





### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19













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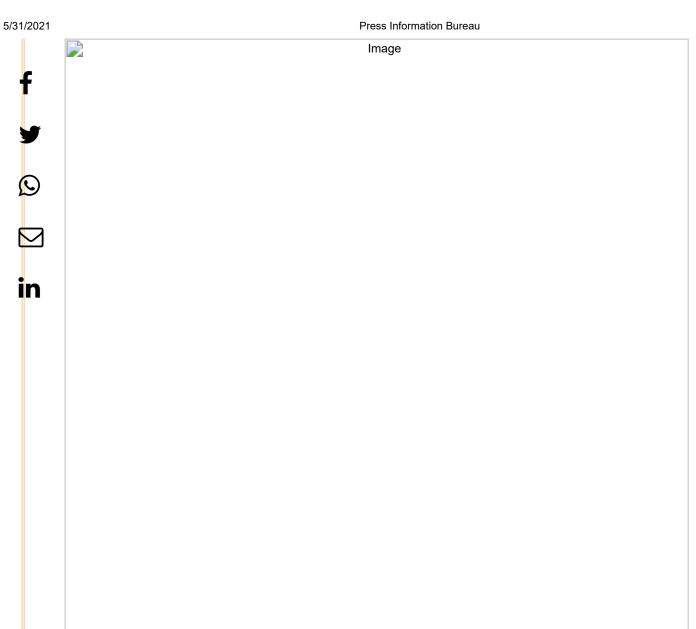


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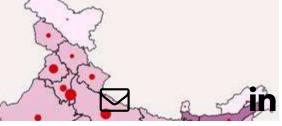












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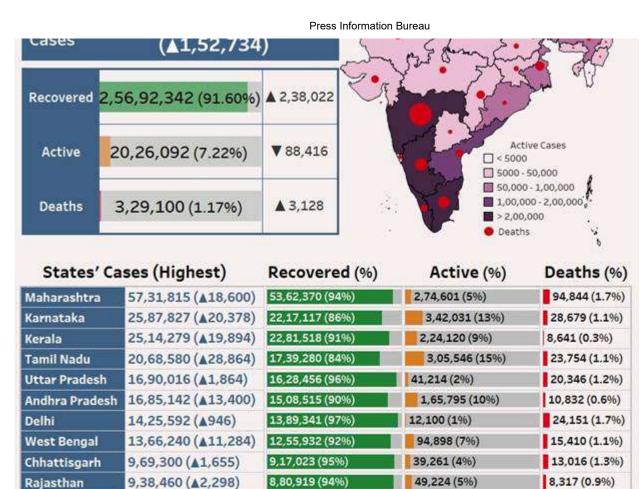
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7,62,270 (94%)

7,43,550 (95%)

6,70,527 (89%)

7,26,081 (96%)

6,82,166 (97%)

5,37,522 (93%)

5,11,720 (91%)

3,49,773 (86%)

3,22,060 (96%)

2,91,580 (89%)



Madhya Pradesh 7,78,825 (▲1,476)

8,07,488 (1,871)

7,56,684 (49,541)

7,55,389 (1,452)

7,05,648 (1,475)

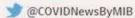
5,75,827 (1,801)

5,65,415 (\$2,584)

4,06,868 (43,245)

3,36,943 (4703)

3,28,338 (1,226)



9,815 (1.2%)

8,019 (1.0%)

2,719 (0.4%)

8,221 (1.1%)

5,104 (0.7%) 3,263 (0.6%)

14,432 (2.6%)

3,300 (0.8%)

4,977 (1.5%)

6,401 (1.9%)









35,403 (4%)

27,256 (3%)

21,087 (3%)

18,378 (3%)

35,042 (6%)

39,263 (7%)

30,357 (9%)

9,906 (3%)

53,795 (13%)

83,438 (11%)

<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale



## <u>India reports low Daily New Cases of 1.52 Lakh maintaining the continuous trend of declining new cases Daily New Cases are lowest in last 50 days</u>

- As part of continued decline in the daily new cases, India has reported lowest Daily New Cases in last 50 days with 1.52 Lakh cases. The country has recorded less than 2 lakh Daily New Cases for 4 continuous days now.
- 1,52,734 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 18th consecutive day. **2,38,022** recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Out of the people infected since beginning of the pandemic 2,56,92,342 people have already recovered from COVID-19 &2,38,022 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours. This constitutes an overall recovery rate of 91.60%.

Weekly Positivity Rate is currently at 9.04% while the Daily Positivity rate has reduced and is at 9.07% today. It has remained less than 10% for 7consecutive days now.

A total of **21,31,54,129** vaccine doses have been administered through 30,28,295sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1723043



#### More than 23crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 23crore vaccine doses** (23,11,68,480) to States/UTs.

Of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 21,22,38,652 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today).

More than 1.75 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,75,48,648) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1723045

### Additional 30100 vials of Amphotericin-B allocated to all States/UTs and Central Institutions - Shri D.V SadanandaGowda

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V SadanandaGowda announced that additional 30100 vials of Amphotericin-B have been allocated to all the States/UTs and Central Institutions today.

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#### ALLOCATION OF AMPHOTERICIN B INJECTION ON 31ST MAY

No.	State/UT	
	A @ A) I - I I -	Draft Allocation
2	A&N Islands Andhra Pradesh	1600
4	Arunachal Pradesh	50
5	Assam Bihar	500
6	Chandigarh	280
7	Chhattisgarh	260
8	D&D & D&N	0
9	Delhi	1190
10	Goa	50
11	Gujarat	5630
12	Haryana	1200
13	Himachal Pradesh	50
14	J&K(UT)	50
15	Jharkahand	70
16	Karnataka	1930
17	Kerala	70
18	Ladakh (UT)	0
19	Lakshdweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	1920
21	Maharashtra	5900
22	Manipur	0
23	Meghalaya	0
24	Mizoram	0
25	Nagaland	0
26	Odisha	50
27	Puduchery	60
28	Punjab	340
29	Rajasthan	3670
30	Sikkim	0
31	Tamil Nadu	680
32	Telangana	1200
33	Tripura	50
34	Uttar Pradesh	1710
35	Uttarakhand	280
36	West Bengal	50
37	Central Institutions	1260
	TOTAL	30100

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#### EPFO allows its members to avail second COVID-19 advance

To support its subscribers during the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, EPFO has now allowed its members to avail second non-refundable COVID-19 advance. The provision for special withdrawal to meet the financial need of members during pandemic was introduced in March 2020, under Pradhan









MantriGaribKalyanYojana (PMGKY). An amendment to this effect was made by Ministry of Labour& Employment in Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952 by inserting therein sub-para (3) under paragraph 68L, through notification in the Official Gazette.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1723083

#### NTPC Unchahar Handovers Oxygen Plant to District Administration of Raibareli

NTPC, a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power in its continued efforts to help in fight against COVID has set up an oxygen plant by NTPC Unchahar. The plant was handed over to the district administration of Raibareli, UP. The necessary equipment and resources were made available by NTPC to the executing body for smooth functioning of this plant. With the establishment of this oxygen plant, oxygen facility will be made available regularly to the needy people with immediate effect.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1723114

# NTPC supports local administration to strengthen health infrastructure to fight against COVID at its coal Mining Projects

NTPC, a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power and it's PakriBarwadih Coal Mining Project, Hazaribagh under CSR initiative has come forward for installation Centralised Manifold Oxygen Support system for 300 beds ITKI TB Sanatorium, a dedicated COVID Care hospital located in the outskirts of Ranchi.

The hospital is one of the covid cluster care centre intends to increase the treatment of covid patients to minimise the load on the city hospitals during ongoing COVID second wave. NTPC is improving the existing infrastructure facility to mitigate COVID-19.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1723113

#### INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

**Kerala:**Considerable relaxations in the lockdown came into effect in the State on Monday. The government has also lifted the triple lockdown in Malappuram. With the lifting of the triple lockdown, restrictions applicable to the rest of the State till June 9, will be extended to Malappuramalso. Kerala has been under lockdown since May 8 to check the rapid spread of Covid-19. The State Secretariat has resumed functioning with 50 per cent of its total staff strength. A decision on resuming the functions of other State and Central government offices is expected on Monday. The curbs on inter-district travel will continue. Police surveillance and checking will continue as usual despite relaxing the lockdown. The government has directed the police to act stringently against those violating the lockdown norms. Meanwhile, the state confirmed 19,894 Covid-19 cases yesterday. While the death toll has mounted to 8641, TPR has dipped to 15.97 %. A total of 93,37,951 people has so far been vaccinated in the state. Out of this, 72,76,075 had first dose and 20,61,876 second dose.









Tamil Nadu: TN Health Minister Ma Subramaniam in a statement on Sunday said that the State is running out of vaccines and has sought the help of the Central government to overcome this crisis. The Minister said the State has six lakh doses of vaccines and it would be exhausted in a day or two. With more cases of Mucormycosis surfacing, the demand for antifungals Amphotericin B and Posaconazole API have been soaring even as Health officials urged the public not to panic, claiming not all fungal cases require drugs. Over 1,800 metric ton of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) have so far been delivered to Tamil Nadu through 31 oxygen express trains. The number of fresh Covid-19 cases fell to 28,864 on Sunday, bringing down the total number of active cases in Tamil Nadu to 3,05,546. However, the State reported 493 deaths, taking the toll to 23,754.

Till date 88,91,549 have been vaccinated across TN, of which 68,72,673 received first dose and 20,18,876 received second dose.

**Karnataka:**As per the State Government bulletin released for 30-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 20,378; Total Active Cases: 3,42,010; New Covid Deaths: 382; Total Covid Deaths: 28,679. Around 51,679 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,33,96,169 have been vaccinated in the state till now. Vaccinations in Karnataka have picked up steam over the last 10 days, with the health minister stating that the programme is on track with more than 24 lakh doses administered in Bengaluru alone. Karnataka tops the list among highest vaccinated states in South India. Also, it is the 6th most vaccinated state in the country with 1.32 crore vaccines. Union minister Pralhad Joshi said that enough Black fungus medicine will be available in two days and Central government has made necessary arrangements in this regard.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 13,400 new Covid-19 cases after testing 84,232 samples with 94 deaths, while 21,133 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 97,66,778 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 72,82,314 first doses and 24,84,464 second doses. The overall Covid-19 recoveries in the state shot past 15 lakh on Sunday, resulting in a drop in the number of active cases as fresh positives too continued their downslide for more than a week now. However, the state decided to extend the curfew until June 10. Union Minister for Petroleum and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan has said the Sri City Special Economic Zone in Andhra Pradesh will soon become a major cryogenic tanker manufacturing hub. On Sunday, he virtually inaugurated a jumbo Covid care facility with 300 oxygen beds in the first phase, set up by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant at its Steel City Township. Meanwhile, the Andhra Pradesh High Court, to curtail indiscriminate exploitation by private hospitals, has directed that cash payments of patients should be made under the auspices of the Covid Nodal Officer.

Telangana: The State Government has decided to extend the lockdown in the state by 10 more days from today with more relaxations. It has also decided to vaccinate the students who got admissions in foreign universities on priority basis as getting vaccinated is a must for allowing students in many universities. The State Health Department has decided to set up Special Out Patient Counters in all Govt and Teaching hospitals to treat infections in Covid-recovered patients as the cases of Mucormycosis/Black Fungur are on the rise in the state. The special drive to vaccinate super spreaders/high risk groups like journalists/street vendors/auto and cab drivers/Road Transport Corporation drivers and conductors is

under way. The Health Department has revoked the Covid treatment permission of 10 private hospitals in Khammam for collecting exorbitant charges and violating treatment protocol. Meanwhile, a total of 1801 new cases and 16 fatalities were reported yesterday taking the cumulative number of positive cases in the state to 5,75,827 and fatalities to 3263. The total number of Active Cases in the state now stands at 35,042 and the recovery rate is reported to be at 93.34 percent.

Assam: 55 more Covid patients died during last 24 hours even as the state saw 3,245 new infections during the day out of 71,598 tests done. The positivity rate was 4.53 percent. Kamrup Metro saw 422 hew cases. The State Health Department has decided to facilitate the COVID-19 vaccination for onsite registration and appointment for the people of 18-44 year age group in the government vaccination centres, only for time being. This is exclusively for the tea garden areas that don't have access to smartphones for appointment/slot booking. The district authorities will conduct special vaccination drives in prisons, old age homes, mental health institutions and rehabilitation centres for the 18+ age group.CM HimantaBiswaSarma visited Gauhati Medical College and Hospital and took stock of the Covid treatment infrastructure and other related issues.

**Manipur:** The state on Sunday recorded 17 deaths from Covid-19 along with registering the highest ever single day spike of 1032 new cases and single day positivity rate of 16 percent. CM launched scheme to aid Covid orphaned kids. The number of people who have been administered COVID-19 vaccine in Manipur reached 3,82,352, as per the latest update.

**Meghalaya:**For the third straight day, the recoveries on Sunday bettered the number of new cases indicating a possible waning of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Meghalaya. However, the positivity rate in the state continues to be around four per cent higher than the national average. With 974 recoveries on Sunday, the total number of people cured/discharged has risen to 27,130. The Meghalaya government will open the slot in CoWIN for vaccination of people above 18 years by next week.

**Sikkim:**Three deaths and 246 new cases took Sikkim past 15K confirmed cases and 250 fatalities. The figure of recovered cases further improved to 10,746 with the discharge of 130 more people from home isolation after they made full recoveries. There are currently 3,961 active cases of coronavirus in Sikkim.

**Tripura:**More Oxygen cylinders arrived with IAF aircrafts carring Oxygen and other medicines touching down twice in a single day in MBB Airport of Agartala. Meanwhile 854 new cases were detected while 873 recovered with 6 deaths.

**Nagaland:**Nagaland registered 192 new Covid cases and 13 deaths on Sunday. Active cases are 5049 while tally goes up to 21,563. Church leaders expressed dismay over reports of some churches in Kohima and elsewhere in the state for violating Covid norms and holding congregation while the rest of the country was facing an unprecedented Covid 2nd wave.

Maharashtra: Maharashtra government extended the lockdown till June 15 for corporations of Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, PimpriChinchwad, Pune, Aurangabad, Nashik, Vasai Virar, Nagpur – all civic bodies with more than one million population. In the urban areas where the total positivity rate is less than 10 per cent and to oxygen beds occurred by is less than 40 per cent, essential shop. In be

allowed to operate from 7 am to 2 pm instead of 7 am to 11 am. All government offices will be allowed to function at 25 per cent attendance instead of 15 per cent earlier. Maharashtra's daily caseload of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) fell to 18,600 on Sunday, taking the state's infection tally to 5,731,815. Also on the day, 402 people succumbed to the viral disease, taking Maharashtra's related death toll to 94,844.

Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 1,871 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, its lowest one-day infection count since March 25 this year. These new cases took the state's overall tally to 8,07,488. The number of daily cases fell below the 2,000-mark for the first time since March 26, when the state had recorded 2,190 cases, while the March 25 count was 1,961.

1,83,070 people got vaccinated for COVID-19 on Sunday, the total number of doses administered so far in the state rose to 1,68,94,303. As many as 1,11,843 people in the age group of 18-44 were vaccinated against COVID-19 on Sunday, which took the overall number of such beneficiaries to 14,78,897.

**Rajasthan:**Mucormycosis cases in the state have risen to 1,300 with 500 more being detected in the past four days. While the maximum number of cases have been reported from Jaipur, districts like Jodhpur, Kota and Udaipur too have reported Mucormycosis.

Health department's teams are currently conducting door-to-door surveys in all districts to identify suspected mucormycosis cases. The department has allowed 28 hospitals across the state to provide treatment for the deadly fungus since the ailment has been declared as a notifiable disease. Rajasthan's COVID-19 caseload rose to 9,38,460 on Sunday with 2,298 fresh infections while the death toll climbed to 8,317 as 66 more people succumbed to the viral disease. The number of active COVID-19 cases in Rajasthan stands at 49,224.

**Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, the Covid Test Positivity rate has come down below three percent. The number of new patients is steadily decreasing in the state.

The unlock process in Madhya Pradesh is beginning from June 1st. For this, the state government has issued a guideline. According to the state government, there will be separate unlock guidelines for the districts with more than 5 percent infection and less than 5 percent infection in the state. Indore, Bhopal, Sagar and Morena districts of the state have more than 5 percent infection, Shops selling essential items may be opened, but only 25 percent of these can remain open. At the same time, 50 percent shops will be opened in urban areas with less than five percent positivity rate.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh government on Sunday announced an assistance of ₹5 lakh for families of media persons who lost their life due to Covid-19. The government said it will also reimburse their expenses incurred for Covid treatment at hospitals under the Chhattisgarh Media Representative Welfare Assistance Rules.

Goa: Goa on Sunday reported 645 fresh coronavirus positive cases and 28 fatalities, taking the tally of infections to 1,55,064 and the toll to 2,625.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 565415. Number of active cases is 39263. Total Deaths reported is 14432. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 902070. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 252267. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2813549. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 477554. Total 18-44 years age group Vaccinated with 1st dose is 453987.









**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 755389. Total active COVID-19 patients is 21087. Number of deaths is 8221. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 5660777.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 59922. Total number of Active Cases is 2134. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 745.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested Covid positive till date is 189465. Total number of Active Cases is 14940. Total deaths reported till date is 3111.



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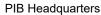
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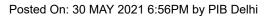






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- Daily Positivity Rate at 8.02% continues the streak of less than 10% positivity for 6 continuous days
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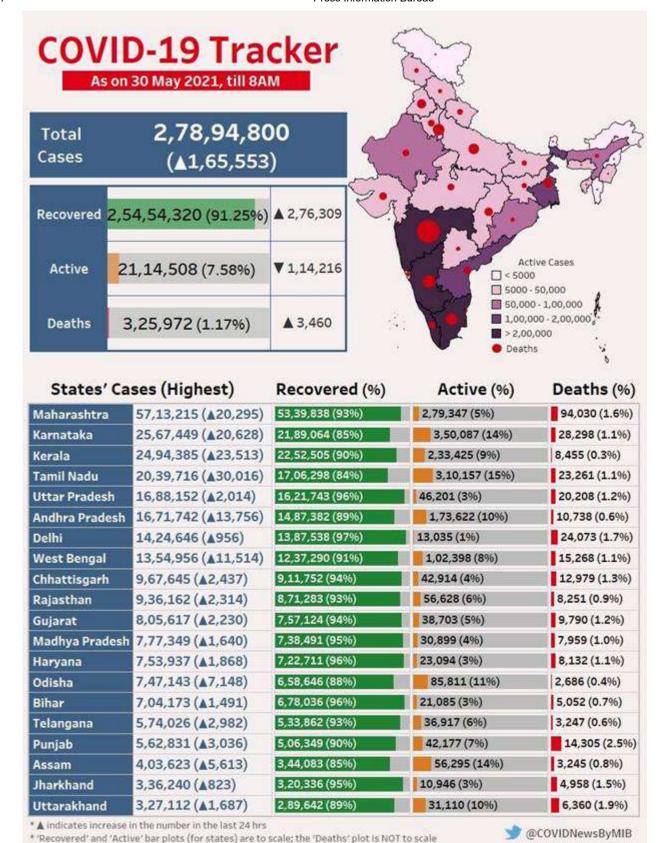








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- A net decline of **1,14,216** is witnessed in the last 24 hours and active cases are now only **7.58%** of the country's total Positive Cases.
  - As part of continued decline in the daily new cases, the country has recorded less than 2 lakh Daily New Cases for 3 continuous days now.
- 1,65,553 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours. India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 17th consecutive day.
- 2,76,309 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.1,10,756 more recoveries were reported during the last 24 hours as compared to the daily new cases.
- Out of the people infected since beginning of the pandemic 2,54,54,320 people have already recovered from COVID-19 & 2,76,309 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours. This constitutes an overall recovery rate of 91.25%.
- **Positivity rate has reduced and is at 8.02% today.** It has remained less than 10% for 6 consecutive days now. The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has exceeded **21.20 Cr** today under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive.
- A total of 21,20,66,614 vaccine doses have been administered through 30,07,831 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. More than 30.35 Lakh (30,35,749) vaccine doses have been given in last 24 hours.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722827

### <u>Update on COVID Vaccine Allocation; Nearly 12 Crore Doses will be available for National COVID Vaccination for month of June 2021</u>

For the month ofJune 2021, 6.09 crore(6,09,60,000) doses of COVID vaccines will be supplied to the States and UTs for vaccination of priority group of Health Care Workers (HCWs), Front-Line Workers (FLWs) and persons aged 45 years + and above as free supply from Government of India. In addition, more than 5.86 crore (5,86,10,000) doses will be available for direct procurement by the state/UTs and Private Hospitals. Therefore, in June 2021 close to 12 crore (11,95,70,000) doses will be available for the national COVID vaccination programme.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722831

#### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations. These are being promptly dispatched/delivered to the States and UTs.

Cumulatively, 18,265 Oxygen Concentrators; 19,085 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 15,256 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~7.7 L Remdesivir vials, ~12L Favipiravir tablets delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 29th May 2021.

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Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) expanded - ECLGS 4.0 for onsite oxygen generation, wider coverage of ECLGS 3.0 and increase in tenorfor ECLGS 1.0

On account of the disruptions caused by the second wave of COVID 19 pandemic to businesses across various sectors of the economy, the Government has further enlarged the scope of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme. The modifications in ECLGS, would enhance the utility and impact of ECLGS by providing additional support to MSMEs, safeguarding livelihoods and helping in seamless resumption of business activity. These changes will further facilitate flow of institutional credit at reasonable terms.

for details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722846

#### Advisory for promotion of national helpline numbers

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has today issued advisory to all private television channels to promote awareness of the following national helpline numbers by way of a ticker or such appropriate ways as they may consider at periodical intervals, especially during prime time

1075	National Helpline no. of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
1098	Child Helpline No. of the Ministry of Women and Child Development
14567	Senior Citizens Helpline of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (NCT Delhi, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand)
08046110007	Helpline No. of NIMHANS for psychological support

These National helpline numbers were created and propagated by the Government for the benefit of the citizens.

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### <u>Labour Ministry announces major social security relief to dependents of workers passing away due to COVID-19</u>

The Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced additional benefits for workers through ESIC and EPFO schemes to address the fear and anxiety of workers about well-being of their family members due to increase in incidences of death due to COVID -19 pandemic. Enhanced social security is sought to be provided to the workers without any additional cost to the employer. For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722880









#### Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 21392 MT of LMO to the Nation

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 21392 MT of LMO in more than 1274 tankers to various states across the country.

It may be noted that 313 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722887



### Shri Dharmendra Pradhan dedicates RINL's Jumbo Covid Care facility at Visakhapatnam; Calls it a symbol of Cooperative federalism

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today dedicated Phase-I of JUMBO COVID CARE facility at RINL, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant township with 300 Oxygen equipped Beds in the service of nation. In the virtual ceremony, the Minister of State for Steel Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Health minister Shri A. Kali Krishna Srinivas, AP Industries & Commerce Minister Shri M. Goutham Reddy, Panchayati Raj & Rural Development, Mines & Geology Minister of AP Shri P. Ramachandra Reddy, Members of Parliament and MLAs, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, and Officials of the Government of India, Government of Andhra Pradesh, and RINL were present.

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- Less than 2 lakh Daily New Cases since last two days
- Recovery Rate further increases to 90.80%
- Daily Positivity Rate at 8.36%; less than 10% for 5 consecutive days
- PM CARES For Children- Empowerment of COVID Affected Children launched for support & empowerment of Covid affected children
- Oxygen Expresses cross milestone of 20000 MT of LMO delivery
- 305 Oxygen Expresses complete Oxygen deliveries to the Nation

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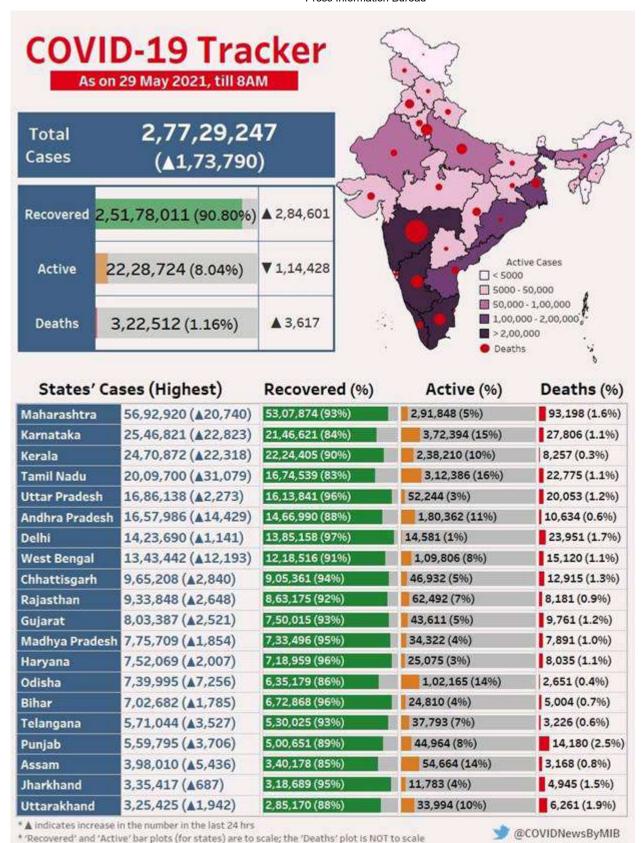
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# At 1.73 Lakh Cases, Daily New Cases are lowest in last 45 days; Less than 2 lakh Daily New Cases since last two days

• India's Active Caseload has reduced to 22,28,724 today. Active Cases have decreased since the last peak on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.A net decline of 1,14,428 is witnessed in the last 24 hours and active cases are now only 8.04% of the course's total Positive Cases.

- Less than 2 lakh daily new cases are being reported since the last two days. 1,73,790 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 16th consecutive day. **2,84,601** recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. 1,10,811 more recoveries during the last 24 hours as compared to the daily new cases.
- Weekly Positivity Rate is currently at 9.84% while the Daily Positivity rate has reduced and is at 8.36% today. It has remained less than 10% for 5 consecutive days now.
- The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has exceeded **20.89** Cr today under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive. India is the second country after the US to achieve the vaccination landmark of 20 Crore.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722603

## PM CARES For Children- Empowerment of COVID Affected Children launched for support & empowerment of Covid affected children

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired an important meeting to discuss and deliberate on steps which can be taken to support children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19. PM announced a number of benefits to children impacted by the current COVID Pandemic. While announcing these measures the Prime Minister emphasized that children represent the future of the country and the country will do everything possible to support and protect the children so that they develop as strong citizens and have a bright future. The PM said that in such trying times it is our duty, as a society, to care for our children and instil hope for a bright future. All children who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian/adoptive parents due to Covid 19 will be supported under 'PM-CARES for Children' scheme.He also added that the measures being announced have only been possible due to the generous contributions to the PM CARES Fund which will support India's fight against COVID-19.

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#### More than 22.77crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 22.77crore vaccine doses** (22,77,62,450) to States/UTs.

Of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 20,80,09,397 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today).

More than 1.82 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,82,21,403) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

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Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations. These are being promptly dispatched/delivered to the States and UTs.

Cumulatively, 18,040 Oxygen Concentrators; 19,085 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 15,256 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~7.7L Remdesivir vials, ~12L Favipiravir tablets delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 28th May 2021.

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### Government decides to discontinue the Central Allocation of Remdesivir Strategic stock of 50 lakhs vials of Remdesivir to be maintained

Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri MansukhMandaviya informed that the production of Remdesivir is ramped up ten times from 33,000 vials/day on 11th April 2021 to 3,50,000 vials/day today under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The Minister further informed that the Government has also increased the number of plants producing Remdesivir from 20 to 60 plants within a month. Now the country has enough Remdesivir as the supply is much more than the demand, he added. Shri Mandaviya said that the Government has decided to discontinue the Central Allocation of Remdesivir to States. He has directed the National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Agency and CDSCO to continuously monitor the availability of Remdesivir in the country.

Government of India has also decided to procure 50 lakh vials of Remdesivir to maintain it as a strategic stock for the emergency requirement, he added.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722633

## Oxygen Expresses cross milestone of 20000 MT of LMO delivery; 305 Oxygen Expresses complete Oxygen deliveries to the Nation

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 20770 MT of LMO in more than 1237 tankers to various states across the country.305 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.Assam received its third Oxygen Express today with 80 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) in 4 tankers.

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# NCPCR Asks States/UTS to Upload Data of Children Who Have Lost Both or Either of The Parent To Covid-19 On Online Tracking Portal "BalSwaraj (Covid-Care)"

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), in furtherance to its function as a monitoring authority under section 109 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and in view of the growing problem relief to children affected COVID-19, has deviced an online tracking portal

"BalSwaraj (COVID-Care link)" for child in need of care and protection. This portal of the Commission has been created with a purpose for online tracking and digital real time monitoring mechanism of children who are in need of care and protection.

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## TDB supported science-based start-ups play critical role in combating COVID 19

Science-based startups are playing a crucial role in proactively bringing technologies for combatting COVID 19 to the people and helping the nation deal with the pandemic. As researchers, industrialists and entrepreneurs synergized their capabilities and efforts to fight this massive battle at all fronts, several science-based startups brought out new technologies, repurposed their existing technologies, scaled up operations, and commercialized them with support from the government.

Existing capability, infrastructure and resources were managed judiciously to increase the production capacity for PPE kits, masks, testing infrastructure, and research for vaccines to empower the country during this period. Financial support from the Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology, helped several startups to commercialize their products like testing kits, masks, sanitisers, thermal scanners, and medical devices to bring about meaningful contributions in India's fight against COVID 19.

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## POWERGRID PROVIDES CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), is proactively working towards supporting and contributing in India's fight against COVID-19 by extending help to various states across the country. Through its dedicated effort of contributing towards better healthcare facilities, POWERGRID has provided Cold Chain equipment (181 Ice Lined Refrigerators & 130 Deep Freezers) costing around ₹2.66 crore to the states of Punjab, Sikkim, Mizoram and UT of Ladakh under CSR. Two Insulated Vans have also been provided for facilitating COVID-19 vaccination drive in remote areas of Leh, Ladakh. For oxygen support, POWERGRID is going to establish Oxygen Generation Plants at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Gurugram (Haryana) having capacity of 2 x 50 Nm3 per hour and at Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) having capacity of 50 Nm3 per hour.

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## Big Boost for Khadi Artisans with Rs.45-crore Government Purchase Orders to KVIC during 2nd Covid-19 Lockdown









Ample employment opportunities for Khadi artisans have helped them fight the financial distress once again, as most parts of the country remain under lockdown during the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. Despite a severe jolt to the manufacturing and service sectors between March and May this year, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has bagged purchase orders worth over Rs. 45 crore that would support the livelihood of lakhs of Khadi artisans. The purchase orders have come from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Indian Railways and Air India.

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#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

Recommendations of 43rd GST Council Meeting!

IGST Exemption to the import of drug used for treating black fungus.#UnitedToFightCorona #IndiaFightsCorona pic.twitter.com/DyU3Di4pTn

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National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) ssks States/UTs to upload data of children who have lost both or either of the parent to #COVID19 on online tracking portal "Bal Swaraj (Covid-Care)"

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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- At 1.86 Lakh Cases, Daily New Cases lowest in last 44 days
- Less than 3 lakh Daily New Cases for 12 consecutive days
- Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for 15th consecutive day
- Recovery Rate increases to 90.34%
- Daily Positivity Rate at 9.00%; less than 10% for 4 consecutive days

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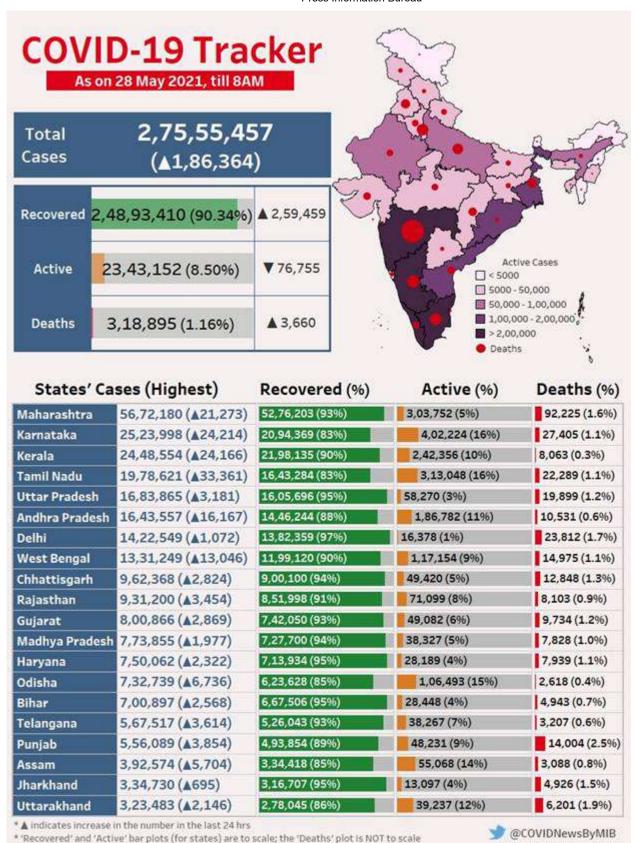
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#### At 1.86 Lakh Cases, Daily New Cases are lowest in last 44 days

• India's Active Caseload has now reduced to 23,43,152. Active Cases **have decreased** since its last peak on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. A net decline of **76,755** is witnessed in the last 24 hours and active cases are now only **8.50%** of the country's tot Positive Cases.

- 1,86,364 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 15th consecutive day. 2,59,459 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Out of people infected since beginning of the pandemic 2,48,93,410 people have already received from COVID-19 & 2,59,459 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours. This constitute an overall recovery rate of 90.34%. A total of 20,70,508 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country and cumulatively India has conducted 33.90 crore tests so far.
- While on one side testing has been enhanced across the country, a continued decline in weekly case positivity is noticed. Weekly Positivity Rate is currently at 10.42% while the Daily Positivity rate has reduced and is at 9.00% today. It has remained less than 10% for 4 consecutive days now.

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#### More than 22.46 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 22.46 crore vaccine doses** (22,46,08,010) to States/UTs.

Of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 20,48,04,853 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today).

More than 1.84 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,84,92,677) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

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#### More than 1.66 Cr beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated so far

#### More than 28 lakh Vaccine Doses administered today till 7 pm

The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country exceeded **20.86 Cr** (**20,86,12,834**) as per the 7 pm provisional report today.

13,36,309 beneficiaries of the age group 18-44 years received their first dose and **275** beneficiaries of the same age group received their second dose of COVID vaccine today. Cumulatively **1,66,47,122** across 37 States/UTs since the start of Phase-3 of the vaccination drive. **Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh** have administered more than 10 lakh beneficiaries of the age group 18-44 years for their first dose of COVID vaccine.

For details: https://www.pibgv.in/PressReleasePage.spx?PRID=17225

### <u>Indian Immunologicals Limited to start production of drug substance for Covaxin under Mission</u> <u>COVID Suraksha</u>

In a bid to augment the vaccine production, the Government has decided to support some public sector companies with grants under the Mission COVID Suraksha. One such company is the Hyderabad based Indian Immunological limited (IIL), which a facility under the PSU, National Dairy Development Board.

A technical collaboration agreement has been reached between IIL and Bharat Biotech, for IIL to supply of the drug substance required the for manufacturing Covaxin Vaccine to Bharat Biotech. The Managing Director of Indian Immunological Limited, Dr K Anand Kumar said that the IIL is planning to start the production of drug substance for Covaxin from next month, June 15, and send out the first batch to Bharat Biotech limited by July.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722478

#### **Busting Myths of Vaccination**

### <u>Production of Covaxin Vaccine to hit 6 Cr by July/August under Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 Mission COVID Suraksha</u>

Government of India has been supporting the efforts of States and UTs for an effective Vaccination drive under the 'Whole of Government" approach since 16<sup>th</sup> January this year. In order to streamline the availability of the vaccine doses, Central Government has been constantly in touch with the vaccine manufacturers and has opened up different procurement options for states/UTs since May 2021.

There have been some unfound media reports on unaccounted vaccine dosesofBharat Biotech. These reports are incorrect and are not supported by full information on the matter.

The claims of Bharat Biotech having 6 Crore doses is an error of comprehension among some quarters reporting the said matter.

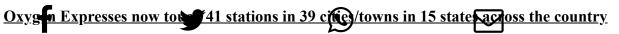
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#### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations. These are being promptly dispatched/delivered to the States and UTs.

Cumulatively, 18,016 Oxygen Concentrators; 19,085 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 15,206 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~7.7 L Remdesivir vials, ~12L Favipiravir tablets delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 26th May 2021.

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Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 19408 MT of LMO in more than 1162 tankers to various states across the country.

On Mission Mode, Till now Oxygen Expresses offloaded LMO in around 39 cities/towns in 15 states across the country namely Lucknow, Varanasi, Kanpur, Bareilly, Gorakhpur & Agra in Uttar Pradesh, Sagar, Jabalpur, Katni& Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Nagpur, Nashik, Pune, Mumbai &Solapur in Maharashtra, Hyderabad in Telangana, Faridabad &Gurugram in Haryana, Tuglakabad, Delhi Cantt& Okhla in Delhi, Kota &Kanakpara in Rajasthan, Bengaluru in Karnataka, Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Nellore, Guntur, Tadipatri& Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, Ernakulam in Kerala, Tiruvallur, Chennai, Tuticorin, Coimbatore & Madurai in Tamil Nadu, Bhatinda&Phillaur in Punjab, Kamrup in Assam and Ranchi in Jharkhand.

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- Recoveries continue to outnumber new cases for 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive day
- Recovery rate increases to 90.01%
- Daily positivity rate at 9.79%, less than 10% for 3 consecutive days
- 20.27 Cr. Vaccine Doses administered so far under Nationwide Vaccination Drive
- No disruption of oxygen supply took place due to Cyclone Yaas
- Highest single day load of 1195 MT Oxygen relief to the Nation delivered by Oxygen Expresses

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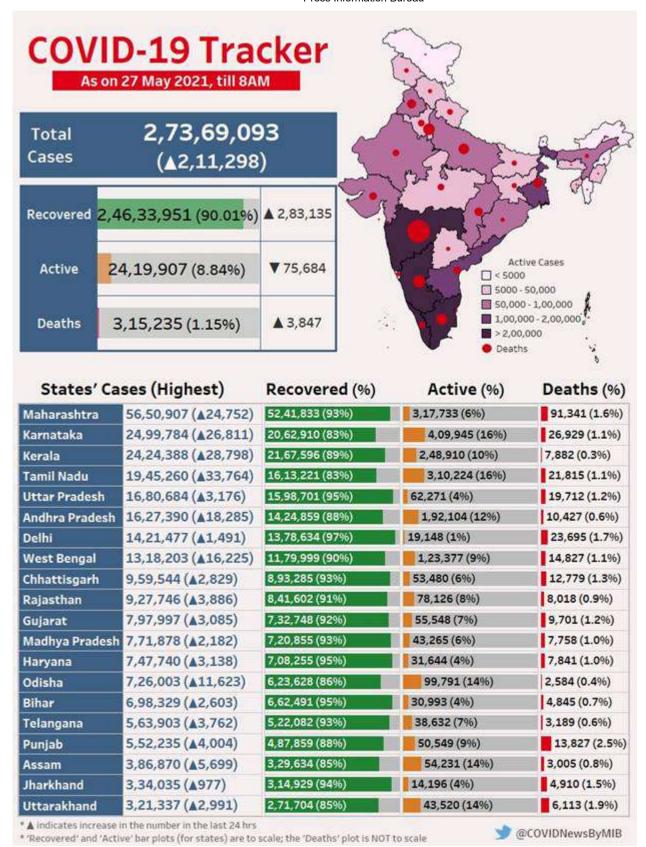
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#### Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 14th consecutive day

- At 2.11 Lakh Cases, declining trend in new cases is maintained
- 2,46,33,951 total Recoveries across the country so far. 2,83,135patients recovered during last 24 hours

- Recovery Rate increases to 90.01%
- Weekly Positivity Rate currently at 10.93%
- Daily positivity rate at 9.79%, less than 10% for 3 consecutive days.
- 20.27 Cr. Vaccine Doses administered so far under Nationwide Vaccination Drive
- After the USA, India is the 2nd country to achieve the 20 cr Vaccination doses landmark
- Testing capacity substantially ramped up- 21.57 lakh tests conducted in last 24 hours

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722035

#### **Myths & Facts on India's Vaccination Process**

Several myths on India's Covid-19 vaccination program are doing the rounds. These myths are arising due to distorted statements, half truths and blatant lies.

Member (Health) in NITI Aayog and Chair of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) Dr Vinod Paul addresses these myths and gives out facts on all these issues.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722078

#### More than 22crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 22crore vaccine doses** (22,16,11,940) to States/UTs Of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 20,17,59,768 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today).

More than 1.84 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,84,90,522) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

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#### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

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<u>Guidelines for Near to Home COVID Vaccination Centres (NHCVC) for Elderly & Differently Abled Citizens shared by Union Health Ministry with States/UTs</u>









The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 (NEGVAC) has recommended the proposal by a Technical Expert Committee of the Union Ministry on the guidelines for Near to Home COVID Vaccination Centres (NHCVC) for Elderly & Differently Abled Citizens. These recommendations have also been accepted by the Union Ministry of Health. NHCVC for Elderly & Differently-abled citizens would follow a community-based, flexible and people-centric approach, bringing the COVID Vaccination Centres nearer to homes.

The Technical Expert Committee's recommendations are aimed to ensure vaccination of Senior Citizens and Differently Abled population having limited mobility due to their physical condition. The recommendations are in response to the need to increase access by bringing vaccination services closer to the community while maintaining all necessary precautions and safety measures, as per the Operational Guidelines and Advisories issued from time to time.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722164

#### No disruption of steel production or oxygen supply took place due to Cyclone Yaas

Ministry of Steel held meeting with all major steel players on 23rd May, along with Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, in order to ascertain the likely impact of Cyclone Yaas on steel making and on oxygen production. It was also planned that temporarily for 2 to 4 days, the states which were dependent on Kalinga Nagar and Angul plants of Odisha would draw from TATA Jamshedpur plant. It is confirmed that no power disruption was experienced by any steel plant located in Angul, Kalinganagar and Rourkela in Odisha. TATA representatives, who have plants in Odisha have confirmed that there has not been any impact of cyclone Yaas on the LMO production on the Tata Steel plants.

Dispatch of LMO from all the attached oxygen plants in Kalinganagar, Jamshedpur and Angul continued as usual without any disruption.

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### <u>Highest single day load of 1195 MT Oxygen relief to the Nation delivered by Oxygen Expresses, surpassing its previous high of 1142 MT</u>

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 18980 MT of LMO in more than 1141 tankers to various states across the country.

It may be noted that 284 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

Oxygen Expresses delivered their highest single day load of 1195 MT Oxygen relief to the Nation surpassing its previous high of 1142 delivered on 23rd May 2021.

Offloading of Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) in Delhi crossed 5000 MT.Amongst the Southern States, delivery of LMO to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana crossed 1000 MT each. Oxygen Expresses started their deliveries 33 days back on 24th April in Maharashtra with a load of 126 MT.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722123

### <u>DST supported disinfection system makes N95 Masks, PPE, medical gear reusable and reduces excessive COVID 19 bio-medical waste generation</u>

A N95 Mask/PPE disinfection system developed by Mumbai-based start-up, Indra Water, has been installed at multiple Government hospitals across Maharashtra & Telangana.

The disinfection system called VajraKavach is significantly decreasing the cost of combating the pandemic by making PPE, medical, and nonmedical gear reusable and reducing the generation of excessive COVID 19 related bio-medical waste, thereby helping the environment. It is also making personal protective equipment more available, affordable, and accessible.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722192

#### NTPC extends support to protect the society at large from the spread of Coronavirus

NTPC, the largest energy conglomerate of the country under Ministry of Power has not only ensured uninterrupted power supply to the country during the second wave of COVID-19 but also has reached out to the society and has made significant efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 by enhancing medical infrastructure in different parts of the country.

NTPC came forward and developed more than 600 Oxygen beds and 1200 isolation beds in it's different projects and surroundings on war footing basis in a span of one week which proved to be life saviour for many including the general public. NTPC has been working in close coordination with the state and district administration and has augmented medical infrastructure even in remote locations.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1722081

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

Kerala: A decision on extending the Covid lockdown in the state will be taken after examining the Covid transmission rate in the coming days. Currently, the lockdown is announced till May 30. The average test positivity rate in the last one week is 22.2 percent. However, the test positivity rate in some districts, where the number of patients is high, remains above 25 percent. Meanwhile, the government has decided to start digital classes in schools from June 1. Apart from classes aired on government's Victers Channel, online classes will also be held. Considering the Covid situation, the school admission festival will be conducted virtually on the first day of the new academic year. A decision in conducting Plus One exam will be taken soon. As part of the efforts to curb exorbitant pricing of Covid treatment products the government is planning to invoke Essential Commodities Act in the sale of these products. 28,798 new cases of Covid-19 were detected in the state yesterday. 151 deaths were also confirmed pushing the death toll to 7882. TPR which shot up as high as 30 %, has fallen below 20 %. So far, a total of 88,56,897 people have been vaccinated in the state. Out of this, 68,34,933 were administered with first dose and 20,21,964 second dose.









**Tamil Nadu:**Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday flagged off 1,400 imported oxygen cylinders and oxygen regulators to 18 districts for Covid-19 treatment. Health Minister M Subramanian has said 286 are affected by black fungus in Tamil Nadu. PMK leader S. Ramadoss has urged the TN government to make vaccination mandatory to avail the benefits of the welfare schemes of the state. Puducherry UT recorded 27 Covid-19 deaths to raise the toll to 1,435 while reporting 1,321 new cases and 1,927 recoveries on Wednesday. The declining graph of new Covid cases in TN continued on Wednesday, with the State reporting 33,764 fresh infections. With the death of 475 people, the fatalities rose to 21,815 and the number of active cases, including cases of isolation is 3,10,224 as per state bulletin. Till date 79,14,277 have been vaccinated across TN, of which 59,40,657 received first dose and 19,73,620 received second dose.

**Karnataka:** As per the State Government bulletin released for 26-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 26,811; Total Active Cases: 4,09,924; New Covid Deaths: 530; Total Covid Deaths: 26,929. Around 1,27,317 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,25,41,765 have been vaccinated in the state till now. After increasing numbers of fresh Covid-19 cases being reported from rural areas of Karnataka, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa interacted with select gram panchayats reporting high caseload via video conferencing on Wednesday morning. Bengaluru's civic body, the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) has trained and deployed 11 women marshals across the city on an experimental basis to enforce Covid-19 norms and help out at care centres.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 18,285 new Covid-19 cases after testing 91,120 samples with 99 deaths, while 24,105 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 84,59,763 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 60,76,647 first doses and 23,83,116 second doses. During the Covid-19 review the Chief Minister directed the officials to ensure allotment of 50 per cent of beds in private hospitals to patients being treated under Aarogyasri scheme. He appreciated the officials for augmenting supply of oxygen in the State, which increased to over 600 MT from 330 MT and suggested the officials to focus on auditing oxygen stocks to streamline its supply further. Meanwhile, the State government, in the wake of covid situation, has decided to postpone tenth class exams from June 7. It informed the High Court that it would review on conducting tenth class examinations in July.

Telangana: The State Government has decided to conduct a special Covid vaccination drive from 28th to 30th of this month to inoculate super spreaders/high risk groups like journalists, delivery boys, auto and cab drivers, fair price shop dealers who have more contact with people as part of their duties. Director of State Public Health Dr.Sreenivasa Rao said in two phases of house-to-house Fever Survey conducted by the Health department, it is found that about four lakh people are suffering from Covid-like symptoms in the state and so far 3.16 Lakh of them have been supplied Home Isolation Kits. Meanwhile, as many as 3,762 new Covid cases and 20 fatalities were reported yesterday taking the cumulative number of deaths to 3,189 and the total number of positive cases to 5,63,903. The number of Active Cases in the state now stands at 38,632.









**Maharashtra:** In anticipation of the impact on children during the possible third wave of COVID-19, Maharashtra Government has set up a Special Task Force to develop prevention and treatment methods. This Special Task Force will work to protect children from the infection of COVID-19. Besides, it will provide guidance on treatment, facilities and medicines. Senior paediatrician of Hinduja Hospital Dr.SuhasPrabhu will be the chief of this task force.Maharashtra is witnessing a decline in not just Covid-19 cases but deaths, which was on the higher side over the past several days. On Wednesday, the state recorded 24,752 new cases and 453 deaths.

Gujarat: Gujarat government on Wednesday relaxed the night curfew in place by an hour in 36 cities but did not change the restrictions which have been clamped during the day as the western state recorded a significant drop in the new cases of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19). Chief Minister Vijay Rupani made the announcement about the revised curfew timings after a cabinet meeting in Gandhinagar. The chief minister also said the state government is alert about the possibility of a third wave of the coronavirus pandemic and a detailed action plan to deal with it will be announced soon.

**Rajasthan:** The State Government has formed 3 teams to audit the deaths from corona that took place last month in the state. They have been asked to submit the report in 15 days. The teams have been directed to assess the total deaths as well as the deaths that took place due to Covid.

The COVID-19 tally in Rajasthan reached 9,27,746 on Wednesday with 3,886 fresh cases, while 107 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 8,018. Of the fresh positive cases, a maximum of 779 were reported from Jaipur, 340 from Jodhpur and 284 from Alwar.

**Madhya Pradesh**: In Madhya Pradesh, more than one crore Corona vaccine doses have been administered so far to people above 45 years along with those between 18 to 45 years of age. Chief Minister directed that priority groups should also be formed in 18 vaccinations like hand cart owners, hawkers. Parents of young children can also be kept in the priority group.

Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday reported 2,182 fresh coronavirus positive cases while 7,479 patients were discharged and 72 succumbed to the infection, the state health department said. Madhya Pradesh is now left with 43,265 active cases.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh's coronavirus infection count rose to 9,59,544 on Wednesday with the addition of 2,829 cases, while the death toll mounted by 56 to 12,779. The number of recoveries reached 8,93,258 after a total of 997 people were discharged from various hospitals, while 4,100 others completed their home isolation during the day. The number of active cases in the state stands at 53,480. The COVID-19 positivity rate in the state has now declined to 4.7 per cent, which was 26.1 percent on May 1.

Goa: The state epidemiologist has said that Goa has crossed the peak of the second wave of Covid-19. The epidemiologist added that there's no place for complacency till cases dip below 200 a day. During the first peak last September, the state touched a peak of 740 cases in a day, but from that point, it took more than a month for the graph to show a substantial descent, and for the daily average of new infections to fall be few 200.

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**Assam:** The State's COVID positivity dropped below 5 percent, but high daily casualties at 90 remained a concern for the Health Department. A total of 5,699 new cases were detected in 1,16,119 tests done across the state at the positivity rate of 4.91 percent.

The State government has issued a new SOP making it mandatory for a person to undergo COVID test before vaccination. COVID 19 positive persons will not be vaccinated.

**Manipur:** State recorded 847 new cases, 10 deaths in 24 hours. The state government has announced upper limit for treatment of Covid patients in private hospitals. As per an order issued on Wednesday by state health department, the upper limit rate is Rs 3000 per day for general/isolation bed without O2 support, Rs 5000 per day for general/isolation bed with O2 support, Rs 7000 per day for High Dependency Unit (HDU), Rs 8000 for ICU without ventilator and Rs 10,000 for ICU with ventilator use. So far, 3,55,793 individuals have been vaccinated against Covid-19 with 79,897 jabbed with the second dose.

**Meghalaya:** The active COVID-19 tally has breached the 8,000-mark in Meghalaya with 846 fresh cases reported on Wednesday. The recovery rate has also picked up with the state recording more than 700 recoveries for the second day consecutively. With 10 deaths recorded in the last 24 hours, the tally has now gone up to 512. The state government has cautioned people against sharing/spreading wrong information on COVID-19 and warned of stringent action against any violator under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

**Sikkim:**295 new cases, 241 recoveries and 2 deaths: Sikkim's tally of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 has now reached13,806. On the other hand, the number of recovered cases of COVID-19 in Sikkim stands at 9,933. There are currently 3,422 active cases of coronavirus in the State.









**Tripura:** Yesterday 667 were tested positive with West District reporting 330 new positive cases in the last 24 hours. 6 deaths have been recorded while 1066 persons recovered. But West District has become a cause of Concern for the Government with high positivity rate.

