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PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19 (UPDATED)



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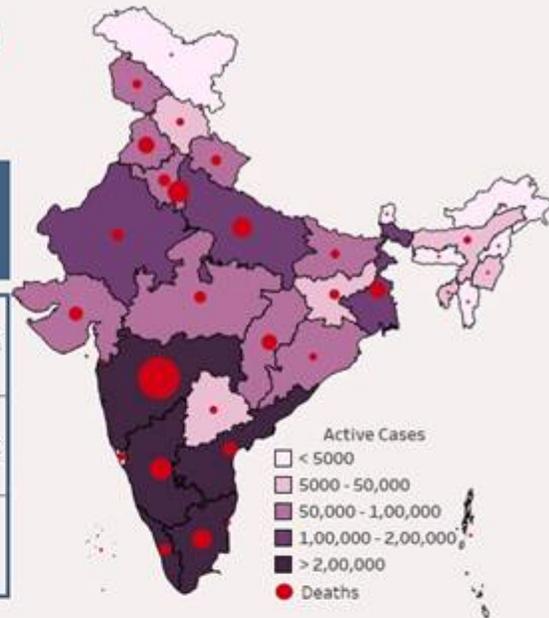


COVID-19 Tracker

As on 18 May 2021, till 8AM

Total Cases **2,52,28,996**
(▲2,63,533)

Recovered	2,15,96,512 (85.60%)	▲ 4,22,436
Active	33,53,765 (13.29%)	▼ 1,63,232
Deaths	2,78,719 (1.10%)	▲ 4,329



States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)	
Maharashtra	54,05,068 (▲26,616)	48,74,582 (90%)	4,48,000 (8%)	82,486 (1.5%)
Karnataka	22,42,065 (▲38,603)	16,16,092 (72%)	6,03,660 (27%)	22,313 (1.0%)
Kerala	21,69,369 (▲21,402)	18,00,179 (83%)	3,62,675 (17%)	6,515 (0.3%)
Tamil Nadu	16,31,291 (▲33,075)	13,81,690 (85%)	2,31,596 (14%)	18,005 (1.1%)
Uttar Pradesh	16,28,990 (▲9,345)	14,62,141 (90%)	1,49,032 (9%)	17,817 (1.1%)
Andhra Pradesh	14,54,052 (▲18,561)	12,33,017 (85%)	2,11,554 (15%)	9,481 (0.7%)
Delhi	13,98,391 (▲4,524)	13,20,496 (94%)	56,049 (4%)	21,846 (1.6%)
West Bengal	11,52,433 (▲19,003)	10,07,442 (87%)	1,31,560 (11%)	13,431 (1.2%)
Chhattisgarh	9,19,054 (▲6,577)	8,11,015 (88%)	96,156 (10%)	11,883 (1.3%)
Rajasthan	8,71,266 (▲11,597)	6,87,969 (79%)	1,76,363 (20%)	6,934 (0.8%)
Gujarat	7,59,754 (▲7,135)	6,50,932 (86%)	99,620 (13%)	9,202 (1.2%)
Madhya Pradesh	7,37,306 (▲5,921)	6,41,254 (87%)	88,983 (12%)	7,069 (1.0%)
Haryana	7,01,915 (▲7,488)	6,11,955 (87%)	83,161 (12%)	6,799 (1.0%)
Bihar	6,57,829 (▲5,920)	5,84,203 (89%)	69,698 (11%)	3,928 (0.6%)
Odisha	6,22,981 (▲10,757)	5,26,353 (84%)	94,293 (15%)	2,335 (0.4%)
Telangana	5,32,784 (▲3,961)	4,80,458 (90%)	49,341 (9%)	2,985 (0.6%)
Punjab	5,04,586 (▲6,881)	4,18,884 (83%)	73,616 (15%)	12,086 (2.4%)
Assam	3,35,023 (▲6,394)	2,86,463 (86%)	46,289 (14%)	2,271 (0.7%)
Jharkhand	3,18,009 (▲2,507)	2,79,946 (88%)	33,524 (11%)	4,539 (1.4%)
Uttarakhand	2,91,005 (▲3,719)	2,07,363 (71%)	78,608 (27%)	5,034 (1.7%)

* ▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale.

