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HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre rushes teams to Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Manipur, Odisha, and Tripura, for COVID-19 control and containment measures (<u>Link</u>)
- MoHFW announces that pregnant women are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination (<u>Link</u>)
- Prime Minister addresses CoWIN Global Conclave as India offers CoWIN platform as a digital public good to the world to combat COVID-19 (<u>Link</u>)
- MoHFW organizes capacity building workshop for media/ health correspondents of North Eastern and Southern states on COVID-19 (Link)
- Vice President calls for fast-tracking of genome sequencing of new COVID-19 variants to speed up vaccine and drug development (Link)
- Government readies two more central drug laboratories at Pune and Hyderabad for COVID-19 vaccine testing (Link)
- Additional 1,14,000 vials of Liposomal Amphotericin- B allocated to all States/UTs & Central Institutions (Link)

WHO Situation Update

India 3,06,19,932 Confirmed Cases 4,03,281 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 35,450,108 Confirmed Cases 500,129 Total Deaths (as on 7 July 2021)

World 183,934,913 Confirmed Cases 3,985,022 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7 May 2021 and since then there is a continuous decline in daily cases. Currently, India reports 11% of new COVID cases reported globally (7DMA), and 32 daily cases per million population.



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the past week (30 June – 6 July), as compared to previous week (23 – 29 June), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur and Kerala.





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- In **Karnataka**, orders have been issued to ensure that those traveling to the state from Kerala and Maharashtra either have a Negative RTPCR report or have been vaccinated at least once.
- In **Maharashtra**, district collectors have been asked to prepare a district level oxygen management plan; the plan should take into account the highest number of cases in each district during the second wave and ensure that three times the amount of oxygen is presently available.
- In **Telangana**, education department has issued orders instructing all private schools to collect tuition fees on a monthly basis and refrain from increasing fees during the academic year 21-22.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children and the MHPSS Collaborative jointly developed new training resources to help young people support one another during emergencies, details <u>here</u>
- COVAX facility urges all regional, national and local government authorities to recognize as fully vaccinated all people who have received COVID-19 vaccines that have been deemed safe and effective by WHO, details <u>here</u>
- WHO has announced multiple commitments to drive change for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls with special focus on COVID-19-exacerbated gender inequalities, details <u>here</u>
- WHO global conference on communicating science during health emergencies sparks enormous public interest. The conference intended to identify the challenges encountered during the pandemic and find solutions to make science accessible and relevant to all., details <u>here</u>
- WHO recommends life-saving interleukin-6 receptor blockers for COVID-19 and urges producers to join efforts to rapidly increase access. Further, WHO has launched an <u>expression of interest</u> for prequalification of manufacturers of interleukin-6 receptor blockers, details <u>here</u>.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO has been monitoring Covid19 epidemiological trends and sharing the information with States/UTs.
- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry.
- WHO staff contributed to meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs NHM, etc in **Gujarat, Karnataka**, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu.

COVID-19 vaccination

• WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Uttar Pradesh (UP); which also include** supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.
- WHO State and District Units supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Haryana Punjab, and UP.

Information and Planning

• Supported implementation of sero-survey in Gujarat, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.

Essential Services

- Technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Gujarat.
- Strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance in Karnataka, Puducherry, Telangana, and Maharashtra



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- Supporting fever and rash surveillance in Maharashtra
- Implementation of IHIP in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu

As of 6 July, India has tested more than 411 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.4%.

Testing - National Level



41,12,91,084

* Exclusive of data reconciled by states on 2nd June, 2021 (Dashboard cumulative figure varies from the cumulative figure on ICMR website) India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details <u>here.</u>

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 7 July 2021, 07:00 AM)

