HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister holds review meeting with districts having low vaccination coverage (Link)
- Center rushes High Level teams to 9 States/UTs with high caseload of Dengue in accordance with directions of Union Health Minister (Link)
- Union Health Minister reviews Dengue situation in Delhi (Link)
- Union Health Minister launches nationwide expansion of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 2 November 2021, India reported a total of 34,296,237 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 10,423 confirmed cases have been reported, which is the lowest single day cases after second wave. Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh are contributing 56% of total cases

In comparison to previous week (20-26 October), less than 30% of districts have shown an increase in new cases during last week (27 October – 2 November). Additionally, amongst the top ten districts reporting highest number of cases during last week only one has shown increase in number of cases

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the last week (27 October -2 November), as compared to previous week (20 October- 26 October), 16 States/UTs have recorded rise in number new cases and 10 States/UTs have reported increase in number of deaths.
WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- COVID-19 subcommittee of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) has issued updated statement regarding myocarditis and pericarditis reported with COVID-19 mRNA vaccines, details here.
- New ACT-Accelerator strategy calls for US$ 23.4 billion international investment to solve inequities in global access to COVID-19 vaccines, tests & treatments. The Accelerator has launched its strategic plan and budget for the next 12 months, outlining the urgent actions and funding needed to address inequities, details here.
- WHO, International Organization for Migration and UN High Commissioner for Refugees writes an open letter to G20 Heads of State and Government to make vaccines accessible to people on the move, details here.
- WHO calls on countries to build resilient and healthy cities. On World Cities Day 2021, WHO asserts that climate and COVID-19 crises have exacerbated existing social injustices and vulnerabilities in our communities and our health systems, especially in cities, details here.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WHO supported NCDC to adopt the WCO warning level dashboard in the IHIP/IDSP portal. This was made live this week and can be used by the states and district officials for closely monitoring the trends.
- WHO field staff continue to participate in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Health Secretaries, MDs - NHM, etc.
- Supported operational planning of special vaccination drive ‘Mission Yuva Swasth’ to target COVID19 vaccination of college students in Maharashtra.

COVID-19 vaccination
- Technical 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.

Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment
- WHO Country office provided technical support and supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar Pradesh and provided feedback to the government health officials.
- Assisting a house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Daman & Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli, and UP.

Capacity building
- Supported the dissemination workshop of WHO Unity Study conducted by Department of Community Medicine, MAMC, Delhi.
- Participated in the national ToT on ZycoV Pharma jet device in Kerala.
- A state level orientation of field staff on Pharmajet was supported for needleless COVID vaccination in Rajasthan.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Promoted RCCE activities in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh regarding COVID-19 in light of the upcoming festive and wedding season.

Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services
- Strengthening VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Jammu & Kashmir.
- Streamlining AEFI surveillance in Delhi and Karnataka.
- Supporting Fever and rash surveillance in Rajasthan.
As of 2 November 2021, India has tested more than 593 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.17%.

**Testing - National Level**

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 2 November 2021, 07:00 AM)

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

Vaccination coverage by age group: Total number of doses (Dose-1 & Dose-2) administered

- Maintaining Essential Health Services during COVID-19 (LINK)
- Responding to NCDs during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic: examples of actions (LINK)
- Interim recommendations for use of the inactivated COVID-19 vaccine BIBP developed by China National Biotec Group (CNBG), Sinopharm (LINK). Annexes (LINK)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Minister of State for Health asserts the need to shift gears and come up with innovative solutions to make up for the setbacks due to COVID-19 and move beyond [Link]
- Vice President calls for critical reassessment of our lifestyle and thinking in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic [Link]
- India’s cumulative vaccination coverage crosses 110.18 crore [Link]

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 9 November 2021, India reported a total of 34,377,113 confirmed cases. Top five states, namely, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Mizoram, contributed 84% of total cases (80876) in the last 7 days.

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the last week (3-9 November), as compared to previous week (27 October-2 November), 6 States/UTs have recorded a rise in the number new cases and 12 States/UTs have reported an increase in the number of deaths.

Based on three warning level indicators (Cases per million per week, percentage change in weekly cases and Test positivity rate of 7 days mean average), there are 38 districts in country in warning level-4 spread over various State/UTs
WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO issued an emergency use listing (EUL) for COVAXIN® (developed by Bharat Biotech), after assessing its quality, safety & efficacy; it has added to the growing portfolio of vaccines validated by WHO for the prevention of COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2, details here.
- Falsified Pfizer-BioNTech (details here) and AstraZeneca (details here) COVID-19 Vaccines identified in WHO region of the Eastern Mediterranean.
- WHO-PAHO warns on the progress in the region not to become complacent or discontinue the public health measures, details here.

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WHO 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 field staff continue to participate in meetings on current response, third wave preparations, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Health Secretaries, MDs-NHM, etc.
- WHO is supporting “Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan” for COVID-19 vaccination in Madhya Pradesh and Manipur.

