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PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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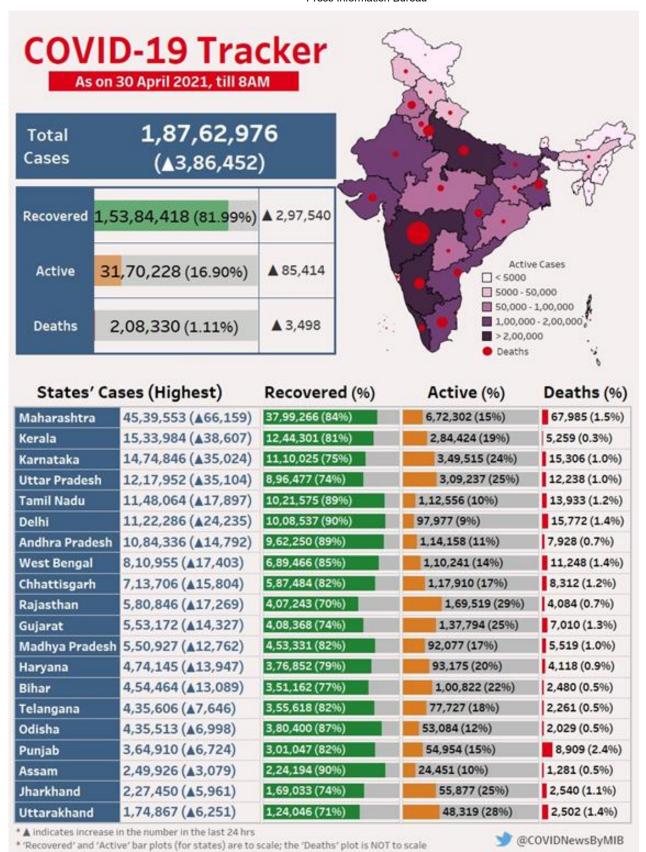
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- · India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 15.22 Crore
- · Over 19 Lakh Tests done in the last 24 hours; Highest in a day
- · Nearly 3 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours
- The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.11%.

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Govt. of India has so far provided more 16.33 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

More than 1 crore doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered More than 19 Lakh doses in addition will be received by the States/UTs in the next 3 days For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714999

<u>Union Health Ministry issues Revised Guidelines for Home Isolation of Mild and Asymptomatic COVID-19 cases</u>

Several strategic and calibrated measures have been taken for the prevention, containment and management of COVID-19. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare today issued guidelines in suppression to the earlier guidelines issued on the subject on 2nd July 2020.

For Details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714991

Council of Ministers meets to discuss the situation arising out of the second wave of COVID

PM Narendra Modi said that all arms of the Government are working unitedly & rapidly to deal with the situation. He also urged the Ministers to stay in touch with people of their respective regions, help them and keep getting their feedback. He stressed upon the need to ensure that issues at the local level are promptly identified and addressed. The Council also reviewed all the efforts made in the last 14 months by the Central and State Governments and the people of India.

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Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser Releases Home care tips for managing COVID-19

The reference advises people to not panic if they experience any COVID-19 symptoms, as the majority of people can manage their infections at home by following self-care measures.

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India to import 4,50,000 vials of Remdesivir

The Covernment of India has started importing the cital drug Remdesivir from other countries to ease

out the shortage of Remdesivir in the country. The first Consignment of 75000 vials will reach India today.

For Details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714988

Drone use Permission to Telangana Government for Experimental delivery of Covid-19 Vaccines

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have granted conditional exemption for drone deployment to the Government of Telangana. The drone usage permission has been granted for conducting experimental delivery of Covid-19 vaccines within Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) Range using drones. The permission exemption is valid for a period of one year or until further orders. These exemptions shall be valid only if all conditions and limitations as stated for the respective entities are strictly adhered to.

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Cantonment Boards assisting civilian administration in fight against COVID-19 surge

Presently 39 Cantonment Boards (CB) are maintaining 40 general hospitals with 1,240 beds. The CB hospitals at Pune, Kirkee and Deolali with 304 beds have been designated as dedicated COVID hospitals. Cantonment General Hospitals (CGHs) of Kirkee, Deolali, Dehuroad, Jhansi and Ahmednagar have been designated as COVID care centres with 418 beds. A dedicated COVID health centre at Dehuroad is ready and would become functional soon, while ICU facility with six beds is being set up at CGH, Kirkee. Oxygen support is available in 37 CBs and presently they have a stock of 658 cylinders.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1715082

<u>Indian Naval Medical Team From Western Naval Command Deputed For PM Covid Care Hospital At Ahmedabad</u>

As part of the Armed Forces contribution to civil administration in combating the current COVID crisis, a 57 member naval medical team consisting of four doctors, seven nurses, 26 paramedics and 20 supporting staff has been deputed to Ahmedabad on 29 Apr 21. The team will be deployed at the 'PM Cares COVID Hospital', a special hospital set up to manage the COVID crisis. The team is being deployed for two months period to begin with and the duration would be extended if required.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714975

IMPORTANT TWEETS

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.@Delhicustoms facilitated swift clearance of COVID material received from USA covering 200 Size D oxygen cylinders with regulators, 223 Size H oxygen cylinders with regulators, 210 pulse oximeters, 184,000 Abbott Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits & 84,000 N-95 face masks. pic.twitter.com/ntfTmTWRk0

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Maharashtra: Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope has said that the state will commence vaccination of 18 plus only after getting 25-30 lakh doses of vaccines in stock. "Stock should be sufficient for at least five days to start the vaccination drive" he added. The nationwide vaccination for people in the 18-44 age group is scheduled to start from May 1 and registration for the same is open on the CoWin app.

Gujarat:In Gujarat, Defence Research and Development Organisation run 900 bed DhanvantariCovid Hospital in Ahmedabad has decided to admit the patients without a token or 108 ambulance. Hospital has also deputed a first response team to attend to the critical patients to avoid the delay in the treatment. Gujarat has recorded 14,327 new cases of Covid19 during the last 24 hours.

Rajasthan:The Rajasthan Government has announced a special package for the setting up of medical oxygen production plants with various incentives and facilities. To get the advantage of the package, an investment of Rs 1 crore will be required and the plant will have to generate oxygen by September 30, 2021. Under the package, these entrepreneurs will be exempted from the regulatory approvals and inspections for three years as per the provisions of the MSME Act, 2019. 25% of expenditure on plant and machinery upto a maximum of Rs 50 lakhs will be given as capital grant subsidy.

Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, the state government has launched the Corona Warriors Scheme. The government will take the responsibility of family members of health workers who have passed away while on Corona duty. Their families will be given a relief of Rs 50 lakhs by the government.

Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh government has requested the Centre to give priority to socially and economically weaker sections in vaccination against COVID-19 in the third phase. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, hief Minister Bhupes Baghel said given the vaccine demand apply

mismatch, the Centre should prioritize vaccination and also allow spot registration of beneficiaries so that people not having access to the Co-WIN web portal do not miss out.

Kerala: CM PinarayiVijayan has warned against private hospitals flouting norms to provide Covid-19 vaccination for relatives and friends. District Collectors and the Police have been directed to take strict action. The Kerala High Court today observed that the medical expense for Covid treatment in the state is very high making the pandemic situation even worse. It directed the government to consult with hospitals on what more can be done to reduce the rates in private hospitals treating Covid patients. Meanwhile, more stringent curbs are to be imposed from May 4-9 with the state's daily surge of Covid-19 cases crossing 38,000 and virus caseload touching the 15 lakh mark. 38,607 new cases and 48 deaths were reported yesterday. Test Positivity Rate is 24.5%. A total of 83,276 people took Covid vaccine yesterday. Out of this, 36,792 were given first dose and 46,484 second dose. Today till now 86,676 people took jabs. Altogether 73,08,238 doses of Covid vaccine have been taken in the state. Out of which 60,29,728 were first dose and 12,78,510 second dose.

Tamil Nadu: The Tamil Nadu government on Friday deferred its roll out the massive vaccination drive for the 18-44 years age group on May 1 as originally planned. As many as 9,000 more beds would be set up in government hospitals across the State by May 7, Health Secretary J Radhakrishnan announced on Thursday. Tamil Nadu on Thursday reported 17,897 fresh Covid cases with 107 deaths; there were 1,12,556 active cases in the state while 15,452 people were discharged from hospitals. Chennai has reported the highest Covid-19 test positivity rate at 20 per cent followed by Tirunelveli at 17 per cent, public health authorities said. 177409 more were vaccinated yesterday in the State and as on 7:00 AM today 58,45,888 have been vaccinated across the State till date, of which 45,90,062 received first dose and 12,55,826 received second dose.

Karnataka: New Cases Reported: 35024; Total Active Cases: 349496; New Covid Deaths: 270; Total Covid Deaths: 15306. Around 74,742 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 93,63,124 have been vaccinated in the state till now. Home Department will rope in 15,000 civil defence volunteers in Bengaluru for tracking and tracing Covid-19 patients. According to Home Minister BasavarajBommai, the volunteers will also be deputed to ensure home isolation of patients who do not require hospitalisation. The State government on Thursday announced that it will take up the vaccination drive for people aged 18-44 in a phased manner. Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Coal and Mines urged Defence Minister to convert all armed forces hospitals in the state into Covid Care Centres (CCCs). He also requested the Defence Minister's orders to DRDO and other military agencies to urgently begin operating makeshift hospitals in the state.

Andhra Pradesh: The State reported 14,792 new Covid-19 cases after testing 86,035 samples with 57 deaths, while 8188 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 10,84,336; Active cases: 1,14,158; Discharges: 9,62,250; Deaths: 7928. A total of 63,54,053 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 49,88,520 first dose and 13,65,533 second doses. During a review on the situation with officials, Chargan Mohan Reddy said that there appears a huge

gap between demand and supply of vaccines in the country and it would not be possible to provide vaccination for those aged between 18 and 44 years beginning May 1, and hence they will have to wait at least till August or September. The State government has revised the fees for treating serious cases of Covid, increasing it to Rs 16,000 instead of Rs 10,380 fixed last year. The State also appointed nodal officers at the State and district level to provide timely medical services to journalists affected by coronavirus. The High Court of Andhra Pradesh has asked the State government to reconsider the decision to conduct Class X and Intermediate examinations, at a time when neighbouring states have decided to postpone the examinations.

Telangana: A total of 7,646 new cases and 53 fatalities were reported in the State yesterday (Thursday) pushing the cumulative number of Positive cases in the state to 4,35,606 and deaths to 2,261. The number of active cases in the state now stands at 77,727. Meanwhile, a total of 54,379 people of all categories were inoculated first dose of Covid vaccine and 17,655 second dose yesterday in the state. Now, the total number of persons received first dose reached 40,12,294 and second dose 5,96,381. The State Government has decided to provide free diagnostic services to Covid patients who are in Home Isolation or admitted in Covid Care Centres through 19 'Telangana Diagnostic Centres' set up across the state. State Health Minister ShriEatalaRajender said depending on the availability of the vaccines, the Govt will start allotting the slots for the people aged 18-44 years in the state.

Assam: As many as 26 people lost their lives due to COVID-19 infection in the state on Thursday. The state recorded 3,079 new infections in 62,278 tests done, the positivity rate of being 4.58 percent. Although the third drive of vaccination was scheduled to begin from May 1, the shortage of vaccines at the state government's disposal has forced the Health department to push the deadline until further orders.

Manipur: Manipur has declared entire Greater Imphal as containment zone for seven days. Five COVID-19 related deaths were reported in Manipur on Thursday, when the state recorded its highest single-day spike this year with 314 people testing positive for the viral infection in a span of 24 hours. Meanwhile, the Centre has sent 150 AgVa ICU ventilators on Thursday. As per the latest updates, the cumulative number of people who have been vaccinated in the state reached 1,59,860.

Meghalaya: Meghalaya on Thursday recorded 187 new cases taking the total number of active cases to 1,531 while two more deaths pushed the number of fatalities to 169.

The state also witneassed 129 recoveries from the infection and the total number of recoveries now stands at 14,917.

Sikkim:Sikkim registered 170 casesin a day, and three more Covid deaths. All State Government offices in Sikkim are to remain close till 9th May 2021.

Tripura:11 double mutant, 5 UK variant and One South African variant has been detected out of 19 samples sent to National Institute of Biomedical Genomic. One case of fatality has been recorded in the state. 166 people tested positive. State government decided to reintroduce strict quarantine measures and Testing. Those people who are coming from outside will all be tested.

Nagaland:Nagaland registered 181 new Covid cases and 1072 active cases on Thursday. Tally rose to 13,750. A total of 2,02,957 persons have been inoculated with Covishield in Nagaland till date. Of them, 1,61,367 have received first doses while another 41,590 received their second doses. The State govt issued fresh consolidated guidelines with effect from April 30 till May 13, and has declared summer break for schools & colleges with immediate effect.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 364910. Number of active cases is 54954. Total Deaths reported is 8909. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 628543. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 182945. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2256702. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 197120.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 474145. Total active COVID-19 patients is 93175. Number of deaths is 4118. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 3783600.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 41923. Total number of Active Cases is 6652. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 465.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 96929. Total number of Active Cases is 17835. Total deaths reported till date is 1447.

FACTCHECK











This post claiming India has entered stage 3 is from last year



India May be in Stage 3: COVID-19 Hospital Task Force Convener...

www.thequint.com

Very grim news coming from head of Covid task force. India has entered stage 3, if means it's everywhere, no way to contain or isolate. COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS AFOOT

The next 10 days it incubates/a explodes.

DONT GO OUT TO BUY ANYTH MANAGE WITH WHAT YOU HA NEXT WEEK. ITS BETTER TO NOTHING IS AVAILABLE EXCE

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Plasma for COVID-19



Convalescent plasma (Off label) may be considered ONLY WHEN FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET

Early moderate disease (preferably within 7 days of symptom onset, no use after 7 days).





Availability of high titre donor plasma (Signal to cut-off ratio (S/O) ≥3.5 or equivalent depending on the test kit being used).

> Source: Dept of Medicine, AIIMS (Ind) Recommended by: ICMR & MoHFW





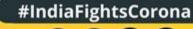
















Remdesivir for COVID-19

Remdesivir (EUA) may be considered ONLY in patients with

- · Moderate to severe disease (requiring supplement oxygen), and
- No renal or hepatic dysfuntion (eGFR <30ml/min/m2; AST/ALT >5 times ULN (Not an absolice contradiction, and

- Who are within 10 days of onset of symptom/s.
 - Recommended dose: 200 mg IV on day 1 f/b 100 mg IV OD for next 4 days.
- NOT to be used in patients who are NOT on oxygen support in home settings.

Source: Dept of Medicine, AIIMS (ND) Recommended by: ICMR & MoHFW





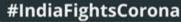




















Which cases need Remdesivir, Steroids or Plasma to recover?



More than 85% of people who suffer from symptoms such as common cold, fever, sore throat etc. do not require any specific treatment in the form Remdesivir, Steroids or Plasma.

Remdesivir or Steroids is given to those who have moderate disease wherein oxygen saturation may fall, high grade fever (103-104 F) or only those who have other symptoms to suggest that the disease has progressed.

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- AYUSH 64 found useful in the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 infection
- Oxygen Express Operations expand to Haryana & Telangana after Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi

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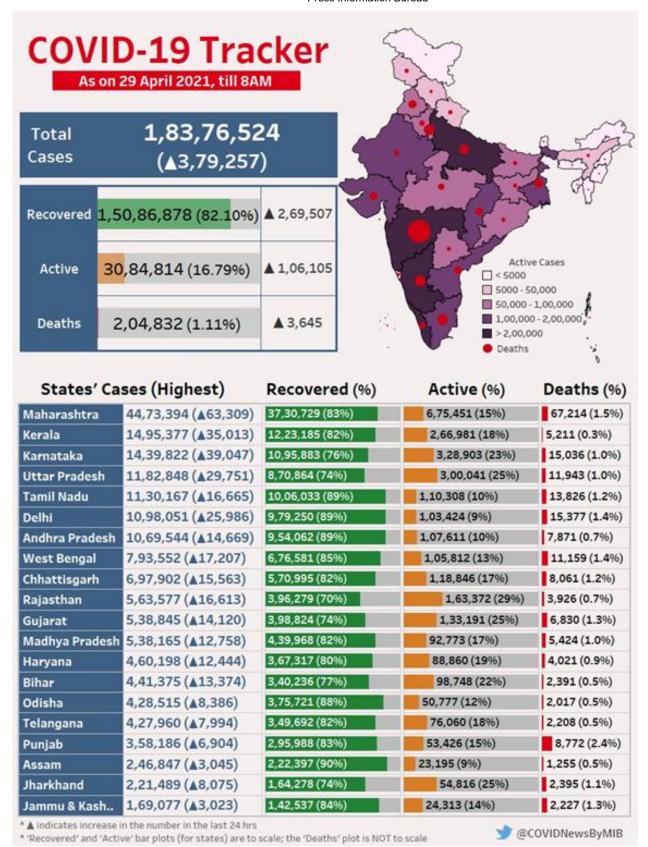
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Indiacrosses a major landmark with more than 15 Crore Cumulative Vaccination Coverage

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- More than 21 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours.
- The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.11%.
- Six States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N, Ladakh (UT), Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714778

Govt. of India has so far provided more 16.16 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

More than 1 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,06,08,207) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. More than 20 Lakh (20,48,890) vaccine doses will be received in addition by the States/UTs within the next 3 days. It is clarified that the total COVID vaccine doses received by Maharashtra as on 28th April 2021 (at 8 am) are 1,63,62,470. Of this, the total consumption including wastage (0.22%) was 1,56,12,510. Balance of 7,49,960 vaccine doses is still available with the state for administration to the eligible population groups.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714777

PM reviews Army's preparedness & initiatives for Covid management

Chief of Army Staff General MM Naravane called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. They discussed various initiatives being taken by the Army to help in Covid management. General MM Naravane apprised the PM that Army is opening up its hospitals for civilians wherever possible. He also added that citizens can approach their nearest army hospitals. General MM Naravane informed the PM that the Army is helping with manpower for imported Oxygen tankers and vehicles where specialised skills are required to manage them.

For Details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714810

Dr Harsh Vardhan Reviews COVID Facility at Lady Hardinge Medical College

Union Health Minister Announces Further Enhancement in Bed Capacity at Lady Hardinge Medical College. The Union Minister first visited the IPD Block where a 240 bed facility is being setup, to be operational within two weeks. The Union Minister then visited the Vaccination Centre where he praised the efforts of the hospital in vaccinating people in a very well organized, orderly and disciplined manner.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714868

AYUSH 64 found useful in the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 infection

AYUSH 64, a poly herbal formulation developed by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush is useful in the treatment of asymptomatic, mild and moderate COVID-19 infection as an adjunct to standard care. It is worthwhile to mention that initially the drug was developed for Malaria in the year 1980 and now is repurposed for COVID-19

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COVID-19 facility Dashboard for ESIC Hospitals

ESIC, under Ministry of Labour & Employment, in its endeavour to fulfil its social responsibility has taken another step to enhancecitizen centricservices and dissemination of information during the current pande ic. The need of the term is to increase the term of beds for to ID care. Many of the ESI

health facilities meant forits beneficiaries, have been opened up for the benefit of the citizens of our country for COVID care.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714870

ESIC reaches out to its Beneficiaries to provide medical care and relief during Covid-19 pandemic

The Insured Person and/or his family members in case of being infected with COVID-19 can avail free of cost medical care in any of the ESIC/ ESIS Hospital which has been declared as COVID-19 dedicated hospital. Presently 21 ESIC hospitals run directly by ESIC with 3676 COVID Isolation Beds, 229 ICU beds and 163 ventilator beds and 26 ESI Scheme Hospitals run by State Govts. having 2023 beds are functioning as COVID-19 dedicated hospitals.

For details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714467

Oxygen Express Operations expand to Haryana & Telangana after Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi

Cumulative liquid medical oxygen (LMO) carried by Indian railways to reach almost 640 MT in next 24 hrs. Uttar Pradesh receives its 5th Oxygen express carrying more than 76 MT LMO, 6th on its way.Oxygen Express Operations of Indian Railways continue to bring relief to the States

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714850

Mansukh Mandaviya reviews the preparedness of hospitals of Major Ports for COVID Care Management

Minister directed all Chairpersons of Major Ports to ramp up their capacity and facilities by utilizing CSR funds and make them operational as fast as possible in the coming days. Minister also reiterated the Chairpersons to personally monitor the Medical Oxygen related cargo for swift and efficient handling of it at all Major Ports.

For details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714859

<u>CSIR-CMERI transfers the technology to companies' to ramp up the production of Oxygen</u> Enrichment Unit

CSIR-CMERI has transferred the license for production, marketing and service to four industries and he is confident that the all four parties are able to manufacture the product by the 2nd week of May 2021.

For Details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714854

IIT Bombay shows how to solve Oxygen shortage by converting Nitrogen Generator into Oxygen Generator

IITBombay has come up with a creative and ingenious solution to addressing the shortage of medical oxygen for the treatment of COVID-19 patients in the country. The pilot project which has been tested successfully relies on a simple technological hack: conversion of PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption) Nitrogen Unit to PSA Oxygen Unit!

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714821

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Maharashtra: The Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has written to the Prime Minister urging him to declare the pandemic as a natural disaster and give economic relief to those most affected. Meanwhile IIT Bombay has developed a low cost solution to address the oxygen shortage, by converting the Nitrogen generator into Oxygen generator.

Gujarat: The Gujarat High Court has directed the state government to make sure each and every patient reaching a designated COVID-19 hospital is attended to and given preliminary treatment even if beds are not available.

Rajasthan: The vaccination drive for those who are 18 years and above may get delayed in Rajasthan as the State Government has not received any confirmation or communication on the availability of vaccines from the Serum Institute of India (SII). TheRajasthan Government has sought 3.75 crore vaccines in the first phase. The state recorded 120 Covid deaths and 16,613 fresh infections on Wednesday, taking the overall casualty count to 3,926 and cumulative tally to 5,63,577. The number of active cases in the state currently stands at 1,63,372.

Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has said that oxygen supply to the state has increased five times from 130 MT on 8th April to 540 MT now. On Wednesday oxygen was supplied to 18 districts in the state. Oxygen express carrying life saving tankers from Bokaro arrived in Bhopal yesterday. Meanwhile, Corona curfew(lockdown) has been extended in Madhya Pradesh till 7th May as the cases of infections have increased in Bhopal,Indore and five major districts.

Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written a letter to Union Health Minister Harshvardhan, urging him to notify medicines used in the treatment of coronavirus under the Essential Commodities Act.

Kerala: As the number of Covid patients is on the rise in the state, ICU beds in most of the hospitals have started to fill up fast. Beds in almost all hospitals in Ernakulam, Malappuram and Kozhikode are full. The government is planning to utilize the facilities in private hospitals once the government hospitals run out of beds. The Kerala Government Medical Officers' Association has recommended lockdown for 2 weeks in the state due to the rapid surge in the number of Covid infections. Meanwhile according to the new guidelines issued today, priority will be given to those due for a second dose while

scheduling a session at a Covid vaccine centre. The state clocked its highest ever spike of 35,013 Covid-19 cases along with 41 deaths yesterday. 4,977 people took their first dose and 6,107 took their second dose yesterday.

Tamil Nadu: The State on Wednesday issued orders to procure 1.5 crore doses of vaccines through Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC); the move comes after the State reported 16,665 fresh cases and 98 deaths on Wednesday, taking the tally to 11,30,167 and the toll to 13,826. TN's semi-urban towns - Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Tenkasi and Nagapattinam - continued to witness surge in Covid-19 cases. Stanley hospital in Chennai has added 1,250 beds to treat COVID-19 patients, of which 900 are Oxygen beds. Puducherry on Wednesday logged 1,258 fresh Covid cases, the highest single-day tally so far; as many as 10 people have succumbed to Covid on Wednesday, taking the toll to 781 in the UT. TN vaccinated 1,16,735 people yesterday.

Karnataka:In the biggest single-day spike, Karnataka recorded 39,047 Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, taking the tally to 14.39 lakh, while fatalities crossed the 15,000-mark with 229 deaths. Around 1,33,077 were vaccinated yesterday. The people of the state have come out in support of the 14-day Janata Curfew. Hours after the 14-day lockdown started in Karnataka to contain the spread of Covid-19, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday appealed to the people to abide by the norms to break the chain of Covid infection

Andhra Pradesh: The State reported 14,669 new Covid-19 cases after testing 74,748 samples with 71 deaths, while 6433 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 62,82,487 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 49,55,417 first dose and 13,27,070 second doses. The Group of Ministers, who met in Vijayawada to review the Covid-19 situation, asserted that there was no shortage of oxygen and Remdesvir injections. State Health Minister said, the district-level vigilance committees were formed to prevent black marketing of Remdesivir injections and action would be taken against the hospitals if they ask the patients to buy the injection from outside. The Andhra Pradesh High Court has directed the State government to take appropriate measures to ensure that there is no shortage of oxygen in the state for treating Covid-19 affected. The High Court directed the government to immediately set up flying squads on hospital treatment, collection of fees and other matters.

Telangana: State Public Health Director Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao said the vaccination for the aged between 18-44 years in the state will take time and is NOT available from 1st May, as decided earlier. He said the State Government has already decided to vaccinate all freely and guidelines have to be framed for this. However, he said these people can register their names online so that the Govt will get an idea on how many people are ready to take vaccine. Meanwhile, a total of 7,994 new Covid cases and 58 fatalities were reported on Wednesday in the state. Number of active cases in the state now stands at 76,060. A total of 1,09,324 people of all categories received first dose of Covid vaccine and 28,828 second dose yesterday in the state.









Assam:The Assam State Health Department has fixed the rates of COVID-19 Tests TrueNat and CBNAAT at Rs 1,200/- each. The two tests can be done only in laboratories that have ICMR and NABL approval.22 COVID-19 deaths were reported in the State in the last 24 hours. Also 3,045 new positive cases were reported out of 55,480 tests carried out, at a positivity rate of 5.49.

Manipur: Manipur's COVID-19 caseload crossed the 31,000-mark as new daily positive cases surged to a record 259. Wednesday recorded the highest single-day new COVID-19 positive cases in 2021 and two more deaths in the State.So far, 1,47,012 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Meghalaya: Meghalaya recorded more than 100 fresh cases for the tenth day in a row while the death toll climbed to 167 with two more fatalities. With 159 new cases, the active tally rose to 1,475. Vaccination for people aged 18-45 years may not take off in Meghalaya from May 1 due to the unavailability of vaccines.

Nagaland :Nagaland registered 124 new COVID-19 cases and 1 death on Wednesday. Active cases reached 952. 703 cases reported in last 7 days in Dimapur alone. A total of 1,97,549 beneficiaries have been inoculated in Nagaland so far. Of them, 1,56,890 have received first doses while 40,659 have received second doses.

Tripura: Vaccination for 18-45 to be delayed in the State and to be started not before 20th May. However, the ongoing vaccination programme for people above 45 years will continue uninterrupted. Meanwhile in last 24 hours 124 people tested positive for COVID-19. A 600 litre Oxygen plant has been set up in Tripura Medical college while another plant would be set up in GBP hospital by first week of June.

Sikkim:Sikkim registered a record surge in dailycases of COVID-19 with 151 people testing positive for Coronavirus across the State today. The previous record was 149 cases registered on 14 August, 2020. A total of 2,873 Covishield vaccine jabs were administered.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 358186. Number of active cases is 53426. Total Deaths reported is 8772. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 612197. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 178962. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2214342. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 181211.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 41122. Total number of Active Cases is 6306. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 457.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 93889. Total number of Active Cases is 16098. Total deaths reported till date is 1407.









IMPORTANT TWEETS

Air Cargo, @mumbaicus3 facilitated expeditious clearance of a consignment of 200 oxygen concentrators

from Government of the Republic of Mauritius to @IndianRedCross within an hour of landing. pic.twitter.com/Z31IGiwq57

— CBIC (@cbic_india) April 28, 2021

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माननीय मंत्री @MinistryWCD श्रीमती @smritiirani के अनुरोध पर कल NCPCR सभी SCPCRs के साथ एक आभासी बैठक आयोजित करने जा रहा है ताकि #COVID19 के दौरान अनाथ हो चुके बच्चों को सहायता प्रदान की जा सके।@MinistryWCD @PIBHindi @PIB_India @MIB_India @MoHFW_INDIA pic.twitter.com/wxYVifljXE

— PIB WCD (@PIBWCD) April 29, 2021

Ahmedabad Customs, @cusgujzone facilitated expeditious clearance of Liquified Gas Transport Tank (Empty 04 Unit) within an hour of arrival at Indian Air Force Station, Jamnagar.#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/ml9zPAyvpp

— CBIC (@cbic_india) April 29, 2021

Air Cargo, @Delhicustoms working 24*7 expedited clearance of two flights from Russia early morning which brought 20 oxygen concentrator, 75 ventilators, 150 bed side monitor and medicines totalling 22 MT.#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/qFnqZzRDl5

— CBIC (@cbic_india) April 29, 2021

Cooperation with UK continues. Welcome another shipment from GB containing 120 oxygen concentrators that arrived early this morning. pic.twitter.com/DImRRKy1rm

— Arindam Bagchi (@MEAIndia) April 29, 2021









#Unite2FightCorona@iitbombay shows how to solve #OxygenCrisis by converting Nitrogen Generator into #Oxygen Generator

Institute is ready to help pan-India adoption

https://t.co/PsDM3L9kvU pic.twitter.com/TShVz863hp

— PIB in Maharashtra IN (@PIBMumbai) April 29, 2021

FACTCHECK

सोशल मीडिया पर साझा किए जा रहे वीडियो में एक व्यक्ति 24 घंटे में कोरोना संक्रमितों को स्वस्थ करने का दावा कर रहा है।#PIBFactCheck: वीडियो में किया जा रहा दावा #फर्जी है। #COVID19 से जुड़ी सही जानकारी के लिए स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय की वेबसाइट https://t.co/QrWMzEI2nX विजिट करें। pic.twitter.com/auFX03IABh

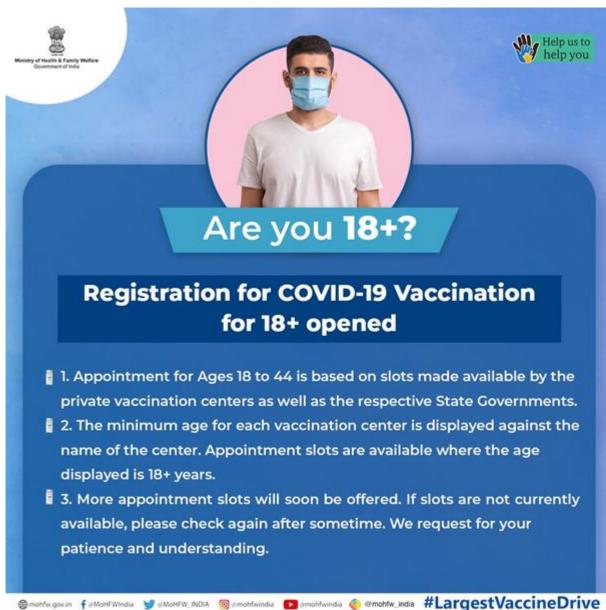
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Cumulative

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- The National Recovery Rate is 82.33%
- Govt, of India has so far provided nearly 16 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost
- 1 Lakh Portable Oxygen Concentrators to be procured from PM CARES fund
- Oxygen Expresses deliver cumulative 510 MT of oxygen to Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh
- Fertilizer companies to supply 50 Metric Tons (MT) of medical oxygen per day for COVID patients

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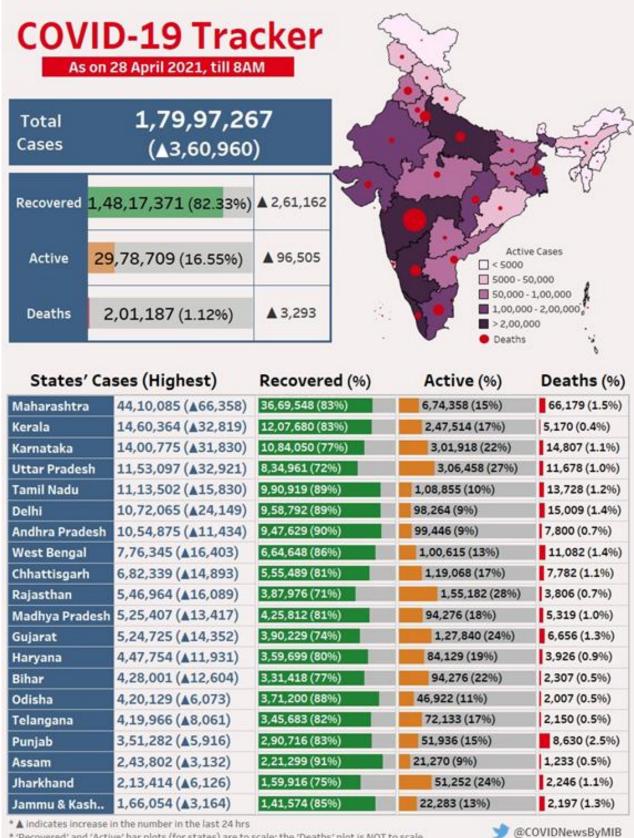
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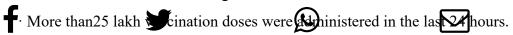






^{* &#}x27;Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 14.78 Crore





- India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,48,17,371 today.
- The National Recovery Rate is 82.33%.
- 3,60,960 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
 - The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.12%.
 - · Five States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D &D&N,Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradeshand A&N Islands.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714511

Govt. of India has so far provided nearly 16 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

A Liberalised and Accelerated Phase 3 Strategy of Covid-19 Vaccination will be implemented from 1st May 2021Government of India has so far provided nearly 16 crore vaccine doses (15,95,96,140) to States/UTs Free of Cost. Of this, the total consumption including wastages is 14,89,76,248 doses.More than 1 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,06,19,892) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

More than 57 Lakh (57,70,000) vaccine doses will be received in addition by the States/UTs within the next 3 days.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714519

1 Lakh Portable Oxygen Concentrators to be procured from PM CARES fund

500 more PSA oxygen plants, based on technology developed by DRDO, sanctioned under PM CARES. The Oxygen Concentrators & PSA Plants will greatly augment the supply of oxygen near the demand clusters.

