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# PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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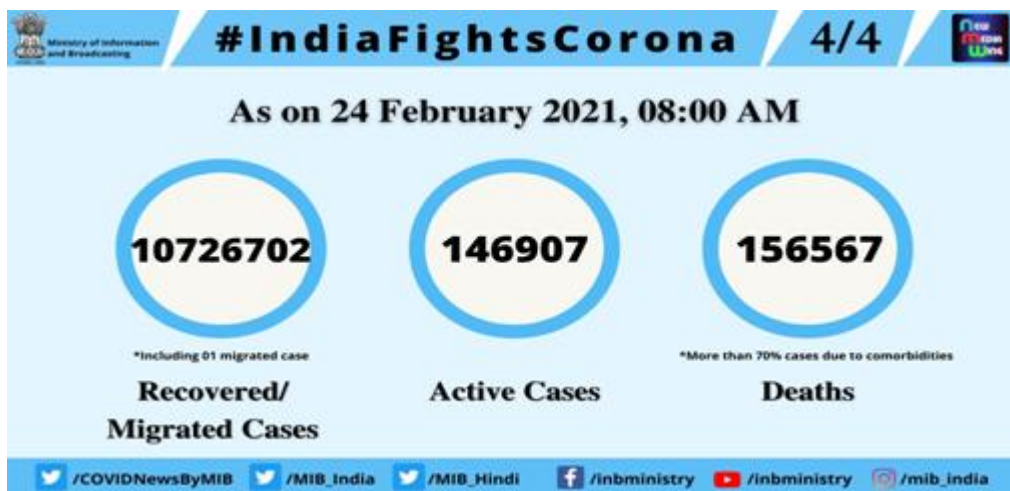


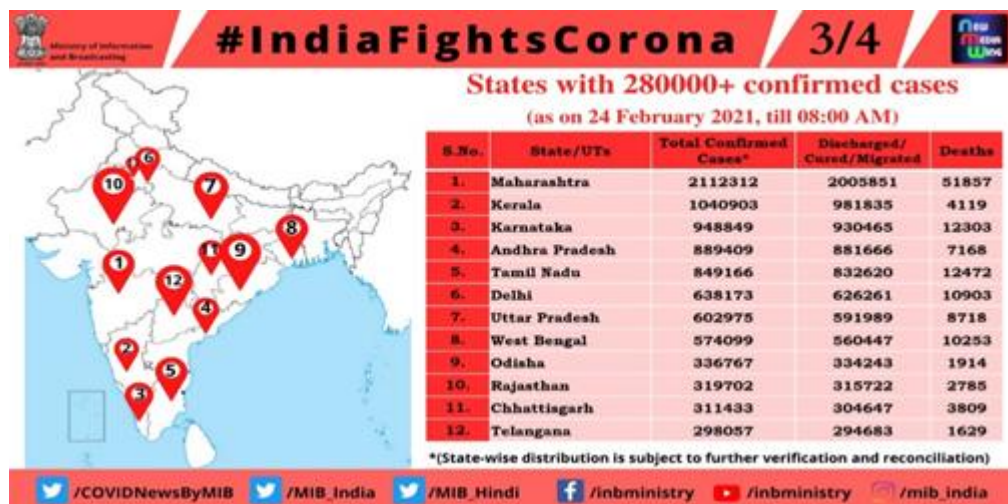
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- Cabinet approves Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Pharmaceuticals
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### **India's Active Caseload stands at 1.46 lakh today; Daily recoveries more than the daily new cases in the last 24 hours, India's Cumulative Vaccination coverage has crossed 1.21 crore**

India has been containing the country's Active Caseload under 1.50 lakh. The active cases are **1,46,907** today. The present active caseload now consists of 1.33% of India's total Positive Cases. **13,742** new daily cases have been recorded in the last 24 hours whereas **14,037 recoveries** registered in the last 24 hours. It has led to a net decline of **399 cases** in the total active caseload. Maharashtra reported maximum positive changes with an addition of 298 cases whereas Kerala has recorded maximum negative change with subtraction of 803 cases. In last one week, 12 states have reported more than 100 average daily new cases. These are Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Punjab, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Telangana, Delhi and Haryana. Two States, Kerala and Maharashtra both report more than 4,000 average daily new cases in past one week. As on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, the vaccination coverage was 1,21,65,598 through 2,54,356 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. These include 64,98,300 HCWs (1st dose), 13,98,400 HCWs (2nd dose) and 42,68,898 FLWs (1st dose). The 2nd dose of COVID19 vaccination started on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 for those beneficiaries who have completed 28 days after receipt of the 1st dose. Vaccination of the FLWs started on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021. On Day-39 of the vaccination drive (23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021), **4,20,046 vaccine** doses were given. Out of which, **2,79,823** beneficiaries were vaccinated across **9,479** sessions for 1<sup>st</sup> dose (HCWs and FLWs) and **1,40,223** HCWs received 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine. Out of total **1,21,65,598** vaccine doses, **1,07,67,198** (HCWs and FLWs) have received 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccine and total **13,98,400** HCWs have received the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine. 12 States/UTs have administered more than 75% of the registered HCWs. India's cumulative recoveries stand at **1,07,26,702** today. The Recovery Rate is **97.25% today**. The gap between total recovered cases and the active cases is constantly rising and stands at **10,579,795 today**. **86.26%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 6 States. Maharashtra has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 5,869 newly recovered cases. 4,823 people recovered in Kerala in the past 24 hours followed by 453 in Tamil Nadu. **86.15% of the new cases** are from 6 States. Maharashtra continues to report the highest daily new cases at 6,218. It is followed by Kerala with 4,034 while Tamil Nadu reported 442 new cases. **104 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours**. Five States account for **81.73%** of the new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (51). Kerala reported 14 deaths and Punjab reported 10 deaths. **19 States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in last 24 hours**. Thirteen states have reported 1 to 5 deaths; 2 states have reported 6 to 10 deaths; 1 state has reported 10 to 20 deaths and 1 state has reported more than 20 deaths.





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**Centre Rushes Multi-disciplinary High Level Central teams to States/UTs witnessing surge in cases, Health Secretary writes to 7 States/UTs on Recent Surge in COVID19 Cases & advises specific measures to be taken**

The Centre has deputed high level multi-disciplinary teams to Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for supporting them in public health measures for targeted COVID response and management, and effectively tackling the pandemic. The three –member multidisciplinary teams are headed by Joint Secretary level officers in the Health Ministry. These teams will work closely with the States/UT administration and ascertain reasons for recent surge in the number of COVID19 cases. They will also coordinate with health authorities of the States/UT for requisite COVID19 control measures to break the chain of transmission. The States/UT has been advised for regular critical review of the emerging situation with concerned District officials to ensure that gains made so far in COVID management are not lost. The Centre has also written to Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir which have been witnessing a rise in daily COVID cases, along with decreasing proportion of RT-PCR tests and rise in positivity in some districts. They have been asked to focus on undertaking aggressive measures to break the chain of transmission and to ensure that RT-PCR testing is amplified to flush out hitherto undetected cases from the population. These States/UT have been advised to increase testing in a focussed manner in the affected districts with the appropriate split of RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen Tests and to also ensure that all symptomatic negatives of antigen tests are compulsorily tested via RT-PCR tests.

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**Cabinet approves Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Pharmaceuticals**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Pharmaceuticals over a period of Financial Year 2020-21 to 2028-29. The Scheme will benefit domestic manufacturers, help in creating employment and is expected to contribute to the availability of wider range of affordable medicines for consumers. The scheme is expected to promote the production of high value products in the country and increase the value addition in exports. Total incremental sales of Rs.2,94,000 crore and total incremental exports of Rs.1,96,000 crore are estimated during six years from 2022-23 to 2027-28. The scheme is expected to generate employment for both skilled and un-skilled personnel, estimated at 20,000 direct and 80,000 indirect jobs as a result of growth in the sector. It is expected to promote innovation for development of complex and high-tech products including products of emerging therapies and in-vitro Diagnostic Devices as also self-reliance in important drugs. It is also expected to improve accessibility and affordability of medical products including orphan drugs to the Indian population. The Scheme is also expected to bring in investment of Rs.15,000 crore in the pharmaceutical sector.

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**States/UTs roll out Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 3.0**



Various States and UTs have started implementation of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0, a campaign aimed to reach those children and pregnant women who have been missed out or been left out of the Routine Immunisation Programme. This is aimed to accelerate the full immunization of children and pregnant women through a mission mode intervention. The first phase has been rolled out from 22nd Feb 2021 for fifteen days. The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, launched the campaign on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 and urged the States and district functionaries to reach each and every child and attain maximum Full Immunization Coverage. The campaign has exemplified ownership of the immunization program by top most leadership at the state level also. The campaign is scheduled to have two rounds of immunization lasting 15 days (excluding Routine immunization and holidays). It is being conducted in pre-identified 250 districts/urban areas across 29 States/UTs in the country. As per the Guidelines released for IMI 3.0, the districts have been classified to reflect 313 low risk; 152 as medium risk; and 250 as high risk districts. **As per data reported till 1700 hrs. on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, nearly 29,000 children and 5,000 pregnant women were vaccinated (data provisional).** IMI 3.0 campaign spearheaded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), will be implemented in mission-mode with support from key departments, as well as a strong network of partners and civil society organizations, youth groups, and community members.