COVID-19 vaccination
- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- WHO is assisting with monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continues to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.

Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment
- WHO Country office provided technical support and supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones for COVID-19 containment activities.
- Assisting a house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Daman & Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli, UP & MP.

Capacity building
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- Participated in the national ToT on ZycoV Pharma jet device in Kerala.
- WHO conducted state level orientation on Pharmajet for needleless COVID vaccination in Rajasthan.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Promoted RCCE activities in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh regarding COVID-19 in light of the upcoming festive and wedding season.
- WHO has collaborated with Radio Mirchi on series of messaging on risk communication under the title “COVID ke khilaaf, India ek saath”. It is expected to reach 20 million audience per week.

Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services
- Strengthening VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi.
- Strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance in Karnataka and Delhi.
- Pulse polio campaign in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana.
- Measles and Rubella surveillance in Telangana.
- Urban area microplanning for essential immunization in Delhi.
- Analysis of various nutritional indices in Delhi.
As of 9 November 2021, India has tested more than 599 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 1.28%.

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

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 10 November 2021, 07:00 AM)

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Vaccination coverage by age group: Total number of doses (Dose-1 & Dose-2) administered

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19 (LINK)
- Interim recommendations for use of the COVAXIN® vaccine against COVID-19 (LINK)
- Annexes to the interim recommendations for use of the COVAXIN® vaccine against COVID-19 (LINK)
- Injection safety in the context of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccination (LINK)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Health Minister discusses strengthening of Prime Minister’s ‘Har Ghar Dastak’ campaign with State Health Ministers (Link)
- MoHFW organizes National Webinar to further strengthen awareness about the month long ‘Har Ghar Dastak’ campaign (Link)
- Vice President calls for making healthcare affordable and accessible (Link)
- Number of fully vaccinated individuals surpasses the partially vaccinated eligible population for the first time asserts Union Health Minister (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- In India, Maharashtra is still leading with highest number of cases (more than six million); Kerala has reported more than five million cases, followed by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh (more than two million cases each).
- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh are contributing 57% of total cases. During last seven days 79,288 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (44,710, 56% of total cases) followed by Maharashtra (6,639) and West Bengal (5,884).
- Apart from 220 districts, all districts have reported one or more than one COVID-19 case during last seven days.
- In comparison to previous week (3-9 November), less than 35% of districts have shown increase in new cases during last week (10-16 November). Further, amongst the top 10 districts (Aizawal West, Greater Mumbai, Kolkata, Pune, Bengaluru Urban, 24- North Pargana, Thane, Khurda, Chennai & Coimbatore) reporting highest no. of cases during last week, eight (except Aizawal West & Khurda) have shown increase in no. of cases.
- In the past week (10-16 November), India has reported 2,463 deaths, of which the highest were in Kerala (1,899) followed by Maharashtra (199) and West Bengal (79).

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- In the last week (10-16 November), as compared to previous week (3-9 November), 22 States/UTs have recorded a rise in the number new cases and 17 States/UTs have reported slight increase in the number of deaths.
WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The WHO Information Network for Epidemics (EPI-WIN) team is spotlighting partnerships between WHO, faith partners and national governments in the global conference "Strengthening National Responses to Health Emergencies" co-hosted with Religions for Peace, details here
- The heads of WHO, International Monetary Fund, World Bank and World Trade Organization held 2nd High-Level Consultations with the CEOs of leading COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing companies wherein unanimous agreement made on the urgency of delivering more vaccine doses to low-income countries, details here
- A report of WHO & CDC highlights critical issues pertaining to the large numbers of unvaccinated children, outbreaks of measles, and disease detection and diagnostics diverted to support COVID-19 responses are factors that increase the likelihood of measles-related deaths and serious complications, details here
- WHO offers a training programme on Leadership in Emergencies: Building competencies for effective leadership in all-hazards emergency response, details here
- WHO led “Virtual cGMP Training Marathon for Vaccine Manufacturing” comes to a successful close after six weeks of intense training. The event focused on current good manufacturing practices (cGMP) for vaccine manufacturing to respond to the demand for capacity building in local production of quality COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccines to improve timely access, details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination
- WHO continues to provide support to MoHFW, NCDC & ICMR at the national level and through task force/Control Rooms at the state/district level in AP, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana & Puducherry.  
- WHO field staff continue to participate in state and district task force meetings on current response, preparations for any possible future surges, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Health Secretaries, MDs-NHM, etc.
- Supported Nagaland in drafting safety measures for the upcoming Hornbill Festival.

COVID-19 vaccination
- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- Supporting “Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan” for COVID-19 vaccination in Assam, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Daman & Diu, MP, Manipur, AP, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment
- WHO Country office provided technical support and supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar Pradesh.
- Assisting a house to house survey for ILI/SARI in Uttar Pradesh.