For Details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714641

PM reviews Covid related operations by Indian Air Force

Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria informed the Prime Minister that the IAF has ordered 24x7 readiness of the entire heavy lift fleet and substantial numbers of the medium lift fleets to operate in a hub and spoke model to rapidly meet all Covid related tasking across the country and overseas. Aircrew for all fleets have been augmented to ensure round the clock operations.

PM stressed on the need to increase the speed, scale & safety of operations in transporting oxygen tankers & other essential material. PM spoke about the need to ensure that the IAF personnel engaged in Covid related operations remain safe from infection. He also spoke about the need to ensure safety of all Covid related operations.

For Deatails: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714592

Oxygen Expresses deliver cumulative 510 MT of oxygen to Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh









So far, Indian Railways has delivered 202 metric tonnes to Uttar Pradesh, 174 metric tonnes to Maharashtra, 70 metric tonnes to Delhi and Madhya Pradesh 64 metric tonnes.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714620

Indian Army Steps Up Hospital Facilities At Delhi Cantonment To Fight Covid Surge

In keeping with its ethos of selfless service to the Nation, the Indian Army has created a number of COVID facilities on a war footing in order to provide extensive medical assistance to veterans and their dependents at a number of places. One such facility has been created at Base Hospital Delhi Cantonment (BHDC) where the entire hospital has been converted into a Covid hospital with comprehensive arrangements for providing critical care to all incoming patients.

Citizens can make use of the following numbers to avail this facility:-

- 011-25683580
- 011-25683585
- 011-25683581
- 37176 (through Army Line)

For details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714467

Fertilizer companies to supply 50 Metric Tons (MT) of medical oxygen per day for COVID patients

It is expected that approximately 50 Metric Tons (MT) of medical oxygen per day can be made available for COVID patients by the fertilizer Plants. These steps will augment the medical grade oxygen supply to hospitals in the country in the coming days.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714517

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

Maharashtra: The Maharashtra Cabinet today okayed free vaccination of all in the age group of 18-44 years. It would cost the state government Rs 6,500 crore to vaccinate around 57.1 million citizens in this age group. The decision comes in the wake of the Centre expanding the vaccination drive to all adults. State Health Minister Rajesh Tope said "We have 13,000 vaccination centres in Maharashtra, through which we are targeting to complete vaccination of 57.1 million people over the next six months," he said.

At 895, Maharashtra on Tuesday reported the highest deaths in a day. The state reported 66,358 new cases, even as it also carried out 2.88 lakh Covid tests – a new record.

Gujarat: In a bid to rein in the rise in cases of Covid-19 infection, the state government has imposed stricter restrictions and extended night curfew from existing 20 cities and towns to 29. The fresh curbs will be imposed between April 29 and May 5. The decision was taken at high level meeting held by CM Vijay Rupani Gujarat reported 14,352 new cases.

Madhya Pradesh: 'Oxygen Express' carrying 6 tankers of a total of 64 MT medical oxygen reached Mandideep near Bhopal today. Two of these tankers were brought to Bhopal via Green Corridor.

Goa: The Goa Government has announced a lockdown for 80-hours from Thursday 10 pm to Monday 6 am. During this period, all essential services and grocery shops will remain open for the full day, while restaurants can only open for home deliveries. Casinos and public transport will be completely shut down.

Kerala: The state government has decided to buy one crore doses of Covid vaccine, 70 lakh Covishield and 30 lakh Covaxin doses. It also decided not to impose a lockdown. Presently there is a mini lockdown on weekends. In addition, there are daily night curfews. The state reported 32,819 Covid-19 cases yesterday, the highest number so far in a day, pushing the total tally to 14,60,364. The test positivity rate was 23.24 %. The death toll has risen to 5,170. The state vaccinated 1,13,009 people yesterday.

Tamil Nadu:TN government has ordered procurement of 1.50 crore Covid-19 vaccines in the first phase, as the State gears up to vaccinate for free all those above 18 years from May 1. Tamil Nadu's Public Works Department on Tuesday announced that it will provide oxygen pipelines to an additional 12,370 beds beds across the state. TN recorded 15,684 positive cases of Covid-19 on Monday, bringing the state tally to 10,97,672. Among these, Chennai reported 4250 positive cases, bringing the city's total to 3,14,074. The state vaccinated 1,41,458 people yesterday. With this a total of 56,26,091 have been vaccinated across the State of which 44,96,115 have received the first dose and 11,29,976 received their second dose.

Karnataka: New Cases Reported: 31830; Total Active Cases: 301899; New Covid Deaths: 180; Total Covid Deaths: 14807. Around 1,33,662 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 90,43,861 have been vaccinated in the state till now. There is no shortage of common covid beds in the city limits. BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta said those infected could call covid helpline and be hospitalized and he has instructed officials to consult all private laboratories in the jurisdiction to take action to issue a Covid test report within 24 hours.









Andhra Pradesh: State reported 11,434 new Covid-19 cases with 64 deaths, while 7055 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 10,54,875; Active cases: 99,446; Discharges: 9,47,629; Deaths: 7800. A total of 61,77,974 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday. The State government has taken a crucial decision to convert 40-bed hospitals into Covid Hospitals and steps are taken to set up care centers in every constituency. Officials were engaged in identifying colleges in the constituency centers. The government is arranging to dispense 12,000 Remdesivir injections per day. Meanwhile, the TTD administration has decided to reintroduce restrictions beginning from May 1, with only 15,000 devotees to be allowed for darshan per day against 25,000 at present according to temple deputy executive officer.

Telangana: A total of 8,061 new daily Covid cases and 56 fatalities were reported in the state. As on Tuesday evening, the total number of people of all categories received first dose of Covid vaccine in the state stands at 38,48,591 and second dose at 5,49,898. State Health Minister Shri EetalaRajender said there is no shortage of Medical Oxygen in the state and as many as 3010 additional Oxygen beds will be made available for Covid patients in the state in the next one week. Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, which is producing Covaxin, has responded positively to Telangana Government's request to provide maximum vaccine doses to the State. Telangana High Court has directed the State Govt to increase RT-PCR tests, restart the HITAM (Home Isolation Telemedicine and Monitoring) App for providing telemedicine facilities to Covid patients who are in home isolation.

Assam: The Assam government imposed a night curfew across Assam from 8 PM to 5 AM amid a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases. The state received 5 lakh doses of vaccines on Tuesday. All schools and colleges from pre-primary to university level will remain closed for a period of 15 days in the districts that have more than 300 Covid-19 cases.

Manipur: The State recorded three more fatalities from COVID-19 during the last 24 hours while 175 people tested positive. So far, 1,39,457 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in the State.

Meghalaya: Meghalaya recorded more than 100 fresh cases for the ninth day on Tuesday. The state also witnessed four deaths on the day, taking the number of fatalities to 165.

With 147 fresh cases on Tuesday, the state now has 1,456 active cases. Also, 90 people recovered in the state on Tuesday. Health Minister AL Hek on Tuesday said the government will be completing the process of installing three oxygen generating plants in the state by May 20. The state government is in the process of ascertaining which strain of COVID-19 is contributing to the steady spike in cases and the increasing death count in Meghalaya.

Sikkim: The Union Defence Minister reviewed the COVID situation in Sikkim with the Governor.Govt offices have been shut for the week as Sikkim recorded 97 new cases and 2 more Covid deaths. Nepal closed its borders with India over the Covid surge in the country.

Tripura:111 COVID postive cases detected with 2 death in the last 24 hours. Tripura High Court to hear virtually till May 31. Lower court to hear urgent matters but such cases will be heard in the court room.

Nagaland:Nagaland recorded its highest single day spike of 207 new Covid cases on Tuesday. Active cases are now 874. Nagaland Cabinet decided to impose lockdown-like measures from April 30 to May 14. Consolidated guidelines will be issued tomorrow. It has also been decided to to provide Covid vaccine free of cost to all persons above 18 years.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 351282. Number of active cases is 51936. Total Deaths reported is 8630. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 599384. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 174908. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2167231. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 164329.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 40350. Total number of Active Cases is 5980. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 446.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 91350. Total number of Active Cases is 15151. Total deaths reported till date is 1374.

IMPORTANT TWEETS

Another day and the mission continues! MHA is coordinating another airlift of oxygen containers from Bangkok. Containers can be seen being loaded into C17 aircraft of IAF. The aim is to enhance medical oxygen availability across the country@HMOIndia@PIB_India @DDNewslive @ANI pic.twitter.com/Riv8eiFMYh

— Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) April 28, 2021

Cowin Portal is working. There was a minor glitch at 4 PM that was fixed. 18 plus can register. pic.twitter.com/c94fpoURcT

— Aarogya Setu (@SetuAarogya) April 28, 2021

#LargestVaccineDrive#Unite2FightCorona

Nearly 15 cr #COVID19 vaccine doses have been consumed across the country till now. pic.twitter.com/rFIND460LL

- Ministry of Health (@MoHFW_INDIA) April 28, 2021









#LargestVaccineDrive

More than 1.6 crore #COVID19 vaccine doses are available with States/UTs to be administered to beneficiaries.#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/lfbbnN098I

- Ministry of Health (@MoHFW_INDIA) April 28, 2021

FACTCHECK

#WhatsApp पर शेयर हो रहे एक वीडियो में नेबुलाइजर मशीन को ऑक्सीजन सिलेंडर के विकल्प के रूप में दिखाया जा रहा है।#PIBFactCheck: यह वीडियो #फर्जी है। इसका कोई वैज्ञानिक प्रमाण नहीं है कि नेबुलाइजर मशीन, रक्त में ऑक्सीजन के स्तर को संतुलित बनाए रख सकता है। pic.twitter.com/hNSUZssUI5

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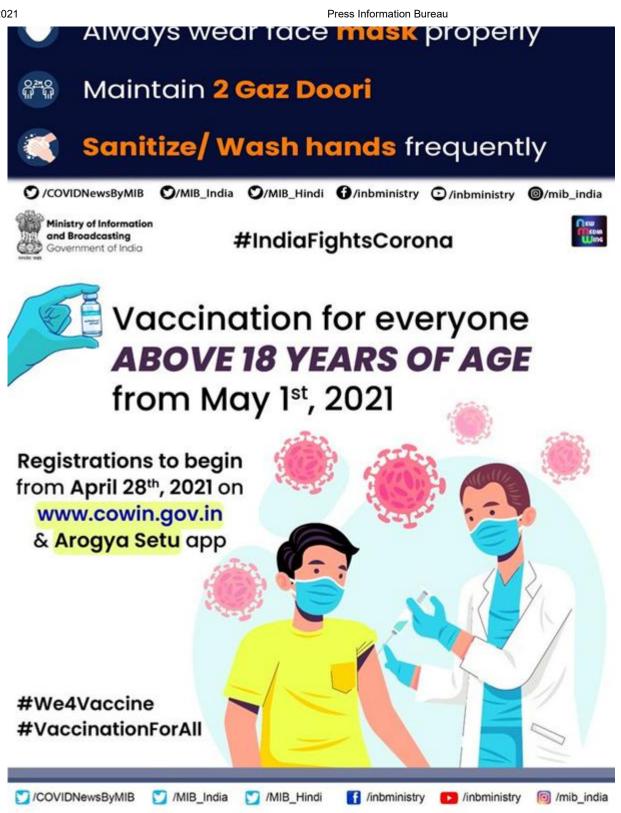
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- Union Government has imported 20 cryogenic tankers of 10 MT and 20 MT capacity.
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- The national Cumulative Fatality Rate (CFR) has been falling and currently stands at 1.12%.
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- Delhi receives its first Oxygen Express

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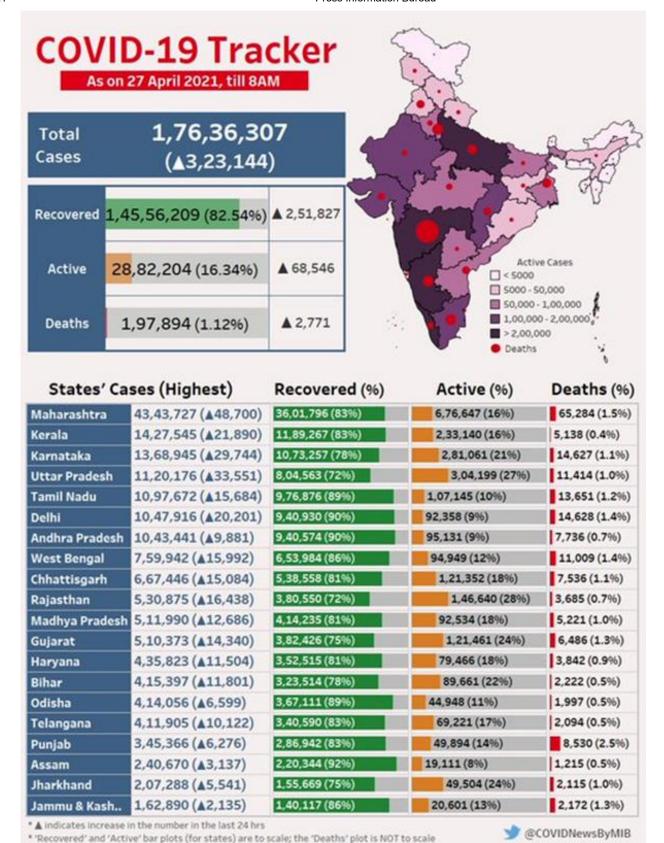








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To address shortage of oxygen tankers in the country, the Union Government imports 20 cryogenic tankers of 10 MT and 20 MT capacity and allocates them to States









- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in consultation with Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the overall guidance of the Empowered Group-II (EG-II) have mapped the allocation of these containers to suppliers
- The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed **14.5** Cr stoday as part of the world's largest vaccination drive.
- India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,45,56,209 today. The National Recovery Rate is 82.54%.
- 2,51,827 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- 3,23,144 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours.

The national Cumulative Fatality Rate (CFR) has been falling and currently stands at 1.12%.

Eight States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D &D&N,Ladakh (UT), Tripura, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradeshand A&N Islands

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714280

Railways hands over 169 Covid Care Coaches in use in different parts of India now

In the united fight against the Covid, the Ministry of Railways has made nearly 4000 Covid Care coaches with almost 64000 beds ready for for use by States. At present 169 coaches have been handed over to various states for Covid care.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714356

Delhi receives its FIRST Oxygen Express

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of delivering liquid medical oxygen to various parts of the country. So far, 450 metric tonnes have been delivered to Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh & Delhi in 6 Oxygen Express through 26 tankers covering more than 10,000 km (in empty and loaded conditions). Currently, another oxygen express is on the run from Bokaro to Bhopal via Jabalpur. This train is carrying 90 metric tonnes of liquid medical oxygen in six tankers, which will replenish oxygen demand in Madhya Pradesh through the city of Bhopal and Jabalpur.

For Details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714366

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh approves temporary hiring of additional contractual staff in 51 high pressure ECHS polyclinics to cater to veterans and their dependents during COVID-19 surge

The move will ensure availability of immediate medical attention even during night hours to acute cases in these areas to the veterans and their dependents. The validity of this sanction is up to August 15, 2021.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714278

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<u>India's Organic food products exports rise by more than 50 per cent in 2020-21 despite COVID-19</u> challenges

ndia's export of Organic food products rose by 51% in terms of value (USD Million), to USD 1040 million (Rs 7078 crores) during financial year 2020-21 compared to the previous fiscal (2019-20).

In terms of quantity, the exports of organic food products grew by 39% to 888,179 metric tonne (MT) during FY 2020-21 compared to 638,998 MT shipped in 2019-20. The growth in organic products has been achieved despite logistical and operational challenges posed by the COVID19 pandemic.

For Details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1714373

<u>INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES</u>

Maharashtra: Number of new cases in Maharashtra and Mumbai are showing a decline. The state is increasing vaccination. Reproduction number or R number is one of the tools to measure spread of disease, the value of which in case of Maharashtra has dropped to 1.1. In the last month it was around 1.7. Further decline in this value will lower the case load in state. During the last few weeks Maharashtra has imposed several strict restrictions and banned movements of citizens without essential reasons.

Gujarat: 14,340 new cases of corona virus infection, along with 7727 discharges after recovery and 158 deaths were reported in Gujarat on Monday. Chief Minister VijaybhaiRupani made several important decisions in a meeting, where, in addition to the four municipalities and 20 cities, it has been decided to impose night curfew in 9 new cities from 28th April to 5th May. During this period, all medical and paramedical services will remain operational in these areas and, in addition to this, grain-provision, vegetables, fruits and medical stores, milk parlours, bakeries and food shops will remain operational.

Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Government has placed orders worth Rs 180 crore for 45 lakh Covieshield vaccines for the 18-plus age group. The order has been placed with Serum Institute at Rs 400 per dose. In the third phase, state will vaccinate 3.40 crore people and State Government will spend Rs 2710 crore on it. State will have new oxygen plants in 42 districts in 1 to 1.5 months. Four out of 8 oxygen plants of first phase have started producing gas.

Chhattisgarh: All preparations for Covid vaccination of people in the age group of 18 years and above are complete in Chhattisgarh. Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah discussed with Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel regarding the state's vaccination scenario over telephone. The state government has ordered 25 lakh each of the Covishield and Covaxin vaccines. Chhattisgarh Governor AnusuiyaUikey has written a letter to the Vice-Chancellors of all government and private universities of the state and directed them to conduct a campaign through the students and staff of the university to make the people aware of the measures to prevent corona infection.100% vaccination of eligible citizens have been done in Bija gram panchayat under Takhatpur development block and Pateta gram panchayat under Kota Development Block in Bilaspur district of the state.









Goa: Considering the surge in Covid cases in Goa, all ESI dispensaries in the state will be shut down and the staff working in these dispensaries will be redirected to Covid-19 Hospitals in the state. Goa Government issued an order to this effect today, directing that all the dispensaries under ESI be non-operational and shut down with immediate effect. Consequent to this all the doctors including para medical, non-medical staff etc have been asked to report to the Dean, Goa Medical College for deployment in the Covid Hospitals.

Rajasthan: Rajasthan reported yet another biggest-single day spike of 16,438 new Covid-19 infections, aking the overall tally to 5,30,875 on Monday. Eighty-four persons died. In the process, Rajasthan also became one of the eight states in the country, which together reported over 70% active cases. Itolizumab, a monoclonal antibody which was already approved for severe chronic plaque psorosis, has now been approved by the State Government for treatment of Covid as a replacement for Tocilizumab injection. The decision was taken in the wake of unavailability and shortage of tocilizumab injection.

Kerala: The Kerala High Court today ruled that there is no need to implement lockdown in the state on the vote counting day on May 2. he Court also said that the state government can take action against those who violate the restrictions. A study conducted by the government shows that double mutant variants of coronavirus are found in thirteen districts of Kerala. Thirty percent of UK variant, seven percent caused by double variant virus and two percent of South African variants were found. The overall Covid situation still continues to be grim. 21,890 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in the State yesterday after conducting 96,378 tests. The TPR has touched 22.71%. Today 8,110 people took their first dose of Covid vaccine and 6,519 second dose. So far, a total of 70,52,764 doses of vaccine have been given vaccine.

Tamil Nadu: The Supreme Court has allowed Vedanta's oxygen plant at Tuticorin to operate in view of 'national need'; SC said there should be no political bickering over the generation of oxygen by Vedanta as the country is facing a national crisis. State CEO Satyabrata Sahoo said that all personnel who will be involved in counting of votes on Sunday should have Covid negative certificates issued in the last 72 hours. Chennai's Kilpauk Medical College Hospital opened a special counter to sell Remdesivir at Rs 1,568. Puducherry has imposed lockdown from today till April 30; the decision was taken after a high-level meeting chaired by LG Dr TamilisaiSoundararajan. 15,684 more tested Covid positive yesterday in TN, of which, Chennai logged the lion share of 4,250 cases. The state vaccinated 1,33,249 people yesterday. With this a total of 54,84,633 have been vaccinated across the State.

Karnataka: As per the State Government bulletin released for 26-04-2021, New Cases Reported: 29744; Total Active Cases: 281042; New Covid Deaths: 201; Total Covid Deaths: 14627. Around 1,37,901 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 88,27,370 have been vaccinated in the state till now. With Karnataka entering a two-week "close-down" starting Tuesday night, Health Minister K Sudhakar said there will be no curbs on the movement of people to get Covid-19 vaccination. Chief Minister, B S Yediyurappa has









announced that the government will give free coronavirus vaccines to 18-44 year olds in the state. The state government has issued order mandating that at least 75 per cent of all beds available at all private medical colleges and hospitals should be allocated to Covid treatment.

Andhra Pradesh: The State reported 9881 new Covid-19 cases after testing 74,041 samples with 51 deaths, while 4431 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 59,86,822 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on Sunday. State Health Minister has said that the supply of Remdesivir, an anti-viral drug to treat Covid-19 severe cases, is being monitored by the State government in order to curtail black-marketing. The Centre has allocated 440 MTs of oxygen a day to Andhra Pradesh and the State is getting just 330 to 340 MTs a day at present. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy directed officials to implement a three-tier structure for effective Covid management in the State imposing stringent restrictions. Meanwhile, the entire Tirupati city has been declared a containment zone and more restrictions are put in place to combat surge in Covid cases.

Telangana: The State received the first batch of five tankers loaded with medical oxygen, meant for Covid-19 positive patients from Rourkela Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Odisha and the tankers have been sent to various hospitals yesterday night itself. Four more tankers, loaded with medical oxygen, are expected to arrive from Odisha on Tuesday. The Centre had allotted 360 tonnes of medical oxygen to Telangana from 12 steel industries spread across the country. AIIMS-Hyderabad (Located at Bibinagar near Hyderabad), which is offering only Out Patient services now and not fully functional, has decided to offer Covid services from 29th of this month. Starting with 25 beds to treat Covid patients with mild symptoms, the number of beds will be increased to 80 in a phased manner. A record number of 10,122 new daily Covid cases and 52 fatalities were reported yesterday in Telangana. Meanwhile, a total of 1,87,769 people of various categories received first dose of Covid vaccine and 27,525 second dose yesterday in the state.

Assam: In Assam, 15 positive patients succumbed to their infection on Monday, even as 3,137 new cases were detected in the State out of 73,181 tests conducted, at a positivity rate of 4.29 percent. The restrictions imposed to contain the second wave of COVID-19 in the state, which included closure of shops and market places by 6 pm and other guidelines, have been extended to all districts. Health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma asserted that the State has sufficient supply of oxygen for the next ten days, citing the availability of 61 MT against the current demand of around 20 MT per day.

With the daily COVID-19 cases crossing the 1,000 mark in Kamrup Metro district, the district administration has ordered closure of all educational institutions, including hostels for the next 15 days.

Manipur: The State witnessed the year's highest COVID-19 fatality on a single day with five persons succumbing to the virus during the last 24 hours.

As per latest information provided by the COVID-19 Common Control Room, 1,30,979 people have been vaccinated against the virus in the State.

Meghaya: With 130 frest sees, the active tally in the state rose to 1403 while the number of deaths

rose to 161. Many of the 166 new cases reported in East Khasi Hills on April 24 were returnees from outside the state. At least 25 of them had given incorrect phone numbers to the authorities and are now untraceable, officials said.

Nagaland: Nagaland registered 55 new Covid cases & 3 recoveries on Monday. Active cases are 727. 1,86,350 persons have been inoculated in Nagaland so far. Of them, 38,694 have received 2nd doses.

Tripura: In Tripura, in the last 24 hours 98 tested positive. Total 3332 samples were tested yesterday. Highest spike is coming from Agartala Municipality Areas. Meanwhile district administration is mulling the idea to shift markets to open spaces.

Sikkim: COVID-19 claimed two more lives taking second wave's 2-week toll to 4. The secondwave began in Sikkim on 12 April, in the two weeks that have passed since, the State has detected 901 new cases. 23 fresh cases during last 24 hours reported in Sikkim. 1,89,953 vaccinated so far in Sikkim, 3824 on Monday.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 345366. Number of active cases is 49894. Total Deaths reported is 8530. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 593823. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 173004. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2146720. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 156472.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 435823. Total active COVID-19 patients is 79466. Number of deaths is 3842. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 3668433.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 39513. Total number of Active Cases is 5575. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 440.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 89193. Total number of Active Cases is 14326. Total deaths reported till date is 1350.

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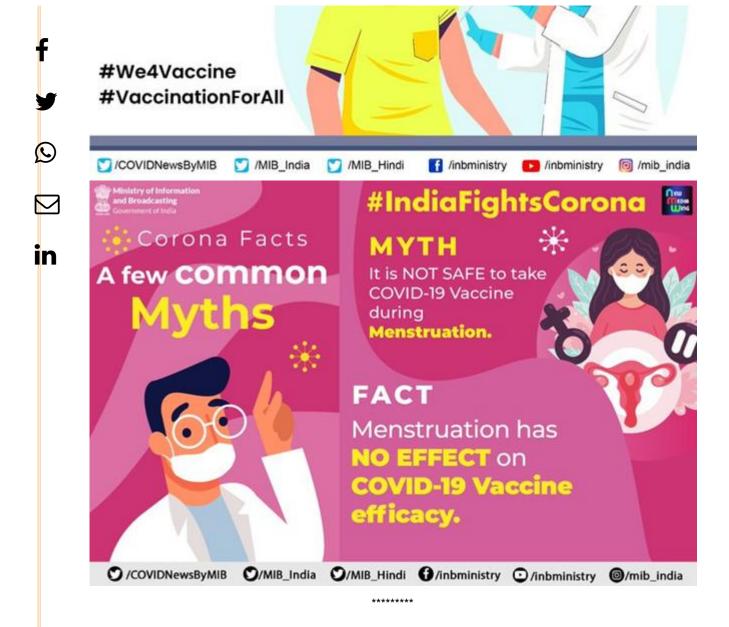
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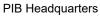














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- World's largest vaccination drive enters 100th day with
 - 14.19 Cr vaccine doses
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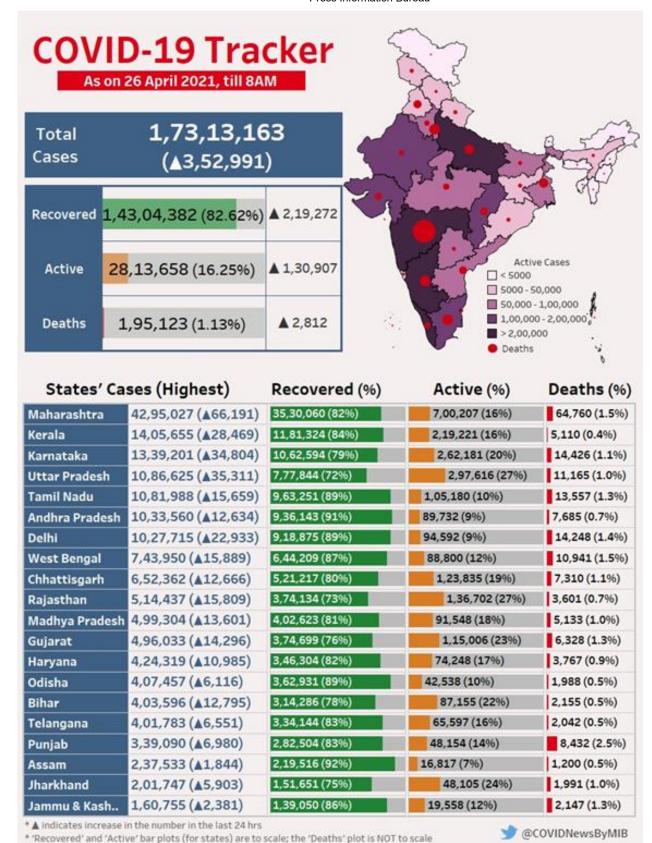








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<u>India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 14.19 Crore as the Largest Vaccination Drive completes 100 days</u>

• The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 14.19 Cr today is part of the world's gest vaccination drives

India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,43,04,382 today. The National Recovery Rate is 82.62%.

2,19,272 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.

Ten states account for 78.98% of the new recoveries.

• 3,52,991 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours.

The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.13%.

• Five States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N, Tripura, Lakshadweep, Mizoram and A&N Islands.

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Prime Minister reviews preparations by Armed Forces to assist in Covid management

The Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat today called on the Prime Minister. They reviewed the preparations and operations being undertaken by the Armed Forces to deal with the pandemic.PM was also informed that all medical officers on staff appointments at Command HQ, Corps HQ, Division HQ & similar HQ of Navy and Air-Force will be employed at hospitals. The CDS informed the PM that nursing personnel are being employed in large numbers to complement the doctors at the hospitals. PM was also briefed that oxygen cylinders available with armed forces in various establishments will be released for hospitals. The CDS also said that they are creating medical facilities in large numbers and where possible military medical infrastructure will be made available to civilians. PM also reviewed the operations being undertaken by IAF to transport oxygen and other essentials in India and abroad.

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Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Mr. Suga Yoshihide, Prime Minister of Japan

The two leaders discussed the COVID-19 situation in the respective country and exchanged views on various regional and global challenges posed by the pandemic. Prime Minister Modi also thanked Prime Minister Suga for providing assistance to India for combating the pandemic. He also expressed hope that he would be able to receive Prime Minister Suga in India at the earliest in the near future once the COVID-19 situation stabilizes.

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3131Metric Tonnes of Liquid Medical oxygen supplied by Steel plants

Steel Plants in Public & Private Sector supplied 3131.84 Metric Tonnes of Liquid Medical oxygen (LMO) to various states on the 25th April 2021,ascompared to 2894 tonnes dispatched on the previous day. A week earlier, on an average 1500/1700 Metric tonnes /Day was being dispatched. The production on 25th April was 3468.6 MT. Steel plants have been able to enhance the supply of LMOby taking various initiatives, which include reduction in the production of Nitrogen and Argon and only producing LMO in most plants.

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Operationalisation of DGFT 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' for International Trade related Issues

Department of Commerce, Government of India and Directorate General of Foreign Trade(DGFT) have undertaken to monitor the status of exports and imports, and difficulties being faced by trade_stakeholders in view of the surge of COVID-19 cases

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<u>Dedicated Helpdesk by CBIC for Handholding Trade, Industry and Individual, to expedite</u>

<u>Customs Clearance of Imports related to COVID including Oxygen and oxygen related equipmentsetc</u>

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has set up dedicated helpdesk to handle queries related to Covid related Imports and handhold the trade, industry and individuals for expeditious customs clearance.

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<u>CSIR-CMERI indigenously developed Oxygen enrichment technology may effective for treating COVID-19 patients: Dr. V R Sirsath</u>

The CSIR-CMERI indigenously developed Oxygen enrichment technology may effective for treating COVID-19 patients. This Technology has tremendous potential. He urged all the participant industries/Entrepreneurs to come forward in this crucial juncture & manufacture the device at earliest.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

Maharashtra: Maharashtra received 44 tonnes of Liquid Oxygen via 'Oxygen Express' today. Indian Railways' Ro Ro service carrying three tankers of Liquid Medical Oxygen from Hapa in Gujarat reached Kalamboli in Navi Mumbai. From these three tankers, one each will be sent to Mumbai, Thane and Pune. Nagpur in Maharashtra had received three tankers yesterday evening itself. Nine hospitals in Nashik are to set up their own oxygen production plants. The district has got an administrative approval of Rs 10 crore 88 lakhs for the project from the district annual plan.

Gujarat: A 900 bed DhanvantariCovid Care Hospital jointly set up by the DRDO and the state government at Gujarat University Convention and Exhibition Centre in Ahmedabad has become operational. The hospital started admitting patients yesterday. The State has recorded 14,296 new cases of Covid19 yesterday. 6727 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals.

Madhya Pradesh: The Madhya Pradesh govt extended the 'corona curfew' in Bhopal till May 3. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the 'corona curfew' imposed in the state had stabilised the covid sositivity rate. From \$129 % on April 22nd (t) ad came down to 2500 % on April 25. Number of

patients recovering and returning home had also gathered pace. On April 19, this number was 6,836, which increased to 11,324 yesterday.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh government has extended lockdown till May 6. All government and private offices are to remain closed during the lockdown period. Apart from this, entry of public in religious and tourist places will also be banned.

Rajasthan: Two oxygen tankers have reached Rajasthan's Jodhpur. These tankers reached the city through green corridor and later the gas was transferred to the Liquid Oxygen Plants in Mathura Das Mathur Hospital and Mahatma Gandhi Hospital in Jodhpur. The State Government has started a COVID-19 Helpdesk (2225624, 2225000) that will function 24*7 from today.

Goa: North Goa shacks begin winding up business ahead of season end as Covid-19 cases continue to surge. One of the most turbulent of all seasons for beach shack owners in the Calangute-Candolim beach-belt has practically come to an end.

Kerala: An all-party meeting held today has decided not to impose a complete lockdown in the state for time being; curbs in containment zones will be strictly enforced; lockdown like restrictions on weekends will continue; shops will be allowed to operate only till 7:30pm. Strict restrictions will be in place on the counting day, May 2, to prevent victory celebrations. The practical exams for HSE and VHSE have also been postponed. The state has meanwhile revised guidelines for discharge of Covid-19 patients. Kerala logged its highest single day spike with 28,469 new Covid cases on Sunday. The test positivity rate is at 22.46. Yesterday 1,94,427 persons were vaccinated.

Tamil Nadu:TN political parties gave green signal to reopen Sterlite plant in Thoothukudi for oxygen production: the unanimous decision was taken at the all-party meeting chaired by CM Edappadi K Palaniswami at the secretariat today. Puducherry logged 747 fresh Covid-19 cases and 10 deaths in the last 24 hours taking the overall tally in the Union territory to 54,026 and pushing the total death toll to 758. Tamil Nadu on Sunday reported 15,659 fresh Covid-19 cases and 82 deaths. The state vaccinated 22,573 people on Sunday. With this a total of 53,51,384 have been vaccinated across the state.

