

PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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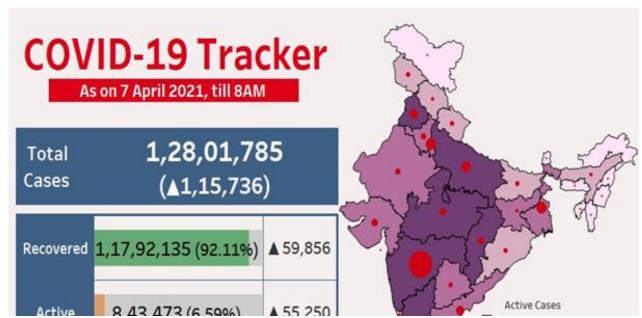


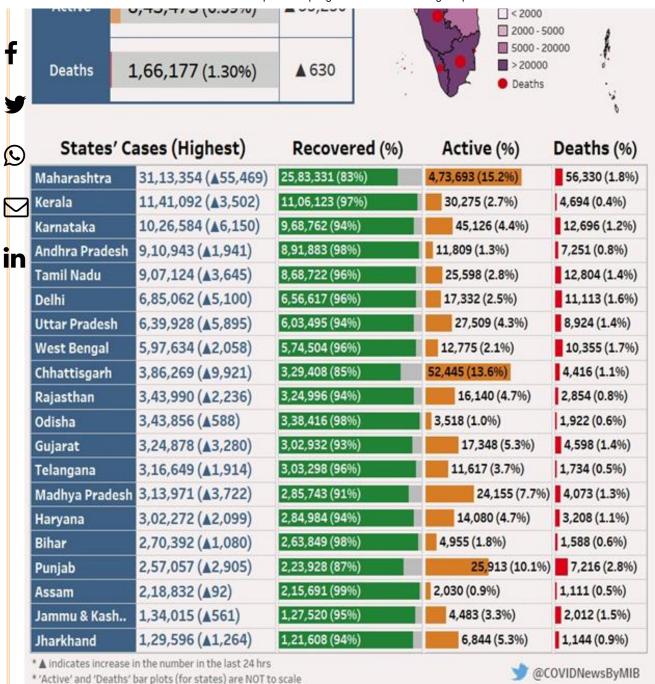


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- . India surpasses the US to become the fastest vaccinating country in the world
- · 8 States show an Upward Trajectory of Daily New Cases
- Centre closely monitoring and actively engaging with States/UTs over the rising COVID19 cases in the country
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The cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed **8.70 Crore** today. Cumulatively, **8,70,77,474** vaccine doses have been administered through 13,32,130 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. These include **89,63,724** HCWs who have taken the 1st dose and **53,94,913** HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose, **97,36,629** FLWs (1stdose), **43,12,826** FLWs (2nddose), **3,53,75,953** 1st dose beneficiaries and **10,00,787** 2nd dose beneficiaries more than 60 years old and **2,18,60,709** (1st dose) and **4,31,933** (2nd dose) beneficiaries aged 45 to 60. **More than 33 lakh vaccination doses were administered in the last 24 hours.** As on Day-81 of the vaccination drive (6th April, 2021), **33,37,601** vaccine doses were given. Out of which, 30,08,087 beneficiaries were

vaccinated across 41,396 sessions for 1st dose and 3,29,514 beneficiaries received 2nd dose of vaccine. In a significant development, India has surpassed the US to become the fastest vaccinating country in the world with an average daily rate of 30,93,861 vaccine doses. India's daily new cases continue to rise. 1,15,736 new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. Eight States including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have shown a rise in the COVID daily new cases. 80.70% of the new cases are reported from these 8 states. Maharashtra has reported the highest daily new cases at 55,469. It is followed by Chhattisgarh with 9,921 while Karnataka reported 6,150 new cases. India's total Active Caseload has reached 8,43,473. It now comprises 6.59% of the country's total Positive Cases. A net incline of 55,250 cases recorded from the total active caseload in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh cumulatively account for 74.5% of India's total active cases. Maharashtra alone accounts for **1**56.17% of the total active caseload of the country. India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,17,92,135 today. The national Recovery Rate is 92.11%. 59,856 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours. 630 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Eight States account for 84.44% of the new deaths. These are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Gujarat. The Case Fatality Rate is on a continuous decline and currently stands at 1.30%. Eleven States/UTs have not reported any COVID19 deaths in the last 24 hours. These are Odisha, Ladakh (UT), D&D & D&N, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Manipur, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, A&N Islands and Arunachal Pradesh.

