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HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre reviews public health preparedness of States/UTs in view of new COVID19 Variant (OMICRON) classified as VOC by WHO (Link)
- Union Health Secretary advises States/UTs regarding testing, surveillance, monitoring of hotspots, augmentation of health infrastructure, genome sequencing, and enhancing public awareness in view of Omicron (<u>Link</u>)
- PM chairs a comprehensive high-level meeting to review the situation relating to COVID-19 & vaccination (Link)
- Union Minister of Health & FW expressed willingness to supply Covishield and Covaxin to other countries in a meeting with ambassadors of Latin America and Caribbean Nations (Link)

WHO Situation Update

India

34,587,822 Confirmed Cases 468,980 Total Deaths

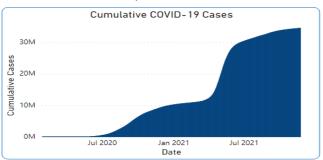
South East Asia Region 44,556,142 Confirmed Cases 706,874 Total Deaths

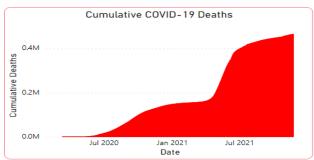
World

261,435,768 Confirmed Cases 5,207,634 Deaths

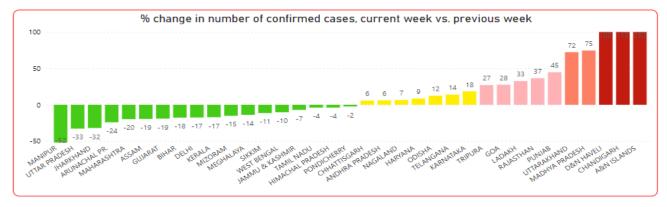
INDIA SITUATION

As of 30 November 2021, India reported a total of 34,587,822 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 6,990 confirmed cases have been reported, this is the lowest single day cases after second wave. In India, highest number of cases in a day were 414,188; reported on 7 May 2021. Currently cases per million is 24,341 (7DMA-24-30 November 2021).





- Maharashtra is 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 61,342 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (32,389, 53% of total cases) followed by Tamil Nadu (5,176) and West Bengal (4,918).
- In the past week (24-30 November), as compared to previous week (17-23 November), 17 states have shown an increase in cases (in proportion but not in absolute numbers) while 18 states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Manipur (-52%), Uttar Pradesh (-33%), Jharkhand (-32%) and Arunachal Pradesh.





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- WHO's Technical Advisory Group on SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution (TAG-VE) assessed the SARS-CoV-2 variant:
 B.1.1.529 first reported to WHO from South Africa. This variant has a large number of mutations, some of which
 are concerning. Preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to
 other VOCs, details here
- WHO designated the variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named Omicron, on the advice of WHO's <u>Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution</u> (TAG-VE). This decision was based on the evidence presented to the TAG-VE that Omicron has several mutations that may have an impact on its epidemiological behaviour like how easily it spreads or the severity of illness it causes, details here
- WHO and Rockefeller Foundation identify priorities for global health collaboration in the areas of on for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, genomic surveillance, infodemiology, vaccine equity and demand generation, details here
- COVAX, African Vaccine Acquisition Trust (AVAT) and Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) issued joint statement on dose donations of COVID-19 vaccines to African countries, 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.
- 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**.
- Providing technical support and sharing technical guidance regarding new Omicron variant in Andhra Pradesh, Kamataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Bihar

COVID-19 vaccination

- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- Supporting causality assessment of COVID-19 AEFI cases in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana
- "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

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**.

Ca pacity building

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

- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu
- Supporting Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance

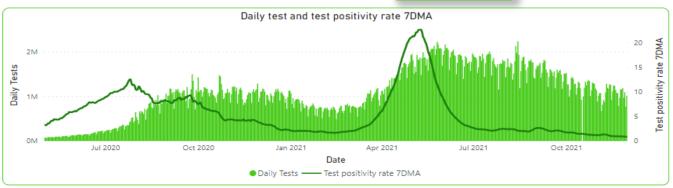


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As of 30 November 2021, India has tested more than 622 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA-24-30 November 2021) is 0.85%.

