

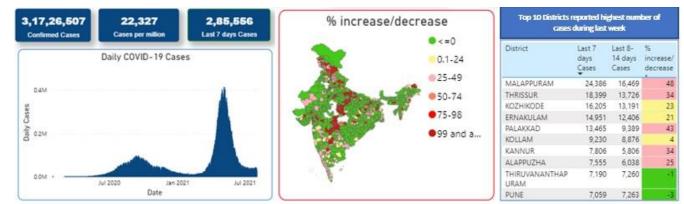
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre rushes high level team to Maharashtra to support the State in implementation of effective public health interventions for Zika (<u>Link</u>)
- Centre reviews COVID-19 situation in 10 states reporting surge of COVID-19 cases (Link)
- Vice President urges scientific fraternity to expedite the development of COVID vaccine for children (<u>Link</u>)
- Union Minister of Health organizes online workshop with officials of Press Information Bureau (PIB), Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC), Doordarshan (DD), All India Radio (AIR), and NHM on crisis communication on COVID-19 (<u>Link</u>)
- Union Minister of Health digitally inaugurates whole genome sequencing national reference laboratory for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and new BSL 3 laboratory (<u>Link</u>)
- Prime Minister interacts with representatives of religious and social organizations on COVID -19 (Link)

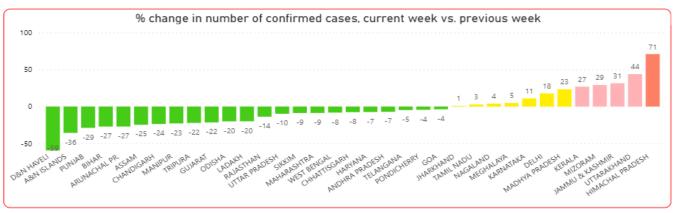
INDIA SITUATION

In India, for the last several weeks, daily cases are plateauing around 30-40,000. In comparison to previous week (15-21July), less than 40% of districts have shown an increase in new cases during last week.



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the past week (22-28 July), as compared to previous week (15-21 July), twelve states have shown an increase in cases while twenty-three states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from D&N Haveli (-59%), A&N Islands (-36%), Punjab (-29%) and Bihar (-27%).



WHO Situation Update

India 31,726,507 Confirmed Cases 425,195 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region 38,634,585 Confirmed Cases 576,491 Total Deaths

World 198,778,175 Confirmed Cases 4,235,559 Deaths



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- In **Delhi**, the government has approved the Medical Oxygen Production Promotion Policy aimed at improving oxygen availability in the State.
- In **Gujarat**, Commissioner of Health has issued a letter exhorting all districts to ensure vaccination of all teaching and non-teaching staff in educational institutes on priority.
- In **Madhya Pradesh**, schools have been reopened for classes 9th to 12th standard, however, online classes will also continue as before.

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The Independent Panel on evaluation of COVID-19 Pandemic Preparedness and Response voiced elevating political leadership for Pandemic Preparedness and Response with the UN General Assembly, details <u>here</u>
- WHO initiates "Health Workforce in COVID-19 Action Series: Time to Protect, and Invest. Together". The episodes are designed to spark knowledge sharing, dialogue, and partnerships that generate value for countries in defining actions and strategies to sustain their responses and to put in place architectures that increase health security and systems capacity, details <u>here</u>
- WHO and other key partners signed a <u>letter of intent</u> to address the global imbalance of manufacturing capacity for COVID-19 vaccines, details <u>here</u>
- Multilateral Leaders Task Force on COVID-19 Vaccines, Therapeutics, and Diagnostics for Developing Countries issued Joint statement following its second meeting; it urges governments to reduce or eliminate barriers to the export of vaccines and all materials involved in their production and deployment, details <u>here</u>
- WHO and ASEAN joined hands with FIFA to launch #ReachOut campaign for better mental health, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- 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 Na du, 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 Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu.

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 **Nagaland** in orientating them to guidelines on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women; and its roll-out.

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

• Provided supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis in **Nagaland and Uttar Pradesh**

Information and Planning

- Assisting **Tamil Nadu** with deep dive study regarding decline in immunization coverage.
- Supporting mask compliance study in West Bengal.

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• Supporting sensitization of religious leaders and CSOs regarding COVID-19 in **Tamil Nadu**.