		Beneficiaries vaccinated	
India	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	29,37,06,832	6,76,16,716	36,13,23,548
	(24,10,107 in last 24 Hours	11,95,891 in last 24 hours	36,05,998 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- Ethical Framework for WHO's work in the ACT-Accelerator (COVID-19 tools for decision making) [LINK]
- Protocol template to be used as template for observational study protocols: cohort event monitoring (CEM) for safety signal detection after vaccination with COVID-19 vaccines [LINK]
- Policy considerations for implementing a risk-based approach to international travel in the context of COVID-19, 2 July 2021 [LINK], Interim guidance [LINK]
- Considerations for strengthening legal frameworks for digital contact tracing and quarantine tools for COVID-19 [LINK]

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- Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline [LINK]
- Operational Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination of Pregnant Women (MoHFW) [LINK]

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Cabinet approves "India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II" at a cost of Rs 23,123 crore (Link)
- Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Kingdom of Denmark on cooperation in the field of health and medicine (Link)
- Union Home Secretary reviews steps taken by State Governments for curbing the spread of COVID-19 in hill stations and tourist locations (<u>Link</u>)
- Breastfeeding mothers should get themselves vaccinated against COVID-19 without any hesitation, asserts Head of Division of Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases, ICMR (Link)
- PM interacts with Chief Ministers of the North-Eastern states on COVID-19 situation (<u>Link</u>)
- Union Health Minister inaugurates 2 PSA Oxygen Plants at Sir Takhtasinhji hospital, Bhavnagar, Gujarat (<u>Link</u>)

WHO Situation Update

India

30,907,282 Confirmed Cases 410,784 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 36,039,776 Confirmed Cases 512,592 Total Deaths

World

187,086,096 Confirmed Cases 4,042,921 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

India currently reports second highest number of COVID-19 cases and third highest number of deaths in the world. The 7DMA of daily cases in India accounts for 9% of new cases reported in the world.



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the past week (7-13 July), as compared to previous week (1-6 July), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Sikkim and Kerala.





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- In **Haryana**, "Khelo India Youth Games" have been postponed to February 2022 in light of the possible third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic
- In **Puducherry**, two villages, namely Pudukuppam & Ilayankudi, have been declared 100% vaccinated for 45+ and similar efforts are being undertaken in other rural areas of the state
- In **Punjab**, Chief Minister has asked concerned departments to expedite Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) to identify cases of new COVID-19 variants

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- COVID-19 subcommittee of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) issued a statement reviewing initial reports of mild myocarditis following COVID-19 mRNA vaccines, details <u>here</u>
- WHO and FIND (Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics) co-developed a self-learning online course 'SARS-CoV-2 antigen rapid diagnostic testing' which aims to provide Ag-RDT users with a deeper understanding of the theoretical and practical components of SARS-CoV-2 Ag-RDT testing, details here
- United Nations issued a multi-agency report estimates that around a tenth of the global population- up to 811 million people- were undernourished last year. This spike in world hunger has largely been attributed to COVID-19 pandemic, details <u>here</u>
- WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia Regional Director's opening remarks at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts reaffirm commitment to advocate for sustained and scaled up investments in health to build a health and economic recovery from COVID-19 that is more resilient, equitable and sustainable, details <u>here</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO has been monitoring the trends using inhouse developed indicators and thresholds and sharing the information with states/UTs.
- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Ta mil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry.
- WHO field offices participated in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs NHM, etc in Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu.

COVID-19 vaccination

- WCO has been supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- WHO field offices are supporting **Andhra Pradesh**, **Haryana**, **Kerala**, **and Punjab** in orientating them to guidelines on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women; and its roll-out.

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

• WHO field offices supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh.

Information and Planning

• Supporting implementation of sero-survey in Karnataka.

<u>IPC</u>

• Continuing to support capacity building of healthcare workers regarding IPC in **Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh**



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Essential Services

- WHO field teams are providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
- Supporting implementation of IHIP in **Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu**
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in Delhi, Ladakh, and Punjab

As of 13 July, India has tested more than 423 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.3%.