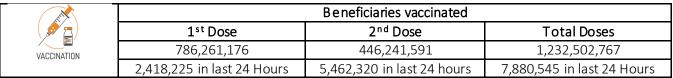
Testing - National Level

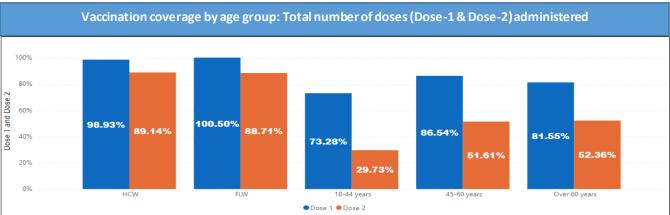




India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 30 November 2021, 07:00 AM)





IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Enhancing Readiness for Omicron (B.1.1.529): Technical Brief and Priority Actions for Member States (LINK)
- MoHFW's algorithm in the wake of Omicron: Guidelines for International Arrivals (LINK)
- MoHFW's Guidelines for International Arrivals (LINK) List of at-risk countries (LINK)

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 MoHFW releases answers to Frequently Asked Questions on SARS-CoV-2 Variant-Omicron (Link)

- MoHFW reviews status and progress under "Har Ghar Dastak" campaign with States/UTs (<u>Link</u>)
- Vice President urges people to get vaccinated at the earliest and maintain COVID appropriate behavior in light of Omicron variant (<u>Link</u>)

WHO Situation Update

India

34,648,383 Confirmed Cases 473,757 Total Deaths

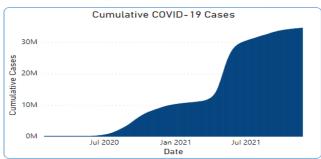
South East Asia Region 44,663,412 Confirmed Cases 712,188 Total Deaths

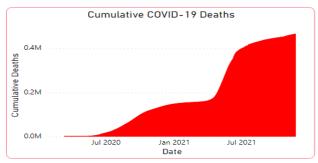
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265,713,467 Confirmed Cases 5,260,888 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

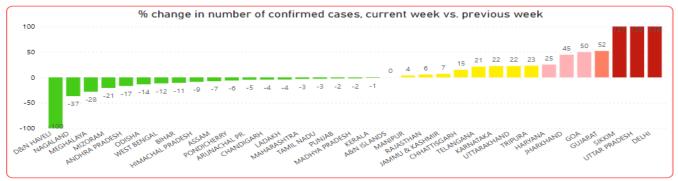
As of 7 December 2021, India reported a total of 34,648,383 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 6,822 confirmed cases have been reported, this is the lowest single day cases after second wave. Currently cases per million is 24,384 (7DMA-1-7 December 2021).





COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh contributed 57% of total cases. During last seven days (1-7 December), 60,561 cases were reported in the country with Kerala reporting the highest number of cases (32,107, 53% of total cases) followed by Tamil Nadu (5,038) and West Bengal (4,344).
- In the past week (1-7 December), as compared to previous week (24-30 November), 15 states have shown an increase in cases while 19 states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline was reported from DNH & D&D (-100%), Nagaland (-37%), Meghalaya (-28%) and Mizoram (-21%).



WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

 WHO Health Ethics and Governance Unit in collaboration with the WHO's Working Group on Ethics and COVID-19 and the ACT-Accelerator Ethics & Governance Working Group organized a summit on Pandemic ethics and policies to deliberate on equitable access, solidarity, and global health justice to bridge gap between ethics and decision-making in pandemics, details here

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- WHO organized the <u>5th Infodemic management conference</u> aimed to develop a work plan to the metrics and indicators for measuring the burden of the infodemic and related interventions, details here
- World Health Assembly agrees to launch process to develop historic global accord on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, details here
- In WHO's South-East Asia Region, an informal network of laboratories originally developed for pandemic influenza has proved critical in enabling the response to COVID-19, details here
- In South-East Asia, countries resume influenza virus sharing activities following severe disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic, and successfully contributing to WHO's bi-annual seasonal influenza vaccine composition meetings, details here
- The WHO Regional Office for Europe (EURO) to launch a platform for building capacities in risk communication and community engagement (RCCE), details here
- WHO, FIFA and the Qatari authorities are launching the #ACTogether campaign to call for teamwork and unity to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests., details <a href="https://example.com/here-purple-based
- New data from the World Health Organization reveal that the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted malaria services, leading to a marked increase in cases and deaths, details here
- WHO recommends against the use of convalescent plasma for non-severe COVID-19 patients, while it should only be used within clinical trials for severe and critical COVID-19 patients, 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.
- 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 officials of various States continue to participate in meetings on current response, preparation for
 possibilities of third wave, vaccination; chaired by Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Chief and/or Health
 Secretaries, MDs NHM.

COVID-19 vaccination

- Technical oversight during vaccination is provided by WHO teams at district and state levels.
- WHO is supporting monitoring of vaccination sessions across the country and continue to provide surge support for training, microplanning and monitoring.
- Supporting "Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan" for COVID-19 vaccination in Haryana and Himachal Pradesh

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**.
- Assisted a house-to-house survey for ILI/SARI in Uttar Pradesh.

Capacity building

Providing support in training and field implementation in ongoing serosurvey in Rajasthan

- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Rajasthan
- National Immunization Day supported in Rajasthan
- Fever and rash surveillance strengthened in Rajasthan

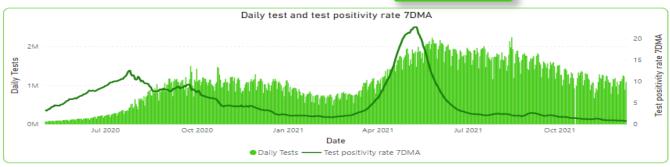


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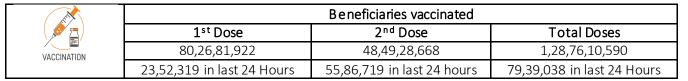
Testing - National Level





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

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



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



IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Global vaccine safety blueprint 2.0 (GVSB2.0) 2021-2023 (LINK); Background research (LINK)
- Interim recommendations for use of the Pfizer—BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, under Emergency Use Listing (LINK)
- Interim recommendations for use of the Moderna mRNA-1273 vaccine against COVID-19 (LINK)
- Therapeutics and COVID-19: Living Guideline (LINK)
- MoHFW's FAQs on SARS-CoV-2 Variant-Omicron (LINK)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre reviews commissioning, installation, and functional status of oxygen supply equipment supplied to the States/UTs (<u>Link</u>)
- Centre reviews public health response to COVID-19 in light of Omicron; and progress of vaccination with States/UT (Link)
- NITI Aayog releases report on country-level assessment of emergency and injury care at secondary, tertiary level health facilities and district hospitals in India (<u>Link</u>)

WHO Situation Update

India

34,703,644 Confirmed Cases 475,888 Total Deaths

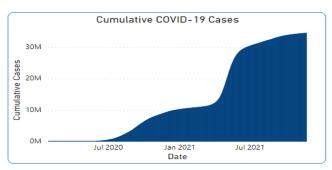
South East Asia Region 44,748,558 Confirmed Cases 714,546 Total Deaths

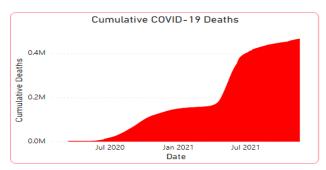
World

270,031,622 Confirmed Cases 5,310,502 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 14 December 2021, India reported a total of 34, 703,644 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 5,784 confirmed cases have been reported, this is the lowest single day cases after second wave.