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PM's message on World Health Day

Following is the text of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's message on World Health Day: "The Government of India is taking numerous measures including Ayushman Bharat and PM Janaushadhi Yojana to ensure people get access to top quality and affordable healthcare. India is also conducting the world's largest vaccination drive to strengthen the fight against COVID-19. On World Health Day, let us keep the focus on fighting COVID-19 by taking all possible precautions including wearing a mask, regularly washing hands and following the other protocols. At the same time, do take all possible steps to boost immunity and stay fit. World Health Day is a day to reaffirm our gratitude and appreciation to all those who work day and night to keep our planet healthy. It's also a day to reiterate our commitment to supporting research and innovation in healthcare."

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<u>Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan reviews the COVID-19 Situation and Vaccination Progress in 11 States/UTs showing Large numbers of Cases</u>

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare yesterday chaired a high-level meeting through Video Conference to review the situation of COVID-19 and progress of vaccination in 11 States/UTs including Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan. These states have been reporting very high rise in daily cases and daily mortality because of COVID-19 in the last two weeks. Health Ministers of States/UTs and Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries (Health) of the 11 States/UTs virtually attended the event. The Union Health Minister highlighted that these 11 States together

contributed 54% of the total cases and 65% of the total deaths in the country, with a disproportionately high number of deaths in Maharashtra and Punjab. A high test positivity rate is seen in Maharashtra (25%) and Chhattisgarh (14%). Dr Harsh Vardhan noted that since February 2021, these States have witnessed a steep increase in cases, majority of which have been reported in the younger population of 15-44 years. Also, it was pointed out that majority of the deaths have been reported among the elderly of age more than 60 yrs. Dr Harsh Vardhan appreciated the increase in tests in the last four weeks but cautioned against the high RAT proportion in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Another worrisome aspect pointed out was that the testing capacity of the private sector is underutilized in these States. In order to curb the resurgence of the pandemic, Dr. Harsh Vardhan advised the States to strengthen their public and private healthcare resources. The limiting of social/public gatherings, implementation of "Test, Track, Treat" strategy with 70% RT-PCR ratio, quarantine of positive cases, contact tracing of at least 25 to 30 contacts per positive person were also stressed upon.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan addresses WHO on World Health Day

On the occasion of World Health Day today, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the WHO South East Asia Regional Office today through Video Conference.

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Disseminate message of 'DawaiBhi, KadaiBhi', Ministry of I&B issues advisory to all private TV channels

In view of the rising COVID-19 cases in the country, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting yesterday issued an advisory to all private television channels. The advisory cites the meeting under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 4th April, 2021 to review the emerging situation, where it was decided to focus on a five-fold strategy of Testing, Tracing, Treatment, COVID appropriate behavior and Vaccination. The Ministry has reiterated the leadership role hitherto played by Private TV Channels in spreading message in the public interest. The Ministry has urged the channels to generate greater awareness on the message of 'DawaiBhiKadaiBhi' by disseminating messages for COVID-appropriate behavior and vaccination of eligible persons.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

• Maharashtra: In a significant development, Maharashtra government today announced that all students in Class 9 and Class 11 will be passed without taking exams. Earlier, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray-led government in Maharashtra had announced that all students from Class 1-8 will be passed without examinations. The state Government, however, announced that the exams for Class 10, Class 12 Board Exams 2021 will be held offline and the datesheet for these exams will be released soon. With vaccination drive picking up in the state, Maharashtra Government has requested the Centre to supply adequate quantity of doses to ensure that the momentum is not lost. Meanwhile, the Pune based Serum Institute of India has sought Rs 3,000 crore grant from the government to ramp up capacity of the Covishield Covid-19 vaccine beyond 100 million doses a month that it will reach by the end of May. Serum's output is around 65-70 million doses a month right now.