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**Dr. Harsh Vardhan delivers the valedictory address on “Workshop on Good Practices of COVID-19” with 9 neighbouring countries**

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**PM addresses a workshop on “Covid-19 Management: Experience, Good Practices and Way Forward” with 10 Neighboring Countries, Suggests special visa scheme for doctors and nurses, a regional Air Ambulance agreement**

The Prime Minister addressed a workshop on “Covid-19 Management: Experience, Good Practices and Way Forward” with health leaders, experts and officials of 10 Neighboring Countries viz Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Seychelles, Sri Lanka along with Indian officials and experts, on Thursday. The Prime Minister lauded the way the health systems of the countries cooperated during the pandemic and for meeting the challenge in the most densely populated region with coordinated response. The Prime Minister recalled creation of COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to meet the immediate costs of fighting the pandemic and sharing of resources - medicines, PPE, and testing equipment. He also noted sharing of experiences and learning from each other’s best practices in testing, infection control and medical waste management. “This spirit of collaboration is a valuable take-away from this pandemic. Through our openness and determination, we have managed to achieve one of the lowest fatality rates in the world. This deserves to be applauded”. Asking the countries to raise the ambition further, the Prime Minister suggested creating a special visa scheme for our doctors and nurses, so that they can travel quickly within our region during health emergencies, on the request of the receiving country.

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**Text of PM'S address to the Workshop on “Covid-19 Management: Experience, Good Practices and Way Forward” with 10 Neighboring Countries**



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### **Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses the inaugural ceremony of the third India Tourism Mart**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the inaugural ceremony of the third India Tourism Mart, organized by the Federation of Associations in India Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH), through video conferencing on Thursday. Congratulating FAITH for organising the event, Dr. Harsh Vardhan expressed his appreciation at the participation of over 250 delegates from 60 countries who attended the event virtually. He also added that, "This third India Tourism Mart holds even more significance as it is being organized at a time when the world is emerging from the dark clouds of the pandemic and countries all across the world are contemplating on opening up travel albeit with all health & security precautions in place." Highlighting the government's efforts in controlling the Covid-19 pandemic, Dr Vardhan said, "India has embarked on the world's largest immunization program against COVID-19. We have not only vaccinated over 8.5 million people in India but have also sent millions of doses to other countries seeking our help." Speaking on the advancements in India's healthcare facilities which has led to a spike of medical tourism in India, the Minister noted that, "India has always been a popular tourist destination, but over the last few years, it has also emerged as a leading destination for medical tourism. He further said that to encourage it further, we have already started issuing medical visas and are planning to soon restart E-Tourist Visas as well as scheduled International flights".

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### **Gangwar launches Software Applications and instruction manuals with questionnaire for five All India Surveys; Says labour data is crucial inputs in policy making**

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar today launched the trainers' training programme for the All India Surveys being conducted by Labour Bureau, an attached office of Ministry of Labour & Employment by releasing the Instruction Manuals & Questionnaires for the surveys and the software application developed. He was accompanied by Secretary L&E Shri Apurva Chandra and Senior Labour & Employment Advisor and Director General, Labour Bureau Shri DPS Negi. Speaking on the occasion, Union Labour Minister said that data on all aspects of labour is crucial to serve as inputs in policy making especially in times of the COVID-19 pandemic. The four All India surveys on migrant workers, domestic workers, employment generated by professionals and transport sector have tremendous role to play at national level by providing data on the most effected labour market participants. The Minister lauded the efforts of Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary, L&E and Shri DPS Negi, Director General, Labour Bureau for their steadfastness and exemplary role which have finally culminated in the launch of four All India surveys.

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

- Kerala: The Centre has deputed yet another multi-disciplinary team to the state as it is witnessing a surge in COVID-19 cases. The state has decided to exert more pressure on the Centre for additional vaccine stocks, as a chunk of the population still remains susceptible to Covid-19. Meanwhile, Kerala's cumulative burden of Covid cases rose to 10,40,903 with the state reporting 4,034 cases yesterday. The total death toll till date is 4,119. The first instance of local transmission of the mutant variant of Covid-19 was detected in Kerala on Tuesday. The state has reported 11 cases of the new strain so far. Immunisation programme for poll officials has begun in the state. As many as two lakh officers will get the first dose of the vaccine before March 31 and the second dose before the ensuing assembly election.



- Tamil Nadu: As on date, Tamil Nadu recorded 8,49,166 total cases, 12,472 deaths, 442 Active cases and 8,32,620 discharges.
- Karnataka: State budget session will commence from March 4. The state government announced that marshals will be deployed at wedding halls and at events to ensure adherence to COVID protocols. A series of check posts were put across Maharashtra and Kerala borders to check COVID. Those entering Karnataka from these States must have RTPCR negative report. Upper primary classes reopened from Feb 22 and day one 42% attendance registered. Meanwhile state government has set a target of 80% to vaccinate health care workers in all districts by February end.
- Andhra Pradesh: As on date, Andhra Pradesh recorded 8,89,409 total cases, 7168 deaths, 575 active cases and 8,81,666 discharges. The recovery rate stands at 99.13 per cent. The state has conducted tests for 1,37,75,253 samples so far including 28,268 in the last twenty-four hours. Covid-19 vaccination drive was launched for the police personnel at AR Grounds in Vijayawada, yesterday. The vaccination drive for the police personnel will continue for 10 days. The vaccination programme to the police staff was postponed due to Panchayat polls held in the State in four phases. The first phase vaccine was given to the health workers and the second phase of vaccination is underway for the frontline workers.
- Telangana: A total of 1,11,829 health care workers have received the second dose of vaccine till now in the state. 1,95,850 Govt and Private health care workers received the first dose of vaccine. This is 59 percent of the total 3,31,097 health care workers targeted for Covid vaccination in the state. A total of 88,987 other frontline workers received the first dose till now. This is 35 percent of the total 2,57,239 frontline workers targeted for the vaccination. The second dose of vaccination for health care workers will be carried out on Wednesday (Today). A mop up session for first dose of vaccine for the left-out health care workers and other frontline workers will be carried out on 26th and 27th of this month. In the backdrop of number of Covid cases growing in neighbouring states like Maharashtra, Telangana Health Minister Eetala Rajender held a review meeting with senior officials of his department on 22nd of this month to take stock of the situation. The Minister said the situation in the state is very much in control and there is no proposal to impose curfew and lockdown in any part of the state. He instructed the officials to ramp up RT-PCR tests.
- Maharashtra: Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray reviewed the COVID situation in a meeting with Municipal Commissioners of MMR region. He also asked the Washim District Administration to take strict action against those who organised a large gathering at a religious place where the State Forest Minister offered worship. Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said that the sale of Coronil tablets of Patanjali will not be allowed in Maharashtra without proper certification from competent health organizations like WHO, IMA and others. In Marathwada region indefinite night curfew is being imposed in the district of Hingoli. Night curfew will begin at 7 pm every day and shall remain till next morning 7 am. In Jalna district, all schools, colleges, hostels, coaching classes and residential schools will remain closed till 31st March. A curfew has been imposed in Aurangabad. There will be a curfew from eleven o'clock at night to six o'clock in the morning. Dahiwadi village and the surrounding area in Satara district has been declared as a containment zone.

New Cases - 6,218

Recoveries - 5,869

Deaths - 51

Active Cases - 53,409



Total Cases till date - 21,12,312

Total Recoveries till date - 20,05,851

Total Deaths till date - 51,857

- Gujarat: More than 1.15 crore samples have been tested in the state so far. Number of active cases in the state currently is 1786. Also 294 patients recovered on Tuesday which brings the total recoveries in the state to 261416.

Recovered patients- 294

Active Cases – 1786

Total recoveries- 2,61,416

Total deaths- 4403

Samples tested so far- 1,15,50,722

- Rajasthan: State has recorded 76 new cases on Tuesday. Number of positive cases reported in the state so far is 3,19,702. More than 3.15 lakh people have recovered already.

New Cases – 76

Total positive cases – 3,19,702

Total recoveries- 3,15,722

Total deaths- 2,785

- Madhya Pradesh – The covid positivity rate has increased to 2.2percent. MP government has increased vigilance and awareness drive against Covid 19 in the wake of steady rise in Covid cases in the state since last week. Thermal testing of those coming from adjoining Maharashtra has begun. Bordering districts are on alert as a large number of people from Maharashtra attend the fairs held at Chhindwara and Betul on the occasion of Shivaratri.

New Cases – 233

Recovered patients-221

Deaths- 03

Active cases- 1856

Total positive cases- 2,58,082

Total recovered patients-2,52,385

Total Deaths –3,841

Total number of people tested- 56,03,016

- Chhattisgarh: The State Government has issued instructions to screen all travelers who enter the state through various modes of transport amid rise in fresh Covid-19 cases.





COVID screening and contact tracing of all passengers including the passengers from Mumbai and Delhi arriving at Raipur and Jagdalpur (Bastar) airport will be conducted. Travelers coming by road and rail from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi are being particularly investigated.

New Cases - 274

Recovered patients - 39

Deaths- 02

Active Cases- 2977

Total recovered patients- 3,04,647

Total Deaths – 2,809

Total positive cases- 3,11,433

- Goa: State has 479 active cases as on Tuesday. More than 53,000 patients have recovered and 788 people have lost their lives so far. Total number of positive cases in the state is 54,648.