**Nagaland:** Nagaland registered 260 new Covid cases and 12 deaths on Wednesday. Total active cases are 4923 while tally went up to 20,795. Dimapur oxygen plant received certification and started functioning. The plant installed under PM Cares Fund would produce 200 litres of oxygen per minute.

#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

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## PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- Nationwide Cumulative Vaccination Coverage crosses landmark of 20 Crore
- 42 percent population above 60 years have received at least 1st dose of the COVID19 vaccine
- Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber Daily New Cases for 13th consecutive day
- Recovery Rate further increases to 89.66%
- Highest ever 22.17 lakh Tests conducted in a single day
- Weekly Positivity Rate currently at 11.45%

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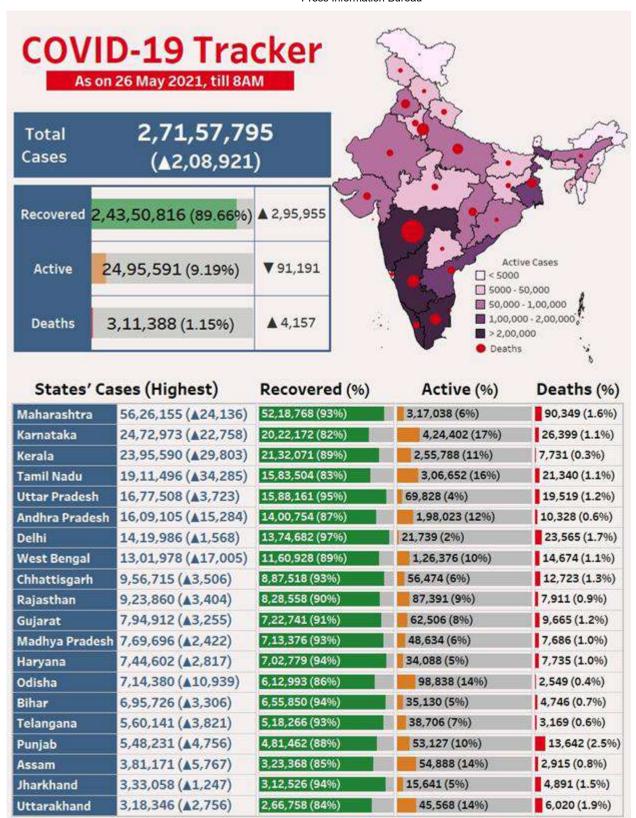
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<sup>\* ▲</sup> indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs





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<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale



### Daily Positivity Rate currently at 9.42%; less than 10% for 2 consecutive days

### Nationwide Cumulative Vaccination Coverage crosses landmark of 20 Crore

- India has recorded **less than 3 lakh Daily New Cases** for ten consecutive days now.**2,08,921** Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Active Cases **have decreased** since its last peak on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.A net decline of **91,191**is witnessed in the last 24 hours. It now comprises **9.19%** of the country's total Positive Cases.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 13th consecutive day. **2,95,955** recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. 87,034 more recoveries during the last 24 hours as compared to the daily new cases.
- The highest ever single day tests 22,17,320 were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country.









- The Weekly Positivity Rate is currently at 11.45% while the Daily Positivity rate has reduced and now stands at 9.42% today. It has remained less than 10% for 2 consecutive days now.
- India has achieved a new milestone in its vaccination drive as the cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has exceeded **20** Cr today under the Phase-3 of the Nationwide Vaccination Drive.

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### **India crosses 20 Crore Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage**

### 42 percent population above 60 years have received at least 1st dose of the COVID19 vaccine

India achieved a significant milestone in its ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive. On 130<sup>th</sup> day of the drive, the cumulative COVID Vaccination Coverage crossed the 20 crore mark (with 20,06,62,456 doses including 15,71,49,593 first dose and 4,35,12,863 second dose of COVID-19 vaccines), as per data available at 07:00 AM today.India's COVID-19 Vaccination drive, the world's largest vaccination drive so far, was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.India is the second country after the USA to achieve this coverage in just 130 days. The USA took 124 days to reach the 20 crore mark.

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### More than 22 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

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### Additional 29,250 vials of Amphotericin- B allocated to States/UTs

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V SadanandaGowda announced that the additional 29,250 vials of Amphotericin- B drug, used in treatment of Mucormycosis, have been allocated to all the States/UTs today. Earlier, additional 19,420 vials of Amphotericin- B were allocated on 24th May and 23,680 vials of the drug were supplied across the country on 21st May.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721840

### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

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Cumulatively, 17,831 Oxygen Concentrators; 18,111 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 13,489 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~6.9 L Remdesivir vials, ~12L Favipiravir tablets delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 25th May 2021.

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## 12 Oxygen Expresses with 969 MT of LMO beat tough weather & cyclone to take relief to the Nation from the Eastern States

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 17945 MT of LMO in more than 1080 tankers to various states across the country. It may be noted that 272 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

In a scale up of operations which continued till late yesterday night 12 Oxygen Expresses with 969 MT of LMO started their journeys from Cyclone hit Eastern States and beat tough weather to take relief to the Nation. These 12 Oxygen Expresses include 3 trains for Tamil Nadu, 4 trains for Andhra Pradesh and 1 each for Delhi region, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam & Kerala. For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721848

### NTPC Bongaigaon starts COVID Care Centre

Continuing its effort against COVID, NTPC Bongaigaon Medical Cell today made the NTPC Bongaigaon COVID Care centre operational in association with Apollo TelehealthServices. The centre incorporates state-of-art technology to manage COVID cases at remote locations. The COVID care centre is equipped with 10 COVID beds, each equipped with a multipara monitor for continuous monitoring of temperature, SPO2, heart rate, blood pressure and respiratory rate.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721806

### Indian Navy Provides 'Oxygen on Wheels' to Palasa COVID Care Centre

Based on a request from the Srikakulam District Collector Shri J Niwas, the Indian Navy provided on 'Oxygen on Wheels' plant to Palasa COVID Care Centre on 25 May 21. It provides oxygen round the clock for up to 12 patients admitted in the hospital. The team has also trained hospital staff in the operation of the plant.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721810

### SJVN Ltd installs Four Oxygen Plants in Himachal Pradesh

SJVN Ltd, a joint venture of Ministry of Power and Government of Himachal Pradesh, is installing 4 Oxygen Plants in the districts of Shimla (Rampur), Kinnaur, LahaulSpiti&Hamirpur of Himachal Pradesh at a cost of around Rs. 4.5 Crore. SJVN has provided Cold Chain Equipments costing around Rs. 1 Frore to state government in support of its effects to vaccinate the entire population of the state.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721932

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**

**Kerala:**240 vials of Amphotericin allotted by the Centre have finally reached Kerala. So far, 44 black fungus cases are confirmed in the state. Meanwhile, Police has initiated steps to check over pricing of Covid preventive medical equipment and products. DGP LoknathBehra said Special Branch police had been deployed in all districts to detect overcharging. Institutions, including medical stores in all districts, will be inspected by Special Branch officials. The aim is to ensure that Covid defense products are sold at the prices set by the government. Action would be taken against the companies which charge exorbitant prices for the products. The government has decided that the new academic year for schools and colleges in Kerala will begin on June 1 itself. Classes will be held online due to the prevailing Covid situation. The state confirmed 29,803 Covid-19 cases on Tuesday. As of now, there are 2,55,406 active cases in the state. With 177 more fatalities, the death toll has mounted to 7731. So far, a total of 87,77,431 people has taken vaccination in the state. Out of this, 67,56,652 were administered with first dose and 20,20,779 second dose.

**Tamil Nadu:** The Madras High Court has sought the TN government to submit a plan of action to deal with vaccination of people who are either homebound or have serious disabilities. Chief Minister M.K.Stalin on Wednesday revised upwards the incentive to accredited journalists by Rs 2,000 to Rs 5,000 for working despite Covid-19 pandemic. Chief Minister directed Minsters and officials to ensure regular supply of essential items to people during the complete lockdown that is in force in the State. The Tamil Nadu health department has said that the state has recorded 34,285 fresh Covid positive cases on Tuesday and as many as 468 people succumbed to the virus. The number of active cases stood at 3.16 lakh cases after 28,745 people recovered. A total of 2,24,544 persons were given Covid-19 vaccination on Tuesday, including 1,89,578 in the 18-44 age group. In the 2,544 sessions held as many as 979 healthcare workers; and 2,314 front line workers were vaccinated. Till date 76,50,500 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 56,79,909 received first dose and 19,70,591 received second dose.

**Karnataka:** As per the State Government bulletin released for 25-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 22,758; Total Active Cases: 4,24,381; New Covid Deaths: 588; Total Covid Deaths: 26,399. Around 64,156 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,23,10,317 have been vaccinated in the state till now. BBMP started vaccinating people from unorganised sectors. The Palike has identified people working in nearly 30 sectors for vaccination. The central government on Tuesday sent 1.25 lakh doses of Covaxin to the state under its quota. 200 doses of vaccination were administered at Yelahanka in collaboration with Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru by Vaccination campaign organized by Powergrid for its employees and their families

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 15,284 new Covid-19 cases after testing 72,979 samples with 106 deaths, while 20,917 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 81,56,085 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 57,81,754 first doses and 23,74,531 second doses. Propingly Secretary (Health) Anil Kumar Singhal did that Covid jabs in igh-

risk groups in the 45+ age group are being administered since Monday. At present, there are 1,17,980 doses of vaccine, which is sufficient to administer the second dose to 90,000 people from today, he said, further adding that the Centre has sent 4,35,990 doses of Covishield. Singhal said that the State has procured 12,74,290 doses of vaccine on its own which is being used to administer as first dose to high-risk groups. Andhra Pradesh has not reported any deaths due to black fungus despite a total of 252 cases emerging from various districts so far. The State government has sent 2100 more Amphotericin-B vials to districts to treat black fungus cases in addition to 900 vials already dispatched.

Telangana: As many as 3821 new daily cases and 23 deaths were reported yesterday taking the total positive cases in the state to 5,60,141 and fatalities to 3169. The number of active Cases in the state now stands at 38,706. After a gap of ten days, the State Health Department resumed the vaccination drive in the state yesterday to administer the second dose for the people aged above 45 years. The State Govt has decided to vaccinate the Super Spreaders like street vendors, delivery boys, auto and cab drivers, ration shop dealers etc from 28th of this month on priority basis. State Govt has also decided to permit private hospitals designated as Covid Vaccination Centres to inoculate people aged above 18 years and vaccination at work places by registering on CoWin Portal. So far, 14 Oxygen Express trains have brought 1194 Metric Tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen to the state from various parts of the country.

**Maharashtra:**Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has received a response from three more suppliers to its global tender to inoculate more than one crore Mumbai residents with vaccine against COVID-19. Out of the 8 proposals submitted to Mumbai civic body, 7 suppliers have shown interest in supplying Sputnik light vaccine while remaining one has opted for Astra Zeneca and Pfizer. With this, the total number of potential suppliers has gone up to 8. Nashik Municipal Corporation has decided to purchase 5 lakh Sputnik vaccine doses immediately to run the vaccination drive.

**Gujarat:** Class 12 exams of Science and General streams to begin from first of July in Gujarat. In view of COVID 19 pandemic, additional examination centres will be set up to ensure that students get centres near their homes.3255 new cases of corona have been reported on May 25. 44 patients died during this period. With this, the total cases have increased to 794902 in the state and 9655 have died so far.

**Rajasthan**: Rajasthan recorded 3,404 fresh COVID-19 cases on Tuesday that took its tally to 9,23,860 while 105 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 7,911. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot claimed that since May 1, more than 20,000 people have received free treatment through the ChiranjeeviYojana, that provides cashless treatment of up to 5 lakhs for just Rs 850 per year. It was also announced that rates have been fixed for tests regarding Covid-19 and Black Fungus in private hospitals and laboratories of Rajasthan. The number of active COVID-19 cases in Rajasthan stands at 1,12,218 while 8,12,775 people have recovered from the disease so far.

Madhya Pradesh: State will purchase a total of 5.7 crore vaccines including Covishield&Covaxin and issue a global tender for purchasing 1 crore vaccines. State cabinet also decided that 3.5 crore vaccinations to 18 plus age group will be given by March 2022. Chief Minister also declared that abinet

approved the COVID compassionate appointment scheme in which age limit has been removed for family members of those who die from corona who will be given class four appointment. A special drive will be done in June for these appointments. Chief Minister has transferred Rs. 112. 81 crore under COVID-19 assistance scheme into account of Rs. 11. 28 lakh construction workers. There were 2422 new infection cases in the state yesterday and 68 deaths. This is the lowest figure in the last 54 days. 48 districts had less than 100 cases. Positivity rate is down to 3.3%.

**Chattisgarh:** State ranks sixth in the country in terms of immunization for citizens above 45 years of age and third in the country in immunization of health workers. 37 dedicated Covid Hospitals and 154 Covid Care Centers have been set up in the state including 6 Medical Colleges and AIIMS Raipur.

Goa: The state government has started 'TikaUtsav' (vaccination festival) in all panchayats and municipalities. CM Pramod Sawant has announced that vaccination for 18-45 age group in future will have on spot direct registration with priority given for lactating mothers and patients with comorbid conditions

Assam: Assam State Government has declared curfew from 2 pm in rural areas where shops and other commercial establishments will remain closed from 1 pm with immediate effect. The Government has taken such a move taking the latest surge in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in rural areas into consideration. Assam on Tuesday registered 5,767 new cases of Coronavirus, pushing the active tally to 53,541, while, 92 fatalities have been recorded with a death rate of 0.76 per cent. The positivity rate of COVID-19 cases is 5.04 per cent and the overall count of the state has touched 3,81,171. Chief Minister HimantaBiswaSarma asked the Health Department to ramp up COVID care infrastructure for the Children and set up paediatricICU(PICU) in all Medical Colleges and Hospitals and district Hospitals in the state.

**Manipur:** In Manipur, 15 more lost their lives as State records highest ever spike of 824 COVID-19 cases. Chief Minister urged to cap hospital fees, avoid virus spread at vaccination centres.

**Meghalaya:** Meghalaya on Wednesday recorded its biggest single-day recovery of 755 even as 19 deaths took the death toll past the 500-mark. The state also recorded 957 fresh cases taking that active tally to 7,971. The death toll has risen to 502, while the number of people cured/discharged has risen to 22,976.

**Nagaland:**Nagaland recorded highest single day fatalities with 18 deaths on Tuesday taking the total to 303. The state reported 276 new cases, 4806 active cases and a total of 20,535.Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio inaugurated 30-bedded COVID hospital at Chumukedima near Dimapur town. Rio also inspected several healthcare and Covid facilities during his visit.

**Tripura:**Corona curfew is going to be enforced in the entire state till June 5. The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting yesterday. According to the picture of the districts, at present, the average infection rate in We 1 Tripura district is 13.32 percent. 5.33 inSepanjila district. 11.06 percent in Khowai district. 6.56

per cent in Gomati district, 4.33 South Tripura district, 5.01 in Dhallai and 4.05 percent in North district. In the seven days of Corona Curfew the infection rate stood 22.82. Meanwhile in last 24 hours 773 people tested positive. State government has also decided to give financial relief to by granting financial aide of Rs. 1000 to 7 lakh families.

**Sikkim:** 278 new cases and 5 more COVID deaths recorded in Sikkim, the number of active cases in the State 3161. Total death so far 237.9K-plus 18-44 yr olds jabbed with Covishield in past nine days.

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### IMPORTANT TWEETS

Central Govt has provided relief in respect of due dates of certain compliances in view of ongoing Covid pandemic.

Here is a quick look at the list of compliances that have been extended. For details, pl refer to CBDT Circular No 09/2021 dt 20.05.2021 at https://t.co/loEeiuxjTf pic.twitter.com/LDtQTYLb2m

- Income Tax India (@IncomeTaxIndia) May 26, 2021

Vaccinating our #COVIDWarriors!

In line with MoCA's guidelines for vaccinating members of aviation ecosystem on priority, @CSMIA\_Official has begun conducting a daily vaccination drive from 25 May for its frontline workers. MoCA commends their initiative!#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/yplTxUXkPr

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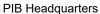












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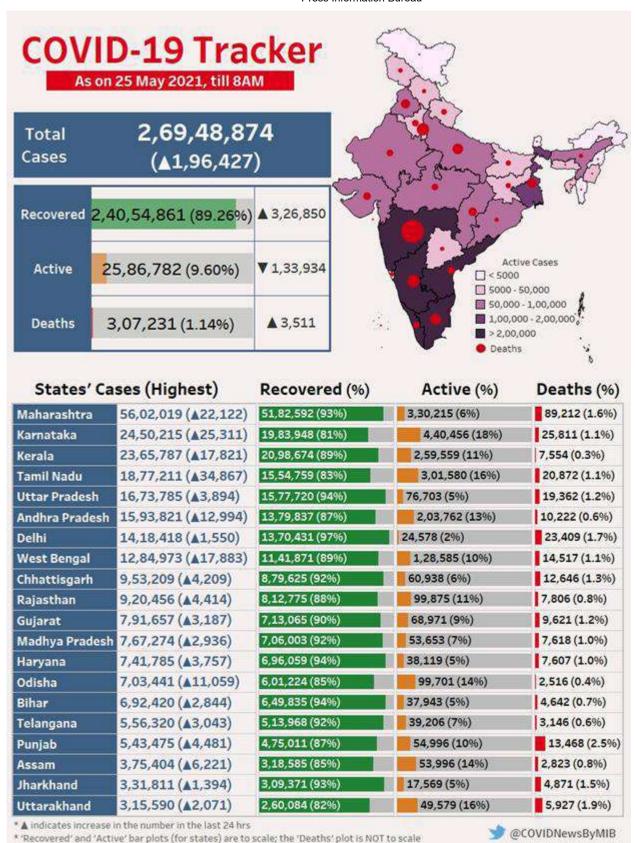
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- In encouraging signs to India's fight against COVID-19 pandemic, the Daily New Cases have fallen below 2 Lakh to a level seen 40 days before (Daily new cases were 1,84,372 on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021).
- 1,96,427 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, the Active Caseload has also now reduced to 25,86,782. Active Cases **have decreased** since its last peak on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. A net decline of **1,33,934** is witnessed in the last 24 hours.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 12th consecutive day. 3,26,850 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- India's cumulative recoveries have reached **2,40,54,861** today.
- A total of 20,58,112 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country and cumulatively 33,25,94,176 tests have been done so far.
- The Daily Positivity rate has reduced and now stands at 9.54% today.
- A total of **19,85,38,999** vaccine doses have been administered through 28,41,151 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today.
- 12.82 Lakh Vaccination Doses were administered for 18-44 age group in last 24 hours.

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Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V Sadananda Gowda announced that the additional 19,420 vials of Amphotericin- B have been allocated to all States/UTs and Central Institutions on 24th May, 1021.

Besides this, 23680 vials of Amphotericin-B were allocated across country on 21st May.

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# <u>Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh convenes an urgent meeting of Health Secretaries of all North Eastern States to review COVID preparedness</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 today convened an urgent meeting to discuss recent COVID surge in Northeast.

The meeting was attended by Health Secretaries of all the eight Northeastern States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland as well as Union Secretary Ministry of North East, Secretary North Eastern Council and Joint Secretary Incharge Northeast in the Ministry of Health.

Taking note of the reports in some sections of media that Northeast may become the next COVID hotspot, Dr Jitendra Singh said, what is worrisome is that in the last wave of the pandemic, North East had remained relatively unaffected by COVID compared to many other States and some States like Sikkim did not have a single corona positive case throughout the lockdown period. But in contrast this year, in the last around two weeks, North Eastern States have suddenly started registering a steep rise in corona positive cases. He said, he is in constant touch with all the eight Chief Ministers of North Eastern States and whatever help is sought from the States is being promptly provided from the Centre.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721653

## Yet another village in Ahmednagar district becomes Covid free following Covid appropriate behavior

While the whole country is battling the second wave of Covid-19, a small village in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra - Bhoyare Khurd has used the tools of widespread public awareness, following Covid-appropriate behaviour, regular health check-ups and isolation of infected people to control the spread of the virus and eventually become COVID-free.

Following the footsteps of Hivare Bazaar, whose success story is already well documented, this small village with a population of 1,500 people has demonstrated that collective efforts of people has the power of reducing COVID-19 to zero and make an entire village corona-free.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721468

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

**Maharashtra:** Maharashtra government has shunned the option of home isolation for patients and instead made institutional quarantine must in areas that have a high Covid positivity rate.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation today started its three-day special walk-in vaccination drive for cit zens at its centres in Lumbai. In this drive line aged 60 years and above will get the life and

the second dose of Covishield vaccine during this period. Health workers and frontline workers as well as 45 years and above will get the second dose. While, all age groups will get the second dose of Covaxin. Vaccination for 18-44 years age group remains suspended in civic and government run vaccination centres.

**Gujarat:** Gujarat's COVID-19 tally increased by 3,187 to touch 7,91,657 on Monday, while the toll rose by 45, the lowest since April 10, and the recovery count by 9,305. The state has so far witnessed 9,621 deaths and 7,13,065 people getting discharged, which is 90.07 per cent of the total caseload. The number of active cases is 68,971, of which 648 are on ventilator support. The state government said it had procured 16 lakh vaccine doses worth Rs 52 crore for the 18-44 segment, with plans afoot to cover one lakh people in this age group daily. With 2,17,513 people getting vaccinated on Monday, the number of doses administered in the state so far rose to 1,56,01,373.

**Rajasthan:** The State Government has issued directions to child-specialty hospitals across the state to ensure proper treatment facilities for children as Covid-19's third wave might affect children. Rajasthan recorded 4,414 fresh COVID-19 cases on Monday that took its tally to 9,20,456 while 103 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 7,806. The number of active COVID-19 cases in Rajasthan stands at 1,12,218 while 8,12,775 people have recovered from the disease so far.

**Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Corona curfew should be strictly followed till May 31st so that zero percent positivity rate can be achieved. The state has declared that Rs 5,000 monthly pension will be given to children who have lost parents to corona. Additionally, these children will also receive free education and ration. In Madhya Pradesh, those in 18 to 44 years age bracket will now be able to take the vaccine without booking a slot. This facility has started in the state at govt vaccination centres from yesterday. Meanwhile, the number of daily infections has come down below 3000 level. State reported 2936 new cases yesterday.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh has been witnessing a steady decline in Covid cases. The test positivity rate in the state has come down to less than 6 percent. In the last one week, there has been an increase of about 5 percent in the recovery rate. In the state, permission has been given to open markets, malls and showrooms from today in all the districts with declining rates of COVID-19 infections. In those districts where the positivity rate is more than 8%, the lockdown will continue as per the old guidelines. Meanwhile, in view of the increasing cases of Mucormycosis in the state, the state government has declared it as a notifiable disease. Now it has been made mandatory for all the hospitals in the state to inform the Chief Medical and Health Officer of the concerned district about any case of black fungus.

Goa: Goa government will start 'Tika Utsav' (vaccination festival) in all panchayats and municipalities in the state from May 26 to get those above 45 vaccinated against COVID-19. Only the first dose of vaccine would be given during the Tika Utsav. The COVID-19 tally in Goa reached 1,47,861 on Monday with the addition of 1,401 cases, while the day also saw 38 people succumbing to the infection and 2,362 recovering. The state's death toll stands at 2,421 and the number of people discharged so far is 1,29,162, leaving it with an active caseload of 16,278.

**Kerala:** The State government has included those who are going abroad for studies and employment purpose, in the prioritised group under the 18-45 years age category for the Covid-19 vaccination. State Health Minister Veena Geometroday said that an immediate decision has been taken in this resaid as

many foreign countries have made vaccination compulsory for those arriving there for study and job purposes. Besides them, 10 other categories were also included in the prioritised group. As many as 32 categories of people belonging to the age group were earlier included in the priority category after considering them as frontline fighters against Covid-19. With the black fungus disease increasing at an alarming rate in the state, shortage of the medicine has been affecting the treatment. So far 44 people were infected with black fungus in Kerala. The state recorded highest single-day toll of 196 Covid deaths on Monday. The state saw 17,821 new Covid cases also. TPR was at 20.41%.

Tamil Nadu: TN Health Minister Ma Subramaniam has said that the government has roped in multispecialty experts and doctors to carry out a detailed study on Mucormycosis or Black Fungus; he said further action of the government will be based on their inputs. 140 tonnes of O2 sourced from Singapore to reach TN today; the containers carrying oxygen are being moved from Vishakapattanam port and are likely to reach Chennai and Salem by Tuesday. Madras High Court has sought the Central government to ensure that the State gets at least the allocated 519 MT per day especially with supply from the Eastern Corridor looking bleak owing to impending Cyclone Yaas, which is likely to hit Odisha. Observing that there is skewed allocation of vaccines to Tamil Nadu considering the number of COVID-19 positive cases reported, the Madras High Court on Monday sought the Centre to revisit the allocation for the State. State Ministers flagged off mobile vegetable and groceries sales via mini vans across the state on Monday to handle the intensified lockdown this week. The state universities of TN will conduct online examinations for students from June 14, a statement from the state government said. TN recorded 34,867 new Covid-19 cases and 404 deaths in the last 24 hours, the Health Department said on Monday. The fresh cases pushed the caseload to 18,77,211 and the deaths took the toll to 20,872. Till date 74,73,489 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 55,07,034 received first dose and 19,66,455 received second dose.

**Karnataka:**Snags in plants to hit O2 supply: technical problems at two oxygen manufacturing plants in Ballari have disrupted oxygen supplies in the state with production dropping by 220 tonnes a day. Union minister DV Sadananda Gowda said the Central government would soon supply the vaccine as per the demand of the state. There are as many as 446 suspected black fungus cases and 12 related deaths in the state. CM B S Yediyurappa said that he was thinking of another Covid-19 financial package for communities and groups that have been left out of the one he announced recently. The number of Covid-19 recoveries continue to outnumber fresh infections in Karnataka, as the state on Monday reported 57,333 discharges and 25,311 new cases. The state on Monday reported 529 more deaths, taking the toll to 25,811, while the total number of infections in the state stood at 24,50,215. Till date 1,22,43,473 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 96,11,607 received first dose and 26,31,866 received second dose.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 12,994 new Covid-19 cases after testing 58,835 samples with 96 deaths, while 18,373 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 15,93,821; Active cases: 2,03,762; Discharges: 13,79,837; Deaths: 10,222. A total of 80,23,541 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 56,57,588 first doses and 23,65,953 second doses. With the incidents of vehicles from AP being stopped on interstate borders of Telangana, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, DGP Gautam Sawang said commuters should take an emergency pass (e-pass) from the respective states before travelling to avoid being stranded. However, he said no e-pass is required for those travelling or transiting AP during the non-curfew hours from 6 am to 12 noon. Chief

Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy thanked Reliance Industries chief Mukesh Ambani and the Reliance Foundation for helping out by sending Oxygen Express trains to Andhra Pradesh. CM also thanked Tata Steel which has supplied more than 1000 MT of LMO to AP,

**Telangana:**CM KCR reviewed the Covid situation in the state with concerned departments yesterday. He asked officials to adopt two-pronged strategy – Conducting a greater number of tests and simultaneously distributing Home Isolation kits to those who have Covid like symptoms. The CM ordered procurement of 50 Lakh Rapid Test Kits immediately. After ten days gap, the Covid vaccination drive in the state to resume today and to cover only persons aged above 45 years. Meanwhile, A total of 3043 new daily cases and 21 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 5,56,320 and fatalities to 3146. Total number of Active Cases in the state now stands at 39,206.

**Assam**: The daily COVID casualties in the State continued to remain high, with 84 more people succumbing to the disease in the last 24 hours. A total of 6221 new infections were detected on Monday out of 1,20,668 tests conducted across the state. Kamrup Metro saw 729 new cases during the day.CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday inaugurated 28 new ICU beds in GMCH apart from taking stock of COVID-19 treatment facilities and other aspects of the hospital.

**Manipur**:: Chief Minister N Biren Singh visited Ukhrul, Senapati and Tamenglong districts by helicopter to take stock of the COVID-19 situation in these three districts on Monday.State records 538 new cases, 17 fatalities.The total number of people who have been inoculated reached 3,45,618.

**Meghalaya:**With 811 new cases and a record 679 recoveries took the confirmed tally of COVID-19 in the state past the 30,000-mark and now stands at 30,492, while the active tally is 7,788.

**Sikkim:** A total of 101 new Covid cases were detected. Meanwhile, 224 persons successfully recovered from Covid. The State's active Covid tally is now 3184. Temporary Govt appointment orders given to Covid volunteers in Sikkim.

**Tripura:** State reported 426 positive cases yesterday, While West Tripura districts positivity rate reached 24.71%.

Nagaland: Nagaland reported 191 new Covid cases and 11 deaths on Monday. Active cases were 4714 while tally went up to 20,259. Govt spokesperson on Covid-19 Mmhonlumo Kikon said Nagaland currently has 1558 oxygen cylinders and concentrators. Another 800 cylinders are expected to arrive from Ahmedabad. Over 2000 random samples tested in Nagaland so far. Positivity rate is 20% with Kohima leading the list. Centre allocates 8500 vials of Remdisivir for Nagaland for the period from April 21 to May 30. The state has so far received 1400 vials from the Centre.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 543475. Number of active cases is 54996. Total Deaths reported is 13468. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 867587. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 245600. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2727499. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 453868.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 741785. Total active COVID-19 patients are 38 19. Number of deaths 7607. Cumulative pubber of people vaccinated till date is 53723 11.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 58734. Total number of Active Cases is 4428. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 709.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 180983. Total number of Active Cases is 24181. Total deaths reported till date is 2813.

### **FACT CHECK**

An image allegedly quoting a French Nobel Laureate on #COVID19 vaccines is circulating on social media

The claim in the image is #FAKE. #COVID19 Vaccine is completely safe

Do not forward this image#PIBFactCheck pic.twitter.com/DMrxY8vdMN

— PIB Fact Check (@PIBFactCheck) May 25, 2021

दावा: फिटकरी, हल्दी, सेंधा नमक व सरसों के तेल से #Mucormycosis का इलाज किया जा सकता है#PIBFactCheck:यह दावा #फर्जी है।इस नुस्खे से ब्लैक फंगस के उपचार का कोई वैज्ञानिक प्रमाण नहीं है। कृपया ऐसी किसी भी गंभीर स्वास्थ्य समस्या के उपचार के लिए केवल घरेलू नुस्खों पर विश्वास न करें। pic.twitter.com/x0P5HZQkGx

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## PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- India crosses a major landmark with more than 1 Cr vaccine doses administered for 18-44 age group under Phase-3 of Vaccination Drive
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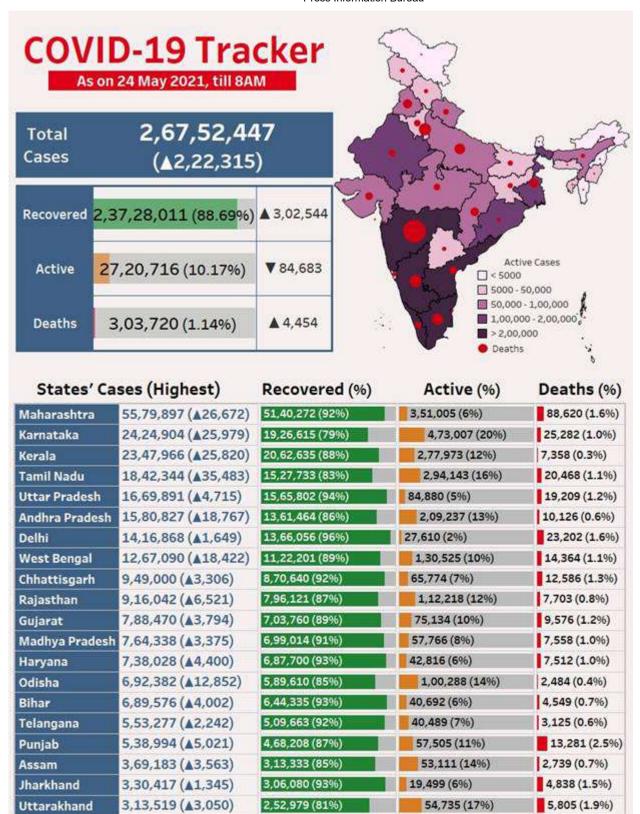
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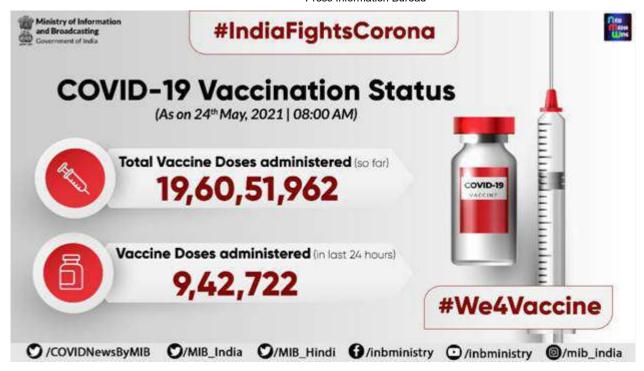








<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale



<u>India crosses a major landmark with more than 1 Cr vaccine doses administered for 18-44 age group under Phase-3 of Vaccination Drive</u>

### Weekly Positivity Rate Declines to 12.66%

- India has crossed a significant landmark in its fight against COVID19 pandemic today. The country has administered more than 1 Cr (1,06,21,235) Vaccine Doses for 18-44 age group under Phase-3 of Vaccination Drive.
- The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country exceeded **19.60 Cr** today under the Phase-3 of the nationwide Vaccination Drive.A total of **19,60,51,962** vaccine doses have been administered through 28,16,725 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 11th consecutive day. **3,02,544** recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- India's cumulative recoveries have reached **2,37,28,011** today. The National Recovery Rate has grown further to touch **88.69%**.
- In another positive development, India has recorded less than 3 lakh Daily New Cases for eight consecutive days now. The gap between Daily New Cases and Daily Recovered Cases has reduced to 80,229 today.
- 2,22,315 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721206

More than 21.80 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

More than 1.80 crore doses still available with States/UTs to be administered



Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 21.80 crore vaccine doses** (21,80,51,890) to States/UTs.

Of this, the total consumption, calculated based on average up to 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021, including wastages is 20,00,08,875 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today).

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721207

# On-site Registration/Facilitated Cohort Registration in addition to Online Appointment for 18-44 years age group now Enabled on CoWIN

### Feature enabled only for Government COVID Vaccination Centers (CVCs), presently

Based on the various representations given by the States and inputs received by Union Health Ministry for the vaccination of 18-44 years age group, the Union Government has now decided to provide facility of on-site registration/facilitated cohort registration on CoWIN digital platform for 18-44 years age group considering the following points:

- (i) In case of sessions exclusively organized with online slots, towards the end of the day, some doses may still be left unutilized in case the online appointee beneficiaries do not turn up on day of vaccination due to any reason. In such cases, on-site registration of a few beneficiaries may be necessary to minimize the vaccine wastage.
- (ii) Even thoughCoWIN provides for features such as registration of up to 4 beneficiaries with a mobile number, facilitated registration and appointments through applications, such as ArogyaSetu and Umang and through the Common Service Centres etc., people requiring facilitated cohort's facility and those without access to internet or smart phones or mobile phones may still have limited access for vaccination.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721225

### Better to identify Mucormycosis by its name, rather than by the colour of the fungus: AIIMS <u>Director DrRandeepGuleria</u>

### "It is not contagious/Infectious"

Mucormycosis is one of the general fungal infections being seen in recovering or recovered COVID-19 patients. The number of cases being reported is increasing, but it is not a communicable disease, meaning it does not spread from one person to another, like COVID-19 does. This has been stated by DrRandeepGuleria, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi, at a media briefing held at the National Media Centre, PIB Delhi today.

For details; https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721312

### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations. These are being promptly dispatched/delivered to the sees and UTs.

Cumulatively, 17,755 Oxygen Concentrators; 15,961 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 12,913 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~6.9 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 23rd May 2021.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721261

# <u>Highest ever single day load of more than 1142 MT of Oxygen relief delivered by Oxygen Expresses</u>

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 16023 MT of LMO in more than 977 tankers to various states across the country. It may be noted that 247 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

Till the time of this release, 12 loaded Oxygen Expresses on run with more than 920 MT of LMO in 50 tankers. Highest ever single day load of more than 1142 MT of Oxygen relief delivered by Oxygen Expresses yesterday. Previous best was 1118 MT on 20th May 2021. Amongst the Southern States, delivery of LMO to Tamil Nadu and Karnataka crossed 1000 MT each.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721237

# <u>Powergrid Commissions Transformer at Referral Hospital Sub-Station, Nagaland for Reliable Power Supply to Oxygen Plant and Nearby Areas</u>

To reduce the instances of power interruptions, and ensure efficient power supply to Nagaland's only Oxygen Plant, Government of Nagaland, and its Department of Power Nagaland (DoPN) urged POWERGRID to commission a 10 Mega Volt Amperes (MVA) Transformer at Referral Hospital Substation, at Dimapur.

POWERGRID team swung into action and within two days, successfully commissioned the Power Transformer at 19:30 hrs on 22.05.2021, which would lead to reliable power supply to oxygen plant as well as nearby areas.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721232

## Government to give assistance of Rs.1500 to each Transgender person in view of Covid pandemic 8882133897 Helpline number launched for mental health care of Transgender Persons

As the country is fighting with COVID19, members of the Transgender community have been critically affected by the pandemic majorly because of serious disruption of livelihoods. The current situation in the country is compelling this marginalized community into extreme distress and acute shortage of basic needs like food and health.

Distressed calls and emails have been made by the members of the Transgender community seeking Government help and support in light of the current situation. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment being the nodal ministry for Transgender Welfare has decided to provide a subsistence allowance of Rs.1500 to each Transgender person and indicate support the their basic requirements.

This financial assistance will help the Transgender community to meet their day-to-day needs. NGOs and Community-based Organisations(CBOs) working for Transgender Persons have been asked to spread awareness about this step.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721277

### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

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If you are in distress or facing violence PI contact nearest One Stop Centre in your District

701 OSCs are functional in 35 States/UTs to provide integrated support and assistance to women under one roof.

OSC Directory available at: https://t.co/zKwJdhr0eg pic.twitter.com/J1nmF9qkyl

— PIB WCD (@PIBWCD) May 24, 2021

POWERGRID ORGANISES COVID 19 VACCINATION CAMP IN BENGALURU@PIB\_India @MinOfPower FOR DETAILS:https://t.co/NjovIS3Dnt

— PIB\_INDIA Power Ministry (@power\_pib) May 24, 2021

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**

**Kerala:**Kerala Health Minister Veena George has said that Kerala aims to complete vaccination within a short span of time. Stating that the government is seeking all probable ways to get enough vaccine stock. 45 percent of people above 45 years has taken the first dose. She assured that there is no need to panic over black fungus cases in the state. The Health Minister also alerted the public not to use steroid medicine without consulting doctors. The state recorded 25,820 new Covid cases on Sunday. The death toll has mounted to 7358. TPR was recorded at 22.81%. A total of 86,84,704 people has so far taken vaccination in the state. Out of this, 66,64,161 were administered with first dose and 20,20,543 second dose. The total no. of Black Fungus cases in the state has gone up to 44. So far 9 patients have died.

Tamil Nadu: Taking stock of the pandemic situation, TN CM MK Stalin on Sunday urged district collectors, where Covid-19 vaccination is low, to step up awareness on vaccines among public. Even as the State has vaccine stock of around 12 lakh doses, the inoculation drive doesn't seem to be picking up with daily vaccinations averaging just around 50,000 for the past several seems, the lath care experienced and the past several seems of the past seems of the p

that there appears to be a communication gap which needs to be resolved soon. Tamil Nadu reported 35,483 new Covid cases and 422 deaths - a decline seen for the second day on Sunday. With this tally, caseload is 18,42,344, and the death toll 20,468 till date. Till date 73,90,862 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 54,28,324 received first dose and 19,62,538 received second dose. Puducherry logs 922 new Covid-19 cases, overall tally rises to 96,982; during the last 24 hours ending 10 AM Monday 23 more deaths were reported pushing the toll in the union territory to 1,382. On vaccination front 34,234 healthcare workers and 21,044 frontline workers have been inoculated; 1,37,400 people belonging to either the senior citizens (60 years and above) category or to those above 45 years with comorbidities have been inoculated so far in the UT.

**Karnataka:**New Cases Reported: 25,979; Total Active Cases: 4,72,986; New Covid Deaths: 626; Total Covid Deaths: 25,282. Around 34,360 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,20,49,483 having been vaccinated in the state till now. The Karnataka government will deploy mobile clinics manned by final-year medical students to augment testing and treatment of suspected Covid patients in rural areas, as cases in semi-urban and rural areas soar. The state government on Sunday said that all district hospitals will treat black fungus (Mucormycosis) and instructed Taluk hospitals which have the necessary infrastructure to treat the infection.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 18,767 new Covid-19 cases after testing 91,629 samples with 104 deaths, while 20,109 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 79,15,178 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 55,65,294 first doses and 23,49,884 second doses. The State health department has embarked on vaccinating the employees who have completed 45 years of age and who are regularly in contact with people like the staff of various sections of banks, Railways, RTC, judiciary, civil supplies and journalists for three days beginning from today, said Principal Secretary (Health) Anil Kumar Singhal. The Centre has provided 76,49,960 doses of Covid vaccine to Andhra Pradesh so far and the State has procured 11,64,120 doses of vaccine on its own in May. It was clarified that those in the age group of 18-45 years will not be given vaccines due to shortage. The incidence of black fungus cases is also being monitored and District Collectors have been told to prepare a list of identified cases. In view of the impending threat of Cyclone Yaas which is likely to hit the east coast, the State government took precautions to procure more liquid medical oxygen and other necessary infrastructure.

**Telangana:**As many as 2,242 new Covid infections and 19 fatalities were reported in the state taking the cumulative number of deaths to 3,125 and the total number of positive cases to 5,53,277. The number of Active cases in the state now stands at 40,489. On Sunday, 4,693 individuals have recovered with a recovery rate of 92.11 per cent. A one-month-old baby suffering from Covid-19 recovered from the disease in a private hospital in Hyderabad. The baby, considered one of the youngest Covid-19 survivors in the country, is said to have tested positive for the virus a week after birth on 17th April.

**Assam**:In Assam, 72 more patients succumbed to COVID-19, but the positivity rate continued its slide on Sunday with 5.68 percent. As many as 3,563 new cases were detected out of 62,722 tests done. Kamrup Metro saw 624 new cases.CM HimantaBiswaSarma formally received the Oxygen Express, carrying 4 containers of a total of 80 metric tonnes of medical oxygen at Inland Container Depot at Amingaon in Guwahati.CM HimantaBiswaSarma asked all the deputy commissioners to put in place a community surveillance system to avert the pandemic spreading from urban areas to rural areas.











Manipur: Manipur State logs record spike of 767 new cases, 14 more lives lost.

Chief minister, N Biren Singh continued his interaction with home isolation patients through video conferencing on sunday to understand their inconveniences and grievances.

**Meghalaya:**A day after crossing the 1,000-mark for the second time, the state witnessed a respite from the COVID-19 onslaught with 803 fresh cases being registered on Sunday. The death toll, however, continues to mount with 24 more fatalities recorded on Sunday pushing the tally to 459.

The active tally in the state now stands at 7,680 with East Khasi Hills accounting for 4,173 of them (54% of the caseload).

**Nagaland**: Nagaland reported 223 new COVID-19 cases and 13 deaths on Sunday. Active cases are 4678 while tally went up to 20,068.A total of 2,53,940Covishield doses have been administered in Nagaland so far. Of them, 1,99,460 have received their first doses while 53,940 have received their second doses.

**Tripura**: In Tripura, 876 tested positive while 2 deaths reported in last 24 hours. West Tripura District still has highest covid cases with 399 cases reported in last 24 hours. Meanwhile 85 thousand medical kits including PPE items, test kits reached Agartala from Guwahati by IAF flight.

**Sikkim:**In Sikkim, with addition of 324 new COVID-19 case, the cumulative cases stand at 13132 with recovery of 8361. Active cases in Sikkim is 3317. Three more deaths reported in Sikkim thus taking the tally to 224. COVID-19 strikes Sikkim monasteries with 93 monks tests positive.

**Maharashtra:** As part of its preparedness for the projected third wave, the state plans to increase the number of paediatric Covid beds to nearly 2,300 from the existing around 600. It is also in keeping with the advice of the paediatric taskforce to create graded healthcare facilities for management of moderate and severe Covid cases in children on the lines of dedicated Covid health centres and dedicated Covid hospitals created for adults last year. Maharashtra on Sunday reported 26,672 fresh COVID-19 cases and 594 deaths, taking the tally to 55,79,897 and the toll to 87,894. With 29,177, patients getting discharged during the day, Maharashtra's overall count of recoveries rose to 51,40,272, leaving the state with 3,48,395 active cases. The case recovery rate improved to 92.04 per cent while the fatality rate increased to 1.59 per cent.

Gujarat: Nearly after one-and-a-half months, Gujarat reported Covid cases below 4,000 on Sunday, while 8,734 patients recovered. The state also reported 53 deaths, taking the toll to 9,576. The Gujarat government has set a target to cover eight lakh people from the age band of 18 to 44 years during a week-long COVID-19 vaccination drive beginning Monday. The drive aims to cover over one lakh people from this age group per day with the health department making special arrangements for its smooth and planned implementation across ten cities in the state. Gujarat has so far administered 1,53,83,860 doses of COVID-19 vaccines across different priority groups, with 39,08,225 beneficiaries getting their second dose as well.

**Rajasthan:** Rajasthan government has decided to extend lockdown by another 15 days. Home Department has issued a new guideline extending the lockdown till 8th of next month. Apart from medical emergencies and permitted categories, movement from one city to another, city to village,









village to city and one village to another village will be completely banned.

The COVID-19 death toll in Rajasthan rose to 7,703 on Sunday with 113 more fatalities, while 6,521 new cases pushed the infection count to 9,16,042.

Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, Corona curfew has been relaxed in 5 districts including Jhabua, Alirajpur, Khandwa, Burhanpur and Bhind. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had instructed that Corona curfew will be gradually relaxed with some restrictions in the districts where positivity rate will be less than 5 percent. The District Disaster Management Committees of the 5 districts of the state have decided exemption in Corona curfew from May 24 to May 31 with some restrictions as the positivity rate in these districts is low. Orders have also been issued in this regard. Based on the experience of these districts, the restriction on various activities will be reduced in other districts also from June 1 as the positivity rate reduces and a strategy to gradually withdraw Corona curfew will be considered.

Chhattisgarh: Chief Minister Mr. BhupeshBaghel inaugurated the newly-built dedicated COVID Hospital and COVID Lab in Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district via video conferencing. Chhattisgarh on Sunday reported 3,306 new coronavirus positive cases and 92 deaths, taking the state's infection count to 9,49,000 and toll to 12,586, a health official said. The number of recoveries reached to 8,70,640 after a total of 741 people were discharged from various hospitals, while 6,491 others completed their home isolation during the day. The number of active cases in the state stands at 65,774.

Goa: Goa Government has extended the Covid curfew till May 31. Restaurant kitchens can operate between 7 am and 7 pm during the curfew period. Goa''s coronavirus caseload went up by 1,621 and reached 1,46,460 on Sunday. The COVID-19 death toll mounted to 2,383 after 42 more patients succumbed to the infection during the day. The number of recoveries in Goa rose to 1,26,800 with 2,545 patients being discharged on Sunday. Goa is now left with 17,277 active cases.

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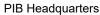








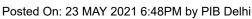






## PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19















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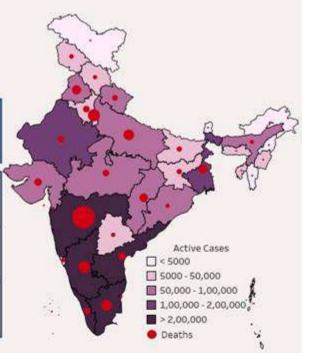


# **COVID-19 Tracker**

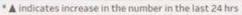
As on 23 May 2021, till 8AM

Total **2,65,30,132**Cases (**▲**2,40,842)

Recovered	2,34,25,467 (88.30%)	▲ 3,55,102
Active	28,05,399 (10.57%)	▼ 1,18,001
Deaths	2,99,266 (1.13%)	▲ 3,741



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	55,53,225 (\$26,133)	51,11,095 (92%)	3,54,830 (6%)	87,300 (1.6%)
Karnataka	23,98,925 (▲31,183)	18,91,042 (79%)	4,83,225 (20%)	24,658 (1.0%)
Kerala	23,22,146 (428,514)	20,25,319 (87%)	2,89,657 (12%)	7,170 (0.3%)
Tamil Nadu	18,06,861 (435,873)	15,02,537 (83%)	2,84,278 (16%)	20,046 (1.1%)
Uttar Pradesh	16,65,176 (\$5,964)	15,51,716 (93%)	94,482 (6%)	18,978 (1.1%)
Andhra Pradesh	15,62,060 (19,981)	13,41,355 (86%)	2,10,683 (13%)	10,022 (0.6%)
Delhi	14,15,219 (42,260)	13,60,898 (96%)	31,308 (2%)	23,013 (1.6%)
West Bengal	12,48,668 (18,863)	11,02,772 (88%)	1,31,688 (11%)	14,208 (1.1%)
Chhattisgarh	9,45,694 (44,328)	8,62,660 (91%)	70,540 (7%)	12,494 (1.3%)
Rajasthan	9,09,521 (46,103)	7,79,601 (86%)	1,22,330 (13%)	7,590 (0.8%)
Gujarat	7,84,676 (44,205)	6,95,026 (89%)	80,127 (10%)	9,523 (1.2%)
Madhya Pradesh	7,60,963 (▲3,844)	6,91,427 (91%)	62,053 (8%)	7,483 (1.0%)
Haryana	7,33,628 (45,021)	6,78,220 (92%)	47,993 (7%)	7,415 (1.0%)
Bihar	6,85,574 (44,375)	6,36,224 (93%)	44,908 (7%)	4,442 (0.6%)
Odisha	6,79,530 (11,108)	5,77,983 (85%)	99,091 (15%)	2,456 (0.4%)
Telangana	5,51,035 (▲3,308)	5,04,970 (92%)	42,959 (8%)	3,106 (0.6%)
Punjab	5,33,973 (\$5,297)	4,59,681 (86%)	61,203 (11%)	13,089 (2.5%)
Assam	3,65,620 (45,980)	3,07,548 (84%)	55,405 (15%)	2,667 (0.7%)
Jharkhand	3,29,072 (42,037)	3,01,705 (92%)	22,566 (7%)	4,801 (1.5%)
Uttarakhand	3,10,469 (\$2,903)	2,46,806 (79%)	57,929 (19%)	5,734 (1.8%)



<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale



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At 2.4 Lakh, Lowest Daily New Cases after 36 days; Daily Positivity Rate Declines to 11.34%

- With more than 21.23 Lakh tests conducted in the last 24 hours, India has again set a new record of highest tests conducted in a single day.
- This is also the fifth successive day of more than 20 lakh tests in India. India has significantly ramped up its testing capacity to about 25 lakh tests per day, since Jan 2020.
- On a declining trajectory, the Daily Positivity Rate has declined to 11.34%. In another positive development, India has recorded less than 3 lakh Daily New Cases for seven consecutive days now.
- **2,40,842** Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours. This is the lowest figure since 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021, when the daily new cases were 2.34 lakh.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the ninth consecutive day. 3,55,102 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- The National Mortality Rate currently stands at 1.13%.
- 3,741 eaths were reported the last 24 hours.







• The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country exceeds 19.50 Cr



For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721015

### More than 21.80 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

### <u>Nore than 1.90 crore doses still available with States/UTs to be administered</u>

As part of the nationwide vaccination drive, Government of India has been supporting the States and UTs by providing them COVID Vaccines free of cost. In addition, the Govt. of India has also been facilitating direct procurement of vaccines by the States/UTs. Vaccination is an integral pillar of the comprehensive strategy of Government of India for containment and management of the pandemic, along with Test, Track, Treat and COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

Under the Strategy, in every month 50% of the total Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL) cleared vaccine doses of any manufacturer would be procured by Govt. of India. It would continue to make these doses available to the State Govts totally free of cost as was being done earlier.

Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 21.80 crore vaccine doses** (21,80,51,890) to States/UTs. For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721016

### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations. These are being expeditiously dispatched/delivered to the States and UTs to supplement their efforts towards COVID19 management.