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- Gujarat: In view of the deteriorating Covid situation in Gujarat, the state government has decided to impose night curfew in 8 municipal corporations and 20 cities of Gujarat Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Gandhi Nagar from 8 am to 6 am till 30 April. As of April 30, all major events in the state have been cancelled. Only 100 people will be allowed to attend the wedding program. These decisions were taken in a meeting held on Tuesday night under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani. The number of active cases in the state is 17,348 and a total of 4,598 deaths reported so far.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Government has issued instructions that half the beds in the district hospitals will be reserved for corona patients and 30 ICU beds will have to be arranged in each district hospital. CT scan rates have now been fixed at Rs 3000 instead of Rs 6000 earlier There are reports of shortage of Remdesivir in Indore. Hospitals are finding it difficult to meet the requirement.
- Rajasthan: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot wrote to PM Narendra Modi urging him to open vaccination for people above 18 years. In view of the increasing number of Covid patients being admitted to hospitals, the state health department has issued directions to all hospitals, with 60 beds or more, to reserve 25% of it for patients infected by the virus. Earlier, the private hospitals were required to reserve 10% beds for Covid 19 patients. Active cases in the state are 16,140.
- **Kerala:** In the wake of increasing Covid cases, the Centre has asked the state to hike the number of RT-PCR tests conducted. Union Health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said the percentage of RT PCR tests in Kerala never rose above 53 and instructed to increase it above 70 percent. Pointing out the sharp increase in test positivity rate since mid-March, he said there has been increase in Covid deaths also in the state with an average of 13 cases on a daily basis. The State reported 3,502 new cases on Tuesday. Test positivity rate is at 5.93% and active case pool has 29,962 patients. Meanwhile, Covid-19 vaccination in private hospitals has found less takers as people prefer government facilities. To speed up the vaccination process, IMA has started free mass vaccination centres from today.
- Tamil Nadu: Active cases in Tamil Nadu crossed the 25,000 mark on Tuesday even as the state added 3,645 cases and 15 deaths to its Covid numbers. The case tally touched 9.07 lakh (9,07,124) and cumulative death toll touched 12,804. In Tamil Nadu for the first time, the Revenue Department had roped in youngsters and college students to work as volunteers at polling booths yesterday for providing mask, sanitizers and gloves to voters. Pandemic fails to dampen poll mood in Puducherry: After a first few hours of brisk voting in Puducherry, sparking expectations that the polling percentage would cross 90, the figure settled at 81.64 by the end of the day.
- Andhra Pradesh: In Andhra Pradesh, after drastic fall in February, the number of Covid-19 cases is gradually increasing since March. The government, in the backdrop of increase in Covid-19 cases, has made emphasis on online booking, thermal screening, physical distance, queue system, hand sanitisation and the need to keep theatre premises clean across the state, besides suggesting sanitising the air conditioners as well. Andhra Pradesh has reported 1941 new cases in the past 24 hours, after testing of 31,657 samples. The state also reported seven deaths in the past 24 hours taking the toll to 7251. The Covid vaccination programme which started on January 16 is continuing across the State since then. The state government is making elaborate arrangements for extending the vaccine drive to 45+ years people in the state following Centre's instructions.
- Karnataka: As per Covid bulletin released by the state government for 06-4-2021, New Cases Reported: 61590; Total Active Cases:45107; New Covid Deaths: 39; Total Covid Deaths: 1297. As