Active Cases – 479

Total recovered patients- 53,381

Total deaths- 788

Total positive cases- 54,648

### **FACT CHECK**



**PIB Fact Check** @PIBFactCheck · 23h

दावा:- एक वेबसाइट पर यह दावा किया जा रहा है कि 'प्रधानमंत्री योजना लोन' के तहत उपभोक्ता 1 - 2 लाख रुपए तक के लोन के लिए आवेदन कर सकता है।

#PIBFactcheck:- यह वेबसाइट **#फर्जी** है। केंद्र सरकार द्वारा 'प्रधानमंत्री योजना लोन' जैसी कोई वेबसाइट नहीं चलाई जा रही है।



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For updates, visit SSC's official website: [ssc.nic.in](http://ssc.nic.in)



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This is **not** the official Twitter account of Staff Selection Commission

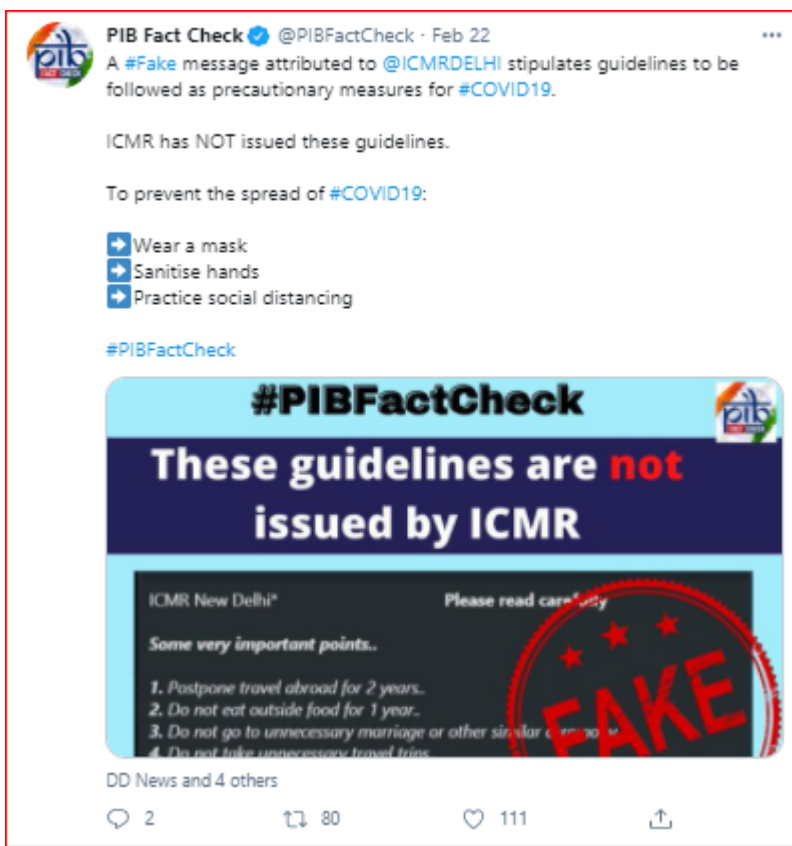
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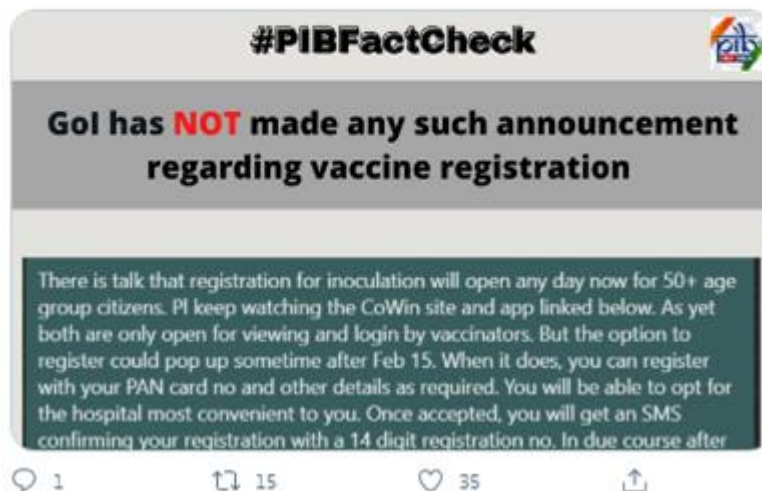


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A #WhatsApp message claims that the inoculation registration on the #COWinApp will open in February for citizens aged above 50.

#PIBFactCheck: This claim is #Fake. No such decision has been taken by the Government.

Conclusion: FAKE



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A text message is being circulated with a claim that monthly monetary compensations are being provided under government approved "AYUSH Yojana"

#PIBFactCheck: This message is #Fake. Government of India is not running any such scheme.



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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:



## 1 Crowded places

with many people nearby



## 2 Close-contact settings

Especially where people have close-range conversations



## 3 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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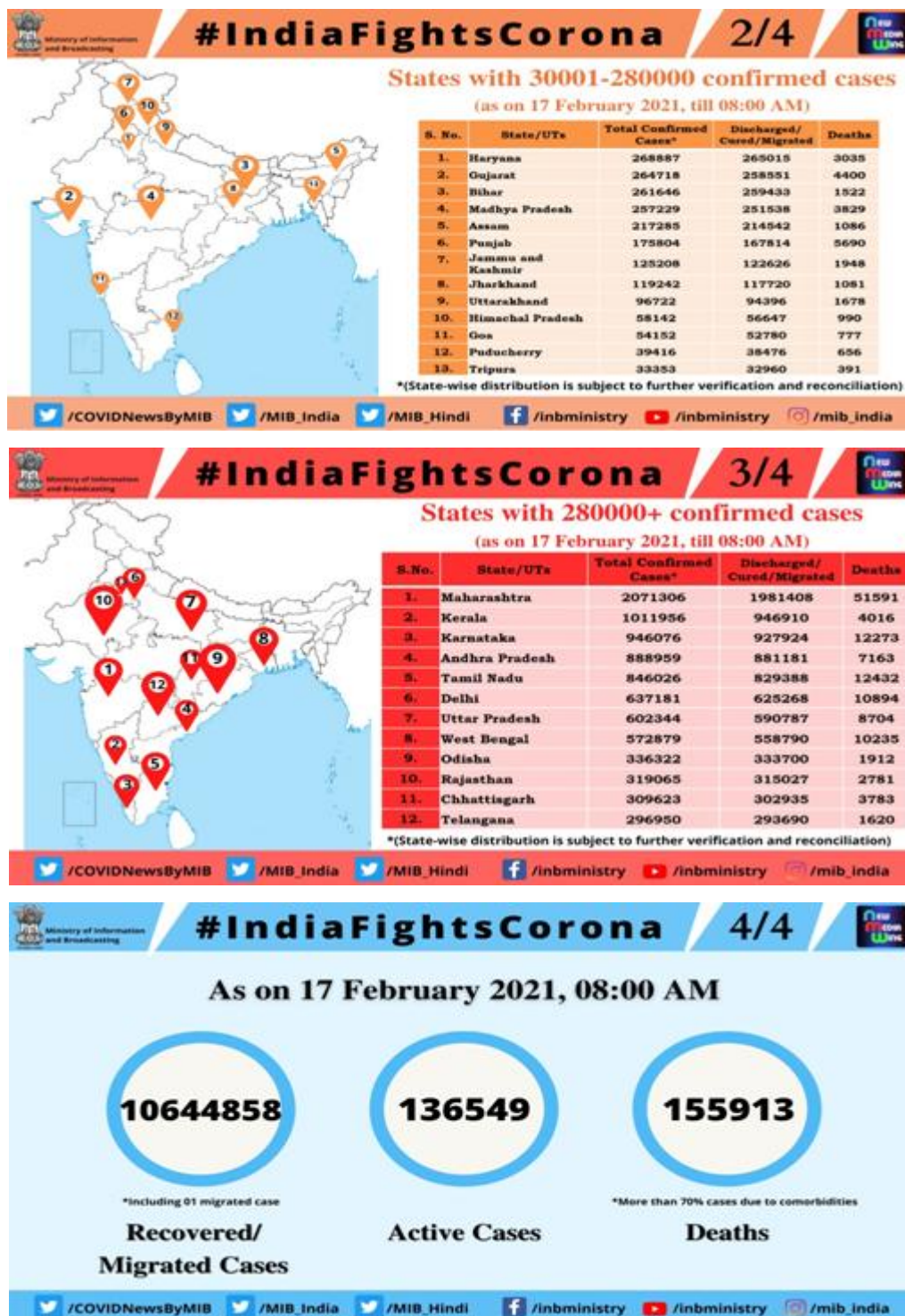


- Active Cases decline in all States/UTs in the last month
- No death reported in 18 States/UTs in last 24 hours
- Recoveries continue to rise-Cumulative recoveries at 1.06 Cr
- Nearly 90 lakh COVID19 vaccine doses administered
- 2,76,377 Health Care Workers given second dose of vaccination so far

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India's total Active Caseload currently stands at **1,36,549** today. The active caseload now consists of just **1.25%** of India's total Positive Cases. In a significant development, **all States and UTs** have reported a **decline in active cases** in the last month. Maharashtra has shown a substantial decline in active cases from 53,163 on 17 January, 2021 to 38,307 on 17 February, 2021. **Eighteen States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours.** These are Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra

Pradesh, J&K (UT), Jharkhand, Puducherry, Himachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Ladakh (UT), Assam, A&N Islands, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and D&D & D&N. India's cumulative recoveries show a progressive increment on a daily basis. It stands at 1.06 Cr **(1,06,44,858)** today. The Recovery Rate is **97.33%**. **11,833** patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. Rising recoveries combined with less new cases have ensured a decline in Active Caseload. **11,610** new daily cases have been recorded in the last 24 hours. As on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, till 8:00 AM, the cumulative vaccination coverage to healthcare and frontline workers against COVID19 in the country has **reached nearly 90 lakhs**. **89,99,230** vaccine doses have been given to beneficiaries through **1,91,373 sessions**, as per the provisional report till 8 am today. These include **61,50,922 HCWs (1st dose)**, **2,76,377 HCWs (2nd dose)** and **25,71,931 FLWs (1<sup>st</sup> dose)**. As on Day-32 of the vaccination drive (16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021), total **2,76,943 vaccine** doses were given across **7,001 sessions**. Out of which, **1,60,691** beneficiaries were vaccinated for 1<sup>st</sup> dose and **1,16,252 HCWs** received 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine. **8 States** account for **57.8%** of the total vaccine doses administered in India. Uttar Pradesh alone accounts for 10.4% (9,34,962). As on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, till 4 pm, total 36 cases of hospitalization and 29 cases of deaths have been reported from people who have been vaccinated. Out of the 36 cases of hospitalisation, 22 were discharged after treatment. 2 are still under treatment and 12 persons died. Out of the 29 deaths, 17 deaths are outside hospital whereas 12 deaths are in the hospital. **81.15%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 6 States. Kerala has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 5,439 newly recovered cases. 2,700 people recovered in Maharashtra in the past 24 hours followed by 470 in Tamil Nadu. **86.15% of the daily new cases** are from 6 States. Kerala reports the highest daily new cases at 4,937. **100 fatalities** have been recorded in the last 24 hours. Six States account for **81.00%** of the daily deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (39). Kerala follows with 18 daily deaths and Tamil Nadu reported 7 casualties.

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Multimedia Exhibition Van travelling to create awareness on Vaccination for COVID-19 and Aatmanirbhar Bharat is flagged off at Mumbai

A Multimedia Exhibition Van to create awareness on COVID-19 Vaccination and Aatmanirbhar Bharat has been flagged off by the Principal Health Secretary, Government of Maharashtra Dr. Pradeep Kumar Vyas at the premises of Films Division in Mumbai yesterday. The Director General of Films Division MsSmita Vats Sharma and WHO's Surveillance Medical Officer Dr. Vivek R. Pardeshi were also present at the flagging-off ceremony. The van will travel to 3 routes in Mumbai, Bandra-Dharavi-Juhu-Andheri-Borivali; Goregaon-Chinchvali-Malad-Kandivali-Charkop-Borivali Dahisar; Kurla-Chembur-Ghatkopar-Mankhurd-Turbhe- Bhandup-Vikroli. Under this campaign, 16 specially fabricated vans with a message will travel across 36 districts of Maharashtra to spread awareness among people. The vans will also display messages through LED screens and these vans will be live tracked through GPS through integrated dashboard which can be accessed at through scanning of QR Code.

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### Cereals exports see a sharp jump in April – December, 2020, notwithstanding logistical challenges posed by COVID19

India's exports of cereals – rice, wheat and coarse cereals witnessed an impressive rise during first three quarters of 2020-21 financial year. As per the data during April-December, 2020, the exports of cereals rose to Rs 49,832 crore from Rs 32,591 crore (4581 US\$ million) reported during the same period in the previous year. The exports of cereals witnessed a rise of 52.90% in Rupee term and 45.81% in US dollar term. The total share of value of cereal exports was 48.61% in Rupee term in the total export of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Exports Development Authority (APEDA) scheduled products. As per the data during April-December, 2020, the export of **Basmati Rice** was Rs 2,038 crore (2947 US\$ Million) against Rs. 20,926 crore (2936 US\$ Million) reported during same period in the previous year. The exports of this aromatic and long-grain rice witnessed a growth of 5.31% in Rupee term and 0.36 % Dollar terms. During April- December 2020 period, the export of **Wheat** rose to Rs 1,870 crore (252 US\$ Million) against was Rs. 336 crore (48 US\$ Million) reported during the same phase a year back.

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### NE Region has received adequate funds from the Centre to fight the COVID-19 Pandemic effectively: DrJitendra Singh

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 adequate funds were made available to the NE region to fight COVID-19. In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, DrJitendra Singh informed that Ministry of Health & Family Welfare released Rs.111.34 crore to the North Eastern (NE) States during 2019-20, which includes Rs.72.53 crore for Assam under National Health Mission towards management and containment of COVID-19 pandemic.

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### “AyuSamvad”, the Public Awareness Lecture series of AYUSH Ministry, focusses on Management of Covid19 : AYUSH Minister

Shri KirenRijiju, the Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and additional charge of Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of AYUSH informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday that the AyuSamvad Lecture Series campaign will specifically focus on the role of Ayurveda in the Preventive, Promotive, Curative and Rehabilitative Management of COVID 19. The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), an autonomous organization under the aegis of Ministry of AYUSH is organizing this public awareness campaign program on “Ayurveda and Covid 19 Pandemic” with the objective to create awareness among common people.

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### Use of Homoeopathy medicines in Covid-19 treatment discussed in Parliament



The Supreme Court has upheld the advisory of Ministry of AYUSH in its judgement dated 15.12.2020 and permitted use of homoeopathy medicine as add on to standard care in COVID-19 treatment. This was clarified by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Additional Charge of Minister of State (IC) for the Ministry of AYUSH to the Lok Sabha on Friday. The Minister added that while Homoeopathy treatment is not to be given in standalone mode for COVID-19 treatment, the Ministry of AYUSH through an advisory issued in March 2020 and the 'Guidelines for AYUSH practitioners for COVID-19' allowed AYUSH interventions including homoeopathy as add on to standard care. He also informed the House that the Ministry of AYUSH has taken many steps with the help of AYUSH systems of Medicine including Homeopathy for COVID-19 related treatment, and cited the Ministry's advisory issued on 29.01.2020 on "how to protect oneself from COVID and how to stay healthy" (which received wide attention and was adopted by large sections of the population).

For details:

### Impact of Covid-19 on Agriculture

During the lockdown, the agriculture sector had functioned smoothly. Government of India has taken all necessary measures to ensure smooth operation of agriculture related activities. Farming and allied activities were exempted from the lockdown. Seed, pesticide, fertilizer etc. dealers / shops and other input related activities were allowed to open / free for making inputs available to the farmers. Inter and intra state movement of farm machinery specially combine harvesters was facilitated. As a result of the various steps taken by the Department, both harvesting activities of the Rabi Crop and sowing activities of Summer Crop took place in a systematic manner. Agriculture and Allied Sectors registered a growth of 3.4% during 2020-21 even as the overall economic growth declined by -7.2% during the same period.

For details :

### Distribution of foodgrains during lockdown

The total stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 01.01.2021 was 529.59 lakh tons consisting of 342.90 lakh tons of wheat and 186.69 lakh tons of rice. Under NFSA, 2013, there are only two categories (i) Antyoday Anna Yojana (AAY), (ii) Priority House Hold (PHH) viz. the foodgrains would be distributed as per allocations made under the NFSA. For migrants/stranded migrants, who are not covered under NFSA or State ration cards, allocations of foodgrains was done under AtmaNirbhar Bharat Package (ANBP) for free of cost distribution by the States during May, 2020 to June, 2020. Government of India also approved supply of foodgrains for those non-NFSA beneficiaries, who have State ration cards for distribution from April, 2020 to June, 2020, @ Rs 21.00 per kg for wheat and Rs 22.00 per kg for rice.

For details :

### First time, post-Covid, Railway freight revenue overtakes last year's cumulative figures in same corresponding year

In a heartening new development, first time post Covid, Indian Railway's cumulative Freight Revenue has surged past last year's levels and stands at Rs. 98068.45 crore as compared to Rs. 97342.14 to Fy 20-21 in same corresponding. On a month to month basis as well, in first 12 days of February, Railways has overtaken last year's freight revenue figures by 5%. On a monthly basis, Railway freight revenue has surged Rs. 206 crore ahead in Feb 21 compared to corresponding period Feb last year.

For details :

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

· Maharashtra: 3,663 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Maharashtra on Tuesday, taking the total number of affected people to 20,71,306. It was the seventh day in a row that the state has reported more than 3,000 Covid-19 cases, after the number of cases were steadily declining till the end of January 2021. Under such a circumstance, Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar has warned the people that the city may head towards another lockdown. She expressed displeasure about the careless behavior of the people who are not following Covid-19 guidelines, especially while travelling in the trains. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar had also underlined the need to follow Covid-19 guidelines and had also threatened to come out with harsh decisions amid sudden rise of Covid cases in the state. According to the state's public health department, 2,700 people were discharged on the same day. The total number of recoveries has reached 19,81,408 in the state. The number of fatalities increased by 39, taking the death toll to 51,591. The state currently has 37,125 active patients. Maharashtra's recovery rate stands at 95.66 per cent while the case fatality rate stands at 2.49 per cent. Maharashtra has conducted 1.53 crore Coronavirus tests so far and the positivity rate stands at 13.45 per cent. With 461 new cases, Mumbai's caseload has increased to 3,15,030. The city reported three deaths and 340 recoveries during the day. Also, more than four thousand six hundred healthcare workers were given the second dose of vaccine against Covid-19. The second round of vaccination drives for healthcare workers began in Maharashtra on February 15, 2021.