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Daily Recoveries more than 4 Lakh in the country, for the first time

- Less than 3 Lakh daily New Cases consecutively for two days
- Decline of 1,63,232 in Active Caseload in the last 24 hours
- India's Cumulative Vaccination Coverage exceeds 18.44 Crore
- More than 66 lakh beneficiaries of age group 18-44 Vaccinated, so far

For Details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719558>

f Update on COVID Relief Aid; International aid to fight COVID continues to be quickly cleared, apportioned, and sent to States and Union Territories

 Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations.

 Cumulatively, 11325 Oxygen Concentrators; 15,801 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 8,526 ventilators/Bi PAP; ~6.1 L Remdesivir vials delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 17th May 2021.



For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719623>

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PM Interacts with State and District Officials on the COVID-19 situation; Urges officials to share best practices for it to be used in other parts of the country

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through video conference interacted with field officials from States and Districts regarding their experience in handling the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the interaction, the officials thanked the Prime Minister for leading the fight against the second wave of Covid from the front. The officials shared their experiences and apprised the Prime Minister about the innovative steps that were undertaken to manage the recent surge of cases. They also informed about the efforts being undertaken to augment the medical infrastructure and capacity building in rural areas. The Prime Minister asked the officials to compile the best practices and innovative steps so that these may be used in other districts of the country.

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Steel plants regularly supplying over Four thousand MT of Liquid Medical Oxygen on daily basis - the figure went up to 4435 MT yesterday

Steel plants, across the country, belonging to the Public as well as the Private sectors, have been regularly supplying the life-saving Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) to the country.

Along with the Petroleum sector, they have been contributing major share of the LMO requirement of the country which stands at about 10 thousand MT/day. Steel plants have ramped up LMO supplies from 538 MT per day as on 1st April 2021 to over 4 thousand MT per day. On 17th May, they supplied 4435 MT LMO, going up from 4314 MT on 16th May. This included 1485 MT from SAIL, 158MT from RINL, 1154MT from TATA, 238MT from AMNS, 1162MT from JSW, and rest from other steel plants.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719616>

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya reviews requirement and supply of Amphotericin B - ensures availability

Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya today reviewed the

f requirement and supply position of Amphotericin-B which cures Mucormycosis. The Government has chalked out a strategy with manufacturers to ramp up domestic production as well as to import the drug from all over the world.

🐦 The Minister has observed that the supply of Amphotericin-B has been increased many folds. But currently there is a sudden demand surge. He has assure that the Government is committed to making all possible and necessary efforts to make it available to needy patients.

🗨️ For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719576>



Biggest single day load of more than 1000 MT of Oxygen relief delivered by Oxygen Expresses

in Indian Railways is continuing its journey of bringing relief by delivering Liquid Medical Oxygen(LMO) to various states across the country. So far, Indian Railways has delivered more than 11030 MT of LMO in more than 675 tankers to various states across the country.Oxygen Expresses had been delivering nearly 800 MT of LMO to the Nation each day for last few days.

It may be noted that Oxygen Expresses started their deliveries 23 days back on 24th April in Maharashtra with a load of 126 MT.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719590>

Panchayati Raj Ministry Issues Advisory for the Guidance of Panchayats to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic

The spread of COVID-19 pandemic in different parts of the country has recently assumed serious proportions. The vulnerabilities of the rural communities need to be especially addressed. Comparatively low level of awareness amongst the rural population coupled with inadequate support systems in villages may create a constraining situation in dealing with the pandemic in an effective manner. Hence, the Panchayats/Rural Local Bodies need to be properly sensitized and facilitated towards meeting the challenge and provide leadership as they did last year and received appreciation at the highest level for various measures.