- new cases rose in Karnataka to 6,150 on Tuesday, the State government reserved 50% beds in private hospitals for COVID-19 patients. The Karnataka government on Sunday relaxed norms for gym operators allowing them to function with 50% occupancy. The state government has asked gyms to follow Covid-19 safety rules such as wearing of masks, physical distancing, and provision of hand sanitiser are enforced. BBMP to double daily Covid-19 vaccination rate to 70,000 at its facilities; As the city reports nearly 5,000 cases of Covid-19 every day, the BBMP has decided to ratchet up the vaccination at its facilities.
- Telangana: A total of 1914 new daily cases and five fatalities were reported in the state yesterday. State Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar also tested positive for Covid. State Health Department asked all private and Corporate hospitals in the state to increase the number of beds for Covid patients in their hospitals from present 20 percent to 50 percent as the number of cases are on the rise. Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar reviewed the Covid situation in the state with all District Collectors and District Medical Officers through video conferencing and asked them to increase the daily vaccinations from present 50,000 to 1.25 Lakh. CM KCR in his message on the occasion of World Health Day called upon the people to follow Covid precautions.
- **Assam:** Two more persons died due to Covid-19 in Assam on Tuesday, taking the death toll to 1,111, the NHM Assam said in its media bulletin. A total of 92 new cases were detected, of which 26 were from Kamrup Metro, 14 from Jorhat and 12 from Nagaon, taking the number of active cases to 683. With starting of the new academic session (2021-22) both in government and private schools amidst the rising cases of COVID-19, the State Health department of Assam is planning to conduct random Rapid Antigen testing in educational institutions to detect the virus infections among students and parents.
- Manipur: The number of COVID-19 active cases in Manipur on Tuesday surged to 63 as seven more persons tested positive for the novel coronavirus. With it, the cumulative number of positive cases in the state reached 29,435, according to a release issued by the COVID-19 Common Control Room. As many as 923 people were administered COVID-19 vaccine in Manipur. With it, the number of people vaccinated in the state has risen to 88,642, including 31,733 healthcare workers. Chief Minister N Biren Singh has informed that instructions have been issued for taking up precautionary measures including screening people coming into the state via roads in addition to those arriving at Imphal Airport, in view of the rising number of Covid-19 cases across the country.
- **Sikkim:**Sikkim recorded a noticeable spike in Covid cases with the number of active cases of novel coronavirus here going up to 65 with the detection of 23 cases in the last 24 hours. All the new cases were picked up in East District and include seven
- tourists from Goa and Gujarat. In the meantime, a total of 2,403 persons in different categories received COVID vaccines in different parts of Sikkim.
- **Tripura:** Special vaccination drive on 9th and 10th in the state, while as per data a total of 16 to 18 percent population of the state vaccinated informed state NHM MD.
- Nagaland: No new Covid case in Nagaland on Tuesday. Active cases are 134 and tally is 12,365.

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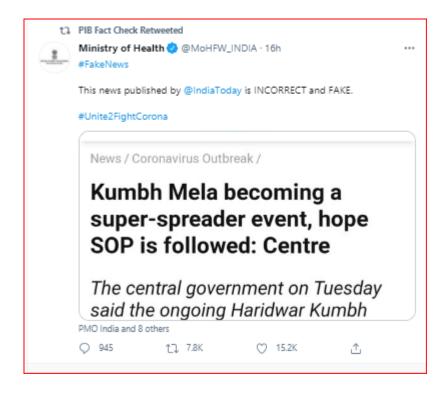
















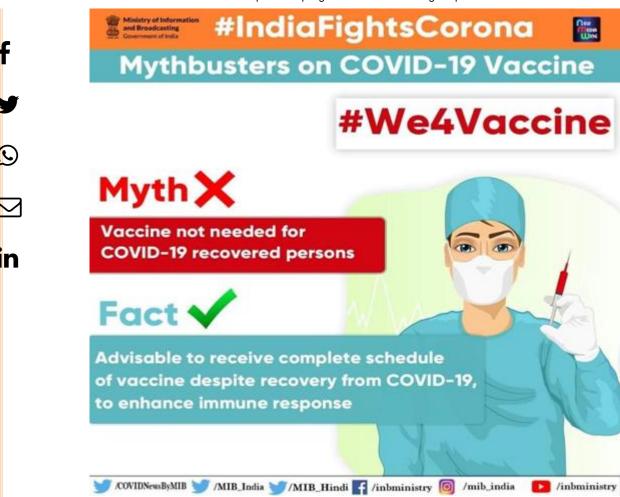












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Avoid the Three Cs



Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.

There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:



Crowded places

with many people nearby



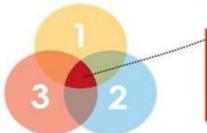
Close-contact settings

Especially where people have closerange conversations



Confined and enclosed spaces

with poor ventilation



The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

Even as restrictions are lifted, consider where you are going and #StaySafe by avoiding the Three Cs.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces



Maintain at least 1m distance from others



When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes



Wear a mask if requested or if physical distancing is not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.









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