Cumulatively, 16,630 Oxygen Concentrators; 15,961 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 11,516 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~6.9 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 22nd May 2021.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721035

## <u>Union Defence Minister chairs a national consultation to discuss conduct of Class XIIth exams and professional courses entrance exams</u>

A national consultation was arranged today by the Ministry of Education, Government of India with the Education Ministers and Administrators of all States and UTs. The consultation was chaired by the Union Defence Minister ShriRajnath Singh, and was attended by Union Education Minister ShriRameshPokhriyal'Nishank', Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smt. SmritiZubinIrani, Union Minister for Forest, environment and Climate change and Information and Broadcasting, ShriPrakashJavadekar and Minister of State for Education Shri Sanjay Dhotre.









While summing up, Union Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh thanked all the participants for putting forth their positive suggestions on the proposals for conducting examinations. He requested States and UTs to submit other suggestions, if any, to the Ministry of Education by this Tuesday i.e. 25th May. The Ministry will consider all those suggestions and take a final decision soon, he added. He reiterated that the priority of the Government is to conduct all the examinations in a safe and secure environment.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721088

### Oxygen Expresses cross 15000 MT mark in delivering Oxygen relief to the Nation

### First Oxygen Express to Assam with 80 MT of Oxygen relief reached today

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 15284 MT of LMO in more than 936 tankers to various states across the country.

It may be noted that 234 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

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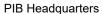












## PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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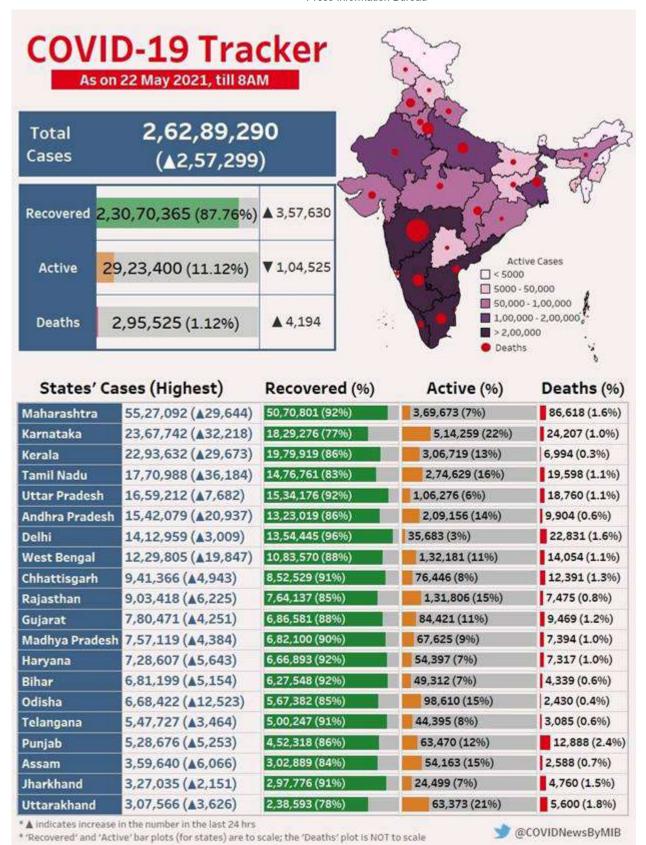
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** 











Daily Recoveries Outnumber Daily New Cases for 9th Consecutive Day

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India.

- The daily positivity rate has declined to 12.45%.
- Cumulatively, 20,66,285 tests conducted in the last 24 hours in the country.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the ninth consecutive day. 3,57,630 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- In another positive development, India has recorded less than 3 lakh Daily New cases for six consecutive days now.
- 2,57,299 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Ten States reported **78.12%** of the new cases in last 24 hours. Tamil Nadu has reported the highest daily new cases at 36,184, followed by Karnataka with 32,218 new cases.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720821

#### More than 21 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

Implementation of the Liberalized and Accelerated Phase-3 Strategy of Covid-19 Vaccination has started from 1st May 2021.

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Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 21 crore vaccine doses** (21,33,74,720) to States/UTs.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720817

#### **Cumulative Vaccine Coverage exceeds 19.32 Crore**

The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country exceeded 19.32 Cr (19,32,97,222) as per the 8 pm provisional report yesterday.

6,63,353 beneficiaries of the age group 18-44 years received their first dose of COVID vaccine and cumulatively **92,73,550** across 37 States/UTs since the start of Phase-3 of the vaccination drive.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720775

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#### Fresh allocation of Amphotericin B in view of rising Mucormycosis cases - Shri Sadananda Gowda

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V Sadananda Gowda announced that after a detailed review of rising number of cases of Mucormycosis in various states, a total of 23680 additional vials of Amphotericin-B have been allocated to all States/UTs today.

He also informed that the allocation has been made based on total number of patients which is approximately 8848 across the country.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720822

### Oxygen Expresses deliver nearly 14500 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen in more than 884 tankers by 224 Oxygen Expresses to the Nation

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered nearly 14500 MT of LMO in more than 884 tankers to various states across the country.

It may be noted that 224 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

Till the time of this release, 8 loaded Oxygen Expresses on run with more than 563 MT of LMO in 35 tankers.

Oxygen Expresses have been delivering more than 800 MT of LMO to the Nation each day now.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720874

### A high-level meeting with States / UTs to discuss conduct of Class XIIth exams and professional courses entrance exams tomorrow

A High-level virtual meeting will be convened tomorrow with all the States/UT Education Ministers, Education Secretaries and Chairpersons of State Examination Boards and stakeholders to discuss the proposals for the conduct of exams for Class XII and entrance examinations for professional courses.

The meeting will be chaired by Union Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh in the presence of Union Minister for Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Union Minister for Women and Child, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani and Union Minister Information and Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar.

In a letter written by the Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' to States/UTs, he has stated that the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education and CBSE are exploring options regarding the conduct of examinations, keeping in mind the safety and security of the students and the teachers. The Department of Higher Education is also deliberating upon the finalization of the dates of examinations for institutions of higher learning.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720838









# Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Asks States / UTs to create a pool of trained drivers for transporting "Hazardous Cargo" due to an increase in the need for transportation of Liquid Oxygen (LOX)

During the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, major focus has been on quick and smooth transportation of Liquid Oxygen (LOX) to various parts of the country. In this regard, it has been brought out by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways that as per extant rules and in consonance with the CMVR, 1989, ONLY trained drivers with adequate training and having 'hazardous cargo' license are allowed to operate the Liquid Oxygen (LOX) trucks. Therefore, there is an urgent need to make available a large pool of trained drivers who can supplement / replace the existing drivers, keeping in mind 24x7 operations.

In this context, the Ministry has advised states & Union Territories to create a pool of trained drivers and 500 such trained drivers are to be made available immediately and the number of drivers to be increased to 2500 in the next two months.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720829

### Government invites R&D proposals on Critical Components and Innovations in Oxygen Concentrators

A new initiative by the government will soon catalyze R&D on critical components and innovations concerning Make-in-India Oxygen Concentrators to meet the emerging healthcare requirements to combat the COVID 19 epidemic.

This initiative involves invitation for proposals from scientists from educational and research institutes/laboratories, universities, and medical institutions, start-ups, and industries by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of Department of Science and Technology (DST), to investigate and innovate in the development of (individual/portable) oxygen concentrators.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720877

### DST funded start-up's Electrochemical ELISA test would help rapid & accurate estimation of total antibody concentration of COVID 19

A Bangalore-based start-up has developed a novel, point-of-care Electrochemical ELISA test that enables fast and accurate estimation of total antibody concentration of COVID 19 in clinical samples.

PathShodh Healthcare, the start-up incubated at the Society for Innovation and Development (SID), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), has made a very significant breakthrough to develop the first of its kind, semi-quantitative Electrochemical ELISA test for COVID-19 IgM and IgG antibodies. While *Qualitative* analysis detects constituent elements in the sample, *semiquantitative* analysis gives an approximate *estimation* of their concentrations. PathShodh has received the license to manufacture for sale from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), after validation at Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, as per the requirements of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

For deails: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePageaspx?PRID=17207

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

**Maharashtra**: Maharashtra government has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs. Special incentives will be given to oxygen producing industries under this scheme. At present the state's oxygen generation capacity is 1300 MT per day. In order to meet the increasing demand, state government has declared some incentives to meet the target of producing 3000 MT of oxygen per day. Only those applying before June 30 will get the benefits of this policy.

**Gujarat:** Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, after discussions with cabinet members and academics, has announced merit-based progress in the government, non-government and aided universities and colleges in the state to the nine and a half million students of the current academic session. Students of medical and para-medical students will not get the benefit. Number of corona patients in the 1200 bed Civil Covid Hospital in Ahmedabad has come down by 50 %. The number of active cases in the state is 84,421. So far 9469 have lost their lives. So far 7,80,471 people have been infected with Corona in Gujarat, out of which 6,86,581 have recovered.

**Rajasthan:** Two days after declaring mucormycosis an epidemic, the health department on Friday capped admission and treatment charges for patients suffering from the disease at private hospitals. Disease will also be covered under the Chiranjeevi Yojna insurance scheme for free treatment. NABH accredited hospitals can charge patients with moderate sickness Rs 5,500 per day for being kept in isolation bed with oxygen, Rs 8,250 for patients with severe sickness who will use ICU beds without ventilators and Rs 9,900 for patients with very severe sickness who will use ICU beds with ventilators. Dip in daily infections continued on Friday as the state witnessed 6,225 Covid-19 cases.

Madhya Pradesh: 'Black Fungus' has been declared as an epidemic in Madhya Pradesh. State Health Commissioner Akash Tripathy said that there are 610 cases of Black Fungus in the state, and 36,000 vials of injection Amphotericine-B are required for their treatment. 190 of these patients are in Bhopal hospitals. There will be strict lockdown In Indore as well as Bhopal for the next 10 days. State government has ruled out any concession in lockdown till 31st May. There were 4384 Corona infection cases in the state yesterday. Infection rate in the state has gone down to below 5%, however the death rate continues to be high. In rural areas the positivity rate is 3% where positivity in urban areas is at 4%. Not a single patient died in 27 districts of the state on Friday. At present, there are 67,625 active patients in the state. Of these, about 65% is in home isolation.

Chhattisgarh: State's average positivity rate has now reached 8%.

State Government in association with NGOs and social organizations is disseminating valuable information on prevention of corona infection and also motivate people on Covid vaccination. In Bhilai, women self-help groups under the National Livelihood Mission are playing an important role in the vaccination of people. In Rajnandgaon district, teams have been formed comprising Kotvaar, Village Patel, Panchayat Secretary, Inganwadi workers as well a other local people at palling

station level to get control of corona infection. These teams are motivating villagers for vaccination as well as Covid Appropriate behavior. All Tibetan refugees residing in Mainpat, popularly known as Shimla of Chhattisgarh, have got the Covid vaccine.

Goa: To treat black fungus cases, State Health Minister Vishwajit Rane announced a dedicated 20 bedded ward at Goa Medical College. The facility is to be ramped up with a 60 bedded Pediatric ICU & a full-fledged MICU. Expert Committee has been constituted to manage the anticipated 3rd wave of Covid-19. It will include Dr. Jagdish Cacodkar as Secretary, Dr. Shivanand Bandekar as Chairman, Dr. Jose D'Sa as Vice Chairman & five other members.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 528676. Number of active cases is 63470. Total Deaths reported is 12888. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 848290. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 243458. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2668693. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 442469.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 728607. Total active COVID-19 patients are 54397. Number of deaths is 7317. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 5202934.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 57737. Total number of Active Cases is 5675. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 680.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 175384. Total number of Active Cases is 31519. Total deaths reported till date is 2638.

#### **FACT CHECK**

Claim: Type of vaccine administered would regulate international travel.#PIBFactCheck: This report is #Misleading & #Speculative. There are other vaccines apart from Covaxin and Covishield in the world. Countries approve vaccines as per their own standards & availability. pic.twitter.com/z4nX4QZq3Z

— PIB Fact Check (@PIBFactCheck) May 21, 2021









#### Scam Alert

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- ► This is a #Fraud call
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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19 (UPDATED)

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- Nationwide Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 19 Crore
- India Conducts Highest ever 20.61 Lakh Tests in the last 24 hours; Sets Another New Record
- Daily Positivity Rate Declines to 12.59%
- PM interacts with doctors and officials of Varanasi
- Countrywide "AYUSH COVID -19 Counselling Helpline" is now operational

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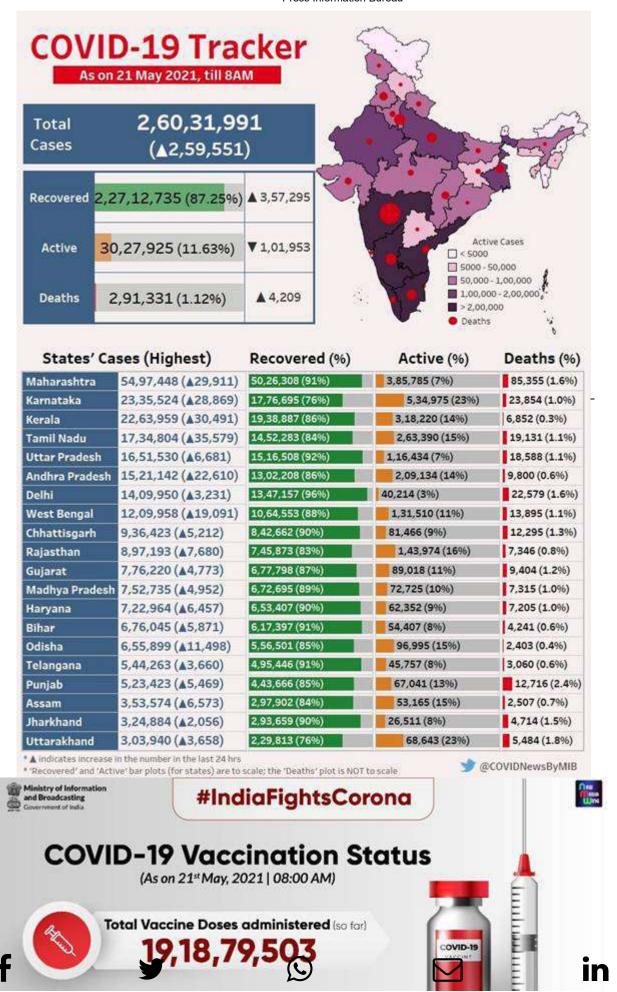


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- Less than 3 Lakh daily New Cases for five successive day

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720526

### PM interacts with doctors and officials of Varanasi Gives a new mantra in COVID management: 'Jahan Bimar Wahan Upchar'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with doctors and officials of Varanasi today through video conference.

During the interaction, the doctors and officials of Varanasi thanked the Prime Minister for his continuous and proactive leadership that helped in ramping up health infrastructure and ensured adequate supply of necessary medications and critical equipment like ventilators and oxygen concentrators. The Prime Minister was informed about the efforts undertaken in the last one month to contain the spread of Covid, vaccination status, and the ongoing steps and plans to prepare the district for future challenges. The doctors also informed the Prime Minister that they have been vigilant about the threat of Mucormycosis and have already taken steps and created facilities for the management of the disease.

The Prime Minister underscored the importance of continuous training of the manpower fighting Covid and advised the officials and doctors to conduct training sessions and webinars, especially for the paramedical staff and doctors serving in the rural areas. He also asked the officials to work towards bringing down vaccine wastage in the district.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720567

Government of India proactively makes all round efforts to ramp up supply and availability of Amphotericin-B anti-fungal drug for treatment of Black Fungus disease

<u>Five Additional Manufactures Given License to Manufacture within the Country; Production by Existing Five Manufacturers being Substantially Ramped Up</u>









Union Ministry of Health along with Dept. of Pharmaceuticals and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) are making proactive efforts for significantly ramping up domestic production of Amphotericin-B drug. The Union Government has also made effective efforts in supplementing the domestic availability through securing supply from global manufacturers.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720563

#### In the backdrop of reports of Black Fungus from States, Government of India writes to States/UTs

In the recent days, some States and UTs have reported an increasing number of patients suffering from Mucormycosis, popularly known as Black Fungus. Taking a note of the secondary and opportunistic fungal infections which are getting amplified due to the present surge in COVID cases and Mucormycosis becoming a cause of concern, Union Ministry of Health has advised all States/UTs to review their preparedness for infection prevention and control, as well as hygiene and sanitation in hospitals.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720669

#### Oxygen Expresses deliver record 1118 MT of Oxygen in a day

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered nearly 13319 MT of LMO in more than 814 tankers to various states across the country.

It may be noted that 208 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

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#### DRDO develops COVID-19 antibody detection kit

Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has developed an antibody detection-based kit 'DIPCOVAN', the DIPAS-VDx COVID-19 IgG Antibody Microwell ELISA for sero-surveillance. The DIPCOVAN kit can detect both spike as well as nucleocapsid (S&N) proteins of SARS-CoV-2 virus with a high sensitivity of 97 per cent and specificity of 99 per cent. The kit has been developed in association with Vanguard Diagnostics Pvt Ltd, a development and manufacturing diagnostics company based at New Delhi.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720604

#### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

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Cumulatively, 15,567 Oxygen Concentrators; 15,801 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 10,950 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~6.6 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 20th May 2021.

Major consignments received on 19/20th May 2021 from Wales (UK), Qatar, Ontario (Canada), UAE, Spain, USISPF, Gilead, Eli Lily, Indian Danish Chamber of Commerce (Denmark).

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720603

#### Countrywide "AYUSH COVID -19 Counselling Helpline" operationalized

The toll-free number is 14443. The helpline is operational pan-India from 6 am to 12 midnight-all seven days of a week. Through the helpline 14443, experts from different streams of Ayush, namely Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani & Siddha would be available to address queries of the general masses. These experts would not only be providing counselling and feasible remedies to the patients but would also guide them about the availability of nearby Ayush facilities.

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### <u>Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA) Issues Advisory to States/Union Territories to Review Existing</u> <u>Facilities for Vulnerable Groups Taking into Account Second Wave of Covid-19</u>

The Government has been giving high priority on preventing and combating crimes against vulnerable sections of society, including women, children, senior citizens and Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes, and as well as for putting in place institutional mechanisms for preventing and countering human trafficking.

Taking into account the impact of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic particularly on vulnerable groups, the MHA has again reiterated to States/ Union Territories to focus on vulnerable sections, especially children who may have been orphaned due to loss of parents due to COVID-19. The MHA has asked States/Union Territories to undertake an immediate review of existing facilities for vulnerable groups, especially for children who have been orphaned, senior citizens who may require timely assistance and support (medical as well as safety and security), and members of the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes who may need guidance to access Government support facilities.

For details; https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720544

### DST invites applications from startups and companies for developing new technologies and innovative products to tackle second COVID wave

As a rapid response to support startup-driven solutions for tackling the current challenging, second wave of COVID 2.0 in the country, Indian startups and companies have been invited to apply for developing new technologies and innovative products that can enable our country to fight the crisis.

NIDHI4COVID2.0, a new initiative under which the companies can apply, will fund eligible startups & companies registered in India offering promising solutions in the thrust areas of oxygen innovation, portate solution, relevant sedical accessories, signostic, information any other solution that

addresses/mitigate various challenges faced by country/society due to the severe impact of COVID-19.

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#### INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

Maharashtra: In Maharashtra, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation on Thursday added one more drive in Vaccination Centre in suburban Kandivali area of Mumbai.

Meanwhile, the state government's latest guidelines have advised screening of a sizable chunk of hospitalized Covid-19 patients for mucormycosis immediately prior to or after the discharge. This includes patients who have had steroid, oxygen therapy and intensive care unit (ICU) stay for more than seven days in hospitals.

**Gujarat**: The Gujarat government has declared Mucormycosis disease as epidemic. The Mucormycosis disease also known as Black Fungus has been declared an epidemic under the Epidemic Disease Act 1857. Gujarat recorded 4,773 new cases of COVID-19 on Thursday. According to the State Health Department, 8,308 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. Total 6, 77, 798 patients have recovered from COVID-19 in Gujarat till now. The recovery rate further improved and reached up to 87.32 per cent.

**Rajasthan:**The weekly positive rate in Rajasthan has dipped after rising continuously for 11 weeks. The positivity rate, which was 23% on May 7-13, has now gone down to below 19%. Rajasthan recorded 127 Covid-19 deaths and 7,680 cases on Thursday, taking the overall numbers to 7,346 fatalities and 8,97,193 infections. Of the fresh positive cases, the maximum of 1,517 were reported from Jaipur, while 601 and 427 people tested positive in Jodhpur and Kota respectively. A total of 7,45,873 people have so far recovered from the infection and the number of active cases at present is 1,43,974.

**Madhya Pradesh**: In Madhya Pradesh, the State Government will provide financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh to the families of those who died due to COVID-19 during the second wave. Meanwhile, COVID positivity rate declined to 6.3 per cent. The state ranks 16th in the country in terms of infection. The active cases in the state stand at 72,725. More than 70 thousands tests are being conducted every day.

Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, now it will not be mandatory for air passengers coming from other states to show negative report of RT-PCR test at the time of boarding. Post-Covid OPD services will be started in all District Hospitals of the state. State Health Department of Chhattisgarh has asked the Collectors of all the districts to ensure availability of experts of medicine, eye and physiotherapists in these OPDs. District Hospitals have also been instructed to conduct OPD three days a week for counseling and treatment related to mental health problems such as depression, restlessness, sleep deprivation.

Goa: Goa government today extended the state-wide curfew effective in the state till May 31. The state government had imposed a 15-day state wide curfew from May 10 to May 23 in view of spiralling COVID cases and COVID linked deaths in the state. All essential commodity stores will be open from 7 am to 1 pm during the curfew period. Goa government today formed a task force to prepare for the anticipated third wave of Covid in the state. The 15-member task force under the chairmanship of Chief Minister will have 15 members including doctors.

**Assam**: A total of 6,573 persons tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday while death count stood at 74. Of the 6,573 positive cases, 1084 were from Kamrup Metro.

Urging the people to strictly follow COVID-19 protocol and restrictions imposed by the government, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said that the situation would be under control by the next 15-20 days.

**Manipur**:Manipur on Thursday recorded 644 new COVID-19 positive cases and claimed 11 more lives in Manipur in the last 24 hours.

The total number of people who have been inoculated reached 3,31,631.

CM opened COVID-19 Grievance Cell; scheme started to take care of children orphaned by Covid.The State Government has asked individuals and organisations, which wish to donate medical oxygen cylinders and concentrators to do so through the Government or healthcare institute concerned.

**Meghalaya:**For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic struck Meghalaya on April 13, 2020, the state has registered over 1,000 cases in a single day.

10 more people succumbed to COVID-19 taking the total number of fatalities from the infection to 389. There were 465 recoveries which takes the total number of recoveries to 20,061. The Health department has attributed the rise in the number of cases to the increase in the number of tests in the state.

**Sikkim:**1860 Covishield jabs administered; 30 of44 vaccination sites receive no visitors. 249 new cases and three more Covid deaths in Sikkim.

**Tripura:** A record number of samples were tested and of which 720 people tested positive with 2 death and 379 recovery. The positivity rate slightly dipped to 6.73%. But west Tripura still tops the chart among rest of the districts with 405 new cases coming in last 24 hours. Total sample tested is 10,699.

**Nagaland:** Nagaland reports 326 new Covid cases and 11 deaths on Thursday. Active cases are 4519 and tally rises to 19,284. Dimapur oxygen generation plant being set up under PM Cares Fund yet to get certification. Equipments for oxygen plants to be set up at Tuensang and Phek under UNDP support arrived on Thursday.

**Kerala:** The state government has granted more lockdown relaxations. However, these relaxations are not applicable to areas under triple lockdown. Accordingly, Textile and jewellery showrooms can open with limited number of employees for home delivery and online sale. Wedding groups can visit showrooms for up to one hour. Tax consultants, GST practitioners can work on 2 days a week. Free food kits can be distributed to fisher folk families using the state disaster relief fund. Meanwhile, the state confirmed 30,491 Covid-19 cases yesterday. As of now, there are 3,17,850 active cases in the state. The death toll has risen to 685 with 128 more fatalities. TPR stands at 23.18%. A total of 86,09,008 people has so far taken vaccination. Out of this, 65,88,870 were administered with first dose and 20,20,138 second dose.

Tamil Nadu:With the State government sounding an alert on surging mucormycosis or black fungus cases, the authorities have ordered 5,000 vials of Amphotericin from a private pharmaceutical company in Hosur. The State received its twelfth oxygen express carrying 64.95 MT on Thursday; with this the State has received a total of 649.4 MT of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) through 12 oxygen express trains. Pointing out that the Central government affidavit states nothing on drugs, vaccination and oxygen supply to Tamil Nadu now or in the near future, the Madras High Court on Thursday sought the Union government to come up with a 'centralised plan of action' to deal with the emergency caused by the raging second wave in the State. TN government on Thursday slashed the Covid test charge at the private laboratories in the state from Rs 1,200 to Rs 900. TN hit an all-time high of Covid-19 cases and deaths on Thursday, reporting 35,579 infections and 397 fatalities.

**Karnataka:** As per the State Government bulletin released for 20-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 28869; Total Active Cases: 534954; New Covid Deaths: 548; Total Covid Deaths: 23854. Around 63,140 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,15,08,005 have been vaccinated in the state till now. Ending days of speculation on vaccination for the 18 to 44-year age group, the state government on Thursday announced that it will commence vaccination from Saturday (May 22), across Karnataka. One-third of all Covid-19 deaths in Karnataka - since the first case in March last year - were reported in the first 20 days of May.









Andhra Pradesh: State reported 22,610 new Covid-19 cases after testing 1,01,281 samples with 114 deaths, while 23,098 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 15,21,142; Active cases: 2,09,134; Discharges: 13,02,208; Deaths: 9800. A total of 78,57,020 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 55,39,622 first doses and 23,17,398 second doses. For treating black fungus, the government has identified 17 hospitals in the State. The State government allocated Rs 1000 crore exclusively to fight Covid-19 pandemic in the newly presented State budget for FY: 2021-22 in the Assembly yesterday. A total of Rs 13,840.44 crore has been earmarked for the health sector. Meanwhile, with the spurt in suspected black fungus cases, the government has notified mucormycosis under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

Telangana: As per the instructions of the Central Government, the State Government has declared the Mucormycosis/Black Fungus as notifiable disease under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and State Public Health Director asks all Govt and private hospitals in the state to report the details of the cases to the Govt in a prescribed format. Ninth Oxygen Express with six tankers carrying 119.40 Metric Tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen arrived in Hyderabad from Odisha yesterday. As many as 3,660 new Covid infections and 23 fatalities were reported in the state taking the cumulative number of deaths to 3,060 and the total number of positive cases to 5,44,263. The number of Active Cases in the state now stands at 45,757. Yesterday also the Covid vaccination drive could not take place in the state due to shortage of vaccines.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 523423. Number of active cases is 67041. Total Deaths reported is 12716. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 840628. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 242068. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2644958. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 439746.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 722964. Total active COVID-19 patients are 62352. Number of deaths is 7205. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 5129363.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 57331. Total number of Active Cases is 6073. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 666.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 172722. Total number of Active Cases is 33448. Total deaths reported till date is 2581.

#### IMPORTANT TWEETS

D/o Social Justice & Empowerment, @MSJEGOI announces immediate subsistence assistance to Transgender Persons in view of the current #pandemic situation through DBT Mode. #Transgenders Persons and CBOs can submit the details to NISD#TransSupport #COVID19 #COVIDHelp #Covid #Trans pic.twitter.com/8vzt5MWrwx

— Ministry of SJ&E (@MSJEGOI) May 19, 2021









Indian Customs ensuring faster clearances of COVID19 related imports. @AmritsarCustoms #Unite2FightCorona #IndianCustomsAtWork pic.twitter.com/B8fOKIALZk

— CBIC (@cbic\_india) May 19, 2021

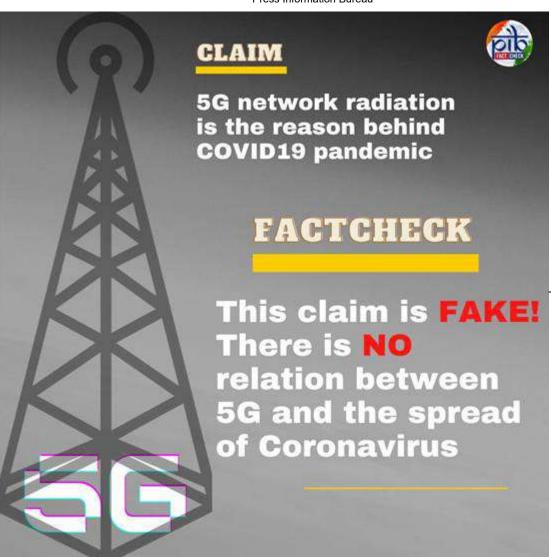
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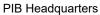








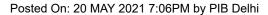






### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19 (UPDATED)













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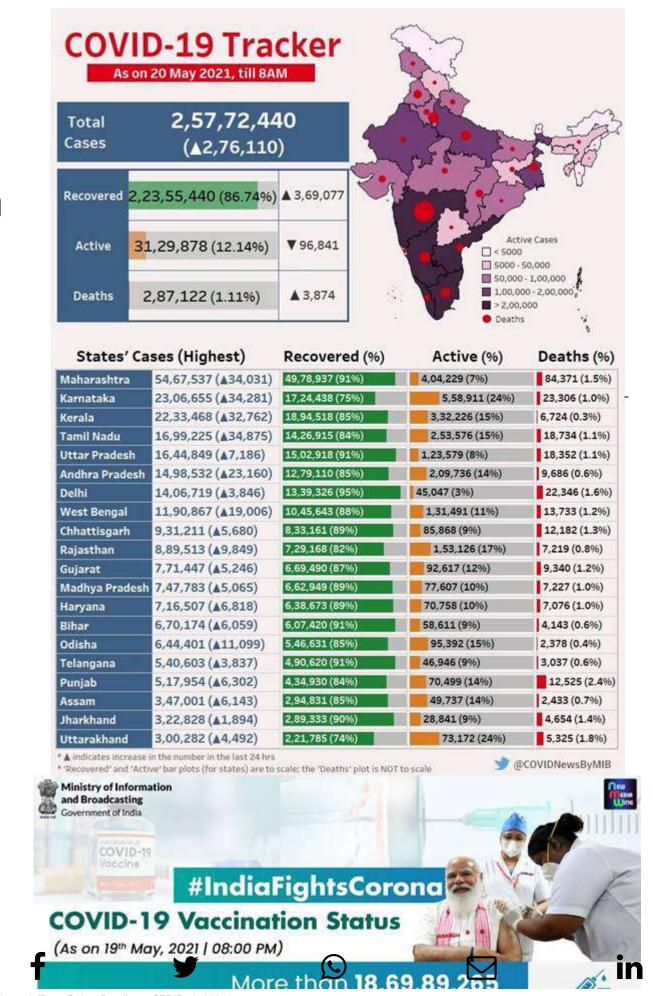
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Doses for	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose
HCWs	96,85,597	66,67,071
FLWs	1,46,34,130	82,56,235
45-60 years	5,83,40,325	94,34,731
Above 60 Years	5,49,33,136	1,80,25,288
18-44 years	70,12,752	<b>İ</b>
Total	144,605,940	42,383,325

#### **Daily Recoveries Outnumber Daily New Cases for 7th Consecutive Day**

- Less than 3 Lakh daily New Cases for four successive days
- India Conducts the Highest ever 20.55 Lakh Tests in the last 24 hours; Sets New Record
- The daily positivity rate stands at 13.44%.
- The National Mortality Rate currently stands at 1.11%.
- 3,874 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720166

#### PM interacts with state and district officials on the COVID-19 situation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the state and district officials on the COVID-19 situation through video conference.

During the interaction, the officials thanked the Prime Minister for his leadership in the battle against Covid-19. The officials briefed the Prime Minister about the improving covid situation in their respective districts. They shared their experience of using technology for real-time monitoring and capacity building. They also informed about the steps taken to enhance public participation and awareness in their districts.

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Preventing the spread of Covid 19 in rural is a relatively complicated process due to the lack of testing facilities and health infrastructure, as compared to urban areas. However, Bhosi, a village of 6,000 people in the Bhokar Taluka of Nanded district has showed the way of fighting the Covid 19 pandemic by simply adopting the path of isolation.



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#### More than 21 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs



Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, more than 21 crore vaccine doses (21,07,31,130) to States/UTs. Of this, the total consumption (including wastages) is 19,09,60,575 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today). Nearly 2.00 crore (1,97,70,555) COVID Vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. Furthermore, nearly 26 lakh (25,98,760) vaccine doses are in the pipeline and will be received by the States/UTs within the next 3 days.



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#### On Mission Mode, Around 200 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far

Oxygen Expresses deliver nearly 12630 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen in more than 775 tankers to the Nation.10 loaded Oxygen Expresses on run with more than 784 MT of LMO in 45 tankers. Oxygen Expresses delivering more than 800 MT of LMO to the Nation each day now. Oxygen relief by Oxygen Expresses reaches out to 13 states namely Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Telangana, Punjab, Kerala, Delhi & Uttar Pradesh. So far 521 MT of Oxygen has been offloaded in Maharashtra, nearly 3189 MT in UP, 521 MT in MP, 1549 MT in Haryana, 772 MT in Telangana, 98 MT in Rajasthan, 641 MT in Karnataka, 320 MT in Uttarakhand, 584 MT in Tamil Nadu, 292 MT in Andhra Pradesh, 111 MT in Punjab, 118 MT in Kerala and more than 3915 MT in Delhi

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720223

Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India releases Advisory on "Stop the Transmission, Crush the Pandemic - Masks, distance, sanitation and ventilation to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus"

The advisory highlights the important role well-ventilated spaces play in diluting the viral load of infected air in poorly ventilated houses, offices etc. Ventilation can decrease the risk of transmission from one infected person to the other.

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#### **Uninterrupted delivery of Medical Essentials continues from Trivandrum Airport**



Trivandrum Airport and its frontline corona warriors have been playing an active role to combat Covid-19 by facilitating the seamless delivery of medical essentials.



A total 313 boxes (9.76 MT) of COVID-19 vaccines have been transported through various airlines till 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 through the Trivandrum Airport. To overcome the oxygen crisis, a total of 300 oxygen concentrators, 180 oxygen cylinders were transported by Indian Air Force aircraft like C17, AN 32 till 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in Kerala via Trivandrum.



For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720274

## Shri Dharmendra Pradhan dedicates augmented ICU Ventilator facilities for treatment of Covid patients at Rourkela;

Minister of Steel and Petroleum & Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today dedicated to the people, augmented ICU Ventilator facilities atIspat Post Graduate Institute (IPGI) and Super Specialty Hospital (SSH) of SAIL at Rourkela, Odisha for treatment of Covid patients. The IPGI and SSH Complex was dedicated to the Nation by the Hon'ble President of India on 21st March, 2021.

## <u>Union Education Minister chairs a meeting with Directors of IISc,IITs,IIITs,IISERs and NITs to review the situation of COVID management and imparting online education</u>

Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' today chaired a meeting with Directors of IISc/IITs/IISERs and NITs through Video Conferencing. Minister of State for Education Shri Sanjay Dhotre also attended the meeting. During the meeting, Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Higher Education Ministry of Education and Directors of IITs, IISc, IISERs, NITs, IIITs were also present.

Union Minister exhorted that there is a need to maintain the quality education in these Institutes of National Importance besides taking adequate safety measures for managing COVID-19 situation. The status of imparting online education, virtual laboratory courses by these Institutes was also reviewed by the Minister. Directors of the institutes mentioned that they have already started online teaching since the commencement of initial lockdown in March'20. Some of the institutions have also developed their own app for online teaching and evaluation. They also informed that for students facing connectivity issue, the lecture contents were made available even for later use which they can download from anywhere and study. Teachers have interacted through online classes with their students and guided them.

The status of COVID cases in the campus of these institutions and handling of situation arising thereon by these Institutes was also discussed.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720313



#### Government extends certain timelines in light of severe pandemic



The Central Government, in continuation of its commitment to address the hardship being faced by various stakeholders on account of the severe Covid-19 pandemic, has, on consideration of representations received from various stakeholders, decided to extend timelines for compliances under the Income-tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") in certain cases.

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#### Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh warns against self-styled remedy for COVID-19

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 today conducted a COVID awareness programme for officers at VigyanBhawan, New Delhi during which besides discussing practical aspects related to pandemic, a video presentation was also made. He warned against self-styled remedy to treat COVID-19.

Chairing a meeting about an awareness campaign for the officers and staff of DoNER here, he advised for professional medical consultation for infected persons. He also asked the common man not to share information on COVID remedies without checking the facts.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720339

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**

**Maharashtra**: As a precautionary measure, in case a third wave of Corona virus hits Mumbai, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has decided to set up four COVID Care Centres with a combined capacity of 5,500 beds. 1,000 of these beds will be ICU beds while at least 70 per cent of remaining beds will be oxygen beds.

Meanwhile, Bombay High Court has asked Mumbai's civic body, if it is ready to introduce a door-to-door COVID-19 Vaccination Programme for senior citizens and disabled persons who are unable to visit inoculation centres.

Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 5,246 new cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday. According to the State Health Department, 9,001 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. A total 6,69,490 patients have recovered from COVID-19 in Gujarat till now. The recovery rate has improved and reached up to 86.78 per cent. Maximum 1,296 new cases of COVID-19 reported from Ahmedabad. With these, the death toll due to COVID-19 in the state has reached up to 9,340.Gujarat has now 92,617 active cases at present, out of which 742 patients are on ventilator.

Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 139 more COVID-19 fatalities and 9,849 new cases on Wednesday, taking the death toll to 7,219 and infection tally to 8,89,513. Of the fresh cases, the maximum 2,338 were reported from Jaior while Udaipur say 550 new cases. A top1 of 7,29,168 people have

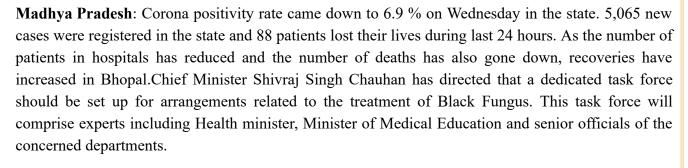
recovered from infection so far and the number of active cases at present is 1,53,126.















Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, COVID vaccination campaign is continuing vigorously. So far, 75 per cent of the people aged above 45 years have been given the first dose of COVID vaccine. Meanwhile, the situation of Corona virus infection is improving steadily in the state. More than 77,000 COVID patients have recovered after treatment within a week. The state's recovery rate rose to 89 per cent.In view of the increasing number of corona patients in Balod district, officers and employees of the district administration have set up a Covid Centre with 42-beds. This centre has more than 100 oxygen cylinders. In Durg district, the teachers have started a campaign for 'Annadan' under Sewa Samarpan Mission.

Goa: Goa on Wednesday reported 1,209 fresh coronavirus positive cases and 31 deaths, taking the tally to 1,39,985 and the toll to 2,228 while 2,160 people recovered. The number of recovered patients in Goa now stands at 1,14,793 while the count of active cases is 22,964.

**Assam:** COVID-19 positivity rate in the state declined further on Wednesday, but deaths continued to remain a worry with 89 new casualties reported on Wednesday. Altogether 6,143 new infections were detected on Wednesday out of 1,02,040 test conducted across the state. The positivity rate has fallen to 6.47 on Wednesday. To increase oxygen production in the state the Cabinet decided to provide power free of cost if any defunct oxygen plant is revived, if a new oxygen plant is set up or if an additional unit is set up by existing plant.

**Manipur:**Even as the number of fresh infections dipped slightly with 582 testing positive in the last 24 hours, the second wave of COVID-19 has claimed a record 23 deaths, the highest so far. Saina Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS), Porompat is providing free ambulance service along with oxygen for needy patients. Equipment for the installation of oxygen plants at Churachandpur and Thoubal district and 10 oxygen concentrators have reached Imphal by air on Wednesday.

Meghalaya: Meghalaya registered its highest ever death toll of 24 on Wednesday pushing the fatality number to 379.872 new Covid-19 cases were also detected on the day, taking the total tally of active cases to 5,789. The state has a stock one lakh doses which would last around 10 days. As of Wednesday, the government has vaccinated 3,45,007 persons with the first dose while 74,119 of them have received their second dose. 13,761 citizens in the 18-44 age group have also been administered the first dose of vaccine. The total doses administered till date stands at 4,19,126.

Sikkim: 266 new Covid cases, 222 more recoveries. The State's active Covid tally is 3,092. So far, 47 persons have succumbed to coronavirusin Sikkim in the past 10 days.













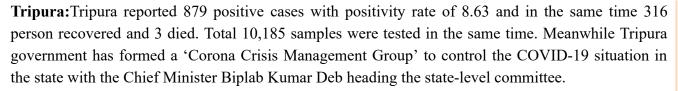












Nagaland: Nagaland reports 244 new Covid cases and 6 fatalities on Wednesday. Active cases are 4425 while tally goes up to 18,714. Total lockdown extended in Nagaland for another 10 days till May 31. Schools to resume online classes from May 24. Oxygen cylinder depot to be set up at Chumukedima police complex for efficient distribution and to minimize turnaround time for oxygen cylinders. Dimapur ramps up beds for Covid patients to 296, over 100 more in the offing.

Kerala: The new 21-member Pinarayi Vijayan cabinet was sworn-in this after noon at a function in the state capital by strictly complying Covid protocols. The first Cabinet meeting slated this evening is expected to take major decisions on Covid management. Meanwhile studies have revealed that the highly transmissible variant of Coronavirus is more prevalent in Kerala. The state clocked 32,762 Covid-19 cases and daily death toll crossed hundred yesterday. TPR stood at 23.31%. Black Fungus has been confirmed in 13 patients in five districts. So far a total of 85,96,696 people have been vaccinated in the state. Of this, 65,77,163 took first dose and 20,19,533 second dose. Meantime, the stock of vaccine for people aged above 45 has diminished below 50,000 doses forcing the health department to slow down the inoculation.

Tamil Nadu: TN Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday launched the Covid-19 vaccination drive for persons in the age group of 18-44 years at an event in Tiruppur. CM also inaugurated a Covid care centre with 500 oxygen beds at Salem Steel Plant today. Stalin is presently touring Salem, Tirupur, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchy to review Covid related works of the government for two days from today. Covid-19 vaccinations for 18-44 age group to commence in the Union Territory of Puducherry from May 20. Puducherry logged 1,759 new cases of fresh coronavirus and 29 deaths during the last 24 hours. TN is emerging as the State with highest number of Covid cases across India with 34,875 fresh infections and 303 deaths being reported on Wednesday taking the active cases to 2.07 lakh. Till date 70,82,380 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 51,52,220 received first dose and 19,30,160 received second dose.

Karnataka: As per the State Government bulletin released for 19-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 34,281; Total Active Cases: 5,58,890; New Covid Deaths: 468; Total Covid Deaths: 23,306. Around 66,305 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,14,28,711 having been vaccinated in the state till now. Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa announced Wednesday financial assistance worth Rs 1,250 crore for those affected by the Covid-19 lockdown. The KSRTC on Wednesday launched 'Sarige Suraksha ICU on Wheels' and added another 'Oxygen on Wheels' to the fleet of 12 such buses being operated by the four transport corporations to help Covid-19 patients in need.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 23,160 new Covid-19 cases after testing 1,01,330 samples with 106 deaths, while 24,819 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 14,98,532; Active cases: 2, 9,736; Discharges: 199,110; Deaths: 968 (CA) total of 76,60,59 deses of Covid vaccing have



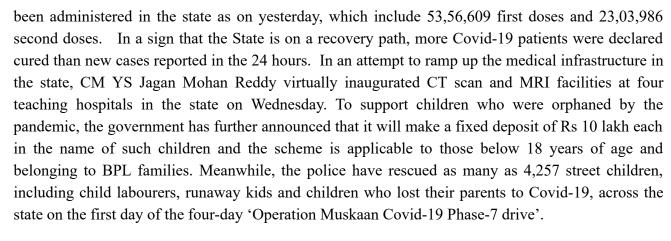












Telangana: CM KCR visited the Gandhi Hospital (Hyderabad) which is the nodal hospital for Covid-19 treatment in the state yesterday and interacted with the patients. The State Government has invited Global Tenders for procurement of One Crore Covid vaccines in the next six months. State Director of Public Health has issued orders to all private hospitals treating Covid patients in the state not to insist on Covid Positivity report to admit the patients. This order comes as per the Central Govt guidelines for treatment of Covid patients. Eighth Oxygen Express with six tankers carrying 87.85 Metric Tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen arrived in Hyderabad yesterday from Angul in Odisha. Meanwhile, a total of 3,837 new Covid cases and 25 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday taking the total number of cases in the state to 5,40,603 and fatalities to 3037. The number of Active Cases in the state now stands at 46,946. Covid vaccination drive could not take place in the state yesterday also due to shortage of vaccines.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 517954. Number of active cases is 70499. Total Deaths reported is 12525. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 834390. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 241345. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2617145. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 437675.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 716507. Total active COVID-19 patients are 70758. Number of deaths is 7076. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 5060519.

Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 56927. Total number of Active Cases is 6570. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 656.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 170074. Total number of Active Cases is 35124. Total deaths reported till date is 2516.





















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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19 (UPDATED)

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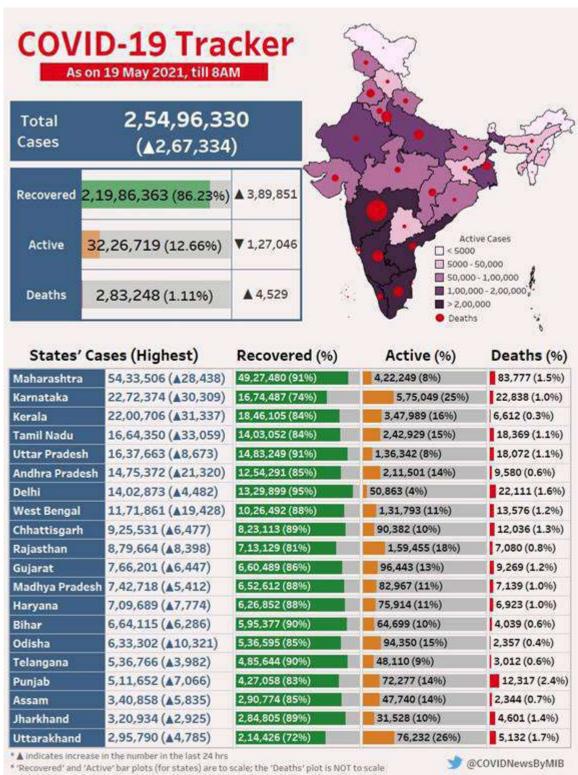
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- Daily Positivity Rate Declines to 13.31%
- More than 64 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated, so far





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### Government of India provides advance information on Vaccine Doses Supply availability till 15th June 2021 to States and UTs

States advised to prepare a district-wise, COVID Vaccination Centre (CVC) wise plan for administration of COVID vaccines in advance and publicise it.

CVCs to publish calendars on CoWIN in advance to prevent overcrowding at Vaccination Centres

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### New AIIMS started under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana are providing advanced COVID Care in States

Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), a Central Sector Scheme, was announced in August 2003 to address imbalances in availability of tertiary care hospitals and improve medical education in the country.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719809

### New Recommendations of NEGVAC accepted by Union Ministry of Health; COVID19 vaccination to be deferred by 3 months after recovery from the illness

The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has shared fresh recommendations regarding COVID-19 vaccination with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. These recommendations have been based on the evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and emerging global scientific evidence & experience. Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has accepted these recommendations.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719925

#### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations. These have been promptly dispatched/delivered to the States and UTs.

Cumulatively, 12874 Oxygen Concentrators; 15,801 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 9,925 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~6.1 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 18th May 2021.

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### Oxygen Expresses deliver nearly 11800 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen in more than 727 tankers to the Nation

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered nearly 11800 MT of LMO in more than 727 tankers to various states across the country. It may be noted that 196 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States. Till the time of this release, 11 loader Oxygen Expresses of the with more than 7 QMT of LMO in 43 trackers.

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### <u>Dr. Harsh Vardhan inspects Oxygen Plant and New COVID Wards under construction in Safdarjung Hospital</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare inspected the newly installed Oxygen Plant and the construction progress of new COVID Blocks at Safdarjung Hospital, today morning.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719953

#### Government monitoring supply of each COVID-19 Essential Drug

Minister of State Shri Mansukh Mandaviya today assured that the Government is monitoring supply of each COVID-19 Essential Drug. All drugs used in the management of COVID-19 are now available in India by ramping up production and increasing the imports. The availability of these drugs is being monitored by implementing three-pronged strategy of Supply Chain Management, Demand Side Management and Affordability.

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### <u>Indian army engineers innovate a solution for efficient conversion of liquid oxygen to low pressure oxygen gas for covid patients</u>

India's response to the second COVID wave dictated an exponential demand for oxygen and oxygen cylinders. Since oxygen was transported in liquid form in cryogenic tanks, quick conversion of liquid oxygen to oxygen gas and ensuring availability at the patients' bed was a critical challenge faced by all hospitals managing COVID patients.

An Indian Army Engineers team under Maj Gen Sanjay Rihani undertook an initiative to find a solution to this challenge. A specialised task force was quickly put together for early execution of an innovation to ensure that oxygen is made available without the use of gas cylinders, thus obviating the need to refill them frequently. Over seven days, the team of Army Engineers in-direct consultation and material support from CSIR & DRDO put together a working solution using vaporisers, PRVs and liquid oxygen cylinders.

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#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**

**Maharashtra:** The Maharashtra Government has said that patients infected with mucormycosis will be treated under the Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana. Maharashtra health minister Rajesh Tope said the treatment charges of mucormycosis are high. Hence the state government has decided to treat patients eligible under the Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana in hospitals where the scheme is implemented. Maharashtra on Tuesday reported 28,438 new COVID-19 cases taking the cumulative total to 54,33,506. 52,898 patients were discharged in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of recovered patients to 49,27,480. With 679 fatalities, the death toll has risen to 83,777. The state now has 4,19,727

active cases. In a relief to Mumbaikars, the city saw less than 1000 cases today as it reported 961 cases taking the total caseload to 6,90,023. The city reported 1874 recoveries and 44 deaths today. The city now has 31,790 active cases.

Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 6,447 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday. According to the state health department, 9,557 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. Maximum 1862 new cases of COVID19 reported from Ahmedabad. Vadodara recorded 442 new cases, while Surat recorded 322 new cases. 67 patients lost their lives yesterday. With these, the death toll due to COVID19 in the state has reached up to 9,269. Gujarat has now 96,443 active cases at present, out of which 755 patients are on ventilator. The vaccination drive in the state has been suspended following the cyclonic storm.

Rajasthan: With cases of mucormycosis or black fungus on the rise in Rajasthan, the Rajasthan government has declared 'Mucormycosis' disease as an epidemic. Mucormycosis has been notified as an epidemic and a notifiable disease in the state under the Rajasthan Epidemic Act 2020. Further, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has said that the arrangements for Covid treatment at the CHC and PHC level in the state should be strengthened on war footing. In the model CHCs, works like setting up of oxygen generation plants and paediatric nursing units, etc. should be completed in a timely manner, CM Gehlot said.

**Madhya Pradesh**: In Madhya Pradesh, Crisis Management Committees have been formed in 7292 wards of 407 Urban Development bodies to control spread of Covid-19 in the state,. Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh said that Committees have been formed in 884 wards of 16 corporations and their meetings are being held and corporations have become more active.

For the second consecutive day on Tuesday less than 6,000 new Covid-19 positive cases were reported in the state. A total of 5,412 new cases were reported in the state on Tuesday taking the count of cases to 7,42,718.A positivity rate of less than 8% was reported after more than one and a half months.

**Chhattisgarh:** In Chhattisgarh, the state government has decided to encourage the production of materials needed to control the corona infection. The Health Department has given instructions for Micro Biological Surveillance in all government and private hospitals of the state. Cases of some other type of infections have been reported in patients admitted for treatment of COVID-19 in hospitals.

In view of increasing cases of mucormycosis infection in Chhattisgarh, the State Food and Drug control Department has instructed all the whole sale drug dealers to inform the department about the distribution of the drug Posaconazole and Amphotericin-B used in mucormycosis treatment.