Karnataka: Karnataka has announced a two-week curfew from Tuesday 6pm to reduce the number of infections and to break the chain of the virus. Essential services will be allowed between 6 am and 10 am. There will be no public transport during the curfew, the Chief Minister said. Cabinet resolved to write to state election commission to defer all upcoming polls for at least three months. New Cases Reported: 34804; Total Active Cases: 262162. Around 60,693 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 86,61,038 having been vaccinated in the state till now. "A 100 to 150-bedded makeshift hospital will be set up in Bengaluru and in the premises of medical colleges at district centres," said State Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar. Union Minister Prahlad Joshi said that Centre on Saturday sent an estimated 800 metric tonnes of medical oxygen and 1.22 lakh vials Remdisivir injections to the state.











Andhra Pradesh: The State reported 12,634 new cases of Covid-19 with 69 deaths, while 4304 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 56,78,628 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on Sunday. A total of 4 lakh doses of Covishield vaccine arrived from Serum Institute of India, Pune on Sunday and the state received one lakh doses of the vaccine a day ago. For adequate supply of Remdesivir the government has appointed nodal and assistant nodal officers for all the 13 districts. Meanwhile, the Andhra Pradesh government has issued special directives to hospitals and labs On CT scans. The government has fixed the price of CT scan at Rs 3,000.

Telangana: A total of 56,499 people received the first dose of Covid vaccine and 11,457 second dose on Sunday in the state. Now, the cumulative number of people received first dose in the state stands at 35,71,172 and second dose at 5,03,135. Meanwhile, a total of 6,551 new daily cases and 43 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday. Number of Active cases in the state now has gone up to 65,597 The state Health Department has decided to fill 755 posts of various categories including doctors on contract basis and through outsourcing as Covid cases are increasing sharply. The Covid cases among children are increasing in the state and about 2.7 percent of the total cases are of below 10 years children only.. In the wake of surge in Covid cases the State Govt has declared summer holidays for all schools and junior colleges in the state from April 27 to May 31

Assam: 14 COVID-19 patients succumbed to their infection on Sunday, even as 1,844 new cases were detected in the State, at a positivity rate of 5.48 percent. With the COVID-19 infection spreading fast, the Assam health department is exploring the idea of setting up 10 to 15 more mini oxygen plants in the State. Assam installed 8 oxygen generation plants, 3 at GMCH, 2 at JMCH and one each at Tezpur, Barpeta and Diphu medical colleges after the COVID crisis hit the state and these are now producing 5.25 MT oxygen per day.

Manipur: Manipur has logged the year's highest daily COVID-19 positive cases at 140. Manipur's COVID-19 caseload surged to 30,421 and the death toll rose to 385 as two more succumbed to the disease on Sunday. The total number of people who have been vaccinated against the virus in the State has reached 1,29,099. In all, 24 district level medical officers have been appointed as District Nodal Officer (DNO) for contact tracing activities. In continuous effort to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic, the state government has installed five oxygen generators that could produce 10 jumbo cylinders on Sunday.

Meghalaya: The state recorded 208 fresh cases on Sunday – the highest single-day spike in 2021. The number of active cases in the state stands at 1,338.

Also, two more COVID-related deaths on Sunday took the total number of fatalities to 160. Overcoming the fear surrounding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines, people in Shillong have started coming out in large numbers to get vaccinated..

Sikkim: A 100-bed Covid ward is to be set up at Paljor Stadium to house Covid Care Centre.148 Covid new cases, one death in Sikkim.









Tripura:One death yesterday due to COVID in Agartala. While the state added another 100 cases in last 24 hours in Agartala.Board varsity exam cancelled in Tripura owing to surge in COVID cases.

Nagaland: Nagaland registered 180 new Covid cases on Sunday taking total to 13,183. Dimapur alone reported 154 new cases. Active cases are 679.

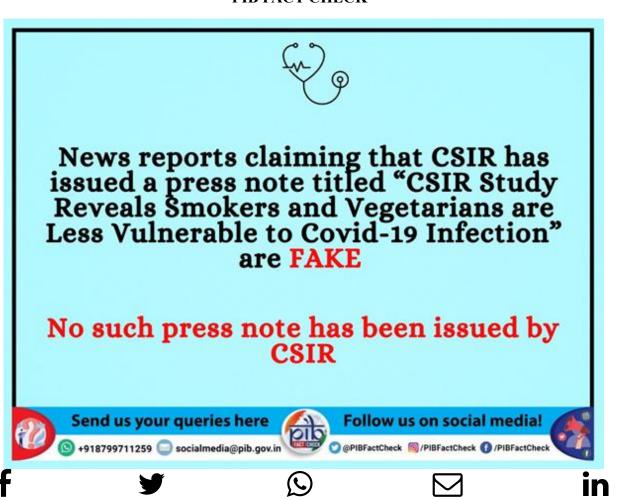
A total of 1,80,437 beneficiaries have been inoculated in Nagaland so far.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 339090. Number of active cases is 48154. Total Deaths reported is 8432. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 582275. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 169344. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2092480. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 142269.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 38692. Total number of Active Cases is 5236. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 435.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 87501. Total number of Active Cases is 13577. Total deaths reported till date is 1323.

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ोपाल : 13 दिन में एक हजार मौतें, बताई 41

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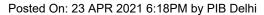






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- · More than 31 Lakh Vaccine Doses administered in the last 24 hours
- · 5 States account for nearly 60% of India's total Active Caseload
- · More than 1.93 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours
- · Additional free-of-cost foodgrains to be distributed to NFSA Beneficiaries under PradhanMantriGaribKalyan Anna Yojana in May and June 2021
- · 5 Kg per person per month to be provided to nearly 80 Crore beneficiaries free of cost

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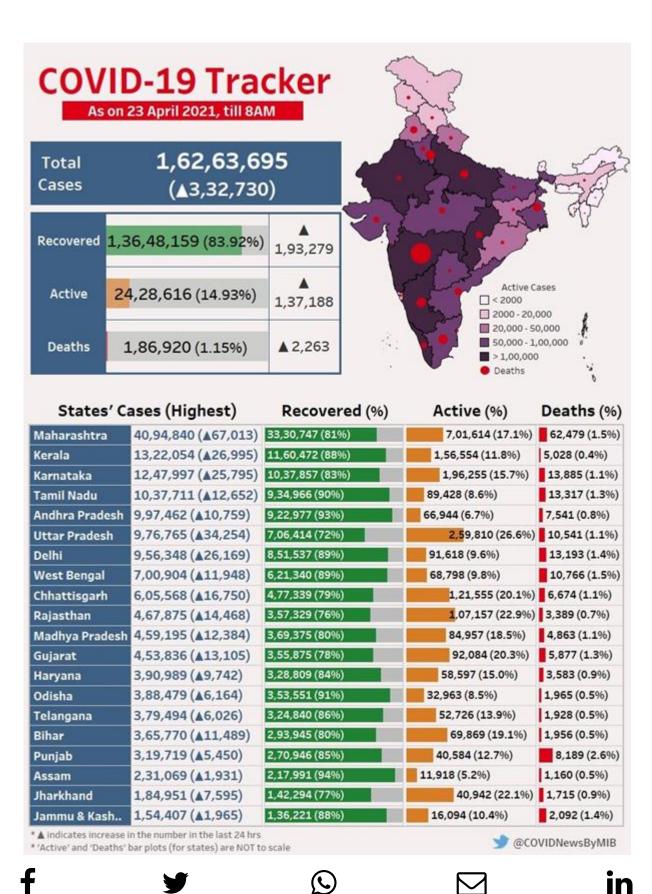






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India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 13.54 Crore; More than 31 Lakh Vaccine Doses administered in the last 24hours

The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed **13.54** Cr today as part of the world's largest vaccination drive.

Cumulatively, **13,54,78,420** vaccine doses have been administered through 19,38,184 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. These include **92,42,364** HCWs who have taken the 1st dose and **59,04,739** HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose,

Over 31 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours. As on Day-97 of the vaccination drive (22nd April, 2021), **31,47,782** vaccine doses were given. 19,25,873 beneficiaries were vaccinated across 28,683 sessions for 1st dose and 12,21,909 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine.

3,32,730new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Ten States including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Rajasthan report 75.01% of the new cases. Maharashtra has reported the highest daily new cases at 67,013. It is followed by Uttar Pradesh with 34,254 while Kerala reported 26,995 new cases.

India's total Active Caseload has reached **24,28,616**. It now comprises **14.93%** of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of **1,37,188** cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours. The five States of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala cumulatively account for **59,12%** of India's total Active Cases.

India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,36,48,159 today. The National Recovery Rate is 83.92%.1,93,279 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.

The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.15%.2,263 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Ten States account for 81.79% of the new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (568). Delhi follows with 306 daily deaths.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713506

PM Modi chairs meeting on Covid-19 situation with Chief Ministers of high burden states; Railways and Airforce being deployed to reduce travel time and oxygen tankers: PM

Prime Minister NarendraModi chaired a high-level meeting on Covid-19 situation with Chief Ministers of 11 states and Union Territories which have reported maximum number of cases in recently.

Noting that the virus is affecting several states as well as Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities at once, PM Modi called for working together to fight the pandemic with collective power. He said the biggest basis of India's success during the first wave of the pandemic was our united efforts and united strategy and reiterated that we will have to address this challenge in the same way.

PM Modi assured Centre's full support to all the states and in this fight. He added that the Ministry of Health is also in touch with the states and is monitoring the situation closely and issuing necessary advices to the states from time to time.

On oxygen supply, PM Modi took note of the points raised by the states. He said there is a continuous effort to increase oxygen supply. All the concerned departments and ministries of the government are also working together. Industrial oxygen has also been diverted to meet immediate requirements.

PM Modi urged all states to work together and coordinate with one-another to fulfil requirements relating to medicines and oxygen. He urged the states to check hoarding and black marketing of oxygen and medicines. The PM said that every state should ensure that no oxygen tanker, whether it is meant for any state, is stopped or gets stranded. The Prime Minister urged the states to set up a high-level coordination committee to carry oxygen to different hospitals of the state. This Coordination Committee should ensure that as soon as there is allotment of oxygen from the centre, it can deliver oxygen as per requirement in different hospitals of the state immediately. PM informed the Chief Ministers that yesterday he chaired a meeting on oxygen supply and will be attending one today to discuss all the options for increasing the oxygen supply.

PM Modi stated that the central government is working on all possible options to reduce the travel time and turnaround time of oxygen tankers. For this, Railways has started Oxygen Express. Empty Oxygen tankers are also being transported by the Air-Force to reduce one way travel time.

The Prime Minister said that along with upgrading of resources, we have to focus on testing. He emphasized that widespread testing should be conducted so that people get the facility easily.

The PM remarked that our vaccination programme should not slow down in this situation. PM Modi mentioned that India is running the world's largest vaccination programme and so far, more than 15 crore vaccine doses have been provided free of cost to the states by the Government of India.

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PM Modi interacts with leading oxygen manufacturers across the country via VC

Prime Minister NarendraModi held a meeting with leading oxygen manufacturers across the country via video conferencing. PM Modi said this time is not only to deal with the challenges, but also to provide solutions in a very short time. PM Modi stressed on the need to maintain good co-ordination between the government and the oxygen producers.

PM appreciated the oxygen producers for increasing their production in the last few weeks. He acknowledged the several steps taken to increase the production of liquid oxygen. PM Modi also thanked the industry for diverting industrial oxygen to meet medical requirements in the country.

To improve the situation further, PM Modi spoke about utilising the full potential of the industry to meet the demand of oxygen in the coming days. PM Modi noted that there is a need to increase the availability of oxygen cylinders as well as upgrade the logistics facilities for transportation of oxygen. He urged the industry to utilize tankers meant to transport other gases for oxygen supply.

The Prime Minister said keeping in mind the requirements of states pertaining to oxygen, government is working on effective use of Railways and Air Force so that the tankers reach the production centre as soon as possible.









PM Modi remarked that the government, the states, the industry and the transporters, and all the hospitals need to come together and work in unison. The better the synergy and coordination, the easier it will be able to deal with this challenge.

Appreciating the oxygen producers, PM Modi extended government's full support to them and hoped the country would be successful in combating the crisis soon.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713590

M condoles deaths in Virar Hospital fire, approves ex-gratia

The Prime Minister, ShriNarendraModi has condoled deaths due to fire in COVID-19 hospital in Virar. The wished early recovery for the injured. The Prime Minister approved an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh each from PMNRF for the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the hospital fire in Virar, Maharashtra. Rs. 50,000 would be given to those seriously injured.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713504

Additional free-of-cost foodgrains to be distributed to NFSA Beneficiaries under PradhanMantriGaribKalyan Anna Yojana in May and June 2021

In line with Prime Minister NarendraModi's commitment to the poor, the Government of India has decided to allocate free-of-cost food grains @ 5 Kg per person per month to nearly 80 Crore beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) over and above NFSA foodgrains for next two months i.e. May and June 2021 on the same pattern as the earlier "PradhanMantriGaribKalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)".

Under this special scheme (PMGKAY), around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries covered under both categories of NFSA, namely Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Householders (PHH), will be provided with an additional quota of free-of-cost foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) at a scale of 5 Kg per person per month, over and above their regular monthly entitlements under NFSA.

Government of India will bear full expenditure of over Rs 26,000 Crore on account of cost of food grains, intrastate transportation etc. as part of Central assistance to States/UTs.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713561

IAF airlifting oxygen containers, essential medicines & other medical equipment in fight against fresh surge in COVID-19 cases

Indian Air Force (IAF) has swung into action by carrying out sorties from various parts of the country to airlift oxygen containers, cylinders, essential medicines, equipment required for setting up and sustaining COVID hospitals and facilities in the fight against fresh surge in COVID-19 cases. The IAF Transport aircraft and helicopters have been pressed into service for carrying out these tasks. These include

transport aircraft C-17, C-130J, IL-76, An-32 and Avro. Chinook and Mi-17 helicopters are on standby. Tasks undertaken include airlift of doctors and nursing staff from Kochi, Mumbai, Vizag and Bangalore for various hospitals at Delhi.

The C-17 and IL-76 aircraft of IAF have started airlifting big empty oxygen tankers from their place of use to the filling stations across the country to speed up the distribution of much needed oxygen. In addition to this, the C-17 and IL-76 have transported large quantity of load comprising bio safety cabinets and autoclave machines for setting up of an additional COVID test facility at Leh. The IAF transport and helicopter assets are on standby to be deployed at short notice.

It may be recalled that in the initial days of COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, the IAF ran several sorties to deliver medicines, medical and other essential supplies required to combat the coronavirus pandemic as well as brought back stranded Indian nationals from abroad. For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713580

AFMS to import oxygen generation plants from Germany to tide over current surge in COVID-19 cases

Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) has decided to import oxygen generation plants and containers from Germany, amid shortage of oxygen in the hospitals during the second wave of Covid-19 across the country. Twenty-three mobile oxygen generation plants are being airlifted from Germany that will be deployed in AFMS hospitals catering to the COVID patients.

Each plant has a capacity to produce 40 litres of oxygen per minute and 2,400 litres an hour. At this rate, it can cater to 20-25 patients round the clock. The advantage of these plants is that they are easily portable. These oxygen generating plants are expected to arrive in India within a week.

In another important decision, Ministry of Defence is giving extension to Short Service Commissioned Doctors in AFMS till December 31, 2021 to tide over the current surge in medical services. This will augment the strength of AFMS by 238 more doctors.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713573

Drone use permission to ICMR for conducting feasibility study of Covid-19 vaccine delivery

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) yesterday granted conditional exemption to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for conducting feasibility study of Covid-19 vaccine delivery using drones in collaboration with IIT Kanpur. The permission exemption is valid for a period of one year or until further orders.

Furthermore, conditional drone use exemption has been granted to the below entities for said purposes for a period of one year or until further orders:

- Nagar Nigam of Dehradun, Haldwani, Haridwar&Rudrapur for preparation of GIS based property database & electronic tax register.
- West Central Railway, (WCR) Kota for train accident site & maintaining safety & security of the railway assets for a period of one year from the date of issue of the letter.

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In addition to these, Vedanta Ltd. (Cairn Oil & Gas) also received the conditional drone usage exemption for data acquisition for asset inspecting & mapping till 08/04/2022.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1713449



INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

Maharashtra: 13 patients lost their lives in a fire at a private COVID hospital in Virar near Mumbai. The Maharashtra Government has ordered an inquiry into the incident. Maharashtra Government has announced ex-gratia of 5 lakh rupee to the kin of those who lost their life in Virar incident. Financial Aid of rupee 1 lakh will be given to seriously injured patients. PM has approved an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each from PMNRF for the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to it. Rs 50,000 would be given to those seriously injured. For the last few days, new covid cases are either steady or slightly declining in Mumbai and Maharashtra. Experts say, in a few weeks more decline could be observed. Two weeks ago more than 10 thousand patients of COVID-19 were registered in Mumbai. In the last few days around 7 thousand new patients have tested positive in Mumbai. More number of patients are being discharged as compared to new patients.

Gujarat: The number of COVID beds in Gujarat has increased from 42,000 as on March 15th to 90,000 as on date, informed CM Vijay Rupani to PM Modi over video conferencing today, while stating the steps taken for combating COVID in the state.13105 new cases of corona and 137 deaths were reported in Gujarat on Thursday. The active cases are 92,084. So far 5,877 have died from Corona. Total immunization has been 1,08,59,073. New cases of corona are coming up in many districts of the state.

Madhya Pradesh: Street vendors in MP will get an assistance of Rs 1000 each in their bank accounts, declared the CM in a video conference with urban local bodies. He also made it clear that action under NSA will be be taken against those indulging in black marketing of 'Remdesivir'. State government will also provide access to online 'Yoga Classes' for the 55,506 patients who are in Home Isolation. One yoga teacher will be appointed for every 50 patients. These classes will start from Friday. The State Health Commissioner's Office has issued necessary guidelines in this respect. MP reported 13107 new cases and 75 deaths; Bhopal had 1753 new infected patients on Thursday.

Chhattisgarh: CM BhupeshBaghel said to PM Modi in a video conference that producers of redmisivir and other life-saving medicines should make them available to other states with priority, after fulfilling the requirements of the manufacturing state, in a method similar to the way oxygen producing states are providing their post-need additional oxygen to other states. For this, a guideline should be issued by the Government of India, he urged. 18 percent population of the state has been given its first dose of vaccination. 90 percent of health workers, 84 percent of frontline workers and 69 percent of people over 45 years of age have been given the first vaccination of corona prevention.









Rajasthan: The State Government is now requesting the Centre for increased supplies as active cases are rising sharply over the past seven days. While the state had anticipated 1 lakh active cases on April 25, the grim figure was breached on April 22, three days before the health department's projection. As than on Thursday, active cases stood at 1,07,157, riding on a sharp increase in daily new infections. Chief minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday spoke to Union Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba about the shortage of oxygen supply in the state and urged him to ensure uninterrupted flow.

Goa: The Goa government has issued an order today reducing the capped rates which were prescribed for private hospitals with ICU facilities in September 2020 for treating covid patients by 20 %. The state government will purchase over 15 lakh doses of 'Covishield' vaccine at the cost of over Rs 60 crore for vaccinating people in the age group of 18 to 45 against coronavirus. The government has granted approval to initially purchase five lakh doses of Covishield from the Serum Institute of India, Pune, at the price declared by the Centre. Govt of India has yesterday included Goa in its revised allocation plan for certain level of daily oxygen supply from the plant at Kolhapur that manufactures liquid medical oxygen.

Kerala: Kerala is all set to start weekend lockdown from tomorrow to further tighten curbs on civic life as Covid-19 cases spiral day-by-day. All public and private offices and commercial establishments, barring those providing essential services, will remain closed on Saturday and Sunday. The night curfew will continue. Arrangements will be made to ensure food for those observing the Ramadan fast. Another six and a half lakh doses of vaccine have reached the state. Vaccination camps have resumed today. Finance Minister Thomas Isaac said that state government will provide Covid vaccine for free. Chief Minister PinarayiVijayan in the video conference with PM this noon demanded more vaccines for the state and urged for giving vaccine free of cost to states. Meanwhile, 38,318 more people today received their first dose of vaccine and 31,607 people second dose. Kerala recorded its highest daily tally of 26,995 Covid-19 cases on Thursday, pushing the caseload to 13,22,054. The active cases touched 1,56,226 with TPR 19.97 %.

Tamil Nadu:TN CM Edappadi K Palaniswami urged Prime Minister NarendraModi to supply 20 lakh doses of covid vaccines to ensure assured stock for the next ten days, besides fast tracking the commissioning of Integrated Vaccination complex at Chengalpattu near Chennai. The Tamil Nadu government on Thursday said it will provide free Covid-19 vaccination for all from May 1, when the next phase of inoculation drive covering all above 18 years would start. Of the 61.85 lakh vaccine doses received by the state till April 20, 49.23 lakh doses have been administered till Wednesday.

Karnataka: New Cases Reported: 25795; Total Active Cases: 196236; New Covid Deaths: 123; Total Covid Deaths: 13885. Around 88,363 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 76,41,817 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The state government made an sudden lockdown on Thursday in the wake of corona infection. Health and Family Welfare Minister, Dr K Sudhakar has raised concerns that corona 2nd wave has accelerated the spread of infection and there is a health emergency in the city. Additional 25 thousand vials Remdisivir has been supplied to Karnataka and it will be used for the treatment of infected people in the state upto April 20. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, DV

SadanandaGowda shared information in a tweet on Thursday. Chief Minister BS Yeddyurappa has said that the central government has approved vaccine for people over the age of 18 years from May 1, In this background the purchase of one crore vaccine has been approved.

Andhra Pradesh: AP reported 10,759 new cases after testing 41,871 samples with 31 deaths, while 3992 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 9,97,462; Active cases: 66,944; Discharges: 9,22,977; Deaths: 7541. A total of 53,30,080 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on Thursday. The state health administration had dispatched a total of six lakh doses of vaccines to the districts. Meanwhile, State Industries Minister M. Goutham Reddy on Thursday said there is no shortage of oxygen in the State. According to the Minister, the State produces 510 metric tonnes of medical oxygen in 40 companies, and that the special officers have been entrusted with the responsibility of oxygen supply.

Telangana: A total of 1,86,457 people of all categories in the state received first dose of Covid vaccine and 24,787 second dose yesterday. Meanwhile, a record number of 6,206 new daily Covid cases and 29 fatalities have been reported in the state yesterday taking the cumulative number of positive cases in the state to 3,79,494 and deaths to 1928. As of April 22, there are as many as 495 active micro containment zones across the state, a maximum of them (63) are in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation area. A greater number of younger people are contracting the Corona virus in the state and 56 percent of the Covid positive reported since 1st of this month are below 40 years.

Assam: Chief Minister SarbanandaSonowal on Thursday held an all party meeting to discuss the COVID-19 situation in the state and urged the political parties to put up a united fight against the pandemic.Health Minister ShriHimantaBiswaSarma said, that Double-mutant COVID-19 variant has been detected in an air passenger at Dibrugarh airport.

Manipur: Manipur's COVID-19 tally surpassed the 30000-mark with 86 new COVID-19 positive cases recorded in Manipur on Thursday. The number of people vaccinated against COVID-19 in Manipur reached 1,18,215.26 more areas in Imphalvalley declared COVID-19 containment zones. Five areas in Imphal East and 21 areas in Imphal West have been declared COVID-19 containment zones.

Meghalaya: The state recorded 180 fresh COVID-19 cases on Thursday, taking the total number of active cases to 1,131. The state also recorded 68 recoveries on Wednesday.

Health Minister, AL Hek on Thursday said that the state has enough stock of vaccine to see through the next 15 to 20 days and asserted that the central government would make vaccines available in case of any shortage.

Nagaland:Nagaland reported 53 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday. Active cases are 385 and total cases rose to 12,800. Nagaland has reactivated COVID-19 War Room. Chief Secretary J Alam will head the war room as chairman









Tripura: 31 COVID-19 positive patients escaped from COVID Care centre in Agartala. According to police they had come from outside the State and tested positive here in Agartala.76 more tested positive in last 24 hours which makes total positive cases to 554.

Sikkim: Sikkim recorded its 137th COVID-related death. 124 cases were detected in the State in the preceding 24 hours. 1,213 people received COVID-19 vaccines in Sikkim. Of these, 802 were given the first dose while 411 completed their vaccine schedule. The Chief Minister chaired a high level meeting on COVID-19.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 319719. Number of active cases is 40584. Total Deaths reported is 8189. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 533999. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 158330. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 1900685. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 100963.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 390989. Total active COVID-19 patients is 58597. Number of deaths is 3583. Cumulative coverage of vaccination is 3433443.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 36404. Total number of Active Cases is 4273. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 427.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 82876. Total number of Active Cases is 11859. Total deaths reported till date is 1241.

FACT CHECK#









General Circular No. 05/2021

E-file no. CSR-10/9/2020-CSR-MCA Government of India Ministry of Corporate Affairs

> 5th Floor, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. R. P. Marg, New Delhi - 110 001

> > Date: 22nd April 2021

To,

All Stakeholders.

Subject: - Clarification on spending of CSR funds for setting up makeshift hospitals and temporary COVID Care facilities - reg.

Ma'am/Sir(s),

In continuation to this Ministry's General Circular No. 10/2020 dated 23.03.2020 wherein it was clarified that spending of CSR funds for COVID-19 is an eligible CSR activity, it is further clarified that spending of CSR funds for 'setting up makeshift hospitals and temporary COVID Care facilities ' is an eligible CSR activity under item nos. (i) and (xii) of Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 relating to promotion of health care, including preventive health care, and, disaster management respectively.

- 2. The companies may undertake the aforesaid activities in consultation with State Governments subject to fulfillment of Companies (CSR Policy) Rules, 2014 and the circulars related to CSR issued by this Ministry from time to time.
- 3. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Shobhit Srivastava)

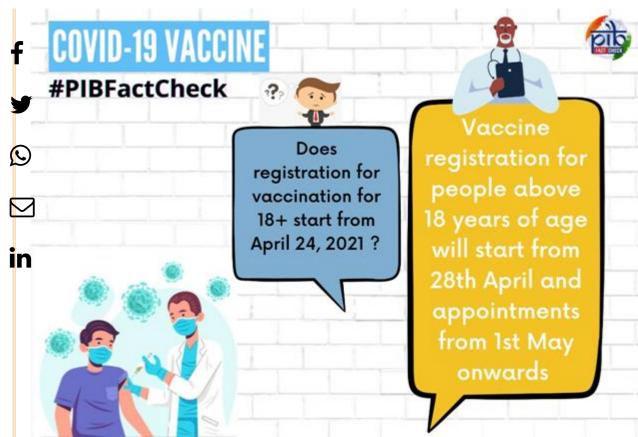
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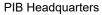






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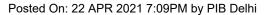






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- · India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds13.23 Crore
- · More than 22 Lakh Vaccine Doses administered in the last 24 hours
- · 5 States account for 60% of India's total Active Caseload
- · More than 1.78 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours
- · Oxygen Expresses getting prepared to leave with Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from Visakhapatnam and Bokaro today for Maharashtra and UP respectively.

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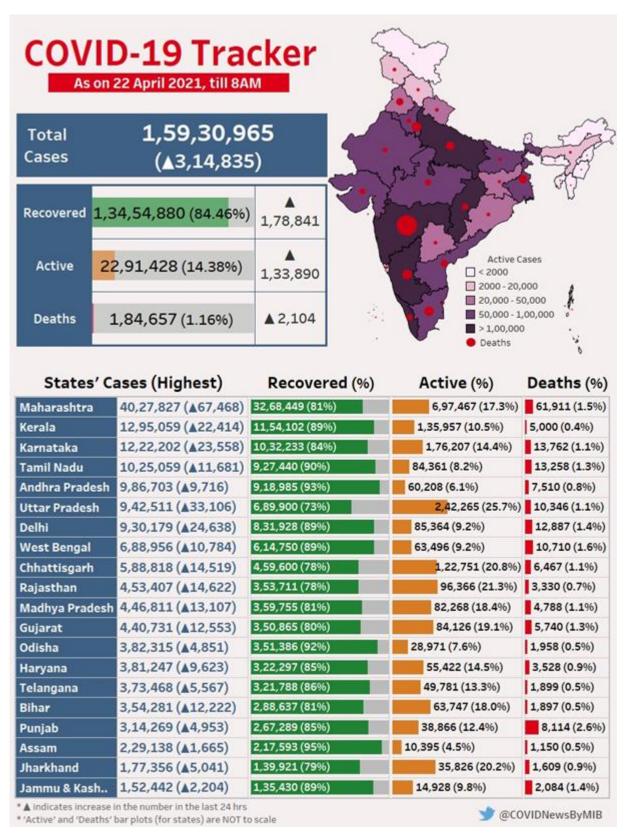






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<u>India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 13.23 Crore; More than 22 Lakh Vaccine Doses</u> <u>administered in the last 24 hours</u>

The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country hascrossed13.23 Cr today as part of the world's largest vaccination drive. Cumulatively, 13,23,30,644 vaccine doses have peen administered through 19,28,118 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. These include 92,19,544HCWs who have taken the 1st dose and 58,52,071HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose.

As on Day-96 of the vaccination drive (21st April, 2021), **22,11,334**vaccine doses were given.15,01,704 beneficiaries were vaccinated across 35,499 sessions for 1st dose and 7,09,630 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine.

3,14,835new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Ten States including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan reported **75.66%** of the new cases. Maharashtra has reported the highest daily new cases at 67,468. It is followed by Uttar Pradesh with 33,106 while Delhi reported 24,638 new cases.

India's total Active Caseload has reached **22,91,428**. It now comprises **14.38%** of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of **1,33,890** cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours. The five States of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala cumulatively account for **59.99%** of India's total Active Cases.

India's cumulative recoveries stand at **1,34,54,880** today. The National Recovery Rate is **84.46%.1,78,841** recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.

The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.16%.2,104 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours.

Nine States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are Ladakh (UT), D&D & D&N, Tripura, Sikkim, Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, A&N Islands and Arunachal Pradesh.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713356

PM holds a high level meeting on oxygen supply and availability

PM NarendraModi chaired a high-level meeting to review the oxygen supply across the country and discuss ways and means to boost its availability. The officials briefed him on the efforts undertaken in the last few weeks to improve the supply of oxygen.

PM spoke about the need to work rapidly on multiple aspects: increasing production of oxygen, increasing the speed of distribution & using innovative ways to provide oxygen support to health facilities.









PM was informed that an elaborate exercise is being done in co-ordination with the states to identify their demand for oxygen and ensure adequate supply accordingly. PM was briefed on how oxygen supply to states is steadily increasing. Against the present demand from 20 states of 6,785 MT/ day of Liquid Medical Oxygen, Government of India has from 21st April, allocated 6,822 MT/ day to these states.

It was noted that in the last few days, availability of Liquid Medical Oxygen has been increased by about 3,300 MT/ day with contributions from private and public steel plants, industries, oxygen manufacturers as well as through prohibition of supply of oxygen for non-essential industries.

Officers informed the PM that they are working together with the states to operationalize the sanctioned PSA oxygen plants as soon as possible.

PM directed the officials to ensure that oxygen supply to various states happen in a smooth, unhindered manner. He spoke about the need to fix responsibility with the local administration in cases of obstruction. He also asked ministries to explore various innovative ways to increase production & supply of oxygen.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713393

PM cancels West Bengal tour due to high-level meetings to review COVID-19 situation

The Prime Minister will chair high-level meetings to review the prevailing COVID-19 situation tomorrow.

ShriModi Tweeted "Tomorrow, will be chairing high-level meetings to review the prevailing COVID-19 situation. Due to that, I would not be going to West Bengal."

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713420

Oxygen Expresses getting prepared to leave with Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from Visakhapatnam and Bokaro today for Maharashtra and UP respectively

The Indian Railway is running Oxygen Express trains in response to its fight against Covid-19. The first Oxygen Express with Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) tankers is going to start its journey for Mumbai from Visakhapatnam tonight. Tankers filled with LMO at Visakhapatnam are being transported through Ro-Ro service of Indian Railways.

Another Oxygen Express started its journey from Lucknow to Bokaro via Varanasi to fulfil the requirements of Medical Oxygen in Uttar Pradesh. For the movement of the train, a green corridor was created between Lucknow to Varanasi. The distance of 270 Km was covered by the train in 4 hours 20 minutes with an average speed of 62.35 kmph.

Transportation of Oxygen through Trains is faster over long distances than road transport. Trains can run 24 hours in a day but a truck drivers need to take halts etc.









It may please be noted that to facilitate loading/unloading of tankers in/from flat wagons, a ramp is required. Also, due to restrictions of height of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Over Head Equipment (OHE) at certain locations, out of the various specifications of road tankers, the model of road tanker T 1618 with height of 3320 mm was found feasible to be placed on flat wagons (DBKM) with height of 1290 mm.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713395

Union Government allocates supply of Remdesivir to 19 States/UTs with High Burden of COVID cases

Various steps have been taken by Government of India to address the emerging issues for effective management of the recent unprecendented spike in COVID19 cases across various States and UTs. These pro-active measures taken by the Union Government under a 'whole of government' are also being regularly reviewed and monitored at the highest level.

The escalation of serious COVID19 patients in hospitals for effective clinical management has also resulted in anincrease in the demand of Remdesivir. While the States have been advised to promote judicious use of the drug which is listed as an Investigational Therapy by the Health Ministry, they have also been advised to take action against possible hoarding and black marketing of the drug.

Keeping in mind the sudden surge in demand in the country for Remdesivir Injection required for Covid-19 therapy, the manufacturing capacity of domestic Remdesivir manufacturers has been ramped up. All support is being extended to manufacturers by the government in this endeavour. The production capacity is being ramped up from current level of 38 lakh vials per month to 74 lakh vials per month, and 20 additional manufacturing sites have been approved. Export of Remdesivir has also been prohibited on 11th April,2021 in order to shore up domestic supplies.

