

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 56

February 22, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- 187 cases of UK variant, 4 of South Africa variant and one Brazil variant of SARS-CoV-2 detected in the country ([Link](#))
- Multimedia exhibition van travelling to create awareness on vaccination for COVID-19 and Aatmanirbhar Bharat flagged off in Mumbai ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister addresses a workshop on “COVID-19 Management: Experience, Good Practices and Way Forward” with leaders, experts, and officials of ten neighboring countries ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare appeals to the medical community and frontline workers to come forward and take the COVID-19 vaccine ([Link](#))
- Chhattisgarh Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Punjab witness a surge in daily COVID-19 cases ([Link](#))
- Centre writes to states witnessing surge and recommends an increase in proportion of RT-PCR tests, and employment of strict and comprehensive surveillance measures ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

11 016 434 Confirmed Cases

156 463 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

13 367 630 Confirmed Cases

205 089 Total Deaths

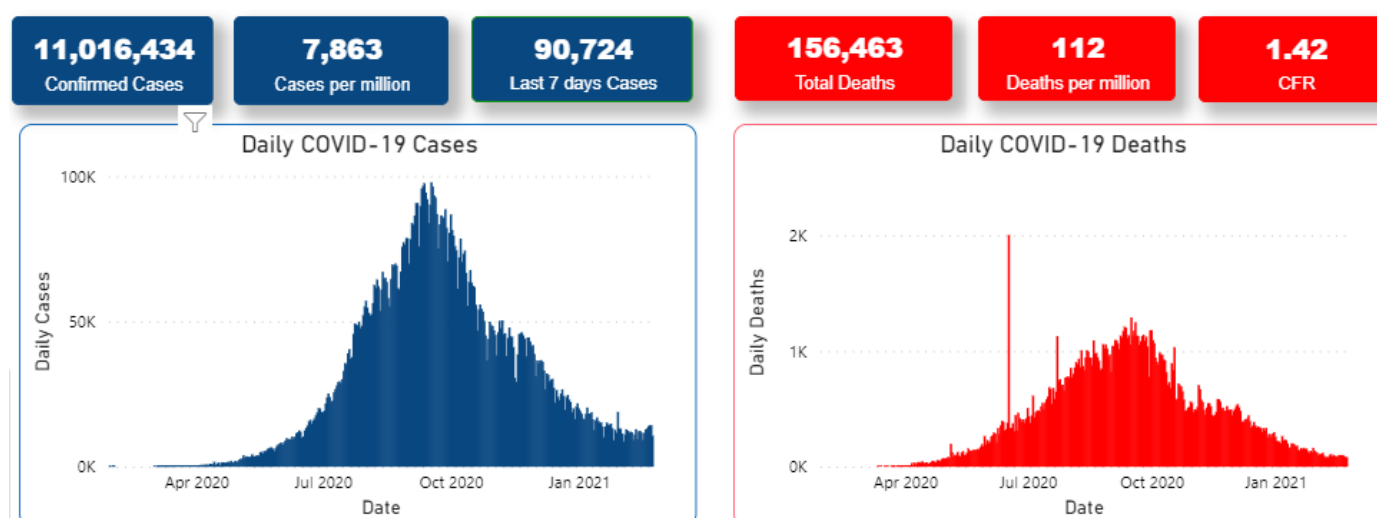
World

111 076 123 Confirmed Cases

2 463 114 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 22nd February 2021, India reported 11,016,434 confirmed cases. There was slight increase in daily cases in past week. However, 10,584 confirmed cases reported on 22nd February 2021. Cases per million is 7,863 and a total of 156,463 deaths have been reported details [here](#).