• The new COVID-19 cases of Omicron variant have been reported from the State of Rajasthan, Delhi, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Kerala.

- Maharashtra is 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). States with more than one million cases 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 55,261 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (27,841, >50% of total cases) followed by Maharashtra (5,156) and Tamil Nadu (4,811)
- In the past week (8-14 December), as compared to previous week (1-7 December), nine states have shown an increase in cases while 22 states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Sikkim (-60%), Nagaland (-42%), Ladakh (-37%) and Pondicherry (-35%).





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- WHO, UNICEF and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) establishes global support mechanism, the Collective Service, for enabling countries to implement risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) policies, research and programmes in response to COVID-19 and other emergencies, details here
- WHO report shows that COVID-19 pandemic's disruption to health services has seen an increase in tuberculosis
 deaths in Africa, the first such rise in more than a decade, while the decline in new cases slowed down, 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.
- WHO continue 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**.
- WCO is sharing technical support and sharing technical guidance regarding new Omicron variant
- Supporting establishment of Auxiliary Health Facility 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 continue to provide surge support for training, microplanning, and monitoring.
- Support to "Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyan" for COVID-19 vaccination in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh
- Supporting causality assessment of COVID-19 AEFI cases in Andhra Pradesh, 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**.
- Assisted a house-to-house survey for ILI/SARI in Uttar Pradesh.

Capacity building

- Continuing to support training of medical officers on Routine Immunization and essential immunization services in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana.
- Supported capacity building of IGI Airport surveillance staff and concerned officials **in Delhi** in view of the Omicron variant.

- Providing technical support to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil
 Nadu, Gujarat, Haryana, and Jammu & Kashmir
- Supporting preparations of upcoming National Immunization Day in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry
- Strengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
- Roll out of ZyCoV D vaccine in **Punjab and Maharashtra**.
- Supporting upcoming JE vaccination campaign in Maharashtra

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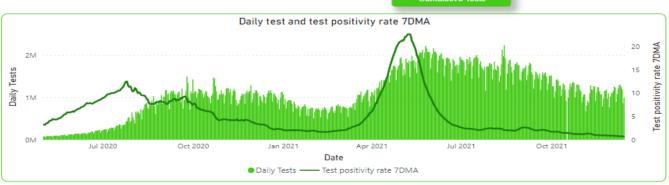
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- Facilitated state level pulse training on polio campaign in Chhattisgarh and Gujarat.
- Supported launch of Teeka Maha Abhiyaan in Jharkhand

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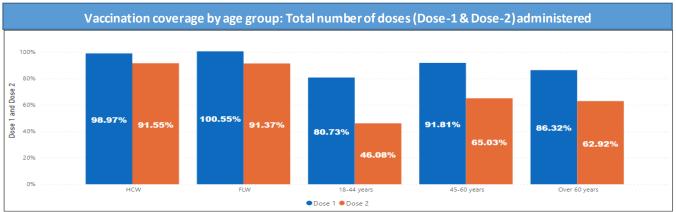




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Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 14 December 2021, 07:00 AM)

VACCINATION	Beneficiaries vaccinated		
	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Total Doses
	81,74,54,502	52,13,58,075	1,33,88,12,577
	18,78,760 in last 24 Hours	48,19,841 in last 24 hours	66,98,601 in last 24 Hours



IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Interim recommendations for the use of the Janssen Ad26.COV2.S (COVID-19) vaccine (LINK); Annexes to the interim recommendations (LINK)
- Enhancing Readiness for Omicron (B.1.1.529): Technical Brief and Priority Actions for Member States (LINK)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare inaugurates National Oxygen Stewardship Program (<u>Link</u>)
- India's Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage exceeds 138.96 Cr (Link)
- Vice President inaugurates the National Parliamentary Conference on Tuberculosis among Women (Link)