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Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 13 July 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
India	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	30,66,12,781	7,48,54,865	38,14,67,646
	(25,58,845 in last 24 Hours	15,07,017 in last 24 hours	40,65,862 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- WHO Global Clinical Platform for the Clinical Characterization of COVID-19: Statistical Analysis Plan [LINK]
- Modelling the health impacts of disruptions to essential health services during COVID -19 [LINK]
- Diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccine readiness, and other health products for COVID -19 [LINK]
- COVID-19 Vaccines: safety surveillance manual. Module on safety surveillance of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant and breastfeeding women [LINK]
- Infection prevention and control during health care when coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is suspected or confirmed [LINK]

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HIGHLIGHTS

- MoHFW reviews preparations under "India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II" with States/UTs (<u>LINK</u>)
- Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launches nationwide campaign 'COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam' aimed to clear misconceptions regarding COVID vaccine amongst tribal population (<u>LINK</u>)
- Prime Minister interacts with Chief Minister of 6 States to discuss COVID-19 situation (LINK)
- B.1.617.2, known as the Delta variant, is around 40-60 percent more transmissible than Alpha Variant; shares Co-Chair, INSACOG (LINK)
- IIT Ropar has developed a first-of-its-kind 'oxygen rationing device' AMLEX to increase the life of medical oxygen cylinders (<u>LINK</u>)

WHO Situation Update

India 31,174,322 Confirmed Cases 414,482 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 36,938,862 Confirmed Cases 531,186 Total Deaths

World 190,671,330 Confirmed Cases 4,098,758 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7 May 2021. Since then there has been a continuous decline in daily cases, now India reports 28 daily cases per million population.



* Data source: NCDC/IDSP as of 14th July 2021 https://ihip.nhp.gov.in/idsp/#!/

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the past week (15-20 July), as compared to previous week (8-13 July), all states/UTs have shown a decrease in cases except A & N Islands, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Sikkim, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh and Telangana.





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- In Andhra Pradesh, night curfew implemented from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am has been extended till further notice.
- In **Delhi**, second dose of COVID-19 vaccine is given to children of 12-18 years of age as part of a trial in AIIMS Delhi.
- In **Tamil Nadu**, the fourth round of "Mask Compliance" survey by ICMR in Chennai is demonstrating improved results.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO warns that HIV infection increases the risk of severe and critical COVID-19, details here
- WHO Director-General convened 8th meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, details <u>here</u>
- WHO and UNICEF joint report states that 23 million children missed out on basic childhood vaccines through routine health services in 2020, the highest number since 2009 and 3.7 million more than in 2019, details here
- Germany reaffirms support to WHO's work and appreciated the leadership role WHO is playing in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, details <u>here</u>.
- WHO & United Nations World Food Program (WFP) launch innovative project on Emergency Health Facilities, details <u>here</u>
- A new joint global study reveals that during the first 14 months of the COVID-19 pandemic, at least 1.5 million children lost a parent, custodial grandparent, or other caregiver due to COVID-19, details <u>here</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO is monitoring the trends using our inhouse developed indicators and thresholds and sharing the information with states/UTs for requisite actions.
- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Ta mil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry.
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COVID-19 vaccination

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- WCO is supporting Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, and Odisha for orientating them on COVID-19 vaccination guidelines for pregnant women and its roll-out

Information and Planning

• Supporting orientation of Medical Officers in Udupi District, **Karnataka** on COVID-19 preparedness and management in paediatric population.

<u>IPC</u>

• Continuing to support capacity building of healthcare workers regarding IPC in **Delhi and Chhattisgarh**.

Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Na du, and Telangana.
- Supporting Karnataka, Maharashtra, Puducherry with sensitization efforts for surveillance of AFP/MR/DPT.



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- Supporting Karnataka, Puducherry, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance.
- Providing technical support to Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat with fever and rash surveillance.
- Monitoring of Mission Ramdhenu sessions and allied activities in Assam.
- Supporting Telangana for Mass Drug Administration (MDA) for lymphatic filariasis in 14 districts.