Source: WCO COVID-19 Dashboard reported using MoHFW data as on 15 February 2021, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO and Chubb Limited, signed an agreement on behalf of the COVAX Facility for the administration of the first and only global vaccine injury compensation mechanism, a no-fault compensation programme for the 92 low- and middle-income countries and economies eligible for support via the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC) of the COVAX Facility, details [here](#).
- Following the first global infodemiology conference held in July 2020, WHO and partners coordinated a joint call for papers with 5 academic journals representing different scientific fields, all related to components of the science behind managing infodemics. details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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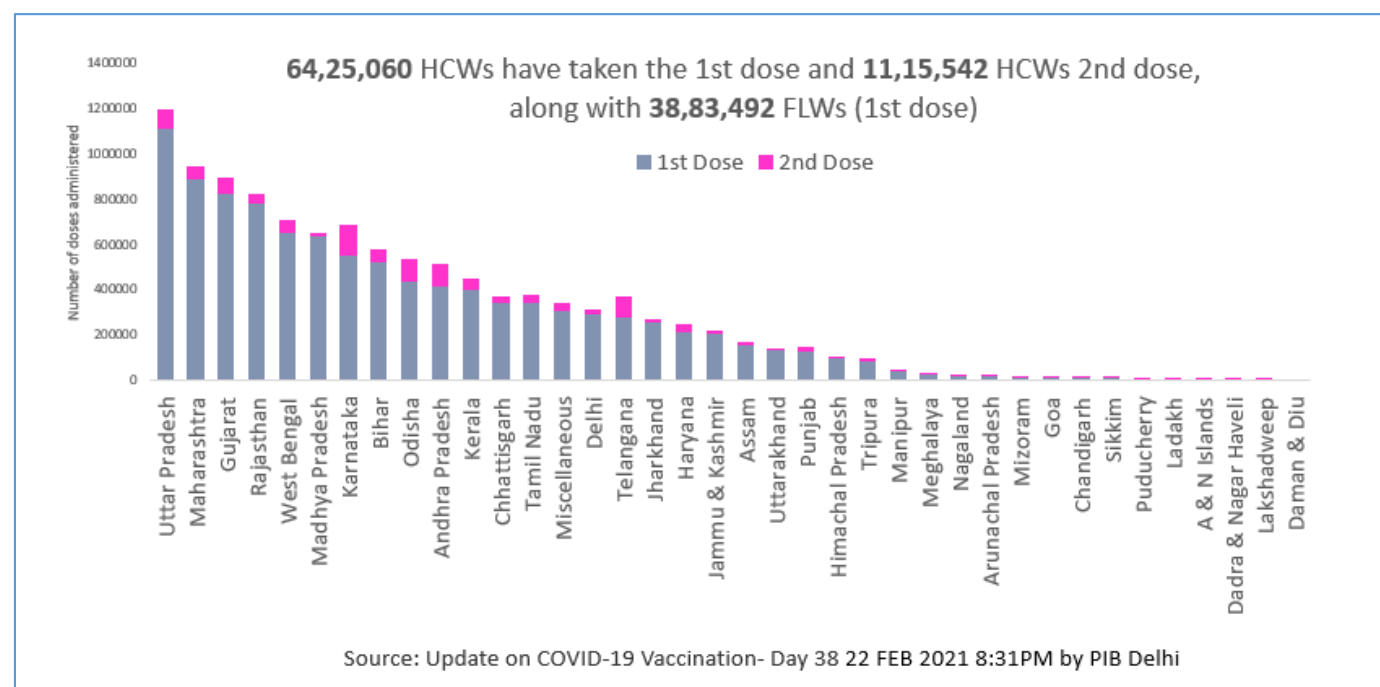
- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level.
 - WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at NCDC
- **COVID-19 vaccination:** Total of **1,14,24,094** vaccine doses have been given **through 2,44,071 sessions**, as per the provisional report by [MoHFW](#).
 - WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
 - WCO is tracking trainings and formation review meetings of States and district task forces and providing daily update to MOHFW on progress of vaccination.
 - High level oversight is being provided for vaccination sessions by WHO teams at district and state levels
 - WCO is supporting counselling sessions targeting vaccine hesitancy amongst healthcare workers
- **Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance:** WCO continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 surveillance and containment activities.
 - WCO provides supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.
 - In Uttar Pradesh, to identify ILI/SARI symptoms, a total of 31,471,162 houses have been covered and 157,881 symptomatic identified with the support of WHO field teams
 - WCO is supporting Maharashtra with response to recent surge in COVID-19 cases
- **Essential Services:** WCO supported MoHFW in participating in the two-day Regional Web-consultation on experience sharing across Five Countries in the South-East Asia Region for continuation of essential RMNCAH services during and beyond the pandemic.
 - WCO support to strengthen VPD surveillance and routine immunization continue across the country
 - WCO supported Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 212,000,000 samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. Most of the large states are ramping RTPCR tests. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.86%. A total of 678,685 tests reported on 22nd February 2021, details at [ICMR](#).

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COVID-19 VACCINATION ACROSS STATES



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW Algorithm: Standard Operating Procedure for International Arrivals ([LINK](#))
2. WHO launches first 'SMART Guidelines' ([LINK](#))
3. WHO Priority medical devices list for the COVID-19 response and associated technical specifications ([LINK](#))
4. COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment costing tool (CVIC tool) ([LINK](#))
5. Anti-interleukin-6 therapies for hospitalized patients with COVID-19: a protocol for a prospective meta-analysis of randomized trials ([LINK](#))
6. Maintaining a safe and adequate blood supply and collecting convalescent plasma in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic ([LINK](#))
7. Operational considerations to expedite genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 GISRS surveillance ([LINK](#))