Goa: Goa government will take a decision about the extension of curfew in the state by Saturday, informed CM Pramod Sawant. He said the decision will be taken after assessing the situation of the state from the Collectors and Health officials. In view of the spiralling covid cases, the state government had decided to impose a 15-day curfew in the state, from May 9 to May 23. With 1,358 new cases and 3,120 recoveries active covid count of Goa has dropped to 23,946. With Goa continuing to report high recovery figure with 3,120 recoveries in last 24-hours, the recovery rate of the state now stands at 81.16 %.

Kerala: The Kerala High Court today sought an explanation from the state government for its decision to conduct the swearing-in ceremony with over 500 invitees in the capital city where triple lockdown is enforced due to Covid spreads. The court sought explanation from the government while considering the

petition filed against organizing the swearing-in event with such a huge participation. Meanwhile, Black Fungus infection was reported from Malappuram. The fungal infection was confirmed on a 62-year-old man from Ezhur in Tirur. His left eye was removed as there were chances of the fungal infection spreading to brain. The deadly Black Fungus was earlier reported from Kollam. State recorded 31,337 new Covid cases on Tuesday. The test positivity rate was at 23.29 %. A total of 18,62,00,107 persons have been vaccinated so far in the state. Out of this, 14,51,55,197 took first dose and 4,10,44,910 their second dose.

Tamil Nadu:Medical oxygen production resumes at Thoothukudi's Sterlite Copper plant; the oxygen production had to be stopped temporarily following a technical snag in the cold box at the oxygen plant on May 14. The Covid-19 vaccination drive for the 18-44 age group will begin on Thursday, and priority will be given to autorickshaw drivers, industry workers and the disabled, Health Minister said on Tuesday; the minister also said that Tamil Nadu received nine lakh doses of vaccines, from the Rs 46 crore-worth orders placed. E-sale of Remdesivir directly to hospitals begins in TN: according to health officials, hospitals can collect the drug after approval from the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation following payment. Tamil Nadu logs highest number of new Covid cases in the country; on Tuesday, a total of 33,059 people tested positive, thereby taking the cumulative Covid tally to 16,64,350; 364 deaths were also reported taking the total toll in the State to 18,369. Till date 70,40,699 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 51,18,546 received first dose and 19,22,153 received second dose. Puducherry to enhance its oxygen bed capacity in next 15 days by adding 1,250 more beds, to 2,800 by June. Puducherry on Tuesday clocked 1,799 fresh cases of coronavirus, raising the overall caseload in the UT to 87,749. On the vaccination front, 33,845 health care workers and 20,432 front line workers have been inoculated so far in the UT.

**Karnataka:**As per the State Government bulletin released for 18-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 30,309; Total Active Cases: 5,75,028; New Covid Deaths: 525; Total Covid Deaths: 22,838. Around 65,181 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,13,48,708 have been vaccinated in the state till now. State govt to set up Covid centres for kids: paediatric Covid Care Centres will be set up in each district as there are fears that children will be the worst hit during the third wave of Covid-19. The government will identify centres for the 0-6 and 7-18 age group affected by Covid-19 in each of the districts. While asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic children will be treated at 'Fit Facilities' attached to Covid Care Centres, serious cases will be treated at Covid-19 hospitals. Indian trial of vax on kids in 12 days: the first Indian trial of a homegrown Covid-19 vaccine on children is set to start in the next 10-12 days.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 21,320 new Covid-19 cases after testing 91,253 samples with 99 deaths, while 21,274 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 14,75,372; Active cases: 2,11,501; Discharges: 12,54,291; Deaths: 9580. A total of 76,29,580 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,49,866 first doses and 22,79,714 second doses. In the past 24 hours, the state received 620 metric tonnes of Oxygen supply from the Centre. Principal Secretary (Health) Anil Kumar Singhal said an Oxygen Express with four containers of 80 tonne capacities will reach the state by Wednesday night from Jamnagar. Similarly, two containers of 40 MT and 80 MT from Rour and Odisha are also expected soon. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Yamagan

Mohan Reddy on Tuesday unveiled new AP Industrial Gases and Medical Oxygen Manufacturing Policy 2021-22 with an aim to augment oxygen manufacturing capacity from the existing 360 MT to 700 MT in the State. The policy targets to set up a total 50 PSA Oxygen plants in both captive (in hospitals) and non-captive model. At present, the State's oxygen producing capacity stands at 364 MT.

Telangana: State Government has decided to implement Ayushman Bharat scheme with immediate effect and the State Health Secretary issued orders to the CEO of the Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust to ensure the treatment of patients in empanelled hospitals across the State as per the converged scheme of Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY-Aarogyasri. The State Health Department has issued show cause notices to four private hospitals for charging exorbitant amount for Covid treatment; permission of one hospital to treat Covid patients has been cancelled. Director of State Public Health Dr.G.Srinivasa Rao said the number of Covid-19 cases in the state is showing a downward trend. He said the house-to-house survey conducted by the State Health Department has found 3.54 Lakh people with Covid symptoms and they have been given Home Isolation Kits. Meanwhile, as many as 3,982 new Covid infections and 27 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday taking the cumulative number of deaths to 3,012 and the total number of positive cases to 5,36,766. The number of active cases in the state now stands at 48,110. Covid vaccination drive could not take place in the state yesterday also due to shortage of vaccines.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 511652. Number of active cases is 72277. Total Deaths reported is 12317. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 831082. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 240821. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2605701. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 436075.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 709689. Total active COVID-19 patients are 75914. Number of deaths is 6923. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 5011317.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 56513. Total number of Active Cases is 7035. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 647.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 166678. Total number of Active Cases is 34888. Total deaths reported till date is 2447.

Assam: The COVID-19 positivity rate in Assam fell for the second day on Tuesday. The positivity rate is 6.47 per cent on Tuesday against 6.99 per cent on Monday. 73 people died of the virus on Tuesday when as many as 5,835 new cases were detected in the State. The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on Tuesday said that Assam and Nagaland have witnessed a decreasing trend of Covid-19 positivity rate. Extending cooperation to Meghalaya in its fight against Covid-19, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad K. Sangma that the current mechanism of supplying 12-16 metric tonnes of medical oxygen to Meghalaya from the oxygen generation plants and storage points of Assam will continue without interruption as long as the situation permits.









**Manipur:**Covid claims 20 more lives, infects 623 others in last 24 hrs. Recognizing the critical importance of oxygen supply during the second wave of Covid-19, Government of Manipur will set up Oxygen generator plants at Tamenglong District Hospital campus with a refuelling capacity upto 200 d types cylinder which is expected to come up within the next 6 to 8 weeks under the Tribal Affairs and Hills Department said Armstrong Pame, DC of Tamenglong and the chairman of the District Task Force. A total of 318586 people have been administered COVID-19 vaccine in Manipur.

**Meghalaya**: The state registereed its highest single-day spike of 906 fresh cases taking the active tally past the 5,000-mark on Tuesday. The state also recorded a new high of 470 recoveries, while 19 deaths in the past 24 hours took the number of fatalities to 355. Meghalaya has received a total of 5,61,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, both through central allotment and procurement basis, of which 4,26,615 doses have been utilised, leaving a balance stock of 1,34,385 doses, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said on Tuesday.

**Sikkim:**209 new Covid cases, two deaths: The State's active Covid tally is now 3,050. Meanwhile, 94 persons in the State recovered from Covid on Monday. At present there are 217 Covid patients admitted in hospitals. The Covid death toll in Sikkim since last year is 212.

**Tripura:** In the last 24 hours, 746 people have been infected with covid in the state, 5 people have died and 317 people have recovered. The positivity rate is 7.62%. 9789 people were tested. The west district is highest in terms of district-based infection. State government has announced a night curfew in the entire state of Tripura from May 19 from 6 pm to 5 am the next day. The night curfew will remain in force till May 26, 2021. Besides, the state government has banned travel from one district to another in the entire state of Tripura from May 20 without any urgent reason.

**Nagaland**: Nagaland again records highest single day spike with 365 cases. State also recorded 12 deaths on Tuesday. Active cases are 4407 and tally 18,714. Vaccination for 18-44 years age group receives good response. A total of 7298 individuals given first doses in the first two days of the exercise. Vaccination for the age group will be done on Mondays & Tuesdays. A total of 2,49,589 beneficiaries have been inoculated in Nagaland so far. The state has 1,20,343 vaccine doses available and another 30,220 will reach in next few days, as per Union Health Ministry data.

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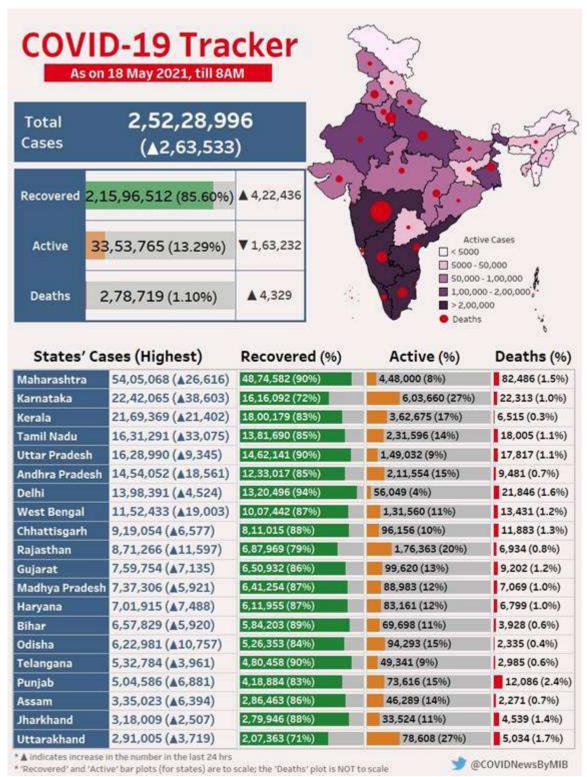
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### PM Interacts with State and District Officials on the COVID-19 situation; Urges officials to share best practices for it to be used in other parts of the country

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through video conference interacted with field officials from States and Districts regarding their experience in handling the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the interaction, the officials thanked the Prime Minister for leading the fight against the second wave of Covid from the front. The officials shared their experiences and apprised the Prime Minister about the innovative steps that were undertaken to manage the recent surge of cases. They also informed about the efforts being undertaken to augment the medical infrastructure and capacity building in rural areas. The Prime Minister asked the officials to compile the best practices and innovative steps so that these may be used in other districts of the country.

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### <u>Steel plants regularly supplying over Four thousand MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen on daily basis - the figure went up to 4435 MT yesterday</u>

Steel plants, across the country, belonging to the Public as well as the Private sectors, have been regularly supplying the life-saving Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) to the country.

Along with the Petroleum sector, they have been contributing major share of the LMO requirement of the country which stands at about 10 thousand MT/day. Steel plants have ramped up LMO supplies from 538 MT per day as on 1st April 2021 to over 4 thousand MT per day. On 17<sup>th</sup> May, they supplied 4435 MT LMO, going up from 4314 MT on 16<sup>th</sup> May. This included 1485 MT from SAIL, 158MT from RINL, 1154MT from TATA, 238MT from AMNS, 1162MT from JSW, and rest from other steel plants.

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# <u>Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviews requirement and supply of Amphotericin B - ensures availability</u>

Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya today reviewed the

requirement and supply position of Amphotericin-B which cures Mucormycosis. The Government has chalked out a strategy with manufacturers to ramp up domestic production as well as to import the drug from all over the world.

The Minister has observed that the supply of Amphotericin-B has been increased many folds. But currently there is a sudden demand surge. He has assure that the Government is committed to making all possible and necessary efforts to make it available to needy patients.

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#### Biggest single day load of more than 1000 MT of Oxygen relief delivered by Oxygen Expresses

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 11030 MT of LMO in more than 675 tankers to various states across the country. Oxygen Expresses had been delivering nearly 800 MT of LMO to the Nation each day for last few days.

It may be noted that Oxygen Expresses started their deliveries 23 days back on 24th April in Maharashtra with a load of 126 MT.

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### <u>Panchayati Raj Ministry Issues Advisory for the Guidance of Panchayats to combat the COVID-</u> 19 Pandemic

The spread of COVID-19 pandemic in different parts of the country has recently assumed serious proportions. The vulnerabilities of the rural communities need to be especially addressed. Comparatively low level of awareness amongst the rural population coupled with inadequate support systems in villages may create a constraining situation in dealing with the pandemic in an effective manner. Hence, the Panchayats/Rural Local Bodies need to be properly sensitized and facilitated towards meeting the challenge and provide leadership as they did last year and received appreciation at the highest level for various measures.

Keeping the above factors in view, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has on the recommendation of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), released an amount of Rs.8,923.8 crore to 25 states for providing Grant to rural local bodies. The amount released is the first instalment of the Basic (Untied) Grants and may be utilized among other things for various prevention and mitigation measures needed to combat the Covid pandemic. The Ministry has also issued advisory for the guidance of Panchayats as regards the action for combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Railways set to have 86 Oxygen plants for its hospitals









4 Oxygen Plants are functional, 52 are sanctioned and 30 under various stages of processing. Massive Capacity Enhancement in 86 Railway Hospitals across India. The number of beds for Covid treatment have been increased from 2539 to 6972. Invasive ventilators have been added and their number has been increased from 62 to 296. General Managers have been delegated further powers, up to Rs 2 crores in each case for sanctioning Oxygen Generation plants.

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### 16 States/UTs lift 100% foodgrains for May, 2021under PMGKAY

In view of pro-poor initiative announced by the Government of India to ameliorate the hardship faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by Corona virus, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has been announced by the Government of India.

Till 17th May, 2021, all 36 States/UTs have lifted 31.80 LMT of food grains from FCI depots. Lakshadweep has lifted full allocation for May & June 2021. 15 States/UTs i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Ladakh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Tripura, have lifted 100% May 2021 allocation.

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#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

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- Ministry of SJ&E (@MSJEGOI) May 18, 2021

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- Sadananda Gowda (@DVSadanandGowda) May 17, 2021





**Kerala:**Triple lockdown in four districts is continuing. People are cooperating in a big way without any reports of violation. Meanwhile, continuing to register a decline in new daily infections, Kerala on Monday reported 21,402 fresh COVID-19 cases and a TPR of 24.74%. So far, a total of 85,51,229 people has taken vaccine in the state. Out of this 65,37,617 took first dose and 20,13,612 second dose.

**Tamil Nadu:** The Madras High Court on Monday sought both the Tamil Nadu government and Puducherry administration to put in place some measures for children since it is feared that they may be more vulnerable to Covid-19 in the months to come. Medical oxygen production at the Sterlite Copper plant in Thoothukudi, which was hit by technical glitch, would resume in a day or two, said Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu. Puducherry UT reported 28 deaths and added 1,446 new coronavirus cases during the last 24 hours pushing the overall tally to 85,952. Tamil Nadu on Monday reported 33,075 new Covid19 cases and 335 related fatalities. The number of active cases remains at 2,31,596 and total number of fatalities is now 18,005 in the State. Till date 69,95,480 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 50,83,368 received first dose and 19,12,112 received second dose.

**Karnataka:** The state reported 38,603 new cases of Covid-19, and 476 fatalities, taking the total number of infections to 22,42,065 and the toll to 22,313, on Monday. The day also saw 34,635 patients getting discharged after recovery. Bengaluru Urban accounted for 13,338 new cases. Cumulatively, there have been 16,16,092 recoveries in the state. A total of 67582 were vaccinated yesterday and the cumulative total vaccination coverage stands at 1,12,60,587. The Karnataka Government has announced the treatment for Black fungus diseases will be done free of cost. After jab, health workers found to develop good antibodies: A test to measure antibodies in the blood post-vaccination among health workers has shown a majority of them have developed good immunogenic response.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 18,561 new Covid-19 cases after testing 73,749 samples with 109 deaths, while 17,334 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 75,69,446 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,44,541 first doses and 22,24,905 second doses. A total of 75,99,960 vaccine doses were received from the Centre, of which 62,60,400 doses are of Covishield and 3,39,560 are Covaxin. he Chief Minister during a review directed the officials to bring Black Fungus cases under Aarogyasri scheme and prepare a protocol to identify it at an early stage. Meanwhile, the State Pollution Control Board has developed a mobile app for effective management and scientific disposal of biomedical waste from Covid-19 hospitals and quarantine centres generating around 38 metric tonnes of biomedical waste per day and it has been made mandatory for all institutions to use it.

Telangana: CM KCR reviewed the Covid situation in the state with senior officials of the concerned departments yesterday and decided to set up oxygen plants in 48 Govt hospitals with the total capacity of 324 Metric Tonnes of Medical Oxygen. The CM instructed the officials to procure immediately medicines required for treatment of black fungus or Mucormycosis. High Court asked the State Govt to restor the Grievance Complete to address the complaints against prival pospitals charging explaints.

amount for Covid treatment and also to submit its action plan on how it is going to tackle the likely third wave of Covid pandemic. Meanwhile, as many as 3,961 new Covid infections and 30 fatalities were reported yesterday taking the cumulative number of deaths in the state to 2,985 and the total number of positive cases to 5,32,784. The number of active cases in the state now stands at 49,341. The vaccination drive could not take place in the state yesterday due to shortage of vaccines.

**Assam**: Assam registered the highest single day death toll of COVID-19 on Monday when 92 people died of the virus in the state. The day also witnessed the highest number of new COVID positive cases of 6,394 in the state. The positivity rate in the State, however fell to 6.99 percent from 8.50 percent on Sunday. To curb the further spread of COVID-19, all inter district transport services and movement of people shall remain suspended for 15 days with effect from 5 am of May 21.

**Manipur:** Manipur's COVID-19 tally crossed 40000-mark with 330 new positive cases and claimed 14 more lives in the State in 24 hours. The Manipur government on Monday extended curfew till May 28 in the districts of Imphal West, Imphal East, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Kakching, Churachandpur and Ukhrul. COVID-19 vaccination for 18-44 age group also got underway in Manipur.

**Meghalaya**; Meghalaya on Monday registered 634 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the total tally of active cases to 4,915. 16 deaths were also reported in the last 24 hours.

Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Sampath Kumar said 75% of the health workers have so far taken the jab. The department held a meeting on overcoming the hesitancy of the remaining health workers who have not been vaccinated.

**Nagaland**: Nagaland reported 273 new case of COVID-19 and seven deaths on Monday. Active cases are 4251 while tally rose to 18,349. H&FW Minister Pangnyu Phom, inaugurated state's first Pressure Swing Absorption oxygen generating plant at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima on Monday. Nagaland began vaccination for 18-44 yrs age group. Health Minister Pangnyu Phom inaugurated the drive at the H&FW Directorate in Kohima. Vaccination for frontline workers and persons above 45 yrs also going on.

**Tripura:** In Tripura, 335 new positive cases of COVID-19 with positivity rate at 7.22%.

4 more died and 269 recovered in last 24 hours. COVID-19 curfew has started in the areas of Agartala Municipality from yesterday.

**Sikkim**: A high-level review meeting oncombating Covid-19, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang was held at Gangtok to take stock of the present situation of Covid-19 in the State, especially issues regarding the availability of oxygen, transportation and prompt assistance to the patients. After a very long gap,

Sikkim reportedmore recoveries thannew cases. 70new cases of novel coronavirus were reported in the last 24 hours taking the state's tally of confirmedCovid cases to 11,480.









**Maharashtra**: Maharashtra on Monday reported a further decline in new cases of coronavirus with 26,616 infections in a span of 24 hours. The caseload increased to 54,05,068 and the death toll reached 82,486 with 516 fresh fatalities. In the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive, Maharashtra crossed the 2 crore mark.

Meanwhile, there has been a decline in the daily caseload of COVID-19 cases. Nanded district in Marathwada tops the list as there is 81 per cent drop in new cases, followed by Mumbai at 77 per cent, Thane 71 per cent, Pune 23.47 per cent, Nashik 30.47 per cent and Nagpur with 58.54 per cent. Apart from this, there has been respite from COVID in Bhandara, Nandurbar, Latur, Raigad, Jalna, Hingoli and Gondiya districts. However, despite this silver-lining, there are 18 districts including Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Amravati, Satara and others where there has been no respite.

Gujarat: The Gujarat government has announced that a partial lockdown in the state will remain for the next three days. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Monday announced to maintain status quo on the existing corona curfew and other day-time restrictions effective in 36 cities of the State for three more days, up to May 20. Gujarat on Sunday reported 8,210 fresh coronavirus positive cases, taking the tally to 7,52,619. A total of 14,483 patients were discharged during the day, taking the count of recoveries so far in Gujarat to 6,38,590.

**Rajasthan:** Rajasthan recorded 157 coronavirus deaths and 11,597 cases on Monday, taking the toll to 6,394 and tally to 8.71 lakh. Jaipur reported the highest number of 39 deaths, followed by Jodhpur and Bikaner. Out of the new cases, 2,023 were reported from Jaipur, while 1,104 and 954 people tested positive in Alwar and Jodhpur respectively.

**Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, the number of active COVID patients has come down to 88,983. The state reported 5,921 fresh cases and 77 deaths yesterday while 11,513 persons recovered from the infection.Both Indore and Bhopal have more than 13,000 active cases. The state government is actively making arrangements for the treatment of mucormycosis at the early stage. Madhya Pradesh government has decided to give a compensation of Rs 5 lakh and compassionate appointment to an eligible family members of those state government employees who die from corona.

Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, the pandemic situation is improving. The positivity rate in the state has come down to around 10 percent from 30 percent last month. More than 65 lakh people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 till now in Chhattisgarh. In the age group of 18 to 44 years, the first dose of COVID vaccine has been given to about 5 lakh people. The state government has created a separate web portal for vaccination of people of this age group, through which they can register themselves for vaccination. Along with conducting COVID tests on a large scale, medicine kits are also being made available to suspected Corona patients. So far, about 14 lakh medicine kits have been distributed to the suspected patients by the state Health Department.









**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 504586. Number of active cases is 73616. Total Deaths reported is 12086. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 829931. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 240117. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2603790. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 434026.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 701915. Total active COVID-19 patients are 83161. Number of deaths is 6799. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4953679.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 55987. Total number of Active Cases is 7382. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 641.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 163786. Total number of Active Cases is 36633. Total deaths reported till date is 2369.

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### **HOW TO USE PULSE OXIMETER**

- 1. Rest for 10-15 minutes before using the oximeter.
- 2. Keep your hand still on the chest, at heart level.
- 3. Place the device on middle or index finger.
- Check the reading once it is stabilized.
- 5. If you feel **healthy**, check your oxygen at least twice a day.
- 6. If you have COVID-19 symptoms check your oxygen every 6 hours.
- 7. If your oxygen is below 94%, please contact your doctor.

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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19 (UPDATED)

Posted On: 17 MAY 2021 6:53PM by PIB Delhi





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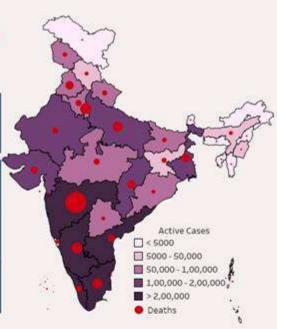


### **COVID-19 Tracker**

As on 17 May 2021, till 8AM

Total 2,49,65,463 Cases (▲2,81,386)

Recovered	2,11,74,076 (84.81%)	▲ 3,78,741
Active	35,16,997 (14.09%)	▼ 1,01,461
Deaths	2,74,390 (1.10%)	▲ 4,106



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	53,78,452 (▲34,389)	48,26,371 (90%)	4,70,595 (9%)	81,486 (1.5%)
Karnataka	22,03,462 (431,531)	15,81,457 (72%)	6,00,168 (27%)	21,837 (1.0%)
Kerala	21,47,967 (\$29,704)	17,00,528 (79%)	4,41,011 (21%)	6,428 (0.3%)
Uttar Pradesh	16,19,645 (10,505)	14,39,096 (89%)	1,63,003 (10%)	17,546 (1.1%)
Tamil Nadu	15,98,216 (433,181)	13,61,204 (85%)	2,19,342 (14%)	17,670 (1.1%)
Andhra Pradesh	14,35,491 (424,171)	12,15,683 (85%)	2,10,436 (15%)	9,372 (0.7%)
Delhi	13,93,867 (46,456)	13,09,578 (94%)	62,783 (5%)	21,506 (1.5%)
West Bengal	11,33,430 (19,117)	9,88,341 (87%)	1,31,805 (12%)	13,284 (1.2%)
Chhattisgarh	9,12,477 (44,888)	7,97,150 (87%)	1,03,593 (11%)	11,734 (1.3%)
Rajasthan	8,59,669 (10,280)	6,58,510 (77%)	1,94,382 (23%)	6,777 (0.8%)
Gujarat	7,52,619 (48,210)	6,38,590 (85%)	1,04,908 (14%)	9,121 (1.2%)
Madhya Pradesh	7,31,385 (47,106)	6,29,741 (86%)	94,652 (13%)	6,992 (1.0%)
Haryana	6,94,427 (49,115)	5,97,676 (86%)	90,066 (13%)	6,685 (1.0%)
Bihar	6,51,909 (46,894)	5,72,987 (88%)	75,090 (12%)	3,832 (0.6%)
Odisha	6,12,224 (11,732)	5,14,532 (84%)	95,379 (16%)	2,313 (0.4%)
Telangana	5,28,823 (▲3,816)	4,74,899 (90%)	50,969 (10%)	2,955 (0.6%)
Punjab	4,97,705 (46,950)	4,10,332 (82%)	75,478 (15%)	11,895 (2.4%)
Assam	3,28,629 (\$\textstyle{\alpha}3,650)	2,81,726 (86%)	44,724 (14%)	2,179 (0.7%)
Jharkhand	3,15,502 (42,321)	2,74,483 (87%)	36,540 (12%)	4,479 (1.4%)
Uttarakhand	2,87,286 (44,047)	2,03,673 (71%)	78,802 (27%)	4,811 (1.7%)

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

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





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**COVID-19 Vaccination Status** 

(As on 17th May, 2021 | 07:00 AM)

Doses for	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose 66,43,661	
HCWs	96,45,695		
FLWs	1,44,44,096	81,96,053	
45-60 years	5,72,78,554	91,07,311	
Above 60 Years	5,45,15,352	1,78,31,665	
18-44 years	52,64,073	<u></u>	
Total	14,11,47,770	4,17,78,690	

### Daily new COVID cases less than 3L after 26 days

- India's cumulative recoveries have reached 2,11,74,076 today. The National Recovery Rate is 84.81%.
- 3,78,741 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Also, 24-hour Recoveries have outnumbered the daily new COVID Cases for the sixth time in last 7
  days and consistently in the last 4 days.
- The National Mortality Rate currently stands at 1.10%
- In addition, the foreign aid of relief materials continues to be swiftly cleared, apportioned and sent to States/UTs to combat COVID-19. Cumulatively, 11,058 Oxygen Concentrators; 13,496 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 7,365 ventilators/Bi PAP; ~5.3L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched through road and air, so far.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719267

# Bleeding and clotting events following COVID vaccination miniscule in India National AEFI (Adverse Event Following Immunization) Committee submits report to the Union Health Ministry

Bleeding and clotting cases following COVID vaccination in India are minuscule and in line with the expected number of diagnoses of these conditions in the country, a report submitted by the National AEFI (Adverse Event Following Immunization) Committee to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare said.

Alerts have been raised in some countries on post-vaccination "embolic and thrombotic events" on 11 March 2021 particularly with AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine [Covishield in India]. A decision was taken to conduct an urgent in-degratation analysis of the adverse events (AE) in the light of the global

concerns.

The National AEFI committee noted that as of 03 April 2021, 75,435,381 vaccine doses had been administered (Covishield – 68,650,819; Covaxin – 6,784,562). Of these, 65,944,106 were first doses and 9,491,275 second dose. Since the COVID-19 vaccination drive was initiated – more than 23,000 adverse events were reported through the CO-WIN platform reported from 684 of the 753 districts of the country. Of these, only 700 cases (@ 9.3 cases /million doses administered) were reported to be serious and severe nature.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719293

### <u>International aid to fight COVID continues to be quickly cleared, apportioned, and sent to States and Union Territories</u>

Government of India, at the forefront to combat the ongoing COVID-19 has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 from different countries/organisations. Through a streamlined and systematic mechanism, various Ministries/Departments of Government of India have seamlessly collaborated under the "Whole of Government" approach for expeditiously delivering the incoming global aid to States and UTs.

Cumulatively, 11321 Oxygen Concentrators; 15,801 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 7,470 ventilators/Bi PAP; ~5.5 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 16th May 2021.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719328

### Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh unveils first batch of anti-COVID drug developed by DRDO and hands over to Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan

The first batch of the adjunct COVID therapy anti-COVID drug, 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG), was released by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and handed over to Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Science & Tech and Earth Sciences Dr Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi on May 17, 2021. One box each of the sachets of the drug were handed over to Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) DrRandeep Guleria and Lt Gen Sunil Kant of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS). More will be handed over to different hospitals across the country for emergency use. An anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) has been developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences

(INMAS), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), along with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719304

### Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs 26th meeting of Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare chaired the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 here today. He was joined by Dr S. Jaishankar, Minister

of External Affairs and Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (I/C), & Chemical and Fertilizers, and Shri Nityanand Rai, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs. Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare joined the meet digitally.Dr. Vinod K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog was present virtually.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719352

# Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh reviews efforts of MoD, Armed Forces, DRDO & other Defence organisations in fighting second COVID-19 wave

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh reviewed the efforts of Ministry of Defence (MoD), the three services, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and other Defence organisations in assisting the civil administration to tackle the current Covid-19 situation in the country, through a video conference on May 17, 2021. The meeting was attended by Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhadauria, Chief of Army Staff General M M Naravane, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Additional Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Sanjay Jaju, ADG Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) and other senior officials of MoD.

The meeting focused on special covid hospitals being set up by DRDO in different states, creation of additional hospital beds in military hospitals, supply of Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants under PM CARES Fund and augmentation of doctors and other health professionals to meet the current demand.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719357

#### More than 20 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs Free of Cost by Govt. of India, so far

More than 2 crore doses still available with States/UTs to be administered. Nearly 3 lakh doses in addition will be received by States/UTs in next 3 days

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### Swift actions taken by Government to enhance availability of Remdesivir in India; Production capacity of Remdesivir increased to nearly 119 lakh vials per month from 38 lakh vials per month

Department of Pharmaceuticals intensified monitoring of availability, production and supply of drugs used for Covid-19 Treatment in early April, 2021 as number of cases of Covid-19 started increasing steeply. Remdesivir is a patented drug, manufactured in India under voluntary licenses granted by Gilead Life Sciences USA, the patent holder, to 7 Indian pharmaceutical companies (Cipla, Dr Reddy's Lab., Hetero, Jubilant Pharma, Mylan, Syngene and Zydus Cadila).

To augment the domestic production capacity, all the seven domestic licensed manufacturers of Remdesivir were asked to ramp up production quickly. With combined efforts of the central government and the manufacturing companies, the production capacity of the licensed manufacturers has increased unprecedentedly from 38 lakh vials per month to nearly 119 lakh vials per month. With accelerated approval of 38 additional fanufacturing sites, the number of approval manufacturing sites of

Remdesivir in country has increased from 22 sites to 60 sites. With the help of Ministry of External Affairs, the manufacturers of Remdesivir are being facilitated for getting supplies of requisite raw materials and equipments from foreign countries.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719307

# <u>Inspite of upcoming cyclone, Railways run 2 Oxygen Expresses early morning today from Gujarat to beat high winds and deliver 150 MT of Oxygen to the Nation</u>

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 10300 MT of LMO in more than 600 tankers to various states across the country. Oxygen Expresses have been delivering nearly 800 MT of LMO to the Nation each day for last few days.

Inspite of upcoming cyclone Railways run early morning 2 Oxygen Expresses from Gujarat to beat high winds and deliver 150 MT of Oxygen to the Nation. One Oxygen Express from Vadodara left at 4 am with 2 RORO trucks & 45 MT of LMO for delivery in Delhi region. The other Oxygen Express left Hapa at 5.30 am with 6 tankers loaded with 106 MT of Oxygen Relief for deliveries for UP & Delhi region. First Oxygen Express from Bokaro to Punjab is also set to reach Phillaur at 7 PM today with two tankers with 41.07 MT OF Oxygen Relief.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719327

#### Transporter of Oxygen Containers to Dubai by IAF

The heavy lift transport fleet of IAF has been airlifting empty cryogenic oxygen tankers to their filling stations in India since 22 April 2021, so that they may be filled and transported to their destinations by road or rail. The same activity is now being undertaken at international destinations.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719272

### <u>DST supported ventilation system to bring relief to health workers sweating in PPE suits for long hours</u>

Health workers may soon be relieved of sweating out long hours in heavy suffocating PPE kits to meet their busy duty schedules. A compact, economical ventilation system for PPE kits developed by a Pune based startup can prevent excessive sweating while wearing such kits.

The ventilation system when attached with the conventional PPE kits with one simple modification, keeps the health workers' well ventilated preventing not only bodily discomforts but also possible fungal diseases in the body.

Nihaal Singh Adarsh, an engineering Student from Mumbai along with his startup called Watt Technovations, developed the technology called 'Cov-Tech Ventilation System', at RIIDL (Research Innovation Incubation Design Laboratory) supported by the National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, in Sort ya Vidyavihar University.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719353

#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

Nagaland gets its first Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen era plant at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima, funded by PM CARES. pic.twitter.com/qJY2N2WFXh

— Prakash Javadekar (@PrakashJavdekar) May 17, 2021

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Consignment of 159 oxygen concentrator and other medical supplies arrives from US AID for Red Cross

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Installation of the High Flow Oxygen Plant provided by @DRDO\_India has been completed in @SJHDELHI hospital, New Delhi. It has started producing Oxygen for the hopsitalised COVID patients.#Unite2FightCorona #StaySafe pic.twitter.com/X6J3bgvuOv

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#### INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

**Maharashtra:** Maharashtra, on Sunday, reported 974 deaths due to COVID-19, taking the toll to 81,486 while the number of fresh cases at 34,389 remained below 40,000 for the third consecutive day. Currently, there are 4,68,109 active cases in the state. Mumbai city reported 1,535 new cases and 60 deaths. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday addressed more than 17,000 medical practitioners from different parts of the state. Apart from the chief minister, members of the state's COVID-19 taskforce also gave their guidance to the family physicians and medical practitioners who participated in the online conference.









**Gujarat**: Gujarat state government suspended the Covid-19 vaccination drive across the state for two days because of cyclone Tauktae. Gujarat on Sunday reported 8,210 fresh coronavirus positive cases, taking the tally to 7,52,619 while 82 fatalities, including 13 deaths in Ahmedabad, pushed the toll to 9,121. Gujarat is now left with 1,04,908 active cases.

**Rajasthan**: In Rajasthan, about two and half times people recovered from COVID 19 infection as compared to new infections reported in the state in the last 24 hours. The number of daily cases of Covid 19 has fallen for 9 days in a row in the state. The positivity rate has also come down to 15 percent in the last 24 hours Rapid Antigen Tests facility is being introduced for early detection of infection in rural areas. Rajasthan government has decided to recruit 1,000 Medical Officers and 25,000 para medical staff on urgent contract basis to deal with the Covid pandemic.

**Madhya Pradesh**: Corona curfew imposed in Bhopal since April has been extended till May 24. Movement of vehicles related to essential services will be allowed. People engaged in vaccination drive or going for vaccination and other medical emergencies will be allowed. Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh has reported a significant decline in the number of new corona cases. The state reported 7,106 fresh cases and 79 deaths yesterday while 12,345 persons recovered from infection. The recovery rate in the state is 86.10 percent. The number of active patients in the state is 94 ,652. The state's positivity rate declined to 10.6%.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh on Sunday reported 4,888 new COVID-19cases, down from 7,664 cases recorded a day before, taking the state's infection count to 9,12,477. This is after 44 days that the single-day case count of the state has gone below the 5,000-mark. The COVID-19 positivity rate in the state has declined to 9 per cent which was 26.1 per cent on May 1.A virtual school is being set up so that children's education is not affected due to Corona crisis. This virtual school will operate under the Chhattisgarh State Open School. The portal of this virtual school is being developed by the NIC. The process of admission to this virtual school will start soon.

**Goa**: A total of 3,793 COVID-19 patients recovered in Goa on Sunday against the detection of 1,314 fresh infections, while 43 patients lost their life.

The overall caseload in Goa has reached 1,35,856, while the fatality count stands at 2,099. The number of recoveries so far rose to 1,05,505, leaving the state with 28,252 active cases.

Kerala: Covid vaccination began in the state today for those above 18 years of age. People with serious illnesses, including heart disease, are preferred in the first stage. Vaccine is given only to those who are selected after reviewing the medical records at the district level. So far, 1,90,745 people in the priority category have registered. After district level inspections by the health department, only 1421 people were allowed to be vaccinated. Meanwhile, the triple lockdown enforced to curb the spread of Covid-19 came into force in four districts having high case load. It has been imposed in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Malappuram districts. Strict restrictions have been imposed for movement and opening of essential shops. District borders have been closed. Altogether, 29,704 fresh cases were reported yesterday with TPR at 25.61%. So far, a total of 84,90,005 people have been vaccinated in the state. Out of this, 64,86,511 took first dose and 20,03,494 second dose.

Tamil Nadu:TN brings in Oxygen from Amsterdam: the state has received four cryogenic containers of oxygen with a capacity of 20 tonnes each from Amsterdam. State has received its third Oxygen Express from Jharkhand taking the total capacity of medical oxygen delivered to the southern State to 151.4 tonne, Southern Railway said on Sunday. Vedanta Ltd owned Sterlite Copper plant has roped in experts from ISRO to help rectify the technical glitch developed in the cold box of its oxygen plant, leading to a suspension in production of the medical oxygen. TN government forms all-party panel to suggest measures to tackle pandemic. Meanwhile Puducherry UT recorded 32 deaths in the last 24 hours, the highest single-day toll yet, as the toll mounted to 1,151 on Sunday even as 1,961 new cases were detected from 9,446 tests. 33,181 Covid cases and 311 deaths were reported on Sunday in TN. The total death toll in the State stands at 17,670. There are 2,19,342 active cases in the State now of which Chennai accounts for 47,330 of those. Till date 69,41,944 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 50,43,505 received first dose and 18,98,439 received second dose.

**Karnataka:**For the first time since mid-March, when the second wave started raging in the state, the number of active cases have shown a decline, even as Karnataka recorded its highest number of daily discharges that was almost 5,000 more than the fresh Covid cases reported on Sunday. As per the State Government bulletin released for 16-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 31,531; Total Active Cases: 6,00,147; New Covid Deaths: 403; Total Covid Deaths: 21,837. Around 17,462 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,11,88,143 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The State Government has decided to form Decentralised Triage Centres (DTCs) in urban areas to effectively manage the existing cases. 4.25 lakh vials of Remdisivir have been distributed to the state, Union Minister Sadananda Gowda said.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 24,171 new Covid-19 cases after testing 94,550 samples with 101 deaths, while 21,101 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 14,35,491; Active cases: 2,10,436; Discharges: 12,15,683; Deaths: 9372. A total of 75,13,031 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,37,775 first doses and 21,75,256 second doses. The second Oxygen Express with 76.39 MT of LMO arrived at Guntur, with four filled in container tankers on Sunday. The State government has decided to extend the curfew till May end. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy today. The State government has also issued an order sanctioning an amount of Rs. 15,000 towards funeral charges for those who die of coronavirus.

Telangana: State Health Department has postponed the vaccination drive in the state to administer the second dose for 45 Plus due to non-availability of vaccines. Sixth Oxygen Express with six container tankers filled with 120 tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from Odisha reached Hyderabad yesterday. As many as 60,000 doses of the second batch of Russia's Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik-V arrived in Hyderabad yesterday. Meanwhile, 3,816 new daily cases and 27 deaths were reported yesterday taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 5,28,823 and fatalities to 2,955. The number of active cases in the state stands at 50,969.

Assam: The government of Assam is planning to ban inter-district movement of people for a period of 15 days with effect from next Friday to break the chain of COVID-19 transmission, but so far no decision has been taken to impose a full lockdown in the state, said CM Himanta Biswa Sarma. 56 people lost their lives due to COVID-19 infection in the state on Sunday. The state recorded 3,650 new cases in 42,884 test done, the positivity rate being 8.51 percent. Kamrup Metro recorded 1,197 positive cases. The Union Health Ministry has expressed concern following the fact that 25 districts in Assam and 13 districts in Arunachal Pradesh account for more than 10 percent positivity rate in COVID cases. Worried over the hight rate of death of COVID patients at night in Medical colleges and other hospitals, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma has said that senior doctors should also attend duty at night. He also favoured the installation of CCTV cameras in each hospital ward where COVID-19 patients are under treatment.

**Manipur:**677 single day cases, 16 fatalities in last 24 hrs.Chief Minister N Biren Singh has announced that 10 KL tanks of cryogenic Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) will be installed at JNIMS Hospital.To tackle the growing need of medical oxygen in the State as a result of the pandemic's second onslaught, Tribal Affairs and Hills Department will soon be placing orders for oxygen plants that will be installed in six hill districts: TA & Hills minister Vungzagin Valte. The State is all set to begin vaccination of people in the 18-44 age group .The vaccination for the 18-44 years will take place at 16 centres.

**Meghalaya:** The Meghalaya government on Sunday said the COVID-19 active cases in the state are likely to reach 10,000 by the end of May.

"Going by the present trend, the number of active cases would not be less than 8,000 to 10,000 by the end of this month," Health and Family Welfare Principal Secretary, Sampath Kumar said. Meghalaya on Sunday recorded 569 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the active tally to 4,534. The state also continued to record a high number of fatalities as 19 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours taking the tally to 320...

**Sikkim:**Army offers to help Sikkimin fight against pandemic: General Commanding Officer, Black Cat Division Major General Rohit Sawhney called on Chief Minister of Sikkim Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence. During the call on, they discussed the current Covid situation in the state and proposed a collective approach to fight the pandemic. The armed forces offered the assistance of a 40-bed isolation centre for mild cases, repair of civil medical equipment including ambulances and assisting civil authorities for vaccination in high altitude areas in East District. Vaccination for 18+ age group starts in Sikkim.340 new Covid cases 2 deaths, 252 recoveries in Sikkim.

**Tripura:** 761 positive cases which is highest to be recorded ever since last year was recorded along with 10 deaths in last 24 hours. West Tripura against tops in the total number of death and positive cases. Meanwhile state government announced Corona Curfew from May 17 to 26. While 6 Urban Local Bodies and one village in the state has been declared as Containment Zone.

Nagaland: Thirteen more deaths take Nagaland's fatality count to 209 including 11 with co-morbid conditions. 241 fresh cases reported on Sunday. Active cases are 4,100 and tally is 18,076. A total of 2,39,817 doses of Covid vaccine have been inoculated in Nagaland so far. Of them, 1,86,050 are first dose inoculations while 53,767 are second doses. Another consignment of 39,000 doses of Covishield arrives in state on May 15. State also to receive 2000 numbers of two types of oxygen cylinders within

10-15 days.

Centre makes substantial increase in Remdesivir allocation. Nagaland, Meghalaya & Tripura to get 5000 visls each, Arunacha & Mizoram 4000 each, Manipur 6000 vials and Assam 60,000 vials.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 497705. Number of active cases is 75478. Total Deaths reported is 11895. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 828472. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 239834. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2601054. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 432892.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 694427. Total active COVID-19 patients are 90066. Number of deaths is 6685. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4896395.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 55367. Total number of Active Cases is 7644. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 635.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 160240. Total number of Active Cases is 36909. Total deaths reported till date is 2311.

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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- 24-hour Recoveries Outnumber Daily New COVID Cases for Fifth Time in last 6 Days
- More than 20 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs Free of Cost by Govt. of India, so far
- Allocation of Remdesivir made upto 23rd May 2021 to ensure its adequate availability across the country- Shri D.V Sadananda Gowda
- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and the Chief Minister of Haryana dedicate 500-bedded COVID care centre in Panipat

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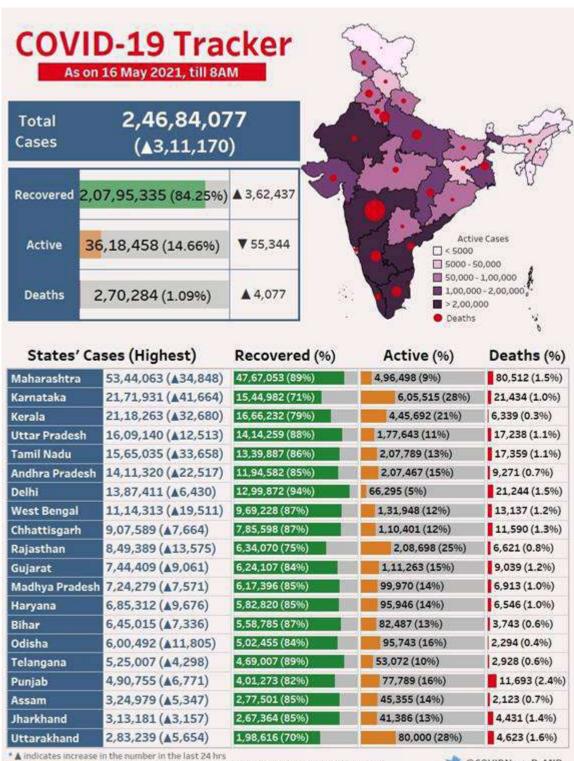
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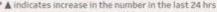




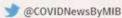








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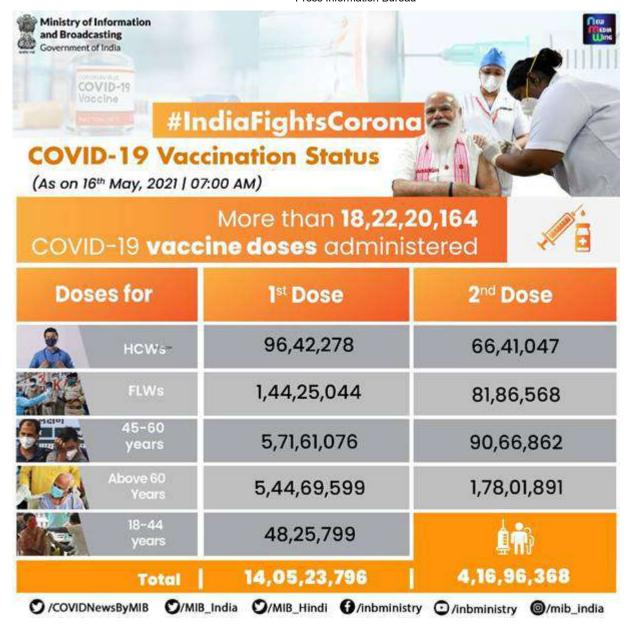












### 24-hour Recoveries Outnumber Daily New COVID Cases for Fifth Time in last 6 Days

- Decline of 55,344 in Active Caseload in the last 24 hours
- India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 18.22 Crore
- More than 48 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated, so far

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## Global Aid to Strengthen India's efforts against COVID continues to be swiftly cleared and sent to States/UTs in a timely manner

Major consignments received on 14/15th May 2021 from Kazakhstan, Japan, Switzerland, Ontario (Canada), USA, Egypt and British Oxygen Co. (UK) include:

Oxygen Concentrators: 100

Vetila ors/BiPAP/CPAP: 50





- Oxygen Cylinder: 300Remdesivir: 40,000
- Masks & Protective Suitshttps://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719105

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#### More than 20 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs Free of Cost by Govt. of India, so far

More than 1.84 crore doses still available with States/UTs to be administered. Nearly 51 lakh doses in addition will be received by States/UTs in next 3 days

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### <u>CoWIN digital Portal Reconfigured to Reflect Change in Dose Interval of Covishield Vaccine to 12-16 weeks</u>

### Already Booked Online appointments for 2nd Covishield Dose will remain Valid; NOT being cancelled by COWIN

The COVID Working Group chaired by Dr N K Arora had recommended extension of the gap between the first and second doses of COVISHIELD vaccine to 12-16 weeks. This has been accepted by Government of India on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Government of India has communicated this change to States and UTs. The CoWIN digital portal has also been reconfigured to reflect this extension of interval for two doses of Covishield to 12-16 weeks.

However, there have been reports in s a section of the media suggesting that people who had pre-booked their appointment for the second dose in less than 84 days on CoWIN are being turned back from vaccination centres without getting the second dose of Covishield.

It is clarified that the requisite changes have now been done in the CoWIN digital portal. As a result, further online or on-site appointments will not be possible if the period after 1st dose date for a beneficiary is less than 84 days.

Additionally, already booked online appointments for 2nd dose of Covishield will remain valid and **are not being cancelled by COWIN**. Further, the beneficiaries are advised to reschedule their appointments for a later date beyond the 84th day from the date of 1st dose vaccination.

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### Allocation of Remdesivir made upto 23rd May 2021 to ensure its adequate availability across the country- Shri D.V Sadananda Gowda

In a letter written to all States by Department of Pharmaceuticals and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it was mentioned that in continuation of the allocation plan of Remdesivir drug for the period 21st April to 16th May, 2021 communicated by D.O of even number issued on 7th May 2021, an updated allocation plan valid for period of 21st April to 23rd May, 2021 is prepared jointly by Department of Pharmaceuticals and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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### Indian Navy Team Repairs Two Major Oxygen Plants in Andhra Pradesh

Teams from Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam achieved a major breakthrough in repairing two major Oxygen Plants at Nellore and Shri Kalahasthi bringing a major boost to the Oxygen Supply in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the ongoing Oxygen crisis. Based on a request from the State Administration, Eastern Naval Command airlifted the teams of specialists from Naval Dockyard by naval Dornier Aircraft from Visakhapatnam. The teams successfully repaired the Oxygen plants this morning by overhauling the compressors and replaced certain adapters and accessories which were manufactured within Naval Dockyard.

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# Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and the Chief Minister of Haryana dedicate 500-bedded COVID care centre in Panipat

This hospital has been constructed by Haryana Government with the support of Indian Oil. Indian Oil Corporation Limited will be supplying gaseous oxygen for the same. The temporary COVID Hospital near the refinery in Panipat has been named Guru Tegh Bahadur Sanjivani COVID Hospital.

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# <u>States/UTs asked to keep Fair Price Shops open for longer duration and preferably all days of week to ensure safe and timely distribution of NFSA/PM-GKAY III food grains</u>

In view of ongoing lock-down in some States/UTs, that may curtail the functioning hours of Fair Price Shop (FPSs), an advisory has been issued on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 by Department of Food and Public Distribution to all States/UTs to keep the Fair Price Shops open preferably on all days of the month and distribute PMGKAY III and NFSA foodgrains to beneficiaries in a staggered manner throughout the day to allow for proper social distancing/ adherence to COVID-19 protocols at Fair Price Shops. To facilitate this, States/UTs have been requested to ensure that Fair Price Shops are exempted from the restricted hours of opening of regular market.

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#### Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 9440 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen to the Nation

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 9440 MT of LMO in nearly 590 tankers to various states across the country. It may be noted that nearly 150 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States.

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Centre directs States to prevent dumping of dead bodies in Ganga and focus on their safe disposal and providing support for ensuring dignified cremation.

The country is facing an extraordinary situation wherein a number of COVID-19 cases and consequential deaths have been on the rise in many States and UTs in the recent past. Dumping of dead bodies/ partially burnt or decomposed corpses in the river Ganga and its tributaries have recently been reported. This is most undesirable and alarming.

Secretary, Ministry of Jal ShaktiShri Pankaj Kumar, on 15<sup>th</sup> May, reviewedthe position and action taken in the states of UP and Bihar wherein States appraised the latest positionand further action points were decided. The Secretary highlighted the instructions already given and wanted expeditious action and also underscored the need to give equal attention to such incidents in urban as well as rural areas along Ganga and other rivers. Stopping of dumping of dead bodies as well as their safe disposal and protection of water quality has to be attended to on war footing. He said that after knowing the progress from states, CWC, CPCB and State Pollution Control Boards would also be giving their feedback and action plans.

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#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**

**Maharashtra:** Looking at the rising cases of mucormycosis in Maharashtra, state health minister Rajesh Tope directed authorities to create a separate ward in government and private medical college hospitals to treat such patients. Tope, also said that independent team of experts and 22 nurses should be formed to treat these patients. Maharashtra on Saturday, reported its lowest daily Covid detections in 46 days. However, the state reported 960 deaths on Saturday, the second highest fatalities reported so far, taking its total toll to 80,512. The state recorded 34,848 new COVID-19 cases and 960 deaths in the last 24 hours.