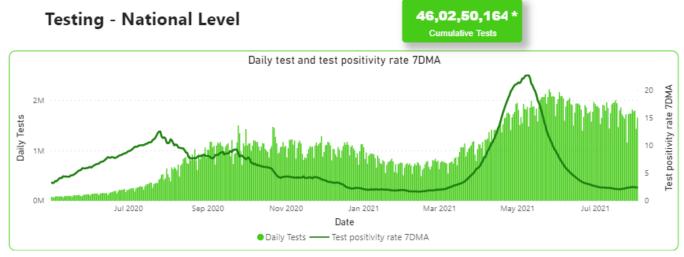


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Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- Supporting Karnataka, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance.
- Supporting Chhattisgarh, Delhi, and Telangana with fever and rash surveillance.
- Supporting launch of PCV vaccine in **Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.**

As on 3 August, India has tested more than 460 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.4%.



* 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 here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 4 August 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
VACCINATION	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	37,80,90,597	10,71,95,973	48,52,86,570
	50,30,316 in last 24 Hours	12,23,425 in last 24 hours	62,53,741 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- Health financing for the COVID-19 response [LINK]
- Social isolation and loneliness among older people: advocacy brief [LINK]
- Interim recommendations for use of the ChAdOx1-S [recombinant] vaccine against COVID-19 (AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine AZD1222 Vaxzevria[™], SII COVISHIELD[™]) [LINK]
- Holding gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic: WHO policy brief [LINK]

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Foreign nationals are now eligible for vaccination in India (Link)
- MoHFW organizes interactive workshop with radio stations in Southern States to promote awareness regarding COVID appropriate behavior and vaccination (Link)
- Scientists from four BRICS countries to carry out genomic sequencing and mathematical modelling of the COVID-19 pandemic (Link)
- Prime Minister asserts that India's fight against COVID-19 has received a strong impetus as vaccination coverage exceeds 50 crore mark (Link)
- India achieves its highest ever recovery rate of 97.45% (Link)

WHO Situation Update

India

31,998,158 Confirmed Cases 428,682 Total Deaths

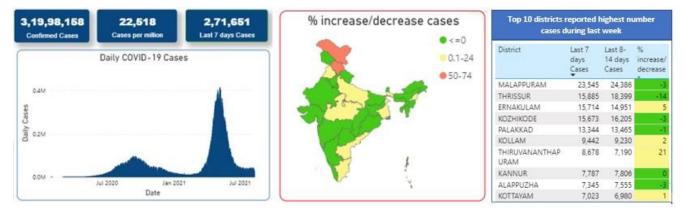
South East Asia Region 39,486,375 Confirmed Cases 599,738 Total Deaths

World

203,295,170 Confirmed Cases 4,303,515 Deaths

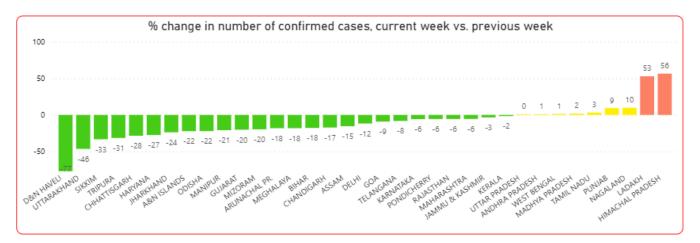
INDIA SITUATION

In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7 May 2021. For the last several weeks, daily cases are plateauing around 30-40,000. Cases per million is 22,518.



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week (4-10 August), as compared to previous week (28 July – 3 August), eight states have shown an increase in cases while twenty-six states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from D&N Haveli (-77%), Uttarakhand (-45%), Sikkim (-33%) and Tripura (-31%).



• In **Assam**, inter-district travel has been disallowed; 5 districts are now in complete lockdown whereas partial lockdown has been imposed in 29 districts



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- In Odisha, order has been issued mandating all Government offices to function at full capacity
- In **Tamil Nadu**, negative RT-PCR test report has been made mandatory for all passengers coming to the State from Kerala