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Member, Health, NITI Aayog asserted that herd immunity against COVID-19 must be attained through vaccination and not through infection ([Link](#))
- Distribution of second dose of COVID-19 vaccination started from February 13 for those beneficiaries who have completed 28 days after receipt of the 1st dose ([Link](#))
- India becomes fastest country in the world to reach 70 lakh vaccinations against COVID-19 in only 26 days ([Link](#))
- Union Health Minister distributes woolen blankets, masks, and soaps among those taking shelter in Vishram Sadan, AIIMS, New Delhi ([Link](#))
- Chief Minister, Goa launches month long IEC campaign on COVID-19 vaccination and Atma Nirbhar Bharat ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Railways issues statement clarifying that there is no confirmation yet that full passenger train services will in fact resume from the month of April ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

10 916 589 Confirmed Cases

155 732 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

13 077 080 Confirmed Cases

200 864 Total Deaths

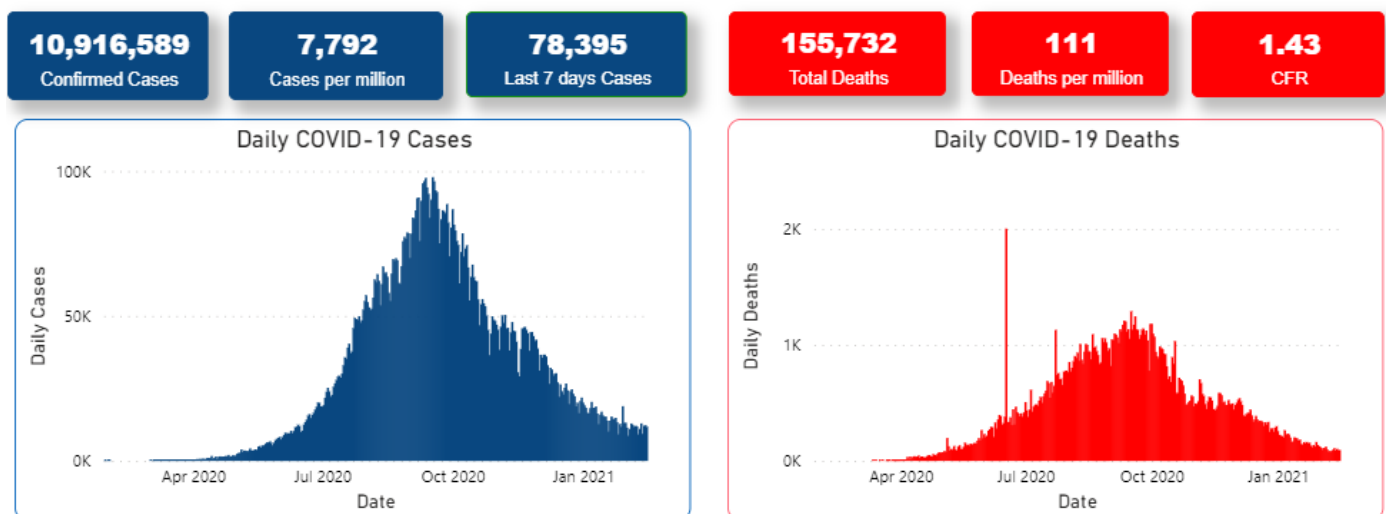
World

108 487 180 Confirmed Cases

2 394 326 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 15th February 2021, India reported 10,916,589 confirmed cases. Daily cases in India continue to decline with 11,649 confirmed cases reported on 15th February 2021. Cases per million is 7,792 and a total of 155,732 deaths have been reported, details [here](#).



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO listed two versions of the AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use, giving the green light for these vaccines to be rolled out globally through COVAX. The vaccines are produced by AstraZeneca-SKBio (Republic of Korea) and the Serum Institute of India, details [here](#).
- WHO Executive Board stresses need for improved response to mental health impact of public health emergencies, details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