· Gujarat: In Gujarat, over 8 lakh beneficiaries have received the first dose of Covid vaccine so far. The drive to administer the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to health workers began on Feb 15, 2021 (Monday). State Immunization Officer Dr Nayan Jani said on Tuesday that 80 percent vaccination of the healthcare and frontline workers has been completed in the state so far. Nearly 5,200 persons were vaccinated for COVID-19 across the 355 booths in the state on Tuesday. Meanwhile, 263 new Covid 19 cases were reported in the state on Tuesday and 271 patients were discharged. According to state health department, state's recovery rate now stands at 97.7 per cent. This apart, Gujarat government has extended the night curfew imposed in four metro cities of Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot till the end of this month.

· Madhya Pradesh: The state reported 233 new COVID-19 cases, 221 recoveries and 3 deaths on Tuesday. With this, the total cases have gone up to 2,58,082 and total recoveries to 2,52,385 while the death toll stands at 3841. There are 1856 active cases at present. Maximum cases were reported from Indore (93), Bhopal (39), and Jabalpur (19) on Tuesday.

· Chattisgarh: The state reported 250 new COVID-19 cases, 24 recoveries and 5 deaths on Tuesday. With this, the total cases have gone up to 3,09,623 and total recoveries to 3,02,935, while the death toll stands at 3783. There are 2905 active cases at present. Maximum cases were reported from Durg

(63), Raipur(59), and Rajnandgaon (20) on Tuesday.

- Rajasthan: The state reported 90 new COVID-19 cases as on Tuesday. With this, the total cases have gone up to 3,19,065 and total recoveries to 3,15,027 while the death toll stands at 2781. Total samples collected is 61,11,693 as on Tuesday

- Goa: 48 new cases were reported in Goa on Tuesday, which takes the total number of cases to 54,323. The number of active COVID patients is 504. The recovery rate of the state is 97.63%. The second phase of the vaccination drive began on February 9. In this phase, frontline workers, that is, the police force, home guards, revenue personnel, officials from municipalities & panchayats are to receive their first shot of the vaccine.

- Assam: In Assam, total COVID-19 cases rise to 2,17,309 with 5 new cases detected on Tuesday. A total of 14 patients also discharged yesterday. Total discharged patients 2,14,615 and 1089 total death. Active cases 258.

- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 1 new COVID-19 case was detected on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 12190 and active cases 41.

- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 3 people tested positive for COVID-19 and 1 recovered on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 6121, total discharged 5834 and 56 active cases.

- Kerala: The genome sequencing conducted by the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology has found out that thirteen Coronavirus variants that have undergone mutations capable of evading the body's immune system have been detected in Kerala. Of this, the variant 'N440K' calls for more caution. The Election Commission of India, headed by Chief Election Commissioner Shri. Sunil Arora which recently visited the state to review the preparedness for the upcoming assembly polls said, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of polling booths would be increased to 40,771 from the existing 25,000. The CEC also said that polling officials would be provided with Covid kits and administered with Covid vaccine on priority basis. The EC has expressed satisfaction over with the preparedness to tackle the pandemic. Meanwhile, the Covid-19 death toll has crossed 4,000 in the state. The test positivity rate stands at 6.64 percent. There are now 60,761 active Covid-19 cases in the state

- Tamil Nadu: As on date, Tamil Nadu recorded 8,46,026 total cases, 12,432 deaths, 4206 Active cases and 8,29,388 discharges.

- Karnataka: As on date, Karnataka recorded 9,46,6076 total cases, 12,273 deaths, 5860 Active cases and 9, 46,076 discharges. Karnataka has made it mandatory for passengers arriving from UK, Brazil and South Africa to produce RTPCR negative report before boarding flights. They also have to additionally undergo another test after landing and negative RT PCR report mandatory for those coming to state from Kerala.

- Andhra Pradesh: As on date, Andhra Pradesh recorded 8,88,959 total cases, 7163 deaths, 615 active cases and 881181 discharges

- Telangana: Administering of second dose of Covid vaccine to the health care workers who have already taken first dose has begun on 13th of this month in the state and till yesterday a total of 53,144 health care workers have received the second dose. The cumulative number of people including Govt, Private health care workers and frontline workers who have taken the first dose as

on yesterday stands at 2,79,518. Number of Covid cases in the state (According to the Health Bulletin issued by the Director of state Public Health department today morning) reached 2,96,950 and the number of fatalities 1620. Number of recoveries stands at 2,93,690. Out of 1640 active cases in the state, 641 are in Home isolation.

## FACT CHECK

**PIB Fact Check** @PIBFactCheck · 18h

A document is doing rounds on social media claiming that the dates for 2021 #WestBengal Legislative Assembly elections have been declared by the Election Commission of #India.

#PIBFactCheck: This claim is #Fake. No such announcement has been made by the Election Commission.

**ECI has NOT yet declared the dates of 2021 West Bengal assembly elections**

West Bengal Election Dates: State to Vote in 7 Phases From April 1 to May 19 YEAR -2021

PHASES	CONSTITUENCIES	CONSTITUENCIES NAME	DATE
1 <sup>ST</sup>	TWO	Coochbehar and Alipurduar	11.04.2021
2 <sup>ND</sup>	THREE	Jalpaiguri, Dooars and Raipur	18.04.2021
3 <sup>RD</sup>	FOUR	Balurghat, Malda Uttar, Malda and Murshidabad	23.04.2021
4 <sup>TH</sup>	EIGHT	Behrampur, Krishnanagar, Bongaigaon, Bongaigaon, Bongaigaon, Bongaigaon, Bongaigaon, Bongaigaon	3.04.2021

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**PIB Fact Check** @PIBFactCheck · Feb 13

दावा: एक खबर में दावा किया जा रहा है कि भारतीय रेल द्वारा 1 अप्रैल 2021 से सभी ट्रेन शुरू की जाएंगी।

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Several media outlets have reported that CAG has issued a recruitment notice for 10,000 posts

#PIBFactCheck: The reports are a misinterpretation of the notification. It is issued for inviting comments on the proposed recruitment rules & is not intended to be a recruitment notice

ON 20.01.2021 by CAG on  
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comments of stakeholders  
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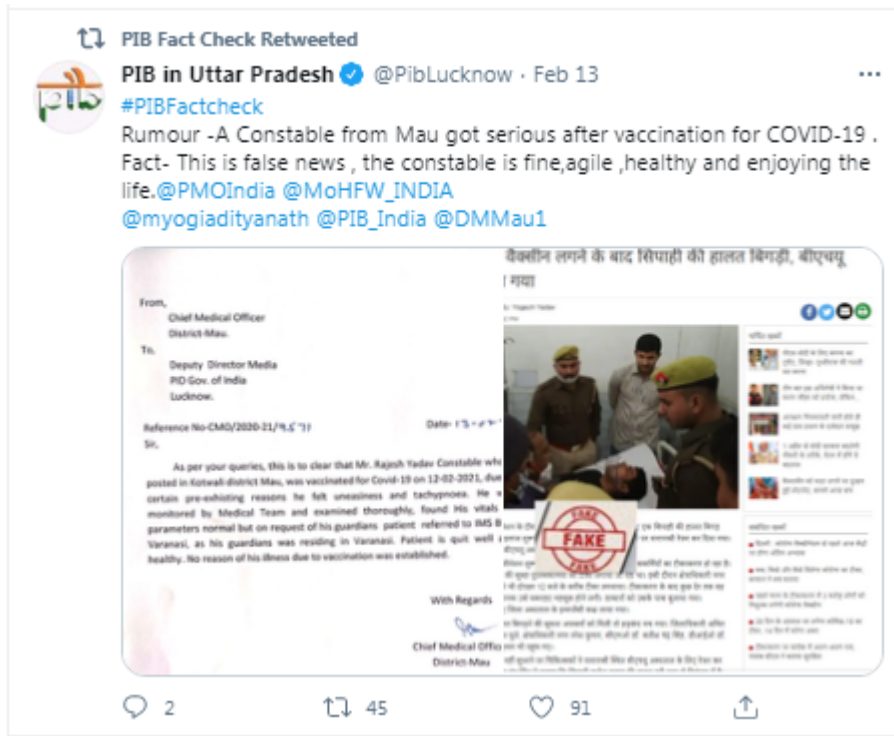
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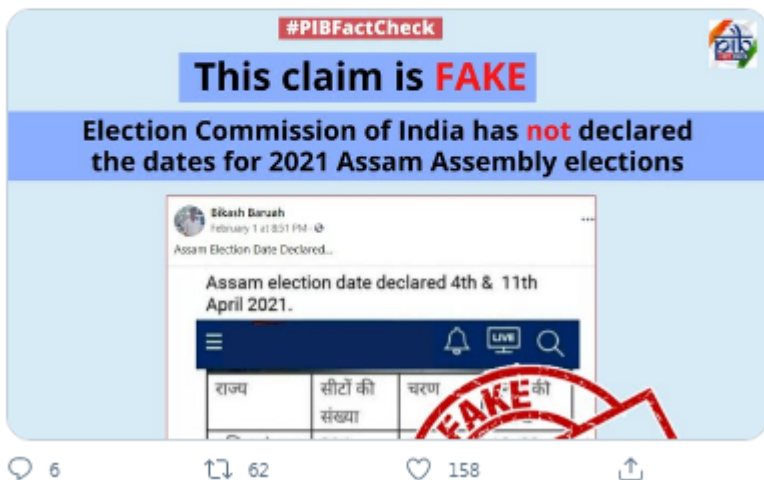
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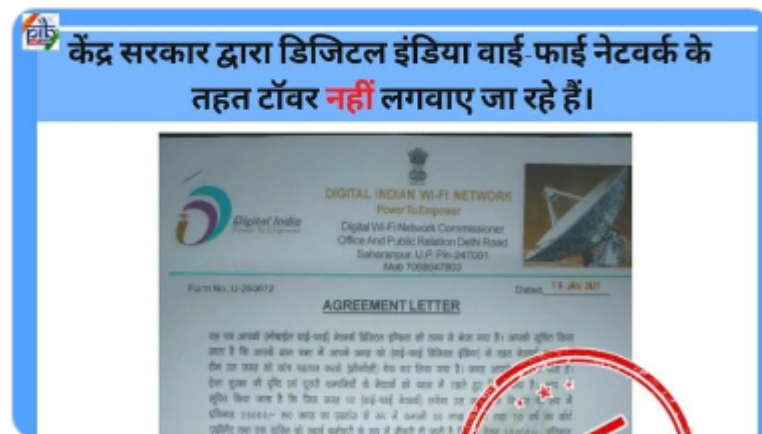