Keeping the above factors in view, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has on the recommendation of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), released an amount of Rs.8,923.8 crore to 25 states for providing Grant to rural local bodies. The amount released is the first instalment of the Basic (Untied) Grants and may be utilized among other things for various prevention and mitigation measures needed to combat the Covid pandemic. The Ministry has also issued advisory for the guidance of Panchayats as regards the action for combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719631>

Railways set to have 86 Oxygen plants for its hospitals

f 4 Oxygen Plants are functional, 52 are sanctioned and 30 under various stages of processing. Massive Capacity Enhancement in 86 Railway Hospitals across India. The number of beds for Covid treatment have been increased from 2539 to 6972. Invasive ventilators have been added and their number has been increased from 62 to 296. General Managers have been delegated further powers, up to Rs 2 crores in each case for sanctioning Oxygen Generation plants.

t For Details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719555>



e 16 States/UTs lift 100% foodgrains for May, 2021 under PMGKAY

in In view of pro-poor initiative announced by the Government of India to ameliorate the hardship faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by Corona virus, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has been announced by the Government of India.

Till 17th May, 2021, all 36 States/UTs have lifted 31.80 LMT of food grains from FCI depots. Lakshadweep has lifted full allocation for May & June 2021. 15 States/UTs i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Ladakh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Tripura, have lifted 100% May 2021 allocation.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1719607>

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— Ministry of SJ&E (@MSJEGOI) May 18, 2021

Congratulations to National Fertilisers Limited, Nangal Unit for providing 20 beds' facility of NFL Nangal Hospital to Distt Admin. Authorities for its use as #COVIDCareCentre.

O2 supply will be made available to the individual beds. This will support our fight against #COVID19. pic.twitter.com/hXysQ79bEH

— Sadananda Gowda (@DVSadanandGowda) May 17, 2021

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD UNITS

f Kerala: Triple lockdown in four districts is continuing. People are cooperating in a big way without any reports of violation. Meanwhile, continuing to register a decline in new daily infections, Kerala on Monday reported 21,402 fresh COVID-19 cases and a TPR of 24.74%. So far, a total of 85,51,229 people has taken vaccine in the state. Out of this 65,37,617 took first dose and 20,13,612 second dose.

Tamil Nadu: The Madras High Court on Monday sought both the Tamil Nadu government and Puducherry administration to put in place some measures for children since it is feared that they may be more vulnerable to Covid-19 in the months to come. Medical oxygen production at the Sterlite Copper plant in Thoothukudi, which was hit by technical glitch, would resume in a day or two, said Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu. Puducherry UT reported 28 deaths and added 1,446 new coronavirus cases during the last 24 hours pushing the overall tally to 85,952. Tamil Nadu on Monday reported 33,075 new Covid19 cases and 335 related fatalities. The number of active cases remains at 2,31,596 and total number of fatalities is now 18,005 in the State. Till date 69,95,480 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 50,83,368 received first dose and 19,12,112 received second dose.

Karnataka: The state reported 38,603 new cases of Covid-19, and 476 fatalities, taking the total number of infections to 22,42,065 and the toll to 22,313, on Monday. The day also saw 34,635 patients getting discharged after recovery. Bengaluru Urban accounted for 13,338 new cases. Cumulatively, there have been 16,16,092 recoveries in the state. A total of 67582 were vaccinated yesterday and the cumulative total vaccination coverage stands at 1,12,60,587. The Karnataka Government has announced the treatment for Black fungus diseases will be done free of cost. After jab, health workers found to develop good antibodies: A test to measure antibodies in the blood post-vaccination among health workers has shown a majority of them have developed good immunogenic response.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 18,561 new Covid-19 cases after testing 73,749 samples with 109 deaths, while 17,334 got discharged during the last 24 hours. A total of 75,69,446 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 53,44,541 first doses and 22,24,905 second doses. A total of 75,99,960 vaccine doses were received from the Centre, of which 62,60,400 doses are of Covishield and 3,39,560 are Covaxin. The Chief Minister during a review directed the officials to bring Black Fungus cases under Aarogyasri scheme and prepare a protocol to identify it at an early stage. Meanwhile, the State Pollution Control Board has developed a mobile app for effective management and scientific disposal of biomedical waste from Covid-19 hospitals and quarantine centres generating around 38 metric tonnes of biomedical waste per day and it has been made mandatory for all institutions to use it.