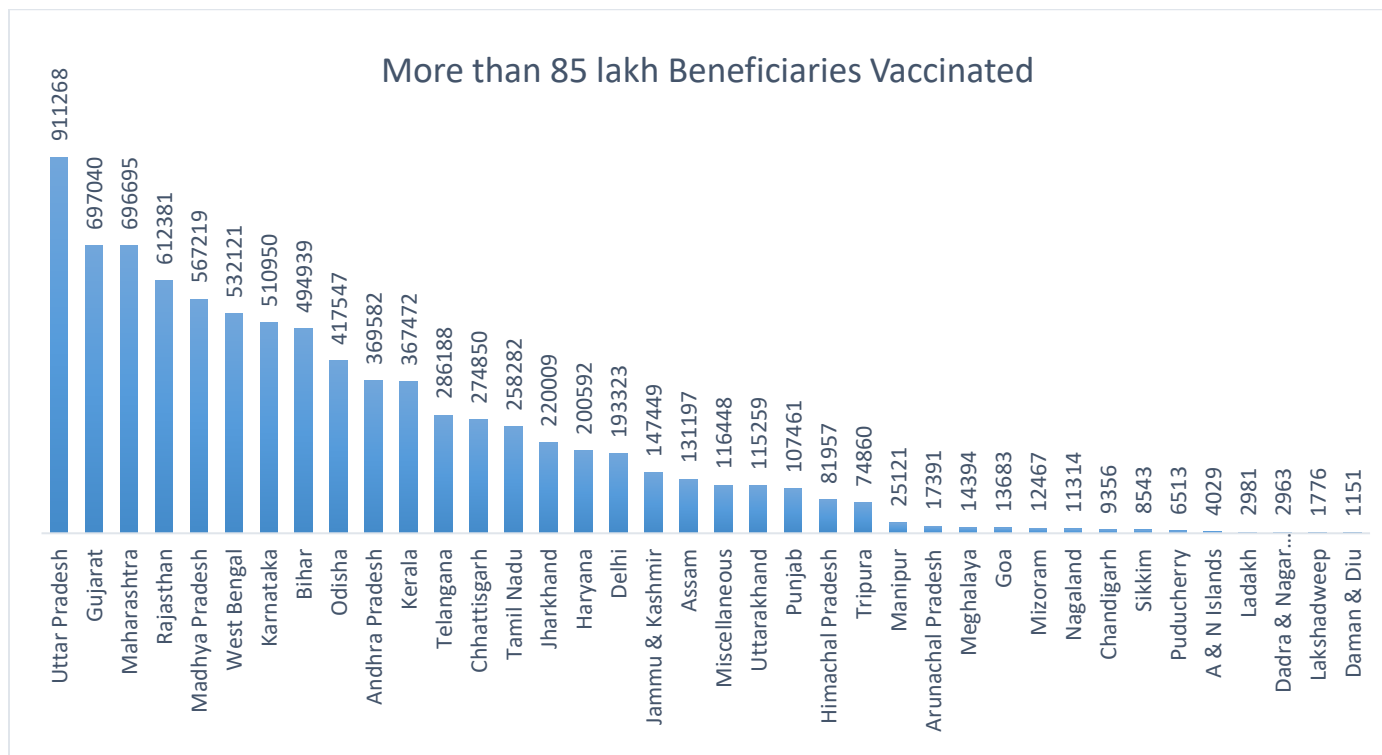
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- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level.
 - WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at NCDC
 - In Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, WCO attended review meetings chaired by Health Minister on COVID-19 response and vaccination
- **COVID-19 vaccination:** WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
 - WCO is tracking trainings and formation review meetings of States and district task forces and providing daily update to MOHFW on progress of vaccination.
 - High level oversight is being provided for vaccination sessions by WHO teams at district and state levels
 - WCO is supporting counselling sessions targeting vaccine hesitancy amongst healthcare workers
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WCO released champion videos wherein influencers encouraged citizens to follow the 3Ws i.e., wearing a mask, washing hands regularly with soap, and watching distance. The overall reach of these videos is 3.01 million.
 - Together with ICMR, WCO developed a video capturing India's efforts in increasing its testing capacity during the pandemic, video [here](#)
- **Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance:** WCO continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 surveillance and containment activities.
 - WCO provides supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.
 - In Uttar Pradesh, to identify ILI/SARI symptoms, a total of 31,455,506 houses have been covered and 156,590 symptomatic identified with the support of WHO field teams
 - WCO personnel in Maharashtra have been invited to be part of a rapid response team whose purpose is to support response in districts struggling with low testing, high CFR, high case positivity
- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 206,000,000 samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. Most of the large states are ramping RTPCR tests. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.67%. A total of 486,122 tests reported on 15th February 2021, details at [ICMR](#).

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COVID-19 VACCINATION ACROSS STATES



Source: MoHFW Press Release on Day 31 (15.02.2021), available at ([LINK](#))

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in offices ([LINK](#))
2. WHO Quality Criteria for Health National Adaptation Plans ([LINK](#))
3. AZD1222 vaccine against COVID-19 by Oxford University and Astra Zeneca: Background paper ([LINK](#))
4. Global COVID-19 Clinical Platform Case Report Form (CRF) for Post COVID condition ([LINK](#))
5. WHO SAGE values framework for the allocation and prioritization of COVID 19 ([LINK](#))