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- More than 20 million of the total number of vaccine doses that have been received in the Western Pacific Region to date were delivered by COVAX, which is co-led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF and WHO, details <u>here</u>
- WHO has been made aware of correspondences being circulated by scammers (acting under the name of Capital Finance, Inc. London), falsely notifying recipients of such correspondences that they have been selected as a beneficiary/winner of a US\$1 million lottery compensation prize payment for losses and damages suffered as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, details <u>here</u>
- WHO issues interim statement on heterologous priming for COVID-19 vaccines. In general, for COVID-19 vaccines listed for emergency use by WHO with a 2-dose primary series schedule, WHO recommends that the same vaccine product should be used for both doses. If different COVID-19 vaccine products are inadvertently administered in the two doses, no additional doses of either vaccine are recommended, details <u>here</u>
- WHO, Facebook and Praekelt.Org provide critical mobile access to COVID-19 information for vulnerable communities, details <u>here</u>
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced the next phase in its Solidarity trial: Solidarity PLUS will enroll hospitalized patients to test three new drugs in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.
- WHO's Solidarity clinical trial enters a new phase with three new candidate drugs artesunate, imatinib and infliximab has selected by an independent expert panel for their potential in reducing the risk of death in hospitalized COVID-19 patients. , details <u>here</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO has been monitoring the trends of cases and mitigation measures using relevant indicators 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 Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Puducherry, and Tamil Nadu.

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 **Assam** in orientating them to guidelines on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women; and its roll-out.

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Nagaland and Uttar Pradesh.

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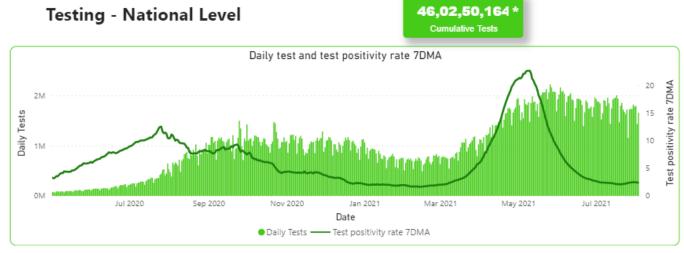
Information and Planning

- Assisting **Arunachal Pradesh** in resolving discrepancies in data reported in the State COVID portal, COWIN portal, and the daily State bulletin.
- Supporting analysis on the availability of ICU beds in **Mizoram** and advocating for an increase in number of beds in Lunglei district.

Essential Services

- Strengthening VPD surveillance and immunization in Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- Strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance in Puducherry and Telangana.
- Supporting Telangana and Tripura with fever and rash surveillance
- Assist with launch of PCV vaccine in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

As of 10 August, India has tested more than 471 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.4%.



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India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 11 August 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
VACCINATION	40,35,96,088	11,54,84,436	51,90,80,524
	30,50,668 in last 24 Hours	10,87,978 in last 24 hours	41,38,646 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

- Digital technology and COVID-19 in the Western Pacific Region [LINK]
- Considerations for health governance: strengthening institutional capacity and connectedness through COVID-19 responses [LINK]
- Guidance for surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 variants: Interim guidance [LINK]

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Indian Immunologicals receive manufacturing license under Department of Biotechnology and Mission Covid Suraksha Project for augmentation of manufacturing capacity of COVAXIN (Link)
- Centre releases another instalment of 35% of Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness (ECRP) II package to all States (Link)
- Chief Scientist (WHO) calls on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology and discusses various aspects of COVID pandemic (Link)
- Union Minister of Health reviews COVID-19 response in Kerala (Link)
- National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad has been approved for batch-testing and release of COVID-19 vaccines (Link)

WHO Situation Update

India

32,250,679 Confirmed Cases 432,079 Total Deaths

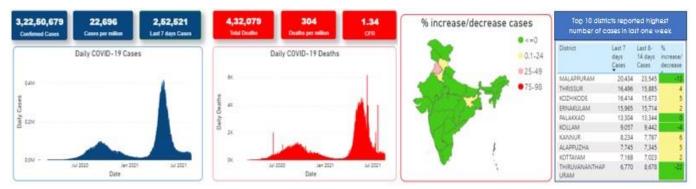
South East Asia Region 40,138,882 Confirmed Cases 615,981 Total Deaths

World

207,784,507 Confirmed Cases 4,370,424 Deaths

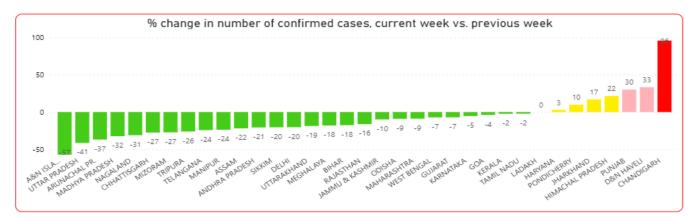
INDIA SITUATION

In the past 24 hours, 25,166 confirmed cases have been reported, which is the lowest number of cases reported in single day after second wave. In India, highest number of cases in a day were 4,14,188; reported on 7th May 2021. The last 7 DMA for cases per million is 22,696.



COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

In the past week (11-17 August), as compared to previous week (4-10 August), seven states have shown an increase in cases while twenty-seven states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from A&N Islands (-57%), Uttar Pradesh (-41%), Arunachal Pradesh (-37%) and Madhya Pradesh (-32%); whereas Chandigarh (+96%), D&N Haveli (+33%), Punjab (+30%), Himachal Pradesh (+22%) & Jharkhand (+17%) have registered highest increase.





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- In **Odisha**, Government has asserted that hospitals do not require an RT-PCR report to admit a sick patient
- In **Punjab**, teachers and non-teaching staff have been asked to be prioritized for vaccination, with special camps to ensure that the entire cadre receives the first dose within the month of August
- In **Himachal Pradesh**, COVID vaccine Certificate (both doses) or a negative COVID-19 test report is mandated for those traveling from other States

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO is working with researchers to address the urgent need to streamline data collection and reporting on Post COVID-19 condition, also known as 'long COVID'. The project, Post-COVID Condition Core Outcomes, will survey these patients to establish what core patient outcomes need to be measured to understand the condition, details <u>here</u>
- WHO has been working with Member States and the scientific community to better understand how this pandemic began to better prepare for the next one. WHO calls for all governments to depoliticize the situation and cooperate to accelerate the origin studies, and importantly to work together to develop a common framework for future emerging pathogens of pandemic potential, details <u>here</u>
- ACT-Accelerator launches urgent US\$ 7.7 billion appeal to stem surge of dangerous variants. The efforts would contribute to increased testing and better surveillance to detect and protect against new variants; more oxygen to treat the seriously ill and save lives; vital personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect health workers; the rolling out of emergency response and delivery support for the effective delivery and deployment of COVID-19 tools, including in humanitarian contexts; and continued research and development (R&D), details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO is monitoring the early warning trends using predefined indicators and thresholds and the observations are being shared with States/UTs.
- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, NCDC, ICMR and NDMA at the national level and through the task force/control rooms at the state and district level in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry.
- WHO field staff 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 Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand

COVID-19 vaccination

- WCO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- Support to special campaign on COVID vaccination in **Uttar Pradesh** for street vendors & daily wages earners.

Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance

• Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Uttar Pradesh; further** providing technical support supervision of contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.

Information and Planning

- WHO State offices supporting trainings on paediatric case management of COVID 19 in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh
- Assisting **Gujarat** in training of Reproductive and Child Health Officers regarding COVID-19 response



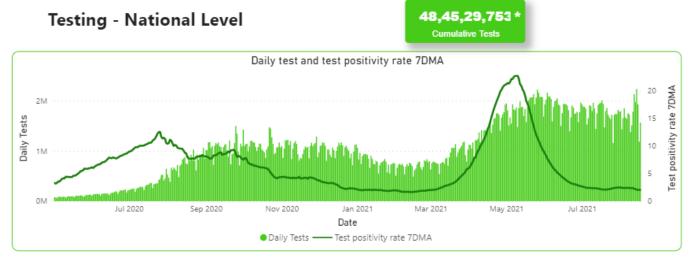
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• Support to Knowledge, Attitude and Behaviour study on COVID-19 vaccination in rural areas of **Uttar Pradesh**.

Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu
- Supporting in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance for Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Puducherry, and Maharashtra
- Supporting fever and rash surveillance for Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana with

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India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 18 August 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
VACCINATION	43,57,20,056	12,49,31,974	56,06,52,030
	41,79,215 in last 24 Hours	13,25,860 in last 24 hours	55,05,075 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS THIS WEEK

• Genomic Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 In India Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) (Updated guidelines and SOPs)- The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India [LINK]

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre reviews progress of COVID-19 vaccination with States/UTs (Link)
- Vice President urges medical fraternity to educate people on the safety of COVID-19 vaccine so as to make it a people's movement (<u>Link</u>)
- Nation's first mRNA-based vaccine approved for Phase II/III trial by the Drugs Controller General of India DCG(I) (<u>Link</u>)
- Indian Scientist Partners with BRICS group to setup network of genomic surveillance and study the overlap of SARS-CoV-2 with tuberculosis (Link)
- Digital COVID-19 vaccination certificates provided to clinical trial participants of COVISHIELD and COVAXIN through Co-WIN (<u>Link</u>)
- Government to offer special incentives to support 75 start-ups in areas of Telemedicine, Artificial Intelligence, and Digital Health (Link)

