



PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19 (UPDATED)



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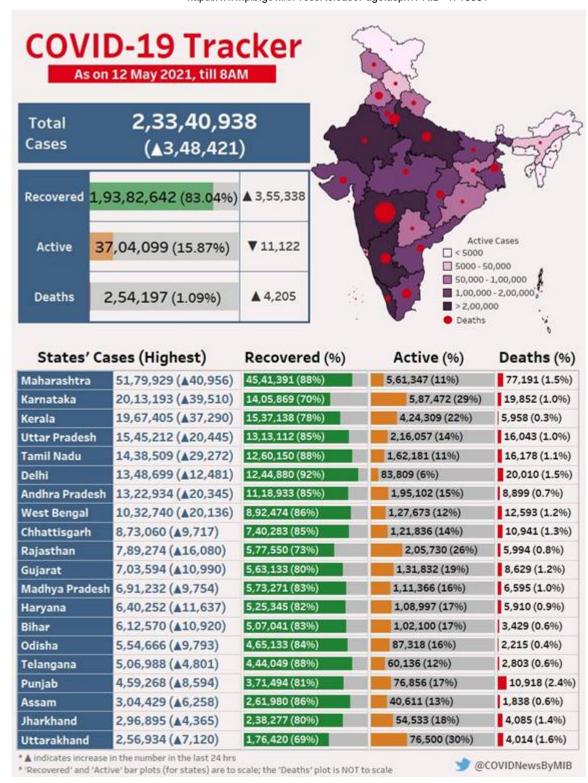
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- New Recoveries outnumber Daily New COVID Cases for the Second Consecutive day
- India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 17.5 Crore
- More than 30 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated so far
- The National Recovery Rate is 83.04%.
- The National Mortality Rate currently stands at 1.09%.

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This is to clarify that WHO has not associated the term "Indian Variant" with the B.1.617 variant of the coronavirus in its 32 page document.

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PM CARES Fund approves procurement of 1.5 lakh units of SpO2 based oxygen supply system developed by DRDO

PM CARES Fund has accorded sanction for procurement of 1,50,000 units of 'Oxycare' system developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at a cost of Rs 322.5 crore. Oxycare is a SpO2 based Oxygen Supply System which regulates the oxygen being administered to patients based on the sensed SpO2 levels. Under this sanction, 1,00,000 manual and 50,000 automatic Oxycare systems along with non-rebreather masks are being procured

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<u>Swift Clearing and Apportioning of Global Aid by Government of India has strengthened Tertiary</u> <u>Medical Care across States and UTs for COVID management</u>

9,284 Oxygen Concentrators; 7,033 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 5,933 ventilators/Bi PAP; ~3.44L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched to increase Capacity of States/UTs

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<u>Ministry of Power takes proactive measures to ensure 24x7 power supply to Oxygen Power Plants in the Country</u>

In view of the pan India impact of the second wave of corona virus pandemic across the country and the manifold rise in oxygen demand for both medical facilities and for home treatment of patients , the Ministry of Power has undertaken a number of pro-active preventive and remedial measures to ensure that there is uninterrupted power supply to Oxygen Plants by the State Utilities

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Government take steps to ramp up availability of Amphotericin B - to fight Mucormycosis

A sudden increase in demand has been observed in some states for Amphotericin B which is being actively prescribed by the physicians to patients suffering from Mucormycosis, a post COVID complication. The Government of India is therefore engaging with the manufacturers to ramp up production of the drug. The supply position is expected to improve with extra imports of this drug and increase in its production domestically.

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Shri Piyush Goyal urges the countries to share Covid vaccines liberally with those who are in dire meed of it, stating that Global solidarity is the need of the hour

Shri Piyush Goyal today said that India feels much more comfortable in launching negotiations for a Balanced, Ambitious, Comprehensive, and Mutually Beneficial Agreement on trade & investment protection. Speaking at World Economic Forum's Global Trade Outlook Session, he said that Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) was not a balanced agreement as it would have hurt India's farmers, our MSMEs, dairy industry and therefore it was prudent for India not to join RCEP.

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<u>OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU II - INS TARKASH BRINGS MEDICAL OXYGEN</u> <u>CONSIGNMENT FROM QATAR</u>

INS Tarkash, with two Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) filled (20 MT each) cryogenic containers and 230 Oxygen cylinders embarked, arrived at Mumbai on 12 May 21.