To further address reports of shortages in certain regions of the country and facilitate smooth inter-state supply of Remdesivir, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in coordination with Department of Pharmaceuticals has made an interim allocation of Remdesivir for 19 States/UTs for the period up to 30th April, 2021.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713329

Finance Minister Smt. NirmalaSitharaman assures industry of Government's support; Industry should wait & watch to assess the situation

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. NirmalaSitharaman, yesterday urged the industry to wait and watch for next few days to assess the situation amid the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. The Finance Minister also assured the industry of full government support.

Addressing the FICCI National Executive Committee Members through virtual mode, Smt. Sitharaman said that with the Prime Minister's address to the nation, along with the new vaccination guidelines and with the five-fold strategy adopted in handling the COVID-19 cases — i.e., test, track, treat, COVID-19 protocols and vaccination — there will be a sense of reassurance.

"With all these steps, we should hope to see a positive change in the way the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic is moving. Industry is watching out and I would want you (industry) to keenly observe what is going on and we are together with the industry in (fighting) this (pandemic). I am sure all of us together will understand how best to now ramp-up and sustain the growth momentum which all of us are keen to see between the last quarter and this quarter," Smt. Sitharaman added.

Smt. Sitharaman further stated that sectors like hospitality, aviation, travel, tourism and hotels faced great difficulty since the start of COVID-19 pandemic. "We have extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECGLS 2.0) for these sectors and I will ensure the efficiency with which it was performing last year shall perform even for the aviation and tourism sector," the Finance Minister said.

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Maharashtra: In Maharashtra, according to the prison authorities, 246 inmates in 47 prisons across the state have contracted the virus. Stringent curbs will be imposed in the State from 8 PM tonight to contain the spread of Covid-19. The imposition of these restrictions comes at a time when Maharashtra recorded more than 67 thousand cases and 568 deaths on Wednesday. It is for the second time in less than a week the state has logged above 67 thousand cases of corona. Maharashtra health minister Rajesh Tope said that the state government is gradually heading towards imposing a stricter lockdown. He said non-essential inter-district movement of people will not be allowed under any circumstance.

Gujarat: In Gujarat, for the first time in Wednesday, more than 12 thousand new cases were reported and 121 people died. The number of active cases has increased to 76,500. Corona patients who have arrived in 108 ambulances outside the 1200 bed hospital of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital Campus have now started primary treatment even before they reach the hospital. The team of medical staff of the hospital has started taking care of such patients, in which oxygen to antibiotics are also started. It is named Treatment on Wheels.

Madhya Pradesh: About 3.32 crore 18-plus age group in the state will get free vaccine. Chief Minister ShivrajChauhan held a virtual cabinet meeting in which 14 Ministers were allocated state level responsibilities for controlling infection. He appealed to labour not to go out in search of employment, as state will provide all help including free ration.CM also announced that the public sector Bina Refinery in the state will provide oxygen to the state hospitals. The Refinery has also decided to set up a 1000 bed hospital there to overcome the oxygen transportation bottleneck. MP had 13107 new infections in the 1729 new Bhopal District administration has had cases. 'GharGharKundiKhatkao' drive to encourage people for covid vaccination to increase footfalls at inoculation centres.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh ranks second in vaccination of Covid-19 health care workers and has given the first dose of vaccine to 90 percent of the state's registered health care workers. In the period of ongoing lockdown, In the last four days, 56,323 new corona infected patients have been identified in











Chhattisgarh, while 57,908 patients have recovered during this period. However, the number of deaths from corona infection is still a concern. In the last four days, 699 people have died due to corona infection in Chhattisgarh.

Rajasthan: With 14,622 Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, Rajasthan registered a record daily rise for the sixth straight day that pushed the state's cumulative tally to 4,53,407. The total number of deaths in the state climbed to 3,330 as 62 more people succumbed to the disease. The number of active cases in the state stood at 96,366. The State Government has announced summer vacations for all Government and private schools from April 22 to June 6. The move comes in the wake of the pandemic situation.

Goa: The state government on Wednesday imposed various restrictions including night curfew till April 30 from 10 pm to 6 am banning people's movement but allowing movement of those engaged in running essential services. Goa government has restricted at 50 per cent of capacity the entry to casinos, restaurants, pubs, gyms, cinema halls and theatres. The government also decided to shut swimming pools, schools, colleges and disallowed congregations of any kind. Goa Government is roping in more suppliers for medical oxygen.

Kerala:Covid restrictions have been tightened in the state from today. Crowds are not allowed in public places. The state logged highest single day spike of confirmed 22,414 Covid-19 cases with TPR shooting up to 18.41%. State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja said six guidelines have been issued for the planning and execution of Covid vaccination drive. A total of 63,625 first dose and 39,711 second dose of vaccine were given till noon today. So far altogether 64,29,758 doses of Covid vaccines have been given in the state.

Tamil Nadu:Covid cases in Tamil Nadu touched a new high of 11,681 infections and 53 deaths on Wednesday, with five districts, Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, and Coimbatore, accounting for over 50 per cent of the day's caseload. The number of active cases in the State is now 84,361 and Covid death tally reached 13258. The state vaccinated 73,461 people on Wednesday. Till yesterday, a total of 49,65,949 have been vaccinated across the State of which 42,23,499 have received the first dose and 7,42,450 received their second dose. With just 10 days to go, Chief Electoral Officer SatyabrataSahoo said that the announcement of election results on May 2 will be delayed slightly, owing to the safety protocols being followed in view of the pandemic.

Karnataka: As per Covid bulletin released by the State Government, New Cases Reported: 23558; Total Active Cases: 176188; New Covid Deaths: 116; Total Covid Deaths: 13762. Around 60,248 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 74,60,493 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The Karnataka government Wednesday began operating a war room in Bengaluru to look into the supply of medical oxygen and Remdesivir at hospitals in Bengaluru. The city police are set to strictly enforce the newly enacted guidelines for corona control. Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said, according to current demand and consumption estimates, 1,500 metric tonnes of oxygen is needed and arrangements are being made accordingly.









Andhra Pradesh: The State reported 9716 new cases and 38 deaths on a single day, while 3359 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 9,86,703; Active cases: 60,208; Deaths: 7510; Discharges: 9,18,985. A special drive is being organised across the state today for those who need to take a second dose of the Covid vaccine. A total of 49,68,504 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on Wednesday, which include 42,57,224 first dose and 7,11,280 second dose. Meanwhile, the first Oxygen Express from Mumbai has arrived at RashtriyaIspat Nigam Limited (RINL) the corporate entity of Vizag Steel in Visakhapatnam in the early hours of today. The seven empty cryogenic tankers with a total carrying capacity of more than 100 tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) will take nearly 20 to 24 hours to complete the process of filling, weighing and completing safety checks as per protocol before it chugs off to Maharashtra to meet the medical exigencies of Covid patients.

Telangana: In the interim allocation of 11 Lakh anti-viral drug Remdesivir injections to 19 states/Union Territories by the Central Government till 30th April, Telangana has been allocated 21,551 injections. To ensure the public have access to information related to availability of hospital beds dedicated to Covid-19 patients, the State government on Wednesday started posting the real-time availability of hospital beds in government and private hospitals across Telangana on the website https://health.telangana.gov.in. In the wake of sharp rise in Covid cases, the State Govt has decided to set up 50 more Covid Care Centres having 4,837 beds across the state to treat the patients with mild symptoms. A total of 1,04,770 people of all categories received first dose and 18,035 second dose of Covid vaccine yesterday (Wednesday) in the state. Now, the cumulative number of people received first dose stands at 29,73,323 and second dose at 4,18,167. Meanwhile, a total of 5,567 new daily Covid cases and 23 fatalities have been reported yesterday in the state taking the cumulative number of positive cases in the state to 3,73,468 and deaths to 1,899. Now, the number of Active cases in the state stands at 49,781.

Assam: Assam will give free vaccine to everyone in the age-group 18-45 years. Funds collected for Assam ArogyaNidhi (Rs 118 Crore) last year will be utilized for procurement of vaccine. A total of 1,665 new Covid-19 cases were recorded in Assam on Wednesday at a positivity rate of 2.68 per cent. Kamrup(metro) district saw the highest number of 674 new cases. Five deaths have been reported during the day. The Assam Health Department has sought two crore doses of vaccines from Bharat Biotech International and Serum Institute under the liberalized COVID vaccine procurement policy. Assam health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma said that in case the daily case rate in Guwahati Metro touches 1000, the district administration has been authorized to take a decision to close down educational institutions & hostels.

Manipur: Manipur recorded two more deaths in the last 24 hours to take the death tally to 380 while 92 more persons tested positive for the virus during the same period.

The number of persons who have received the vaccination shot is 1,13,651 so far.









Meghalaya: The Meghalaya government has decided to step up vaccination drive on a war footing. The target is to vaccinate all the 6.5 lakh eligible beneficiaries within a week or ten days. The state aims to complete the vaccination of all 6.5 lakh of its citizens above 45 years of age against covid-19 by next month Chief Minister Conard K Sangma informed today.

So far 1.88 lakh Covid jabs have been administered. With 192 cases reported on Wednesday, the state now has 1,021 active cases of COVID-19. Three more deaths on Wednesday pushed the number of fatalities to 157.

-Sikkim: 50 new Covid cases reported in Sikkim. The State's active Covid case tally is now 536.

Tripura:Negative covid report 72 hours prior to journey must for people entering Tripura. If the test report is not available upon arrival, the person will be tested at the entry point. Highest single day surge of 92 cases of Covid-19 has been reported in the state and this is the highest figure of this second wave.

Nagaland:Nagaland detected 97 new Covid cases on Wednesday. Active cases are 347 while tally rises to 12,747.Kohima DC says no lockdown or vehicle restriction in the state capital for now. Night curfew imposed in Dimapur, main markets to open on alternate days.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 314269. Number of active cases is 38866. Total Deaths reported is 8114. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 527972. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 156138. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 1865948. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 93329.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 381247. Total active COVID-19 patients is 55422. Number of deaths is 3528. Cumulative coverage of vaccination is 3386492.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 35770. Total number of Active Cases is 4125. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 423.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 81102. Total number of Active Cases is 10793. Total deaths reported till date is 1223.

















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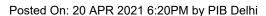






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- 10 States report 78% of New Cases; 62% Active Cases in just 5 States
- National Mortality rate further dips to 1.18%
- Union Home Secretary Reviews Status of COVID19, Containment and other Public Health Measures in all UTs
- Ramped up Testing and Infrastructure, Large Containment Zones, Strict Enforcement of COVID Appropriate Behaviour, and Movement Restriction advised
- All AIIMS increase their number of Oxygen supported beds as well as ICU-Ventilator beds

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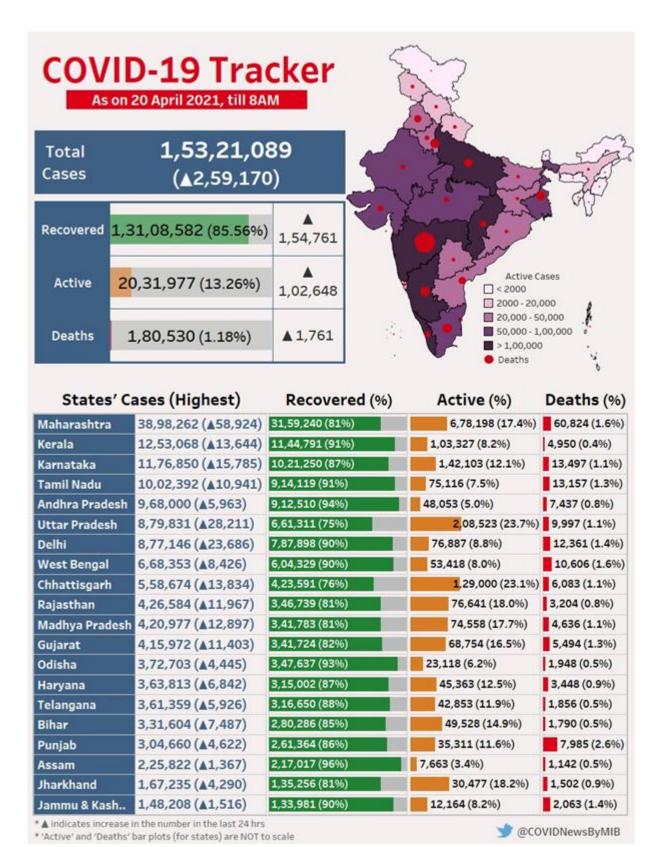






























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<u>India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 12.71 Crore; 32 Lakh Vaccine Doses administered in the last 24 hours</u>

The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 12.71 Cr today as part of the world's largest vaccination drive. Cumulatively, 12,71,29,113 vaccine doses (10,96,59,181 1st doses and 1,74,69,932 2nd doses) have been administered through 18,83,241 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. Over 32 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours.

As on Day-94 of the vaccination drive (19th April, 2021), **32,76,555** vaccine doses were given. **India's daily news cases are showing a rising trend. 2,59,170** new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Ten States including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Rajasthan report.

India's total Active Caseload has reached 20,31,977. It now comprises 13.26% of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of 1,02,648 cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours. India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,31,08,582 today. The National Recovery Rate is 85.56%.

1,54,761 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.18%. **1,761** deaths were reported in the last 24 hours.

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<u>UnionHome Secretary Reviews Status of COVID19, Containment and other Public Health Measures in all UTs</u>

Union Home Secretary Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, along with Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, chaired a high-level meeting to review and discuss the COVID status, and the management and response strategy with Chief Secretaries of all the Union Territories of India. The meeting, held









through video conference, was also attended by Dr V K Paul, Member (Health) NITI Aayog, Dr BalramBhargava, Secretary, DHR& DG ICMR. The DGs of Police of all UTs were also present at the VC today.

The Home Secretary pointed out the steep growth in number of cases all across the country. From 20,000 cases reported on 1st January 2021, India has almost 10 times more cases (more than 2,00,000 cases) being reported daily since 15th April 2021. In last 11 days, new cases have almost doubled from 1.31 plakh reported on 9th April to 2.73 lakh reported on 20th April.

Through a detailed and comprehensive presentation, the current trajectory of total new COVID cases, weekly tests, weekly Positivity Rate, weekly new COVID cases, weekly number of deaths and status/proportion of RT-PCR tests and Rapid Antigen Test in all Union Territories were presented.

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All AIIMS increase their number of Oxygen supported beds as well as ICU-Ventilator beds

As directed by Government of India, all AIIMS (including AIIMS, New Delhi, Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur, Rishikesh, Mangalagiri, Nagpur; JIPMER Puducherry; and PGIMER Chandigarh) have increased their number of Oxygen supported beds as well as ICU beds with ventilators.

They had 1448 oxygen supported beds and 519 ICU-ventilator beds. This number has been increased to 2113 Oxygen supported beds and 676 ICU-Ventilator beds.

This decision of Government of India will go a long way in addressing the urgent and critical need of hospital beds in States which have reported shortage of such beds, where AIIMS are present.

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Rejuvenation of 20 control rooms set up to address grievances of workers

In view of the resurgence of COVID-19 and subsequent imposition of certain restrictions by state governments, the ministry of Labour and Employment has rejuvenated the 20 control rooms set up in April 2020 to mitigate the problems of migrant workers through co-ordination with various state governments" under the Office of Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) across the country. Lakhs of workers used this facility last year and got their grievances resolved.

The aggrieved workers can access these control rooms through email, mobile and Whatsapp. These control rooms are being managed by Labour Enforcement Officers, Assistant Labour Commissioners, Regional Labour Commissioners, and Deputy Chief Labour Commissioners of the respective regions.

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Ministry of AYUSH directs Strict Action against Gujarat firm for misleading claims for its product AAYUDH Advance









Acting upon a letter from the Ministry of Ayush, the Joint Commissioner (Ayurved) of Food & Drug Control Administration of Gujarat has issued show cause notice to a Rajkot based Ayurvedic drugs manufacturer which had made misleading claims for its product AAYUDH advance. The company has claimed that its said product is the 'first clinically tested medicine for COVID-19 management and treatment'. The company has further claimed that its product is three times better than Remdisvir and that 'AAYUDH Advance starts where vaccines stop'.

The drug policy section of the Ministry of Ayush had directed the Ayurvedic licensing authority of Gujarat to initiate strict action against the company that had made such misleading claims for its product AYUDH advance.

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Maharashtra: Amid increase in Covid positive cases in the state, Maharashtra government issued guidelines on Tuesday restricting celebration of Shree Ram Navami, Mahavir Jayanti and Hanuman Jayanti in a low key manner. The Home Department has appealed to devotees to celebrate the festival at home. Meanwhile, The State Government has also curtailed the business hours of grocery stores to only four hours from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Gujarat: Gujarat government has slashed the rates of RT-PCR tests for Covid19 by private laboratories. The RT-PCR test charge in laboratories will be Rs. 700 instead of Rs. 800. If a test is conducted by laboratory staff through visiting home, the charge shall be Rs. 900 instead of Rs. 1100. Gujarat on Monday reported 11,403 new cases and 117 deaths.

Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, Corona patients will now be accommodated in army hospitals and isolation centers. Probably for the first time in the country, a state government has started using military resources to deal with the Corona epidemic. Efforts are being made to arrange about 150 isolation beds in Army hospitals in Bhopal, 100 in Jabalpur and 40 each in Sagar and Gwalior. In the mean time, the state government has decided to provide a ration of three months free of cost to all eligible poor families of the state at once. Under this, the ration of April, May and June months will be provided in April.

Chhattisgarh:Chhattisgarh is under complete lockdown from today with two more districts of Sukma and Kondagaon going for closure. With this, lockdown is effective in all the 28 districts of the state.

Goa: Goa saw the grimmest day of the pandemic so far on Monday, as 17 persons succumbed to the infection, the highest single-day toll since its outbreak. The state also saw 940 new cases, and its positivity rate has shot up to 34%









Kerala: In the wake of an increase in Covid-19 cases, Kerala will impose night curfew from 9pm to 5am from tonight. A mass Covid group test will be held in the state again on April 21 and 22. Three lakh people will be tested in two days. A high level meeting convened by Chief Secretary has decided to issue orders banning celebrations or crowds on May 2, the day of counting of votes in the assembly polls. State Health Minister KK Shailaja today entered self-quarantine after her close relatives tested positive. 13,644 new Covid-19 cases were reported in Kerala on Monday with a test positivity rate of 15.63%. 19,739 people today took their first dose of vaccine and 10,097 second dose. A total of 61,23,075 people have so far been vaccinated in the state. Out of this 53,60,907 received first dose and 7,62,168 second dose.

Tamil Nadu: The 10,941 new cases pushed the total active cases in TN to 75,116 on Monday, when the state recorded 44 deaths and 6,172 discharges. The case tally touched 10,02,392 while the cumulative toll touched 13,157. The state, meanwhile, vaccinated 76,005 people on Monday, taking the cumulative vaccination figure in the State to 48,14,662. Centres in districts and several private hospitals across the state continued to complain about inadequate stock of vaccines on Monday. Puducherry has decided to impose night curfew between 10pm and 5am from April 20 to contain the spread of Covid-19.

Karnataka: New Cases Reported: 15785; Total Active Cases: 142084; New Covid Deaths: 146; Total Covid Deaths: 13497. Around 84,785 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 71,17,405 have been vaccinated in the state till now. Karnataka Governor Vajubhai R Valawill chair an virtual all-party meeting on April 20 to review the Covid-19 situation, with cases surging in an unprecedented manner.

Andhra Pradesh: Witnessing a sharp spike in Covid-19 fatalities with 27 patients succumbing in the 24 hours ending Monday morning, the highest in a day after October 20, the state has reported 7437 Covid-19 deaths so far, with 5963 new cases emerging, taking the positivity rate to 6.15 per cent. The overall infections rose to 9.68 lakh. The State government announced the closure of academic year 2020-21 and declared summer holidays for Classes 1 to 9 from today in view of prevailing Covid-19 situation. The government, on Tuesday issued orders making it mandatory for all individuals to wear masks in public places and ensuring of thermal screening, hand sanitisation and maintenance of physical distance in all shopping areas, commercial establishments and public places. The state after receiving seven lakh doses of Covishield and one lakh Covaxin doses allocated 58,000 doses of Covishield and 8,000 doses of Covaxin to Chittoor district, where the infection rate is much higher.

Telangana:A total of 1,55,869 people of all categories received first dose of Covid vaccine and 21,352 second dose on Monday in the state. Now, the cumulative number of people received first dose stands at 27,47,831 and second dose at 3,81,664. ShriG.SrinivasaRao, Director, State Public Health informed that the state would receive 7.5 Lakh doses of Covid vaccine by today (Tuesday) night. Meanwhile, a record number of 5926 new daily Covid cases and 18 deaths were reported on Monday in the state taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 3,61,359 and fatalities to 1856. The State High Court on Monday directed the State Government to take steps within 48 hours to combat the spiralling Covid cases in the state failing which it will step in. It also asked the Government to decide fast on enforcing night turfew and imposing a cet curbs for crowd control in public places.

Assam: State Health and Family Welfare department fixed the maximum charge for RT-PCR test is Rs 500. It will be Rs 700 if the sample is collected from home. The rate of Rapid Antigen Test is Rs 250. The daily COVID-19 cases in Assam breached the 1000 mark again after a gap of six months. A total of 1367 new positive cases were detected on Monday out of 65,310 tests done across the state.

Meghalaya:108 fresh cases were detected on Monday of which 95 were reported in East Khasi Hills, seven in West Jaintia Hills and five in RiBhoi. The total number of recoveries stands at 14,071. In the face of the sudden surge in COVID cases in Shillong and East Khasi Hills district, the Meghalaya government has ordered restrictions including the closure of schools and prohibiting tourists from entering the state while resisting complete lockdown.

The restrictions followed a review meeting held here on Monday to discuss the COVID situation in the state and the containment of the virus.

Sikkim: With nine cases detected today, thenumber of active cases of coronavirus in Sikkim has inched up to 404. A total of 902 persons were vaccinated for COVID-19 in different parts of the State.

Nagaland: 13 new Covid cases on Monday. Active cases are 189 and total is 12,568.Govt announced closure of schools upto class 8. HSLC & HSSLC exams to continue.

Nagaland govt asks District Task Forces on Covid to consider night curfew, markets on alternate days and vehicle odd-even system as measures to contain Covid spread.

Tripura:Governor of Tripura Ramesh Bais held a review meeting with health officials regarding preperation of the state to tackle second wave.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 304660. Number of active cases is 35311. Total Deaths reported is 7985. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 509430. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 151209. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 1764899. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 74061.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 363813. Total active COVID-19 patients is 45363. Number of deaths is 3448. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 3275445.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 34546. Total number of Active Cases is 3804. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 417.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 78070. Total number of Active Cases is 9783. Total deaths reported till date is 1190.











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Subject: Postponement of the UGC-NET December 2020 cycle (May 2021) Examination

The UGC - National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) for December 2020 cycle (May 2021) in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode is scheduled between 02 to 17 May 2021 throughout the country covering 81 subjects.

However, looking at the present situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and also taking into account the safety and well-being of the candidates and examination functionaries, it has been decided to postpone the UGC-NET December 2020 cycle (May 2021) Examination.

The revised dates for the UGC-NET December 2020 cycle (May 2021) Examination will be announced later and at least 15 days before the examination.

The candidates are advised to keep visiting the official websites of NTA (www.nta.ac.in) and (ugcnet.nta.nic.in) for the latest updates.

For any further clarification related to UGC-NET December 2020 cycle (May 2021) Examination the candidates can contact 011-40759000 or send email at ugcnet@nta.ac.in.

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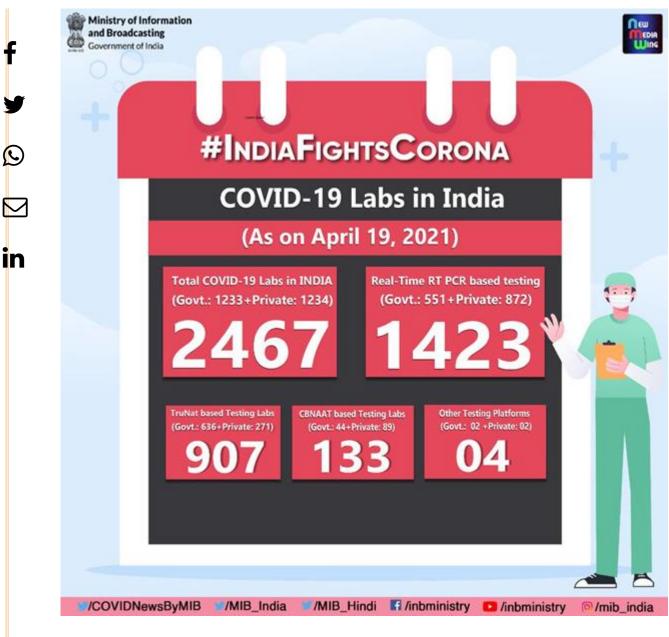












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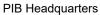








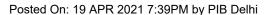






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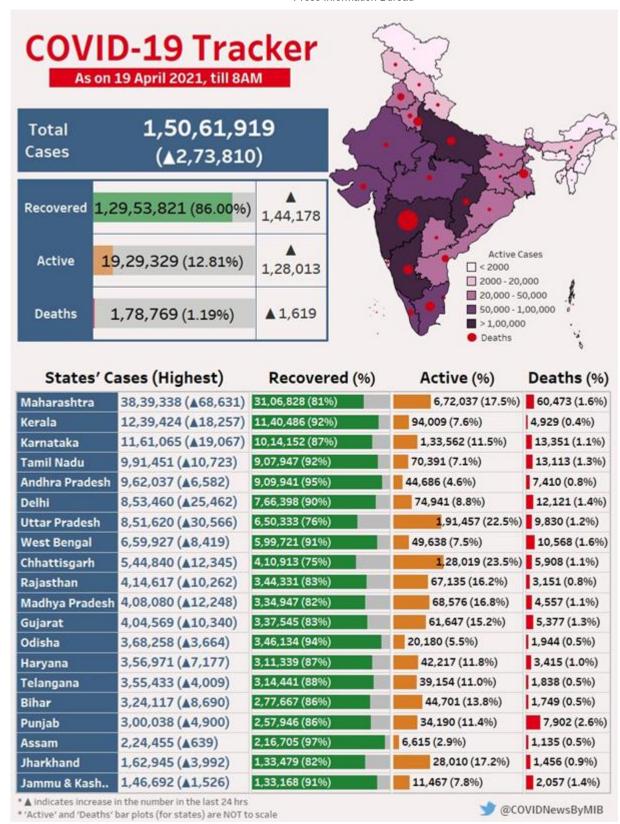
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were given. 9,40,725 beneficiaries were vaccinated across 21,905 sessions for 1st dose and 2,89,282 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine.

- 79% of New Cases are being reported from 10 States.
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Government of India announces a Liberalised and Accelerated Phase 3 Strategy of Covid-19 Vaccination from 1st May

Several important decisions taken in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister

Everyone above the age of 18 to be eligible to get vaccine against Covid-19

In a meeting chaired by PM Narendra Modi, an important decision of allowing vaccination to everyone above the age of 18 from 1st May has been taken. PM said that the Government has been working hard from over a year to ensure that maximum numbers of Indians are able to get the vaccine in the shortest possible of time. He added that India is vaccinating people at world record pace& we will continue this with even greater momentum.

In its Phase-III, the National Vaccine Strategy aims at liberalised vaccine pricing and scaling up of vaccine coverage. This would augment vaccine production as well as availability, incentivising vaccine manufacturers to rapidly ramp up their production as well as attract new vaccine manufacturers, domestic and international. It would also make pricing, procurement, eligibility and administration of vaccines open and flexible, allowing all stakeholders the flexibility to customise to local needs and dynamics.

The main elements of the Liberalised and Accelerated Phase 3 Strategy of the National Covid-19 Vaccination program that would come in effect from 1st May 2021, are as follows:-

i. Vaccine manufacturers would supply 50% of their monthly Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL) released doses to Gov. of India and would be free to supply the remaining 50% doses 10 state

Govts. and in the open market (hereinafter referred to as other than Govt. of India channel).

rt. (ii) Manufacturers would transparently make an advance declaration of the price for 50% supply that would be available to State Govts. and in open market, before 1 May 2021. Based on this price, State governments, private hospitals, industrial establishments etc would be able to procure vaccine doses from the manufacturers. Private Hospitals would have to procure their supplies of Covid-19 vaccine exclusively from the 50% supply earmarked for other than Govt. of India channel. Private Vaccination providers shall transparently declare their self-set vaccination price. The eligibility through this channel would be opened up to all adults, i.e. everyone above the age









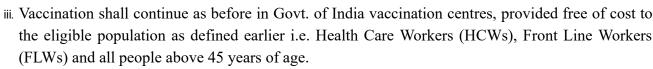




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- iv. All vaccination (through Govt. of India and Other than Govt. of India channel) would be part of the National Vaccination Programme, and mandated to follow all protocol such as being captured on CoWIN platform, linked to AEFI reporting and all other prescribed norms. Stocks and price per vaccination applicable in all vaccination centres will also have to be reported real-time.
- v. The division of vaccine supply 50% to Govt. of India and 50% to other than Govt. of India channel would be applicable uniformly across for all vaccines manufactured in the country. However Government of India will allow the imported fully ready to use vaccines to be entirely utilized in the other than Govt. of India channel.
- vi. Govt. of India, from its share, will allocate vaccines to States/UTs based on the criteria of extent of infection (number of active Covid cases) & performance (speed of administration). Wastage of vaccine will also be considered in this criteria and will affect the criteria negatively. Based on the above criteria, State-wise quota would be decided and communicated to the States adequately in advance.
 - (vii) Second dose of all existing priority groups i.e. HCWs, FLWs and population above 45 years, wherever it has become due, would be given priority, for which a specific and focused strategy would be communicated to all stakeholders.
 - (viii) This policy would come into effect from 1st May 2021 and will be reviewed from time to time.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1712710

Prime Minister reviews Public Health Response to COVID-19 with the Nation's Leading Doctors

Prime Minister NarendraModi interacted with doctors across the country via video conferencing on the COVID-19 issue and vaccination progress. Prime Minister Modi appreciated the doctors, medical and para-medical staff for their invaluable service towards the country during the coronavirus pandemic.

PM Modi said, last year, during the same time, it was due to our doctors' hard work and the nation's strategy that we were able to control the coronavirus wave. Now that the country is facing the second wave of coronavirus, all the doctors, our frontline workers are confronting the pandemic with full force,

and are saving the lives of millions of people.

PM Modi said that recently the central government has taken many important decisions related to the supply of essential medicines, injections and sufficient availability of oxygen. State Governments have been given necessary guidelines about these.

PM Modi said that vaccination is the biggest weapon in the fight against coronavirus. He urged the doctors to encourage more and more patients to get vaccinated.

The Prime Minister urged the doctors to educate people against several rumours on Covid treatment & prevention. In these difficult times, PM Modi said, it is very important that people do not become a victim of panic. For this, PM Modi said, along with proper treatment, emphasis must also be on counselling of patients admitted in hospitals. PM Modi also encouraged doctors to use tele-medicine for treatment of other diseases, in case there is no emergency.

The Prime Minister noted that this time the pandemic is spreading rapidly in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities as well. PM Modi called for accelerating efforts to upgrade resources in such places. He urged doctors to connect with their colleagues working in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and give them online consultations to ensure that all protocols are followed correctly.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1712702

Prime Minister interacts with regional public representatives and officials on Covid-19 in Varanasi

The Prime Minister, ShriNarendraModi, yesterday reviewed the status of Covid-19 in Varanasi district through video conferencing. During the meeting, the Prime Minister took stock of testing, availability of beds, medicines, vaccines and manpower etc. for prevention of Corona and proper treatment of Corona infected patients. He directed the officers to provide all possible assistance to the public expeditiously.

During the discussion, the Prime Minister emphasized that everybody should follow the "distance of two yards and mask is essential". Stressing the importance of the vaccination campaign, the Prime Minister said that the administration should make everyone above the age of 45 aware of this. He also asked the administration to extend all possible assistance to the people of Varanasi with utmost sensitivity.

The Prime Minister thanked all the doctors and medical staff of the country and said that even in this hour of crisis, they are doing their duty sincerely. He said that we have to learn from last year's experiences and move forward cautiously.

The Prime Minister said that as a representative of Varanasi, he is also taking constant feedback from the general public. He said the expansion and modernization of medical infrastructure in Varanasi in the last 5-6 years has helped in fighting Corona. Simultaneously, the availability of beds, ICU and oxygen in Varanasi is being augmented. The Prime Minister also emphasized the need to increase efforts at all levels in view of the stress due to the increased number of patients. He said that the Varanasi administration should step up the pace of work in all the fields in the same way it has rapidly set up the 'KashiCovid Response Centre'.









The Prime Minister emphasized on "Test, Track and Treat" and said that like the first wave, the same strategy has to be adopted to win over viruses. He also emphasized on providing contract tracing and test reports of infected persons at the earliest. He also directed the administration to discharge all responsibilities towards the patients and their families living in home isolation in a sensitive manner.

The Prime Minister praised the voluntary organisations of Varanasi for working closely with the Government and said they should be further encouraged. He again emphasized on greater vigilance and caution in view of the situation.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1712536

<u>Union Home Secretary writes to Chief Secretaries of States and Administrators of Union Territories to take necessary measures to prohibit supply of oxygen for Industrial Purposes in view of rising cases of Covid-19</u>

The Union Home Secretary has, yesterday, written to Chief Secretaries of States and Administrators of Union Territories ,that they should issue necessary instructions to all authorities concerned in their States/Union Territories to take necessary measures to prohibit supply of oxygen for industrial purpose, except in nine industries as stated in the letter of the Union Health & Family Welfare Secretary dated 18.04.2021. This is keeping in view the rapid rise in COVID-19 cases in various parts of the country and the resultant rapid demand for medical oxygen, particularly in high-burden States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, etc.