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India

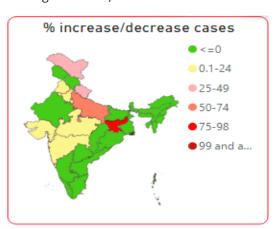
34,752,164 Confirmed Cases 478,007 Total Deaths

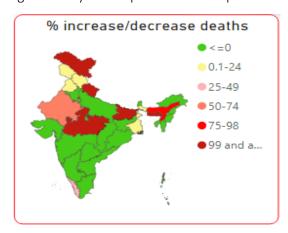
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World 274,628,461 Confirmed Cases 5,358,978 Deaths

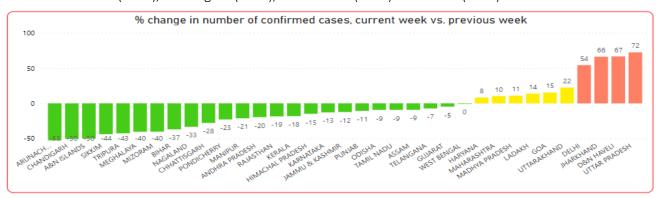
INDIA SITUATION

- As of 21 December 2021, India reported a total of 34,752,164 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 5,327 confirmed cases have been reported, this is the lowest single day cases after second wave. Currently cases per million is 24,457 (7DMA).
- Percentage increase/ decrease in cases and deaths during last 7 days are depicted in the map below-





- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh are contributing 57% of total cases. During last seven days 48,520 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting highest number of cases (22,780, 47% of total cases) followed by Maharashtra (5,688) and Tamil Nadu (4,365).
- As on 22 December, a total of 213 cases of Omicron variant have been reported from the states of Delhi, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Uttara Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Ladakh, Tamil Nadu & West Bengal.
- In the past week (15-21 December), as compared to previous week (8-14 December), ten states have shown an increase in cases while 24 states have shown a decline in cases. Higher decline has been reported from Arunachal Pradesh (-53%), Chandigarh (-50%), A&N Islands (-50%) and Sikkim (-44%).





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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO in collaboration with GISAID organized training workshops for laboratory experts to strengthen the genomic surveillance, details here
- WHO and Government of Belgium signed a new €8 million multiyear contribution agreement for the period 2021-2025, to support increasing global equitable access to health products and health technologies globally, details <u>here</u>
- WHO issued an emergency use listing (EUL) for NVX-CoV2373, expanding the basket of WHO-validated vaccines
 against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The vaccine, named Covovax™, is produced by the Serum Institute of India under
 licence from Novavax and is part of the COVAX facility portfolio, details here
- WHO has also issued an emergency use listing (EUL) for Nuvaxovid[™], 10th COVID-19 vaccine, following its assessment and approval by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), details here

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

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- WHO shared technical guidance on new Omicron variant

COVID-19 vaccination

- WHO supported 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 supported in **Andhra Pradesh**, **Karnataka**, **Kerala**, **La kshadweep**, **Tamil Nadu**, **Telangana**, **Puducherry**, **Bihar**, and **Uttarakhand**
- COVID19 vaccination Maha Abhiyaan supported in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttarakhand,
- Causality assessment of COVID-19 AEFI cases supported in Andhra Pradesh, Kamataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana

Capacity building

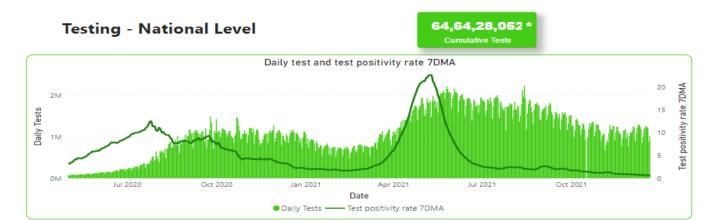
- Whole genomic surveillance analysis (WGS) of SARS-CoV2 virus in **Bihar**.
- IPM lab review in Hyderabad for Measles and Polio environmental surveillance quality and efficacy; and review of Fever hospital and Osmania Medical college labs for DPT and MR surveillance feasibility in **Telangana**.