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Health Minister emphasizes that vaccination should not lead to complacency in following COVID appropriate behaviors, and all preventive measures should continue to be followed ([Link](#))
- More than 58 lakh healthcare and frontline workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19 across the country ([Link](#))
- Union Information & Broadcasting Minister launched state wide awareness campaign on COVID-19 vaccination and Atmanirbhar Bharat in Pune ([Link](#))
- National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has been established with the aim of providing guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination ([Link](#))
- Centre rushes high level teams to Kerala and Maharashtra to support public health interventions for COVID-19 management ([Link](#))
- The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) will provide training for COVID-19 vaccine administration to nurses, pharmacists, and medical and nursing students belonging to their target group ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

10 838 194 Confirmed Cases

155 080 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

13 057 951 Confirmed Cases

200 545 Total Deaths

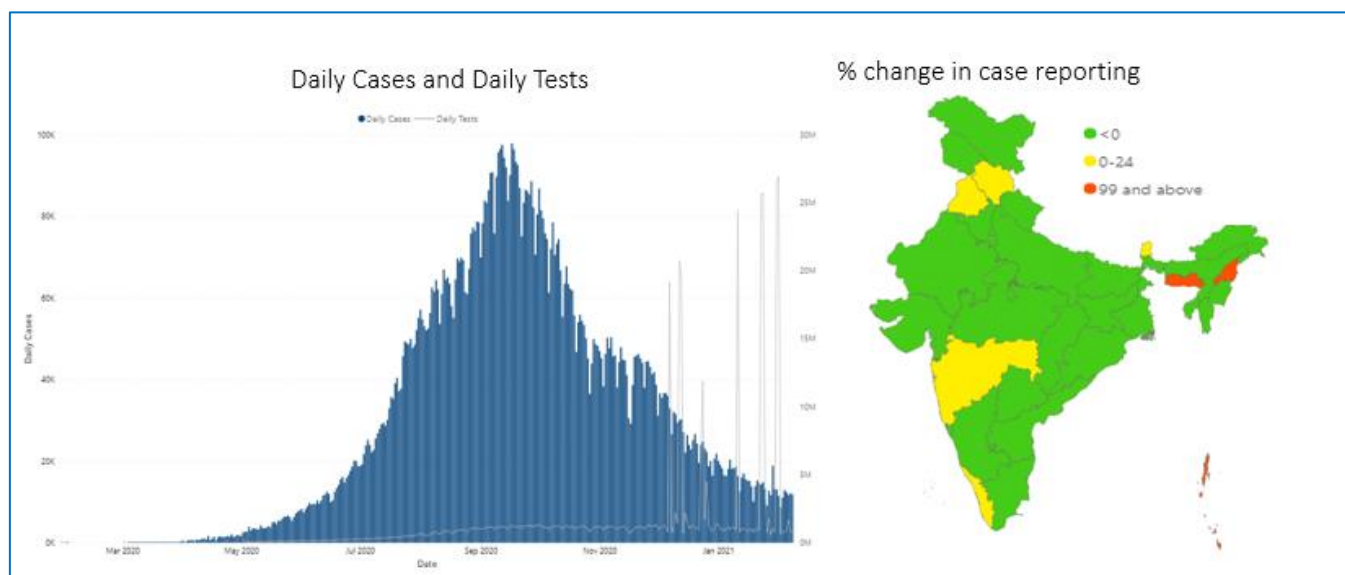
World

105 658 476 Confirmed Cases

2 309 370 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 8 February 2021, India reported a total of 10,838,194 confirmed cases. Daily cases in India continue to decline with 148,609 active cases, 155,080 total deaths, 10,534,505 discharged as on 08.02.2021 and total vaccinations done nationwide are 58,12,362 to date, details [here](#).



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO launched free OpenWHO.org training on rehabilitation for COVID-19, details [here](#).
- WHO announced updated critical concentrations for susceptibility testing to rifampicin, whereby critical concentrations for culture-based phenotypic drug susceptibility testing (DST) to first-line anti-TB drugs have been revised and lowered while those for isoniazid have been maintained at the present level, details [here](#).