The letter of the Union Home Secretary follows the decision taken by the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Empowered Group-II, that the supply of oxygen for industrial purposes by manufacturers and suppliers is prohibited (except in nine industries) forthwith from 22.04.2021 till further orders, so as to augment supply for medical oxygen in the country and to save precious lives.

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<u>Union Government takes Steps to boost supply of Oxygen to Hospitals; Industrial Oxygen limited to 9</u> <u>Industries</u>

The country has been facing an unprecedented surge in the new daily cases of COVID in various States and UTs across the country. The requirement for Medical Oxygen is a critical component in the treatment of COVID affected patients. In view of the recent surge in the country of COVID19 cases, the requirement of oxygen for effective clinical treatment of COVID patients has also witnessed a manifold hike. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has conveyed that this has already reached about 60 percent of the total daily Oxygen production, and is expected to rise further. There have been reports of shortage of medical oxygen from some States and UTs.









Government of India has been regularly monitoring and ensuring smooth supply of essential medical equipment including medical oxygen to the affected states and addressing challenges that arise from time to time. In another significant decision taken by the Union Government yesterday, the supply of Oxygen for industrial purposes by manufacturers and suppliers is prohibited forthwith from 22.04.2021 till further orders. The matter was deliberated by the DPIIT with all the stakeholders and after due deliberations, it was considered prudent to restrict the industrial usage of oxygen to meet the rising demand for medical oxygen. The surplus oxygen available up as a result of this temporary restriction will facilitate its freeing up for use as medical oxygen for treatment of COVID19 patients.

The Union Health Ministry has advised all Chief Secretaries to ensure effective implementation & compliance of this Order.

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Railways getting fully ready to Transport Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) and Oxygen Cylinders

The Railways is getting fully ready to transport Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) and Oxygen Cylinders across the key Corridors. Availability of oxygen is a key element in the treatment of certain medical conditions in the Covid infection.

Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra state governments had approached Ministry of Railways to explore whether Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) tankers could be moved by Railways.Railways immediately explored the technical feasibility of transportation of LMO. LMO has to be transported through Roll On Roll Off (RO RO) service with road tankers placed on flat wagons.

Due to restrictions of height of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Over Head Equipment (OHE) at certain locations, out of the various specifications of road tankers, the model of road tanker T 1618 with height of 3320 mm was found feasible to be placed on flat wagons (DBKM) with height of 1290 mm.

In order to ensure that parameters of Transportation are tested, trials were conducted at various locations.

Tentatively a movement plan has been made for dispatching 10 empty tankers on 19.04.2021.

Transport Secretary Maharashtra has assured to provide the tankers by 19.04.2021.

Zonal Railways have been informed regarding the demands from State Governments.

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Maharashtra:Maharashtra government has termed five states including Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttrakhand, Gujarat, Goa and Kerala as places of sensitive origin pertaining to Covid 19 pandemic and has issued guidelines for people arriving from these places to the state.

Passengers coming from these states will need RT-PCR negative test done within 48 hours of travel and will have to stay 15 days in home quarantine.

Besides, it has also instructed the concerned authorities to ensure an exclusive thermal screening and separate exit gates at all states for passengers arriving from the said states.

Gujarat: In a bid to scale up testing, Gujarat Government has roped in laboratories of 26 large educational institutions including universities in the state.

The local health department will collect samples and give them the report.

The state reported 10,340 new cases of corona, and 110 deaths have been reported in the state on Sunday.

Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister ShivrajChauhan has said that private hospitals have an important role and State will permit opening hospitals in government premises if private agencies are willing to start hospitals.

He also declared that oxygen plants will be started in 37 districts and this work will be done within three months' time.MP reported 12,248 new cases on Sunday.

Goa: Goa, on Sunday, recorded 11 Covid deaths within 24 hours, the highest in several months, and 951 fresh infections, the highest count since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. The state's positivity rate, too, rose to 29%.

Kerala: More restrictions are to be imposed in the state considering the Covid surge here. Implementing night curfew and work from home facility are under consideration. State PSC has postponed all exams and interviews to April 30th. Kerala logged 18,257 new Covid-19 cases and 25 deaths on Sunday, pushing the infection load to 12.39 lakh and toll of fatalities to 4,929. A total of 29,393 people took their first dose of Covid vaccine yesterday and 6,254 second dose. So far 52,63,953 people have been given first dose and 7,13,834 second dose in the state.

Tamil Nadu:In a bid to curtail the spread of Covid-19, the Tamil Nadu government has announced restrictions from April 20 including a night curfew between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. and a complete lockdown on Sundays. For the first time, fresh Covid-19 cases in Tamil Nadu surged past the 10,000-mark on Sunday. As many as 10,723 people contracted the infection, while 42 succumbed to it in the State. The record surge in daily infections took the State's tally to 9,91,451. Chennai recorded another new high with 3,304 cases. The city accounted for 16 of the 42 fatalities. The number of persons vaccinated dipped to 25,670 on Sunday, taking the total coverage to 47,31,143.

Karnataka: New Cases Reported: 19067; Total Active Cases: 133543; New Covid Deaths: 81; Total Covid Deaths: 1351. Total of 22,065 were vaccinated yesterday and 69,87,874 is the cumulative total of vaccinations done in the state. The state government has ordered releasing Rs 300 crore from the disaster relief fund to the BBMP for Covid-related works in the next few months. Amid the pandemic's second wave and reported shortage of beds and drugs, Karnataka on Sunday set up a war room to ensure supply of medical oxygen to hospitals for treating Covid patients, especially in Bengaluru. According to information on the Covid-19 bed management system, 90 per cent of ICU beds and those with ventilators in all hospitals across the tech capital are currently occupied.









Andhra Pradesh:6582 new Covid-19 positive cases emerged in the state taking the total number to 9,62,037. Death toll rose to 7410 with 22 deaths on a single day. The active caseload saw a jump of 4217 and stood at 44,686. The State administration has geared up to complete vaccination of half a million health care workers and frontline workers. Meanwhile, the state has received two lakh more Covishield doses on Sunday in addition to the five lakh does received on Saturday from the Serum Institute in Pune and one lakh Covaxin doses from Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad.



Telangana: A total 2.7 Lakh Covid vaccine doses reached Hyderabad on Sunday night and were dispatched to the Vaccination Centres across the state immediately to continue the vaccination drive. Yesterday (Sunday) was holiday for Covid vaccination drive in the state. Out of the 162 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants sanctioned by the Central Government to produce medical oxygen in Govt hospitals in all states, Telangana was allotted two plants. The Centre has also sanctioned 360 tonnes of Medical oxygen to Telangana to cope with the increasing number of Covid cases in the state. Coming to daily Covid cases in the state, a total of 4009 cases were reported yesterday taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 3,55,433 and fourteen fatalities taking the cumulative number of deaths to 1838. The number of active cases in the state now is 39,154.

Assam:In Assam, Bihu functions and other cultural programmes will be prohibited in districts which have more than 300 active COVID cases.

The highly contagious UK variant strain of the novel Coronavirus has been predominant in the second wave of the pandemic in Assam and rural areas where serosurveys have indicated low exposure to the virus will be more vulnerable to the infection. Assam reported six more deaths due to COVID-19 and 639 fresh positive cases in the past 24 hours on Sunday taking the total active cases to 5,268.

Manipur: In Manipur, on Sunday 72 persons contracting the infectious disease out of only 1195 samples tested in the last 24 hours. The State Consultative Committee for COVID-19, which was formed last year to strategize and implement measures against COVID-19, held its first meeting of the year at Chief Minister's Bungalow on Sunday amid the sudden increase in number of positive cases in the state. Even as the Government ramped up measures to avoid the second wave of COVID-19 in Manipur, the screening and collection of samples of those who arrived without a negative result via RT-PCR, TrueNat and CB-NAAT COVID-19 tests have started at Mao checkpoint today. As per the latest updates of Health Dept, the cumulative number of people who have been vaccinated in the State reached 1,062,84. All persons above 45 years are advised to get vaccinated immediately at vaccine centres of RIMS, JNIMS, District hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and select private hospitals.

Meghalaya: The death toll in Meghalaya due to COVID-19 rose to 153 on Sunday while another 73 fresh cases were detected, taking the number of active cases to 680.

Out of the 73 new positive cases, 36 were detected in East Khasi Hills, 12 each in RiBhoi and West









Jaintia Hills, five in West Garo Hills, three in West Khasi Hills, two each in South West Khasi Hills and East Jaintia Hills and one in East Garo Hills. The state also recorded 41 recoveries on Sunday including 40 in East Khasi Hills and one in East Jaintia Hills. The total number of recoveries stands at 14,038.

Sikkim: 105 fresh cases being reported in the State on Sunday. This is the fifth time that daily cases have broken the 100-mark. There are now 399 active cases of Novel Coronavirus in the State. 4,586 people received the COVID vaccine at different parts of the State on Saturday. Of these, 3576 persons got the first dose and 1,010 completed the vaccine schedule with the second dose.

Nagaland: Nagaland reports 19 new COVID cases on Sunday. Active cases are at 176 while tally rises to 12,555. A total of 1,47,862 beneficiaries have been inoculated in Nagaland so far. Of them, 32,470 have received their second doses.

Tripura: 69 positive cases were reported yesterday. The total cummilative active cases in the state has gone up 430.A High level meeting was held by Principal Secreatary Health on the preperations of the Health Department with regard to vaccination and also in proper management of COVID-19 second wave.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 300038. Number of active cases is 34190. Total Deaths reported is 7902. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 500724. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 148727. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 1705056. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 64569.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 356971. Total active COVID-19 patients is 42217. Number of deaths is 3415. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 3188319.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 33934. Total number of Active Cases is 3625. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 413.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 76375. Total number of Active Cases is 8696. Total deaths reported till date is 1177.

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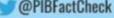
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The double mutation is another variant and has been found in other countries too

including Maharashtra, MP, Rajasthan and Kerala have not yet shared the data with NCDC, though Panjab and Della have shared such data.

As on 15042021, 13.614 WGS samples have been processed at the 10 designated INSACOG labs. Of these, 1,189 samples have tested positive for variants of concern for SARS COV-2 in India. This includes 1109 samples with UK variants, 79 samples with South African variant and 1 sample with the

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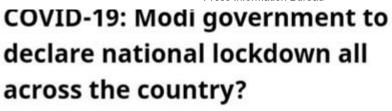












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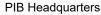




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- 9% of New Cases are being reported from 10 States
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- The National Recovery Rate is 87.80%.
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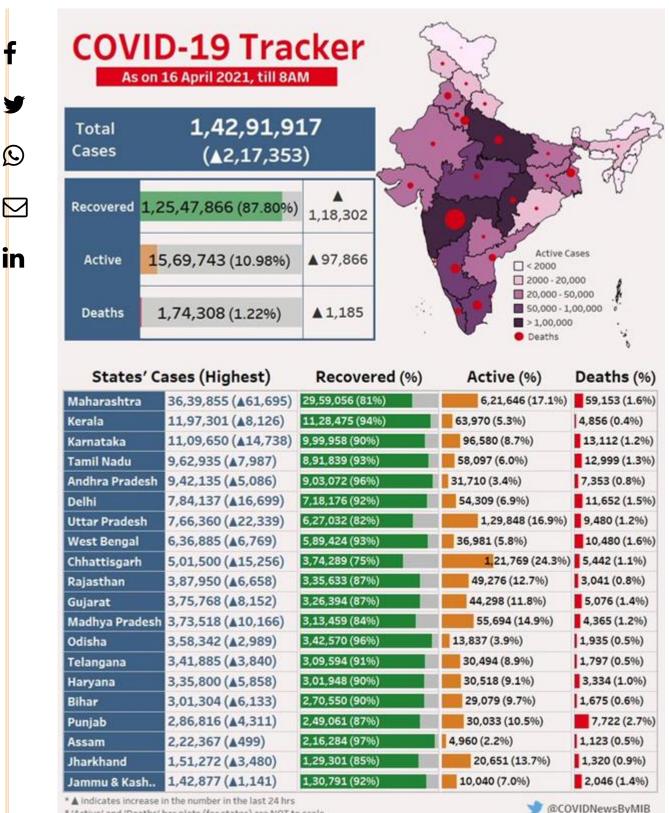
















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- · Ten States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are Ladakh (UT), Tripura, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Lakshadweep, A&N Islands and Arunachal Pradesh

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PM reviews status of oxygen availability to ensure adequate supply

- PM Modi took a detailed review of current situation of oxygen supply and projected use in the coming 15 days across 12 high burden states (Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan). An overview of district level situation in these states was presented to the PM.
- PM urged officials to ensure seamless and free movement of tankers carrying oxygen throughout the country. The Government has exempted all interstate movement of oxygen tankers from registration of permits to enable easier movement.
- PM was informed that States and transporters have been asked to ensure tankers move round the clock with drivers working in shifts to ensure faster turnaround and adequate capacity to meet the surge in demand. Cylinder filling plants will also be permitted 24 hour working with necessary safeguards.
- The Government is allowing Industrial cylinders to be used for medical oxygen after due purging. Similarly nitrogen and argon tankers will be automatically allowed to be converted to oxygen tankers to overcome the potential shortage of tankers. Officers also briefed the PM about the efforts being made to import medical grade oxygen.

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Dr Harsh Vardhan reviews preparedness of AlIMS New Delhi in light of recent surge of COVID19 cases in the Capital

- · Dr Harsh Vardhan held a detailed review meet on the availability of beds/oxygenated beds at the general/ICU wards with the heads of the various departments engaged in treating COVID and non-COVID medical conditions taking note of difficulties faced by them and their colleagues in carrying out their present duties.
- He visited the patient ward of the Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre (JPNATC) of AIIMS, New Delhi (Dedicated COVID Hospital) and interacted with many patients under treatment. He assured them of the best possible care.









• Dr Harsh Vardhan also interacted with the media afterwards and used the occasion to remind people of the many virtues of COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB): "Our biggest fight this time is to teach COVID appropriate behaviour to the people. People have adopted a casual approach which is very dangerous. COVID Appropriate behaviour is the biggest social tool we have to break the chain." In order to encourage the public from following CAB in the quest for a COVID free environment, he put out statistics that demonstrate the diligence of the general public along with the hard-work of healthcare and frontline workers: "India has 52 districts with no fresh cases in 7 days, 34 districts with no fresh cases in 14 days, 4 districts with no fresh cases in 21 days and 44 districts with no fresh cases in 28 days." He also detailed steps taken by the Union government to stop black marketing of drugs like Remdesivir and Itolizumab.

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<u>Union Health Ministry advises the Central Ministries and their PSUs to dedicate their Hospital beds for COVID19 Management in States/UTs</u>

- In a significant measure to substantially augment the hospital infrastructure for effective clinical management of severe COVID-19 patients across the country, the Union Health Ministry has advised all central Ministries to issue instructions to the hospitals under their control or their PSUs to set-up exclusive dedicated hospital wards or separate blocks within the hospitals for COVID Care, as was done last year.
- In the letter written to the Central Ministries, the Union Health Secretary had reiterated that the present situation of sudden surge in the COVID cases across the country calls for similar supportive action as last year from all such Central Ministries / Departments and their PSUs and the Hospitals under their control.
- In order for the public to avail of the required treatment at these hospital wards/blocks, the Central Ministries have been also been advised that details of such dedicated hospital wards/blocks are provided to the public, duly coordinating with the respective health departments of States/UTs and the District Health Administration of the States/Districts wherever these hospitals are located. It has been suggested that a Nodal Officer may be nominated from the Ministry/Department for necessary coordination with the respective States/UTs for this purpose and their contact details be shared with the respective States/UTs as well as the Union Health Ministry.

For details:

<u>Union Home Secretary reviews COVID-19 Status and Public Health Measures for its Containment & Management taken</u> <u>by Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh</u>

Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh along with Maharashtra are the only three States in the country which have more than one lakh Active Cases. Both Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh are reporting very high number of daily new COVID19 cases and high deaths caused by COVID-19. Chhattisgarh has reported nearly 6.2% increase in weekly new COVID cases based on 7 day moving average. After a detailed and comprehensive review, the following 5-fold strategy for tackling the recent surge was re-emphasised:

1. Significantly increase testing in all districts with a minimum of 70% RT-PCR tests and use of Rapid Antigen Tests as screening tests in densely populated areas as well as areas where fresh clusters are emerging. Mandatorily subject those who have tested negative in Rapid Antigen Test

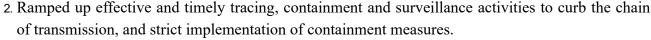


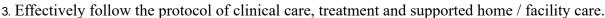












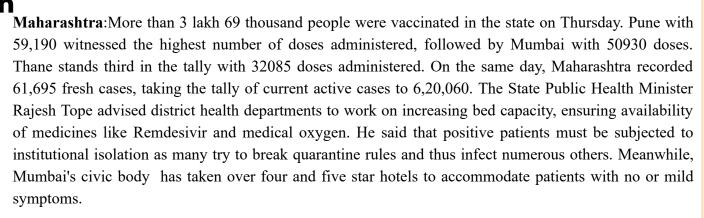


- 4. Strict and effective enforcement of COVID safe behavior including strict limitation of unnecessary movement of people and crowds.
- 5. Time-bound plan of 100% vaccination of eligible population groups, especially in the high focus districts.

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Gujarat: Gujarat government has ordered 100 per cent use of all oxygen produced in the state for the health sector. The State Government has added 18,000 COVID beds in the last 15 days and 8,000 more beds will be added in the coming days, stated CM Vijay Rupani. Gujarat has recorded 8152 new cases of COVID-19 on Thursday. Maximum 2631 new cases have been reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 1551 new cases. Gujarat now has 44298 active cases.

Rajasthan: To curb the second COVID-19 wave, the Rajasthan Government on Thursday night announced a weekend curfew from Friday 6 P.M. to Monday 5 A.M. However, emergency services such as milk and LPG supply, banking services will be exempted. Amid spiralling COVID cases, Sawai Man Singh Medical College issued a COVID-19 management protocol 2021 in which it has appealed to doctors to use remdesivir, an anti-viral drug, and liquid medical oxygen (LMO) judiciously as its demand has gone up. The health department has imposed a ban on over-the-counter sale of remdesivir from chemists to prevent black-marketing, while for continuous supply of LMO, the health department has written to collectors to keep stock and issued letter to industry department asking them to send a list of industries producing LMO in the state. In the last 24 hours, 6,658 tested positive in the state.

Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has thanked the central government for supplying oxygen to the state. Chief Minister said that supply of about 450 metric tonnes of oxygen to the state was agreed upon from Bhilai, Rourkela and Deori. 94 COVID Care Centers have started in the districts of the state. Rs 2 crore has been made available to each district for the arrangements. Along with this, Rs 1 crore has been released separately from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to each district. Madhya Pradesh recorded 10,166 fresh COVID cases on Thursday, while 3,970 patients recovered from infection. the state government has postponed the Board exams for Class 10th and 1. In the wake of wor ling COVID-19 situation.

Chhattisgarh: Amidst the rapidly surging COVID crisis, Chhattisgarh Government has invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA). As on April 15, 386.92 metric tons of oxygen gas is being produced in the state every day, while currently only 110.30 metric tons of oxygen is needed per day for 5 thousand 898 patients with oxygen support. The fair price shops have been instructed to follow all COVID protocols while distributing ration. 15,256 new Corona positive patients in the state on Thursday. With this, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Chhattisgarh mounted to 5,01,500. Chhattisgarh Government has made it mandatory for all passengers entering the state by air or railways to carry negative RTPCR report that is not older than 72 hours.

Kerala: A total of 24,953 people have taken COVID vaccination today in the state till noon. Out of this 19,376 took their first dose and 5,577 second dose. The total number of vaccination administered in the state so far is 2,06,116. Out of this 1,66,306 were first dose and 39,810 second dose.

Meanwhile, the state government has put in place a three-pronged strategy to arrest within two months the COVID-19 surge being witnessed post Assembly elections. These include 2.5 lakh tests each on Friday and Saturday, slashing of number of people at events and making COVID negative certificate mandatory for entering into malls.

8126 new cases were reported in the state after 60,900 tests on Thursday, with the test positivity rate shooting up to 13.34%.

Tamil Nadu: With 58,097 active COVID cases reported on Thursday, TN crossed its earlier peak of 57,968 cases recorded on July 31, 2020. A total of 7,987 new cases and 29 deaths were recorded yesterday, the highest in 2021. A total of 2,17,666 people, including 1,15,970 people aged 45-59 with co-morbidities and 85,111 senior citizens, were vaccinated at 4,408 sessions on Thursday. The number of those vaccinated has gone up to 43,90,629. Oxygen facilities in Government Hospitals increased to 780 KL. Door-to-door fever survey has been restored to identify people for RT PCR test as well as eligible individuals for vaccination. The second phase of the state health department's sero-surveillance to measure the exposure of the Madurai's population to the SARS-CoV-2 is underway in Madurai.

Karnataka: As per COVID bulletin released by the state government for 15-04-2021, New Cases Reported: 14738; Total Active Cases: 96561; New COVID Deaths: 66; Total COVID Deaths: 13112. Around 73,687 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 62,74,260 having been vaccinated in the state till now. Karnataka on Thursday reported its highest single-day COVID spike. Out of the cases reported, 10,497 were from Bengaluru Urban alone. Ten more COVID Care Centres (CCCs) will be set up across Bengaluru to cater to the rising number of people contracting the coronavirus infection daily. The Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the state DGP and IGP to immediately direct all authorised officers to register FIRs against all who violate COVID-19 rules on wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

Andhra Pradesh: The State reported highest one-day spike of 5086 new cases in coronavirus cases, 14 fatalities, while the infection positivity rate climbed to 6.05 per cent. The total number of cases have increased to 9,42,135, the death toll rose to 7353. Meanwhile, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy asked the officials to intensify the COVID vaccination programme. At a review meeting on Thursday, he congratulated Health officials for administrating 6.28 lakh doses of vaccine on Wednesday. In the wake of surging COVID-19 cases, the state government on Thursday revived the State COVID Command and









Control Centre with 21 All India Services officers, to take necessary steps for COVID-19 management and vaccination on a daily basis, monitoring and guiding the district administrations in taking the necessary measures.

Telangana: A total of 1,54,568 were administered first dose and 13,631 second dose of COVID vaccine on Thursday in the state. Now, the cumulative number of persons of all categories received first dose of vaccine stands at 22,90,562 and second dose at 3,36,009. Meanwhile, a total of 3,840 new daily COVID cases and 9 fatalities were reported yesterday in the state. Now, the total number of positive cases in the state reached 3,41,885 and the fatalities 1,797. The number of Active Cases in the state stands at 30,494 and Out of which 20,215 are in home/institutional quarantine. The State Govt has decided to increase the number of beds in all Govt and Private hospitals by 25 percent, asked all hospitals to postpone non-emergency surgeries in the wake of sharp rise in COVID cases and shortage of beds.

Manipur: Daily COVID-19 positive cases in Manipur eased to 18 on Thursday from 21 on Wednesday, while 10 more people recovered, according to the latest update from the health department. As per the latest update by the health department, the total number of COVID-19 vaccine beneficiaries in the state crossed one lakh at 1,01,069 as 2,288 more people were vaccinated across the state on Wednesday. Total 32,109 healthcare workers were reported vaccinated with COVID vaccine as of Wednesday.

Meghalaya: With surging COVID-19 cases in Meghalaya, the state government has decided to vigorously pursue its vaccination drive even as the class 12 board examination starting April 16 will go ahead as scheduled. In the backdrop of the sudden spike in Corona virus cases Chief Minister Conrad K Sangama held a meeting to review the situation. Over 1.61 lakh doses of the corona vaccine have already been administered in Meghalaya as of date

Sikkim: Sikkim saw 41 new cases. There are currently 229 active cases of coronavirus in Sikkim. Sikkim administered 26,328 vaccine shots in the four-day TeekaUtsav from 11 to 14 April. The highest number of vaccine shots were given in East District at 13,701, followed by 5,940 in West District during TeekaUtsav. A total of 4,625 persons were vaccinated for COVID-19 in South District and 2,062 in North District.

Nagaland: Nagaland reports 42 new COVID cases. Active cases are 121 while total rises to 12,482.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 286816. Number of active cases is 30033. Total Deaths reported is 7722. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 470636. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 141039. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 1512913. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 44101.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 335800. Total active COVID-19 patients is 30518. Number of deaths is 3334. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 3034430.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 32397. Total number of Active Cases is 3371. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 407

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 73353. Total number of Active Cases is 7362. Total deaths reported till date is 1146





























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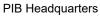














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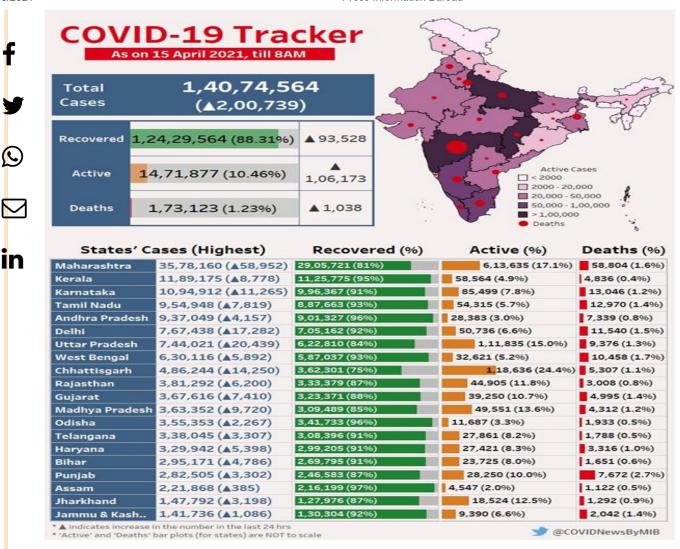












<u>India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 11.44Crore</u>

- The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 11.44 Cr today.
- Over 33 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours.
- As on Day-89 of the vaccination drive (14th April, 2021), **33,13,848**vaccine doses were given. Within this, 28,77,473 beneficiaries were vaccinated across 44,864 sessions for 1st dose and 4,36,375 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine.
- India's daily new cases continue to rise. 2,00,739 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- India's total Active Caseload has reached **14,71,877**. It now comprises **10.46%** of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of **1,06,173** cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours.
- India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,24,29,564 today. The National Recovery Rate is 88.31%.
- NineStates/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N, Tripura, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Lakshadweep, and Arunachal Pradesh.

For details:

Empowered Group 2 initiates action to avoid panic regarding availability of Medical Oxygen









The EG2 has initiated several measures to ensure supply of medical oxygen to various affected states. Some of the major measures are as follows.

- Increase oxygen production as per production capacity of each oxygen manufacturing plant; this has resulted in 100 percent production in the oxygen manufacturing units, ramping up availability of oxygen in the country (as stated above).
- Utilise the surplus stocks available with Steel Plants. The stock availability from Steel plants has increased in last few days, with 14,000 MTs coming from stocks of the CPSUs Steel Plants alone, and this has helped ramp up total LMO stocks in the country.
- borders and those available at steel plants, for greater clarity and assurance for the states on the oxygen sourcing. Thus, Maharashtra has been able to lift surplus medical oxygen on daily basis from Steel plants like JSW in Dolvi (Maharashtra), SAIL in Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) and from JSW in Bellary (Karnataka). Similarly, Madhya Pradesh is able to supplement its oxygen supply from the Steel plant in Bhilai (Chhattisgarh).
- The challenge presently is to move oxygen from States with less necessity to States with increased necessity. Mapping of the surplus sources with States that have greater need for oxygen, such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, etc is being finalised, in consultation with the manufacturers, States and other stakeholders. This has been undertaken through coordinated planning between the Government of India and State Governments to map their requirements up to 30th April 2021 with the available sources and stocks of oxygen in the country.
- A sub- group has been formed under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) with Ministry of Railways and transport departments of States to facilitate the movement of transport tankers for Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO). Moving of oxygen tankers by rail is also being actively worked out.
- Some of the key decisions taken in the context of seamless movement of oxygen tankers is as follows:
- Orders have been given by PESO (Petroleum and Safety Organisation) for conversion of argon and nitrogen tankers for use as oxygen tankers; thereby the fleet available for transportation of tankers has been enhanced;
- Free movement of oxygen tankers inter-state has been facilitated through MoRTH without registration in the other states;
- Further, mapping of cylinders state wise has been done and industrial cylinders have been permitted to be used for medical oxygen after due purging;
- Placing of orders for purchase of another one lakh oxygen cylinders by MoHFW is also being undertaken;
- PSA plants sanctioned under PM-Cares are being closely reviewed for early completion of 100 percent of the plants to enhance self-generation of oxygen in hospitals especially in remote areas.
- Daily reviews with the high burden states are being jointly done by DPIIT with MoHFW and Steel Ministry. Oxygen manufacturers are also present in these meetings, as are the Steel units. This results in handholding of the States for facilitating oxygen supply, resolving any inter-State issues on supply or tanker movement, etc

For details:

Union Health Ministry Issues Regulatory Pathways for foreign produced COVID-19 Vaccines









In a radical reform measure, the Union Government on 13th April 2021 approved a significant streamlining and fast tracking of regulatory system for COVID-19 vaccines approved for restricted use by US FDA, EMA, UK MHRA, PMDA Japan or which are listed in WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL). This decision will facilitate quicker access to such foreign vaccines by India and would encourage imports including import of bulk drug material, optimal utilization of domestic fill and finish capacity etc., which will in turn provide a fillip to vaccine manufacturing capacity and total vaccine availability within the country.

For details:

COVID 'TikaUtsav' witnesses growth in number of COVID Vaccination Centres and Daily <u>Vaccinations</u>

More than 1.28 Cr doses administered during TikaUtsav. The four days of TikaUtsav saw intense vaccination activity. 29,33,418 vaccination doses were given on 11th April, another 40,04,521 were administered the next day. The corresponding figure for 13th and 14th April stands at 26,46,528 and 33,13,848. The total vaccination figures during the TikaUtsav saw a jump of 1,28,98,314 vaccine doses being administered to people of the eligible groups across the country.

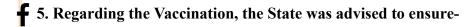
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<u>Union Home Secretary Chairs High Level meet to review the status of COVID-19 Status and Public Health Measures taken by Madhya Pradesh</u>

Following 5-fold strategy for tackling the recent surge was highlighted and discussed:

- 1. On the front of Testing, the State was advised to-
- Significantly increase testing in all districts with a minimum of 70% RT-PCR tests and use of Rapid
 Antigen Tests as screening tests in densely populated areas as well as areas where fresh clusters are
 emerging.
- Mandatorily subject those who have tested negative in Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) to RT-PCR test.
 - 2. Tracing, Containment, surveillance to suppress spread
- Tracing of close contacts- at least 25 to 30 such close contacts for each infected person and their isolation to be done in 72 hours.
- Do subsequent testing and follow up of all close contacts.
- Delineate Containment Zones as per proper mapping of clusters of cases & their contacts.
 - 3. The State was advised to follow the protocol of Clinical care, treatment & support, for Home / facility care:
- Increase the number of isolation beds, oxygen beds, ventilators/ICU beds, ambulance fleet as per requirement.
- Plan for adequate oxygen supply.
- Focus on mortality reduction by early identification & complying to treatment protocols
 - 4. On front of COVID safe behaviour, the State was advised to
- Use local political, cultural, sports, religious influencers to disseminate proper wearing of masks and maintaining physical distance.

• Use of Police Act, DM Act and other legal/administrative provisions for effective and strict enforcement.



• Time-bound plan of 100% vaccination of eligible HCWs, FLWs and eligible age groups.





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- Maharashtra: The state reported 58,952 new cases on Wednesday, pushing the tally of total active cases not of 6.12 lakhs. With 1.11 crore doses administered the state is also leading in the vaccination roll out in the country. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has requested Prime Minister NarendraModi to treat the Covid 19 pandemic as a natural calamity so that the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) may be used to provide individual benefits to the affected Meanwhile, Mumbai's ChhatrapatiShivajiMaharaj International Airport, CSMIA has decided to re-consolidate all domestic passenger flights currently operating via Terminal 1. Beginning April 21, all international as well as domestic flights will be operated from Terminal 2. This decision has been taken in view of the Covid pandemic escalation.
- **Gujarat**: Gujarat has reported 7,410 new Covid-19 cases which is the highest-ever that has been reported in the state in a day. The deaths caused by the coronavirus has also reached a new peak with 73 recorded in 24 hrs. The active cases in the state have reached 39,250 and the death toll is inching close to 5000 with the current total at 4,995. In view of rising Covid cases the State Government has decided to postpone the Class X and Class XII Board examinations. The situation will be reviewed again on May 15.
- Rajasthan: Amid a surge in coronavirus infection cases, the Rajasthan government has decided to impose a night-long curfew from 6 pm to 5 am in the entire state from 16 April. The night curfew was declared earlier in 10 urban areas of the state. Rajasthan on Wednesday recorded the sharpest single-day spike of 6,200 fresh COVID-19 cases
- Chhattisgarh: An all party meeting being held in Chhattisgarh to chalk out plan to contain the surge of Covid 19 pandemic. The virtual meeting comes a day after Prime Minister held a meeting with State Governors on Wednesday. Chhattisgarh reported 14,250 new cases, taking the number of active cases to 1.18 lakhs
- **Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 282505. Number of active cases is 28250. Total Deaths reported is 7672. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose(Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 463657. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose(Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 137945. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 1444419. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 37566.
- **Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 329942. Total active COVID-19 patients is 27421. Number of deaths is 3316. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 2991855.
- **Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 31985. Total number of Active Cases is 3371. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 404.
- Kerala: The state government has issued new stricter restrictions in the wake of increasing Covid cases. The decision was taken today in the high-level emergency meeting convened by CM PinarayiVijayan. Also, was decided to increase the number of dail ovid tests. Tighter restrictions are to be entired in

containment zones. Prior approval will be required for wedding, housewarming and other public gatherings. Covid negative certificate made mandatory for entry into malls and markets. High alert to be exercised in tuition centres. Meanwhile, Health Minister KK Shailaja has warned the possibility of regional lockdown in places where there is large spread of Covid. She added that more vaccines have been sought from the Centre. The state confirmed 8778 Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, with test positivity rate shooting up to 13.45%.