- National Immunization Day supported in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, and Maharashtra.
- Srengthening and streamlining AEFI surveillance in **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** in
- ZyCoV D vaccine roll out in **Bihar**, **Punjab**, **Tamil Nadu**
- Supported **Maharashtra** with upcoming JE vaccination campaign
- Facilitated state level pulse training on polio campaign in Madhya Pradesh.



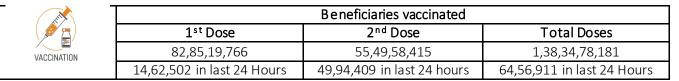
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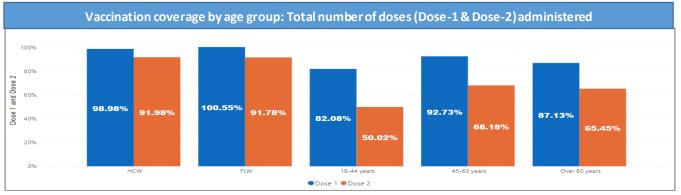
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India continued to drive COVID-19 vaccinations among various age group with preconditions, details here.

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 21 December 2021, 07:00 AM)





IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- Interim recommendations for heterologous COVID-19 vaccine schedules (LINK)
- Impact of COVID-19 on human resources for health and policy response: the case of Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru (LINK)
- Infection prevention and control (IPC) in health-care facilities in the event of a surge or resurgence in cases of COVID-19 (LINK)
- Recommendations for use of the Novavax NVX-CoV2373 vaccine against COVID-19 (<u>LINK</u>); Annexes (<u>LINK</u>)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Vaccination of age-group 15-18 years to start from 3 January 2022 (<u>Link</u>)
- Center reviews Public Health Response Measures and Vaccination Status with five poll bound states (Link)
- Hon'ble Prime Minister chairs high-level meeting to review status of COVID-19, Omicron variant, and preparedness of health systems across the country (<u>Link</u>)
- States advised to be vigilant and monitor case positivity, doubling rate, clusters of new cases across districts in view of the omicron variant (Link)

WHO Situation Update

India

34,799,691 Confirmed Cases 480,290 Total Deaths

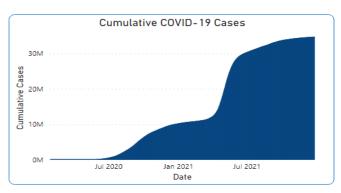
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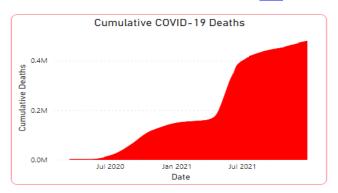
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280,119,931 Confirmed Cases 5,403,662 Deaths

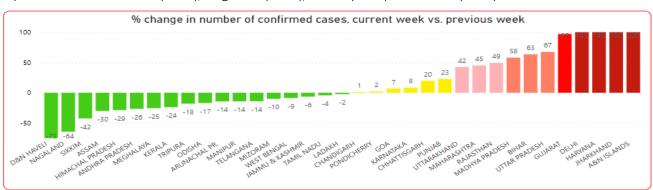
INDIA SITUATION

- As of 28 December 2021, India reported a total of 34,799,691 confirmed cases. In the past 24 hours, 6,358 confirmed cases have been reported. Currently cases per million is 24,490 (7 DMA).
- India's Active caseload currently stands at 75,456; Active cases account for less than 1% of total cases, currently at 0.22%; Lowest since March 2020. The current recovery rate is 98.40%, highest since March 2020 (Link).