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एक पत्र में दावा किया जा रहा है कि केंद्र सरकार द्वारा पंजीकरण शुल्क देने पर डिजिटल इंडिया वाई-फाई नेटवर्क के तहत टॉवर लगवाए जा रहे हैं और इसके बदले किराया और पक्की नौकरी भी उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी।

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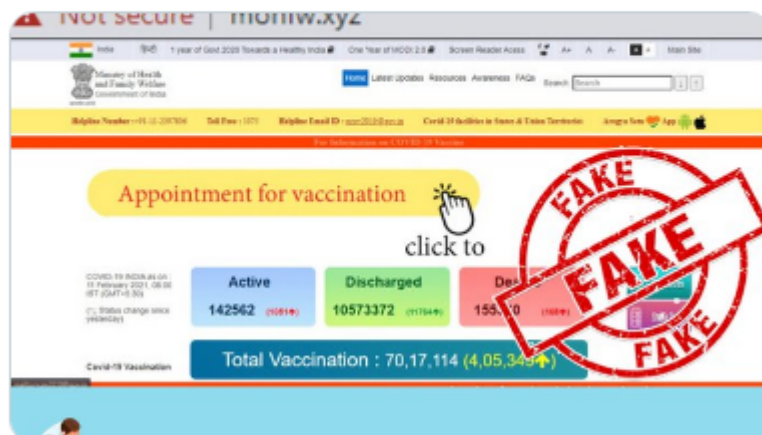
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A website 'mohfw.xyz' is impersonating the official website of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and is claiming to offer #COVID19Vaccine for ₹ 4000-6000

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**National Health Authority (NHA)** @AyushmanNHA · 13h

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#AyushmanBharat #PMJAY के नाम पर रोज़गार हेतु एक झूठा अभियान चलाया जा रहा है जिसमें निश्चित राशि के बदले लोगों को रोज़गार देने का वादा किया जा रहा है। यह जानकारी गलत है।

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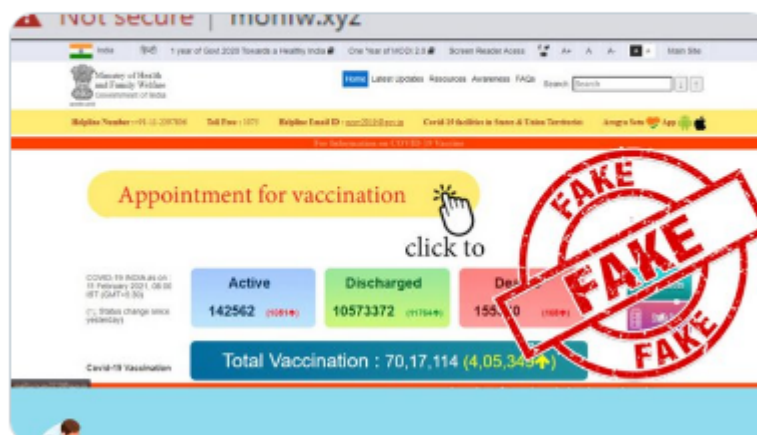
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# Avoid the Three Cs

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 close-range 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.**

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
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Government of India

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# THREE RULES FOR SAFETY

- 1 Always wear face-cover/mask 
- 2 Maintain distance from others  
6 Feet  
2 Gaj 
- 3 Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water 

**Badalkar Apna Vyavahar, Karein Corona Par Vaar**

For information related to COVID-19  
Call the State helpline numbers or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7 helpline number  
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# PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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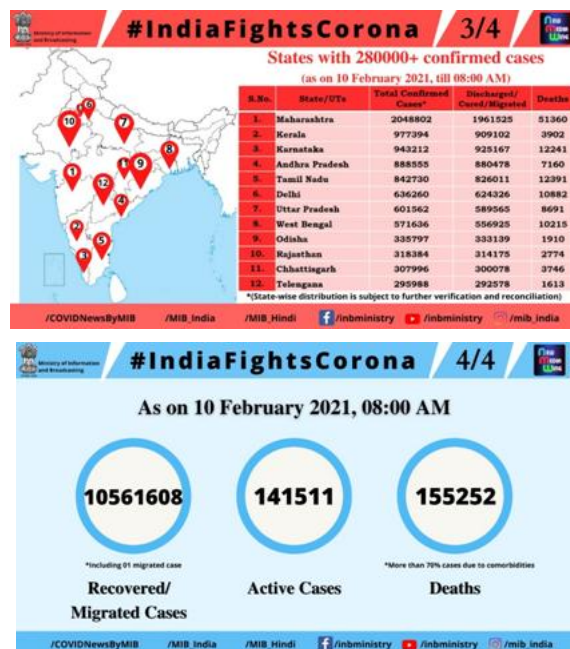


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- As on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, till 8 AM, more than 66 lakh (66,11,561) beneficiaries have received vaccination
- No Death in the last 24 hours in 19 States/UTs
- Study shows significant reduction of heavy metal pollution during COVID-19 pandemic in the Ganga water

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#IndiaFightsCorona





Following a steady downward slope, India's Active Caseload down to 1.41 Lakh; Less than 5,000 Active Cases in 33 States/UTs; No Death in the last 24 hours in 19 States/UTs. More than 66 lakh beneficiaries vaccinated against COVID19

India has been consistently following a declining slope of active cases. The country's active caseload has dropped to **1.41 lakh (1,41,511)** today. The present active cases now consist of just **1.30%** of India's Total Positive Cases. Following the national cue, **33 States & UTs** have reported **less than 5000 active cases** in the last 24 hours. Daman & Diu & Dadra & Nagar Haveli currently have 0 active cases. **11,067** new daily cases have been recorded in the last 24 hours whereas **13,087** patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. It has led to a net decline of **2,114** cases from the total Active caseload. Two States – Kerala and Maharashtra – account for 71% of the total Active Cases of the country. **Nineteen States/UTs have not reported any death in the last 24 hours.** India's cumulative recoveries stand at **1,05,61,608** today. The Recovery Rate is **97.27%**. As on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, till 8 AM, more than **66 lakh (66,11,561)** beneficiaries have received vaccination under the countrywide COVID19 vaccination exercise. The total cumulative vaccination coverage of 66,11,561 includes **56,10,134** healthcare workers and **10,01,427** frontline workers. **1,34,746** sessions have been conducted so far. The final figures for the vaccination coverage for Day 25 (9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021) of the country wide exercise include **3,52,553 beneficiaries (HCWs – 1,28,032 and FLWs – 2,24,521)** across **7,990** sessions. The number of beneficiaries being vaccinated every day is following a consistent upward slope. **81.68%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 6 States. Kerala has reported the maximum number of single day recoveries with 6,475 newly recovered cases. 2,554 people recovered in Maharashtra in the past 24 hours followed by 513 in Karnataka. **83.31% of the daily new cases** are from 6 States. Kerala reports the highest daily new cases at 5,214. **94 fatalities** have been recorded in the last 24 hours. Six States account for **80.85%** of the daily deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (35). Kerala follows with 19 daily deaths and Punjab has reported 8 casualties.

For details :

Union Health Secretary Reviews Status and Progress of COVID Vaccination with States/UTs, States/UTs urged to exponentially increase the pace of vaccination, Beneficiaries of Inaugural Vaccination Day to start getting Second Dose on 13th Feb 2021

Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary reviewed the status and progress of COVID vaccination with Health Secretaries and NHM MDs of States and UTs, through video conference (VC) on Saturday. One of the largest such exercise globally, the countrywide COVID19 vaccination programme was launched three weeks back on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 by Hon. Prime Minister. At the outset, the Union Health Secretary appreciated the creditworthy performance of all States and UTs on COVID19 vaccination. Elaborating on the global landmarks crossed by India, he underlined that India is the fastest country to **reach the 5 million mark in COVID19 vaccination in just 21 days**. Several other countries which have had a head start, some as much as 60 days, have taken a longer time to reach this target. Union Health Secretary urged the States and UTs to exponentially increase the pace of vaccination. States/UTs asked to improve the momentum and accelerate the coverage as the country moves forward with the COVID vaccination drive.