**Gujarat**: To ramp up production of Covaxin, the Gujarat government, along with Hester Biosciences and OmniBRx, has firmed up its discussions with Bharat Biotech to produce 20 million doses per month, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) said on Saturday. The COVID-19 tally of Gujarat reached 7,44,409 after 9,061 cases were detected on Saturday, while the number of people who were discharged during the day stood at 15,076. The number of deaths from the infection on Saturday was 95, the first time the daily fatality count had fallen below the 100-mark since April 17.

**Rajasthan:** The state government has decided to provide a free Covid-19 kit to all the residents of the state. Medicines like Azithromycin, paracetamol, levocetirizine, zinc sulphate, and ascorbic acid will be included in this kit. Chief Minister Ashok Gehtot in a tweet said "Conducting door-to-door surveys and effectively distributing drug kits will allow timely examination of patients and will make it easier to save lives by obtaining medicines and necessary treatment at the primary level,"In Rajasthan however, the seven-day rolling average of daily cases has dropped by nearly 50,000, from 3.91 lakh on May 8 to 3.54 lakh on Saturday.

Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh government has decided to create special wards in five medical colleges of Bhopal, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Indore and Rewa for the treatment of black fungus.Madhya Pradesh government has extended ban on the movement of passenger buses to and from Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan till May 23 to contain the spread Coronavisus infection.Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauban discussed the Control of Covid infection and black fungus situation

with the leader of Opposition Mr. Kamal Nath. Active cases reduced to below one lakh again in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday showing sign of improvement in corona cases. The state reported 99,970 active cases.

Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, lockdown has been extended in many districts including capital Raipur till 31st of May to break the chain of Covid infection. However, in the fifth phase of the lockdown many commercial activities have been allowed to be conducted. Super markets, vegetable markets, mall, showrooms, swimming pools, clubs, cinema halls, salon, beauty parlors, gyms and other public places will remain closed during the lockdown in these districts. In the fifth phase of the lockdown, along with public service centers, all types of single shops including grocery, fruit, vegetable, hardware, electrical and milk products will be allowed to open till five o'clock in the evening. Customers and shopkeepers have to follow the Covid Protocol. There will be complete lockdown on every Sunday in all districts of the state.

Goa: Goa government announced that it will take over the admission control of 21 private hospitals, which are providing COVID-19 treatment in the state, from May 17 onwards. State government will pay for the treatment at these hospitals and added that a government officer will be stationed at each of these private hospitals. The government officers will ensure that 50 per cent of the beds are reserved for COVID patients. The state government on Saturday installed a Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) storage tank having a capacity of 20,000 litres at Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 490755. Number of active cases is 77789. Total Deaths reported is 11693. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 827323. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 239690. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2596641. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 431745.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 685312. Total active COVID-19 patients are 95946. Number of deaths is 6546. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4852508.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 54703. Total number of Active Cases is 7847. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 625.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 157862. Total number of Active Cases is 39575. Total deaths reported till date is 2241.

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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 18 Crore
- PM chairs a high-level meeting on Covid and vaccination related situation
- AIIMS doctors provide guidance on Medication and Care for Mild COVID-19 Patients
- Government Supports Augmentation of Manufacturing Capacity for COVAXIN production under Mission COVID <u>Suraksha</u>
- Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 8700 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen to the Nation

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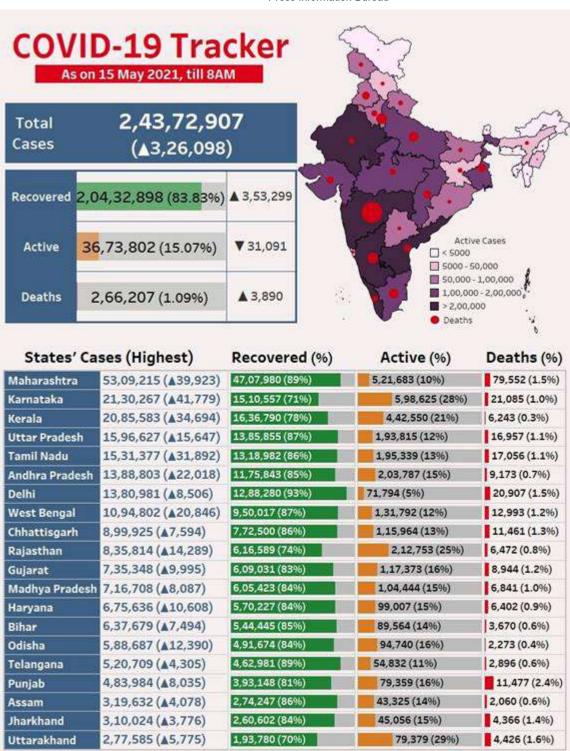
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### India's Cumulative **Vaccination Coverage:**

More then 18 Crore doses administered



More than 42 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 years vaccinated in Phase-3 of the world's #LargestVaccinationDrive

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### **India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 18 Crore**

- More than 42 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated, so far
- 24-hour Recoveries Outnumber Daily New COVID Cases for Fourth Time in last Five Days
- Decline of 31,091 in Active Caseload in the last 24 hours
- Foreign Aid of Relief Materials to combat COVID19 continues to be swiftly cleared, apportioned and sent to States/UTs

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### AIIMS doctors provide guidance on Medication and Care for Mild COVID-19 Patients

The commonly observed symptoms among COVID-19 patients are fever, dry cough, tiredness and loss of taste or smell. Irritation in throat, headache, body ache, diarrhea, rash on skin and redness in eyes are also deserved in rare cases. If you observe any of these symptoms, you should immediately isolate

yourself from others. This was informed by Dr. Neeraj Nishchal of AIIMS Delhi, during a webinar on "Medication and Care in Home Isolation", for patients who are tested positive for COVID-19. The webinar was organized by The Centre of Excellence of the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

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### The Inflow of Foreign Aid to combat COVID continues to be swiftly cleared, apportioned and sent to States/UTs

Nearly 11,000 Oxygen Concentrators; more than 13,000 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; more than 6,800 ventilators/Bi PAP; ~4.9 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched so far

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### PM chairs a high-level meeting on Covid and vaccination related situation

- Testing has gone up from around 50 lakh tests per week in early March to around 1.3 crore tests per week now
- Localised containment strategies are the need of the hour: PM
- PM instructed that testing needs to be scaled up further in areas with high test positivity rates
- PM asks for augmentation of healthcare resources in rural areas to focus on door to door testing & surveillance.
- Empower ASHA & Anganwadi workers with all necessary tools to boost fight in rural areas: PM
- Important to ensure proper distribution of oxygen supply in rural areas: PM
- Necessary training should be provided to health workers in the operation of ventilators & other equipment: PM

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# Relaxations provided under Gas Cylinders Rules, 2016, so as to fast track approvals for imported cylinders and pressure vessels for storage and transportation of medical oxygen

Government of India has reviewed the existing procedure for approval of global manufacturers for importing oxygen cylinders by Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organization (PESO). In view of the COVID pandemic, PESO shall not carry out physical inspection of global manufacturers' production facilities before grant of such approval. Now, such approvals shall be granted online without any delay on submission of manufacturer's particulars; ISO certificate of manufacturer; List of Cylinders their specifications, drawings & batch number; Hydro test certificate and Third-Party inspection Certificate.

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### Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 8700 MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen to the Nation









Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 8700 MT of LMO in more than 540 tankers to various states across the country.

It may be noted that 139 Oxygen Expresses have completed their journey so far and brought relief to various States. Till the time of this release, 6 loaded Oxygen Expresses on run with more than 475 MT of LMO in 35 tankers. Oxygen Expresses have been delivering nearly 800 MT of LMO to the Nation each day for last few days.

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### <u>DST supported startup develops affordable test kits for early diagnosis of Covid-19 in rural & resource constraint areas</u>

A Mumbai-based startup is ready with its affordable **Rapid Antigen Test** that offers **COVID 19 diagnosis & surveillance** at the cost of Rs 100 per test. The test developed by **Patanjali Pharma** will complement the gold standard RTPCR & Rapid antigen tests and make it one of the most affordable ones available in the market

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### Government Supports Augmentation of Manufacturing Capacity for COVAXIN production under Mission COVID Suraksha

To augment the capacity of Indigenous production of Covaxin under the Mission, the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India in April, 2021 provided financial support as Grant to vaccine manufacturing facilities for enhanced production capacities, which is expected to reach more than 10 crore doses per month by September, 2021.

As a part of this augmentation plan, capacities of Bharat Biotech Limited, Hyderabad as well as other public sector manufactures are being upgraded with required infrastructure and technology. Financial support is being provided as grant from GoI to the tune of approx. Rs 65 Cr to Bharat Biotech's new Bangalore facility which is being repurposed to increase the capacity of vaccine production.

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#### 110 Medical Cadets commissioned as Medical Officers into AFMS

Ninety four cadets were commissioned into the Indian Army, 10 in the Indian Air Force and six in the Indian Navy. The newly commissioned medical officers were administered the oath of allegiance to the Constitution of India by Col Training, AFMC Col AK Shakya. The Passing Out Parade had to be called off for the first time since 1982, keeping in mind the Covid-19 restrictions.

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### <u>Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh despatches second consignment COVID related material for his</u> <u>Lok Sabha constituency of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda.</u>

Dr Jitendra Singh disclosed that among the various items included are 80,000 Face Masks and nearly 1,000 packs of Hand sanitisers, besides a wide range of accessories and articles for use in COVID pandemic. He recalled that the first consignment of similar material was dispatched by him on the same day when he had tested COVID negative after undergoing hospitalization for symptomatic infection.

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### BBMB waging a war from the front against COVID -19 at Nangal

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD under the Ministry of Power has stepped forward to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the second wave of COVID pandemic.

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#### NTPC augments COVID Care Facilities across the country

NTPC Ltd, India's largest integrated energy company, under Ministry of Power has added more than 500 beds with oxygen support and more than 1100 isolation beds across plants in various states to provide support to the critical Covid care. In NCR region, the company has set up Covid care centres with facility of 200 oxygen supported beds and 140 isolation beds in Badarpur, Noida & Dadri. Further, the company has set up a 500-bed covid health centre at Sundargarh in Odisha where 20 ventilators have been provided.

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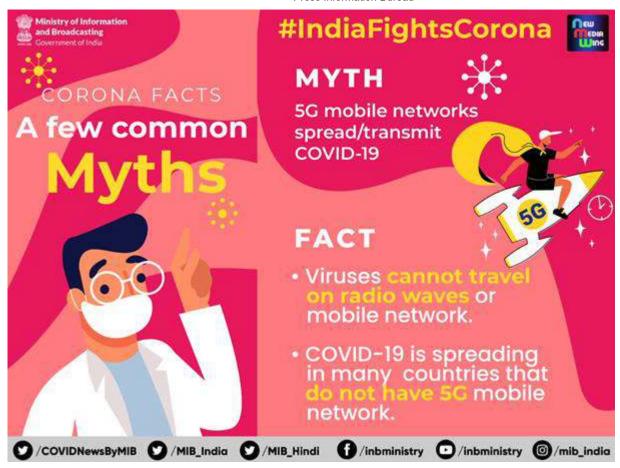
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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- India's Cumulative Recoveries exceed 2 Crore
- Union Government to supply nearly 1 crore 92 lakh of COVID vaccines to States/UTs, Free of Cost, during the Fortnight of 16th-31st May
- Relaxation in procurement rules for containment of COVID-19 pandemic
- Mega make-shift COVID centre set up at Kochi Refinery premises

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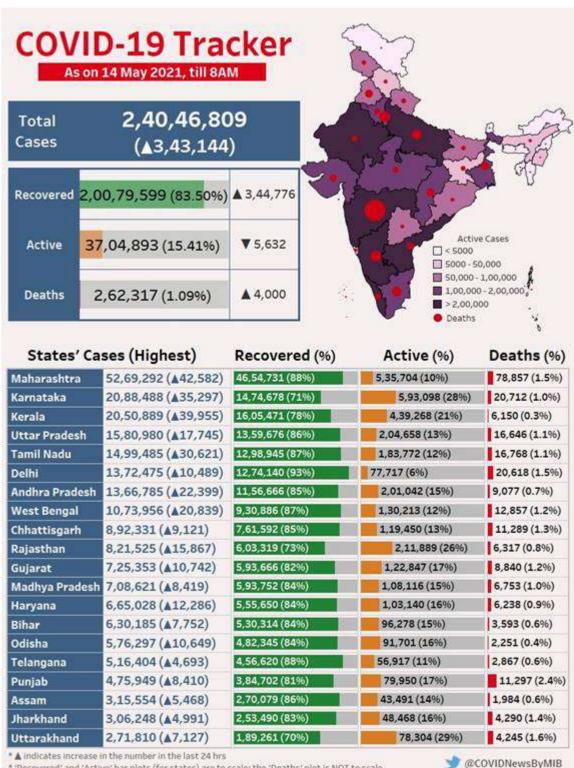
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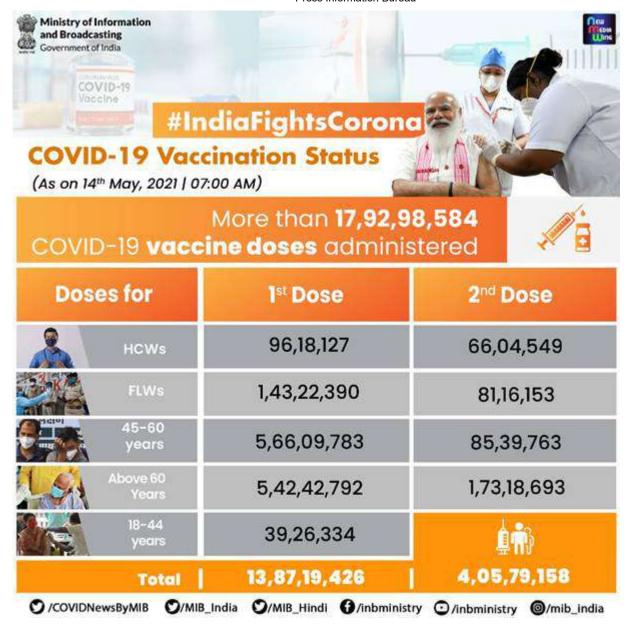












#### **India's Cumulative Recoveries exceed 2 Crore**

- 24-hour Recoveries Outnumber Daily New COVID Cases for Third Time in last Four Days
- Decline of 5,632 in Active Caseload in the last 24 hours
- India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage steadily nearing 18 Crore
- More than 39 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated, so far
- Government of India continues to Expeditiously Allocate and Deliver Global Aid to States/UTs through a "Whole of Government" approach

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Stay Safe from Mucormycosis - a Fungal Complication being Detected in COVID-19 Patients

Control Diabetes, Use Steroids Judiciously, Keep Good Hygiene, Don't Self-Medicate

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### <u>Union Government to supply nearly 192 lakh of COVID vaccines to States/UTs, Free of Cost, during the Fortnight of 16th-31st May</u>

The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country is nearly 18 Crore (17.93 Crore, as per the 7 am provisional report today). COVID-19 vaccination drive has successfully completed 118 days wherein 17.89 Crore doses have been administered to the identified beneficiaries through collaborative efforts of all States/UTs. India is the fastest country globally to reach the 17 crore target in 114 days. USA took 115 days and China took 119 days to administer the same amount of doses.

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#### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

The Inflow of Foreign Aid to combat COVID continues to be swiftly cleared, apportioned and sent to States/UTs

More than 10,000 Oxygen Concentrators; more than 12,000 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; more than 6,400 ventilators/Bi PAP; ~4.2 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched so far

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#### **Update on Ventilators Installed in Aurangabad**

### Ad-hoc Installation without guidance from Manufacturer in Hospitals; Improper Fitting of Oxygen Mask cause of non-optimal functioning in at least one Ventilator

Government of India has been supporting the efforts of States and UTs for effective management of COVID patients in hospital care, under the 'Whole of Government' approach since last year. In order to augment the existing hospital infrastructure, the Union Government has been centrally procuring and providing States/UTs/Central Hospitals/ Institutes with essential medical devices including ventilators since April 2020.

There have been some media reports suggesting that 'Make in India' ventilators in the Aurangabad district of Maharashtra were not functioning optimally. These reports are baseless and incorrect, not supported by full information on the matter.

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### PM releases 8th instalment of financial benefit under PM-KISAN; Government is fighting COVID-19 with all its might

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released 8<sup>th</sup> instalment of financial benefit of Rs 2,06,67,75,66,000 to 9,50,67,601 beneficiary farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme today via video conferencing. Prime Minister also interacted with farmer beneficiaries during the event. Union Agriculture Minister was also present on the occasion.









Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said for the first time, the farmers of West Bengal would be getting the benefit of this scheme. He lauded the efforts of the farmers who have made record produce in food grains and horticulture amidst the difficulties during this pandemic. He said Government is also setting new records in procurement at MSP every year. Paddy procurement at MSP had set new records and now wheat procurement at MSP is also setting new records. He added that so far this year, about 10 percent more wheat has been procured at MSP, compared to last year. So far, about Rs. 58,000 crores for wheat procurement has reached the farmers' account directly.

Prime Minister remarked that the Government is constantly trying to provide new solutions and new options in farming. Promoting organic farming is also one of such effort. Organic farming delivers more profit and is now being practiced across the nation by young farmers. He said that now organic farming is being practised on both banks of Ganga and within a radius of about 5 kilometers, so that the Ganga remains clean.

Prime Minister stressed that during this COVID-19 pandemic, Kisan Credit Card's deadline has been extended and instalments can now be renewed by 30 June. He said more than 2 crore Kisan Credit Cards have been issued in recent years.

Prime Minister said that this once in a century pandemic is challenging the world, as it is an invisible enemy in front of us. He said the Government is fighting COVID-19 with all its might and ensuring that every government department is working day & night to ease the pain of the nation.

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## From 126 MT of Oxygen to 7900 MT of Oxygen in 20 days; beginning with the first delivery on 24th April, Railways upscale it's Oxygen Express operations to deliver Oxygen relief to 12 States

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered nearly 7900 MT of LMO in nearly 500 tankers to various states across the country.

Oxygen Expresses have been delivering nearly 800 MT of LMO to the Nation each day for last few days.

It may be noted that Oxygen Expresses started their deliveries 20 days back on 24th April 2021 in Maharashtra with a load of 126 MT of LMO.

In just 20 days time, Railways has upscaled it's Oxygen Express operations to deliver nearly 7900 MT of Medical Oxygen to 12 States.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718660

#### Mega make-shift COVID centre set up at Kochi Refinery premises

A 100-bed make-shift COVID treatment centre opened today at BPCL's Kochi Refinery operated school, adjacent to its premises, in Ambalamugal, Kerala. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a 'Maharatna' PSU under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, will provide











free Oxygen, power and water to the Centre. The oxygen will be supplied through a dedicated stainless steel pipeline. The medical facility will have 100 beds in the first phase, which will be later expanded to accommodate 1,500 beds, in the same premises.

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### Relaxation in procurement rules for containment of COVID-19 pandemic

The Government of India has exempted the public procurement of supplies required for containment of COVID-19 global pandemic from the applicability of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017. The order issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry says that the aforesaid exemption shall be applicable till 30.09.2021.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718515

### <u>Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs), BPPI and other stakeholders join hands to make available the essential medicines and other items at affordable prices</u>

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs), Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), Distributors and other stakeholders have come together and are contributing in the fight against the current wave of Covid 19 pandemic.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718623

#### Launch of Defence National OPD on e-Sanjeevani portal

In order to mitigate the criticality of inadequate availability of specialised medical manpower, veteran defence doctors have come forward answering the call of the nation to provide free online consultation services on the e-Sanjeevani platform. This will help on making the invaluable experience of veteran defence medical professionals available to fellow citizens of the country.

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### <u>Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh says, Community Management of COVID is equally important along with medical and administrative measures</u>

Says, Vaccination is key priority in all the 6 districts of Udhampur Constituency

Dr Jitendra Singh also sought the views of public representatives regarding the expenditure of Rs 2.5 crore allocated recently from his MP Fund for COVID related measures. He said, he had taken this decision in view of the unprecedented crisis arising out of the pandemic, for which each one of us is expected to contribute whatever resources are available. He said, this fund could be utilised for establishing Oxygen plants or for purchase of oximeters, masks, sanitizer, PPE kits, Oxygen cylinders and other Covid related items.

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#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

### #Unite2FightCorona #IndiaFightsCoronaVirus

- Please inform at the #NationalChildHelpline (1098) if you know any child who needs care and protection. pic.twitter.com/Ba7JGbVPAS
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### #Unite2FightCorona #IndiaFightsCorona

- ♦If you know any child who has lost both parents to COVID and there is no one to take care of her/him, please inform at Childline (1098), 24x7, free, phone emergency outreach service for children in need of care and protection. pic.twitter.com/w0Y29vXmcu
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#### INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

**Maharashtra:** Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has formed a committee of experts from the health department and doctors to conduct research on coronavirus. The Committee will analyse various strains of coronavirus, their impact on humans etc. Additional Commissioner Suresh Kakani said, the Committee will also keep an eye on the new viruses and probable impacts by them. The Civic body is also planning to open a Super speciality hospital for the treatment of various diseases. Maharashtra recorded less than 50,000 new Covid-19 cases for 5th day in a row yesterday. Maharashtra on Thursday reported a decline in the state's new Covid-19 caseload. The state reported 42,582 new Covid-19 cases on May 13 as against 46,781 cases reported on May 12.

**Gujarat:** With the Centre increasing the gap between two doses of Covishield, vaccination for those above the age of 45 years in Gujarat has been halted for three days from May 14.Gujarat reported 10,742 new Covid-19 cases and 109 deaths on Thursday, taking its overall infection tally to 7,25,353 and fatality count to 8,840, the health department said.

**Rajasthan**: Rajasthan hasn't witnessed any dip in the positivity rate since last week despite fewer number of RT-PCR tests being conducted. The Rajasthan government will purchase vaccines from abroad to speed up the coronavirus vaccination process in the state and a global tender will be issued for the same. Along with this, the government has also approved direct purchase of coronavirus treatment drugs and equipment from companies.









Madhya Pradesh: Pradesh government on Thursday announced 5,000 rupees per month pension to families who have lost their earning members and bread earners due to Corona pandemic and free education for orphaned children. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that several families are facing severe financial crisis due to COVID and state government will ensure all possible help to such families. Madhya Pradesh for the consecutive fourth day registered less than 10,000 cases. State reported 8,419 fresh cases and 74 fatalities while 10,157 patients recovered from infection. The number of active cases in the state stands at 1 lakh 08 thousand. More than 60 thousand tests are being conducted every day. Under the Mukhyamantri Covid Kalyan Yojana, 2280 patients are being treated free of cost. State government is also taking strong action against black marketing of Remdesivir injection. So far 75 persons have been sent to jail under NSA.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh is recording a steady decline in cases of Corona infection. The state's health department has also begun preparations to deal with the challenges of a possible third wave of corona infection. Chhattisgarh government will bear all education and other expenses of the children who have been orphaned due to Covid-19. This scheme will be implemented from this financial year itself. Apart from this, scholarship will also be given to such children. A helpline number has been issued to identify such children in many districts of the state. Also, arrangements are being made to accommodate them in various shelter homes.

Goa: Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has said that the state would launch the vaccination drive for those in the 18-44 age group from Saturday. The CM tweeted that the vaccine will be administered free of cost across Goa through 35 government centres. The government has received around 32,870 doses of the Covishield vaccine from the Serum Institute of India. The daily COVID positivity rate in Goa witnessed a significant decline. The positivity rate dropped to 35.16 per cent from 41.40 per cent. The state government on Thursday appointed a three-member committee to inquire into the oxygen crisis at the Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim. Director-IIT Goa Dr B K Mishra will be chairperson of the panel.

Assam: As many as 75 persons lost their lives due to COVID-19 in the state on Thursday. The state recorded 5,468 positive cases in the last 24 hours, the overall positivity rate being 9.18 percent. Kamrup (Metro) reported 1,173 cases. Health Minister Keshab Mahanta said that although the State government was not in favour of announcing a lockdown, it might be forced to do so in the urban areas if the situation worsens. The State Health Department said that there is no scarcity of COVID-19 beds as of now in the state. Till May 11, all government hospitals in the state together had 10,844 isolation beds, 1,751 oxygen supported beds, 686 ICU beds for COVID-19 patients against 5,233 active COVID-19 patients in hospitals and 421 patients in oxygen supported beds. The State Education department has rescheduled the month long summer vacations for classes 1 to 12, making it from May 15 to June 14, 2021 instead of the usual July 1 to July 31, in order to minimise the loss of academic days in view of the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The 4 Crops of the Indian Army has set up 45 oxygen beds and 5 ICU Beds at the Tezpur Medical College Hospital in a record time of just 3 days.

**Meghalaya:**Meghalaya recorded all-time high 591 fresh cases in a single day on Thursday while 18 more fatalities on the day pushed the death toll to 268.

With this, the total number of active cases in the state has jumped to 3,726. The Health department is all set to start the vaccination drive for the 18-44 age group under the third phase of vaccination from Friday A statement from the NHM Mission Director said that registration for the vaccination on the

CoWIN portal (www.cowin.gov.in) began on April 28 and booking of slots at designated COVID vaccination centres opened on May 13.All the government facilities throughout the state have slots of 100 vaccines per day except Rynjah State Dispensary and Shillong Civil Hospital which have 150 slots.

**Sikkim:**Sikkim loses record number of 9 lives to Covid; Toll climbs to 19O: 231 new cases of novel coronavirus were reported in the last24 hours in Sikkim taking the state's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 to 10,623. There are now 2,946 active cases of coronavirus in Sikkim.

Nagaland: Nagaland registered 12 Covid deaths on Thursday and also reported

highest single day spike for the 2nd day in a row with 366 new cases. Nagaland goes to total lockdown from 6 pm today. Lockdown period ends on May 21.Covid vaccination for 18-44 yrs age group set to begin in Nagaland on May 17. State Health Dept officials said the state received 36,580 doses of Covishield from Serum Institute of India on Wednesday. Over 600 persons penalized for violation of night curfew and containment zone restrictions in Kohima over the week.

Kerala: The Kerala High Court today asked the Centre to inform when they can deliver the COVID vaccine share of Kerala, by May 21. The Union government informed the Court that the vaccine supply is not under their direct control and a high-level committee appointed by the Supreme Court is in charge of it. Pointing out that COVID cases are increasing in Kerala day by day the Court said the Centre should consider the present situation in the state. Meanwhile, 39,955 new Covid cases along with 97 deaths were reported yesterday. TPR is at 28.61%. Considering the surge in Covid cases, the state government has decided to conduct more antigen tests in the state following ICMR guidelines. Antigen testing booths will be set up in coastal areas and slums for this purpose. Testing facility will be arranged for 24 hours a day at railway stations and bus stands. The Covid vaccination which was to be held in Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam districts today has been postponed, due to the red alert declared by IMD due to heavy rains. So far, a total of 82,39,454 people have been vaccinated in the state. Out of this, 62,79,381 had first dose and 19,60,073 second dose.

**Tamil Nadu:** The State received 80 MT of oxygen today by the Oxygen Express train which arrived from Durgapur in West Bengal. After facing acute shortage of medical oxygen with several hospitals in the state not being able to accommodate patients for want of oxygen beds, the Tamil Nadu state government has issued guidelines for optimal usage of oxygen. DMK MPs and MLAs would offer their one-month salary to the CM's Relief Fund to help Tamil Nadu in its fight against Covid19. With 30,608 more new Covid cases on Thursday, a total of 14,99,485 Covid cases have been reported in the State so far, with 1,83,772 active cases. As many as 297 more deaths were reported. The death toll stands at 16,178. Till date 68,22,834 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 49,78,091 received first dose and 18,44,743 received second dose.

Karnataka: New Cases Reported: 35,297; Total Active Cases: 5,93,078; New Covid Deaths: 344; Total Covid Deaths: 20,712. Around 68,658 were vaccinated yesterday and with this a total of 1,09,76,189 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The government has ordered all state ministers to pay a year's salary as donation to the Covid relief fund. Dy CM and head of State Covid Task Force, Dr. CN Ashwatha Narayan has said that 5 lakhs of Remdesivir injections will be imported through a global tender

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 22,399 new Covid-19 cases after testing 96,446 samples with 89 deaths, while 18,638 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 74,13,446 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,32,845 first doses and 20,80,601 second doses. The state government on Thursday issued global tenders for Covid vaccines which are likely to be opened by June 3 with a pre-bid meeting on May 20 or 22. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said, in Andhra Pradesh alone, over seven crore doses would be required to cover all those above 18 years, but the Centre has given only 73 lakh doses till date. Referring to the oxygen supply to Covid patients, the Chief Minister directed the officials to increase the capacity of oxygen reserves in hospitals with appropriate measures to prevent technical snags in supply. Meanwhile, Principal Secretary (Health) Anil Kumar Singhal said that the treatment for Covid-19 being provided in private hospitals under YSR Aarogyasri has been streamlined and it is totally cashless now.

**Telangana:**State Health Department has decided to administer only 'Second Dose' of covid vaccine till end of this month. The fourth Oxygen Express to Telangana with six cryogenic tankers carrying 120 Metric Tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) reached Hyderabad yesterday. As many as 4,693 new Covid infections and 33 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday taking the death toll to 2,867 and the total caseload to 5,16,404. The number of Active cases in the State now stands at 56,917. Coming to vaccination programme in the state, a total of 1045 people under various categories received first dose and 38,510 people second dose yesterday in the state. The cumulative number of people who have received first dose in the state stands at 43,75,396 and second dose at 11,03,872. State Public Health Director Dr.G.Sreenivasa Rao said there is a clearly visible downward trend of Covid infections, fatalities and hospital admissions across Telangana. The trend is being attributed to a combination of factors including two weeks of night curfew, a series of containment strategies implemented by the State government and Covid-19 precautions wholeheartedly embraced by the public.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 475949. Number of active cases is 79950. Total Deaths reported is 11297. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 817002. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 238127. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2583802. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 425877.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 665028. Total active COVID-19 patients are 103140. Number of deaths is 6238. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4756185.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 53393. Total number of Active Cases is 8441. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 609.

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- **India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 17.72 Crore**
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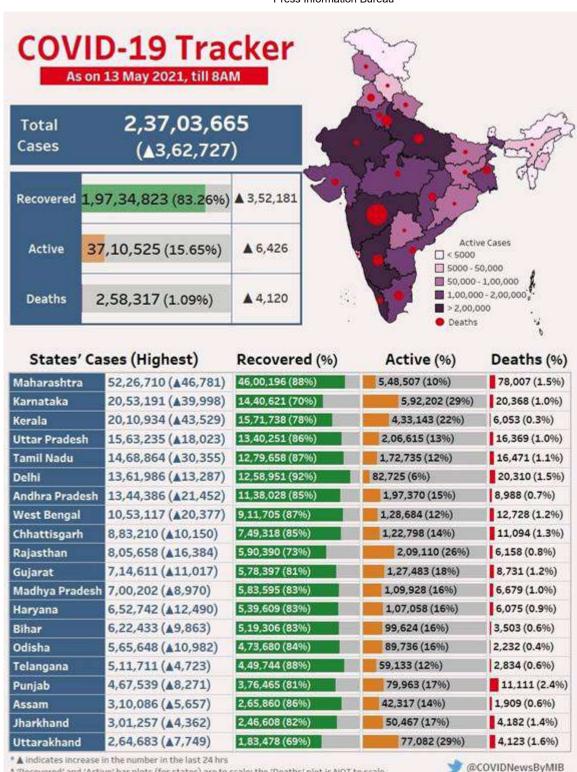
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#### **India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 17.72 Crore**

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- 4,31,285 beneficiaries of the age group 18-44 years received their first dose of COVID vaccine in the last 24 hours and cumulatively **34,80,618** across 30 States/UTs since the start of phase-3 of vaccination drive. Table below shows the cumulative vaccine doses administered to 18-44 years age group till now.
- India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,97,34,823 today. The National Recovery Rate is 83.26%.
- The National Mortality Rate (Frently stands at 1.032)





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# More than Half a Crore patients served by the National Telemedicine Service (eSanjeevani) during the COVID-19Pandemic

• Daily, over 1500 doctors serve patients remotely through eSanjeevani telemedicine platform

Few States working towards rolling out special Home Isolation OPDs wherein patients can be screened remotely for COVID-19 by final year MBBS students

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### DCGI approves Phase II/III clinical trial of COVAXIN in the age group of 2 to 18 Years

The National Regulator of the country, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), after careful examination, has accepted the recommendation of Subject Expert Committee (SEC) and accorded permission to conduct the Phase II/III clinical trial of Covaxin (COVID vaccine) in the age group 2 to 18 years, to its manufacturer Bharat Biotech Ltd on 12.05.2021.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718192

### **Update on Ventilators Supplied under PM CARES**

"Made in India" Ventilators have strengthened Infrastructure of Hospitals for Effective COVID management. All Technical Assistance being provided by Manufacturers for their Glitch-free Operation.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718183

# <u>Gap between two doses of Covishield Vaccine extended from 6-8 weeks to 12-16 weeks based on recommendation of COVID Working Group</u>

The COVID Working Group chaired by Dr N K Arora has recommended extension of the gap between the first and second doses of COVISHIELD vaccine to 12-16 weeks. The present gap between the two doses of COVISHIELD vaccine is 6-8 weeks.

Based on the available real-life evidences, particularly from UK, the COVID-19 Working Group agreed for increasing the dosing interval to 12-16 weeks between two doses of COVISHIELD vaccine. No change in interval of COVAXIN vaccine doses was recommended.

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<u>Update on Covid Relief Aid: Through a "Whole of Government" approach, Govt of India has expeditiously Allocated and Delivered Global Aid to States/UTs</u>











Government of India has been receiving international donations and aid of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27 April 2021 from different countries/organisations to augment its efforts in fighting the unprecedented surge in COVID in the country. Through a streamlined and systematic mechanism under the "Whole of Government" approach, various Ministries/Departments of Government of India have seamlessly collaborated for expeditiously delivering the incoming global aid to States and UTs.



Cumulatively, 9,294 Oxygen Concentrators; 11,835 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 6,439 ventilators/Bi PAP; nearly 4.22 L Remdesivir vials delivered/dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 12th May 2021.



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# <u>Union Government consistently and proactively working to secure and enhance the Availability of COVID Vaccines</u>

There have been reports in a section of the media followed by some uninformed tweets alleging delay in licensing for Covaxin and delayed approval for technology transfer for manufacturing COVAXIN vaccine in the country.

These news reports and the content mentioned in the tweet are completely baseless and factually incorrect.

The Union Government is consistently and proactively working to secure and enhance the availability of vaccines. Government of India, in its new liberalized strategy, has made specific provisions that vaccines for COVID-19, which have been developed & are being manufactured in foreign countries and which have been granted emergency use authorization by National Regulators of United States, European Medicine Agency (EU), United kingdom, Japan or which are listed in WHO (Emergency Use Listing), will be granted emergency use approval in India. It also provides for post-approval parallel bridging clinical trial in place of conduct of prior local clinical trial as per the provisions prescribed under Second Schedule of the New Drugs & Clinical Trials Rules 2019. This is a radical departure from past allowing rapid and simplified authorization of foreign vaccines by Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718332

### Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 7115 MT of Medical Oxygen to the Nation

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered nearly 7115 MT of LMO in more than 444 tankers to various states across the country. Yesterday Oxygen Expresses delivered nearly 800 MT of LMO to the Nation.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718326

Total 156 empty oxygen tankers, 526 oxygen concentrators and 140 oxygen cylinders transported.

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#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**

Maharashtra: The Maharashtra Government has extended the current Covid-19 restrictions in the state till 7am on 1st June. The state has also made a negative RT-PCR report mandatory for those entering the state. The test report will have to be issued within 48 hours before the time of entry into the state.

Maharashtra Government has temporarily suspended the vaccination drive for 18-44 age group due to shortage of vaccines. Maharashtra's Health Minister Rajesh Tope said the state cabinet has decided that all the doses purchased for this age group will now be diverted for the 45 category.

Gujarat: In Gujarat, the fortnight-long "Maru Gam, Corona Mukt Gam" programme organised by the Gujarat government to control the spread of Covid-19 in the villages, has been extended for five more days till May 20. Jaydrathsinh Parmar, Minister of State for Panchayats, said a total of 15,322 Covid care centres have been set up within 14,236 gram panchayats, where 1,37,000 lakh beds have been readied to isolate and provide primary treatment for those detected with mild symptoms.

Gujarat recorded 11,017 new cases of COVID19 yesterday. Maximum 2795 new cases were reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 781 new cases. 102 patients lost their lives yesterday.

**Rajasthan**: In Rajasthan, the State Government has decided to import 1,00,00,000 COVID vaccine doses. The state also approved the proposals for relaxation in financial procedures for the purchase and transportation of life-saving drugs, oxygen concentrators and other medical equipment. The State Government has also started the work to develop necessary facilities in children hospitals amidst warning of the third and fourth wave. Meanwhile, a lion has tested positive for COVID-19 in Nahargarh Biological Park of Jaipur. Nahargarh Biological Park had already been closed for tourists last month.

Madhya Pradesh: In Pradesh, the number of fresh Coronavirus infections is continuously declining. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that in areas where the positivity rate has gone below five per cent, Corona curfew will be gradually lifted in the districts after 17th of May. Black fungal infection' treatment units with operation theatres (OTs) will be opened in Bhopal and Jabalpur. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed that so far, 50 black fungal infection cases have come to notice in the state. The State government is also devising a preventive strategy against black fungal infection which includes measures such as rational use of steroids in COVID patients by doctors and educating patients to identify the primary signs of the disease.

**Chhattisgarh:** Chhattisgarh has launched CG Teeka web portal to enable the disadvantaged section of its population to register for Covid-19 vaccination programme through help desks, to be set up at hundreds of locations across the state.

Amid the second wave of Coronavirus infection, there have also been some cases of black fungus infection. Taking stock of these cases, the State Government has started efforts to control this disease. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has directed the Health Department to ensure availability of medicines needed for the treatment of Black Fungus infection in various districts after some cases of this disease came to the fore

Goa: Following the high court directions that Covid-19 negative certificate is mandatory for all those entering the state, Goa police has strengthened its apparatus at the state's borders to ensure that the directions are strictly complied with. In a bid to ensure that Goa Medical College gets adequate supply of oxygen, the state government has started calibrating the supply of oxygen to private hospitals and primary health centres.

Kerala: The State government is considering an extension of the lockdown as the Covid-19 numbers and test positivity rate show no signs of abating. A final decision will be made after considering the Covid-19 figures on Friday and Saturday. The Health Department and expert committee have recommended an extension of the lockdown. However, there are also suggestions that strict lockdown needs to be enforced in only areas with high TPR. The state recorded 43,520 new Covid cases yesterday. 95 new fatalities were also confirmed, mounting the death toll to 6053. TPR also increased and touched at 29.75%. Meanwhile, Id-ul-Fitr is being celebrated in the state today under strict Covid restrictions. Following appeal from religious leaders, faithful offered their Eid prayers at home. So far, a total of 82,00,528 people has taken vaccine in the state. 62,62,809 took first dose and 19,37,719 people had their second dose.

Tamil Nadu: Chief Minster MK Stalin, on Thursday, wrote a letter to PM seeking suspension of GST for Covid drugs and vaccines. Chief Minister further urged the centre to relax the debt-to-GDP ratio of state governments from 3% to 4% to enable state governments to obtain debt in such difficult times. An all-party meeting chaired by CM is being held today to discuss the steps to be taken to tackle the Covid-19 crisis. Vedanta Ltd owned Sterlite Copper has commenced production of medical oxygen at its facility in Tamil Nadu and the first batch of 'medical grade oxygen' was dispatched today. The first Oxygen Express for Tamil Nadu from Indian Railways carrying 80 metric tonnes (MT) of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) on Wednesday left from Durgapur railway station in West Bengal. Following submission by the Centre that over a lakh oxygen generator, developed by DRDO, has been sanctioned under the PM Cares Fund for installation, the Madras High Court on Wednesday sought the Tamil Nadu Government to immediately seek for such installation to augur the growing oxygen demand in the State. TN recorded 30,355 new COVID-19 cases in the single biggest day spike so far on Wednesday, pushing the caseload to 14,68,864 while 293 deaths in the last 24 hours took the toll to 16,471 and 1,72,735 active cases. Till date 67,38,923 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 49,37,244 received first dose and 18,01,679 received second dose.

**Karnataka:**New Cases Reported: 39998; Total Active Cases: 592182; New Covid Deaths: 517; Total Covid Deaths: 20368. Around 88,437 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,08,82,080 have been vaccinated in the state till now. Due to inadequate supply and lack of inventory, the state government has decided to discontinue vaccination for those in the age group of 18-44 years, decided to give second dose on top priority to 45-year-old. The central government has told the High Court that the quantity of Remdisivir supplied to the state has been increased to 5.75 lakh.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 21,452 new Covid-19 cases after testing 90,750 samples with 89 deaths, while 19,095 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 13,44,386; Active cases: 1,97,370; Discharges: 11,38,028; Deaths: 8988. A total of 73,73,521 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,30,276 first doses and 20,43,245 second doses. State Health Minister and that the oxygen appecity will be increased from present 517 MT to 600

MT. Besides, monitoring cells will be set up to prevent wastage of oxygen. He said task force committees were formed to prevent black marketing of Remdesivir injections. Meanwhile, restrictions were lifted for the ambulances coming from Andhra Pradesh into Telangana at check post at Ramapuram crossroad in Kodad mandal after High Court gave directions to Telangana government.

Telangana: State—level Task Force on Covid headed by State Minister for Industries Shri K.T.Rama Rao held its first meeting on Wednesday and decided to procure Covid-related medicines and other medical equipment required in Govt hospitals for next three months. During a video conference with Union Health Minister Dr.Harsh Vardhan yesterday, State Finance Minister Shri T. Harish Rao requested the Central Government to enhance the supply of vaccine doses and other essentials required for treating the Covid-19 patients. Meanwhile, the State reported 4,723 new Covid infections and 31 fatalities yesterday taking the death toll to 2,834 and the total caseload to 5,11,711. The number of active cases in Telangana now stands at 59,133.

Assam: The Assam government on Wednesday ordered shutting of all offices, religious places and weekly markets for 15 days in urban and semi-urban areas of the state, besides banning the movement of people from 2 pm to 5 am in the wake of the rising COVID-19 cases. Issuing a new set of guidelines for the urban and semi-urban places in the periphery of 5 km of municipal areas, Chief Secretary Jishnu Barua said all standalone shops and commercial establishments shall shut down at 1 pm on all days. 71 people died of COVID-19 in the State on Wednesday when 5,657 new positive cases were reported. In Kamrup (M) 1,456 cases were reported. The COVID-19 positivity rate in the State is 8.8 percent. The State Health department, like in other states, is planning to prioritize the second dose beneficiaries in order to ensure that they get the second jab on time. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday assigned specific districts to the ministers of his Cabinet to monitor the COVID-19 situation and ensure necessary guidance to administration of the respective districts.

**Manipur:** Manipur records 666 cases, 17 deaths in last 24 hours.

One of the main reasons for the spike in the number of deaths due to COVID-19 in the last few days is late admission of patients in hospitals, said Dr Nepram Sanjib, Deputy Medical Superintendent of RIMS, Imphal. The cumulative number of people who have been vaccinated in the state reached 2,82,958.

**Meghalaya:** Meghalaya continued to report over 400 fresh cases for the fourth straight day on Wednesday while eight more fatalities on the day pushed the death toll to 250. The state also recorded 314 recoveries taking the number of people discharged to 17,354. The Meghalaya government is unhappy with the poor response to the COVID vaccination drive for people over 45 years of age.

Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong told reporters after a review meeting Wednesday that the vaccination coverage for the targeted group stands at a mere 37-38%.

**Sikkim:** Sikkim High Court has pulled up the State Government for inadequate Covid care facility in hospitals. The State has now lost 183 lives to Covid..

**Tripura:**2 deaths and 416 new infections with west Tripura district reporting 238 positive cases in the state. State government has decided to give free rations to the people living in the Containment Zone. Meanwhile 18 plus vaccination to start from today in the state with 15150 doses of Covaxin reaching the state.

Nagaland: Nagaland registe highest single day with e of 338 new cases and 9 deaths on Wedne day.

Active cases are 3297 while tally goes up to 16,890.

Summer break of both govt and private schools extended till May 21. School Education Dept order says decision taken in view of the current pandemic situation.

Regional Ayurveda Centre, Dimapur begins distribution of AYUSH 64 tablets to Covid patients under home isolation. Distribution will continue for 20 days.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 467539. Number of active cases is 79963. Total Deaths reported is 11111. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 806082. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 235646. Total bove 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2570979. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 417899.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 652742. Total active COVID-19 patients are 107058. Number of deaths is 6075. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4658366.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 52633. Total number of Active Cases is 8528. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 599.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 145736. Total number of Active Cases is 38954. Total deaths reported till date is 2055.

#### PIB FACT CHECK

















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# Busting Myths About 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave of COVID-19











### MYTH

Hospitalisation is necessary after testing positive

### **FACT**

No, hospitalisation is not required for all cases.
Asymptomatic and mild cases can be managed at home and do not require hospitalization

\*As per ICMR study of about 10,000 hospitalised patients

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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19 (UPDATED)

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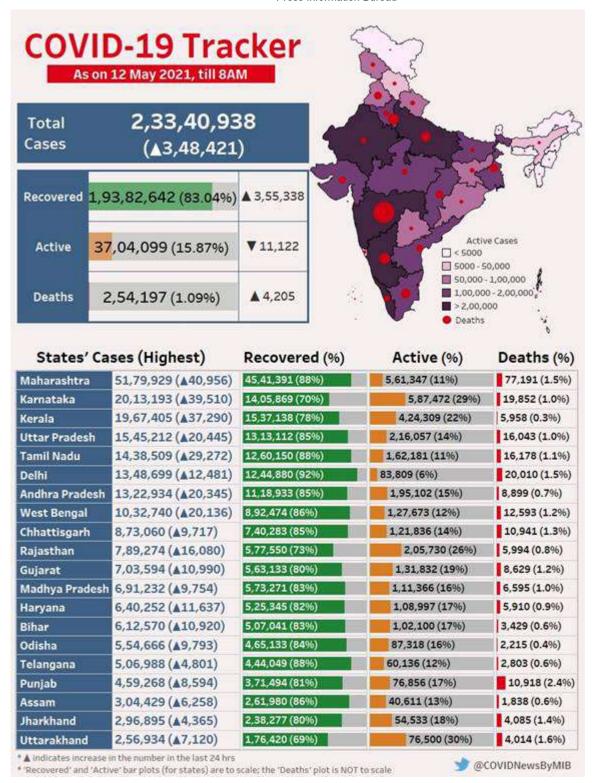
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#### **India's Active Caseload Declines for the Second Consecutive day**

- New Recoveries outnumber Daily New COVID Cases for the Second Consecutive day
- India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 17.5 Crore
- More than 30 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated so far
- The National Recovery Rate is 83.04%.
- The National Mortality Rate arrently stands at 1.09%





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### WHO has not associated the term "Indian Variant" with B.1.617, now classified as Variant of Concern

This is to clarify that WHO has not associated the term "Indian Variant" with the B.1.617 variant of the coronavirus in its 32 page document.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717876

### PM CARES Fund approves procurement of 1.5 lakh units of SpO2 based oxygen supply system developed by DRDO

PM CARES Fund has accorded sanction for procurement of 1,50,000 units of 'Oxycare' system developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at a cost of Rs 322.5 crore. Oxycare is a SpO2 based Oxygen Supply System which regulates the oxygen being administered to patients based on the sensed SpO2 levels. Under this sanction, 1,00,000 manual and 50,000 automatic Oxycare systems along with non-rebreather masks are being procured

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717917

### <u>Swift Clearing and Apportioning of Global Aid by Government of India has strengthened Tertiary</u> <u>Medical Care across States and UTs for COVID management</u>

9,284 Oxygen Concentrators; 7,033 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 5,933 ventilators/Bi PAP; ~3.44L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched to increase Capacity of States/UTs

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### <u>Ministry of Power takes proactive measures to ensure 24x7 power supply to Oxygen Power Plants in the Country</u>

In view of the pan India impact of the second wave of corona virus pandemic across the country and the manifold rise in oxygen demand for both medical facilities and for home treatment of patients , the Ministry of Power has undertaken a number of pro-active preventive and remedial measures to ensure that there is uninterrupted power supply to Oxygen Plants by the State Utilities

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717861

#### Government take steps to ramp up availability of Amphotericin B - to fight Mucormycosis

A sudden increase in demand has been observed in some states for Amphotericin B which is being actively prescribed by the physicians to patients suffering from Mucormycosis, a post COVID complication. The Government of India is therefore engaging with the manufacturers to ramp up production of the drug. The supply position is expected to improve with extra imports of this drug and increase in its production demostically.

#### For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717864

### Shri Piyush Goyal urges the countries to share Covid vaccines liberally with those who are in dire need of it, stating that Global solidarity is the need of the hour

Shri Piyush Goyal today said that India feels much more comfortable in launching negotiations for a Balanced, Ambitious, Comprehensive, and Mutually Beneficial Agreement on trade & investment protection. Speaking at World Economic Forum's Global Trade Outlook Session, he said that Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) was not a balanced agreement as it would have hurt India's farmers, our MSMEs, dairy industry and therefore it was prudent for India not to join RCEP.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717962

### OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU II - INS TARKASH BRINGS MEDICAL OXYGEN CONSIGNMENT FROM QATAR

INS Tarkash, with two Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) filled (20 MT each) cryogenic containers and 230 Oxygen cylinders embarked, arrived at Mumbai on 12 May 21.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1718006

### Relentless efforts by Indian Air Force & Indian Navy to provide critical COVID-19 medical supplies

Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy (IN) continue to work round the clock to provide oxygen and other medical supplies to the civil administration to tackle the current COVID-19 situation in the country. As on early hours of May 12, 2021, the aircraft of IAF airlifted 403 oxygen containers of 6,856 Metric Tonnes (MT)capacity along with other equipment of 163 MT capacity, in 634 sorties from different parts of the country.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717924

#### MNS officers at the forefront in battle against second COVID-19 wave

Nursing Officers of Military Nursing Service (MNS) are among the health care professionals who are at the forefront in the nation's ongoing fight against the second COVID-19 wave. The officers are deployed at various Armed Forces hospitals to provide medical care to the COVID-19 patients. Two hundred and ninety-four MNS Officers are being mobilised for the newly-raised COVID-19 hospitals by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at Delhi, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Varanasi and Patna.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717918

#### 100th Oxygen Express of Indian Railways delivers relief

- 6260 MT of Oxygen delivered by 100 Oxygen Expresses
- Oxygen Expresses delivered nearly 800 MT of LMS to the Nation yesterday



- Oxygen relief by Oxygen Expresses reaches Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, MP, Haryana, Telangana, Rajasthan, Delhi & UP
- First Oxygen Expresses for Dehradun and Pune reach yesterday night with 120 MT & 55 MT of Medical Oxygen respectively
- 407 MT has been offloaded in Maharashtra, nearly 1680 MT in UP, 360 MT in MP, 939 MT in Haryana,
   123 MT in Telangana, 40 MT in Rajasthan, 120 MT in Karnataka and more than 2404 MT in Delhi

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#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

WHO does not identify viruses or variants with names of countries they are first reported from. We refer to them by their scientific names and request all to do the same for consistency. @PTI\_News @PIB\_India @ANI @timesofindia @htTweets @IndianExpress @the\_hindu @MoHFW\_INDIA

- WHO South-East Asia (@WHOSEARO) May 12, 2021

Some visuals of the airlift from Singapore.@HMOIndia @IAF\_MCC @PIB\_India @DDNewslive @airnewsalerts pic.twitter.com/vy2pjxlCMI

- Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 12, 2021

#### Another Swift Airlift !!

IL-76 with 3 cryogenic oxygen containers from Singapore enroute today for Panagarh Airbase. MHA is part of co-ord efforts with IAF, to increase container capacity needed for transporting Oxygen to Covid-19 hospitals. pic.twitter.com/nYFS48lawx

Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 12, 2021

The one who cares and nurses us to recovery, sometimes like a mother, at times like an elder 'sister'. My deep gratitude and kudos to the spirit of all the nurses who are the primary caretaker especially during these #COVID19 times.