- Puducherry registered 413 fresh coronavirus cases during the last 24 hours taking the overall tally in the union territory to 45,862.
- Tamil Nadu recorded 7,819 cases on Wednesday, the highest daily total seen in the State thus far. Chennai also broke the record for the highest daily cases with the tally standing at 2,564 on Wednesday.
- Karnataka: Karnataka saw the highest-ever single-day case count, even higher than the peak in the first wave last year, as it reported 11,265 cases on Wednesday. Karnataka CM Yediyurappa is to hold an all-party meet to discuss Covid crisis, and has said there won't be lockdown in state. As per Covid bulletin released by the state government on14-04-2021, New Cases Reported: 11265; Total Active Cases: 85480; New Covid Deaths: 38; Total Covid Deaths: 13046.
- Andhra Pradesh: The State reported a new high of 4157 Covid infections after testing 35,732 samples taking the overall infections to 9,37,049. The death toll has increased to 7339 with 18 more people succumbing to the virus on a single day, which was the highest single-day death toll since October. The state now has 28,383 active Covid-19 cases. The state has received 4.40 lakh Covishield and 2 lakh Covaxin doses on Tuesday and the process of vaccination picked up momentum. With severe spike in coronavirus cases, Guntur district administration has increased bed capacity in the Covid-19 hospitals to two thousand in the district.
- Telangana: State Health Department has issued orders to allow the Private hospitals having more than 10 beds to treat the Covid patients. Thus, a total of 41,783 more beds in 1691 private hospitals in the state are available now for treatment of Covid patients. Out of these, 25,188 are normal beds, 10,536 Oxygen beds, 4,608 ICU beds and 1451 ICU beds with ventilators. Meanwhile, the number of Covid inpatients in all Govt and Private hospitals has been increasing sharply. Out of 25,459 active cases in the state, a total of 8,567 patients, almost one-third of them, are being treated in Govt and private hospitals. Six weeks back the number of Covid in-patients in all Govt and private hospitals was only 1000 and now there has been eight times increase in number.
- Manipur:COVID-19 active case tally climbs to 133 as 21 more test positive. The total number of COVID-19 vaccine beneficiaries in the state reached 98,781 as 1,815 more people were vaccinated across the state on Tuesday. In all, 32,092 healthcare workers were reported vaccinated with COVID vaccine as of Tuesday.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya is witnessing a stiff surge in COVID-19 cases, especially in East Khasi Hills, with as many as 100 fresh cases reported across the state on Wednesday. Out of the 100 new cases, 59 cases were from East Khasi Hills, 29 from West Jaintia Hills, two from East Jaintia Hills, six from RiBhoi, one from West Garo Hills and three from West KhasiHills. The number of active cases in the state has jumped to 363 with East Khasi Hills alone having 270 active cases followed by West Jaintia Hills with 56 and RiBhoi with 21. The total casualty in the state stands at 151 while a total of 13,971 people have recovered from the virus so far.
- **Sikkim:** 193 active COVID cases in Sikkim with 21 new cases. On the other hand, 9,486 persons [8950 first dose & 536 second dose] have received vaccination for COVID-19 in different parts of Sikkim.







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• Nagaland: Nagaland records 13 new Covid cases and 103 recoveries on Wednesday. Active cases stand at 83.

























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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued the following press release giving latest Covid inputs 4?

The fears expressed earlier regarding the spread of Covid19 in India for the last 3-4 weeks were finally confirmed today in the press release issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). Some of the salient points mentioned in the press release today:

1. INSACOG has detected 771 variants of concerns (VOCs) in a total of 10787 positive samples sequenced. The distributions are as follows: UK (8.1.1.7) variant - 736.

South African (8.1.351) variant - 34 Brazilian (P.1) variant - 1

2. These variants of concerns, which are much more infect the original Wuhan strain) are now circulating in 18 state

3. Additionally, new local variants of concerns specific t detected. Sequencing has found that the fraction of sai and L452R mutations are much higher now.

4. The N440K variant that is associated with immune 6% samples from Kerala, 33% of samples from Andh samples from Telangana.

5. All the above mutated strains circulating in India now make the virus more dangerous. The mutations, in addition to significantly increased transmissibility, help the virus escape our immune system, meaning that many who have been previously infected or vaccinated "might" get re-infected.



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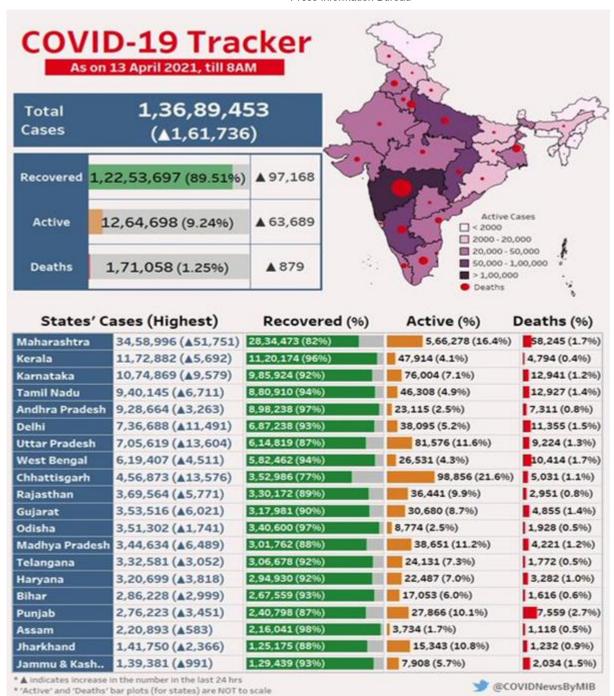
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<u>India continues to Administer Highest Average Vaccine Doses per day, India's Cumulative Vaccination</u> <u>Coverage exceeds 10.85 crore with over 40 Lakh doses given in the last 24 hours</u>

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- Over 0 lakh vaccination sees were administered in the last 24 hour



- India's total Active Caseload has reached **12,64,698**. It now comprises **9.24%** of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of **63,689** cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours.
- The five States of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala cumulatively account for **68.85%** of India's total Active Cases. Maharashtra alone accounts for 44.78% of the total active caseload of the country.
- India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,22,53,697 today. The National Recovery Rate is 89.51%.
- 97,168 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- 879 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours.
- Thirteen States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are J&K (UT), Assam, Ladakh (UT), D&D & D&N, Tripura, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Lakshadweep, A&N Islands and Arunachal Pradesh.

For details:

<u>Centre fast tracks Emergency Approvals for foreign produced COVID-19 Vaccines that have been granted EUA in other countries to Expand the Basket of Vaccines for Domestic Use and Hasten the Pace and Coverage of Vaccination</u>

The matter of augmenting the Basket of Vaccines available for fighting the pandemic as well as to accelerate the pace & coverage of domestic vaccination programme was discussed in the 23rd meeting of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) held on 11th April 2021, chaired by Dr. V K Paul, Member (Health), Niti Aayog.The NEGVAC, after comprehensive deliberation, recommended that vaccines for COVID-19, which have been developed & are being manufactured in foreign countries and which have been granted emergency approval for restricted use by USFDA, EMA, UK MHRA, PMDA Japan or which are listed in WHO(Emergency Use Listing) may be granted emergency use approval in India, mandating the requirement of post-approval parallel bridging clinical trial in place of conduct of local clinical trial as per the provisions prescribed under Second Schedule of the New Drugs & Clinical Trials Rules 2019.The Union Government, after due consideration, has accepted the recommendation of NEGVAC.This decision will facilitate quicker access to such foreign vaccines by India & would encourage imports including import of bulk drug material, optimal utilization of domestic fill and finish capacity etc., which will in turn provide a fillip to vaccine manufacturing capacity and total vaccine availability for domestic.

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<u>The National Regulator grants Permission for Restricted Use in Emergency Situations to Sputnik-</u> V vaccine

The approval of the vaccine in Russia along with its conditions/restrictions was also reviewed by the SEC. The SEC noted that the safety & immunogenicity data presented by the firm from the Indian study is comparable with that of the Phase III clinical trial interim data from Russia. After detailed deliberation the SEC recommended for grant of permission for restricted use in emergency situations subject to various regulatory provisions. The vaccine is indicated for active immunization to prevent CCARD-19

disease in individuals of \geq 18 years of age. The vaccine should be administered intramuscularly in two doses of 0.5 ml each with interval of 21 days. (Day 0: Component I & Day 21: Component II). The vaccine has to be stored at -18°C. The vaccine comprises of two components I & II, which are not interchangeable. After careful consideration, the recommendations of the SEC have been accepted by the Drugs Control General (India). M/s DRL will import the vaccine for use in the country.

For details:

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technologyhas announced that it has approved additional funding towards clinical studies of India's'first of its kind' mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccine - HGCO19, developed by Pune-based biotechnology company Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd.

This funding has been awarded under the Mission COVID Suraksha- The Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development Mission'by DBT's dedicated Mission Implementation Unit at BiotechnologyIndustry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) after multiplerounds of evaluation of all the applications that were submitted in response to the 'Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)'under Mission COVID Surakshafor the Development of COVID-19 vaccine candidate(s)'.

DBT has been hand-holding Gennova's right from the start and has facilitated establishing Gennova's mRNA-based next-generation vaccine manufacturing platform by providing seed funding for the development of HGCO19. Gennova, in collaboration with HDT Biotech Corporation, USA,has developed the COVID-19mRNA vaccine – HGCO19.

HGCO19 has already demonstrated safety, immunogenicity, neutralization antibody activityin the rodent and non-human primate models. The neutralizing antibody response of the vaccine in mice and non-human primates was comparable with the sera from the convalescent patients of COVID-19.mRNA vaccines are considered safe as mRNA is non-infectious, non-integrating in nature, and degraded by standard cellular mechanisms.

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Maharashtra: In Maharashtra, 30 percent of the funds from the district planning committee will be allowed to be used in phases for corona preventive measures. Deputy Chief Minister AjitPawar said the growing number of coronavirus infected patients is putting a strain on the health system. Yet the whole system is working on war footing. He said the next fortnight is crucial in the fight against corona. He added that the number of beds required for treatment is being increased. Beds in private hospitals have been acquired by the government. Efforts to improve oxygen supply are under way. The Deputy CM said district collectors have been given the power to control the distribution of Remedisivir injections which are useful for the treatment of Corona patients. He added that their retail sales have been banned to prevent malpractice in the sale of Remedisivir injections. Maharashtra on Monday reported a slight dip in the number of fresh cases, with 51,751 more people testing positive, taking the cumulative total to 34,58 P96. The state also reacreed 258 more deather king the death toll to 3,245. The recover rate in

the state stands at 81.94 % while the case fatality rate stands at 1.68%. The state now has 5,64,746 active cases. Mumbai registered 6893 new cases of Covid-19 taking the caseload to 5,27,391. The city also reported 43 fatalities due to the virus.

Gujarat: Gujarat registered a record high of 6021 new cases and 55 deaths due to Covid-19 on Monday. The total number of people infected so far has gone up to 3,53,516. Maximum 1907 new cases have been reported from Ahmedabad city, while Surat recorded 1174 new cases. Currently there are 30,680 active patients. CM Vijay Rupani has announced complete ban on all types of public functions including religious celebrations during the month of April and May. He said that now only 50 persons will be allowed to attend wedding functions. All religious places have been asked to close the public entries till 30th April. All Government, semi government, public sector and private offices except essential services will be allowed to work with 50 percent staff or alternate day functioning. Gujarat government has urged the Centre to start DRDO covid hospital with 900 bed capacity at GMDC community hall in Ahmedabad.

Rajasthan: The Covid-19 recovery rate has taken a dip from 98.5% to 89.3% from February 1 with the state witnessing a sudden spurt in virus infections and deaths related to it. On Monday, 25 persons died in the state, an all-time high for 24 hours. For the 5th day in a row, the state also set a record single-day spike in Covid cases as 5,771 persons tested positive, taking the overall tally to 3,69,564. In 12 days of April, 133 persons lost their lives to Covid as the second wave refused to loosen its grip. With 13.9% jump in 24 hours, active cases touched a new high of 36,441. Also, the recovery rate went down below 90% for the first time in 7 months. It was 89.34% on Monday. 5771 new cases were reported on Monday. Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota, Alwar, Bhilwara and Dungarpur districts are the most affected due to infection. Rajasthan reached a major COVID 19 milestone on Monday as it crossed the one crore mark in vaccine doses administered, the second highest by any state. The Health Minister of Rajasthan Dr Raghu Sharma informed that 4.70 lakh persons were vaccinated daily during the last four days. Strict action is being taken against those violating the Covid protocol. Many commercial establishments have been sealed. Government school students in classes VI and VII will now be promoted to next class without any examination, as per the guidelines of Directorate of Secondary Education, Bikaner. The district administration has said that no procession will be held during Thursday's Gangaur festival in Jaipur due to surge in the cases. The tourism department, which organises the main procession in the Walled City, had cancelled the event almost two weeks ago. The administration has advised citizens to observe the festival while following the guidelines.

Madhya Pradesh: MP witnessed a massive surge in covid positive cases in the last 24 hours. Out of 6489 cases reported, the Bhopal figures was a shocking 1456 cases, Indore 923, Gwalior 497 and Jabalpur 469. About 37 deaths were reported in the same period. The positivity rate also has jumped to 28% in Bhopal and 16.9% across the state. Bhopal has also been brought under Corona Curfew with immediate effect in the face of fast spreading pandemic and will be in force till 19th April. MPBSE exams are also likely to be postponed till June. Some exemptions have been given for essential services. Ministers have been provided the charge of Districts for better coordinating of covid care facilities. In a new development, Shri Akasl Oripathi has replaced Sanjay Goyal as thealth

Commissioner. Steps have been initiated to augment the availability of oxygen and 22000 Remdesvir vials have been provided for treating the need. About 15 lakh people will be vaccinated in the next three days. A report states some of the hospitals have been wasting precious oxygen upto 30% amid short supply.

Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, 107 people died due to corona infection in the state. Currently, about 99 thousand infected people are undergoing treatment in various hospitals or in home isolation. Covid vaccination campaign is also going on vigorously in the state. In Chhattisgarh, 44,73,200 vaccines have been given till Monday. Approximately 57 percent of the people in above 45 age group have been vaccinated. Meanwhile, due to the closure of schools in Chhattisgarh, the state government has decided that all school children will be given forty days of dry ration under the Midday Meal Scheme. Remdesivir injection supplies in the state continue unabated. Injections are being supplied to various districts and hospitals of the state in coordination with the Food and Drug Administration and the district administration. On Monday, 9100 Remdesivir injections were supplied to hospitals in the state. Services of students studying nursing will be taken for the treatment of Covid-19 patients and other medical works. For this, the Health Department has asked the Chief Medical and Health Officer of all the districts to contact the heads of nursing colleges and their subordinate institutions to ensure the services of nursing students in hospitals and covid care centers.

Goa: Goa along with rest of India had announced mass vaccination drive 'Tika Utsav' from April 10 to April 14. The same will now be extended in Goa to April 20. The State Health department has written to Centre requesting for additional one lakh Covid vaccine doses. Anti-Viral drug, Remdesivir manufacturing agencies in the state have been instructed by the state government to keep stock of 5,000 units of the drug to ensure that there is not shortage of the drug in Goa. State Health Ministry has also instructed FDA team to maintain sufficient inventory of the drug.

Kerala: Health Minister K.K. Shailaja has informed that the state today received two lakh more doses of Covid vaccine from the Centre. As the state government has re-imposed several restrictions amid a surge in the Covid-19 cases, authorities have appealed to the public to postpone public events if possible. Meetings and other events, if not indispensable, should be postponed by three weeks. Thrissur Pooram will be held without avoiding any customs and abiding by the Covid protocol; only adults with a Covid negative certificate will be allowed to attend Pooram. The state has completed fifty lakh vaccinations since the drive began. A total of 5,692 new Covid-19 cases were reported in Kerala on Monday. The test positivity rate was recorded at 12.53 percent.

Tamil Nadu:The State reported over 6,000 new Covid-19 cases for the second consecutive day on Monday. The State reported 6,711 cases and 19 deaths, taking the tally to 9,40,145 and death toll to 12,927. TN also vaccinated over 1.6 lakh people on the day. As per Health Department data, 1,63,935 people were vaccinated on Monday. Of them 62,106 were above the age of 60, 88,210 between the ages









of 45 to 59, 9,526 were frontline workers, and 4,093 were healthcare workers. Till date Tamil Nadu has vaccinated 39,44,005 people. The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has expressed concerns over a possible imposition of lockdown due to the resurgence in Covid cases.

Karnataka: The State has reported 9,579 fresh Covid-19 cases and 52 related fatalities, taking the total caseload to 10.74 lakh and the toll to 12,941, the Health Department said on Monday. Bengaluru Urban alone accounted for 6,387 of the fresh cases. The day also saw 2,767 patients getting discharged after recovery. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday said the state government could impose lockdown if the necessity arises.

Andhra Pradesh: The State reported a new high of 3263 Covid infections after testing 33,755 samples taking the overall infections to 9,28,664. The state now has 23,115 active Covid-19 cases. The overall active cases in the state have risen to 23,115. The state, so far, has tested 1,54,63,146 samples at 2,89,572 tests per million with a positivity rate of 6.01 per cent, identifying 9,28,664 positive cases. Meanwhile, representatives of various mosques committees met in the office of the Muslim Joint Action Committee in Vijayawada and discussed the guidelines to be followed in the mosques during the month of Ramzan as a large number of devotees visit the mosques for the prayers. Representatives of mosques committees agreed to follow the Covid guidelines very strictly in the mosques during the holy month which will begin on April 14.

Telangana: A total of 3.62 lakh doses of Covid vaccines have arrived in Hyderabad on Monday night. Out of these, 2 lakh doses are of Covaxin and the remaining 1.62 doses are of Covishield. State Governor SmtTamilisaiSoundararajan reviewed the Covid situation in the state with senior officers of the State Health Department on Monday at Raj Bhavan. Expressing satisfaction over the steps being taken by the State Government to contain the virus, the Governor asked the officials to increase the RT-PCR tests. She also suggested the officials declare the areas from where a greater number of cases being reported as micro containment zones. Quoting the official figures that about 56 percent of Covid patients in Telangana are below 40 years, the Indian Medical Association has appealed to the Central Govt to extend the vaccination programme to all above 18 years of age.

Assam: With the upsurge in the demand for COVID-19 vaccines in Assam, the State Health and Family Welfare department has sought the immediate supply of 19 lakh vaccine doses from the Centre. COVID-19 testing capacity in the State has been affected with private laboratories in Guwahati refusing to carry out RT-PCR tests at the State Government stipulated rates, saying at that cost it was not feasible. In an order on April 3, the State Government had fixed the maximum rate chargeable for RT-PCR tests at Rs 500. If the sample is collected from home, Rs 700 can be charged. RAT cost was fixed at Rs 250.

Manipur: Manipur's COVID-19 positive tally crossed 29,500. COVID-19 active tally in Manipur rose to 103 with the report of 18 new positive cases, including four air passengers, on Monday. As per the latest information, 1618 people were vaccinated with Covid vaccine on April 11. In total, 94566 people in the state have been administered COVID-19 vaccine. Of it, 31,976 healthcare workers in the state have been vaccinated so far.









Meghalaya: Meghalaya has not faced with any shortage of the COVID-19 vaccines unlike many states in the country. As per the last status report, the state government received 2,91,860 doses of Covishield till April 8. It received 35,000 doses on January 12 followed by another 34,000 doses on January 20. Two more consignments of 1,30,500 and 69,970 doses were received on February 11 and March 3 respectively. The last consignment of 22,390 doses was received on April 5. The vaccine wastage in the state stands at 3% as on April 8.

Sikkim: Five new cases of coronavirus were reported in the last 24 hours in Sikkim taking the state's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 to 6,410. There are currently 161 active cases of coronavirus in Sikkim.Meanwhile, 1,383 people were vaccinated for COVID-19 in Sikkim.1 ,00,656 persons have received the first dose of vaccine and 16,810 have already received their second shot. A total of 1,17,466 persons were vaccinated so far for Covid in Sikkim. Non-essential shops to remain closed on weekends, gatherings limited to 50 at a time. State Govt issues fresh notification.

Nagaland: Nagaland reports 11 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday. Active cases are 167 while total positive cases rose to 12,416. Covid Vaccine Center set up at Nagaland Civil Secretariat to facilitate vaccination of secretariat staff. CVC will function from 9.30 am to 4 pm.

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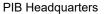












PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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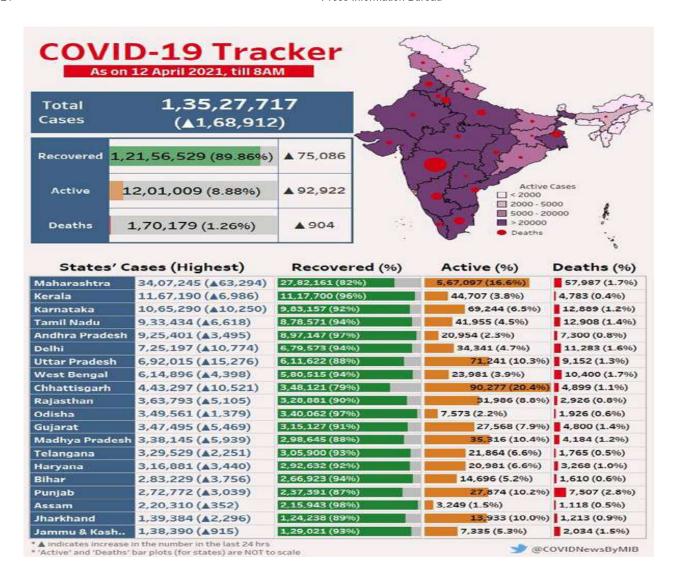
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Near 30 Lakh doses given on Day 1 of TIKA UTSAV pushes Cumulative Coverage to 10.45 crore; India's average doses per day cross 40 Lakh mark, continues to be highest globally; 10 States Contribute 81% of the Daily New Cases; 70.16% of Active Caseload concentrated in 5 States

Today marks Day-2 of the countrywide Tika Utsav. The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 10.45 Cr today. Cumulatively, 10,45,28,565 vaccine doses have been administered through 15,56,361 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. These include 90,13,289 HCWs who have taken the 1st dose and 55,24,344 HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose, 99,96,879 FLWs (1st dose), 47,95,756 FLWs (2nd dose), 4,05,30,321 1st dose beneficiaries and 19,42,705 2nd dose beneficiaries more than 60 years old and 3,20,46,911 (1st dose) and 6,78,360 (2nd dose) beneficiaries aged 45 to 60. Eight states account for 60.13% of the total doses given so far in the country. Nearly 30 lakh vaccination doses were administered yesterday, on Day 1 of Tika Utsav. Day 1 of the countrywide Tika Utsav saw 63,800 Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs) operational, which is a rise of an average of 18,800 operational CVCs. Most CVCs were operational in the private work places. Additionally, despite being a Sunday, which generally witnesses lower vaccination numbers, the first day of Tika Utsav clocked nearly 30 lakh vaccination doses. As on Day-86 of the vaccination drive (11th April, 2021), 29,33,418 vaccination doses were given. Out of which, 27,01,439 beneficiaries were

vaccinated across 38,398 sessions for 1st dose and 2,31,979 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine.In terms of the number of daily doses administered globally, India continues to remain at the top with an average of 40,55,055 doses administered per day. The corresponding figure yesterday was 38,34,574. India's daily new cases continue to rise. 1,68,912 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Ten States including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan have shown a rise in the COVID daily new cases. 83.02% of the new cases are reported from these 10 states. Maharashtra has reported the highest daily new cases at 63,294. It is followed by Uttar Pradesh with 15,276 while Delhi reported 10,774 new cases.India's total Active Caseload has reached 12,01,009. It now comprises 8.88% of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of 92,922 cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours. The five states of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala cumulatively account for 70.16% of India's total Active Cases. Maharashtra alone accounts for 47.22% of the total active caseload of the country. India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,21,56,529 today. The National Recovery Rate is 89.86%.75,086 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. Daily Deaths continue to show an upward trend. 904 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Ten States account for 89.16% of the new deaths. These areMaharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (349). Chhattisgarh follows with 122 daily deaths. Nine States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh (UT), D&D & D&N, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Lakshadweep, A&N Islands and Arunachal Pradesh.

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Centre Prohibits Exports of Injection Remdesivir and Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients till the COVID situation in the country improves; Centre takes Various Steps to ensure easy access of Remdesivir to Patients and Hospitals

India is witnessing a recent surge in COVID cases. As on 11.04.2021, there are 11.08 lakh active COVID cases and they are steadily increasing. This has led to a sudden spike in demand for Injection Remdesivir used in treatment of COVID patients. There is a potential of further increase in this demand in the coming days. Seven Indian companies are producing Injection Remdesivir under voluntary licensing agreement with M/s. Gilead Sciences, USA. They have an installed capacity of about 38.80 lakh units per month. In light of the above, Government of India has prohibited the exports of Injection Remdesivir and Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) till the situation improves. In addition, Government of India has taken the following steps to ensure easy access of hospital and patients to Remdesivir:All domestic manufactures of Remdesivir have been advised to display on their website, details of their stockists/distributors to facilitate access to the drug, Drugs inspectors and other officers have been directed to verify stocks and check their malpractices and also take other effective actions to curb hoarding and black marketing. The State Health Secretaries will review this with the Drug Inspectors of the respective States/UTs.and the Department of Pharmaceuticals has been in contact with the domestic manufacturers to ramp up the production of Remdesivir.

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'Tika Utsav' is beginning of second major war against Corona: PM









The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has called the 'Tika Utsav', vaccination festival, the beginning of second big war against Corona and has emphasized special focus on social hygiene along with personal hygiene. The Utsav started yesterday, on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and will continue till the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar on April 14th .In a message on the occasion, the Prime Minister stressed four points with regard to the drive. First, **Each One- Vaccinate**, meaning those who can't go themselves for vaccination, such as illiterate and old people, should be assisted. Second, **Each One- Treat One**. This involves helping people in getting Corona treatment, who do not have resources or knowledge to get it. Third, **Each One- Save One**, meaning I should wear mask and save myself and others. This should be stressed. Finally, society and people should lead in creating 'micro containment zones'. Family members and community members should create 'micro containment zone', in case of even a single positive case. He expressed the hope that with people's participation. Awareness and responsible behaviour we will succeed in containing Corona once again. He ended by reminding – Dawaibhi, kadaibhi.

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English rendering of PM Narendra Modi's message on 'Tika Utsav'

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India is the fastest country to administer 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine

India is the fastest country in the world to administer 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine. India achieved the feat in 85 days whereas USA took 89 days and China reached the milestone in 102 days. The Prime Minister Office tweeted "Strengthening the efforts to ensure a healthy and COVID-19 free India" along with the details.

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Two-day Scientific Convention on World Homoeopathy Day inaugurated today

A two-day convention on 'Homoeopathy - Roadmap for Integrative Medicine' was inaugurated on Saturday at New Delhi. Minister of state for Defence Shri Shripad Yesso Naik was the chief guest on this occasion. The Convention was organized by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an autonomous apex research organization under Ministry of AYUSH to celebrate the occasion of the World Homoeopathy Day. Addressing the gathering online, Shri Shripad Naik emphasized that the contribution of Homoeopathy in controlling epidemics is already well known. With an overall support from the Government, during COVID pandemic, an immense achievement of Homoeopathy is reflected through the works of the Council. He said that The Ministry of AYUSH fervently invited research proposals from AYUSH systems of medicine which had an overwhelming response from Homoeopathy fraternity few of which got a nod from the task force committee and Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR). The minister further said that the mantra of Integration of medicine stood the test of times in this way and he was delighted that CCRH has chosen this as the theme for this Conference.

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<u>Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh calls for celebrating the "Teeka Utsav" by facilitating vaccination for eligible</u>









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 called for celebrating the "Teeka Utsav" by facilitating vaccination among those who require it and who are entitled to receive the jab in the current phase of the vaccination drive. Speaking in a Virtual discussion on the occasion of "Teeka Utsav" on Sunday, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also an eminent medical professional and Diabetologist, dwelt at length on India's fight against COVID and the optimum way to respond to the "new normal" as an individual and as a community. Dr Jitendra Singh said, while as responsible citizens, it is the obligation of each one of us to act as a catalyst in the Vaccination Drive, at the same time it is also our social responsibility to help our friends and acquaintances to overcome unwarranted apprehensions about COVID. He said, particularly those who have recovered from COVID should take upon themselves the responsibility to spread awareness about the disease because the narration of their first-hand experience can be more effective in reducing the stigma and many myths.Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the importance of preventive and promotive behaviour which has got reaffirmed in the social psyche following the COVID experience, will have a larger implication on individual well-being, because it will also serve to protect from many a lifestyle disease.

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Online Dispute Resolution's Role Critical during Covid-19 Pandemic: Justice DY Chandrachud; NITI Aayog, Agami& Omidyar Release ODR Handbook

Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) has the potential to decentralize, diversify, democratize, and disentangle the justice delivery mechanism, Supreme Court Justice DY Chandrachud said on Sunday. He was addressing the release event of a handbook on ODR, developed by Agami and Omidyar India, in association with NITI Aayog and with the support of ICICI Bank, Ashoka Innovators for the Public, Trilegal, Dalberg, Dvara and NIPFP.Covid-19 has transformed our lives in unimaginable ways, which inevitably also included the way courts operated—with physical hearings giving way to virtual ones. "The transition was difficult for everyone, including advocates, litigants and even court staff. However, while this process was initially slow, the concept of virtual hearings eventually came to find its place in the judicial ecosystem," Justice Chandrachud said. Despite resistance and insistence on moving back to physical hearings post the pandemic, Justice Chandrachud emphasized that ODR is the need of the hour, given its many benefits

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• Kerala: With Covid cases increasing at an alarming rate, the state health department has decided to strengthen contact tracing and expand treatment facilities. It has also initiated steps to address the vaccine shortage which is threatening to upset the government's 'Crush the Curve' campaign aimed at speeding up the vaccination drive. Health authorities have directed to continue the camps by bringing vaccines from nearby districts to meet the shortage of stock. At present the state has a stock of only about eight lakh doses of the vaccine. The Centre has promised that more than 15 lakh doses of the vaccine will be provided by fursday. Meanwhile a potal of 6,986 new [OVI]1-19 cases were reported in

- Kerala yesterday. The test positivity rate was recorded at 10.75 percent. There are now 44,389 active Covid-19 cases in the state. Chief Secretary V P Joy has called a high-level meeting later today of the secretaries of all departments involved in Covid control.
- Tamil Nadu:CM Edappadi K Palaniswami is convening an urgent meeting to review the Covid-19 situation in the state. Alarmed by rising Covid-19 cases in Coimbatore district, schoolteachers have urged the state government to declare holiday for classes till XI. Srivilliputhur Congress candidate PSW Madhava Rao (63) was reported to be dead on Sunday morning. He was admitted with Covid symptoms at a private hospital in Madurai on March 20. After a gap of eight months, Tamil Nadu reported over 6,000 new Covid-19 cases on Sunday. The State reported 6,618 cases, compared to 5,989 cases on Saturday, taking the tally to 9,33,434 while the toll has risen to 12,908 with 22 more deaths being reported.
- **Karnataka**:Experts opine that the second wave of Covid-19 is likely to peak by the first week of May in Karnataka and will slow down by the end of that month, the wave would last for 60-80 days, Health and Family Welfare Minister K Sudhakar said. As per Covid bulletin released by the state government for 11-04-2021, New Cases Reported: 10250; Total Active Cases: 69225; New Covid Deaths: 40; Total Covid Deaths: 12889.
- Andhra Pradesh: State reported a new high of 3495 Covid infections after testing 31,719 samples taking the overall infections to 9,25,401. The single-day spike is the highest since October 25. The overall active cases in the state have risen to 20,954. Even as the four-day-long mass vaccination drive 'Tika Utsav' takes off in the country, including parts of Andhra Pradesh, followed by the call given by PM Modi, several districts in the state including Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and East Godavari could not follow suit as they grapple with shortage of vaccine doses. According to Health officials, the count of people approaching vaccine session sites to get immunised has seen a five-fold increase as there is a growing awareness among people about the need to get vaccinated compared to the initial days. This apart, the spike in the daily caseload is invariably driving people to go for the vaccine.
- Telangana: The State Govt issued orders yesterday to impose Rs.1000 fine for not wearing face mask in public places and the State Chief Secretary asked all district collectors/SPs/Police Commissioners to implement the order strictly. A record number of 1,62,385 doses were administered to people of various categories on Saturday. Referring to the Central Govt guidelines to conduct at least 70 percent RT-PCR tests, the State Health Minister EetalaRajender said it is impossible with the present manpower and equipment available with the state to implement it. He said the state is conducting about One lakh Covid tests per day now and out of which around 7,000 tests are RT-PCR tests.
- Assam: Total 73,329 tests were carried out in Assam so far out of which 352 were found to be positive for the novel Coronavirus. The positivity rate was 0.48 per cent. Health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma on Sunday said that the Health Department is planning to conduct 1 lakh tests daily. The Health & Family Welfare department is confident of carrying out the COVID-19 vaccination drive in Assam without any disruption despite shortage of vaccines. The state is expecting to receive 8 lakh fresh stocks of COVID-19 vaccines by April 16.
- Manipur: COVID-19 active cases rise to 107 in Manipur on Sunday. Chief Minister, N Biren Singh takes COVID-19 vaccine first dose and appealed to all eligible to get themselves inoculated.
- Sikkim: Sikkim records 54 new COVID19 cases,14 of whom are tourists. Total number of active cases in the State surged to 169. And a total of 2,662 persons were vaccinated for COVID-19 at different parts of Sikkim.