For details :

Dr. Harsh Vardhan distributes woolen blankets, masks and soaps among the destitute staying in VishramSadan, AIIMS, New Delhi

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare distributed woolen blankets, masks and soaps among the destitute persons staying in VishramSadan at AIIMS, New Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. Shri R. K. Jain, Secretary General, Red Cross Society, Prof. R. Guleria, Director, AIIMS and other senior officials of AIIMS were also present on the occasion. Talking about the challenge posed by COVID19, the Union Minister highlighted that the vaccine for the prevention of COVID19 has been approved and the Government of India have already started the largest vaccination drive in the world. He also stated that, the fact that the vaccine is developed indigenously, "shows the great capacity our country has and is a big boost to the Prime Minister's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative". In appreciation of the IRCS's active role in reducing the impact of COVID-19, Dr Harsh Vardhan stated, "it gives me a sense of pride that IRCS is playing an important role in the fight against COVID-19.

For details :

PM speaks to His Excellency Matemela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation on Thursday with His Excellency Matemela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa. The two leaders discussed the continuing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and in this context the vaccination campaigns being undertaken in their respective countries. Prime Minister reiterated to the South African President that India's considerable productive capacity for pharmaceuticals and vaccines would continue to serve the needs of all countries, including those in Africa. The two leaders also discussed possibilities of collaboration between India and South Africa in various international fora, to facilitate access and affordability of vaccines and medicines. The leaders agreed that officials of both countries would remain in touch over the coming days to exchange experiences and explore potential for collaborative efforts against the pandemic.

For details :

#### PM launches 'Asom Mala' and lays Foundation Stone of two Hospitals in Assam

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the Foundation Stone of two hospitals and launched 'Asom Mala', a programme for state highways and major district roads, at Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur District, Assam on Sunday. Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister Shri Rameswar Teli, Ministers from Assam Government and Chief of Bodoland Territorial Region Shri Pramod Boro were present on the occasion.

For details :

#### Covid-19 pandemic has taught the world that one cannot be safe if others are at risk: President Kovind

The Covid-19 pandemic has taught the world that one cannot be safe if others are at risk, said the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind. He was addressing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka in Bengaluru on February 7, 2021. The President said that the first major pandemic in over a century has taught us to be better prepared for unforeseen public health crises. Though Covid-19 seems to be one-of-a-kind health-crisis that happens rarely, a section of scientists has warned us to be prepared for similar challenges ahead. He expressed hope that the world has learnt the right lessons. He stated that in the post-Covid phase, the world would have to pay more attention to public healthcare. Addressing the graduating students, the President said that their entry into this noble profession opens up for them, unforeseen and unprecedented opportunities to serve humanity.

For details :

#### Impact of Covid-19 on Integrated Child Development Services

During COVID-19, functioning of Anganwadi Centres were permitted as per guidelines issued by Government from time to time. Accordingly, the distribution of food items and nutrition support were provided by Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) once in 15 days at the doorstep of beneficiaries, e.g., children, women and lactating mothers. Anganwadi Workers and Helpers were engaged in COVID-19 awareness drive and specifically assigned responsibilities to generate awareness about proper sanitation and health education to children and their parents, conduct of community surveillance, etc.

For details :

#### Launch of Covid Vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccination has been rolled out in the country from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in a phased manner starting with prioritised groups of Health Care Workers and Front Line Workers. The roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine is being done simultaneously across all States and UTs. The Government has sufficient doses of COVID-19 vaccine available for the on-going phase of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country. The existing cold storage facilities under Universal Immunization Programme have been further strengthened and are being used for storing COVID-19 vaccine. The available storage space is sufficient to store COVID-19 vaccines already supplied to States/UTs.

For details :

#### Steps taken to provide online education amidst COVID-19 pandemic

The Government has taken various steps to provide online education amidst COVID-19 pandemic. These include PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education, Internet access under BHARAT NET scheme, etc. PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education: Keeping in view the availability of digital infrastructure, guideline briefs on various modes of digital education including online mode that depends more on availability of internet, partially online mode that utilizes the blended approach of digital technology and other offline activities, partial and offline mode that utilizes television and radio as a major medium of instruction of education. The guidelines can be accessed at: [https://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines\\_0.pdf](https://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf) Internet access under BHARAT NET scheme has been made available to Govt institutions and to improve the internet connectivity in rural areas the CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd (CSC-SPV) of MEITY has been assigned the task of providing Fibre to the Home (FTTH) connectivity to the Government Institutions, including schools.

For details :

#### I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar launches state wide awareness campaign on COVID19 vaccination and Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Pune

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar on Sunday flagged off a mobile exhibition awareness campaign on covid vaccination and Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Pune. Under this campaign 16 specially fabricated vans will travel across 36 districts of Maharashtra to spread awareness among people. The campaign has been designed and implemented by the Regional Outreach Bureau, Pune of Ministry of I&B in collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the IEC Division of the Maharashtra Health Department. The vans will also display messages through LED screens and these vans will be live tracked through GPS. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Javadekar said "Whole world is fighting Corona. However even with population of 130 crore

India has managed to keep its losses lesser than Latin America, Europe or America. The Minister further said that with Covid Vaccination, having begun, we have entered the new phase of communication. "India's vaccine roll out has begun. Ever since the launch of COVID vaccination programme, more than 50 lakh health and frontline workers have been vaccinated in the country. The campaign intends to take message of vaccination plan and COVID appropriate behaviour to the last mile in Maharashtra. The cultural artistes of Song & Drama Division will convey messages through folk performances popular in respective regions of Maharashtra.

For details :

#### Study shows significant reduction of heavy metal pollution during COVID-19 pandemic in the Ganga water

Efforts to minimize industrial wastewater can substantially reduce heavy metal pollution in the Ganga water in a short time span of a few months, a study carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic has shown. The COVID-19 pandemic lockdown provided a team of scientists **from Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur** a rare opportunity to quantify the impact of restricted anthropogenic activities on the water chemistry resilience of large rivers. They analyzed the daily geochemical record of the Ganga River and showed that reduced industrial discharge during 51 days of mandated nationwide lockdown decreased the dissolved heavy metal concentrations by a minimum of 50%. In contrast, inputs from agricultural runoff and domestic sewage like nitrate and phosphate remained almost the same as these sources were not impacted by the nationwide confinement.

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#### Various schemes launched by Government during COVID-19 pandemic for companies

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#### Steps taken by Government to ameliorate impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Indian economy

As per the Estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the First Quarter (Q1) of 2020-21 released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation (MoSPI), the real GDP in India contracted by 23.9 per cent during the first quarter of 2020-21 (as against 5.2 per cent growth in Q1 of 2019-20). India's GDP growth rose to (-) 7.5 percent YoY in Q2 (as against 4.4 per cent growth in Q2 of 2019-20), a sharp rebound from the pandemic induced decline in Q1.

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#### Security Measures for Asha Workers during COVID-19

Under the National Health Mission, ASHAs are envisaged to be community health volunteer and are entitled only to task/activity based incentives. In FY 2018-19 the Union Cabinet revised the amount of incentive for ASHAs from Rs 1000 to 2000 per month. In addition to routine and recurring incentives, many States/UTs have also introduced fixed monthly honorarium for ASHAs from their respective States/UTs budget. The Government of India has been taking various measures to empower and secure the working of ASHAs from time to time. Under the recently launched Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package, Insurance Scheme has been introduced for all health workers, including ASHAs. This insurance scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs. 50 Lakh in case of loss of life on account of COVID related duty. States/UTs have been asked to ensure provision of safety tools like masks and sanitizers for ASHAs.

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#### MCA amended Companies Act 2013 to mitigate blow by COVID-19 pandemic

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has taken various measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic by making amendments in the Companies Act, 2013, Rules made there under and by issuing various circulars from time to time.