Thank You "Sister" #InternationalNursesDay pic.twitter.com/mL15LaP4fw

— Prakash Javadekar (@PrakashJavdekar) May 12, 2021









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

**Maharashtra:** After the state government's directive to divert all Covaxin stocks intended for the age group of 18 to 44 to the second dose of vaccination for those aged above 45, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said it would continue to vaccinate the younger age group with Covishield. The BMC is likely to reserve a couple of days in the coming week only for second dose vaccinations. Maharashtra's oxygen model is being appreciated at national level. State administration is following this model from mid-April and as a result, state has sufficient oxygen for medical use.

Gujarat: Gujarat government on Tuesday extended the night curfew in 36 cities of the state. The night curfew, which is in place from 8 pm to 6 am in 36 cities of Gujarat has been extended by another week till 18 May.Gujarat recorded 10,990 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday. According to the state health department, 15,198 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. Maximum 3059 new cases were reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 790 new cases. Meanwhile, nearly 37,00,000 lakh persons have taken the second dose of Vaccine till now. 2,18,513 persons were vaccinated in the state yesterday.

Rajasthan: The dip in daily Covid-19 infections continued for a second consecutive day on Tuesday after the state reported 16,080 cases for the day. This stood at 16,487 and 17,921 cases on the two previous days. However, the number of daily deaths rose to 169, the highest for single day fatalities reported in the state. Also, active cases continued to rise and have reached 2,05,730 now. The State Government on Tuesday fixed the package fees for treatment of Covid patients admitted to private hospitals. In a bid to streamline the process of admitting Covid patients in hospitals, the medical and health department has issued a single helpline number, 181, for enquiries related to Covid from citizens across the state and asked state and district level war rooms to arrange ambulances and hospital admissions for serious patients.

**Madhya Pradesh**: Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday reported 9,754 fresh Covid-19 cases and 94 fatalities, taking the tally of infections to 6,91,232 and the toll to 6,595. A total of 9,517 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, taking the count of recoveries in Madhya Pradesh to 5,73,271. The state government has decided to build a COVID-19 hospital at its Justice Tankha Memorial Special School to incorporate the rising number of infected patients. The COVID-19 isolation hospital will have 40 beds which will admit the infected patients beyond the scope of home-isolation.

Chhattisgarh: Second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in Chhattisgarh is now on the downward slope. The rate of infection has significantly declined and the number of deaths due to COVID has also decreased. The availability of oxygen and beds in the hospitals of the state has also been increased, and the vaccination drive for every category is being conducted at an expedited pace. Chhattisgarh currently has a total of 31,295 beds in the dedicated COVID Hospital and COVID Care Centers - 2,953 ICUs, 1 570 HDUs and 9,954 oxygenated beds. And presently, 11,719 general beds, 6 thousand 284 oxygen beds, 684 HDUs, 783 ICUs and 297 ventilators are vacant.









Goa: Goa Government is planning to introduce Dura cylinders to be installed to augment Goa Medical College's oxygen supply. Each one of these cylinders has a capacity of at least 28 jumbo cylinders as they are filled with LMO instead of pressurised gas. Goa govt High Court today waived off the requirement of Covid negative certificate for two drivers and one helper per goods vehicle entering the state until further orders. However, such persons will have to scanned by thermal gun to ascertain if they are displaying any symptoms. If they show symptoms, they will have to be denied permission to enter Goa.

Kerala:Lockdown guidelines have been revised in the state. The government has also mandated an RTPCR negative certificate for people entering Kerala from other states. The Negative report should not be older than 72 hours. In view of the Eid-ul-Fitr, meat shops have been permitted to function up to 10 pm for home delivery. Banks and other financial firms will remain closed on Saturday. The government plans to appoint all government employees and teachers living within the local body for Covid prevention activities, in that particular area. This follows the rapid surge in Covid infections. Kerala reported 37,290 new Covid cases on Tuesday. Presently, there are 4,23,957 active cases. TPR is 26.77%. Death toll has risen to 5,958. Meanwhile, a total of 81,72,453 people have taken vaccine so far in the state. Out of this 62,49,949 have taken first dose and 19,22,504 people second dose.

**Tamil Nadu:** TN Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday announced Rs 25 lakh compensation to the families of 43 doctors who had lost their lives while on Covid-19 patient treatment duty. Stalin also announced incentives to those medical service personnel who were involved in treatment of Covid-19 patients. Following a meeting with industrialists and traders, on Sunday, the government, on Tuesday, announced a series of sops, including Rs 280 crore allotment to the MSME sector. The government on Tuesday announced relaxations in the functioning of fruit shops and stores selling Indian medicines. Tamil Nadu reported 29,272 more Covid cases on Tuesday, taking the total so far to 14,38,509. The number of deaths also continues to climb with 298 deaths. The tally now stands at 16,178. The State carried out 79,929 vaccinations on Tuesday. Till date 66,61,775 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 49,02,595 received first dose and 17,59,180 received second dose.

**Karnataka:** As per the State Government bulletin released for 11-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 39510; Total Active Cases: 587452; New Covid Deaths: 480; Total Covid Deaths: 19852. Around 1,26,806 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,07,59,572 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The first Oxygen Express train carrying 120 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen container from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, arrived at the Whitefield ICD depot in the city on Tuesday. The government has decided to buy two-crore covid vaccine through a global tender to meet the growing vaccine demand in the state.

Andhra Pradesh: The state reported 20,345 new Covid-19 cases after testing 86,878 samples with 108 deaths, while 14,502 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 73,40,481 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,28,552 first doses and 20,11,929 second doses. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over oxygen allocations and supply of vaccines. He also urged the Centre for transfer of technology in order to increase the production capacity of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin as the technology transfer is essential to produce 'large quantities' of vaccine. Post Ruia Hospital incident, the

Chief Minister instructed district collectors to set up oxygen war rooms in the districts along with SOS service for immediate action when an emergency arises. The State government also had appointed three senior IAS officials to coordinate with neighbouring states to ensure timely supply of liquid medical oxygen. Principal Secretary (Health) Anil Kumar Singhal informed that the government will ensure supply of Remdesivir injections adding that 22,399 vials were available in various government hospitals in the state.

Telangana: The State Government has decided to impose lockdown in the state for 10 days beginning today. It also decided to invite global tenders for procurement of Covid-19 vaccines. As many as 4,801 new Covid-19 infections and 32 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday (Tuesday) taking the cumulative number of deaths to 2,803 and the total caseload to 5,06,988. A total of 7,430 individuals have recovered yesterday with a recovery rate of 87.58 per cent. The number of Active Cases in the State now stands at 60,136.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 459268. Number of active cases is 76856. Total Deaths reported is 10918. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 793017. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 232643. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2551747. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 405763.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 640252. Total active COVID-19 patients are 108997. Number of deaths is 5910. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4593822.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 51857. Total number of Active Cases is 8625. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 585.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 140759. Total number of Active Cases is 36232. Total deaths reported till date is 1989.

Assam: A total of 6,258 COVID-19 positive cases were detected in Assam out of 68,572 tests with a positivity rate of 9.13% on Tuesday. Kamrup(M) has registered 1585 cases. 85 deaths have been registered. These are the highest single-day fatalities so far. A study by RMRC-Lahowal has found that the Indian variant B.1.617 of Covid-19, popularly known as the 'double mutant' strain, was spreading fast in Assam. While taking stock of the covid-19 situation in the state, CM of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma emphasised stricter covid restrictions to arrest the rising cases of Coronavirus in Assam. The chief minister has directed for ensuring strict enforcement of restrictions to bring down positivity rate in the state. The Government of Japan and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have partnered to provide oxygen generation plants to the North Eastern Region in India.









**Manipur**::Manipur logged record 20 fatalities due to COVID-19, with 592 new positive cases. COVID-19 vaccination for Manipur journalists began in Imphal.

As per the latest updates, the cumulative number of people who have been vaccinated in the state reached 2,75,880.

**Meghalaya:** Meghalaya on Tuesday reported nine more COVID-19 deaths in addition to a record high of 450 new cases. DHS (MI), Dr Aman War informed that the total number of deaths in the state from the viral infection has gone upto 242 while the total number of active cases has shot up to 3,297.

**Sikkim**:8 more succumb to Covid, Sikkim's toll reaches 177: Meanwhile, Sikkim's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 crossed the 10,000-mark and now stands at 10,165 with 241 new cases of novel coronavirus reported in the last 24 hours. Vaccination for 18+ to begin 16 May.

**Tripura:** In Tripura 11 death and 466 infections and 137 recoveries in last 24 hours. Ward number 5 and 46 of Agartala Municipal Corporation areas are likely to declared as Contaminated Zone.

**Nagaland:**Nagaland govt has imposed total lockdown in entire state from May 14 to May 21. The decision came amidst demands by CSOs to impose total lockdown in the state in view of the Covid surge and fatalities. Nagaland reported 269 new Covid cases and 5 deaths on Tuesday. Oxygen generation plant installed at Naga Health Authority, Kohima. Plant will become functional once the samples sent to a Delhi lab for testing gets approval.

#### **PIB FACT CHECK**































# More than 24 lakh

(24,46,674)

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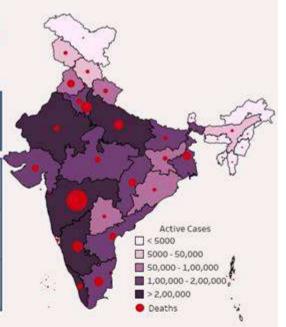


# **COVID-19 Tracker**

As on 11 May 2021, till 8AM

Total 2,29,92,517
Cases (▲3,29,942)

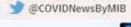
Recovered	1,90,27,304 (82.75%)	▲ 3,56,082
Active	37,15,221 (16.16%)	▼ 30,016
Deaths	2,49,992 (1.09%)	▲ 3,876



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	51,38,973 (▲37,236)	44,69,425 (87%)	5,93,150 (12%)	76,398 (1.5%)
Karnataka	19,73,683 (439,305)	13,83,285 (70%)	5,71,026 (29%)	19,372 (1.0%)
Kerala	19,30,115 (\$27,487)	15,04,160 (78%)	4,20,076 (22%)	5,879 (0.3%)
Uttar Pradesh	15,24,767 (\$21,277)	12,83,754 (84%)	2,25,271 (15%)	15,742 (1.0%)
Tamil Nadu	14,09,237 (\$28,978)	12,40,968 (88%)	1,52,389 (11%)	15,880 (1.1%)
Delhi	13,36,218 (12,651)	12,31,297 (92%)	85,258 (6%)	19,663 (1.5%)
Andhra Pradesh	13,02,589 (14,986)	11,04,431 (85%)	1,89,367 (15%)	8,791 (0.7%)
West Bengal	10,12,604 (19,445)	8,73,480 (86%)	1,26,663 (13%)	12,461 (1.2%)
Chhattisgarh	8,63,343 (▲11,867)	7,27,497 (84%)	1,25,104 (14%)	10,742 (1.2%)
Rajasthan	7,73,194 (▲16,487)	5,64,352 (73%)	2,03,017 (26%)	5,825 (0.8%)
Gujarat	6,92,604 (▲11,592)	5,47,935 (79%)	1,36,158 (20%)	8,511 (1.2%)
Madhya Pradesh	6,81,478 (49,715)	5,63,754 (83%)	1,11,223 (16%)	6,501 (1.0%)
Haryana	6,28,615 (12,718)	5,09,617 (81%)	1,13,232 (18%)	5,766 (0.9%)
Bihar	6,01,650 (▲10,174)	4,93,189 (82%)	1,05,104 (17%)	3,357 (0.6%)
Odisha	5,44,873 (10,031)	4,57,569 (84%)	85,107 (16%)	2,197 (0.4%)
Telangana	5,02,187 (44,826)	4,36,619 (87%)	62,797 (13%)	2,771 (0.6%)
Punjab	4,50,674 (48,549)	3,64,170 (81%)	75,800 (17%)	10,704 (2.4%)
Assam	2,98,171 (45,803)	2,57,571 (86%)	38,847 (13%)	1,753 (0.6%)
Jharkhand	2,92,530 (46,187)	2,30,646 (79%)	57,902 (20%)	3,982 (1.4%)
Uttarakhand	2,49,814 (45,541)	1,71,438 (69%)	74,480 (30%)	3,896 (1.6%)

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

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





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**COVID-19 Vaccination Status** 

(As on 11th May, 2021 | 07:00 AM)

Doses for	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose 65,05,744	
HCWs	95,64,242		
FLWs	1,40,54,058	78,53,514	
45-60 years	5,55,10,630	71,95,632	
Above 60 Years	5,38,06,205	1,56,60,702	
18-44 years	25,59,339	<b>L</b> in	
Total	13,54,94,474	3,72,15,592	

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Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary and Dr. R S Sharma, Chairman of Empowered Group on Technology and Data Management to combat COVID-19 and member, National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration of COVID-19 reviewed the status of COVID vaccination with Health Secretaries and NHM MDs of States and UTs, through a video conference (VC) today. One of the largest such exercises globally, the countrywide COVID19 vaccination programme was launched on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. It has been widely expanded to include citizens above 18 years of age from 1st of May, 2021 with implementation of the Liberalised Pricing & Accelerated National COVID-19 Vaccination strategy.

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- The National Recovery Rate is **82.75%**.
- The National Mortality Rate currently stands at 1.09%.

For Details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717593

### <u>Telephone Conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Dr. Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister of Bhutan</u>

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with the Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonchhen Dr. Lotay Tshering.

The Bhutan Prime Minister expressed solidarity with the Government and the people of India in their efforts against the recent wave of COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister conveyed his sincere thanks to the people and Government of Bhutan for their good wishes and support.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717611

#### PM salutes scientists on National Technology Day

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has praised the scientists and those passionate about technology on National Technology Day.

In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said:







"On National Technology Day, we salute the hardwork and tenacity of our scientists and those passionate about technology. We remember with pride the 1998 Pokhran Tests, which demonstrated India's scientific and technological prowess.

In any challenging situation, our scientists and innovators have always risen to the occasion and worked to mitigate the challenge. Over the last year, they have worked industriously to fight COVID-19. I appreciate their spirit and remarkable zeal."

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#### Uttarakhand set to become 9th State to receive Oxygen Express from Indian Railways

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered nearly 5735 MT of LMO in more than 375 tankers to various states across the country. Yesterday Oxygen Expresses delivered 755 MT of LMO to the Nation. More than 90 Oxygen Expresses have already completed their journey so far. Till the time of this release 293MT of LMO has been offloaded in Maharashtra, nearly 1630 MT in UP, 340 MT in MP, 812 MT in Haryana, 123 MT in Telangana, 40 MT in Rajasthan, 120 MT in Karnataka and more than 2383 MT in Delhi. Stations near Dehradun (Uttarakhand) & Pune (Maharashtra) are also set to receive their First Oxygen Express.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717705

#### Oil and Gas PSUs helping in providing transportation solutions for Liquid Oxygen

Oil and Gas PSUs under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, acting as responsible corporate citizens, are extending their helping hand to support the nation in its efforts to combat the second wave of the COVID 19 pandemic. In this regard, they are specifically working to find transportation solutions for Liquid Oxygen.

Presently, there are 12 tankers and 20 ISO Containers with the capacity of 650 MT. The figure is going to improve substantively, with the numbers likely to go up to 26 tankers and 117 ISO containers by the end of this month, with the capacity of 2314 MT.95 ISO Containers are being purchased, with a capacity of 1940 Metric Tonne. Orders have already been placed for 30 ISO Containers, with the capacity of 650 MT while negotiations are underway for the remaining containers.

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### <u>Ministry of Panchayati Raj writes to States on preventive measures to curb the spread of COVID</u> 19 in rural India

The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj has written to all the State Governments to take preventive measures to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in rural India. To combat COVID 19, the Ministry in its letter has suggested States to sensitize and facilitate the Panchayats/Rural Local Bodies towards meeting the challenge and provide leadership.

The Ministry has advised to undertake an intensive communication campaign for the awareness of rural communities on the nature of the COVID infection and preventive and mitigation measures, in accordance with the advice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), doctors and medical institutions etc., while especially taking care to dispel false notions and beliefs.

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## <u>Ministry of Women and Child Development engages with Indian Academy of Pediatrics to provide expert care to children at Govt. Child Care Institutions</u>

Union Minister of Women and Child Development,Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani has said that with a view to provide expert care to children residing at Govt. Child Care Institutions (CCI) across the country, Ministry of Women and Child Development is engaging with Indian Academy of Pediatrics. In a series of tweets, she informed, "this will be in addition to medical care provided to children under scheme for Child Protection Services". The minister tweeted, "Care-takers / Child Protection Officers even from remotest corners of the country will be able to avail this telemedicine service by expert Pediatricians every afternoon 6 days a week. Thousands of children across more than 2000 CCIs will benefit through this service."

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717642

#### Experts & Stakeholders discuss COVID Resurgence – S&T Perspective

Experts from wide range of disciplines came forward on one common virtual platform to discuss the best approach to address the state of emergency of COVID crisis at a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The online meeting "Addressing COVID Resurgence – S&T Perspective" organised by Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), an autonomous body of Department of Science and Technology (DST) brought together scientists, doctors, drug manufacturers, industry and policy makers brainstormed on ways to check the spread of the virus.

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## Joint CSR COVID- relief initiatives of NSFDC AND NBCFDC of M/o Social Justice & Empowerment

During the second wave of Covid-19 Pandemic (April-May 2021) as part of Joint CSR initiative of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (PSUs of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI) are conducting the following activities for providing relief to Covid – 19 patients and needy people affected due to lockdown.

- 1.Food distributionProgramme:
- 2. Provision of Medical Equipments to treat Covid-19 patients:

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717645









#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

Actions taken to address logistical challanges

- 1.408 Argon and Nitrogen tankers converted
- 2. 101 tankers imported and 150 to come.
- 3. 100 tankers being manufactured domestically
- 4. Turn around time reduced
- 5. 81 tankers with capacity of 1,407 MT imported. pic.twitter.com/qA5YkOlqA6
- Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 11, 2021

Oxygen Digital Tracking System for real time monitoring has been put in place. Movements of tankers being monitored through this. @HMOIndia @PIB\_India @DDNewslive @airnewsalerts @ANI pic.twitter.com/9HEE4o7atk

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Glimpses of yoga & meditation sessions by ITBP stress counsellors for Covid-19 patients at Sardar Patel Covid Care Centre,Radha Soami Beas, Chhatarpur,New Delhi. Patients say it gives positivity & strength. So far 1,065 patients have been treated by the Centre since 26 April,2021 pic.twitter.com/yOLcJrbUpD

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- PIB WCD (@PIBWCD) May 11, 2021

.@MoPR\_GOI writes to States on preventive measures to curb the spread of #COVID19 in rural India

Intensive communication campaign to be undertaken for awareness of rural communities

Details: https://t.co/z2GcaPZcXH#Unite2FightCorona #IndiaFightsCorona pic.twitter.com/rYwsxEC8br

- PIB Panchayati Raj (@PIB MoPR) May 11, 2021

https://twitter.com/PIB\_MoPR/status/1392075392979128322?s=08

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**









Kerala: State Health Minister K K Shailaja says the government is working hard to prevent deaths due to Oxygen shortage. She said the state should be able to fully utilize the oxygen produced in Kerala and the present problem can be solved if the central quota is also obtained. The Minister also denied the allegation that Covid death toll is being covered up, as all panchayats are registering the accurate figure. Meanwhile, the test positivity rate in 72 panchayats in the state is above 50 percent. The TPR in 300 panchayats remain above 30 percent. The state yesterday saw a slight dip in daily Covid cases as it recorded 27,487 cases and 65 deaths. 31,209 recoveries were also reported. There are now 4,19,726 active cases. TPR is 27.56%. A total of 81,17,973 people have been vaccinated so far. Out of this, 62,30,926 took first dose and 18,87,047 second dose.

**Tamil Nadu:** Madras High Court asks Centre to augment Oxygen, vaccine, drugs supply to TN and Puducherry. Several private hospitals in the city have, of late, been forced to send back patients admitted to their wards as there has been oxygen shortage. With 23 patients passing away due to Covid in the last 24 hours, the Covid death toll in Puducherry touched 988; a total of 1,266 new cases were reported from the UT and 1,108 patients recovered from the disease in the last 24 hours. Tamil Nadu reported 28,978 new cases taking the total to 14,09,237. There are 1,52,389 active cases in the State, including 35,153 in Chennai. The current positivity rate in the State stands close to 19.5 per cent. Till date 65,87,081 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 48,72,906 received first dose and 17,14,175 received second dose.

**Karnataka:** New Cases Reported: 39305; Total Active Cases: 571006; New Covid Deaths: 596; Total Covid Deaths: 19372. Around 80,823 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,06,08,539 having been vaccinated in the state till now. The first 'Oxygen Express' train carrying 120 tonnes of oxygen which left Jamshedpur, Jharkhand will arrive in Whitefield, Bangalore on Tuesday. Journalists and media personnel to be officially considered as Covid Front Line Warriors and free vaccine to those over the age of 18. Karnataka received 400 oxygen concentrators, 10 thousand oximeters from the US Salesforce, to address the oxygen shortage due to Corona.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 14,986 new Covid-19 cases after testing 60,124 samples with 84 deaths, while 16,167 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 73,10,220 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,27,494 first doses and 19,82,726 second doses. The state directly purchased five lakh doses from the Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech and is now awaiting the delivery of the second tranche of 12 lakh doses. Eleven patients died and the condition of at least five others was critical after oxygen supply was disrupted for some time at Ruia Government Hospital in Tirupati last night.

**Telangana:**A total of 2031 people of various categories received first dose and 1,06,359 second dose of Covid vaccine yesterday (Monday) in the state. Now, the cumulative number of people who have received the first dose in the state stands at 43,73,338 and second dose at 9,38,344. Meanwhile, the state has reported 4,826 new Covid cases and 32 fatalities on Monday taking the cumulative number of deaths











in the state to 2,771 and the total number of positive cases to 5,02,187. The number of Active Cases in the state stands at 62,797. On Monday, 7,754 individuals have recovered from the virus with a recovery rate of 86.94 per cent.

**Maharashtra**: Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope has said that patients of Mucormycosis will be treated free of cost under Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana of the state. Cases of mucormycosis are rising among COVID-19 survivors, causing blindness or serious illness and even death in some cases and the health department of Maharashtra has taken serious note of it.

Maharashtra on Monday registered less than 40,000 (37,236 to be exact) new cases of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) and 549 related fatalities, taking the caseload and death toll to 5,138,973 and 76,398 respectively.

**Gujarat:**Gujarat has recorded 11,592 new cases of Covid19 yesterday. According to the state health department, 14,931 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. The recovery rate in Gujarat has improved and reached up to 79.11 percent. Maximum 3194 new cases reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 823 new cases. 117 patients lost their lives yesterday. 2,07,700 persons were vaccinated in the state yesterday. Gujarat has vaccinated more than 1,37,00,000 persons till now. Gujarat government has suspended the state transport bus services with Rajasthan for 15 days.

**Rajasthan:** Two Oxygen Generation plants received by the Government of India as COVID assistance from the UK have reached Rajasthan. One of these plants will be set up at Satellite Hospital in Ajmer. The second plant will be set up in Jhalawar district. After setting up these plants having 500 liter capacity, the state will get extra medical oxygen for COVID patients. Covid vaccination for the 18-44 age group is likely to gain momentum from Monday as the state has received 3.50 lakh vials of Covishield, which have already been distributed in all the 33 districts.

State Government has given its nod to purchase Covaxin besides being in touch with Russia to import Sputnik vaccine.

Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Monday that the positivity rate of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) is declining in the entire state but added that people should be careful in this long fight against the pandemic. Amid a surge in coronavirus positive cases in rural areas and towns in Madhya Pradesh, the state government on Monday decided to set up crisis management groups to ensure the effective implementation of the pandemic guidelines and related directives. Madhya Pradesh on Monday reported 9,715 fresh coronavirus positive cases and 81 deaths, taking the tally of infections to 6,81,478 and the toll to 6,501. A total of 7,324 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, taking the count of recoveries in Madhya Pradesh to 5,63,754, the department said.









**Chhattisgarh**: In Chhattisgarh, COVID situation is significantly improving. The state's positivity rate is on a steady decline for the last six days. Chhattisgarh has recorded a decline in positivity rate during the last one week. This is for the first time after about a month that the positivity rate has fallen below twenty percent. So far, about 7,25,000 corona infected patients have recovered after treatment. Till now, a total of 59,35,994 vaccines have been administered in the state to protect against corona.

Goa: All people above 18 years in Goa will be given Ivermectin drug irrespective of their coronavirus status to bring down mortality, state Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said on Monday. Amid increasing allegations of several deaths due to lack of oxygen in GMC, CM Pramod Sawant visited GMC Hospital to take stalk of the situation. CM Goa Shri Pramod Sawant warned private hospitals against refusing to honour DDSSY cards to treat Covid patients. Private hospitals can't deny free Covid treatment under DDSSY, said CM and assured to take action against the hospital if he received any complaint to this effect. Goa govt assured High Court today to ban all including residents of Goa from entering Goa without Covid negative certificate issued within 72 hours or full vaccination certificate.

**Assam**: 77 people lost their lives due to COVID-19 infection in the state on Monday. The state recorded 5,803 new infections in 72,197 tests done, the positivity rate being 8.04 percent. Kamrup (Metro) recorded 1,481 positive cases and 30 deaths.

The HS first year examination 2021, which was earlier postponed due to rise in COVID-19 cases, has been cancelled by the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, promoting all the students to HS second year.

Manipur:424 more test positive as virus continues to spread. Covid claims 13 more to take total tally to 489. In view of the sudden surge in COVID-19 cases in the district, Kangpokpi CSO COVID Task Force was formed on Monday, following a meeting held at KSO administrative office building at Kangpokpi DHQs. The Kangpokpi CSO COVID Task Force was formed with an aim to assist the district administration, district police, medical department and other frontline workers in the fight against the dreaded pandemic.

**Meghalaya:** Another 409 Covid-19 infections were reported in the state on Monday, along with five new fatalities. As COVID-19 cases increased in the district, the Deputy Commissioner of South West Khasi Hills, has imposed weekend lockdown in the entire district from 5 am of May 15 to 5 am of May 17.

Sikkim: With no RT-PCR testing carried out on Sunday since

that is the day that both of Sikkim's VRD Labs take a day off, the daily caseload of novel coronavirus artificially came down to 46.

**Tripura:**4 Covid deaths; 133 tested positive. Total Active case stand at 2599. Meanwhile Rapid Antigen Tests have started in those wards of Agartala where positivity is high. Special test centres have been set up in the Clubs that are located in those areas.









Nagaland: Ten more deaths on Monday took Nagaland's total number of fatalities to 140. State reported 133 new cases, 1884 active cases and total positive cases to 16,283. A total of 2,29,704 persons have been inoculated with Covid vaccine in Nagaland till date. Of them, 1,79,767 have received their first doses while 49,937 have received their second doses. Nagaland govt has warned of punishment under Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 against persons concealing their Covid status and those not co-operating with the authorities.

#### **PIB FACT CHECK**

Should patients with mild symptoms take steroids at early stage?#PIBFactCheck Taking steroids during early stage of #Covid19 can further replicate the #Virus.

Take a look at this #PIBFacTree and know what Dr Randeep Guleria (Director, AIIMS) has to say about this! pic.twitter.com/HMUxd66YAI

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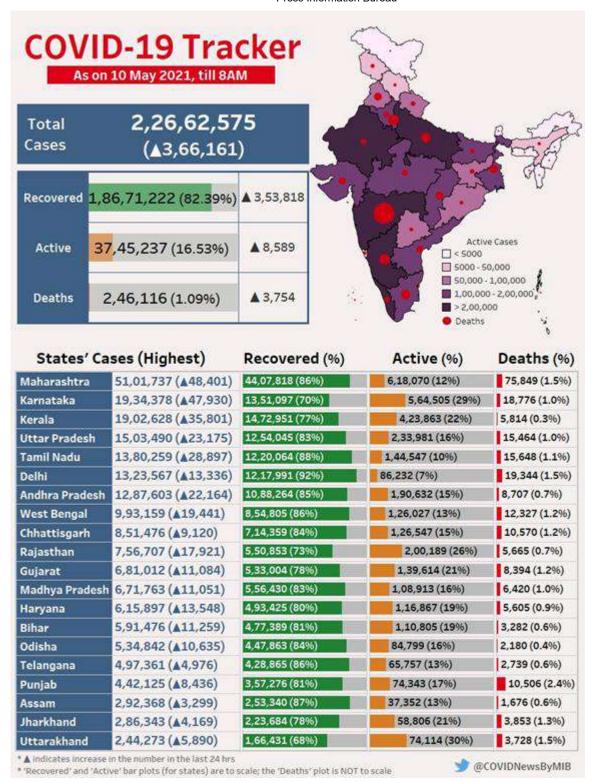
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- Average daily recovery of more than 3.28 lakh cases recorded in last 10 days
- The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.09%.
- Three States/UTs have not reported any COVID-19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N, Arunachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep.
- For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717365

## Oxygen Expresses deliver record 831 MT of LMO in One Single day; 75 Oxygen Expresses complete their journeys

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered nearly 4700 MT of LMO in more than 295 tankers to various states across the country. Yesterday Oxygen Expresses delivered record 831 MT of LMO, a record for One Single day. 75 Oxygen Expresses have already completed their journey so far.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717449

## INS Airavat with Critical Medical Stores Including Cryogenic Oxygen Tanks and Oxygen Cylinders from Singapore arrives in Visakhapatnam









As part of the ongoing Op 'Samudra Setu' II to support the nation's fight against Covid-19, INS Airavat arrived in Visakhapatnam on 10 May 21 with 08 Cryogenic Oxygen Tanks and other critical COVID Medical Stores including 3898 Oxygen Cylinders from Singapore. The ship departed Singapore on 05 May with Oxygen tanks and cylinders were sourced throughvarious agencies in coordination with the High Commission of India.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717452

#### Indian Air Force & Indian Navy working on war footing in fight against second COVID-19 wave

Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy (IN) are working tirelessly to provide logistic support to shore up medical supplies to tackle the current Covid-19situation. As on early hours of May 10, 2021, the IAF aircraft carried out 534 sorties from various parts of the country, airlifting 336 oxygen containers of total capacity of 6,420 Metric Tonnes (MT) and other medical supplies and equipment. The cities covered are Jamnagar, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Panagarh, Indore, Ranchi, Agra, Jodhpur, Begumpet, Bhubaneshwar, Pune, Surat, Raipur, Udaipur, Mumbai, Lucknow, Nagpur, Gwalior, Vijayawada, Baroda, Dimapur and Hindan.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717445

# Oxygen availability increased through higher production and imports, setting up of PSA Plants, and Procurement of Oxygen Concentrators; Oxygen Digital Tracking System setup for real time monitoring

In order to address the surge in demand for oxygen, the Central Government has undertakenkey measures to increase the availability, streamline the distribution and strengthen the oxygen storage infrastructure in the country. The steps undertaken focused on the entire oxygen supply chain. These include efforts for improving oxygen production, enhancing tanker availability to optimizelogistics, improving oxygen storage at thelast mile, and easing norms of procurement.

Oxygen availability has been enhanced by increase in Production Capacity and production, setting up of Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Plants, import of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) from Overseas, and Procurement of Oxygen Concentrators. For enhancing tanker availability to streamline transportation, Nitrogen and Argon tankers have been converted, tankers and containers have been imported, domestic manufacturing of tankersincreased, andrail and air transportation of tankers is being undertaken to reduce turn-around time. Oxygen Digital Tracking System (ODTS) has been setup of for real time monitoring, and driver availability is being enhanced with training of MHV drivers. For improving oxygen storage, number & capacity of cryogenic tankers at hospitals is being enhanced and Medical Oxygen cylinders are being procured. Relaxation of General Financial Rules (GFR) has been undertaken to enable faster procurement of critical supplies.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717459

#### Indian naval ship trikand arrives at mumbai as part of op samudra setu ii









As part of Operation Samudra Setu II, Indian Naval Ship Trikand was deployed to augment shipment of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) cryogenic containers from Hamad Port, Qatar to Mumbai. The ship entered Qatar on 05 May 21 and arrived at Mumbai on 10 May 21 with 40 MT liquid Oxygen.

The consignment carried is part of the French mission "Oxygen Solidarity Bridge" to support India's fight against COVID-19 pandemic. This was the maiden voyage of transshipping of French Air Liquide containers from Qatar to India. The Indo-French initiative, facilitated by Dr Deepak Mittal, Ambassador of India in Qatar, is likely to result in shipping of over 600 MT LMO to India over the next two months.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717443

### <u>Factually incorrect to state no provision for expenditure on COVID-19 vaccination by the Central Government: Finance Ministry</u>

This is with reference to the media report in 'The Print' entitled "The reality of Modi Government's vaccine funding: Rs. 35,000 crore for States, zero for Centre."

It is factually incorrect to state that there is no provision for expenditure on COVID-19 vaccination by the Central Government. The amount of Rs. 35,000 crore has been shown under the Demand for Grants No. 40, titled 'Transfers to States'. Vaccines have actually been, and are being, procured by and paid for by the Centre through this head of account. The use of this Demand for Grants has several administrative advantages. Firstly, because expenditure on vaccine is one-off expenditure outside the normal Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Health Ministry, separate funding ensures easy monitoring and management of these funds. Also, this grant is exempted from the quarterly expenditure control restrictions applicable to other demands.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717405

#### DGFT's COVID-19 Helpdesk coordinating and resolving International Trade related Issues

In view of the surge in COVID-19 cases, the 'Covid-19 Helpdesk' of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in the Department of Commerce has from 26.04.2021 onwards started collecting information on the difficulties being faced by exporting community so as to examine and resolve the irritants faced by the trade & industry expeditiously.

Various issues relating to Department of Commerce/DGFT, Import and Export Licensing Issues, Customs clearance delays and complexities arising thereon, Import/Export documentation issues, Banking matters, Transport/Port Handling/Shipping/Air Movement issues and availability of manpower for running export units etc. are the key areas being examined by the Helpdesk. Trade related issues concerning other Ministries/Departments/Agencies of Central Government and State Governments are being collated and are being taken up for resolution with the concerned agencies.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717428

## Ranchi Airport contributes in the fight against Corona; Movement of medical essentials completed without delay









Airports of the country are geared up to deal with the Corona pandemic and are making their humble contribution to fight against the disaster and support the country. Ranchi Airport is also facilitating the movement of medical equipment and materials such as oxygen tankers, oxygen concentrators, Nozzle, COVID-19 vaccine, injections, test kits and medicines. It is also being ensured by the airport management that the movement of the essential materials is completed on priority without any delay.

The mission at Birsa Munda Airport, Ranchi to overcome the oxygen crisis for the country started from April 24, and till 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021, a total of 139 oxygen tankers in 100 aircrafts of the Indian Air Force have been transported. The Indian Air Force aircraft like C 17, C 130J, AN 32, IL 76 and other small aircraft have been helping in the transportation of essential material at regular intervals.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717474

## ESIC installs oxygen plants at two hospitals in Delhi NCR; will facilitate augmentation of critical care facility in these hospitals

The ESIC under the Ministry of Labour and Employment has installed oxygen generation plants at two hospitals in Delhi NCR area. A 440 LPM capacity plant has been installed at the ESIC Hospital and Medical College in Faridabad, while another plant of 220 LPM capacity was commissioned at ESIC Hospital in Jhilmil, New Delhi yesterday. This will enable these hospitals to augment the availability of their ICU and Ventilator beds.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717301

#### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

INS Kolkata reaches @NewMngPort with 40 MT oxygen filled tanks with additional 5 tons of oxygen cylinders & 4 high flow O2 concentrators from Kuwait.

All Major Ports are clearing Oxygen related cargo on utmost priority#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/ypBKepAldw

- Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) May 10, 2021

80 MT of Medical Oxygen reaches JNPT today from Jebel Ali, UAE

@JNPort handled the Oxygen Cargo on utmost priority basis. #Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/078hOlcXYx

— Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) May 10, 2021









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Indian Naval Ship Trikand arrives at Mumbai as part of #SamudraSetu\_II

The ship entered Qatar on 5 May 2021 and arrived at Mumbai on 10 May with 40 MT Liquid Oxygenhttps://t.co/yPIMmehRFy @DefPROMumbai @ddsahyadrinews @DDSahyadri @airnews\_mumbai pic.twitter.com/f0MaVUDID9

— PIB in Maharashtra ім (@PIBMumbai) May 10, 2021

IL 76 of IAF left Jakarta for Vizag carrying 2 cryogenic oxygen containers needed during the 2nd wave of Covid-19. MHA and IAF are co-ordinating the air lift.@HMOIndia @IAF\_MCC @PIB\_India @DDNewslive @airnewsalerts @ANI pic.twitter.com/JzM3FAluzq

— Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 10, 2021

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS**

**Assam:** 48 people lost their lives due to COVID-19 infection in the state on Sunday. The state recorded 3,299 new infections in 36,135 tests done, the positivity rate being 9.13 percent. Kamrup (Metro) recorded 1,346 positive cases.

The Guwahati High Court has sought details of children staying in prisons in the state. The court also wanted to know as to how many of the inmates have been infected by coronavirus and also about the measures the jail authorities have taken to take care of such Jail inmates.

**Manipur:** Manipur recorded 579 new COVID-19 positive cases and 15 deaths on Sunday. As per the latest updates, the cumulative number of people who have been vaccinspanated in the state reached 2,65,921. State has receives 50 additional oxygen concentrator machines.

**Meghalaya:** The state recorded news high of 18 deaths and 418 fresh COVID-19 cases in 24 hours. The total active cases stand at 2,899 while the death toll has is 228. The Mawkhar Dorbar Shnong has set an example for other localities on how to encourage their residents to take the COVID-19 vaccine.

Along with a team of doctors, the Rangbah Dong of each block conducted a door-to-door survey to find out how many people above 45 years had taken the first jab of the vaccine. Mawkhar's Assistant Rangbah Shnong, R. Sutnga told The Shillong Times that the decision to conduct the survey was taken after only three residents had turned up for a vaccination programme at the community hall.

**Sikkin:** Test positivity rate shows signs of plateauing, but Covid beds filling up; Sikkim has recorded 227 new casesand two more ovid deaths. The number of active cases of newel coronavirus in Sakkim has

reached 2,637.

Sikkim CM visited Rangpo and Melli check post to take stock of preparedness pertaining to Covid management.

**Tripura:**351 new infections and one death in the last 24 hours. Meanwhile 6 municipal wards to be declared as containment zone which are having high positivity rate informed Tripura CM who yesterday also visited covid care centres in south and Gomati district.

**Nagaland:** Nagaland recorded 237 new Covid cases, and 3 deaths on Sunday. A total of 2,25,361 eligible beneficiaries have been inoculated with Covid vaccine in Nagaland so far. Of them, 1,77,113 have received first doses while 48,248 have received second doses. Private hospitals suggest setting up of dedicated Covid care centre instead of earmarking 50% beds in private hospitals. Oxygen plant being installed at Dimapur District Hospital likely to be functional by Tuesday. Health Dept officials visited the site on Sunday.

Kerala:3.5 lakh doses of Covishield vaccine purchased by the state government to combat the Covid-19 pandemic arrived in the state today. Order has been placed for over one crore doses of vaccine to accelerate the vaccination drive in the state. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said the Covid-19 vaccination drive for those in the age group of 18-45 would be prioritised with people having comorbidities given preference. In the wake of rising number of Covid cases in jails, the government has decided to grant parole to 1500 convicted and 350 remand prisoners. Taking into consideration, the growing number of health workers getting infected, the Kerala Government Medical officers Association has urged the government to reduce their duty hours and also make available vaccine to the immediate relatives of health workers. The state registered 35,801 new Covid cases on Sunday. The death toll mounted to 5814 with 68 new fatalities. TPR is at 28.88 %. Meanwhile, a total of 80,21,530 people has so far been vaccinated in the state. 62,04,805 people took first dose and 18,16,725 had their second jab.

**Tamil Nadu:** Oxygen production from the Sterlite plant in Tuticorin is likely to start from Wednesday, thus helping 7 to 8 districts of South Tamil Nadu getting ample stock of gaseous Oxygen. The State government on Sunday made an appeal to various industries in the state to produce medical oxygen under the CSR scheme. With State announcing lockdown from today, migrant workers thronged bus stands flouting Covid norms; despite the operation of special buses ahead of lockdown on Saturday and Sunday, it proved inadequate to meet the surging crowd. Tamil Nadu's reported 28,897 fresh cases on Sunday, pushing the total caseload to 13.80 lakh while 236 deaths in the last 24 hours took the toll to 15,648. Till date 64,99,349 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 48,42,616 received first dose and 16,56,733 received second dose.

**Puducherry** on Sunday recorded 26 Covid-related deaths, which is the highest in a single day so far, taking its total toll to 965. The UT also recorded 1633 fresh cases in a single day, taking the total number of cases to 71,709.

**Karnataka:** The State has issued fresh guidelines for hospitalisation, transfer, discharge of Covid-19 patients; as per the order, in government Covid-19 hospitals, the patient shall be admitted as per the existing state protocol. The state government is mulling action against illegal oxygen hoarders. Vehicles prohibited to ply during 14-day lockdown in Karnataka, police given power to seize. As per the State











Government bulletin released for 09-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 47930; Total Active Cases: 564485; New Covid Deaths: 490; Total Covid Deaths: 18776. Around 32,590 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,05,21,773 have been vaccinated in the state till now.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 22,164 new Covid-19 cases after testing 1,05,494 samples with 92 deaths, while 18,832 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 73,08,217 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,26,721 first doses and 19,81,496 second doses. The vaccination process has been temporarily halted for two days across the State after the government seriously considering the incidents of congestion and crowding at vaccination centers. It was ordered that the ASHA workers to deliver the token slips with detailed information on vaccination to people waiting for their second dose. The government stated that it had received 3.6 lakh doses of the Covishield vaccine on Sunday. Health Commissioner Katamneni Bhaskar, in a statement, said that the NHAI has agreed to set up 42 oxygen plants in the State. Meanwhile, the State government too has allocated Rs.309.87 crore for setting up of oxygen manufacturing plants. It has been decided that the Eastern Naval Command will operate and maintain oxygen plants in all government and teaching hospitals across the state.

**Telangana:**The State has reported 4,976 new Covid infections and 35 fatalities on Sunday taking the cumulative number of deaths to 2,739 and the total number of positive cases to 4,97,361. CM KCR reviewed the Covid situation in the state yesterday and directed officials to invite applications from about 50,000 eligible doctors who have completed MBBS across the State for joining public service on a temporary basis. It was also decided in the review meeting to recruit nurses, lab technicians, pharmacists and other paramedical personnel for a period of two to three months and utilise their services in Covid-19 treatment. Besides providing them appropriate salaries, the Chief Minister said the government would give due recognition to their service by providing them additional weightage marks during recruitment into government jobs in future.

**Maharashtra**: Maharashtra has witnessed a significant dip in new cases today after the state recorded 5,204 fewer cases in comparison with Saturday's numbers. Yesterday, the state has reported 53,605 cases in the 24-hour period.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a Covid Care Center with 50 isolation bed capacity in South Nagpur. Run by Madhyam Lokseva Pratishthan, Jain Kalar Samaj and Maratha Yuva Samaj, this centre will provide free facilities to patients having mild symptoms of Covid. This centre at Reshimbagh currently has 50 isolation beds. Maharashtra on Sunday received a total 1,053,000 doses of Covishield vaccines, of which 350,000 were purchased from the Serum Institute of India for vaccination of 18-44 category.

**Gujarat**: Gujarat recorded 11,084 new cases of Covid-19 yesterday. 14,770 patients recovered during the past 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. The recovery rate in Gujarat has improved and reached up to 78.27 percent.

1,38,590 persons were vaccinated in the state yesterday. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has announced another drive through vaccination centre for 45 plus age group at Drive in Cinema from today.

Rajasthan: A two week long Lockdown has been imposed in Rajasthan from 5 am today. The lock down will be effective till 24th May. There will be a ban on marriage ceremonies in the state till May 31. Only registered marriages attended by not more than 11 people will be allowed. Except for medical emergencies, no inter-distribution intercity, city to villages to city the lowest will be allowed define the

lockdown. All places of worship will remain closed. Food, vegetable and fruit shops are allowed to open from 6 Am to 11 AM. All types of private and government transport are not allowed except emergency services in the state. MNREGA works have been postponed to prevent infection in rural areas.

**Madhya Pradesh**: Madhya Pradesh had 11051 cases yesterday, which is the second consecutive day of cases below 12000 level. Infection rate in the state is down to 17% now. However the number of active cases have risen for the past two days and stand at 1,02,486 now. Bhopal had 1556 and Indore had 1679 cases yesterday. In Bhopal curfew has been extended till 17th May. 10% attendance is mandated in all offices. All shops including kirana, vegetables are closed and only home delivery (with 10% staffing) will continue. In Indore too curfew is extended till 16th May.

**Chhattisgarh:** In Chhattisgarh, journalists and lawyers and their family members will also be considered as frontline workers and will be given priority in Covid vaccination. The Chhattisgarh government has decided that not more than ten persons will be allowed to attend marriage ceremonies or funeral in view of spread of COVID infection. The state government has also appealed to religious and social heads to motivate people not to participate in any religious or social events.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 442125. Number of active cases is 74343. Total Deaths reported is 10506. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 758425. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 221811. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2503995. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 349814.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 615897. Total active COVID-19 patients are 116867. Number of deaths is 5605. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4360128.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 50207. Total number of Active Cases is 8511. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 568.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 131423. Total number of Active Cases is 32469. Total deaths reported till date is 1872.

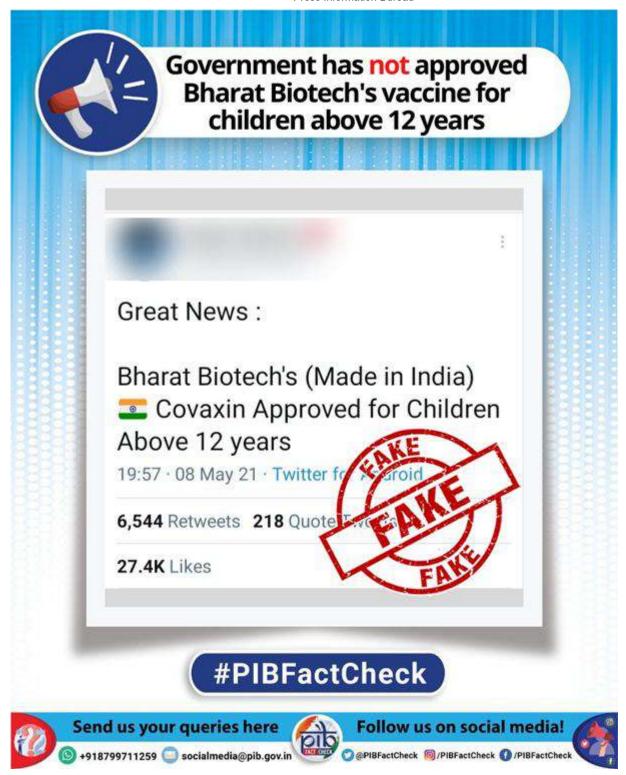
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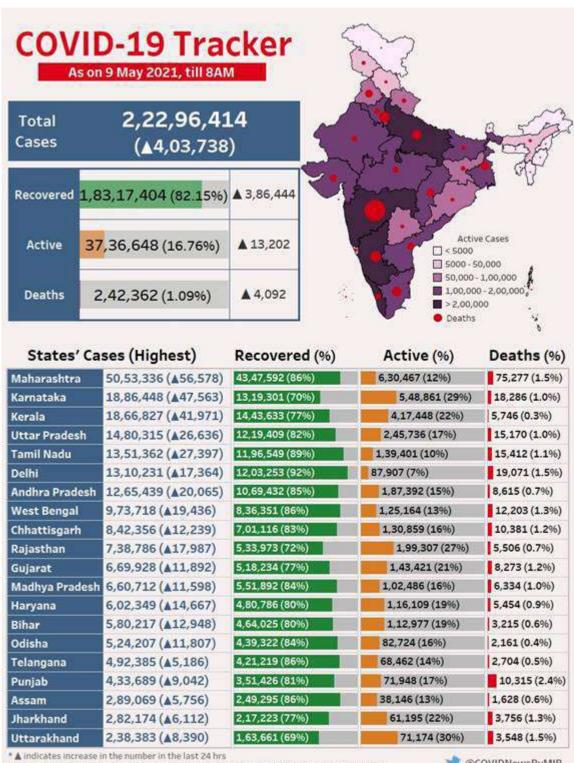
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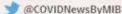








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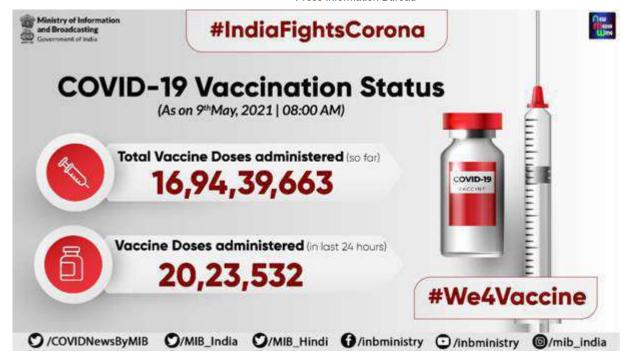












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More than 72 lakh doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered Over 46 Lakh doses in addition will be received by the States/UTs in the next 3 days

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## <u>Global Aid including 14 Oxygen Plants and more than 3 L Remdesivir Vials proactively cleared and rushed to States/UTs to combat COVID-19</u>

- 6,608 Oxygen Concentrators, 3,856 Oxygen Cylinders, 14 Oxygen Generation Plants, 4,330 ventilators/Bi PAP/C PAP and more than 3L Remdesivir vials have been delivered/dispatched, so far.
- The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has exceeded 16.94 Cr today as the Phase-3 of the nationwide Vaccination Drive expands further.
- 4,03,738 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Ten States reported 71.75% of the new cases in last 24 hours.
- The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.09%.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717184

#### <u>IAF COVID AIR SUPPORT MANAGEMENT CELL (CASMC) OPERATIONS</u>

The IAF is operating a Covid Air Support Management Cell (CASMC) at Palam Air Base since 27 Apr 21. The primary task of the cell is to efficiently coordinate for the distribution of all the relief aid coming from foreign countries. The cell is operational round the clock. Resources have been coordinated to cater for surge operations which include manpower, ground handling and loading eqpt and vehicles like flat top trailers and fork lifters.

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### Nearly 4200 MT Oxygen delivered by Oxygen Expresses to Maharashtra, MP, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, & UP

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#### DG AFMS gets nod to recruit Ex-AMC/SSC medical officers

The Ministry of Defence has issued an order to Directorate General Armed Forces Medical Services (DG AFMS) for recruitment of Ex-Army Medical Corps (AMC)/Short Service Commission (SSC) medical officers. Under the 'Tour of Duty' scheme, 400 ex-AMC/SSC medical officers, released between 2017 and 2021, are expected to be recruited on contract basis for a maximum period of 11 months.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717178

## IOA, MYAS and SAI come together to provide support to ex-international athletes and coaches amid ongoing Covid-19

In a bid to ensure that ex-international athletes and coaches have access to medical, financial and logistical support during Covid 19, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have joined hands to create a special support cell.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717175

#### Free Distribution of AYUSH-64 at 7 Delhi locations from Monday

As a token of its commitment to serve the out of hospital COVID patients, the Ministry of Ayush has started free distribution of AYUSH 64 at many locations in Delhi since last Saturday. From Monday onwards, many more centres will become operational. Those COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation or are staying at some government/NGO arranged isolation centres can benefit from this initiative of the Ministry of Ayush.

Patients or their representatives can visit these centres with the hard or soft copies of patient's RT PCR positive report and Aadhar Card to get a free pack of AYUSH 64 tablets. Replenishment, if and when required, will also be provided free of cost.

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#### IREDA and NHPC vaccinate over 300 employees

A two day free COVID vaccination camp was jointly organised by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) and NHPC Ltd central Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Power for the 18-44 age group employees on 7th and 8th May at IREDA's Corporate Office, New Delhi.