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Relentless efforts by Indian Air Force & Indian Navy to provide critical COVID-19 medical supplies

Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy (IN) continue to work round the clock to provide oxygen and other medical supplies to the civil administration to tackle the current COVID-19 situation in the country. As on early hours of May 12, 2021, the aircraft of IAF airlifted 403 oxygen containers of 6,856 Metric Tonnes (MT)capacity along with other equipment of 163 MT capacity, in 634 sorties from different parts of the country.

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MNS officers at the forefront in battle against second COVID-19 wave

Nursing Officers of Military Nursing Service (MNS) are among the health care professionals who are at the forefront in the nation's ongoing fight against the second COVID-19 wave. The officers are deployed at various Armed Forces hospitals to provide medical care to the COVID-19 patients. Two hundred and ninety-four MNS Officers are being mobilised for the newly-raised COVID-19 hospitals by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at Delhi, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Varanasi and Patna.

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100th Oxygen Express of Indian Railways delivers relief

- 6260 MT of Oxygen delivered by 100 Oxygen Expresses
- Oxygen Expresses delivered nearly 800 MT of LMO to the Nation yesterday

Oxygen relief by Oxygen Expresses reaches Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, MP, Haryana,
 Telangana, Rajasthan, Delhi & UP

First Oxygen Expresses for Dehradun and Pune reach yesterday night with 120 MT & 55 MT of Medical Oxygen respectively

407 MT has been offloaded in Maharashtra, nearly 1680 MT in UP, 360 MT in MP, 939 MT in Haryana, 123 MT in Telangana, 40 MT in Rajasthan, 120 MT in Karnataka and more than 2404 MT in Delhi

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WHO does not identify viruses or variants with names of countries they are first reported from. We refer to them by their scientific names and request all to do the same for consistency. @PTI_News @PIB_India @ANI @timesofindia @htTweets @IndianExpress @the_hindu @MoHFW_INDIA

- WHO South-East Asia (@WHOSEARO) May 12, 2021

Some visuals of the airlift from Singapore.@HMOIndia @IAF_MCC @PIB_India @DDNewslive @airnewsalerts pic.twitter.com/vy2pjxlCMI

- Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 12, 2021

Another Swift Airlift !!

IL-76 with 3 cryogenic oxygen containers from Singapore enroute today for Panagarh Airbase. MHA is part of co-ord efforts with IAF, to increase container capacity needed for transporting Oxygen to Covid-19 hospitals. pic.twitter.com/nYFS48lawx

- Spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs (@PIBHomeAffairs) May 12, 2021

The one who cares and nurses us to recovery, sometimes like a mother, at times like an elder 'sister'. My deep gratitude and kudos to the spirit of all the nurses who are the primary caretaker especially during these #COVID19 times.

Thank You "Sister" #InternationalNursesDay pic.twitter.com/mL15LaP4fw

— Prakash Javadekar (@PrakashJavdekar) May 12, 2021

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

Maharashtra: After the state government's directive to divert all Covaxin stocks intended for the age group of 18 to 44 to the second dose of vaccination for those aged above 45, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said it would continue to vaccinate the younger age group with Covishield. The BMC is likely to reserve a couple of days in the coming week only for second dose vaccinations. Maharashtra's oxygen model is being appreciated at national level. State administration is following this model from mid-April and as a result, state has sufficient oxygen for medical use.

Gujarat: Gujarat government on Tuesday extended the night curfew in 36 cities of the state. The night curfew, which is in place from 8 pm to 6 am in 36 cities of Gujarat has been extended by another week till 18 May.Gujarat recorded 10,990 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday. According to the state health department, 15,198 patients recovered during the last 24 hours and were discharged from the hospitals. Maximum 3059 new cases were reported from Ahmedabad, while Surat recorded 790 new cases. Meanwhile, nearly 37,00,000 lakh persons have taken the second dose of Vaccine till now. 2,18,513 persons were vaccinated in the state yesterday.

Rajasthan: The dip in daily Covid-19 infections continued for a second consecutive day on Tuesday after the state reported 16,080 cases for the day. This stood at 16,487 and 17,921 cases on the two previous days. However, the number of daily deaths rose to 169, the highest for single day fatalities reported in the state. Also, active cases continued to rise and have reached 2,05,730 now. The State Government on Tuesday fixed the package fees for treatment of Covid patients admitted to private hospitals. In a bid to streamline the process of admitting Covid patients in hospitals, the medical and health department has issued a single helpline number, 181, for enquiries related to Covid from citizens across the state and asked state and district level war rooms to arrange ambulances and hospital admissions for serious patients.

Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday reported 9,754 fresh Covid-19 cases and 94 fatalities, taking the tally of infections to 6,91,232 and the toll to 6,595. A total of 9,517 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, taking the count of recoveries in Madhya Pradesh to 5,73,271. The state government has decided to build a COVID-19 hospital at its Justice Tankha Memorial Special School to incorporate the rising number of infected patients. The COVID-19 isolation hospital will have 40 beds which will admit the infected patients beyond the scope of home-isolation.

Chhattisgarh: Second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in Chhattisgarh is now on the downward slope. The rate of infection has significantly declined and the number of deaths due to COVID has also decreased. The availability of oxygen and beds in the hospitals of the state has also been increased, and the vaccination drive for every category is being conducted at an expedited pace. Chhattisgarh currently has a total of 31,295 beds in the dedicated COVID Hospital and COVID Care Centers - 2,953 ICUs, 1 570 HDUs and 9,954 oxygenated beds. And presently, 11,719 general beds, 6 thousand 284 oxygen beds, 684 HDUs, 783 ICUs and 297 ventilators are vacant.

Goa: Goa Government is planning to introduce Dura cylinders to be installed to augment Goa Medical College's oxygen supply. Each one of these cylinders has a capacity of at least 28 jumbo cylinders as they are filled with LMO instead of pressurised gas. Goa govt High Court today waived off the requirement of Covid negative certificate for two drivers and one helper per goods vehicle entering the state until further orders. However, such persons will have to scanned by thermal gun to ascertain if they are displaying any symptoms. If they show symptoms, they will have to be denied permission to enter Goa.

RTPCR negative certificate for people entering Kerala from other states. The Negative report should not be older than 72 hours. In view of the Eid-ul-Fitr, meat shops have been permitted to function up to 10 pm for home delivery. Banks and other financial firms will remain closed on Saturday. The government plans to appoint all government employees and teachers living within the local body for Covid prevention activities, in that particular area. This follows the rapid surge in Covid infections. Kerala reported 37,290 new Covid cases on Tuesday. Presently, there are 4,23,957 active cases. TPR is 26.77%. Death toll has risen to 5,958. Meanwhile, a total of 81,72,453 people have taken vaccine so far in the state. Out of this 62,49,949 have taken first dose and 19,22,504 people second dose.

Tamil Nadu: TN Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday announced Rs 25 lakh compensation to the families of 43 doctors who had lost their lives while on Covid-19 patient treatment duty. Stalin also announced incentives to those medical service personnel who were involved in treatment of Covid-19 patients. Following a meeting with industrialists and traders, on Sunday, the government, on Tuesday, announced a series of sops, including Rs 280 crore allotment to the MSME sector. The government on Tuesday announced relaxations in the functioning of fruit shops and stores selling Indian medicines. Tamil Nadu reported 29,272 more Covid cases on Tuesday, taking the total so far to 14,38,509. The number of deaths also continues to climb with 298 deaths. The tally now stands at 16,178. The State carried out 79,929 vaccinations on Tuesday. Till date 66,61,775 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 49,02,595 received first dose and 17,59,180 received second dose.

Karnataka: As per the State Government bulletin released for 11-05-2021, New Cases Reported: 39510; Total Active Cases: 587452; New Covid Deaths: 480; Total Covid Deaths: 19852. Around 1,26,806 were vaccinated yesterday with a total of 1,07,59,572 have been vaccinated in the state till now. The first Oxygen Express train carrying 120 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen container from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, arrived at the Whitefield ICD depot in the city on Tuesday. The government has decided to buy two-crore covid vaccine through a global tender to meet the growing vaccine demand in the state.

Andhra Pradesh: The state reported 20,345 new Covid-19 cases after testing 86,878 samples with 108 deaths, while 14,502 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 73,40,481 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,28,552 first doses and 20,11,929 second doses. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over oxygen allocations and supply of vaccines. He also urged the Centre for transfer of technology in order to increase the production capacity of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin as the technology transfer is essential to produce 'large quantities' of vaccine. Post Ruia Hospital incident, the

Chief Minister instructed district collectors to set up oxygen war rooms in the districts along with SOS service for immediate action when an emergency arises. The State government also had appointed three senior IAS officials to coordinate with neighbouring states to ensure timely supply of liquid medical oxygen. Principal Secretary (Health) Anil Kumar Singhal informed that the government will ensure supply of Remdesivir injections adding that 22,399 vials were available in various government hospitals in the state.

Telangana: The State Government has decided to impose lockdown in the state for 10 days beginning oday. It also decided to invite global tenders for procurement of Covid-19 vaccines. As many as 4,801 new Covid-19 infections and 32 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday (Tuesday) taking the cumulative number of deaths to 2,803 and the total caseload to 5,06,988. A total of 7,430 individuals have recovered yesterday with a recovery rate of 87.58 per cent. The number of Active Cases in the State now stands at 60,136.