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Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 20 July 2021, 07:00 AM)

		Beneficiaries vaccinated	
India	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	32,63,92,783	8,54,53,618	41,18,46,401
	33,76,878 in last 24 Hours	18,90,431 in last 24 hours	52,67,309 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- WHO technical consultation on oxygen access scale-up for COVID-19 [LINK]
- Progresses and Challenges with Sustaining and Advancing Immunization coverage during the COVID-19 Pandemic [LINK]
- Clinical features and prognostic factors of COVID-19 in people living with HIV hospitalized with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection [LINK]
- WHO SAGE Roadmap for Prioritizing Uses Of COVID-19 Vaccines in the Context of Limited Supply [LINK]
- Guidance on utilization of COVID-19 vaccines before the date of expiry [LINK]
- Guidance for clinical case management of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) following vaccination to prevent COVID-19 [LINK]

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HIGHLIGHTS

- PM interacts with representatives of religious and social organizations on COVID-19 (<u>Link</u>)
- Government taking steps to undertake the production of COVID BEEP, India's first indigenous wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients; on a large scale (<u>Link</u>)
- Centre advises States to conduct State-specific sero surveys in consultation with ICMR to generate district-level data on sero-prevalence (Link)
- MoHFW launched guidelines for "Buffer Stock Management of COVID 19" to States/UTS, requesting them to initiate necessary procurement process to ensure continuous availability of drugs for any future surge in cases (<u>Link</u>)
- COVID vaccination dramatically reduces infection, finds Armed Forces Medical Study (<u>Link</u>)

INDIA SITUATION

In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7th May 2021. Since then there has been a rapid decline in daily cases however daily cases are plateauing around 30-40,000 for the last several weeks. Cases per million is 22,126.



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

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WHO Situation Update

India 31,440,951 Confirmed Cases 421,382 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 37,755,175 Confirmed Cases 554,200 Total Deaths

World 194,608,040 Confirmed Cases 4,170,155 Deaths



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- In **Delhi**, random testing has been initiated at bus stands, railway station & market places
- In Jammu and Kashmir, weekend curfew has been lifted from all districts; night curfew will continue
- In **Punjab**, schools for classes 10, 11, and 12 have been reopened, however, the physical presence of the students is reliant on consent of the parents and the option of virtual classes has been continued

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO, UNDP and the University of Oxford database highlights that COVID-19 vaccine inequity will have a lasting and profound impact on socio-economic recovery in low- and lower-middle income countries without urgent action to boost supply and assure equitable access for every country, details <u>here</u>
- WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) COVID-19 subcommittee gave statement that increased reports of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) have not been observed following mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, details <u>here</u>
- To help raise awareness on the benefits of physical activity and encourage communities to keep moving during the pandemic, the WHO, Angry Birds Friends and Rovio Entertainment launched an in-game, week-long tournament called Stay Active, details <u>here</u>
- WHO is collaborating with Pravda Association, a non-profit fact-checking organization in Poland, to raise awareness about the harms of misinformation, especially among those most vulnerable, details <u>here</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO is monitoring the situation and trends using inhouse developed warning tool based on various indicators and epidemiological thresholds; findings are being periodically shared with States/UTs
- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Ta mil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry
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COVID-19 vaccination

- High level oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels
- WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring
- WCO is supporting **Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Punjab** in orientating them to guidelines on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women; and its roll-out

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

• Providing technical support in house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Punjab

Information and Planning

- Facilitated training of Medical Officers of Nellore district in **Andhra Pradesh** regarding Routine Immunization
- Supporting orientation of Medical Officers in Dakshina Kannada District, **Karnataka** on COVID-19 preparedness and management in paediatric population
- Assisting **Manipur** with COVID-19 death audit and analysis

<u>IPC</u>

• Continuing to support capacity building of healthcare workers regarding IPC in **Delhi and Mizoram**



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Essential Services

- Supporting VPD surveillance and immunization services in **Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu,** and Telangana
- Supporting Haryana, Karnataka, Puducherry, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana

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		Beneficiaries vaccinated	
India	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	34,65,16,149	9,53,96,246	44,19,12,395
	46,24,576 in last 24 Hours	19,78,536 in last 24 hours	66,03,112 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

• Guidance on conducting vaccine effectiveness evaluations in the setting of new SARS-CoV-2 variants: Interim guidance-addendum to Evaluation of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness [LINK]

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