Capacity building
- Supported the dissemination workshop of WHO Unity Study conducted by Department of Community Medicine, Hamdard Institute of Medical Science and Research (HIMSR), Delhi.
- Supported training of newly recruited MOs of urban PHCs on immunization services in Andhra Pradesh.
- Supported capacity building workshop of medical officers on routine Immunization in Telangana.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Supported RCCE activities in AP regarding COVID-19 vaccine and COVID appropriate behaviors.

Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services
- Strengthening & streamlining VPD surveillance and immunization in Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
Strengthening AEFI surveillance in Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana

As of 16 November 2021, India has tested more than 607 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 0.97%.

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

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 17 November 2021, 07:00 AM)

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Vaccination coverage by age group: Total number of doses (Dose-1 & Dose-2) administered

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Guidance on operational microplanning for COVID-19 vaccination (LINK)
- Strategic toolkit for assessing risks: a comprehensive toolkit for all-hazards health emergency risk assessment (LINK)
- Framework for strengthening health emergency preparedness in cities and urban settings (LINK)
- MoHFW’s Guidelines for International Arrivals (LINK)

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- MoHFW releases NFHS-5 Phase II Findings ([Link](#))
- India and Asian Development Bank sign $300 million loan to improve primary health care in India ([Link](#))
- Union Minister of Health urges States to rope in various stakeholders including NGOs, Faith-based Organizations, religious leaders, and community influencers to ensure 100% COVID-19 vaccination ([Link](#))
- More than 131 Crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs ([Link](#))

**INDIA SITUATION**

As of 23 November, India reported a total of 34,526,480 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 7,579 confirmed cases have been reported, this is the lowest single day cases after second wave. Currently, India reports 49 cases per million per week (7DMA: 17-24 November).

**COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES**

- Maharashtra is still leading with highest number of cases (more than six million); followed by Kerala more than five million cases, and Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh (more than two million cases each). States with more than one million cases reported are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Odisha and Chhattisgarh.
- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh contribute 57% of total cases. During last seven days 70,079 cases were reported in the country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (39,083, 56% of total cases) followed by Maharashtra (5,545) and West Bengal (5,485).
- In the last week (17-23 November), as compared to previous week (10-16 November), 14 States/UTs have recorded a rise in the number new cases and 13 States/UTs have reported slight increase in the number of deaths; however, the absolute numbers are very less.
- On warning level indicators of cases per million per week, % change in weekly cases and test positivity rate (7DMA), there are 36 districts in different states with warning level-4.
WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO’s COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) has finalized a licensing agreement with the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) for a COVID-19 serological antibody technology. The test effectively checks for the presence of anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies developed either in response to a COVID-19 infection or to a vaccine, details [here](#).
- WHO issued updated guidelines on the management of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children associated with COVID-19 (MIS-C). MIS-C is a rare but serious condition where children with COVID-19 develop inflammation affecting different organs of the body, details [here](#).
- WHO’s Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins of Novel Pathogens (SAGO) held its first meeting; the group agreed to meet frequently and focus urgently on advising on the overarching framework to study the emergence of novel pathogens, as well as to rapidly undertake an assessment of the current understanding of the origins of SARS-CoV-2, details [here](#).
- WHO with support of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization and its COVID-19 Vaccines Working Group, is reviewing the emerging evidence on the need and timing of vaccinating children and adolescents with the currently available COVID-19 vaccines which have received Emergency Use Listing (EUL), details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

**Coordination**

- WHO field staff continue to participate in state and district task force meetings on current response, preparations for any possible future surges, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Health Secretaries and MDs- NHM.

**COVID-19 vaccination**

- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- WHO field offices are supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continue to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- “Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan” for COVID-19 vaccination was supported in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Haryana
- Providing technical support in strengthening the capacity of personnel deployed at call centres for COVID-19 vaccination in Delhi.
- Participated in Effective Vaccine Management (EVM) training in Chhattisgarh.

**Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment**

- WHO Country office provided technical support and supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar Pradesh.
- Assisting a house-to-house survey for ILI/SARI in Uttar Pradesh.

**Capacity building**

- Supporting training of medical officers on Routine Immunization and essential immunization services in Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana.

**Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services**

- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
- Supporting in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance for Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- Improving coverage of Hepatitis B vaccine birth dose in Maharashtra.
As of 23 November 2021, India has tested more than 615 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India’s current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 0.94%.

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

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IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Interim recommendations for use of the Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, under Emergency Use Listing (LINK); Annexes (LINK)
- Interim recommendations for use of Moderna mRNA-1273 vaccine for COVID-19 (LINK); Annexes (LINK)
- Assessment of HIV testing services and antiretroviral therapy service disruptions in the context of COVID-19: lessons learned and way forward in sub-Saharan Africa (LINK)
- Living guidance for clinical management of COVID-19 (LINK)
- WHO third global infodemic management conference: whole-of-society challenges and approaches to respond to infodemics: Technical document (LINK)
- MoHFW’s Guidelines for provision of Family Planning services during and post COVID-19 Pandemic (LINK)

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