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

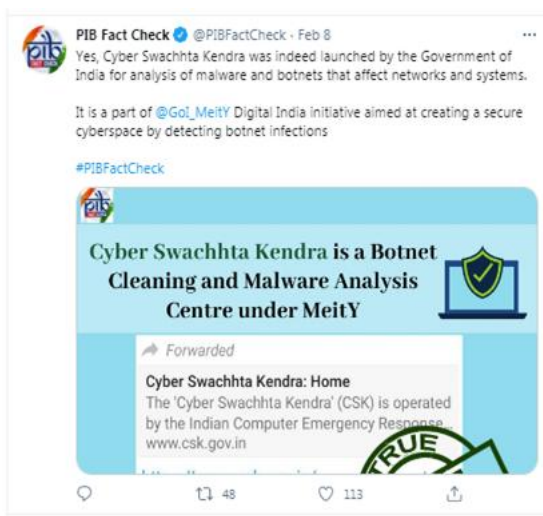
- Assam: In Assam, total COVID-19 cases rise to 2,17,256 with 27 new cases on Tuesday, total discharged patients 2,14,490 and 1086 total death. Active cases 333.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 06 new COVID-19 cases detected on Tuesday. Total cases rise to 12116.
- Kerala: Indian Council of Medical Research has urged Kerala to be more vigilant in defence activities of Covid-19. ICMR's stern directive comes after half of Covid cases reported in the country are from Kerala. Of the 13,088 cases reported in the country yesterday, 6475 were from Kerala. There are currently 1,41,511 patients under treatment in the country. Of these, 64,390 are from Kerala. The central team had earlier assessed that the decrease in tests was the reason for the sharp rise in Covid transmission in Kerala. Following this, the central team directed the state to increase the number of tests and sought an explanation for the increase in test positivity. Meanwhile, the Covshield vaccine drive for health workers in the state will come to an end in two days. A total of 3.26 lakh health workers have taken vaccine so far out of the over 5 lakh registered.
- Nadu: A total of 89 doctors have died due to COVID-19 in Tamil Nadu, according to data published by the Indian Medical Association. Tamil Nadu Health Department officials said that the government would launch COVID-19 vaccination for senior citizens after Centre gives its permission. State reported 469 cases on Tuesday. Seroprevalence data for Tamil Nadu indicates that 31.6% has contracted COVID-19 at some point in time. 1,74,749 persons have got shots so far.
- Karnataka: As on date, Karnataka recorded 9,43,212 total cases, 12,241 deaths, 5785 Active cases and 9,25,167 discharges. In a major decision Karnataka state government lifted ban on religious festivals, jatra and other celebrations. Religious Endowment department issued order and revoked March 20,2020 order which banned all types of religious festivities because of COVID-19. 4.41 lakh beneficiaries vaccinated.

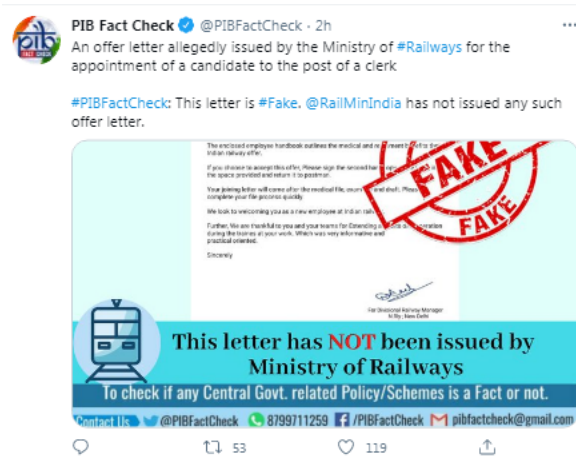


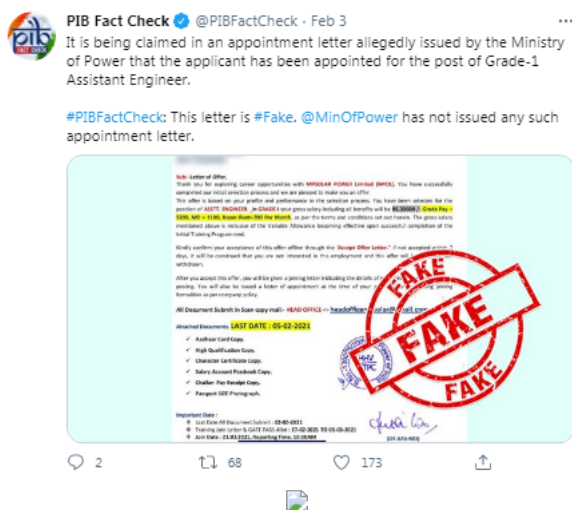
- Andhra Pradesh: Polling for the first phase of panchayat elections passed off peacefully on Tuesday. The first phase of polling for 2,723 panchayats in Andhra Pradesh ended peacefully with 81.78 per cent turnout. Krishna district recorded the highest percentage of 85.06, according to the State Election Commission. The polls will be conducted till February 21 in another three phases. Elections were held with all necessary precautions taken as per COVID-19 protocol amid tight security and PPE kits were provided to voters infected by the virus. The State government constituted a high-level committee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations made by the Multi-disciplinary Committee on the mystery illness accompanied by sudden convulsions in Eluru Municipal Corporation limits of West Godavari district. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh witnessed 70 COVID-19 cases and no deaths in the last 24 hours ending Tuesday morning. The new cases took the tally to 8,88,555. The toll remains at 7,160 and the number of recoveries increased to 8,80,478 with 115 new recoveries in the past day. The recovery rate was 99.09 per cent. Less than 100 new cases a day were reported for the past week.
- Telangana: Covid vaccination programme for frontline warriors like Police, Revenue, Municipal, Panchayat Raj and personnel of the Central Para Military Forces started on 6th of this month in the state. State DGP Shri Mahender Reddy took the vaccine on the first day. The Director of State Public Health Dr.G.Sreenivasa Rao and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Southern Zone IG Shri Mahesh Ladda were also vaccinated on 8th of this month. The cumulative number of total vaccine beneficiaries (till yesterday evening) including govt, private health workers and other frontline warriors stands at 2,43,483. The vaccination for the frontline workers will continue till 12 of this month. From 13th onwards second dose will be administered to the health staff who have already taken the first dose. The total number of Covid cases reported in the state stands at 2,95,988 and the total number of fatalities at 1613. As many as 2,92,578 patients (98.84 percent) have recovered. Total number of active cases is 1,797 out of which 729 are in Home/Institutional isolation. A Sero survey conducted by the ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad in the month of December last in the districts of JANGAON, NALGONDA and KAMAREDDY in the state revealed that the anti-bodies against Covid were found in 24 percent of the people indicating that these people had silent and prior exposure to SARS-CoV-2.
- Maharashtra: 2,515 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Maharashtra on Tuesday. There are 34,640 active cases and 19,61,525 COVID-19 patients have been discharged after full recovery in the state as per the latest report. 35 COVID-19 deaths were also reported in the state on Tuesday. Recovery rate in the state is 95.74%, while the Case fatality rate in the state is 2.51%. More than 5 lakh health workers and frontline workers have been vaccinated against Coronavirus in the state till Tuesday. State Health Minister Rajesh Tope said, in the third phase, people above the age of 50 years and those under 50 with co-morbidities will be vaccinated. Currently, there are 652 Vaccination Centres in the state. About 40,000 to 45,000 health workers are being vaccinated every day in the state. So far, 10 lakh 54 thousand health workers have been registered on the CoWin portal, out of which 4,68,293 health workers have been vaccinated. While 5,47,000 frontline workers have been registered out of which 41,453 have been vaccinated till Tuesday.
- Gujarat: 234 new COVID-19 cases have been reported in Gujarat on Tuesday. Meanwhile, 2,57,473 cases have been recovered from the disease, out of which 353 patients have recovered on Tuesday. At present, total active cases in the state are 2040. Maximum 70 new cases have been reported from Vadodara, while Ahmedabad recorded 43 new cases. The recovery rate has reached 97.56 percent in the state. More than 56,000 persons have been vaccinated for COVID-19 on Tuesday through 974 vaccination centres across the state. Total 6 lakh 60 thousand 516 persons have received vaccine against COVID-19 in the state till Tuesday.
- Madhya Pradesh: The state reported 167 new COVID-19 cases, 219 recoveries and 2 deaths on Tuesday. With this, the total cases have gone up to 2,56,758 and total recoveries to 2,50,946 while the death toll stands at 3825. There are 1987 active cases at present. Maximum cases were reported from Bhopal(44), Indore(33) and Jabalpur (11) on Tuesday.
- Chattisgarh: The state reported 206 new COVID-19 cases, 22 recoveries and 1 death on Tuesday. With this, the total cases have gone up to 3,07,996 and total recoveries to 3,00,078, while the death toll stands at 3746. There are 4172 active cases at present. Maximum cases were reported from Raipur(59), Durg(29) and Raigarh (25) on Tuesday.
- Rajasthan: The state reported 90 new COVID-19 cases as on Tuesday. With this, the total cases have gone up to 3,18,384 and total recoveries to 3,14,175 while the death toll stands at 2774. Total samples collected is 59,92,501 as on Tuesday.
- Goa - 59 new COVID-19 cases have been reported in Goa on Tuesday. There are 692 active cases and 52,530 COVID-19 patients have been discharged after full recovery in the state till Tuesday. The recovery rate of the state is 97.28%

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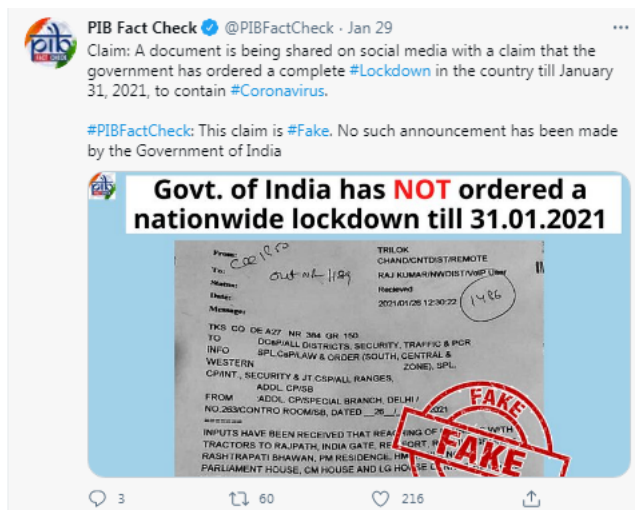
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## Avoid the Three Cs

Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

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

**1**

**Crowded places**  
with many people nearby

**2**

**Close-contact settings**  
Especially where people have close-range conversations

**3**

**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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