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#### Transporting Hope: Delivery of medical cargo continues uninterrupted from Kolkata Airport

The nation is fighting a severe battle against the Corona Virus and in this crisis period supply of medical essentials like Vaccines, Oxygen Concentrators, Oximeter and other essentials are of utmost importance. In this fight, The Ministry of Civil Aviation and various airports and airlines and their corona warriors are playing their role by ensuring uninterrupted supply of all the medical essentials coming in or going out of various cities/states. Kolkata Airport is playing key role in this fight against Covid-19.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717256

### Centre releases Rs. 8923.8 crore to Panchayats in 25 States; Release of grant advanced in view of COVID-19 pandemic

The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, yesterday released an amount of Rs. 8,923.8 crore to 25 States for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs). The grants are meant for all the three tiers of Panchayati Raj Institutions – village, block and district.

The amount released on Saturday is the first instalment of the 'Untied Grants' for the year 2021-22. It may be utilised by the RLBs, among other things, for various prevention and mitigation measures needed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, it will augment resources to the three tiers of Panchayats for fighting the contagion. The state-wise amount of the grant released is enclosed.

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दावा: एक मैसेज में दावा किया जा रहा है कि लंबे समय तक मास्क के उपयोग से शरीर में कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड की अधिकता और ऑक्सीजन की कमी हो जाती है।#PIBFactCheck: यह दावा #फ़र्ज़ी है। #कोरोनावायरस के संक्रमण से बचाव के लिए सही तरीके से मास्क जरूर लगाएं। pic.twitter.com/ziSDpPOnhL

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अमेरिका के विख्यात CNN NEWS CHANNEL के अनुसार, चीन के विख्यात कोरोना वॉयरस विशेषज्ञ Dr Li Wenliang अपनी मृत्यु के पूर्व यह कह गये हैं कि केमिकल Methykanthine, Theobromine एवं Theophyline कोरोना वॉयरस को मार सकते हैं और ये तीनों केमिकल हो चाय में पाये जाते हैं इसलिये यदि कोई दिन में तीन कप चाय पीते हैं, तो वे कोरोना वॉयरस से संक्रमित नहीं होंगे अथवा यदि कोई संक्रमित व्यक्ति चाय पीते हैं तो कुछ हो दिनों में वे संक्रमण मुक्त हो जायेंगे। इस सत्य को 







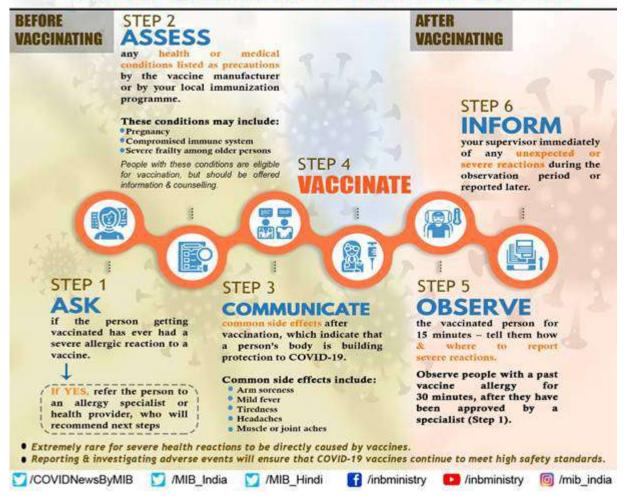




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### HOW TO MONITOR & REPORT COVID-19 VACCINE SIDE EFFECTS



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## PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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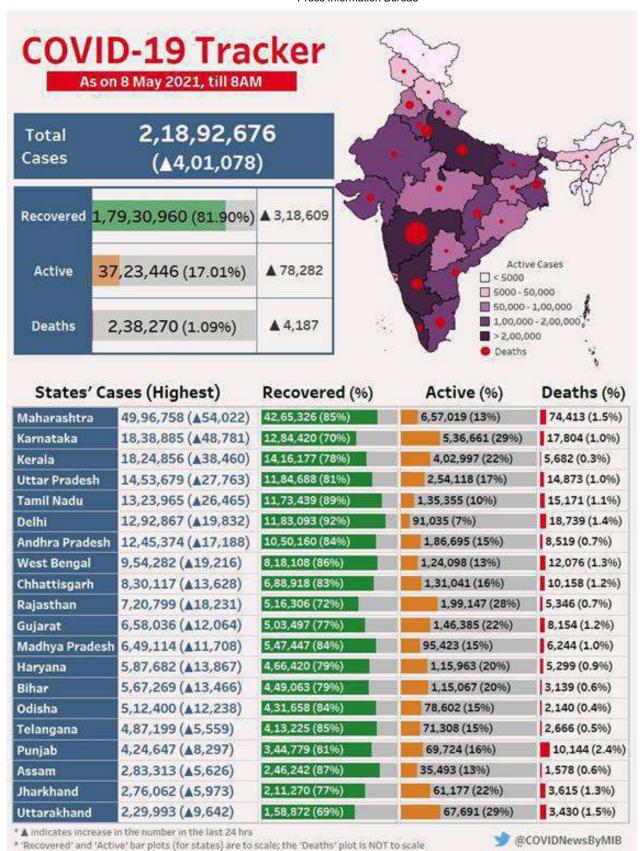
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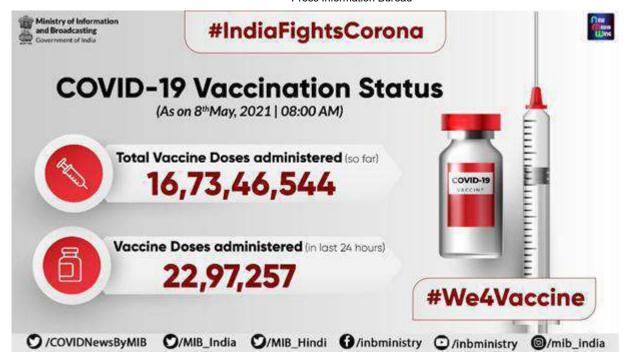












# Global Aid reaching Tertiary Care Institutions in States/UTs to supplement their infrastructure through Effective and Prompt Allocation and Delivery by the Union Government

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- More than 14.8 Lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated under Phase-3 of Vaccination Drive
- On a steady streak, over 3.18 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours
- Nearly 23 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours.
- Three States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N, Mizoram and A&N Islands.

For Details: <a href="https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716991">https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716991</a>

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Appeals to citizens to not skip 2nd dose of COVID Vaccine. Detailed report on Ramping up of Clinical Infrastructure and Supply of Medical Oxygen presented

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717014

DCGI approves anti-COVID drug developed by DRDO for emergency use









An anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) has been developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad. Clinical trial results have shown that this molecule helps in faster recovery of hospitalised patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence. Higher proportion of patients treated with 2-DG showed RT-PCR negative conversion in COVID patients. The drug will be of immense benefit to the people suffering from COVID-19.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717007

### Positive Test for COVID-19 virus Now Not Mandatory for Admission to a COVID Health Facility

- a. Requirement of a positive test for COVID-19 virus is not mandatory for admission to a COVID health facility. A suspect case shall be admitted to the suspect ward of CCC, DCHC or DHC as the case may be.
- b. No patient will be refused services on any count. This includes medications such as oxygen or essential drugs even if the patient belongs to a different city.
- c. No patient shall be refused admission on the ground that he/she is not able to produce a valid identity card that does not belong to the city where the hospital is located.
- d. Admissions to hospital must be based on need. It should be ensured that beds are not occupied by persons who do not need hospitalization. Further, the discharge should be strictly in accordance with the revised discharge policy available at https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/ReviseddischargePolicyforCOVID19.pdf

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717009

### Govt. of India has so far provided more than 17.49 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

More than 84 lakh doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. Over 53 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=1716980

### Company-wise supply plan of Remdesivir for 21st April to 16th May 2021

The Company-wise supply plan of Remdesivir for the period 21st April to 16th May 2021 has been issued to States/UTs. The plan has been prepared in consultation with the marketing companies. The companies have been instructed to ensure timely supplies to all states/ UTs strictly as per the supply plan.

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# Covid Care Coaches as Isolation Units are now functional in 17 diverse locations in 7 states spread over the country

Over the week, through timely and co-ordinated efforts Railways swiftly mobilised Isolation Coaches to places of demand. Teams endeavour to meet quarantine protocols for mild cases of Covid with well-equipped medical facilities. A total of 298 Isolation Coaches with nearly 4700 bed capacity in use now

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717021

### NHPC carries out large scale covid vaccination drive

Covid 19 vaccination being carried at IREDA, New Delhi for employees of MOP, MNRE and PSUs/organizations under MOP and MNRE.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716967

### NTPC Stations at Chhattisgarh & in Madhya Pradesh chip in to spearhead Fight against COVID-19 Pandemic

After the outbreak of Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 and the resultant lockdown power sector personnel in generation had put their best foot forward in ensuring that the power generation continues to flow in the national grid and homes remain lit up and that all emergency services continue uninterrupted.

From providing financial assistance to District Administration for procuring PPE kits and Ventilators NTPC Sipat will be providing Financial Assistance to district administration for setting up Covid Care Centre at Masturi.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717012

### IMPORTANT TWEET

### #IndiaFightsCorona

Israel and #India are united in the fight against #COVID19#IAF aircraft carrying three #Oxygen generators & 360 #OxygenConcentrators arrive in India from #Israel . Each generator has the capacity to meet O2 needs of a 120 bed hospital.#StaySafe@indemtel pic.twitter.com/iJTLL5IIni

- #IndiaFightsCorona (@COVIDNewsByMIB) May 8, 2021

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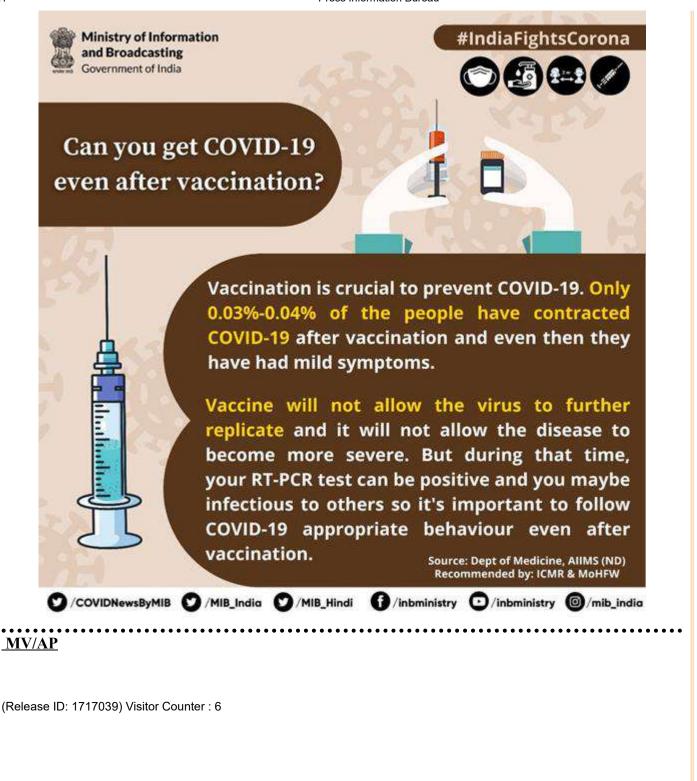












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## PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19-UPDATED

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- Centre continues to Effectively and Promptly Allocate and Deliver COVID-19 Aid received from Global Community to States/UTs
- On a steady streak, over 3.31 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours
- Additional Deployment Of Naval Personnel From WNC For PM Care Covid Hospital (Dhanvantari), Ahmedabad
- A new Security Feature added to CoWIN digital platform
- Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 2960 MT of LMO in 185 tankers to different states

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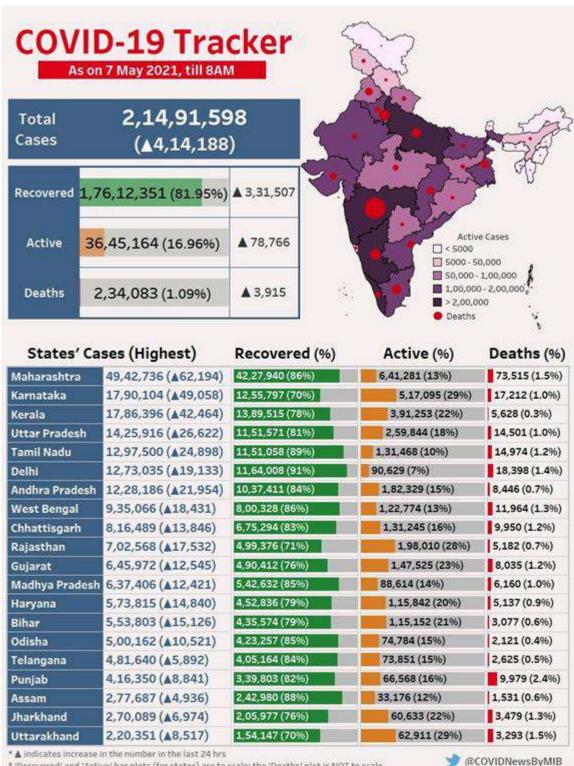
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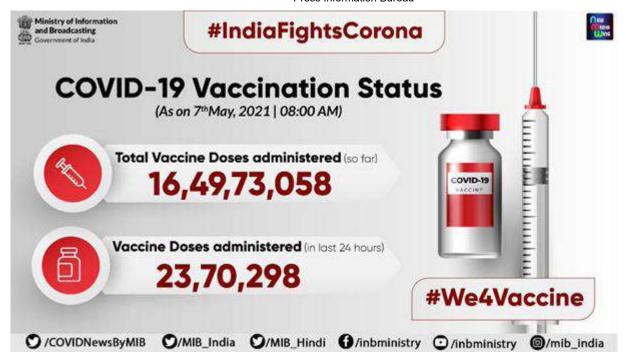








<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale



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### Govt. of India has so far provided more than 17.35 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs

### Free of Cost

More than 90 lakh COVID Vaccine doses (90,30,670) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. States with negative balance are showing more consumption (including wastage) than vaccine supplied as they have not reconciled the vaccine they have supplied to Armed Forces. Furthermore, more than 10 lakh (10,25,000) 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=1716688

## <u>Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews COVID19 management Preparedness at Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi</u>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today reviewed in person the preparedness of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia hospital, New Delhi for clinical management of the severe COVID19 patients. He has been personally reviewing the management of COVID19 in the Central Hospitals that serve Delhi alphad also visited the Lody Hardinge Medical College recently.

In view of the unprecedented surge in daily COVID19 cases, uninterrupted requirement of oxygen, oxygen supported and ICU beds in addition to adequate supply of medicines and trained manpower has increased manifold in the Capital. The Government of India in line with its pro-active and graded approach has continuously reviewed the emerging situation in Delhi.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716789

### Indian Air Force & Navy step up efforts to ferry oxygen and medical supplies

Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy (IN) have intensified their efforts to aid the civil administration in tackling the current COVID19 situation by ferrying oxygen containers and medical equipment. As on May 07, 2021, the C-17 aircraft of IAFhave conducted 400 sorties from within the country, including 351 to airlift 252 oxygen tankers of total capacity of 4,904 Metric Tonnes (MT). The cities covered were Jamnagar, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Panagarh, Indore, Ranchi, Agra, Jodhpur, Begumpet, Bhubaneswar, Pune, Surat, Raipur, Udaipur, Mumbai, Lucknow, Nagpur, Gwalior, Vijaywada, Baroda, Dimapur and Hindan.

The IAF aircraft also conducted 59 international sorties to airlift 72 cryogenic oxygen storage containers of 1,233 MT total capacity along with 1,252 empty oxygen cylinders.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716805

# Allocation of Remdesivir made upto 16th May 2021 to ensure its adequate availability across the country

Considering the requirement of Remdesivir in every state and ensuring its adequate availability, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilisers Shri D.V Sadananda Gowda today announced the allocation of Remdesivir made upto 16th May 2021. This will ensure smooth supply of Remdesivir across country so that no patient face difficulty in this pandemic time, he added.

In a letter written to all States by Department of Pharmaceuticals and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it was mentioned that in continuation of the allocation plan of Remdesivir drug for the period 21st April to 9th May, 2021 communicated by DO issued on 1st May 2021, an updated allocation plan valid for period of 21st April to 16th May, 2021 is prepared jointly by Department of Pharmaceuticals and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716744

# <u>Additional Deployment Of Naval Personnel From WNC For PM Care Covid Hospital</u> (<u>Dhanvantari</u>), <u>Ahmedabad</u>

This is in addition to a 57 member naval medical team already positioned at the hospital on 29 Apr 21. The team is being deployed for a period of two months and will assist the hospital administration in handling covid patients.



### **Uninterrupted Delivery of Medical Essentials Continues from Goa Airport**

Goa Airport had earlier catered to 8 LifeLine Udan flights intended to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country amid the Nationwide lockdown to support India's fight against Covid-19 with a Total Inbound cargo of 2.15MT & Outbound cargo 3.96 MT. Goa Airport also handled 3 lots of Covid Vaccine for the state of Goa and 1 lot for the neighbouring state Karnataka in the months of January and February 2021.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716686

### A new Security Feature added to CoWIN digital platform

In order to minimize such errors and the subsequent inconvenience caused to the citizens, the CoWIN system is introducing a new feature of "4 digit security code" in the CoWIN application from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Now, after verification if the beneficiary has been found as eligible, before administering the vaccine dose, the verifier/vaccinator will ask beneficiary about his/her 4 digit code and then enter the same in the CoWIN system to correctly record the vaccination status

### Advisory for citizens -

- It is advised that the citizens must carry a copy (digital or physical) of their appointment slip and/or the registered mobile phone with appointment confirmation SMS, so that the 4-digit security code can be furnished for easy completion of vaccination recording process.
- It is also advised that the security code may be furnished to verifier/vaccinator before the vaccine dose has been administered. This is important as the digital certificate would be generated after the vaccine dose administration.
- Citizen must provide the security code to the vaccinator as the digital certificate will be generated only after the vaccination record has been updated with the security code.
- Citizen should get a confirmation SMS after the process has been successfully completed. The confirmation SMS indicates that the vaccination process has been completed successfully and the digital certificate has been generated. If one does not get the confirmation SMS, one should get in touch with the vaccinator/vaccination center in-charge.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716726

Ayush Ministry launches nationwide distribution campaign of AYUSH 64 & Kabasura Kudineer









It is worthwhile to note that since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country, the Ministry of Ayush has taken several initiatives toward control and mitigation of COVID 19, while also working in close collaboration with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in the fight against COVID 19. With the latest initiative of the Ministry to launch a nationwide campaign for distribution of AYUSH-64 and Kabasura Kudineer, India aims to strengthen its position in fight against COVID19 pandemic.

For Details:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716729

## <u>Railway provides 21 Isolation Coaches at Guwahati and 20 Isolation Coaches at Badarpur near Silchar in Assam (N.F. Railway)</u>

Ministry of Railways is taking rapid action to swiftly move Isolation Coaches to places of demand (made by respective states) mobilising workforce and material for this task. The Railways has made available a fleet of more than 4400 Isolation Coaches with around 70,000 beds to serve as Isolation Units.

In the latest update, with latest demands from the State of Assam, Railway has swiftly moved 21 isolation coaches to Guwahati and 20 Isolation Coaches to Badarpur near Silchar in Assam (N. F. Railway). Earlier in the week, Isolation Coaches were deployed at Sabarmati, Chandlodiya and Dimapur respectively.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716788

### Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 2960 MT of LMO in 185 tankers to different states

Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 2960MT of LMO in 185 tankers to various states across the country. 47 Oxygen Expresses have already completed their journey so far. It is Indian Railways endeavour to deliver as much LMO as possible in the shortest time possible to the requesting states. Till the time of this release,174 MT has been offloaded in Maharashtra, 729 MT in UP, 249 MT in MP, 305 MT in Haryana, 123 MT in Telangana and 1334 MT in Delhi.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716820

# <u>Department of Space pitched in to augment COVID infrastructure in the country; Liquid Oxygen is being provided to Tamil Nadu and Kerala on a continuous basis</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 today said that Department of Space has gone beyond its call to provide COVID related support mainly liquid oxygen to States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Chandigarh. In an online review meeting, Chairman, ISRO, Dr. K. Sivan said that 9.5 tonnes of oxygen being given to Tamil Nadu and Kerala per day, besides the oxygen capacity of Andhra Pradesh and Chandigarh was augmentd. He said, 87 Tonnes of LOX manufactured and supplied by ISRO Propulsion Complex, IPRC already given to Tamil Nadu and Kerala by ensuring 24x7 work schedule. Moreover, 12 MT of LOX sent to augment Oxygen availability in Andhra Pradesh.

He said, the Department is also ensuring supply of Oxygen cylinders for local public in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. Advanced Medical devices designed including ventilators, Prana, and VaU and manufacturing to be taken up with industries at the earliest.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716535

## <u>Postal department in collaboration with Customs authorities starts helpline to facilitate speedy delivery of COVID related emergency shipments</u>

During recent 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid 19 cases, Department of Posts, in collaboration with Customs authorities, has been facilitating clearance, processing and delivery of Covid related emergency shipments received through post from abroad e. g. oxygen concentrators, equipment, medicines etc. A public notice in this regard has been issued by Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716798

### Ex-Defence doctors to provide online consultation on e-Sanjeevani OPD

Ex-Defence doctors will now provide online consultation on e-Sanjeevani OPD to all citizens of the country. Veterans have come forward to answer the call of the nation and offered their services to help the people needing medical care. Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) Surgeon Vice Admiral Rajat Datta addressed the veterans who have come forward to offer their services, through video conferencing on May 07, 2021. The e-Sanjeevani OPD is a flagship telemedicine platform of the Government, developed by the Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC), Mohali under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716822

### IMPORTANT TWEETS

Soon after its arrival from Italy an oxygen plant was installed at ITBP REFERRAL Hospital in Greater Noida, UP. The plant can support around 100 beds at a time for COVID-19 patients admitted at the centre.@HMOIndia @ITBP\_official @PIB\_India@ANI pic.twitter.com/7xi91aIMpq

— Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 7, 2021









Loaded up in Tel Aviv !! C17 of IAF with 3 Cryogenic -containers and additional respirators will be flying back to Hindan Airbase. MHA and IAF are working in coordination to upscale oxygen supplies and medical eqpt amidst the 2nd wave of Covid-19. pic.twitter.com/Ud9II8oIGs

— Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 7, 2021

Importing covid related equipments or medicaments through courier!

Track status of consignments by HAWB no. and Courier name on the link

→ https://t.co/ECBJjA8ZGe#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/GAmgqNRS43

— CBIC (@cbic\_india) May 7, 2021

Congress's discourse on Central Vista is bizarre.

Cost of Central Vista is about ₹20,000 crore, over several years.

GoI has allocated nearly twice that amount for vaccination! India's healthcare budget for just this year was over ₹3 lakh crore. We know our priorities. pic.twitter.com/uNlnxv7s58

— Hardeep Singh Puri (@HardeepSPuri) May 7, 2021

There are hundreds of projects being executed by various depts. Governance hasn't come to a standstill, unlike the Congress's times of policy paralysis.

Central Vista is just another ongoing project. It's only the Congress that's obsessed about it, nobody else. pic.twitter.com/RSTfL5HLLe

— Hardeep Singh Puri (@HardeepSPuri) May 7, 2021







Moreover, only projects for New Parliament Building & rejuvenation of Central Vista Avenue have been awarded at an estimated cost of ₹862 crore & ₹477 crore respectively till now.

As I said, there are many components in Central Vista project which are spread over several years

Hardeep Singh Puri (@HardeepSPuri) May 7, 2021

They want to distract people from monumental governance failures in their states by spreading lies. So they indulge in cheap politics despite knowing this project creates direct & indirect employment for thousands of skilled, semi-skilled & unskilled workers in these times.

— Hardeep Singh Puri (@HardeepSPuri) May 7, 2021

While Central Vista is not new, see Congress' hypocrisy.

Congress & its allies are splurging on a new project reconstructing an MLA hostel in Maharashtra & building a new Legislative Assembly building in Chhattisgarh. If this is fine, what is the problem with Central Vista? pic.twitter.com/7buqpuFRN2

— Hardeep Singh Puri (@HardeepSPuri) May 7, 2021

Congress doesn't stop at hypocrisy. Look at their shameful double face.

During UPA, Congress leaders wrote about the need for a new parliament. The Speaker in 2012 wrote a letter to Urban Development Ministry for the same. And now they have the gall to oppose the same project? pic.twitter.com/33weJfsed1

— Hardeep Singh Puri (@HardeepSPuri) May 7, 2021









Union Minister @DVSadanandGowda announces the allocation of #Remdesivir made upto 16th May 2021

States/UTs asked to monitor proper distribution within the State/UT covering government & private hospitals as appropriate and in line with judicious use

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— PIB in Tamil Nadu ім (@pibchennai) May 7, 2021

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- ♦ Help a child!
- ♦ Please inform at the #NationalChildHelpline (1098) if you know any child who needs counselling or any other assistance. pic.twitter.com/CO2y3g19RE
- PIB WCD (@PIBWCD) May 7, 2021

#### INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS

**Kerala:** The Covid lockdown restrictions, which will come into force in the state from tomorrow, are likely to be intensified. Borders of Ernakulam district where Covid cases have crossed 60,000 mark, will be closed by midnight tonight. The state reported 41,953 new Covid-19 cases yesterday, the single biggest surge reported in a day. The test positivity rate was 25.69 %. The Kerala High Court today dismissed the petition of private labs against the government's decision to cap the RTPCR test rate at Rs 500. It also urged the Centre to come up with an action plan for distribution of vaccines to the states. Meanwhile, a total of 77,06,663 people have been vaccinated in the state so far. Out of this 61,38,224 have taken first dose and 15,68,439 second dose.

Tamil Nadu: The CM, signed an order for bringing Covid19 treatment cost under CM Health Insurance Scheme. The High Court appealed to the Union and the empowered committee to take immediate steps and ensure supply of the revised allocation of 475 tonnes of oxygen to the State by Friday (today). State government informed the Madras High Court on Thursday that adequate measures were being taken to check hoarding and black marketing of Remdesivir, and two counters to sell the medicine would be set up at Madurai and Coimbatore in a day or two. Tamil Nadu recorded 24,898 new Covid cases in the single biggest day spike so far on Thursday, pushing the caseload to 12,97,500, while a record 195 deaths in the last 24 hours took the toll to 14,974, leaving 1,31,468 active infections. Around 87,000 were vaccinated in the state yesterday. Till date 63,36,452 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 47,83,045 received first dose and 15,53,407 received second dose.









**Karnataka:**New Cases Reported: 49058; Total Active Cases: 517075; New Covid Deaths: 328; Total Covid Deaths: 17212. Around 21,425 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,01,34,203 have been vaccinated in the state till now. A start-up named Swagbike is working on delivering an oxygen cylinder to corona infected people facing Oxygen deficiency. As the demand for medical oxygen in the state has increased, Centre has responded and expanded the amount of oxygen delivered to the state to 965 metric tonnes. Vaccination campaign for 18 to 45-year-olds will be launched by the 15th or later of this month, Health Minister Dr K. Sudhakar said.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 21,954 new Covid19 cases after testing 1,10,147 samples with 72 deaths, while 10,141 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 70,70,242 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 52,75,927 first doses and 17,94,315 second doses. The drive to administer the second dose of vaccines to people in the 45 and plus age group continued across the state for the second day on Thursday. The state received five lakh doses on Tuesday. However, due to limited availability of stocks the vaccination continued at a snail's pace. Meanwhile, the crackdown on private hospitals treating Covid-19 patients, in violation of the norms prescribed by the government, continued, and six hospitals were booked for irregularities. Following the clamping of curfew from 12 noon to 6 am for two weeks from May 5 to contain the spread of Covid-19, the State Industries and Commerce department issued guidelines for operating Industries beyond permissible hours with a set of SOPs.

**Telangana:**CM K. Chandrashekhar Rao ruled out the imposition of lockdown in the state as it adversely affects the livelihood of lakhs of people. The CM yesterday reviewed the Covid situation in the state with senior officials of the concerned departments. All public health facilities in the state from PHC Sub Centres to teaching hospitals are starting Out Patient service from today for Covid patients; Home Isolation Kits will be given to the persons who test positive with mild symptoms and require home isolation. Meanwhile, as many as 5,892 new daily cases and 46 deaths were reported yesterday taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 4,81,640 and fatalities to 2,625. A total of 48,306 people of all categories received first dose and 32,361 second dose vaccinations yesterday.

**Maharashtra**: Maharashtra crossed the 1.67 crore inoculation mark. It also became the first among the states to give both doses to the highest number of citizens. Bhabha Atomic Energy Research Centre (BARC) has set up a special Oxygen plant to supply medical oxygen to Mumbai. In the first phase, about 10 cylinders of 50 litres each will be available from the plant. The cylinders will be supplied to government hospitals and COVID centres in south-central Mumbai. BARC has indicated its readiness to increase supply as per demand. National Chemicals Fertilizers (RCF) has also set up an Oxygen plant at Shatabdi Hospital in Govandi in Mumbai.

**Gujarat:** Gujarat Unit of Ayurveda Vyaspeeth has launched an "Ayurvedic Doctors on Call" service to serve the Covid patients in the state. Under this service, 170 Ayurvedic doctors will give free Ayurvedic consultations to the Covid patients on phone calls. This will help to recover the Covid patients from their









Home. Continuing a downward trend, Gujarat on Thursday reported 12,545 COVID-19 cases, the Health Department said. With 13,021 persons getting discharged during the day, recoveries surpassed the daily increase in cases.

**Rajasthan**: Due to the surging second wave of COVID-19, the Rajasthan Government has decided to impose a lock down in the state for two weeks and has suspended marriage functions till the 31st of May. The lock down will be effective from 5 AM on May 10th to 5 AM on the 24th of May. All places of worship will remain closed. Except for medical emergencies, no inter-district, inter-city, city to villages or villages to city travel will be allowed. All public transport including buses, tempos, tractors, jeeps will be off the roads. Only workers permitted will be allowed to load or unload inter state and intra-state goods.

Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, Janata Curfew has been extended till May 15.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan while addressing people of state virtually yesterday requested to halt all activities, defer weddings till May 15. Chief Minister said that the government will provide free treatment for corona immediately to the poor, common people and middle-class people as well. The package is being announced under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. The government will contract with private hospitals. CT scan, tests etc. will also be free of charge.Madhya Pradesh had 12,841 infections yesterday and 85 deaths. Active cases are 88,614 and 60% of these are in home isolation.

Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh government has suspended the third phase of Covid vaccination drive for people aged 18 to 44, after the high court's order to modify the plan that prioritised inoculation of the economically weaker sections of society. The State government has constituted a committee headed by the State's Chief Secretary to finalise a fresh plan to distribute vaccines in the third phase in an equitable manner. For prevention and control of COVID-19 infection, Mitanins are going door-to-door in villages to identify the people with COVID symptoms and to provide them medicines free of cost. This initiative of the Government is yielding positive results. The number of serious COVID patients in the state has significantly declined while recovery rate has noticeably improved.

Goa: Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has hinted that a lockdown may be imposed in the state to curb the transmission of the coronavirus as infections climb record high. Goa is currently under stringent Covid-19-related curbs, which include the closure of non-essential shops. Goa government has cancelled permission for film, TV shootings due to rising Covid-19 cases. The Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG) has asked the shooting crews currently in Goa to wind up their schedules.

**Assam:**Assam on Thursday recorded a total of 46 deaths due to COVID-19, while 4,936 persons tested positive for the virus. Kamrup (Metro) reported as many as 1,353 COVID-19 positive cases on Thursday. The vaccination drive for the 18+ population of the State will start officially from Friday. Each of the 34 districts in the state has been divided into zones for smooth conduct of the drive.CM Sarbananda Sonowal discussed the COVID-19 situation with Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma over phone on Thursday. Sonowal also held a video conference with the Deputy Commissioners and reviewed various aspects of the COVID-19 response in the districts.









**Manipur:** Manipur recorded 380 new positive cases registered. In view of the rising COVID-19 cases and death toll, the State Government has extended the period of restrictions imposed in areas under Imphal Municipal Corporation (IMC) and Greater Imphal till May 16.No shortages of oxygen, action will be taken against panic buying said Manipur Health director. The number of people vaccinated in the State so far is 2,42,359.

Meghalaya: Two people succumbed to COVID-19 infection and 347 new cases were reported on Thursday, less than 24 hours after the state government enforced lockdown in Shillong and the rest of East Khasi Hills district. The Health department is awaiting delivery of 42,630 doses of vaccine from Serum Institute of India (SII) to start the vaccination of people in the 18-44 age group on apriority basis. The COVID-19 cases in Meghalaya may peak next week, Principal Secretary of Health department, Sampath Kumar said on Thursday.

**Nagaland:** Nagaland reported 267 fresh COVID-19 cases and 3 deaths on Thursday. Active cases are 2245 while total has gone up to 15,271. Shutters down, roads deserted in Kohima and Dimapur as containment restrictions begin. More consignment for oxygen plants arrive at Dimapur Airport on Thursday.

**Tripura:** The case load in Agartala Municipal area has already crossed last year's record. A meeting of state level COVID-19 task force was held under the Chief Secretary and it was decided not to give permission for any mass gathering. Meanwhile yesterday state recorded highest positive rate with 300 people testing positive and 1 death.

**Sikkim:**264 Covid cases, three deaths in Sikkim. The State's active Covid cases tally is 2,256. 50 Covidpatients have successfullyrecovered on Wednesday. Atpresent, there are 181 Covidpatients in hospitals. Shutters down in Sikkim and movement of persons and vehicles are completely restricted from 5 pm till 9 am, except for emergencypurposes during the night curfew in the State. During this daily 16-hour lockdown, only essential services and

shops selling medicines and essential commodities are allowed to function. Sikkim has also closed its inter-State borders and banned interdistrict movement except for Army and security personnel, commercial transporters and exceptional emergencies. Section 144 prohibiting gathering of five or more persons is also in force till May 16.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 416350. Number of active cases is 66568. Total Deaths reported is 9979. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 715916. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 207946. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2437386. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 292024.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 573815. Total active COVID-19 patients are 115842. Number of deaths is 5137. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4125253.









**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 47552. Total number of Active Cases is 8420. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 541.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 118729. Total number of Active Cases is 27756. Total deaths reported till date is 1724.





4th consignment of Cryo Oxygen tanks had been airlifted by Indian Air Force from Thailand.

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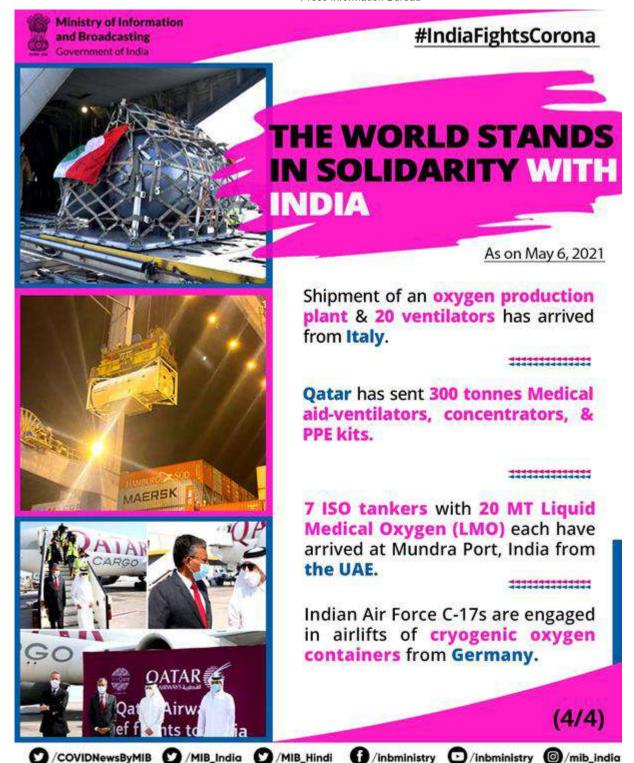
























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## PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- · India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 16.25 Crore as the Nationwide Vaccination Drive expands
- · On a steady streak, over 3.29 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours
- · PM Modi reviews public health response to Covid-19
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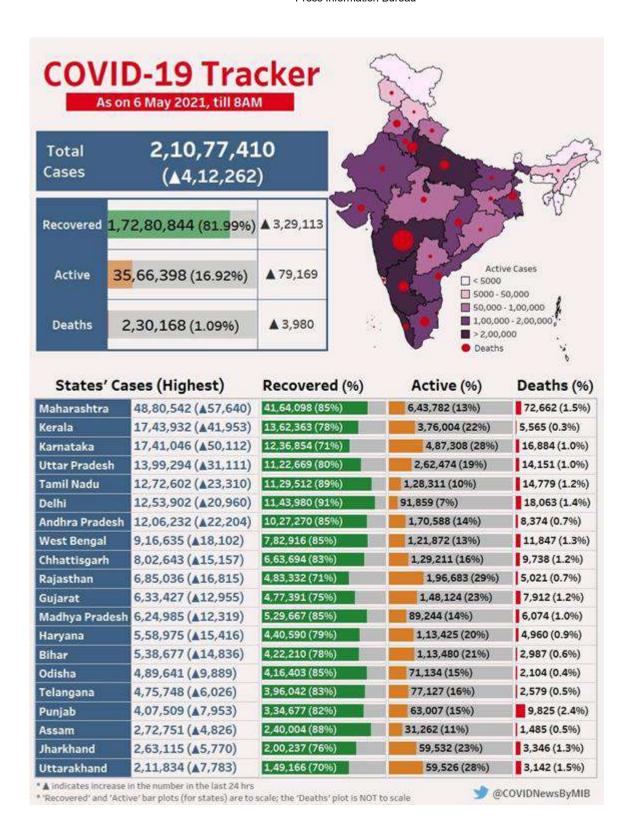












## PM Modi reviews public health response to Covid-19; PM reviews state-wise and district wise covid situation

PM Modi today undertook a comprehensive review of the Covid-19 related situation in the country. He was given a detailed picture on the Covid outbreak in various states and districts. He was informed about the 12 states which have meet than 1 lakh active cases. PM was also approved about the districts with

high disease burden.

PM was briefed about the ramping up of healthcare infrastructure by the states. PM directed that states should be given help & guidance about leading indicators to ramp up healthcare infrastructure.

Fordetails:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716474

Oil and Gas Public Sector Companies setting up 100 PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plants in Hospitals

Oil and Gas Public Sector Companies, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India are working earnestly to meet the Nation's Liquid Medical Oxygen requirements, in this hour of need. They are setting up about 100 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants in public health facilities across the country. The hospitals in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi will be covered under the initiative. The entire expenditure for these plants will be borne by the companies from their CSR fund.

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# Govt. of India has so far provided more than 17.15 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

More than 89 lakh doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. Over 28 Lakh doses in addition will be received by the States/UTs in the next 3 days.

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### No pendency of Oxygen Concentrators with Indian Customs

It has been reported in some sections of the media that oxygen concentrators are pending at the Customs warehouse for getting clearance from the Custom authorities. The news is totally incorrect, not based on facts and without any basis. 3000 Oxygen Concentrators received in the Country as International Relief Aid; All delivered/dispatched. Customs authorities working 24×7 to fast track consignments of Oxygen concentrators

For Details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716432

# Effective Allocation of COVID-19 Materials received from the Global Community by Centre to States and UTs

Government of India has been receiving international donations/aid of Covid-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27 April 2021 from different countries. All items received so far are allocated to the states/institutions and substantial part of it stands delivered. This is an ongoing exercise. The aim is to

extend all support and assistance through various means and measures to strengthen the States' and UT's efforts during this critical phase. More than 9 Lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated under Phase-3 of Vaccination Drive.

On a steady streak, over 3.29 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours. Average Weekly recoveries increased from around 53 Thousand to 3 Lakhs in the month of April

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### Guidelines issued for fast and efficient vaccination of Civil Aviation Community

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has issued enabling guidelines to facilitate the vaccination program in a fast and efficient manner to ensure timely vaccination of the aviation community. During the COVID-19 surge, the aviation community has worked tirelessly to ensure unhindered services for the movement of people in need and essential cargo including critical medical cargo like vaccines, medicines, Oxygen Concentrators, etc. Secretary, Civil Aviation sent a letter earlier to all the State Governments with a request to consider the personnel involved in aviation and related services as a priority group under the vaccination program.

As per the guidelines, all players in Civil Aviation Sector would be advised to cover their personnel under the ongoing vaccination program. Guidelines further state that the organizations which have already made arrangements with Government/Private service providers for the vaccination to their employees may continue to do so.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716483

### **IMPORTANT TWEETS**

A morale boosting piece by Raksha Mantri Shri. @rajnathsingh ji listing how the defense forces of India and various wings of Defence Ministry are working round the clock with civil administration in fighting the pandemic.

A must read https://t.co/yBDWJK3uaH#Unite2FightCorona

— Prakash Javadekar (@PrakashJavdekar) May 6, 2021

Facilitating fast and efficient vaccination program for civil aviation community - Ministry of Civil Aviation issues enabling Guidelines https://t.co/wXwgHUh3Kj @MoCA\_Gol @PIB\_India @ushapadhee1996 #Unite2FightCorona

- PIB Civil Aviation (@pibcivilaviati1) May 6, 2021









An IAF C17 Globemaster arrived Bangkok today to lift cryo- containers. Continous IAF sorties are being co-ordinated by MHA to improve transportation of oxygen across the country during the 2nd Covid-19 wave.@HMOIndia @PIB\_India @DDNewslive @airnewsalerts @IAF\_MCC @ANI pic.twitter.com/SNkEjwkgrr

Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 6, 2021

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

Maharashtra: Maharashtra on Wednesday reported 57,640 new coronavirus infections, which took the state's case tally to 48,80,542, while 920 fatalities, the highest in a day so far, pushed the death toll to 72,662. For the second day in a row, Mumbai reported less than 3,000 cases. Over the past week, Mumbai has reported an average of 3,500 Covid-19 cases per day.

<u>Gujarat</u>: Gujarat recorded 12,955 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday while 12,995 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. 133 patients lost their lives yesterday. Meanwhile, 1,32,384 persons were vaccinated in the state yesterday. Out of these, 36,226 persons are from the 18 to 44 years age group. Shri Somnath Trust has announced Rs.50 lakh donation to the local community health centre at Prabhas Patan to set up an oxygen plant. Shri Somnath Trust is also running COVID care centre at its Lilavati Bhavan guest house.

<u>Rajasthan</u>: There has been a continuous dip in the daily infections for the past four days. From 18,298, 17,296 and 16,974 cases, respectively, for the last three days, the state reported 16,815 cases on Wednesday. Moreover, after two months, the number of people who were discharged in the last 24 hours (17,022) was higher than the number of daily new infections on Wednesday. However, 155 persons died of Covid in the state in one day. Two nitrogen tankers have been processed to transport oxygen in the state, and Rajasthan is one of the first to do so in the country.

<u>Madhya Pradesh</u>: Advanced life support ambulances rates have been decided by the state government. Government has increased the rates by 1.5 to 2 times. The rates are Rs 500 for 10 kilometers in urban areas and Rs 800 for 20 kms in rural areas. There were several complaints of over charging by ambulances coming from rural areas to cities.5,200 people below 18 years were vaccinated with Covaxin as their first dose yesterday. Yesterday was the first day of vaccination for the 18 plus age group.

<u>Chhattisgarh:</u> Chhattisgarh High Court has set aside the state government's decision to first vaccinate poor people of the state in the third phase of Covid inoculation drive by ruling that a division according to financial status alone was unconstitutional. The court said other groups were entitled to equal treatment with regard to the right to life.

At the district headquarters of Balodabazar district, a 600-bed COVID Care Hospital is being constructed with the help from the public representatives. Besides, a 100-bed COVID Hospital has been built in the capital Raipur with the help of Jain community. This hospital has 6 ICU beds and 42 oxygenated beds.

<u>Goa</u>: Goa cabinet declared section of govt employees, media, bank workers & others as frontline Covid workers for priority in Covid vaccination.

Three public interest litigations (PIL) will be heard together by the High Court of Bombay at Goa on Thursday at 10am on the State's handling of the COVID pandemic management in view of the high mortality rate and other gaps in the healthcare infrastructure.

Kerala: The state will go into complete lockdown from May 8 to May 16. The move comes a day after the state recorded more than 40,000 daily cases for the first time. On Wednesday, the State reported 41,953 new Covid-19 cases and 58 fatalities. The TPR was 25.69 %. The lockdown has been declared just when the strain on hospitals is threatening to go beyond manageable levels. In all, there are 3.8 lakh patients in hospitals across the state. 2033 patients are in ICU. Those requiring ventilator support are 818. On the other hand, a total of 76,64,973 people have so far been vaccinated in the state. Out of this 61,29,034 took first dose and 15,35,939 second dose.

Tamil Nadu: Madras HC sought a Covid situation report from Health Secretary and called on the state to evolve an inoculation programme that involves some amount of equality. Madras High Court has also sought the Centre to come out clear as to when Sterlite would start supply of oxygen, especially with a week having gone by since such permission was given. Puducherry is witnessing a steep rise in Covid-19 deaths, with 78 people succumbing to the virus in the last five days in the Union territory. Puducherry also logged its highest single-day spike of 1819 cases and 18 deaths in the last 24 hours ending at 10 am on Wednesday. Tamil Nadu recorded 23,310 fresh Covid cases and 167 deaths on Wednesday. The active cases in the state stand at 32,917 and 1,28,311 respectively. The total number of cases seen in the State so far stands at 12,72,602. The state vaccinated 56,203 people yesterday. Till date 62,49,242 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 47,53,074 received first dose and 14,96,168 received second dose.

<u>Karnataka</u>: New Cases Reported: 50112; Total Active Cases: 487288; New Covid Deaths: 346; Total Covid Deaths: 16884. Around 1,23,413 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,00,72,795 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The Indian Navy's INS Talwar ship brought 40 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen for the first time from Bahrain to Mangalore. Four pharmaceutical companies have agreed to meet the daily dose of Remdisivir beginning from Thursday, said DCM, Dr CN Ashwaththa Narayana, Head of Covid Task Force.

Andhra Pradesh: The state reported 22,204 new Covid-19 cases after testing 1,16,367 samples with 85 deaths, while 11,128 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 69,16,457 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 52,42,484 first doses and 16,73,973 second doses. Principal Secretary (Medical and Health) Anil Kumar Singhal, said that the state will receive 9 lakh doses of vaccine from the Centre by May 15. In addition to which the state will procure another 13 lakh doses from companies directly. All the 22 lakh doses will be used for second dose, he said. Fresh restrictions to curb the spread of Covid-19 have impacted 3,500 RTC services. Odisha too closed its borders with Andhra Pradesh in Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts as it had imposed complete lockdown there.

<u>Telangana</u>: A total of 48,055 people of all categories received first dose and 30,765 second dose in the state on Wednesday taking the cumulative number of people who received first dose to 42,72,935 and second dose to 6,86,220. Meanwhile, as many as 6,026 new daily cases and 52 fatalities were reported yesterday taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 4,75,748 and deaths to 2,579. Now, the total number of Active Cases in the state stands at 77,127. Telangana High Court yesterday asked the State Government to explore imposition of stronger restrictive measures like extending hours of night curfew or weekend lockdown to flatten the Covid-19 curve.

Assam: Assam has recorded 4826 new COVID cases on May 5th, Wednesday. Giving an update on the COVID situation in the state, Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that 55 deaths have been recorded and Kamrup Metropolitan with Guwahati as its leading city registered 1383 number of COVID cases. The positivity rate stands at 9.27%. Ministry of Railways has offered Assam 150 train coaches equipped with oxygen cylinders to be used as Covid care centres. The State Government has released Rs 49.64 crore SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) for its 34 districts for COVID-19 management. Assam Government has announced the closure of all educational institutions in the state till further notice. All primary, higher secondary schools, colleges and universities in the state will remain closed during this period and online classes will however continue.

<u>Manipur</u>: COVID-19 claimed 10 more lives in Manipur.With 397 new COVID-19 positive cases in 24 hours, the cumulative number of positive cases in Manipur reached 33,353.Manipur government has completed all preparations to start the vaccination programme for the people of age group 18-44 years, Lok Sabha MP RK Ranjan said.

Meghalaya: 269 fresh cases were detected on Wednesday, with six fatalities. The active tally has gone up to 2,135 while the number of patients who have so far recovered from the infection is 15,957, including 147 on Wednesday. NEIGRIHMS Director, Dr P Bhattacharya on Wednesday informed that the institute has a 10,000 litre liquid oxygen tank that will keep the super-speciality hospital supplied with oxygen optimally.

<u>Sikkim:</u> Lockdown-like restrictions in Sikkim till May 16, borders to be sealed. Curfew will be imposed from 5 pm to 9 am. Inter state and inter district movement banned except emergency vehicles. All state govt offices to remain closed till 16th May. Active cases go past 2K in Sikkim; 4 deaths take Covid toll to 155.

<u>Tripura:</u>240 people tested positive and 3 died while 75 patients recovered in last 24 hours. Covid19 surveillance officer Dr. Deep Deb Barma said that already positivity rate for Tripura has crossed 5 % which is worrying and next 1 and half months are very crucial for the state. BSF reviewed the covid situation for 3000 troops who are returning from duty and testing for all is being done at the railway station.

Nagaland: Nagaland registered highest single day spike of Covid infections with 287 cases, 3 deaths in









last 24 hrs. In view of the increase in cases, the State govt directed private hospitals to provide 50% beds for Covid patients. The Nagaland Emergency Centre, Delhi at Nagaland House, New Delhi has been reactivated to assist Naga citizens in the national capital in tackling the Covid 2nd wave.

<u>Punjab</u>: The total number of patients tested Positive is 407509. Number of active cases is 63007. Total Deaths reported is 9825. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 698587. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 202747. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2406824. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 270473.

<u>Haryana</u>: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 558975. Total active COVID-19 patients is 113425. Number of deaths is 4960. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4027635.

<u>Chandigarh:</u> Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 46793. Total number of Active Cases is 8363. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 532.

<u>Himachal Pradesh</u>: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 114787. Total number of Active Cases is 25902. Total deaths reported till date is 1679.

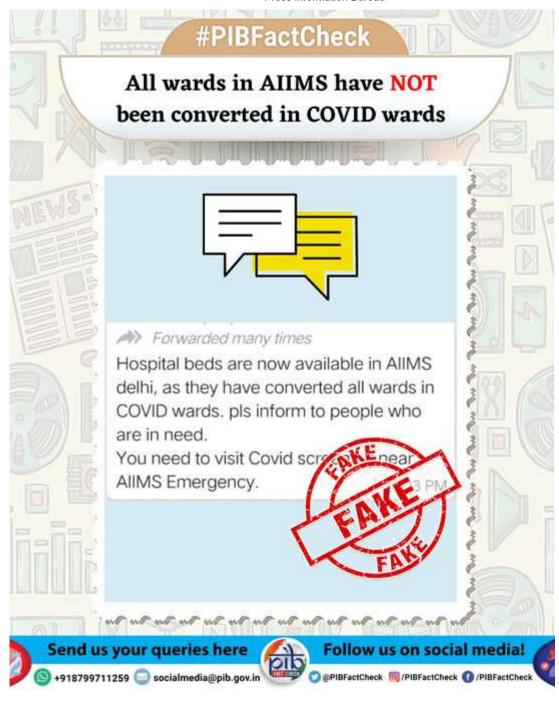
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- Installation completed of Two High Flow Medical Oxygen Plants funded by PMCARES at AIIMS, New Delhi and RML Hospital
- Oxygen Supply to COVID patients to begin from today
- India becomes the fastest country to exceed 16 Crore cumulative vaccinations as the Nationwide Vaccination Drive expands
- More than 6.7 Lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated under Phase-3 of Vaccination Drive
- On a steady streak, over 3.38 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours
- Govt. of India has so far provided more than 17.02 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost
- Over 36 Lakh doses in addition will be received by the States/UTs in the next 3 days

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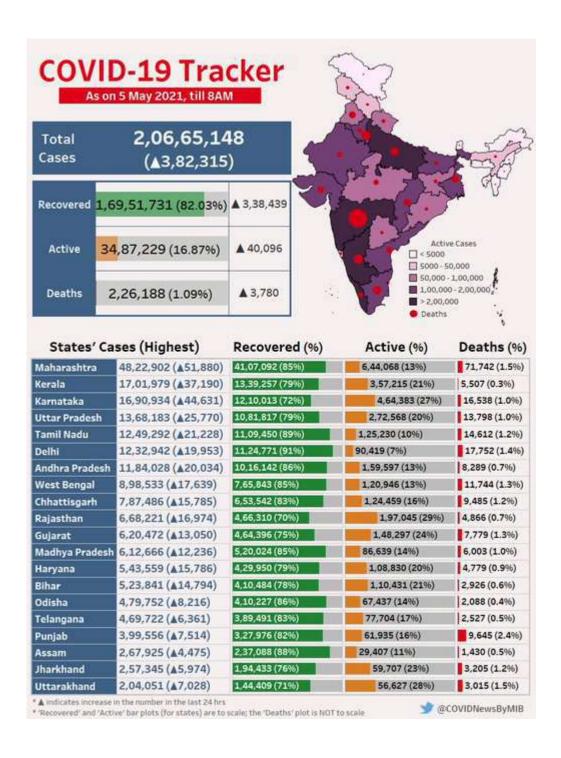
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#### **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**



<u>Installation of Two High Flow Medical Oxygen Plants funded by PMCARES at AIIMS, New Delhi and RML Hospital completed; Oxygen Supply to COVID patients to begin from today</u>

In a significant development, two medical oxygen plants funded by PMCARES have been installed at AIIMS, New Delhi and RML Hospital within a week. Carried out on a war footing, the two plants were swiftly airlifted from Coimbatore and installed yesterday. Both the plants will start supply of oxygen by today evening.