- A total of 653 cases of Omicron detected from across 21 States/UTs. Maharashtra and Delhi remain the top two with 167 & 165 Omicron cases (https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1785685, 28 Dec)
- Top five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh contributed 57% of total cases. During last seven days 47,527 cases reported in country with Kerala reporting the highest number of cases (16,939 36% of total cases) followed by Maharashtra (9,174) and Tamil Nadu (4,231)
- In the past week (22-28 December), as compared to previous week (15-21 December), 17 states have shown an increase in cases while 18 states have shown a decline in cases (Table reference). Higher decline has been reported from D&N Haveli (-75%), Nagaland (-64%), Sikkim (-42%) and Assam (-30%).





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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The Heads of WHO, International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group and World Trade Organization held highlevel consultations with Gavi and UNICEF aimed at increasing the use of COVID-19 vaccines and other critical medical countermeasures in low-income (LIC) and lower middle-income (LMIC) countries, details here
- WHO, with the support of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization and its COVID-19
 Vaccines Working Group issued statement which summarizes and contextualizes current evidence on booster vaccination, details here
- WHO endorsed Independent Allocation of Vaccines Group (IAVG) has issued a set of recommendations to make the allocation of COVID-19 vaccines more equitable and more effective including target of achieving 70% COVID-19 immunization coverage by Mid- 2022, details <a href="https://example.com/here-public-left-new-phase

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

Coordination

- WHO field staff participated 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
- WHO continue 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 shared technical guidance on new Omicron variant.

COVID-19 vaccination

- WHO supported 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 Haryana, Punjab, and Uttarakhand
- District level training for roll out of ZyCoV-D vaccine supported in **Jharkhand**.

Surveillance, Contact Tracing and Containment

- WHO Country office provided technical support and supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identifying containment zones for COVID-19 containment activities in Uttar Pradesh and provided feedback to the government health officials.
- Technical support provided to ongoing sero-survey in 5 Districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Support in ensuring delivery of Essential Health Services

- Strengthening VPD surveillance and immunization underway in Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.
- Supporting Haryana, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh with upcoming National Immunization Day
- ZyCoV D vaccine roll out supported in Punjab
- JE vaccination campaign supported in **Maharashtra**.

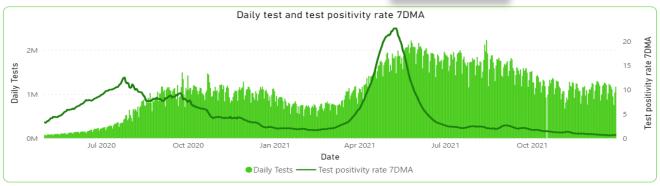
As of 28 December 2021, India has tested more than 655 million samples. Tests include both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA: 22-28 December) is 0.65%. A total of 10,35,495 tests reported on 28 December 2021.



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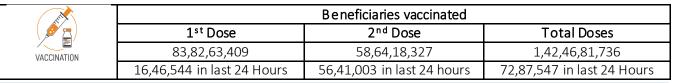


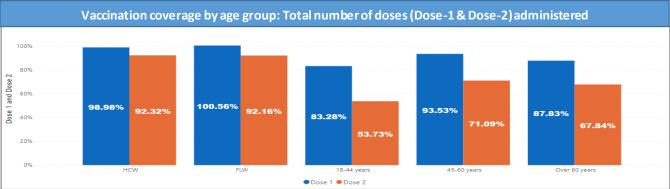
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Cumulative Tests



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

Cumulative Coverage Report of COVID-19 vaccination (as on 28 December 2021, 07:00 AM)





IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- MoHFW's COVID-19 Management Guidance for Adults (<u>LINK</u>)
- MoHFW's Guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination of children between 15-18 years and precaution dose to HCWs, FLWs & 60+ population with comorbidities (LINK)
- COVID-19 infection prevention and control living guideline: mask use in community settings (LINK)
- WHO recommendations on mask use by health workers, in light of the Omicron variant of concern: WHO interim guidelines (<u>LINK</u>)
- An implementation guide for the management of COVID-19 on board cargo ships and fishing vessels (LINK)
- Enhancing Readiness for Omicron (B.1.1.529): Technical Brief and Priority Actions for Member States (LINK)

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