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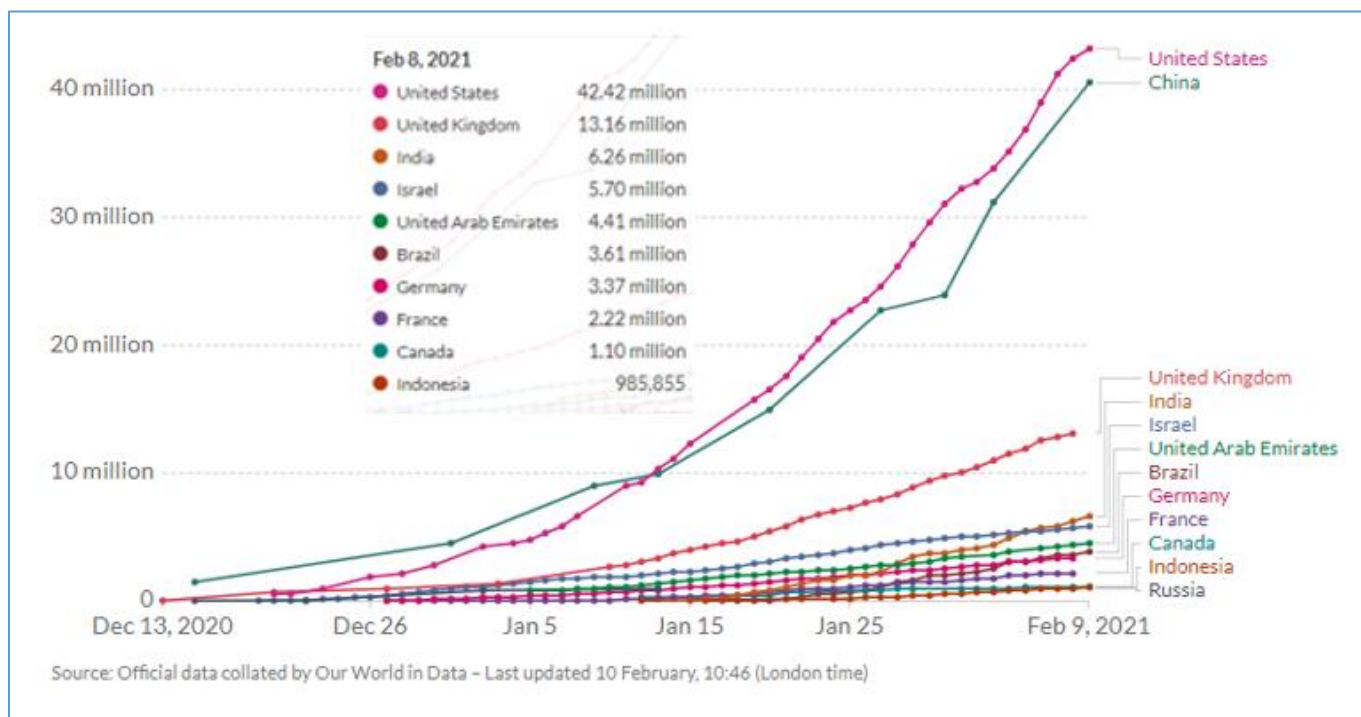
- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level.
 - WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at NCDC
 - In Kerala, WCO personnel continue to attend periodic review meetings chaired by Health Minister regarding COVID-19 response and vaccination
 - In Tamil Nadu, WCO personnel also participated in the 14th Expert Committee meeting chaired by Chief Minister on COVID-19 response and vaccination campaign
- **COVID-19 vaccination:** WCO is tracking trainings and formation review meetings of States and district task forces and providing daily update to MOHFW on progress of vaccination.
 - High level oversight is being provided for vaccination sessions by WHO teams at district and state levels
 - 48 Rapid Response Teams have been deployed in North Eastern and other states/UTs to support COVID 19 vaccination roll out
 - WCO is supporting counselling sessions targeting vaccine hesitancy amongst healthcare workers
- **Risk communication and Community Engagement:** WCO continues to host radio programs across 10 States on COVID appropriate behaviors; with a reach of 24 million/week across public and private radio channels
 - As part of mass IEC campaign, WCO is guiding Maharashtra and Goa in identification of prominent places in the state wherein motor vans with LED display can be stationed to promote COVID appropriate behaviors and COVID-19 vaccination
- **Essential Services:** WCO together with UN Women has started the VAW Prevention Program: RESPECT Implementation Package: Pilot Roll-out in Asia Pacific. This series of 10 workshops online includes participants from MoHFW, MWCD and various stakeholders across 7 States in India.
 - Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway across the country
 - MR and AFP surveillance workshops and review meetings to strengthen immunization are also being supported across India
- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 201,900,614 samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.69%. A total of 532,236 tests were done on 7 February 2021, details at [ICMR](#).
 - WCO personnel in Chhattisgarh are supporting establishment of DPT laboratory set-up in coordination with AIIMS, Raipur

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GLOBAL COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLL-OUT



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW Extension of validity of Standard Operating Procedure for Epidemiological Surveillance & Response for the new variant of SARS-CoV-2 in the context of regulated resumption of limited flights originating from United Kingdom (UK) to India from 8th January 2021 ([LINK](#))
2. WHO COVAX publishes first interim distribution forecast ([LINK](#))
3. WHO public health research agenda for managing infodemics ([LINK](#))
4. WHO Background document on the mRNA-1273 vaccine (Moderna) against COVID-19 ([LINK](#))
5. WHO COVID-19: Occupational health and safety for health workers ([LINK](#))
6. Fair allocation mechanism for COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility ([LINK](#))
7. WHO SAGE values framework for the allocation and prioritization of COVID 19 ([LINK](#))

