the state to the most priority group which includes health care and frontline workers. 4 lakh Healthcare workers will be vaccinated in the first round of the first phase of Corona vaccination in Madhya Pradesh. They will be given shots at all the District Hospitals and Community Health Centres. There are 52 district hospitals ,84 Civil Hospitals and 334 CHC's. Primary Health Centres and numbering 1,100 have not been included as vaccination centres in the first round.
- Chhattisgarh: Altogether 1021 new Covid-19 positive cases were found in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday. Maximum 231 have been found in Raipur district alone. Tuesday's recoveries are 1492 and active cases are 9111. Total recoveries in the state is now 2 lakh 71 thousand 988. In Chhattisgarh, vaccine would be first given to 2.5 lakh Corona Worriers under first phase. Eleven hundred booths have been set up for giving vaccines. All preparations for vaccination are nearly complete. Mock drill would be carried out in 21 districts of Chhattisgarh for two days starting from January 7th 2021, to test preparations for corona Vaccination in these districts. Earlier dry run had been carried out in seven districts of the state. NHM Director Dr. Priyanka Shukla has directed CMHOs of all the districts to make necessary preparations. During mock drill Covid Appropriate Behaviour would be followed. Mock drill would be carried out on 7th January at Balrampur, Bijapur, Dantewada, Jaipur, Kanker, Kondagaon, Korea, NarayanpurSukma and Surajpur, while on 8th January, Balod, Balauda Bazar, Bemetera, Dhamtari, Gariaband, Janjgir-Champa, Kawardha, Korba, Mahasamund, Mungeli and Raigarh will be up for it.

- Rajasthan:On the 5th of January, recovered covid cases breached the 3 lakh mark in the state. In the first five days of the year, 4,139 persons recovered, while 2,432 were infected with the virus. In December, 40,180 persons tested positive and 58,889 recovered. The state government has decided to open all educational institutions, including schools, colleges and coaching centres, from January 18. As the pandemic situation in the state is under control, classes 9 to 12 in schools, final year classes in universities and colleges, coaching centres and government training institutes have been directed to open. They will have 50% attendance on the first day and the remaining 50% will attend classes on the second day. Also, the teachers will be given necessary training by the health department on precautionary measures to be taken.
- Goa: With 80 new cases and 1 death on Tuesday, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Goa has gone up to 51,415, while there have been 744 deaths in the state so far. Presently, there are 860 active cases and the recovery rate stands at 96.88%. In a major decision, the State government has capped uniform rates for various diagnostic tests for COVID-19 in State-run as well as private hospitals in Goa.In an order issued on Tuesday, the rate for fully automated RT-PCR has been capped at Rs 2,430 per test while for a semi-automated RT-PCR the rate applicable is Rs 1,400. For conventional RT-PCR, the person will have to shell out Rs 1,188 per test. The rapid antigen test will now be charged Rs 580. The State Health Services Directorate on Saturday successfully conducted the dry run for COVID vaccination at four locations in Goa including one private site. A total of 100 healthcare workers 25 at each site received dummy vaccine jabs on Saturday morning by trained vaccinator officers. As tourists and party revellers violated SOPs laid down to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 infections, during the New Year, Health Minister Vishwajit Rane on Saturday warned of a possible spike in coronavirus cases in Goa this month.
- **Assam:** In Assam, total COVID-19 cases rise to 2,16,381, total discharged patients are 2,12,246, active cases 1728 and 1,057 total death.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, in this week, total COVID-19 cases rise to 5938, total discharged patients 5221, active cases 493 and total death 129.

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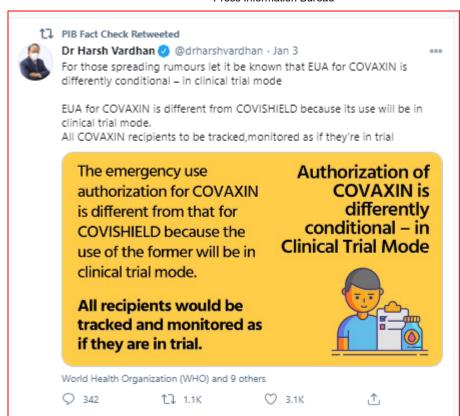


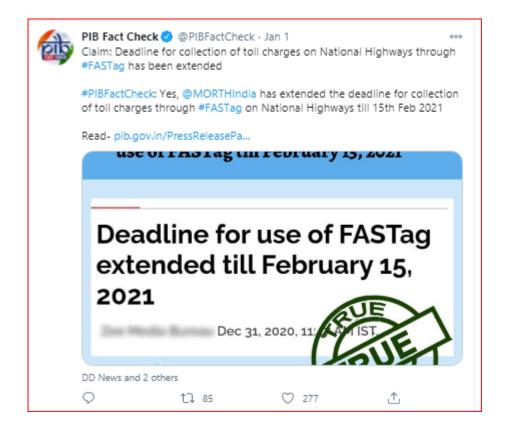


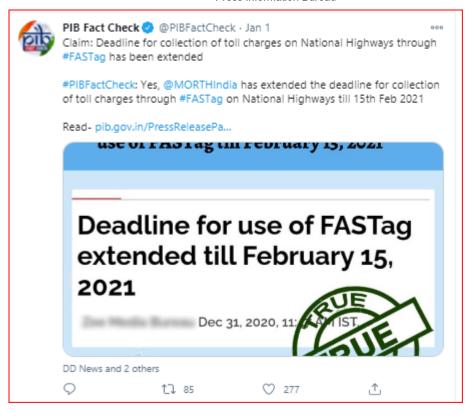


















Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

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



Crowded places

with many people nearby



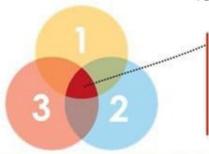
Close-contact settings

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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