



Prime Minister's Office

**PM interacts with the CMs of 6 states to discuss Covid situation**

**PM lauds states for cooperation, united efforts and collaboration**

**CMs thank PM for lending all possible help**

**The trend of increase in cases in Maharashtra and Kerala is a cause of concern: PM**

**Test Track, Treat and Teeka is tested and proven strategy: PM**

**We have to take proactive measures to prevent the possibility of the third wave:PM**

**Fill the infrastructural gaps, especially in the rural areas: PM**

**Corona is not over, pictures of post unlocking behaviour worrisome: PM**

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The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with CMs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Maharashtra and Kerala to discuss Covid related situation. Union Home Minister, Health Minister were also present in the meeting. The Chief Ministers thanked the Prime Minister for lending all possible help and support in tackling Covid. They briefed the Prime Minister about the progress of vaccination and steps that are being taken to contain the spread of the virus in their states. They also provided feedback about the vaccination strategy.



The Chief Ministers talked about the steps taken to boost medical infrastructure and gave suggestions on dealing with any possible rise of cases in future. They also discussed post-Covid issues being faced by patients and steps being taken to provide assistance in such cases. They gave assurance that they are doing their best to control the surge of infection.

Union Home Minister mentioned that these six states account for more than eighty percent of the total cases during the month of July, while some of these states have very high test positivity rate as well. Union Health Secretary discussed the Covid cases in the country, and talked about the need to reinforce Covid appropriate behaviour and containment measures in the districts with high case load. He also suggested that opening up of these districts should be done in a graded and calibrated manner.

In his closing remarks the Prime Minister lauded the state governments for their mutual cooperation and learning in their fight against the pandemic. The Prime Minister said that all of us are at a point where apprehensions of the third wave are continuously expressed. Despite experts giving positive signals due to the downward trends increasing number of cases in few states is still worrisome. The Prime Minister pointed out that during the last week 80 per cent cases as well as 84 per cent unfortunate deaths came from the states present in the meeting. Initially experts believed that states where the second wave originated will see the normalization first. However, increasing numbers in Kerala and Maharashtra are cause of grave worry, said the Prime Minister.

शुरुआत में विशेषज्ञ ये मान रहे थे कि जहां से सेकंड वेव की शुरुआत हुई थी, वहाँ स्थिति पहले नियंत्रण में होगी।

लेकिन महाराष्ट्र और केरल में केसेस में इजाफा देखने को मिल रहा है।

ये वाकई हम सबके लिए, देश के लिए एक गंभीर चिंता का विषय है: PM

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The Prime Minister cautioned that similar trends were seen in January-February before the second wave. That's why, the Prime Minister insisted, that in the states where cases are rising, we have to take proactive measures to prevent the possibility of the third wave.

बहुत जरूरी है कि जिन राज्यों में केसेस बढ़ रहे हैं, उन्हें proactive measures लेते हुए तीसरी लहर की किसी भी आशंका को रोकना होगा: PM @narendramodi

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The Prime Minister underlined the expert's view that if the cases keep on rising for long time, chances of mutation of the Corona virus will also increase and dangers of new variants will also rise. Therefore, said the Prime Minister, we need to continue with the strategy of Test, Track, Treat and Teeka (vaccination) while putting special focus on Micro-containment zones. Districts with large numbers should be focussed on. Shri Modi stressed increased testing in entire states. Terming



vaccine as a strategic tool for high infection areas, the Prime Minister stressed the effective use of vaccination. The Prime Minister praised the states who are using this time to improve their RT-PCR testing capacity.

The Prime Minister talked of the financial help that is being provided for enhancing medial infrastructure like ICU beds and testing capacity. Referring to the recently approved Rs 23000 emergency Covid response package, the Prime Minister asked the states to use the funds to strengthen medical infrastructure.

देश के सभी राज्यों को नए आईसीयू बेड्स बनाने, टेस्टिंग क्षमता बढ़ाने और दूसरी सभी जरूरतों के लिए फंड उपलब्ध करवाया जा रहा है।

केंद्र सरकार ने हाल ही में, 23 हजार करोड़ रुपए से ज्यादा का एमर्जेंसी कोविड रेस्पोंस पैकेज भी जारी किया है: PM @narendramodi

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The Prime Minister exhorted the states to fill the infrastructural gaps, specially in the rural areas. He also asked to strengthen IT systems, control rooms and call centres so that citizens get access to resources and data in a transparent manner and patients are spared the hassle. Shri Modi said that out of 332 PSA plants allocated to the states present in the meeting, 53 plants have been commissioned. He asked the Chief Ministers to expedite the completion of the plants. The Prime Minister made special mention of the need to protect children from being infected and make all possible arrangement in this regard.

The Prime Minister noted with concern the rise of number of cases in Europe, America and Bangladesh, Indonesia Thailand and many other countries. This should alert us and the world, said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister reiterated that Corona is not over and expressed deep concern over the pictures that are coming post lockdown. He emphasized need to follow protocol and avoid crowding as many states in the meeting have metropolitan cities with dense population. He also called upon political parties, social organizations, and NGOs to spread awareness among people.

Reviewing the COVID-19 situation with Chief Ministers.

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