Punjab: The total number of patients tested Positive is 459268. Number of active cases is 76856. Total Deaths reported is 10918. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 793017. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 232643. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2551747. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 405763.

Haryana: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 640252. Total active COVID-19 patients are 108997. Number of deaths is 5910. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4593822.

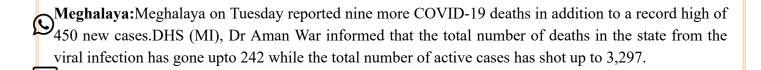
Chandigarh: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 51857. Total number of Active Cases is 8625. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 585.

Himachal Pradesh: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 140759. Total number of Active Cases is 36232. Total deaths reported till date is 1989.

Assam: A total of 6,258 COVID-19 positive cases were detected in Assam out of 68,572 tests with a positivity rate of 9.13% on Tuesday. Kamrup(M) has registered 1585 cases. 85 deaths have been registered. These are the highest single-day fatalities so far.A study by RMRC-Lahowal has found that the Indian variant B.1.617 of Covid-19, popularly known as the 'double mutant' strain, was spreading fast in Assam. While taking stock of the covid-19 situation in the state, CM of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma emphasised stricter covid restrictions to arrest the rising cases of Coronavirus in Assam. The chief minister has directed for ensuring strict enforcement of restrictions to bring down positivity rate in the state. The Government of Japan and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have partnered to provide oxygen generation plants to the North Eastern Region in India.

Manipur::Manipur logged record 20 fatalities due to COVID-19, with 592 new positive cases. COVID-19 vaccination for Manipur journalists began in Imphal.

As per the latest updates, the cumulative number of people who have been vaccinated in the state reached 2,75,880.

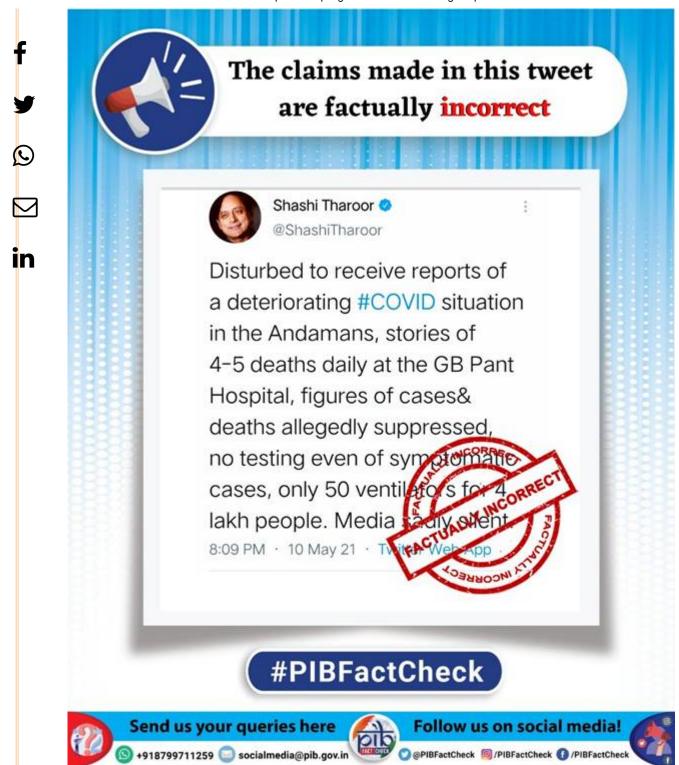


Sikkim:8 more succumb to Covid, Sikkim's toll reaches 177: Meanwhile, Sikkim's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 crossed the 10,000-mark and now stands at 10,165 with 241 new cases of novel coronavirus reported in the last 24 hours. Vaccination for 18+ to begin 16 May.

Tripura: In Tripura 11 death and 466 infections and 137 recoveries in last 24 hours. Ward number 5 and 46 of Agartala Municipal Corporation areas are likely to declared as Contaminated Zone.

Nagaland:Nagaland govt has imposed total lockdown in entire state from May 14 to May 21. The decision came amidst demands by CSOs to impose total lockdown in the state in view of the Covid surge and fatalities. Nagaland reported 269 new Covid cases and 5 deaths on Tuesday. Oxygen generation plant installed at Naga Health Authority, Kohima. Plant will become functional once the samples sent to a Delhi lab for testing gets approval.

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