- Tripura: 48 people tested COVID19 positive with one mortality in the State. In last 12 days the state added 200 positive cases. Vaccination camp in Agartala Press Club held today for Journalist and their family who are above 45 years of age.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya Health Minister, Alexander LalooHek on Sunday informed that he will convene a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the surge in COVID-19 cases in the state but made it clear that the state government has not discussed the possibility of re-imposing lockdown in Meghalaya.Darrang, a border village in West Jaintia Hills, has closed down all community activities in the village including schools, after 13 of its residents were tested positive for COVID-19. All schools, public gathering, MGNREGA work and shops will be closed in view of the fresh COVID-19 cases.
- Nagaland: Nagaland reports 2 COVID19 deaths, 5 new cases on Sunday. There has been 83 deaths so
 far. Nagaland Health Dept official says state has around 1.5 lakh COVID vaccine doses at present.
- Maharashtra: In Maharashtra, 63,294 new patients tested positive on Sunday. In terms of number of tests performed, 11,80,136 samples were tested in the country on Sunday, out of which 22% i.e 2 lakh 63 thousand 137 were in Maharashtra. More than 5 lakh 65 thousand active cases are in Maharashtra. Out of the total number of patients in the state, 3 % cases are critical, while 5% are outside ICU on oxygen support. Out of the total cases, 72% are from the age group of 21 to 60 years. During the last two months, more than 32 thousand children below the age of 10 years tested positive in Maharashtra. In terms of gender, around 61 percent patients are male. The meeting of Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and members of State's Covid task force is being held in Mumbai today. Various measures to tackle the covid situation in the state are being discussed in the meeting. State revenue minister BalasahebThorat also said that strict curbs will be imposed in the state. Decision about 10th and 12th board exam will be taken in day or two.
- Gujarat: In the last 24 hours, 5469 new cases of corona were reported and 54 deaths occurred. The state has a total of 3,47,495 including 27,568 active cases. The total vaccination in the state has been 91,23,719. On Saturday, more than five thousand cases of corona were reported in the state and 49 people died from corona. Corona cases are increasing in many districts of the state. The country's largest 1200-bed Civil Covid Hospital in Ahmedabad is now completely filled with corona patients. Meanwhile, in view of the increasing cases of corona, the Gujarat Government has closed offline classes till 30th April in all the government and private colleges in the state.
- Rajasthan: With several areas coming under the grip of second Covid-19 wave, the state reported a jump of 4,080 active cases in 24 hours on Sunday, taking the tally to a new high of 31,986 active infections. The state has now seen a substantial jump of 14.6% in active cases in 24 hours. The state also reported the biggest single-day spike of 5,105 cases. While Jaipur, Kota and Jodhpur reported significant spike in cases, Udaipur has emerged as the biggest hotspot, reporting 864 new infections in 24 hours. On Sunday, 10 deaths were reported in the state. In the past five days, 72 people have died of Covid. CM Ashok Gehlot has said that the Government will not be imposing a lockdown, but strict measures will be taken. Further restricting the number of guests in weddings will be one of these measures.
- Madhya Pradesh: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that in order to effectively prevent corona infection in the state, a spontaneous corona curfew will be implemented in cities. As many as 5,939 people were found to be infected with COVID-19 virus in the state on Sunday. Currently, the number of active cases stands at 35,316. A maximum of 919 people have been infected in Indore as on Sunday, while 793 in Bhopal, 402 in Jabalpur and 458 new infections have been reported in Gwalior.
- Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, orders have been issued to impose complete lockdown in 17 districts by the respective administration. Now it will be manual tory for railway pass ragers to have a negative prort

of the corona test conducted within 72 hours before reaching Chhattisgarh. A new portal (https://cg.nic.in/health/covid19/RTPBedAvailable.aspx) has been launched by the State Government's Health Department to give information about empty beds in Covid hospitals in all districts of the state. In view of the difficulties faced by the migrant workers from the state, or those working away from their home district during this pandemic period, a Labour Faciliatation Centre has been started to resolve their problems. The workers may call in the helpline numbers 9109849992 and 0771- 2443809 at any time of the day. Also, two senior officers have been sent to Mumbai and Hyderabad to ensure uninterrupted supply of Remdesivir and other essential medicines and equipment to the state. Besides, in view of the lack of oxygen in the hospitals, the state government has decided that eighty percent of the oxygen produced in Chhattisgarh will now be provided to the state hospitals in the form of medical oxygen gas.

• Goa: The state's active Covid-19 count on Sunday crossed the 4,000-mark for the first time since October 15 last year. The state's positivity rate too soared to an alarming 21%. 525 new cases along with 170 recoveries and 2 deaths have been reported in Goa on Sunday. There are 4322 active cases at present and the recovery rate is 91.70%.

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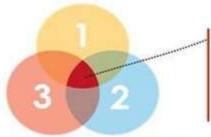
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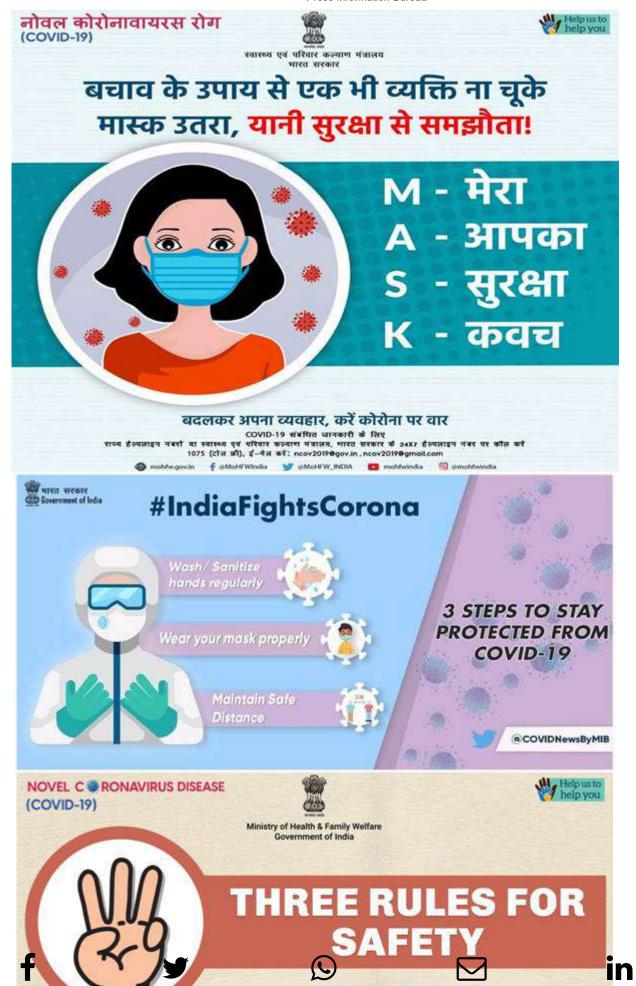


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PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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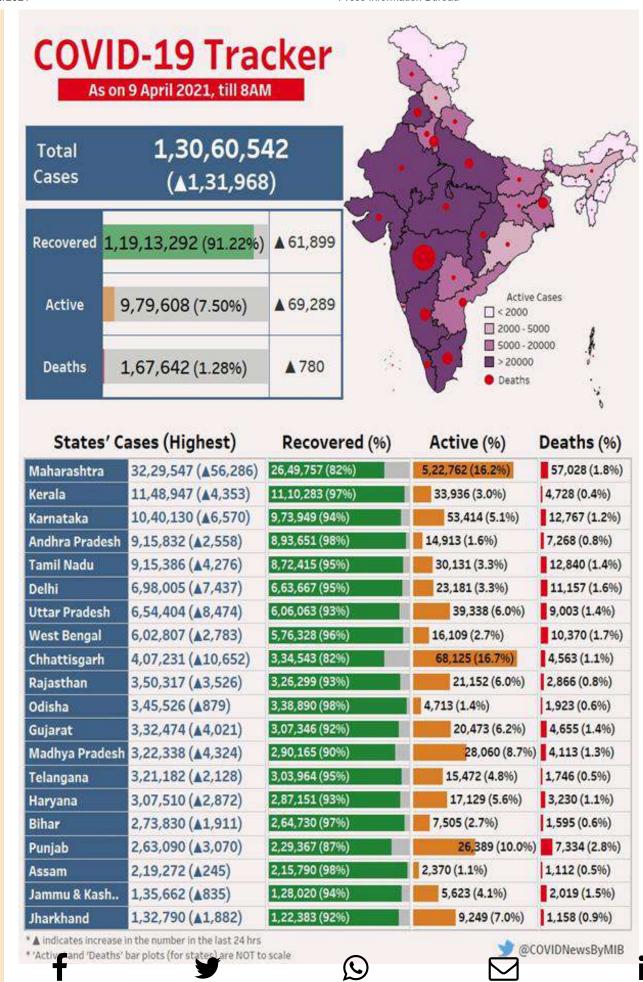
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India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,19,13,292 today. The National Recovery Rate is 91.22%. 61,899 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. 780 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Ten States account for 92.82% of the new deaths. These are Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. TwelveStates/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours.

For details:

<u>Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs 24th meeting of Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare chaired the 24th meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 through video-conference, today. He was joined by Dr S. Jaishankar, Union Minister of External Affairs, Sh. Hardeep S. Puri, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (I/C), & Chemical and Fertilizers, Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare and Sh. Nityanand Rai, Minister of State, Home Affairs. Dr. Vinod K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog was present virtually. Detailing the achievements of the world's largest Vaccination Drive, the Union Health Minister said, "More than 3 crore vaccinations have been administered to 60 plus beneficiaries, and more than 9.43 crore doses have been given till 9 am today. India has also supported the global community through Vaccine Maitri, under which 6.45 Crore doses of COVID-19 Vaccine have been exported to 85 Countries. 3.58 Crore doses have been supplied to 25 countries under commercial contracts, 1.04 Crore to 44 countries as grants and 1.82 Crore to 39 Countries under COVAX." He added that there have been no fresh COVID cases in the last 7 days in 149 districts. 8 districts have reported no new COVID Cases in the last 14 days; 3 districts in last 21 days and 65 districts in the last 28 days. Dr Harsh Vardham stated

that with renewed focus on collective efforts for effective adherence of the Health Ministry's SOPs for containment and management of COVID, and individual discipline in following oft disseminated COVID Appropriate Behaviours, India shall be able to overcome the recent surge.

For details:

PM interacts with the Chief Ministers on Covid-19 situation; The country has crossed the peak of the first wave and the growth rate is much faster than the earlier: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the Chief Ministers of various states yesterday regarding the COVID-19 situation via video conference. Union Home Minister outlined the efforts undertaken by the government in the battle against Covid. He also gave an overview of the progress in the vaccination drive in the country. Union Health Secretary gave a presentation on the Covid situation in the country, focussing on states that are experiencing high caseload at present, and emphasized the need to increase testing in these states. He also shared details of vaccine production and supply in the country. The Chief Ministers thanked the Prime Minister for leading the collective fight against the virus. They gave feedback about the Covid situation in their states. They said that the timely initiation of vaccination drive is resulting in saving lakhs of lives. Issues of vaccine hesitancy and vaccine wastage were also discussed. The Prime Minister stressed few clear facts before the Chief Ministers. First, the country has crossed the peak of the first wave and the growth rate is much faster than the earlier. Second, many states, including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have crossed the peak of the first wave. Many other states are moving in that direction. This is a serious concern, he said. Third, this time people have grown much more casual, in some states even administration too. In such a situation, sharp rise of the cases has created difficulties. The Prime Minister emphasized, that despite the challenges, we have better experience, resources and, also the vaccine. People's involvement along with hard working doctors and health care staff has contributed a lot in managing the situation and they are still doing so.

For details:

Text of PM's remarks at meeting with CMs of all states and UTs to take stock of the COVID-19 situation

For details:

<u>DAY-NRLM</u> promotes appropriate behaviours, health seeking and uptake of COVID-19 vaccination among rural population through its network of Self Help Groups

The recent rapid surge in COVID-19 cases, including in tier 2 and 3 towns, requires immediate action to contain spread of the virus. DeendayalAntoyaday Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Ministry of Rural Development has initiated online trainings, in a cascading mode, for its vast network of over 69 lakh Self-Help Groups (SHG). This is to spread awareness through key messaging on COVID-19 vaccination, COVID-19 appropriate behaviours, health seeking behaviour and immunity building. The trainings were rolled out from 8th April, 2021 at the national level and will be followed by the ground level trainings of the SHG members. They are in continuation to earlier trainings on preventive measures against COVID-19 led by the Ministry of Rural Development in June, 2020. All master trainers and key

staff of state, district and block level will be trained by national level resource persons and the trained master trainers will in turn train cluster level federation office bearers, social action committee members, Community Resource Persons (CRPs) and Community Cadres. The trained CRPs will train all SHG members and other community members at village level. Key messages will further be disseminated by SHG leaders in the community through various mediums. These will include pamphlets, announcements, wall writings, rangolis and meetings in small groups with adherence to physical distancing norms.

For details:

Two day conference to be organized on 'Homoeopathy - Roadmap for Integrative Medicine'

Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) under Ministry of AYUSH is organizing a conference on Homoeopathy - Roadmap for Integrative Medicine on 10th -11th April 2021, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day to commemorate birth anniversary of Dr Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy. The objective for this conference would be exchange of experience by policy makers and experts to identify strategic actions towards an effective and efficient inclusion of Homoeopathy in integrative care. E-library of CCRH would also be launched on the occasion. Publications of CCRH enhancing translation of research to clinical practice and education would also be released. A Panel discussion following the inaugural session will take place for policy makers on *Scope and opportunities for Homoeopathy under the ambit of Integrative medicine in India*, the deliberations of which will be attended by policy makers and experts of Homoeopathy. There will be an exclusive session dedicated to *Homoeopathy for COVID – 19 treatment & prevention: research experience* where researchers on COVID studies and prominent academicians will be giving insights into the role of Homoeopathy in treatment and prevention of COVID 19.

For details:

<u>Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends Plenary Meeting of International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) of IMF through video-conference</u>

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday attended the Plenary Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at the virtual Spring Meetings 2021. The meeting was attended by Governors/Alternate Governors representing 190 member countries of the IMF. The discussions at the meeting were based on IMF Managing Director's Global Policy Agenda (GPA) titled, "Bolstering the Recovery, Countering Divergence". The members of the IMFC updated the committee on the actions and measures taken by member countries to combat COVID-19 pandemic and facilitate economic recovery. Finance Minister Smt. Sitharaman emphasised that the GPA's suggestion to hasten the transition to a low-carbon economy for promoting growth that benefits all needs to be viewed in the context of its implications for the Emerging Market and Developing Economies and low-income economies. The Finance Minister endorsed the view of the IMF that the key priority remains to end the pandemic and the universal availability of vaccines and medical solutions need to be ensured. Smt. Sitharaman informed the Committee that the world's largest vaccination drive is under way in India with 83.1 million doses administered as on 6th April, 2021 and that India has supplied 65 million made-in-India COVID-19 vaccine doses to 80 countries, including 10 million vaccine doses as grant.

For details:

INYAS launches multipronged nationwide mass awareness campaign to bust myths about Covid 19

vaccination programme







Secretary Department of Science & Technology (DST) Prof Ashutosh Sharma launched a multipronged nationwide mass awareness campaign on April 6 with information packages to bust myths about COVID 19 vaccination in 11 languages, including English and Hindi, make the immunization programme successful. The COVID-19 vaccination awareness campaign organized by **Indian National Young Academy of Sciences** (INYAS) will be carried out through COVACNEWS android-based mobile app made by INYAS for ensuring information at the fingertips. A pan-India info-graphic video and audio competition with motivation to transform information into better readable and effective formats is also being organised along with the GYAN TEEKA webinar series dedicated to increase awareness about vaccines through eminent speakers and open statement on COVID-19 vaccination. The entries of the competition will be utilized to increase vaccine awareness by INYAS, and these competitions will be judged in three groups – school, college and professional.

For details:

Indian Railways to continue running the trains as per demand

Indian Railways will continue to provide trains services as per demand. Presently, Indian Railways is running total 1402 specials train services on an average per day. Total 5381 Suburban train services and 830 Passenger train services are also operational. Apart from this, 28 special trains are being operated as clones of highly patronized trains with high patronage. Moreover, additional trains are being run during April-May 2021 to clear rush in Central Railway with 58 trains (29 pairs) and Western Railway with 60 trains (30 pairs).

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- **Kerala**: State Health Minister KK Shailaja has said that the state has prepared an action plan to prevent the new surge of Covid cases. Speaking after a review meeting today, she said facilities for the treatment of critically ill patients will be enhanced in medical colleges. Necessary ICUs and ventilators will be set up. As the number of patients increase, CFLTCs will be augmented. The Minister said more than 95 percent of health workers have been vaccinated. A mass campaign will be launched for enhancing the vaccination drive. Meanwhile the health condition of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and former CM OommenChandy who have been tested positive for Covid-19, are stable. The state confirmed 4353 Covid-19 cases on Thursday, with the death toll rising to 4728. The test positivity rate stands at 6.81.
- Tamil Nadu: Multiple restrictions will be reintroduced from April 10 to curb the steady increase in Covid-19 cases across Tamil Nadu, according to a government order issued. The Director of Government Examinations has issued guidelines for the conduct of practical examinations for students of Class 12 of State board schools. Chennai Corporation launches door-to-door fever survey in all localities. Health department has said Covid will reach its peak in April end in the State. As per Covid report on 08.04.2021, 4,276 persons contracted Covid-19 while 19 succumbed to the infection; 86,179 persons vaccinated. 1520 tested positive in Chennai.

- Karnataka: The state government on Thursday decided to impose 'Corona Curfew' in eight cities, including Bengaluru, for 10 days starting April 10, to contain the new wave of Covid-19. The night curfew will be in force on all days from 10 pm to 5 am. Health Minister K Sudhakar on Thursday said there is no shortage of Covid-19 vaccines in Karnataka, adding that about 25-30 lakh doses are still available in the state. Following the Union Government order, Health Minister tweeted that starting April 11, Covid-19 vaccinations will be carried out in all private and government workplaces which have at least 100 eligible beneficiaries above 45 years of age. Covid figures reported by State on 08.09.2021 are as follows: New Cases Reported: 6570; Total Active Cases: 53395; New Covid Deaths: 36; Total Covid Deaths: 12767.
- Andhra Pradesh: State has reported as many as 2558 new Covid-19 infections taking the overall caseload to 9,15,832 cases; six more fatalities have been reported taking the toll to 7268 in the state. Upward trend of coronavirus cases has been witnessed in nine districts, each of which accounted for more than 130 new cases. Chittoor district topped the list with 465 new infections, followed by Guntur at 399. Meanwhile, the recoveries stand at 8,93,651 including 915 on Thursday and active cases mounts to 14,913. The state has conducted 1.53 crore tests till day including 31,268 in the last twenty-four hours. Health Minister Alla Nani said that at present there is no shortage of vaccine anywhere and informed that the government has put indent to the Centre for one crore vaccine doses.
- **Telangana:** State issues orders instructing the officials to increase the number of RT-PCR tests ensure 100 percent vaccination among all heath workers and frontline workers within a week, impose Rs.1000 fine on people who don't wear mask in public places. The CM also announced that all teachers and other staff working in private schools in the state will be given Rs.2000 financial assistance and 25 Kgs rice per month till the schools are re-opened. Media reported that the number of daily positive cases in the state has been more than doubled within a week and mentioned that while the number of daily cases was 965 on 1st April and now it has increased to 2055.
- Assam: Even as the number of COVID-19 cases has again started increasing, Health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma ruled out the possibility of imposing either lockdown or night curfew but added that testing will be ramped up. The total number of positive COVID cases detected in the state on Thursday stood at 245, of which 128 are from Kamrup Metro. Altogether, 22,888 tests were done.
- Manipur: Mass Covid vaccination campaign to be conducted in Manipur from April 11-14. Chief Minister N Biren Singh urged all eligible for vaccination to get vaccinated during the campaign in order to prevent a second wave of the pandemic. Five more air passengers found COVID-19 positive at Imphal airport. Manipur recorded 16 new COVID-19 positive cases and one death on Thursday. 961 more people have been administered COVID-19 vaccine in the state. With it, the cumulative number of people vaccinated rose to 90,551, including 31,813 healthcare workers.
- Meghalaya:One person died after testing positive for COVID-19 taking the death toll in the state to 151. The State has also recorded 25 new COVID-19 cases and 1 recovery. The new cases include 20 from East Khasi Hills district, 2 from East Jaintia Hills district and 1 each from Ri Bhoi district, West Jaintia Hills district and West Khasi Hills District. So far, the State has detected a total of 14,165 COVID-19 cases out of which 131 are active cases, 13,833 recovered and 151 deaths. Amidst a slow but steady increase in COVID-19 cases in Meghalaya in what is being termed by hany as a second with the Khasi Jaintia (Pericit School Teachers: Association (KJDSTA) has

- asked the respective school authorities in the state to assess the situation for themselves and shut down the institutes if it is deemed necessary instead of waiting for the state government to take a call on the issue.
- **Tripura:** 37 People tested positive in last 24 hours. Deputy CM of the state also tested positive. Total casesstand at 116. Classes for 1 and 2 suspended from today while classes upto 4 to be on alternative days.
- Sikkim: Daily cases calm down to 6 new cases in Sikkim; 5,537 receive vaccine jabs. In the meanwhile, the number of recovered cases of COVID-19 in Sikkim further improved to 5,980 with two more recoveries recorded in the State.
- Sikkim's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 has now reached 6,323 and there are currently 97 active cases of coronavirus in the State.
- **Nagaland**: Nagaland reports 5 new Covid cases. Active cases are 147 & total 12,381. A total of 1,06,199 doses of Covid vaccine inoculated so far.
- Maharashtra: As per the latest data released today, Maharashtra has administered the highest 93.38 lakh jabs, comprising 84.35 lakh first doses and 9.03 lakh second doses, making it the top performer in absolute numbers. Maharashtra is followed by Rajasthan at 88.07 lakh vaccinations and Gujarat with 84.75 lakh vaccinations till date. Maharashtra has asked the Centre to supply 40 lakh doses of Covid vaccines per week and demanded that its vaccine needs should be addressed on priority as it is the worst affected state with over 5 lakh active Covid cases.
- Goa: Unable to identify Covid-19 strains in patients testing positive during the second Covid-19 wave in Goa, the State Government has decided to set up its own Genome Sequencing Laboratory. State Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said it is taking 10-15 days to get the samples tested at the Pune based National Institute of Virology, which is hampering treatment. Goa Chief Minister Shri Pramod Sawant has said that 'Tika Utsav' will be held from 11-14 April at Panchayat levels to maximize vaccine coverage in the state.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh government has planned to enforce a lockdown in four districts i.e. Ratlam, Betul, Katni and Khargone. While Ratlam and Betul will be locked down for nine days from 6 pm on Friday, Khargone and Katni will see restrictions for seven days beginning 9 pm and 6 pm respectively, from Friday. The measure will be in addition to a 60-hour lockdown that has been put in place in all cities from 6 pm on Friday to 6 am on Monday. However, essential services will remain unaffected by the curbs. The state on Thursday reported 4324 fresh covid cases and 27 deaths
- Chhattisgarh: Amidst rising Covid cases, the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education has postponed the Class 10 examinations, scheduled to be held from April 15 to May 1. No decision on Class 12 exams, scheduled from May 3-24 has been taken yet. The new dates for Class 10 examinations will be announced in due course. Chhattisgarh on Thursday reported 9,242 new Covid cases and the number of active cases in the state has gone up to 68,125.

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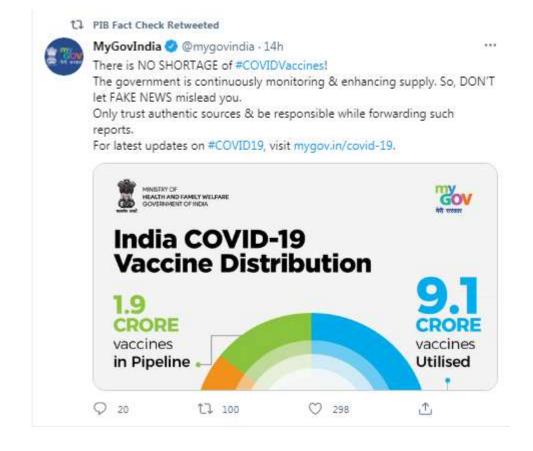
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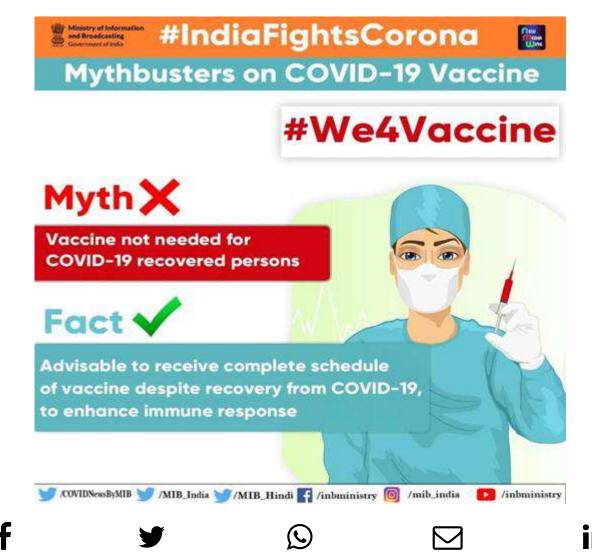


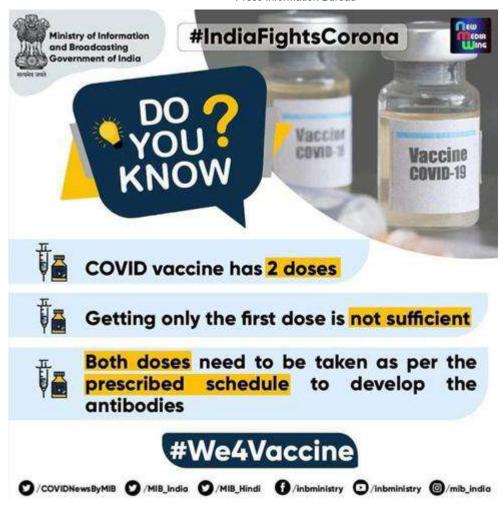




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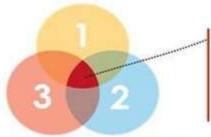
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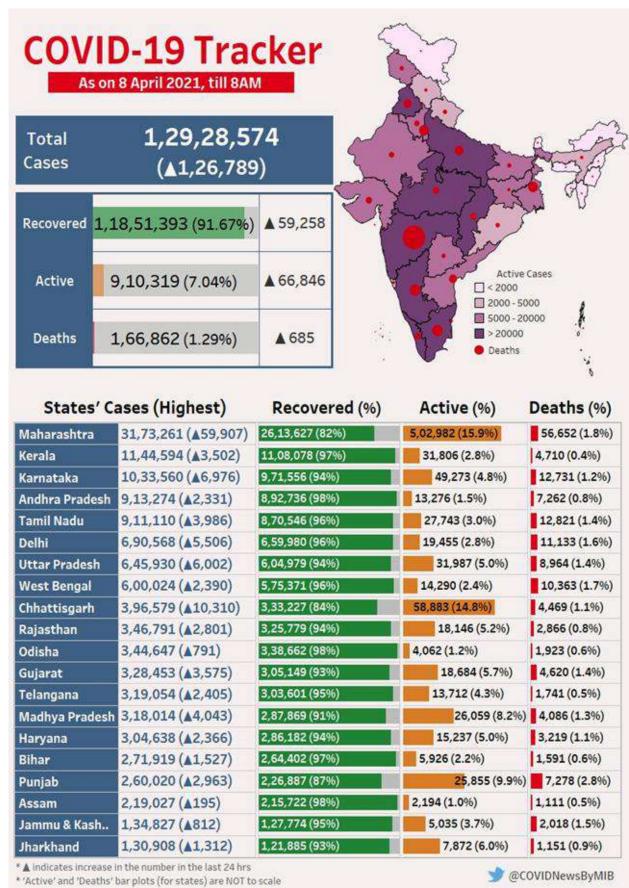
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For details:

PM gets second dose of COVID-19 vaccine

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today took second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. In a tweet Shri Modi said "Got my second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS today. Vaccination is among the few ways we have, to defeat the virus.

For details:

Centre issues Guidance Note to operationalise COVID Vaccination Centres at Work Places (Govt. and Private); From 11 April 2021 all Employees of Work Places aged 45 yrs or more to be Vaccinated at Work Place Vaccination centres

With the extension of COVID-19 vaccination to all citizens aged 45 years or more from 1st April 2021, the Central Government has taken a crucial step to extend the cover of vaccination while easing the exercise for this segment of citizens, a substantial proportion of whom are in the organized sector of the economy and are involved in formal occupation in offices (government and private) or manufacturing and services etc. The Health Ministry has written to all States and UTs that COVID-19 vaccination sessions may now be organized at workplaces (both public & private) which are having about 100 eligible and willing beneficiaries by tagging these workplaces with an existing COVID Vaccination Center (CVC). To support the States in this initiative, guidelines have been prepared and the same have conveyed by the Union Health Secretary to the States and UTs. These guidelines will support the State and District Programme Managers with the requisite information and guide them on organizing vaccination sessions at such workplaces (both public & private). Such work place vaccination centres may be launched across States/UTs from 11th April 2021. States have been further advised to initiate due consultations with private/public sector employers and management to prepare for launch of workplace vaccination. The Union Government of India in constant consultation with State Governments/UT administration continues consistently make efforts to ensure that the vaccination drive is more pragmatic and also more acceptable and purposeful to the beneficiaries.

For details:

<u>Statement by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, UnionHealth and Family Welfare Minister: "Deplorable attempts by some state governments to distract attention from their failures and spread panic among the people"</u>

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches Tribal Health Collaborative 'Anamaya'

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare along with Shri Arjun Munda, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launched 'Anamaya', the Tribal Health Collaborative through video conference yesterday. A multi-stakeholder initiative supported by Piramal Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), 'Anameya' will converge efforts of various Government agencies and organisations to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities of India.

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<u>Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh reviews measures undertaken by DoPT to contain spread of COVID-19</u>

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 yesterday reviewed the measures undertaken by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) to contain COVID spread, particularly in the wake of the recent spike in positive cases. The meeting was attended, among others, by Union Secretary DoPT, Deepak Khandekar, Union Secretary Administrative Reforms Indevar Pandey, Union Secretary and Establishment Officer K Srinivasan, Union Secretary AlokRanjan, Secretary (Equivalent) Sujata Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary Pension S N Mathur and other senior officers

in the Ministry of Personnel including DoPT, ARPG and Department of Pension.Briefing about the meeting, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Ministry of Personnel including the DoPT have been, from time to time, issuing instructions and preventive guidelines to contain the spread of COVID-19. He said, the government has been monitoring the situation very closely and based on the strategy adopted for prioritising vaccination, all persons of the age of 45 years and above can participate in the exercise. He said, it is imperative for all the government employees to avail of this vaccination facility in order to ensure their own safety as well as of those who come in their contact.

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- Assam: The rate of the COVID-19 positive cases in Assam is less than rest of India, but the graph is rising steadily. In the second wave of COVID19, the rate of positive cases in the State was 0.25 per cent ten days back, which has risen to 0.92 per cent now. The number of daily COVID19 positive cases rose to 195 on Wednesday from 92 on Tuesday.
- **Manipur**: The number of COVID-19 active cases in Manipur surged to 75 on Wednesday as 12 more persons tested positive for the viral infection in a span of 24 hours. As many as 948 more people were administered COVID-19 vaccine in Manipur. The cumulative number of people vaccinated has risen to 89,590, including 31,744 healthcare workers.
- Sikkim: The active case count of novel Coronavirus in Sikkim jumped to 95 today with 31 new cases being reported in the last 24 hours. Among the 31 new cases, 14 are primary contacts of the student from Tashi Namgyal Academy whohad tested positive for COVID-19 recently. On the other hand, 6,702 persons were vaccinated in different parts of the State on Tuesday, of whom 6,306 persons received the first shot and 396 persons completed their vaccine schedule with the second dose. South district, Sikkim takes stock of COVID vaccination. The vaccination sites will be open on holidays also.
- Tripura: Tripura CM tested positive. Total positive cases in last 24 hours is 21 with one death. New COVID19 guidelines issued in Tripura with Saturday being declared as Mask Enforcement day.

 All offices to have the sal screening along with regular sanitization and all crowded places.