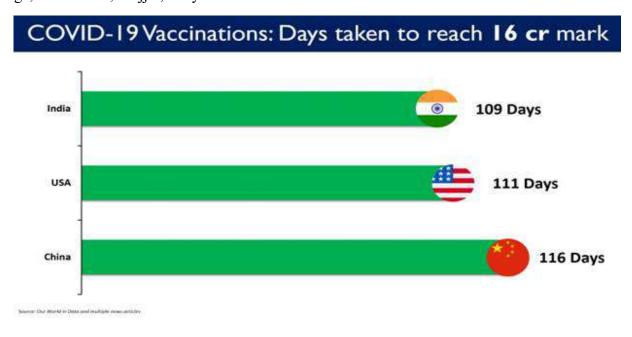








In order to effectively address the high surge of Covid-19 cases in the country, PMCARES has allocated funds for the installation of 500 Medical Oxygen Plants across the country. These plants are planned to be set up within 3 months. In all, five high flow medical oxygen plants will be installed at AIIMS Trauma Centre, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML), Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College, and AIIMS, Jhajjar, Haryana.



3,82,315 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Ten States including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Haryana, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan report 70.91% of the new cases. The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.09%.3,780 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours.

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## Govt. of India has so far provided more than 17.02 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

Implementation of the Liberalised and Accelerated Phase 3 Strategy of Covid-19 Vaccination has started from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. Registration for the new eligible population groups has commenced since 28th April. Potential beneficiaries can either register directly on the CoWIN portal (cowin.gov.in) or through the Aarogya Setu app.

The Government of India has so far provided nearly 17.02 crore vaccine doses (17,02,42,410) to States/UTs Free of Cost. Of this, the total consumption including wastages is 16,07,94,796 doses (as per data available at 8 am today).

More than 94.47 lakh COVID Vaccine doses (94,47,614) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

Further, more than 36 lakh (36,37,030) vaccine doses will be received in addition by the States/UTs within the next 3 days.





### PM praises healthcare workers and nurses for reducing vaccine waste

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has praised healthcare workers and nurses for setting an example in reducing vaccine wastage.Quoting a tweet from the Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, the Prime Minister tweeted:

"Good to see our healthcare workers and nurses set an example in reducing vaccine wastage. Reducing vaccine wastage is important in strengthening the fight against COVID-19."

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716107

<u>Cabinet approves allocation of additional foodgrain to NFSA Beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (Phase III) for another period of two months – May and June, 2021</u>

The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval to the following:

- i. Allocation of additional foodgrain under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Phase III- for another period of 2 months e. May to June, 2021 @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for about 79.88 Crore beneficiaries covered under NFSA (AAY & PHH) including those covered under DBT.
- ii. The State/UT-wise allocation in terms of wheat/rice shall be decided by the Department of Food & Public Distribution on the basis of existing allocation ratio under NFSA. Also, the Department of Food and Public Distribution may decide on the extension of the lifting/distribution period under PMGKAY as per operational requirements keeping in view partial and local lockdown situations, and also arising out of adverse weather conditions like monsoon, cyclones, supply chain and Covid-induced constraints etc.

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# MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (MHA) DRAWS ATTENTION OF STATES & UTs ON NEED TO HAVE PLAN OF ACTION TO ENSURE FIRE INCIDENTS DO NOT OCCUR IN HEALTH FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY COVID-19 FACILITIES

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has drawn the attention of State and Union Territory Governments towards the occurrence of fire incidents, caused by short-circuiting, in hospitals and nursing homes in the recent past.

In a communication today to Chief Secretaries of States and Administrators of Union Territories, the Union Home Secretary has said that in the context of recent fire incidents and particularly in view of the impending summer season it needs to be highlighted that either because of high temperature, lack of maintenance or high load on the internal wirings within the facilities, short circuiting takes place, leading to fire incidents and consequential loss of life and essential infrastructure.

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## 34 Oxygen Expresses complete their journey delivering more than 2067 MT LMO in 137 tankers

Overcoming all hurdles and finding new solutions, Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered 2067MT (approx.) of LMO in 137 tankers to various states across the country.

34 Oxygen Expresses have already completed their journey so far.

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### 70,000 Isolation beds made available by Railways in more than 4400 Covid Care Coaches

The Railways has made available a fleet of more than 4400 Isolation Coaches with around 70,000 beds to serve as Isolation Units. These Isolation Coaches can be easily moved and positioned at places of demand on the Indian Railways network. Quick memorandum agreement of shared responsibilities and rapid action plans are being worked out by Railways with the respective District Authorities.

In the latest update, with the States of Nagaland and Gujarat seeking Isolation Coaches, the Railway has swiftly catered to their demand and positioned the coaches at Sabarmati, Chandlodiya and Dimapur respectively. Alongside adhering to Covid safety protocols, the Railways are also taking utmost efforts to devise ways to facilitate better work-convenience for the State medical personnel on duty. At some locations, the Railway authorities have also provided new logistical solutions like supported ramps on stair-cases for hassle-free transport of sick patients besides facilitative conveniences like make-shift tents, area segregation for better isolation on railway platforms that serve as freeway for movement of medical personnel and supplies in these Covid care facility. It may be pointed out that Railway personnel worked rapidly to rehabilitate some of the ramps on a war-footing.

For details:https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716261

### 16.5 lakh vials of Remdesivir allocated between May 3 and May 9

Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilisers Shri D.V Sadananda Gowda chaired a meeting to review availability of drugs for covid treatment and other essential drugs. Shri Gowda during the meeting appreciated the efforts of all seven manufacturers of Remdesivir for increasing the production capacity to 1.03 crore vials per month, up from 38 lakh vials per month a month ago. This increased capacity will augment domestic availability of the injection. He added that allocation of 16.5 lakh vials of Remdesivir has been made to all States for period between May 3 and May 9. Since April 21, a total allocation of 34.5 lakh vials has been made so far. Allocation to States is a dynamic process and efforts will be made to further enhance supply in the coming weeks.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716165

Simplification of procedure for import of oxygen cylinders and cryogenic tankers/ containers

The Government of India has reviewed the existing procedure of registration and approval of global manufacturers for importing oxygen cylinders and cryogenic tankers/ containers by Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organization (PESO). In view of the COVID pandemic, PESO shall not carry out physical inspection of global manufacturers' production facilities before grant of such registration and approval.

For details: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716302

### Covid-19 Vaccination camp organised at Guwahati Airport

The second covid vaccination camp, open for all above 18 years, has been organised at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBI) Guwahati. The camp started on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 and the vaccination is going on in the camp. Over 2000 people have been vaccinated and more are likely to get vaccinated tomorrow. Airports Authority of India in association with National Health Mission, Assam has organised this vaccination camp which was first for many young officers and staff working at Guwahati Airport. The vaccination camp was meant for all the working staff and was also opened for all dependent family members, employees of AAI, airlines, agencies, frontline staff and the stakeholders associated with the LGBI Airport, Guwahati.

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### IMPORTANT TWEETS

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For Mild/Asymptomatic #COVID19 cases, Home isolation is recommended. Step by step Illustrated Guidelines on Home isolation may be accessed here:https://t.co/WMiMFtdRoU @PMOIndia @drharshvardhan @AshwiniKChoubey @PIB India @mygovindia @COVIDNewsByMIB

— Ministry of Health (@MoHFW\_INDIA) May 5, 2021

Pics of an IAF IL-76 transport aircraft in Singapore today. The IL-76 is picking up 352 empty oxygen cylinders for Delhi. This MHA coordinated exercise will help in increasing oxygen availability amid the current COVID19 surge in Delhi.@HMOIndia @PIB\_India @DDNewslive @ANI pic.twitter.com/eWcyOjuVPU

— Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 5, 2021









Continuing its air effort to bring more cryo oxygen containers home in the wake of 2nd Covid 19 wave, yet another IL 76 aircraft reached Bangkok this afternoon. loaded with 3 cryo containers & will reach Panagarh Airbase. MHA and IAF are working together for these airlifts. pic.twitter.com/yFgH9bOYnC

— Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 5, 2021

Ministry of Corporate Affairs clarifies that spending of CSR funds directly or through pooling of resources for 'creating health infrastructure for COVID care are eligible CSR activities.

For more details, read circular dt 5th May, 2021 (1/2)#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/CdKqfcFuH4

- Ministry of Finance (@FinMinIndia) May 5, 2021

Zonal Customs Nodal officers for clearance of COVID19 related equipments or medicaments.#Unite2FightCorona pic.twitter.com/N4FmAOZTxJ

— CBIC (@cbic\_india) May 5, 2021

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∠ #COVID19 महामारी के इस किठन समय में बच्चों को चिंता, भय,अकेलेपन जैसी समस्याओं से निपटने में भावनात्मक व मनोवैज्ञानिक सहयोग प्रदान करने के लिए #सम्वेदना टेली- काउंसलिंग सर्विस का उपयोग करें

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— PIB WCD (@PIBWCD) May 5, 2021

New Mangalore Port receives @IndianNavy's INS TALWAR, carrying 40 MTs of Liquid Medical Oxygen filled in cryogenic containers donated by the Kingdom of Bahrain.@NewMngPort is handling the #Oxygen cargo on priority basis

Thank you Bahrain вн #IndiaFightsCOVID19 pic.twitter.com/r10RD7LAoe

– Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) May 5, 20<u>2</u>1

Import of Oxygen Concentrators for personal use included in exempted category list https://t.co/EbrvyIVbDd

— PIB Commerce (@CommercePib) May 5, 2021

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

**Maharashtra**: Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope on Tuesday said 15 districts, including Mumbai and Thane, are showing a decline in daily COVID-19 cases, but other districts are still exhibiting an upward trend in the state. In view of the increasing number of patients in Kolhapur, it has been decided to impose strict lockdown for the next 10 days starting from tomorrow. The Maharashtra government and the BMC has written two separate letters to the Centre highlighting their daily oxygen requirement.

Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 13,050 new cases yesterday. Gujarat government has put 7 more cities - under night curfew from tomorrow. These cities are Deesa, Ankleshwar, Vapi, Modasa, Radhanpur, Kadi and Visangar.Now, total 36 cities of the state are under 8 pm to 6 am curfew from 6th to 12th May. Meanwhile, after suspending vaccination for 45 plus age group for a day, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has announced to resume it from today. Meanwhile, Railway has deployed 19 isolation coaches at Sabarmati and Chandlodia in Ahmedabad.

**Rajasthan**: Chief Secretary Niranjan Arya said that due to the coordinated efforts of the State Government, oxygen availability in the state was getting better. He informed that the number of tankers transporting oxygen has increased from 22 to 38 and delivery of oxygen concentrators had also started. Nearly after a month, there has been a dip in daily infections for the third consecutive day on Tuesday. From 18,298 and 17,296 cases, respectively, over the past two days, the state recorded 16,974 new cases on the day. A total of 154 people also died in the state on Tuesday.

**Madhya Pradesh**: Madhya Pradesh reported 12,236 fresh COVID cases yesterday taking the tally to 6,12,666. The vaccination of people aged between 18 and 44 years of age is also being held in all the districts of the state from today. The state's positivity rate has come down to 19.1 percent. Active cases in the state stands at 86,639 while 11,249 people recovered from the infection yesterday. Deputy Director State IEC Bureau, informed that vaccination will be done in a phased manner throughout the state as per the availability of vaccines. Vaccination will be done on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, the lockdown has been extended in all 28 districts for ten days to break the chain of the spread of COVID infection. The state government has made two categories of the districts on the basis of number of corona infection cases. In the first category, there are 26 districts, where the pace of corona infection has not slowed down. These include all seven districts of tribal Bastar division.

The lockdown will continue vigorously in these districts. In the bordering districts of the state, along with strict monitoring of people coming from other states, health check-ups will be done. While addressing the virtual meeting of mitanins and health workers from Bastar and Sarguja division, Chief Minister has directed all the District Collectors to ensure free of cost availability of masks and hand sanitizer for mitanins and health workers.

Goa: Prime Minister Modi has asked Goa govt to carry out oxygen audit of the state informed CM Pramod Sawant today. As per PM's instruction he has given instructions to the administration to carry out the oxygen audit of entire state of Goa with detailed information related to Goa's present and future requirement, amount generated and imported, patient wise usage, measures for minimizing leakage and misuse, additional sources which can be tapped, possibility of re-commissioning non-working plants etc.Goa govt issued order listing fresh restrictions to be enforced till May 10. The order has prohibited restaurants and shops selling non-essential items.

**Kerala:** CM Pinarayi Vijayan has sought Centre's help for allocating at least 1,000 metric tonnes of imported liquefied medical oxygen to the state. As the state's single day Covid-19 surge crossed over 37,000 yesterday, Oxygen beds and ventilators are getting filled up. IC Units and ventilators are full in government hospitals. 85% of the Covid beds are full in private hospitals. The state expert committee has warned that the number of Covid patients in the state is likely to go up or remain static in the next two weeks. The average TPR of last one week is 25.19. Four lakh doses of Covisheild vaccine has arrived in the state. 63,558 people took vaccine yesterday. So far, altogether 75,91,524 people have been vaccinated in the state. Out of this, 61,15,207 were first dose and 14,76,317 second dose.

Tamil Nadu: TN received about 75,000 doses of Covaxin and as many as 20,000 vials of Covishield on Tuesday. Four days after officially deferring the drive, the State opened up vaccination registration for people aged 18-44 years from Tuesday; but govt facilities are yet to give slots. At least 13 patients died at Chengalpattu Government Hospital in Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu on Tuesday night; an inquiry is underway to ascertain the cause of the deaths. Ahead of the new restrictions that are to be imposed across the State from Thursday, local residents expressed hope that the new measures would help curb the rising number of pandemic cases in the city. Tamil Nadu recorded 21,228 positive cases of Covid-19 on Tuesday, bringing the state tally to 12,49,292. The state recorded 144 deaths on Tuesday, putting the state toll at 14,612. The state vaccinated 65,684 people yesterday. Till date 61,88,845 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 47,30,022 received first dose and 14,58,823 received second dose.

**Karnataka:**New Cases Reported: 44631; Total Active Cases: 464363; New Covid Deaths: 292; Total Covid Deaths: 16538. Around 36,344 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 99,36,0048 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The state government has postponed the second PU exam in the wake of the corona infection, and has decided to promote the first PU students without exam. The Southwestern Railway's Bangalore Division has given 10,082 doses of vaccine to its staff and officers so far. Covid Care Centers (CCC) are being set up by the Air Force and BMRCL. The state cabinet has decided to treat media personnel working during the Covid times as frontline workers and give free vaccine.

Andhra Pradesh: The State reported 20,034 new Covid-19 cases after testing 1,15,784 samples with 82 deaths, while 12,207 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 67,42,700 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 51,98,955 first dose and 15,43.745 second doses. The state is received another five lakh doses of povishied vaccine yesterday.

from Serum Institute of India, Pune. Principal Secretary, Health, stated that the State will receive 9 lakh vaccine doses by May 15, and priority will be given to complete vaccination of those who already took the first dose. Govt has decided to complete inoculation of beneficiaries of above 45 years first owing to limited availability of Covid vaccine in the State. Owing to partial curfew in force from today in the state, all public transport including APSRTC buses and interstate services will be suspended from noon. Meanwhile, the State forest department has announced the closure of all zoo parks.

**Telangana:** A total of 47,481 people of all categories received first dose and 18,070 second dose of Covid vaccine yesterday in the state. Now, the cumulative number of people received first dose in the state stands at 42,24,880 and second dose at 6,55,455. Meanwhile, as many as 6,361 new daily cases and 51 deaths were reported in the state yesterday taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 4,69,722 and fatalities to 2,527. Now, the number of Active Cases in the state stands at 77,704. The State Government has decided to permit private hospitals in the state to carry out the Covid vaccination drive for the people aged above 45 years. But these hospitals will have to procure vaccines on their own directly from the Pharma companies. The State Government has not yet decided on the third phase of vaccination programme to inoculate the people aged between 18 and 44 years.

**Assam**: Assam has recorded 4475 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday. Giving an update on the COVID situation in the state, Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that 41 deaths have been recorded and Kamrup Metropolitan in Guwahati registered highest 1417 COVID cases. The positivity rate stands at 8.14%.

Amid a shortage of vaccines, the State Health Department plans to roll out the third phase of the COVID-19 immunization drive for the age group 18-44 in the districts from May 7. Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has sounded an alert saying that the COVID-19 situation across the State is turning critical with the numbers of both the positive cases and deaths increasing. Curfew will be imposed from 6 pm to 5 am and all shops, business establishments as well as offices will close down at 2 pm from May 5, according to a new order issued by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority.

**Manipur**: In Manipur, the highest single day surge of 432 COVID-19 positive cases recorded with two more deaths. Additional restrictions have been imposed in Greater Imphal areas. Movement of vehicles banned even between 6 am and 10 am in order to contain the spread of COVID-19. To help the State fight COVID-19, eleven institutions have been identified for setting up as Community Home Isolation Centres (CHICs) in Imphal West district.

**Meghalaya:** The state on Tuesday recorded an all-time high of 339 fresh cases taking the active tally past the 2,000-mark. Asked if the government would plan more stringent measures to contain the spread of the virus, Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong said that the government was reviewing the situation every day.

He also announced that the Meghalaya government will vaccinate everyone aged 18-44 years for free,. Meghalaya has not yet started it although the enrollment of beneficiaries is underway.

**Nagaland: The** State registered the highest single day spike of COVID-19 cases with 266 and 3 fatalities on Tuesday. Active cases are 1798 while tally goes up to 14,717.

A total of 2,16,761 doses of COVID vaccine have have been administered to 1,71,207 beneficiaries in Nagaland so far. Of them, 51,004 are frontline workers, 14,919 health professionals and 1,05,284 persors above 45 yrs and separate citizens.

New containment restrictions come into force in Dimapur, Kohima from 7 pm today. Dimapur to go for odd-even vehicle rule.

Newly set up oxygen plants at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima to be functional within 2 days. Plant will generate 4,32,000 litres of oxygen per day.

**Tripura**: Total of 271 new COVID-19 positive cases registered in the last 24 hours and of which 172 are from the west Tripura district. As of today active cases for the state stands at 1,666. Tripura CM informed that 4 Lakhs vaccine doses to arrive soon.

**Sikkim**: The 56 vaccination sites open across the State administered a total of 2,417 vaccine doses on Tuesday. With this, the number of doses administered

in Sikkim now stands at 2,10,281.Sikkim's COVID-19 death-toll has gone up to 150, Daily cases stay above 230. There are new 1,930 active cases of Coronavirus in Sikkim. Of these, 10 patients are admitted in the ICU facility of STNM Hospital. One more death was recorded in the State during the same 24 hours, taking the State's official death toll to 151.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 399556. Number of active cases is 61935. Total Deaths reported is 9645. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 686286. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 197832. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2377998. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 246446.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 543559. Total active COVID-19 patients is 108830. Number of deaths is 4779. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 3971532.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases is 45976. Total number of Active Cases is 8170. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 518.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 110945. Total number of Active Cases is 23572. Total deaths reported till date is 1647.

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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 04 MAY 2021 5:57PM by PIB Delhi





- India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 15.89 Crore as Phase-3 of Nationwide Vaccination Drive commences
- Threefold increase in production of Remdesivir in the country
- Delhi to receive 244 tonnes more Oxygen today
- India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,66,13,292 today

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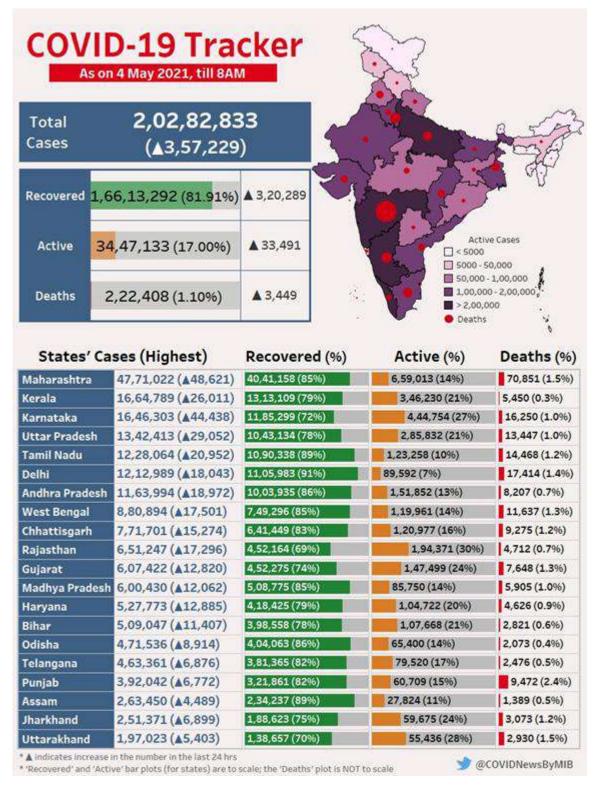
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## <u>India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 15.89 Crore as Phase-3 of Nationwide Vaccination Drive commences</u>

- **4,06,339** beneficiaries of the age group 18-44 years received their first dose of COVID vaccine across 12 States/UT.
- India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,66,13,292 today.
- The National Recovery Rate is **81.91%** with **3,20,289** recoveries being reported in the last 24 hours.
- Two States/UTs have not reported any COVID-19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N and Arunachal Prades

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1715837

### Govt. of India has so far provided more than 16.69 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

More than 75 lakh doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. Over 48 Lakh doses in addition will be received by the States/UTs in the next 3 days

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## Effective Allocation by Government of India of COVID -19 supplies received from the Global Community for Fight against the Global Pandemic

The global community has extended a helping hand in supporting efforts of Government of India in this collective fight against the global COVID19 pandemic. Medical equipment, medicines, oxygen concentrators, ventilators etc., are being provided by many countries. A streamlined and systematic mechanism for allocation of the support supplies received by India has been put into place, for effective distribution of the medical and other relief and support material.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1715896

### Threefold increase in production of Remdesivir in the country - Shri Mansukh Mandaviya

The production of remdesivir is being increased at a rapid pace in the country. In just a few days, India has achieved 3 times the production capacity of Remedesvir and will soon be able to meet the growing demand. This was announced by the Minister of State for Chemical and Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya today.

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## <u>Delhi to receive 244 tonnes more Oxygen Today; With this, Oxygen Expresses would deliver nearly 450 MT of LMO to Delhi alone in 24 hours, counting from deliveries that took early hours today</u>

So far, Indian Railways has delivered 1585MT (approx) of LMO in 103 tankers to various states across the country. 27 Oxygen Expresses have already completed their journey and 6 more loaded Oxygen Express are on the run carrying 463 MT (approx) of LMO in 33 tankers.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1715936

### Asiatic Lions housed in Hyderabad zoo infected with SARS-COV2 recovering well.

No factual evidence that animals can transmit the disease to humans any further. Based on experience with zoo animals elsewhere in the world that have experienced SARS-COV2 positive last year, there is no factual evidence that animals can transmit the disease to humans any further. Media is therefore requested to exercise extreme caution while reporting and provide a responsible coverage for the same.

For Details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1715909





### IMPORTANT TWEETS

देश में तेज़ गित से रेमडेसिवीर का उत्पादन बढ़ाया जा रहा है। सिर्फ कुछ ही दिनों में भारत ने रेमडेसिवीर की उत्पादन क्षमता 3 गुना तक हाँसिल की है और जल्द ही बढ़ती हुई मांग को पूरा कर पाएंगे!

PM @NarendraModi जी के नेतृत्व में सरकार द्वारा कोरोना से लड़ने के लिए अथक प्रयास जारी है। pic.twitter.com/hHqpnrxizx

- Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) May 4, 2021

Importing COVID related equipments or medicaments through courier!

For expeditious customs clearance, ensure the following points  $\ \ \ \$  pic.twitter.com/oa801zr8Y3

— CBIC (@cbic\_india) May 4, 2021

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— CBIC (@cbic\_india) May 3, 2021

MoRTH has made it mandatory for #Oxygen containers/tankers/vehicles to be fitted with Vehicle Location Tracking (VLT) devices.

GPS tracking will ensure monitoring and protection of these tankers, besides ensuring there is no diversion or delay pic.twitter.com/I54wEscXNV

- PIBIndiaMoRTH (@PIBMoRTH) May 4, 2021

### INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

Maharashtra: The Municipal Corporation of greater Mumbai has added 1500 beds at its NESCO Covid care centre at Goregaon. The Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Centre' was inaugurated in Mumbai today. This centre has been set up in the parking lot of Kohinoor Square Tower at Dadar. This first of its kind 'Drive in Vaccination Centre' facility has been made available to the citizens at a time when people with disabilities are facing difficulties in getting to the vaccination centre.

**Gujarat**: Gujarat has recorded 12,820 new cases of Covid19 yesterday. 11,999 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals.

Meanwhile, 1,41,843 persons were vaccinated in the state yesterday. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has suspended the vaccination of 45 plus age group in the city from today. According to the release, it will start again after the arrival of a new stock of vaccines.

**Rajasthan**: Rajasthan Government has sought 54 more tankers, with fleet size having a combined capacity of 500 metric tonnes, from the Centre for an uninterrupted supply of oxygen from states like West Bengal and Odisha. Chief Secretary Niranjan Arya, while reviewing the need and availability of oxygen in the state on Monday, directed the officials to expedite delivery of oxygen concentrators in the state. The urban development and housing (UDH) department on Monday announced several measures for speedy setting up of oxygen plants in the state.

**Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, accredited journalists have been included in the frontline workers category in the state.. The schedule for vaccination for 16 May onwards will be decided based on the availability of vaccine. State has received 1.5 lakh vaccine doses for the 18 plus age group.

**Chhattisgarh:** All the district of the state including Raipur have been declared as containment zones from April 9 to May 6 morning. Subsequently, the economic and business activities have been withheld in the state. Chief Minister Shri Baghel has written a letter to Union Finance Minister Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, with a request to grant relief for the small and medium businessmen of Chhattisgarh, considering their problems due to the state being a 'containment zone.'

Goa: The Goa government on Tuesday decided to bring non-essential services, including restaurants, under the ambit of the COVID-19 induced restrictions in the state which will remain in force till May 10. Modifying the previous order issued by the state government on the extent of the restrictions, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said that non-essential services will remain closed keeping in mind the "sentiments of the people".

**Kerala:** So far 75,55,532 people have been taken vaccine in the state so far. Out of this, 61,03,563 took first dose and 14,51,969 second dose. Mini lockdown type restrictions have come into force in the state from today, as Covid transmission gets worse. 26,011 more positive cases were reported yesterday. TPR is 27.01. Active cases has touched 3,45,887 and death toll 5450.

Tamil Nadu:DMK president and Chief Minister-elect MK Stalin, on Tuesday announced media professionals as frontline workers; the journalists will now be eligible for all benefits, including priority vaccination against coronavirus. MK Stalin, on Monday, also directed the State government officials to sell Remdesivir in other cities too. The State government on Monday announced more restrictions as part of its Covid-19 containment strategy, including a barron running shops other than those selling essentials

like vegetables and provisions. TN on Monday recorded an all-time high in new Covid-19 infections adding 20,952 cases to the caseload of 12,28,064 while 122 deaths pushed the toll to 14,468 so far. 76,877 people were administered Covid19 vaccine yesterday. Till date 61,23,161 have been vaccinated across the State till date, of which 47,05,715 received first dose and 14,17,446 received second dose.

**Karnataka:**As per the State Government bulletin released for 03-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 44,438; Total Active Cases: 444734; New Covid Deaths: 239; Total Covid Deaths: 16250. Around 59,918 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 98,78,213 have been vaccinated in the state till now. Karnataka DCM Ashwath Narayan will be heading new Covid Task Force, reconstituted amid the increasing pandemic.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 18,972 new Covid-19 cases with 71 deaths, while 10,227 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 11,63,994; Active cases: 1,51,852; Discharges: 10,03,935; Deaths: 8207. A total of 67,29,038 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 51,92,245 first dose and 15,36,793 second doses. Principal Secretary (Health) Anil Kumar Singhal has said that a committee has been set up with senior officials to procure Covid medication right from oxygen cylinders to medicines. With the spike in Covid-19 cases, the State has decided to impose a partial curfew for 14 days starting from May 5. All the shops shall be open only from 6 AM to 12 Noon with Section 144 in force and only emergency services will be allowed from thereon.

**Telangana:** 6,876 new daily cases and 59 deaths were reported in the state yesterday (Monday) taking the cumulative number of positive cases in the state to 4,63,361 and fatalities to 2,476. Now, the number of Active Cases in the state stands at 79,520. The State Govt has made the prior registration mandatory for receiving the Covid vaccine either first or second dose for the people aged above 45 years. The Health Department said this decision was taken to avoid crowds at the Vaccination Centres and on the spot registration of beneficiaries has been stopped with immediate effect.

**Assam:** 29 people lost their lives due to COVID-19 infection in Assam on Monday. The state recorded 4,489 new infections, the positivity rate being 8.02 percent. Kamrup( Metro) recorded 1,645 positive cases. Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent of Guwahati Medical College & Hospital Dr. Achyut Chandra Baishya said that around 200 beds, including those with ICU facility are vacant at his hospital. All national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in the state have been closed for visitors with immediate effect in view of the surge in COVID-19 cases.

**Manipur:** 1.Manipur's COVID-19 active caseload rose to 2,071 with 362 new positive cases.COVID-19 claimed seven more lives in Manipur..As per the latest update, the cumulative number of people who have been vaccinated in the state reached 20,9,074.COVID-19 vaccination of people above 18 yet to begin in Manipur.









**Meghalaya:** Meghalaya on Monday recorded its highest death toll of six while 246 new cases were detected in the state. The state also recorded 177 recoveries to take the total to 15,606. Meghalaya on Monday got an additional stock of 75,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines.

**Sikkim**:Sikkimregistered 27 new Covid cases. The State's active Covid tally is now 1723 while 146 patients are presently admitted in the Covidhospitals. One more Covid casualty was reported, taking the death toll to 150 in Sikkim since the pandemic started last year.

**Tripura:**134 new positive cases were detected with no death in the state and thus the total active cases in the state stands at 1455. Meanwhile state received 1.5 lakhs of vaccines yesterday.

**Nagaland:**Nagaland reported 101 new Covid cases & 6 deaths on Monday. Active cases are 1584 and tally stands at 14,451.Dimapur, Kohima have been declared containment zones due to rapid surge in Covid cases. All activities including movement of persons have been suspended for 7 days.

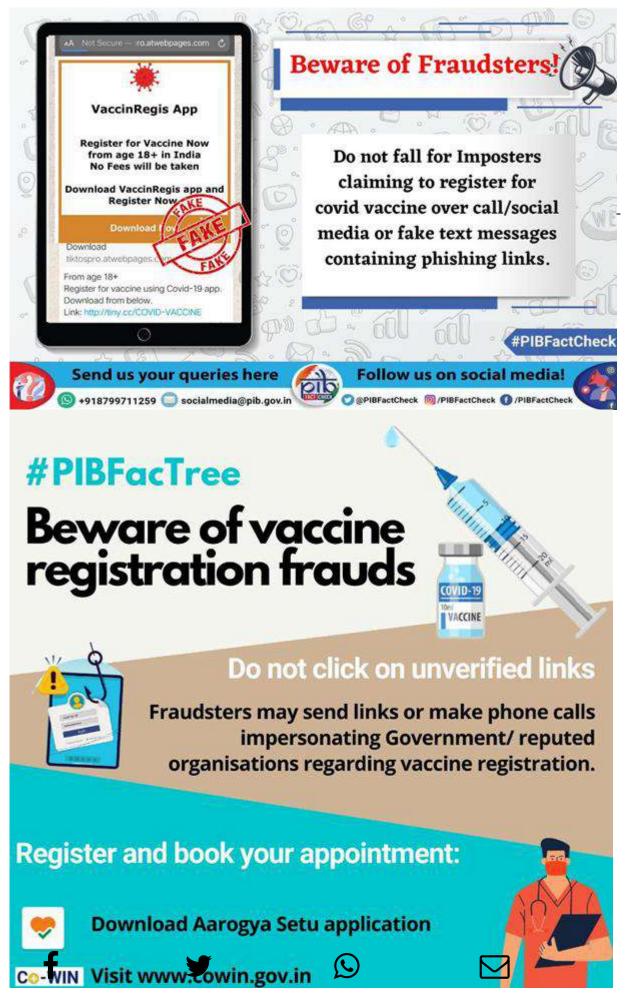
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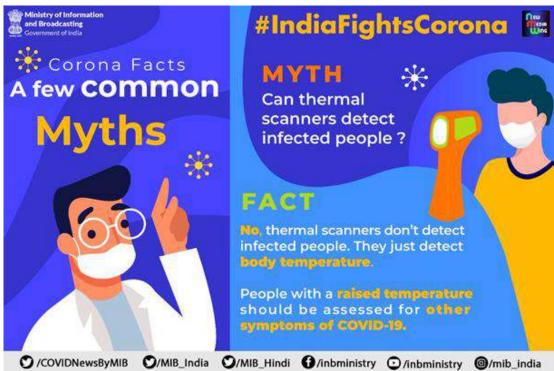


















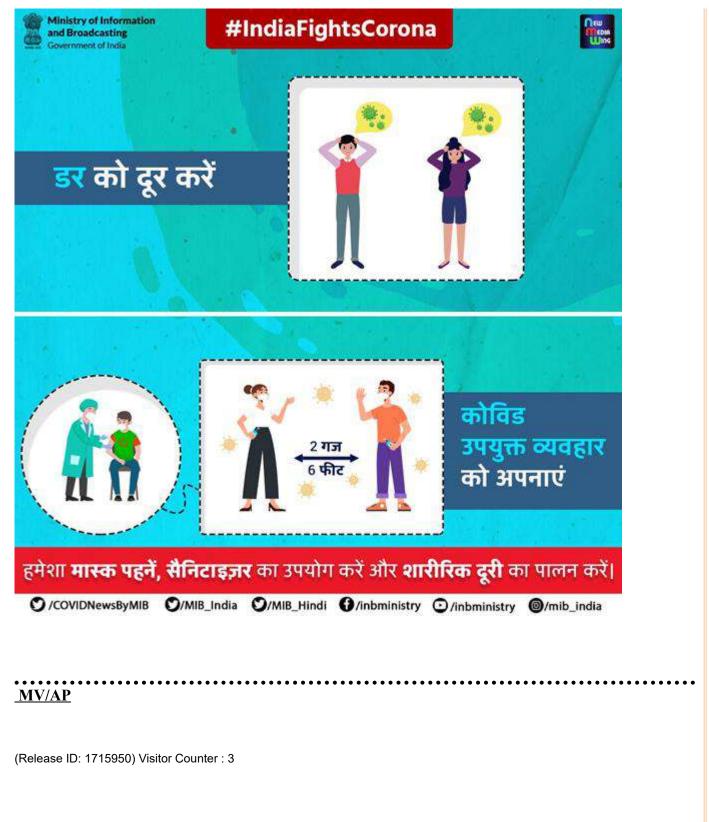
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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 03 MAY 2021 5:51PM by PIB Delhi





- On a steadily growing path, over 3 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hour
- PM authorises key decisions to boost the availability of medical personnel to fight COVID-19
- Facing once in century challenge head on, 20 Oxygen Expresses complete their journey, delivering 1125 MT (approx.) LMO in 76 tankers
- Ad hoc exemption from IGST on imports of specified COVID-19 relief material donated from abroad

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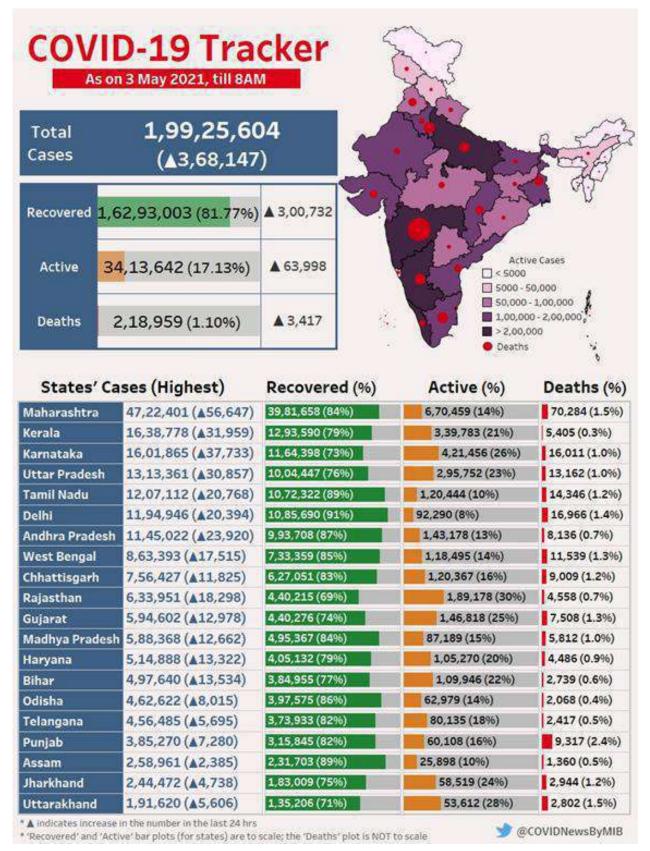
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### On a steadily growing path, over 3 Lakh Recoveries in the last 24 hours

• The number of COVID tests conducted across the country has crossed 29.16 cr today. 29,16,47,037 have been conducted as on date. It has a cumulative recoveries now stand at 1,62,93,003 today.

- The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.10% and is continuously
  declining.
- Three States/UTs have not reported any COVID-19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N, Lakshadweep and Arunachal Pradesh.

For details: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1715615

### Govt. of India has so far provided more 16.54 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

Government of India has so far provided nearly 16.54 crore vaccine doses (16,54,93,410) to States/UTs Free of Cost. Of this, the total consumption including wastages is15,79,21,537doses (as per data available at 8 am today). More than 75 lakh COVID Vaccine doses (75,71,873) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. Furthermore, more than 59lakh (59,70,670) vaccine doses will be received in addition by the States/UTs within the next 3 days.

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### PM authorises keys decisions to boost availability of medical personnel to fight COVID-19

The Prime Minister reviewed the growing need of adequate human resources for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in the country today. Many important decisions were taken which will significantly boost availability of medical personnel in Covid duty

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## <u>Facing once in century challenge head on, 20 Oxygen Expresses complete their journey, delivering 1125 MT (approx.) LMO in 76 tankers</u>

Overcoming all hurdles and finding new solutions, Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered 1125 MT (approx.) of LMO in 76 tankers to various states across the country. 20 Oxygen Expresses have already completed their journey and 7 more loaded Oxygen Express are on the run carrying 422 MT (approx.) of LMO in 27 tankers. It is Indian Railways endeavour to deliver as much LMO as possible in the shortest time possible to the requesting states.

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### Ayush Ministry takes steps to increase availability of AYUSH 64 across the country

Polyherbal drug AYUSH 64 found very useful in treating mild to moderate cases of Covid 19 in clinical trials. Repurposing of AYUSH- 64, the polyherbal Ayurvedic medicine, for treating of COVID-19 has been one of the most significant developments in this area. AYUSH- 64 was originally developed in 1980 for treatment of malaria, and it complies with all regulatory requirements and quality and pharmacopoeial standards.

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## Ad hoc Exemption from IGST on imports of specified COVID-19 relief material donated from abroad

Central Government has vide Ad hoc exemption Order number 4/2021 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021 has granted exemption from IGST on import of such goods received free of cost for free distribution for covid relief. This exemption shall apply till 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. It would also covers goods already imported but lying uncleared on the date of its issuance of exemption i.e. today.

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### INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

**Kerala:** The state government has issued orders declaring strict restrictions across the state from tomorrow in view of the surge in Covid cases. Only essential services will be allowed in the state. The restrictions will be in place till May 9. All state-central government offices, other self-governing offices, essential service departments, officials and people engaged in Covid preventive activities will not be covered under the restrictions. Transportation of medical oxygen will be ensured. The state Cabinet which met today decided to take a decision on imposing of lockdown after Sunday. Kerala recorded 31,950 Covid-19 cases yesterday, pushing the caseload to 16,38,769. The active cases touched 3,39,441. Test positivity rate was 28.37 per cent. The death toll has risen to 5,405. Meanwhile, 3353 people today took first dose of vaccine and 8983 second dose.

**Tamil Nadu:** TN on Saturday reported 20,768 fresh Covid cases with 153 deaths; there were 1,20,444 active cases in the state while 17,576 people were discharged from hospitals. Till date 60,46,284 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 46,79,186 received first dose and 13,67,098 received second dose. According to Chennai Corporation data, as many as 3,03,531 persons have recovered in the city, which is 89 per cent recovery rate as of Sunday morning.

**Karnataka:** State reported 37,733 fresh Covid cases, 217 deaths yesterday. The state's Covid tally stood at 16,01,865 whereas there are 4,21,436 active cases. As many as 11,64,398 people were discharged cumulatively including 21,149 on Sunday in the state. Bengaluru urban district accounted for 21,199 fresh cases and 64 deaths. The State government has devised an action plan by roping in final-year medical and nursing students to help the state combat the coronavirus pandemic better. As per the decision taken by CM Yediyurappa after a meeting with stakeholders of top private medical hospitals in the state, the government will use the services of final year nursing, pharmacy, physiotherapy, hospital management students, Ayush doctors, and dentists for Covid duty. Chief Minister assigned district responsibility to six ministers.

Andhra Pradesh: The State reported 23,920 new Covid-19 cases after testing 1,14,299 samples with 83 deaths while 11,411 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 66,96,306 doses of Covid-vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 51,76,314 first dose and 13,19,932

second doses. State Health Minister said that the government was taking measures to bring 120 MT of oxygen by flights from Angul in Odisha. Efforts such as procuring more cryogenic tankers, increasing oxygen storage capacity, establishing PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption) plants are being made to strengthen the infrastructure for movement of oxygen. He further said that a Covid Care Center was being set up under every revenue division in the state. The State government has decided to postpone the Intermediate examinations scheduled to be held from May 5 to 23 in the wake of High Court's intervention due to prevailing Covid-19 situation.

**Telangana:** A total of 5,695 new daily cases and 49 fatalities were reported on Sunday taking the cumulative number of positive cases in the state to 4,56,485 and deaths to 2,417. Now, the fatality rate in the state is reported as 0.52 percent. The total number of Active Cases in the state now stands at 80,135. The State Government has decided to include Steroids in the Home Isolation Kits being distributed to the people tested positive and in Home Isolation.

**Assam:** 2,385 persons (10.01%) tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday, while 30 persons succumbed to the virus, which is the highest single-day death toll this year so far, Health minister HimantaBiswaSarma on Sunday evening tweeted.

**Manipur**: 575 new cases in 48 hrs. The cumulative number of people who have been vaccinated in the state reached 2,07,765. The State Health Society has issued protocols to be maintained at COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs) in view of the eagerness for vaccination among the public and increased Covid cases in the State.

**Meghalaya**: Meghalaya on Sunday registered a grim record of the highest single-day spike ever with 321 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the total number of active cases to 1,821. Five more deaths were reported. The number of fatalities from the infection now stands at 179. The state also witnessed 154 recoveries from the infection and the total number of recoveries now stands at 15,429.

**Nagaland**: Nagaland registered 216 new COVID-19 cases, 3 deaths on Sunday. Active cases are 1529 and total positive cases are 14,350. The Railways placed 10 COVID-19 isolation coaches at Dimapur Railway Station. Each coach has 16 beds equipped with medical provisions.

**Tripura:** The State government has announced new Night Curfew timing from 6 PM to 5AM in view of the daily increase in cases. Yesterday 247 people were tested positive while on April 25 Positive case was 98.

**Sikkim**: The number of active cases of novel Coronavirus in Sikkim now stands at 1,808 with 489 new cases reported here in the last two days - Saturday and Sunday. Also, over the weekend, two more lives were lost to the virus. The Sikkim Health Minister took a review 0f the state's COVID-19 preparedness, and reassured people that government is prepared for the challenge.

Maharashtra: The strict restrictions imposed in Maharashtra are resulting in stabilising the rising number of Covid-19 patients. Mumbai which was once considered as the hotbed of the pandemic is continuously showing impresement after the impresentation of restrictions. The positivity rate of the

metropolis has come down significantly during last seven days and it has reduced the burden on the health facilities of the state. Maharashtra has maintained the top position in COVID-19 vaccination in country. Yesterday, 46, 693 citizens were vaccinated in the state in 592 sessions. The state is facing shortage of COVID-19 vaccines due to which very few citizens have been inoculated in the last few days.

**Gujarat**: After a spate in cases for weeks, Gujarat on Sunday reported a decline in the number of fresh coronavirus infections and fatalities. A total of 12,978 new cases were recorded on the day, which is the lowest since April 22, when 13,105 cases were reported. Gujarat reported 153 Covid-related deaths in the previous 24 hours. The Gujarat government has extended interest waiver on repayment of crop loan from the cooperative sector till 30th June 2021. This was announced by the Chief Minister Vijay Rupani in view of the second wave of Covid-19 in the state.

**Rajasthan:** The state on Sunday witnessed a record 18,298 Covid infections and 159 deaths taking the overall cases to 6,33,951 and casualties to 4,558. The state transport department issued an order on Sunday inviting applications for tankers on rent for transportation of liquid oxygen. A six-member committee has also been constituted, which will decide on the rental fee as and when the application reaches them. The State Government has started the procedure to procure oxygen concentrators from China and Russia. The Government wants to procure 10,000 concentrators in two phases from China and 1,100 from Russia.

**Madhya Pradesh:** Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has directed officials to pay special attention to high-positivity districts of the state. The Chief Minister has said that with the efforts of everyone, the slogans- 'My village-Corona-free village', 'My locality-Corona-free locality' and 'My city-Corona-free city' should be made successful. 15 districts of the state including Tikamgarh, Shivpuri, Datia, Anuppur Singrauli, Narsinghpur, Sidhi, Katni, Gwalior, Niwari, Sehore Bhopal, Dindori, Betul and Morena have an average positivity rate of more than 25% for 7 days.

Chhattisgarh: A total of 56 lakh 22 thousand 933 vaccine doses have been administered in Chhattisgarh. Timely availability of beds for COVID patients in the hospitals of Raipur is being ensured. The situation of prevention and treatment of COVID infection is presently better than before.In Chhattisgarh, a total of 8810 people have died due to Covid so far, which is 1.18 percent. Out of 7 lakh 44 thousand 602 confirmed cases in Chhattisgarh, currently 1 lakh 21 thousand 99 are active and 6 lakh 14 thousand 693 people have recovered.

Goa: The lockdown, which came into force in the evening of April 29, will continue till 6 am on May 3, will not be extended, but strict restrictions will be enforced till 6 am on May 10. The state imposed the lockdown in an attempt to break the chain of COVID infection. With 2030 new cases, 52 deaths and 1255 recoveries active covid count of Goa at 24,607.

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- Ad hoc Exemption from IGST on imports of specified COVID-19 relief material donated from abroad
- As customs duty is already exempt, these imports will not attract any customs duty or IGST (1/4)

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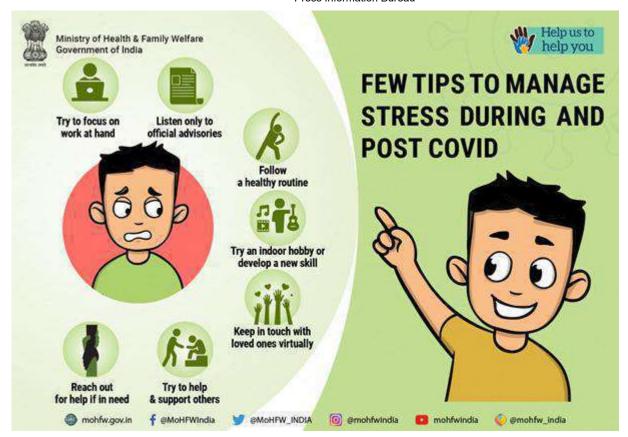




















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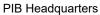
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### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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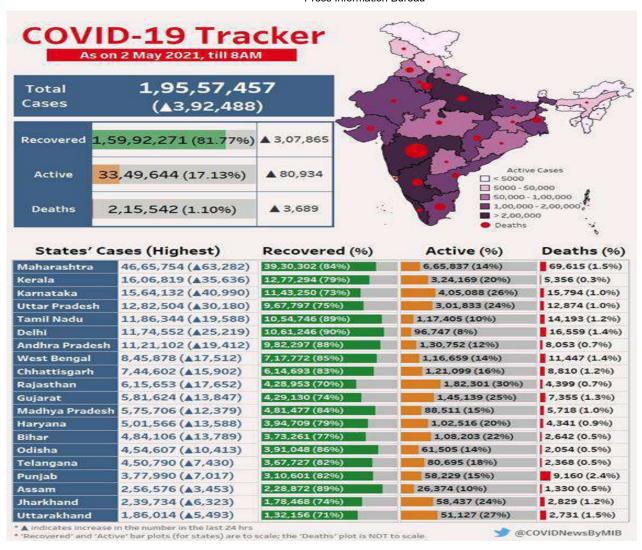
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## <u>India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 15.68 Crore as Phase-3 of Nationwide</u> Vaccination Drive commences

- The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed **15.68** Cr today as the Phase-3 of the nationwide Vaccination Drive commenced yesterday.
- More than 18 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours.
- The National Mortality Rate has been falling and currently stands at 1.10%.
- Four States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are D&D & D&N, Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram.

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### PM reviews progress of converting Nitrogen plants to Oxygen Plants

The process of converting the existing Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) nitrogen plants for production of oxygen was discussed. On deliberation with the industries, so far 14 industries have been identified where conversion of plants is under progress. Further 37 Nitrogen plants have been also identified with the help of industry associations.

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### PM reviews usage of Gaseous Oxygen for Medical Purposes

Many industries like Steel plants, refineries with petrochemical units, industries using rich combustion process, power plants etc have oxygen plants which produce gaseous oxygen which is used in the process. This oxygen can be tapped for medical use. It is expected that around 10,000 oxygenated beds can be made available in a short period of time by making temporary hospitals near such plants.

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#### Cabinet Secretary reviews state of COVID-19 preparedness in Delhi

Shri Rajiv Gauba, Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, today reviewed various aspects of COVID-19 preparedness in Delhi. Officials of the Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) made a presentation in the meeting, covering issues of recent trends in active cases, deaths and positivity rate; availability and expansion plans of medical infrastructure; status of oxygen availability; home isolation procedures and helpline; ambulance services; and testing.

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### Delhi receives its 2nd Oxygen Express with 120 MT Liquid Oxygen

Indian Railways has now delivered 1094 MT of LMO in 74 tankers to various states across the country. 19 Oxygen Expresses have already completed their journey and 2 more loaded Oxygen Express are on the run carrying 61.46 MT (approx.) of LMO in 4 tankers.

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## Railways work swiftly to deploy 10 Isolation Coaches at Dimapur today in keeping State Govt of Nagaland's demand

Strengthening the capabilities of the nation in the united fight against Covid, the Ministry of Railways has, amongst its multi-pronged initiatives, deployed nearly 4000 Isolation Coaches with almost 64000 beds. 213 Isolation Coaches in use in different parts of India now. As on date more than 3200 free beds available in these Isolation Coaches

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### Govt. of India has so far provided more 16.54 crore vaccine doses to States/UTs Free of Cost

More than 78 lakh doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. More than 56 Lakh doses in addition will be received by the States/UTs in the next 3 days.

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