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February 1, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Budget 2021-22 reflects strong focus on health and well-being as Rs 35,000 Crore is allocated for COVID-19 vaccine ([Link](#))
- Union Secretary of Health reviews status of COVID-19 vaccination with States and UTs ([Link](#))
- More than 37 lakh healthcare workers have been vaccinated across the country since the launch of COVID-19 vaccination drive ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare chairs 23rd meeting of Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare announces that COVISHIELD vaccine will also be supplied to Saudi Arabia ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare asserts that 2021 will be the year where countries have to overcome the challenge of getting COVID vaccines to people across the world who most need it ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Home Affairs issues revised guidelines for surveillance, containment, and caution effective between 1-28 February, 2021 ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

10 746 183 Confirmed Cases

154 274 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

12 882 712 Confirmed Cases

198 123 Total Deaths

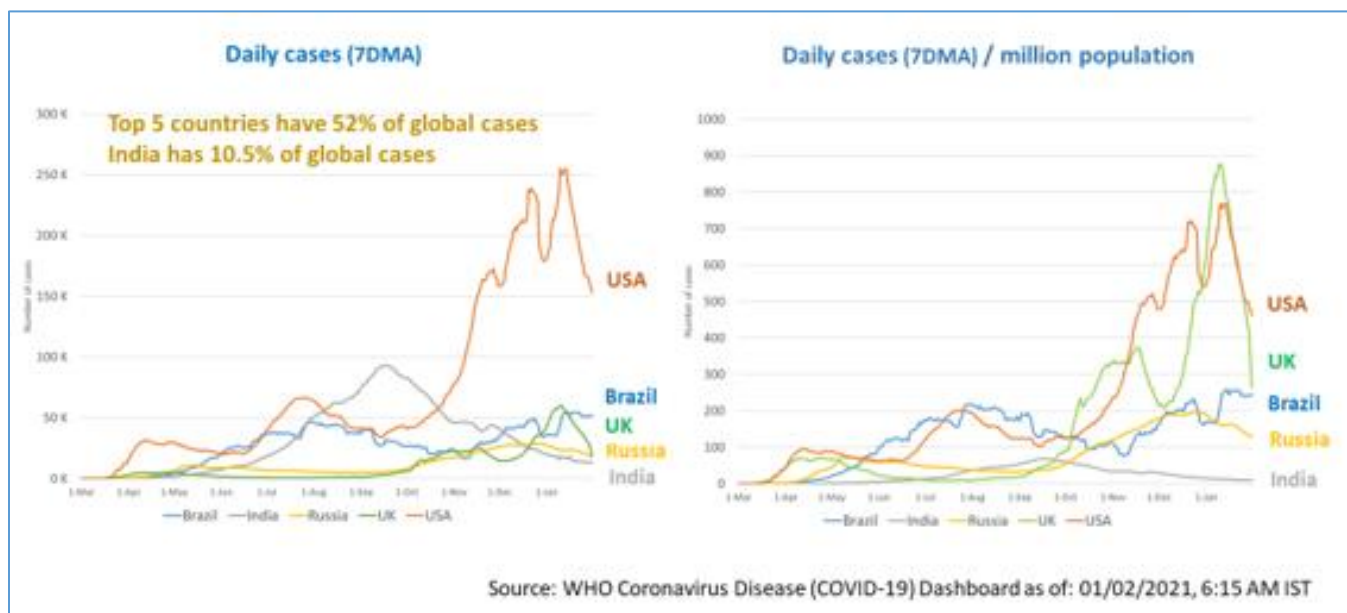
World

102 083 344 Confirmed Cases

2 209 195 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 31 January 2021, India reported 10,746,183 confirmed cases. Daily cases in India continue to decline with 13,052 confirmed cases reported on 31st January 2021. Cases per million is 7,670 and a total of 154,274 deaths have been reported, details [here](#).



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- FIFA is teaming up with the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote the need for fair access to COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and diagnostics, and to encourage people to keep practicing life-saving, everyday public health measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and to protect health., details [here](#).
- WHO SCORE Global Report highlights urgent need for better data to strengthen pandemic response and improve health outcomes, details [here](#).