- Meghalaya: Meghalaya Government has recreated the individual behavior change management protocol besides re-activating the behavior change management committees, while requesting citizens to strictly adhere to SOPs and protocols. The state has 108 active COVID patients most of whom are returnees from high-risk zones. The state government has stepped up entry protocols and returnees from 11 states, which have been reporting large number of cases, are being asked to provide RTPCR negative certificate before entering the state. The government has decided to accelerate the vaccination drive, especially for those people who are susceptible to COVID-19. In addition, the government is also going to focus on the two urban pockets of the state Shillong and Tura which have reported the maximum number of active cases. On Wednesday, a total of 1,155 doses were administered in the state.
- **Nagaland**: Nagaland reports 11 new COVID19 cases. Tally rises to 12,376 with 142 active cases. Total number of 93,707 Covishield doses have been administered to 71,515 persons in Nagaland till date. No adverse reaction after vaccination reported so far.
- **Kerala:** With the SSLC and Plus Two exams having begun in the state today, the Health department has appealed for strict compliance of Covid-19 guidelines. It has also urged all to be vigilant once again as there is an outbreak of the virus in other states as well as in Kerala after the elections. Strict action will be taken against those who do not wear masks in public. At the same time, the number of daily Covid tests especially, RTPCR has been increased. 3502 cases were reported yesterday with TPR of 5.78%. A week-long quarantine has also been made mandatory for those coming from outside the state. Vaccination drive for 45 plus will be intensified. So far, a total of 42,03,984 people in the state have been vaccinated, including 37,56,751 for the first dose and 4,47,233 for the second vaccine.
- Tamil Nadu: Amid a spike in Covid-19 cases, marking a second wave in the state, the Tamil Nadu government on Thursday imposed new restrictions from April 10 to contain the spread of the infection. The new restrictions have been framed without affecting the livelihoods of the general public. Active cases in Tamil Nadu crossed the 25,000 mark on Tuesday even as the state added 3,645 cases and 15 deaths to its Covid tally. The number of cases touched 9.07 lakh and cumulative death toll touched 12,804. The State government has urged all industries to vaccinate all workers aged above 45.
- Karnataka: The State added 6,976 new cases of Covid-19 and 35 more deaths on Wednesday, taking the total number of infections to 10,33,560 and the toll to 12,731; Bengaluru reports 4,991 new Covid-19 cases, 25 deaths. As Bengaluru is inching towards the 5,000-mark of fresh Covid-19 cases on daily basis, Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City, Kamal Pant on Wednesday imposed Section 144(1) of CrPC in Bengaluru city. BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Tuesday instructed all zonal commissioners to double the number to 70,000 vaccinations per day.
- Andhra Pradesh: The State has reported as many as 2331 new positive cases taking the total tally to 9,13,274 cases; eleven more deaths reported till Wednesday taking the toll to 7262. The recoveries stand at 8,92,736 including 853 on and active cases mounts to 13,276. The state has conducted 1.53 crore tests till day including 31,812 in the last twenty four hours. The state, so far, has tested 1,53,02,583 samples at 2,86,565 tests per million with a positivity rate of 5.97 per cent. The vaccination programme is underway in the state and the government is planning to complete the vaccination process in next three months. With the spike in Covid-19 cases, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has decided to suspend the issuance of Sarva Darshan tokens at Tirupati

From April 12.







- Telangana: The State Health Department has asked all Govt hospitals to admit Covid patients only those who need Oxygen and Ventilators. Other patients who have mild symptoms may be shifted to Isolation Centres as the number of cases are increasing in the state. Efforts are on to scale up the daily administration of Covid vaccine doses from the present 50,000 vaccines to at least 1.25 lakh across all Covid Vaccination Centres in the State. Each PHC has to vaccinate at least 100 vaccines per day while Areas Hospitals and Community Hospitals have to administer 200 vaccine doses. The District Hospitals have been given a target to administer at least 300 vaccine doses in a single day. Isolation Centres have been opened in all 33 districts in the State and a total of 11,00 Oxygen beds are available in Govt hospitals.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra Health Minister Shri Rajesh Tope today confirmed that the state has received 7.40 lakh doses of Covid vaccine from the Centre. Shri Tope has said that the supply is inadequate to meet the state's demand and has requested Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan to provide 40 lakh doses per week. Maharashtra on Wednesday reported 59,907 new cases pushing the number of active cases to 5.01 lakhs.
- **Gujarat**: Over the last two weeks, Gujarat has been reporting an unusually high number of Covid-19 cases. On Wednesday, the state reported 3,575 cases, its highest so far and almost double the infections it detected weeks earlier on March 20, when it reported 1,565 cases. Health experts in the state have observed that the second wave of Covid-19 has seen a rapid spread of the infection, and unlike before, entire families are being infected.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today announced a 60-hour weekend lockdown in the urban areas of the state in the wake of rising daily cases of Covid 19. The lockdown will be in effect from 6pm on Friday to 6am on Monday. Chhindwara district will have 7 day lockdown beginning 8 p.m. Thursday.
- Chhattisgarh: Amid a fresh surge in COVID-19 cases, the Chhattisgarh government on Wednesday announced a complete lockdown in capital Raipur from April 9. The total lockdown in Raipur will come into effect from 6 pm on April 9 and will continue to remain till April 19. Only essential shops and service providers would be exempted

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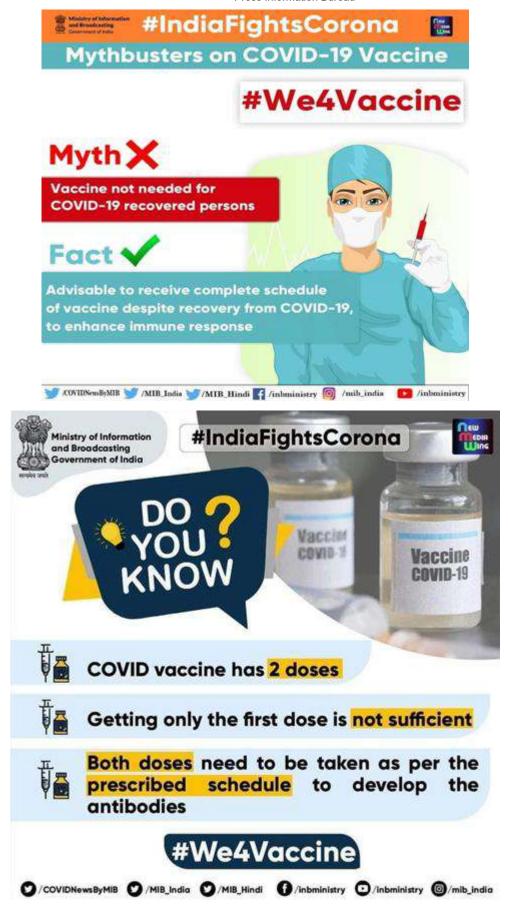


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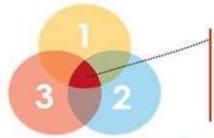
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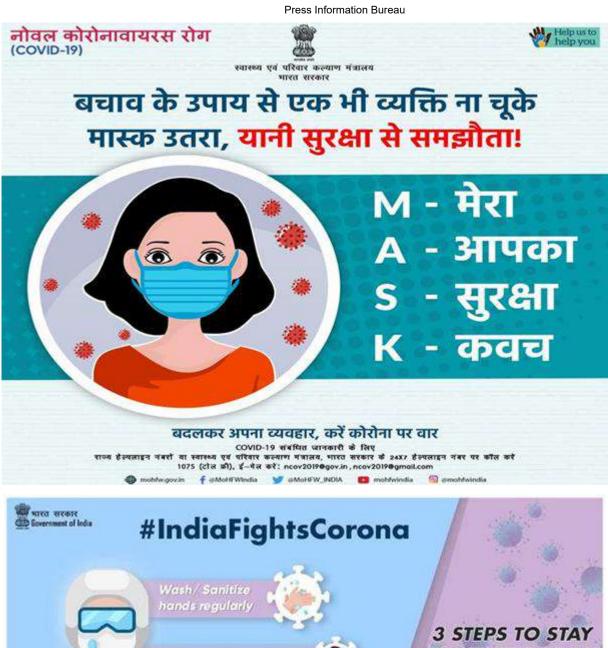
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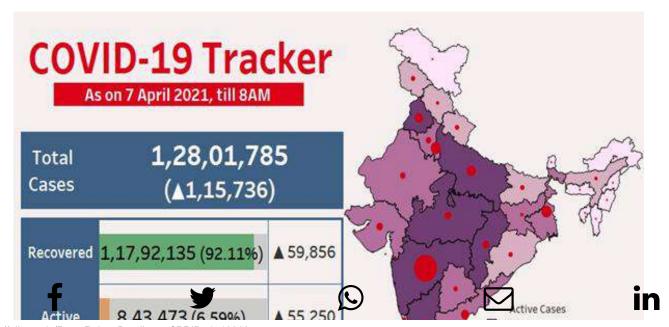


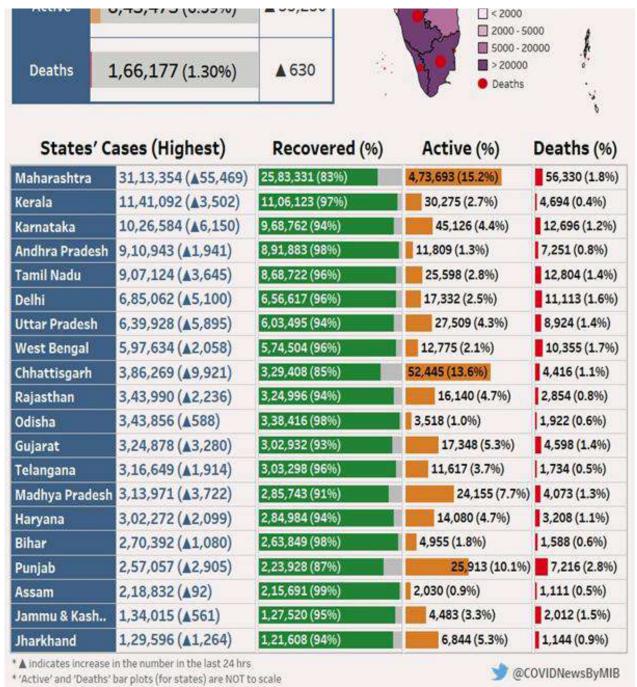


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- . India surpasses the US to become the fastest vaccinating country in the world
- 8 States show an Upward Trajectory of Daily New Cases
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The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed **8.70 Crore** today. Cumulatively, **8,70,77,474** vaccine doses have been administered through 13,32,130 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. These include **89,63,724** HCWs who have taken the 1st dose and **53,94,913** HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose, **97,36,629** FLWs (1stdose), **43,12,826** FLWs (2nddose), **3,53,75,953** 1st dose beneficiaries and **10,00,787** 2nd dose beneficiaries more than 60 years old and **2,18,60,709** (1st dose) and **4,31,933** (2nd dose) beneficiaries aged 45 to 60. **More than 33 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours.** As on Day-81 of the vaccination drive (6th April, 2021), **33,37,601** vaccine doses were given. Out of which, **36,0**8,087 beneficiaries were

vaccinated across 41,396 sessions for 1st dose and 3,29,514 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine. In a significant development, India has surpassed the US to become the fastest vaccinating country in the world with an average daily rate of 30,93,861 vaccine doses. India's daily new cases continue to rise. 1,15,736 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Eight States including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have shown a rise in the COVID daily new cases. 80.70% of the new cases are reported from these 8 states. Maharashtra has reported the highest daily new cases at 55,469. It is followed by Chhattisgarh with 9,921 while Karnataka reported 6,150 new cases. India's total Active Caseload has reached 8,43,473. It now comprises 6.59% of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of 55,250 cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh cumulatively account for 74.5% of India's total active cases. Maharashtra alone accounts for 56.17% of the total active caseload of the country. India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,17,92,135 today. The national Recovery Rate is 92.11%. 59,856 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. 630 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Eight States account for 84.44% of the new deaths. These are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Gujarat. The Case Fatality Rate is on a continuous decline and currently stands at 1.30%. Eleven States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are Odisha, Ladakh (UT), D&D & D&N, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Manipur, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, A&N Islands and Arunachal Pradesh.

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PM's message on World Health Day

Following is the text of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's message on World Health Day: "The Government of India is taking numerous measures including Ayushman Bharat and PM Janaushadhi Yojana to ensure people get access to top quality and affordable healthcare. India is also conducting the world's largest vaccination drive to strengthen the fight against COVID-19. On World Health Day, let us keep the focus on fighting COVID-19 by taking all possible precautions including wearing a mask, regularly washing hands and following the other protocols. At the same time, do take all possible steps to boost immunity and stay fit. World Health Day is a day to reaffirm our gratitude and appreciation to all those who work day and night to keep our planet healthy. It's also a day to reiterate our commitment to supporting research and innovation in healthcare."

For details:

<u>Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan reviews the COVID-19 Situation and Vaccination Progress in 11 States/UTs showing Large numbers of Cases</u>

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare yesterday chaired a high-level meeting through Video Conference to review the situation of COVID-19 and progress of vaccination in 11 States/UTs including Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan. These states have been reporting very high rise in daily cases and daily mortality because of COVID-19 in the last two weeks. Health Ministers of States/UTs and Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries (Health) of the 11 States/UTs virtually attended the event. The Union Health Winister highlighted that these 11 States angether

contributed 54% of the total cases and 65% of the total deaths in the country, with a disproportionately high number of deaths in Maharashtra and Punjab. A high test positivity rate is seen in Maharashtra (25%) and Chhattisgarh (14%). Dr Harsh Vardhan noted that since February 2021, these States have witnessed a steep increase in cases, majority of which have been reported in the younger population of 15-44 years. Also, it was pointed out that majority of the deaths have been reported among the elderly of age more than 60 yrs. Dr Harsh Vardhan appreciated the increase in tests in the last four weeks but cautioned against the high RAT proportion in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Another worrisome aspect pointed out was that the testing capacity of the private sector is underutilized in these States. In order to curb the resurgence of the pandemic, Dr. Harsh Vardhan advised the States to strengthen their public and private healthcare resources. The limiting of social/public gatherings, implementation of "Test, Track, Treat" strategy with 70% RT-PCR ratio, quarantine of positive cases, contact tracing of at least 25 to 30 contacts per positive person were also stressed upon.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses WHO on World Health Day

On the occasion of World Health Day today, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the WHO South East Asia Regional Office today through Video Conference.

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Disseminate message of 'DawaiBhi, KadaiBhi', Ministry of I&B issues advisory to all private TV channels

In view of the rising COVID-19 cases in the country, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting yesterday issued an advisory to all private television channels. The advisory cites the meeting under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 4th April, 2021 to review the emerging situation, where it was decided to focus on a five-fold strategy of Testing, Tracing, Treatment, COVID appropriate behavior and Vaccination. The Ministry has reiterated the leadership role hitherto played by Private TV Channels in spreading message in the public interest. The Ministry has urged the channels to generate greater awareness on the message of 'DawaiBhiKadaiBhi' by disseminating messages for COVID-appropriate behavior and vaccination of eligible persons.

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• Maharashtra: In a significant development, Maharashtra government today announced that all students in Class 9 and Class 11 will be passed without taking exams. Earlier, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray-led government in Maharashtra had announced that all students from Class 1-8 will be passed without examinations. The state Government, however, announced that the exams for Class 10, Class 12 Board Exams 2021 will be held offline and the datesheet for these exams will be released soon. With vaccination drive picking up in the state, Maharashtra Government has requested the Centre to supply adequate quantity of doses to ensure that the momentum is not lost. Meanwhile, the Pune based Serum Institute of India has sought Rs 3,000 crore grant from the government to ramp up capacity of the Covishield Covid-19 vaccine beyond 100 million doses a month that it will reach by the end of Max. Serum's output is around 65-70 million doses a month right now.

- Gujarat: In view of the deteriorating Covid situation in Gujarat, the state government has decided to impose night curfew in 8 municipal corporations and 20 cities of Gujarat Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Gandhi Nagar from 8 am to 6 am till 30 April. As of April 30, all major events in the state have been cancelled. Only 100 people will be allowed to attend the wedding program. These decisions were taken in a meeting held on Tuesday night under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani. The number of active cases in the state is 17,348 and a total of 4,598 deaths reported so far.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Government has issued instructions that half the beds in the
 district hospitals will be reserved for corona patients and 30 ICU beds will have to be arranged in
 each district hospital. CT scan rates have now been fixed at Rs 3000 instead of Rs 6000 earlier
 There are reports of shortage of Remdesivir in Indore. Hospitals are finding it difficult to meet the
 requirement.
- Rajasthan: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot wrote to PM Narendra Modi urging him to open vaccination for people above 18 years. In view of the increasing number of Covid patients being admitted to hospitals, the state health department has issued directions to all hospitals, with 60 beds or more, to reserve 25% of it for patients infected by the virus. Earlier, the private hospitals were required to reserve 10% beds for Covid 19 patients. Active cases in the state are 16,140.
- **Kerala:** In the wake of increasing Covid cases, the Centre has asked the state to hike the number of RT-PCR tests conducted. Union Health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said the percentage of RT PCR tests in Kerala never rose above 53 and instructed to increase it above 70 percent. Pointing out the sharp increase in test positivity rate since mid-March, he said there has been increase in Covid deaths also in the state with an average of 13 cases on a daily basis. The State reported 3,502 new cases on Tuesday. Test positivity rate is at 5.93% and active case pool has 29,962 patients. Meanwhile, Covid-19 vaccination in private hospitals has found less takers as people prefer government facilities. To speed up the vaccination process, IMA has started free mass vaccination centres from today.
- Tamil Nadu: Active cases in Tamil Nadu crossed the 25,000 mark on Tuesday even as the state added 3,645 cases and 15 deaths to its Covid numbers. The case tally touched 9.07 lakh (9,07,124) and cumulative death toll touched 12,804. In Tamil Nadu for the first time, the Revenue Department had roped in youngsters and college students to work as volunteers at polling booths yesterday for providing mask, sanitizers and gloves to voters. Pandemic fails to dampen poll mood in Puducherry: After a first few hours of brisk voting in Puducherry, sparking expectations that the polling percentage would cross 90, the figure settled at 81.64 by the end of the day.
- Andhra Pradesh: In Andhra Pradesh, after drastic fall in February, the number of Covid-19 cases is gradually increasing since March. The government, in the backdrop of increase in Covid-19 cases, has made emphasis on online booking, thermal screening, physical distance, queue system, hand sanitisation and the need to keep theatre premises clean across the state, besides suggesting sanitising the air conditioners as well. Andhra Pradesh has reported 1941 new cases in the past 24 hours, after testing of 31,657 samples. The state also reported seven deaths in the past 24 hours taking the toll to 7251. The Covid vaccination programme which started on January 16 is continuing across the State since then. The state government is making elaborate arrangements for extending the vaccine drive to 45+ years people in the state following Centre's instructions.
- Karnataka: As per Covid bulletin released by the state government for 06-4-2021, New Cases Reported: 61590; Total Active Cases:45107, New Covid Deaths: 39, Total Covid Deaths: 107. As

- new cases rose in Karnataka to 6,150 on Tuesday, the State government reserved 50% beds in private hospitals for COVID-19 patients. The Karnataka government on Sunday relaxed norms for gym operators allowing them to function with 50% occupancy. The state government has asked gyms to follow Covid-19 safety rules such as wearing of masks, physical distancing, and provision of hand sanitiser are enforced. BBMP to double daily Covid-19 vaccination rate to 70,000 at its facilities; As the city reports nearly 5,000 cases of Covid-19 every day, the BBMP has decided to ratchet up the vaccination at its facilities.
- Telangana: A total of 1914 new daily cases and five fatalities were reported in the state yesterday. State Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar also tested positive for Covid. State Health Department asked all private and Corporate hospitals in the state to increase the number of beds for Covid patients in their hospitals from present 20 percent to 50 percent as the number of cases are on the rise. Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar reviewed the Covid situation in the state with all District Collectors and District Medical Officers through video conferencing and asked them to increase the daily vaccinations from present 50,000 to 1.25 Lakh. CM KCR in his message on the occasion of World Health Day called upon the people to follow Covid precautions.
- **Assam:** Two more persons died due to Covid-19 in Assam on Tuesday, taking the death toll to 1,111, the NHM Assam said in its media bulletin. A total of 92 new cases were detected, of which 26 were from Kamrup Metro, 14 from Jorhat and 12 from Nagaon, taking the number of active cases to 683. With starting of the new academic session (2021-22) both in government and private schools amidst the rising cases of COVID-19, the State Health department of Assam is planning to conduct random Rapid Antigen testing in educational institutions to detect the virus infections among students and parents.
- Manipur: The number of COVID-19 active cases in Manipur on Tuesday surged to 63 as seven more persons tested positive for the novel coronavirus. With it, the cumulative number of positive cases in the state reached 29,435, according to a release issued by the COVID-19 Common Control Room. As many as 923 people were administered COVID-19 vaccine in Manipur. With it, the number of people vaccinated in the state has risen to 88,642, including 31,733 healthcare workers. Chief Minister N Biren Singh has informed that instructions have been issued for taking up precautionary measures including screening people coming into the state via roads in addition to those arriving at Imphal Airport, in view of the rising number of Covid-19 cases across the country.
- Sikkim:Sikkim recorded a noticeable spike in Covid cases with the number of active cases of novel coronavirus here going up to 65 with the detection of 23 cases in the last 24 hours. All the new cases were picked up in East District and include seven
- tourists from Goa and Gujarat. In the meantime, a total of 2,403 persons in different categories received COVID vaccines in different parts of Sikkim.
- **Tripura:** Special vaccination drive on 9th and 10th in the state, while as per data a total of 16 to 18 percent population of the state vaccinated informed state NHM MD.
- Nagaland: No new Covid case in Nagaland on Tuesday. Active cases are 134 and tally is 12,365.

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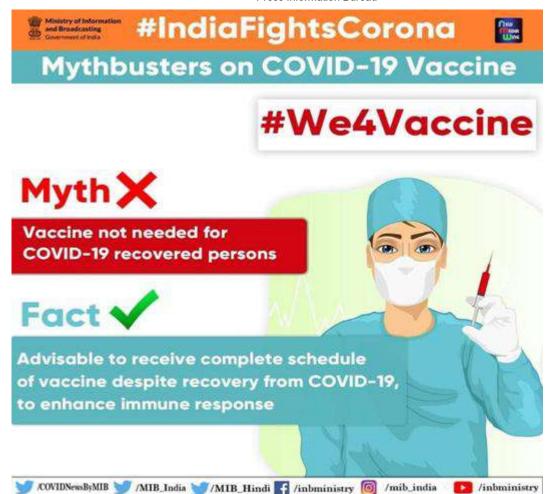








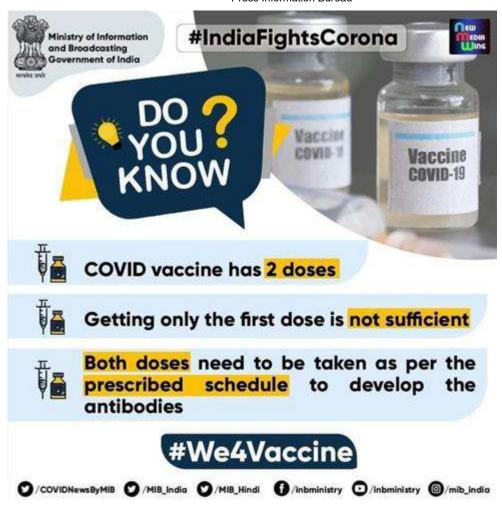


















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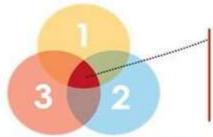
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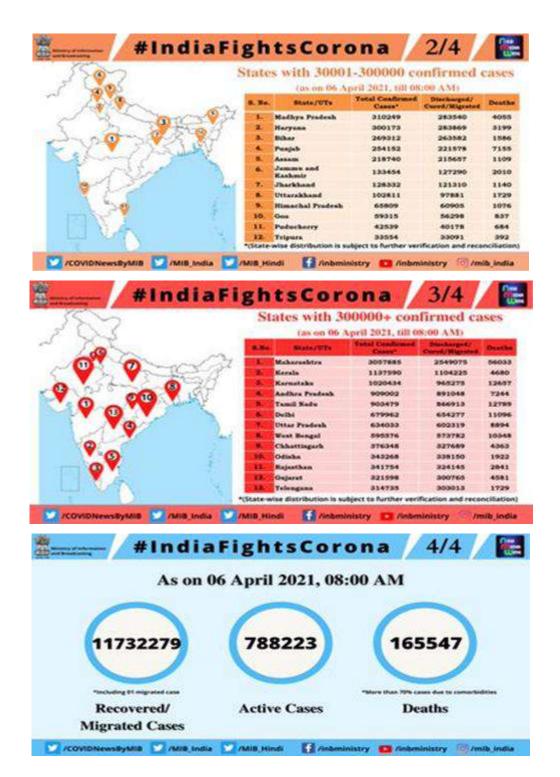
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<u>India crosses a Landmark Milestone with Highest Single day Vaccine Coverage of more than 43 Lakh doses administered in the last 24 hours, Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 8 Crore Mark; Total COVID19 Tests conducted surpass 25 Crores</u>

In a landmark achievement in India's fight against Covid19, more than 43 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours. This is the highest single day vaccination coverage in the country so far. As on Day-80 of the vaccination drive (5th April, 2021), 43,00,966 vaccine doses were given. Out of which, 39,00,505 beneficiaries were vaccinated across 48,095 sessions for 1st dose and 4,00,461 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine. In another significant development, the cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 831 Cr today. The first dose

vaccinations have also exceeded the landmark figure of 7 crore (7,22,77,309) doses. Cumulatively, 8,31,10,926 vaccine doses have been administered through 12,83,816 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. These include 89,60,061 HCWs who have taken the 1st dose and 53,71,162 HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose, 97,28,713 FLWs (1stdose), 42,64,691 FLWs (2nddose), 3,41,06,071 1st dose beneficiaries and **8,12,237** 2nd dose beneficiaries more than 60 years old and **1,94,82,464** (1st dose) and 3,85,527 (2nd dose) beneficiaries aged 45 and above. The total COVID tests conducted in the country has crossed the 25-crore mark. The cumulative positivity rate has marginally increased to 5.07%. India's daily new cases continue to rise. 96,982 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Eight States including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have shown a steep rise in the COVID daily new cases. 80.04% of the new cases are reported from these 8 states. Maharashtra has reported the highest daily new cases at 47,288. It is followed by Chhattisgarh with 7,302 while Karnataka reported 5,279 new cases. India's total Active Caseload has reached 7,88,223. It now comprises 6.21% of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of 46,393 cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra alone accounts for nearly 57.42% of the total active caseload of the country. India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,17,32,279 today. The national Recovery Rate is 92.48%.50,143 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.446 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Eight States account for 80.94% of the new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (155). Punjab follows with 72 daily deaths. Thirteen States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are Odisha, Assam, Puducherry, Ladakh (UT), D&D & D&N, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, A&N Islands and Arunachal Pradesh.

For details:

Centre rushes 50 High Level Public Health teams to Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Punjab for COVID-19 control and containment measures

The Central Government has constituted 50 high level multi-disciplinary public health teams and deployed them to 50 districts across Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Punjab in view of the recent very large numbers of daily new COVID-19 cases and daily mortality being consistently reported by these States. The teams are being rushed to 30 districts of Maharashtra, 11 districts of Chhattisgarh and 9 districts of Punjab to assist the State Health Department and local authorities in COVID-19 surveillance, control and containment measures. The two-member high level team consists of a clinician/epidemiologist and a public health expert. The teams will visit the States immediately and monitor the overall implementation of COVID19 management, especially in testing, including surveillance and containment operations; COVID Appropriate Behavior and its enforcement; availability of hospital beds, sufficient logistics including ambulances, ventilators, medical oxygen etc., and COVID19 Vaccination progress. Three senior officers from Govt of India have been appointed as nodal officers for the three states of Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Punjab.

For details:

Centre writes to Delhi Government on Irregularities in Identification of COVID Vaccination beneficiaries below the age of 45 years; Show Cause notice issued to Private COVID Vaccination



The Vaccination exercise as a tool to protect the most vulnerable population groups in the country from COVID-19 continues to be regularly reviewed and monitored at the highest level. The Union Health Ministry has written to Principal Secretary (Health), GNCTD to draw attention to irregularities in the identification of COVID Vaccination beneficiaries, below the age of 45 years of age, by some Private COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs). In the letter to the Principal Secretary (Health), GNCTD it has been pointed out that there have been serious lapses in registration of beneficiaries by the VIMHANS (Vidyasagar Institute of Mental Health, Neuro & Allied Sciences) located at Nehru Nagar area in the North East District of Delhi, operating as a Private COVID Vaccination Centre. VIMHANS has been found to register beneficiaries below the age of 45 years as Health Care Workers (HCWs) &Front Line Workers (FLWs), and vaccinate them. As per provisions of the ongoing COVID-I9 Vaccination Drive, citizens above 45 years of age (from 1st April 2021) are being vaccinated along with Health Care Workers (HCWs) &Front Line Workers (FLWs) above 18 years of age as per the recommendations of NEGVAC. CoWIN sample data (19th March-3rd April 2021) of vaccinated beneficiaries from this Private CVC verified by the Health Ministry, revealed that many beneficiaries lie outside the ambit of the eligible beneficiaries (not under the identified priority populations groups), in violation of the guidelines laid down by the Union Health Ministry.

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<u>Dr Harsh Vardhan launches Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP), the revised next generation Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) digital platform</u>

The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually launched the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) yesterday, in the presence of Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare. Chief Minister Shri Tirath Singh Rawat (Uttarkhand) also participated digitally. The Integrated Health Information Platform is the next generation highly refined version of the presently used Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP). The virtual event was attended by Health Ministers of various States including Shri Balbir Singh Sidhu (Punjab), Shri Alexander LalooHek (Meghalaya), Dr. K. Sudhakar (Karnataka), Dr. Prabhuram Choudhary (Madhya Pradesh), Shri Jai Pratap Singh (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Etela Rajendra (Telangana), Shri T. S. Singh Deo (Chhattisgarh), Dr R. Lalthangliana (Mizoram), and Shri S. PangnyuPhom (Nagaland). Expressing his enthusiasm at the brave, futuristic and pertinent amalgamation of healthcare and technology, Dr Harsh Vardhan stated that "This day shall be written in Golden Letters as a day that marks a milestone in the history of disease surveillance. We have started a new chapter in India's public health trajectory. India is the first country in the world to adopt such an advanced disease surveillance system." He elaborated on the timely need for the software platform: "The new version of IHIP will house the data entry and management for India's disease surveillance program. In addition to tracking 33 diseases now as compared to the earlier 18 diseases, it shall ensure near-real-time data in digital mode, having done away with the paper-mode of working".

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All Central Government employees aged 45 years and above are advised to get themselves vaccinated to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19









The Central Government has asked all its employees aged 45 years and above to get themselves vaccinated to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19. As per order issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions today, they are also advised to continue to follow COVID-appropriate behaviour even after vaccination by frequent washing of hands and sanitisation, wearing a mask or face cover and observing social distancing etc.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: Two more positive patients have died of COVID-19 infection in Assam in the last 48 hours, taking the total death toll to 1,109. According to the COVID-19 media bulletin, released by the National Health Mission, Assam on Sunday, a total of 7,075 COVID-19 tests were conducted on April 4, 2021.
- Manipur:Manipur's COVID-19 caseload surged to 29,428 on Monday as five more persons tested
 positive for the viral infection in a span of 24 hours, according to a release issued by the COVID-19
 Common Control Room.
- Meghalaya:Health Minister A.L. Hek on Monday warned of a second wave of COVID-19 if proper care is not taken. He said Meghalaya is already witnessing a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases and the return of many to the state is threatening a situation similar to the one during lockdown 1. Director of Health Services (MI), Dr. Aman War on Monday informed that four positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in North-Eastern Hill University.
- Tripura:11 staff of Main Branch of SBI tested positive. Till now 7.5 lakh people have been vaccinated in the state.
- Sikkim: Sikkim records Covid deathafter more than 2 months. The COVID-related death toll in Sikkim reached 136 with the passing away of a 65-year old lady from Sichey in East District. Meanwhile, six new cases of novel coronavirus were reported in the last 24 hours in the State taking Sikkim's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 to 6,263. There are now 56 active cases in the State.
- Nagaland: Two fresh Covid cases detected in Nagaland on Monday. Tally is 12,365 with 136 positive cases.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra has become the first state in India to administer over eight million doses of anti-Covid vaccine to beneficiaries since the rollout of the inoculation drive. In the light of the intensity of the second wave, the State Chief Minister Shri UddhavThackerey has written to the Prime Minister to allow vaccinations for all people above the age of 25 years in the state. The state has also requested the Centre for allocation of 1.5 crore additional doses of vaccines. Maharashtra on Monday reported 47,288 new covid cases taking the total number of active cases beyond 4.5 lakhs. Meanwhile, the Centre has rushed 30 teams of experts to Maharashtra to assist the State Health Department and Enforcement agencies in Covid management.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat Government has decided to start Covid Care Centres of 500 550 beds in eight
 Municipal Corporations in view of the rising number of Covid cases in the state. Gujarat reported 3,160
 new Covid cases on Monday. Meanwhile, the Gujarat High Court has asked the state government to
 take urgent steps to contain the spread of infection. It has asked authorities to stop all political meetings
 and large gatherings across the state.
- Rajasthan: CM Ashok Gehlot has appealed to the PM Narendra Modi to remove age bar for vaccination. Also, in addition to the two vaccines currently being used in India, other vaccines should also be allowed

- so that more and more people can be vaccinated without delay, he said. Rajasthan on Monday reported the biggest single-day spike of 2,429 new Covid-19 infections in the past four months along with 12 deaths.
- Madhya Pradesh: CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan has announced that a "Meri Suraksha Mera Mask" campaign will be launched by the state government to appeal to people to use masks. CM has also appealed to people to become 'mask volunteers, vaccine volunteers, mohalla volunteers' etc to spread the message about Covid appropriate behaviour and promote vaccination. The State reported 3,398 new Covid cases on Monday, taking the number of active cases to 22,654.

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Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

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



Crowded places

with many people nearby



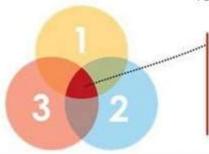
Close-contact settings

Especially where people have closerange conversations



Confined and enclosed spaces

with poor ventilation



The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

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

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces



Maintain at least 1m distance from others



When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes



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

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

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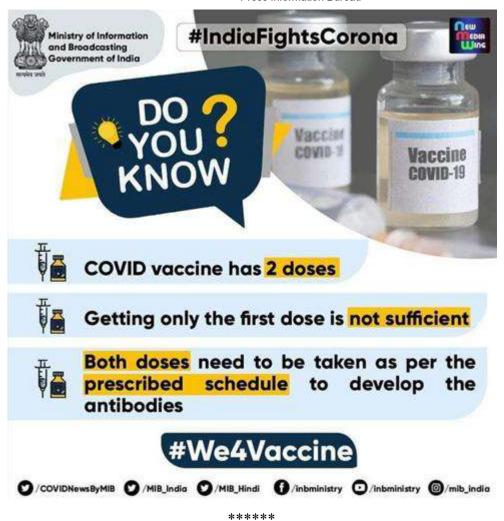












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