WHO Situation Update

India 32,474,773 Confirmed Cases 435,110 Total Deaths

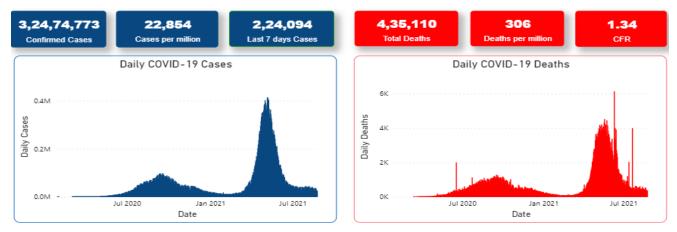
South East Asia Region 40,665,777 Confirmed Cases 631,882 Total Deaths

World

212,357,898 Confirmed Cases 4,439,843 Deaths

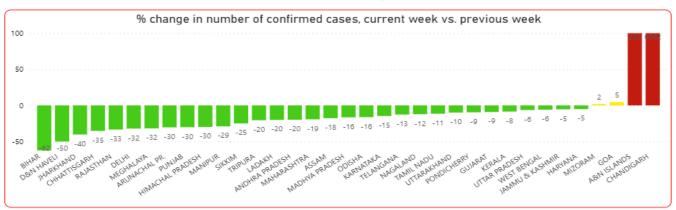
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COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

• In the past week (18-24 August), as compared to previous week (11-17 August), four states have shown an increase in cases while thirty-one states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Bihar (-62%), D&N Haveli (-50%), Jharkhand (-40%) and Chhattisgarh (-35%).





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- In **Delhi**, RT PCR tests are being conducted on international travelers from Afghanistan
- In Haryana, lockdown has been extended for a period of two weeks, lasting till 6 September
- In Rajasthan, the State is gearing for Panchayat elections in six districts

WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- A <u>new WHO paper</u> has been published describing the development of a social listening public health taxonomy for COVID-19. This social listening taxonomy is depicted like a tree. The trunk is the general topic of interest, the branches are more specific categories relevant to that topic, and the twigs of those branches are the sub-categories that have an even narrower focus. This model can be used to navigate the information overload that can occur during an infodemics, details <u>here</u>
- WHO and Unitaid issued joint statement (on behalf of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator) regarding availability of tocilizumab, an IL6 inhibitor recommended by WHO for use as a treatment for severe COVID-19 cases, details <u>here</u>
- WHO issued an open call for experts to serve as members of the new WHO Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins of Novel Pathogens (SAGO). The SAGO will advise WHO on technical and scientific considerations regarding the origins of emerging and re-emerging pathogens of epidemic and pandemic potential, details <u>here</u>
- "Health Enabled" with technical guidance and support from WHO, GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF, and Vaccination Demand Hub has developed framework with practical guidance for those seeking to utilize social listening data to strengthen communication strategy, details <u>here</u>

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WCO has been monitoring the trends using predefined indicators and thresholds and sharing the information with officials in States/UTs.
- WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW, Empowered Group- 1/NITI Aayog, 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
- WCO officials continue to participate in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health Secretaries, MDs NHM, etc of their respective States

COVID-19 vaccination

- WHO team provides oversight during vaccination 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

Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment

- Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Uttar Pradesh**
 - provided supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis
- Supporting house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Uttar Pradesh

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

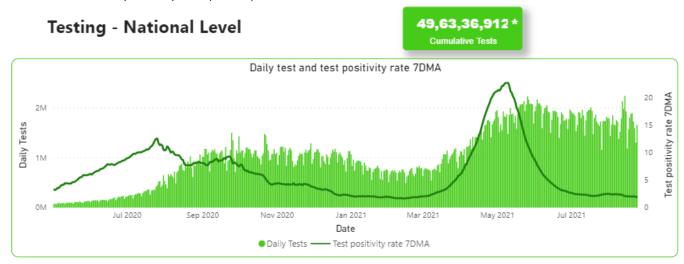


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Essential Services

- Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Delhi**
- Supporting **Delhi** in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance, and fever & rash surveillance
- Supporting Polio vaccination of international travelers from Afghanistan in **Delhi**

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Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 25 August 2021, 07:00 AM)

	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
VACCINATION	46,08,02,783	13,47,01,810	59,55,04,593
	44,09,540 in last 24 Hours	17,81,390 in last 24 hours	61,90,930 in last 24 Hours

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

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