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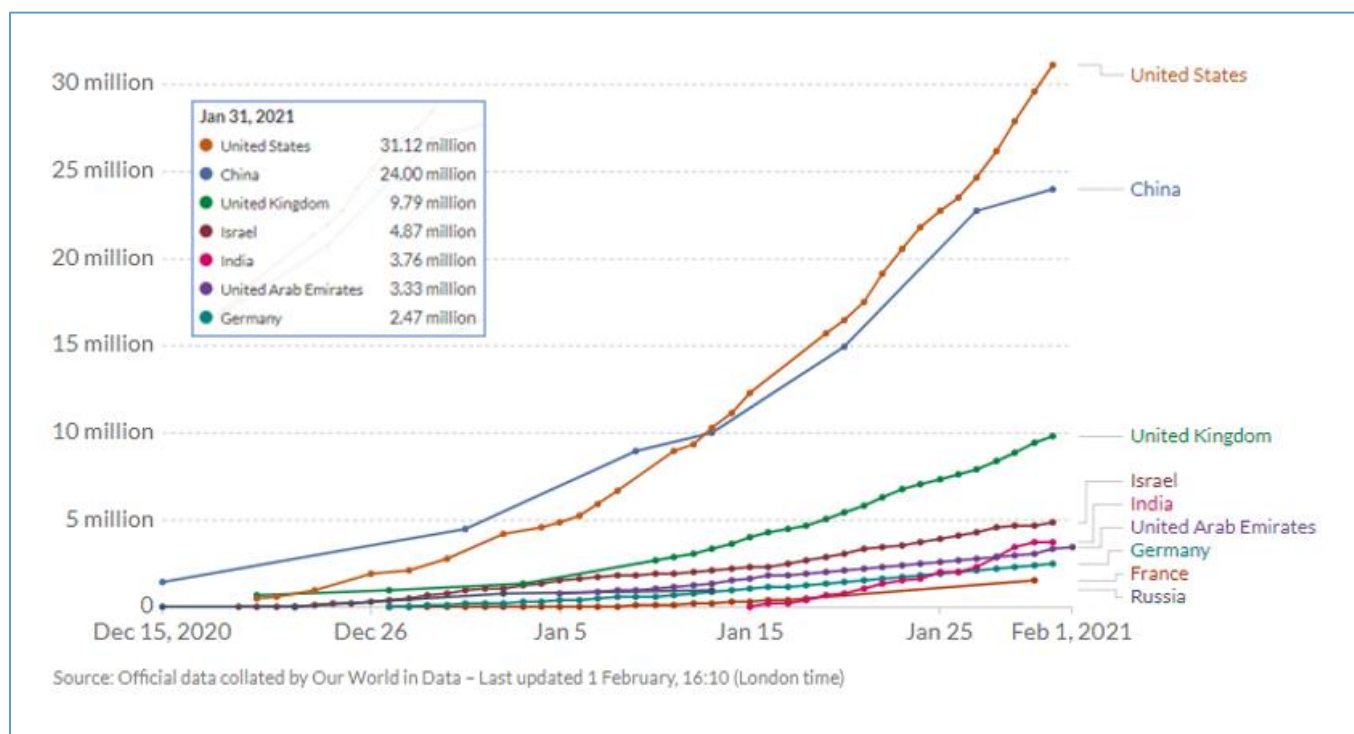
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 - In Karnataka and Kerala, WCO personnel continue to attend periodic review meetings chaired by Health Minister regarding COVID-19 response and vaccination
 - WCO facilitated state task force meeting on National Immunization Day chaired by Principal Secretary – Health in Punjab
- **COVID-19 vaccination:** WCO is tracking trainings and formation of States and district task forces through a dashboard and providing daily update to MOHFW on progress of vaccination.
 - High level oversight is being provided for vaccination sessions by WHO teams at district and state levels
 - WCO continues to support training of vaccinators and other vaccination team members across India
 - WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
 - 29 field staff from WCO India deployed in North Eastern states to support COVID-19 vaccination roll out
 - WCO (through MOHFW) has supported training of 13 countries in preparation of vaccination
- **Risk communication and Community Engagement:** WCO has conducted radio programs across 10 States on adopting COVID appropriate behaviors; over 800 shows with a reach of 24 million/week have been completed
 - WCO supported COVID-19 RCCE outreach in 83 slums across 5 states to curb transmission during festival season; over 6 lakh people reached through WaterAid partnership
 - WCO supported development of the film showcasing innovation and self-reliance behind India's COVID-19 testing success ([Link](#))
 - Celebrities and influencers (Sudarshan Pattnaik, Dutee Chand, Nitibha Kaul) were engaged to amplify WCO's video on 3Ws through social media
- **Essential Services:** Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway across India
- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 196,000,000 samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.93%. A total of 750,964 tests were done on 31 January 2021, details at [ICMR](#).

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COVID-19 VACCINATION DOSES ADMINISTERED



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2. WHO new Essential Diagnostics List and urges countries to prioritize investments in testing ([LINK](#))
3. WHO road map for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) ([LINK](#))
4. WHO Contact tracing in the context of COVID-19 ([LINK](#))
5. WHO Global report on health data systems and capacity, 2020 ([LINK](#))

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