Telangana: CM KCR reviewed the Covid situation in the state with senior officials of the concerned departments yesterday and decided to set up oxygen plants in 48 Govt hospitals with the total capacity of 324 Metric Tonnes of Medical Oxygen. The CM instructed the officials to procure immediately medicines required for treatment of black fungus or Mucormycosis. High Court asked the State Govt to restore the Grievance Committee to address the complaints against private hospitals charging exorbitant

f amount for Covid treatment and also to submit its action plan on how it is going to tackle the likely third wave of Covid pandemic. Meanwhile, as many as 3,961 new Covid infections and 30 fatalities were reported yesterday taking the cumulative number of deaths in the state to 2,985 and the total number of positive cases to 5,32,784. The number of active cases in the state now stands at 49,341. The vaccination drive could not take place in the state yesterday due to shortage of vaccines.

in **Assam:** Assam registered the highest single day death toll of COVID-19 on Monday when 92 people died of the virus in the state. The day also witnessed the highest number of new COVID positive cases of 6,394 in the state. The positivity rate in the State, however fell to 6.99 percent from 8.50 percent on Sunday. To curb the further spread of COVID-19, all inter district transport services and movement of people shall remain suspended for 15 days with effect from 5 am of May 21.

Manipur: Manipur's COVID-19 tally crossed 40000-mark with 330 new positive cases and claimed 14 more lives in the State in 24 hours. The Manipur government on Monday extended curfew till May 28 in the districts of Imphal West, Imphal East, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Kakching, Churachandpur and Ukhrul. COVID-19 vaccination for 18-44 age group also got underway in Manipur.

Meghalaya: Meghalaya on Monday registered 634 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the total tally of active cases to 4,915. 16 deaths were also reported in the last 24 hours.

Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Sampath Kumar said 75% of the health workers have so far taken the job. The department held a meeting on overcoming the hesitancy of the remaining health workers who have not been vaccinated.

Nagaland: Nagaland reported 273 new case of COVID-19 and seven deaths on Monday. Active cases are 4251 while tally rose to 18,349. H&FW Minister Pangnyu Phom, inaugurated state's first Pressure Swing Absorption oxygen generating plant at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima on Monday. Nagaland began vaccination for 18-44 yrs age group. Health Minister Pangnyu Phom inaugurated the drive at the H&FW Directorate in Kohima. Vaccination for frontline workers and persons above 45 yrs also going on.

Tripura: In Tripura, 335 new positive cases of COVID-19 with positivity rate at 7.22%.

4 more died and 269 recovered in last 24 hours. COVID-19 curfew has started in the areas of Agartala Municipality from yesterday.

Sikkim: A high-level review meeting on combating Covid-19, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang was held at Gangtok to take stock of the present situation of Covid-19 in the State, especially issues regarding the availability of oxygen, transportation and prompt assistance to the patients. After a very long gap,

Sikkim reported more recoveries than new cases. 70 new cases of novel coronavirus were reported in the last 24 hours taking the state's tally of confirmed Covid cases to 11,480.

f Maharashtra: Maharashtra on Monday reported a further decline in new cases of coronavirus with 26,616 infections in a span of 24 hours. The caseload increased to 54,05,068 and the death toll reached 82,486 with 516 fresh fatalities. In the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive, Maharashtra crossed the 2 crore mark.

🐦 Meanwhile, there has been a decline in the daily caseload of COVID-19 cases. Nanded district in Marathwada tops the list as there is 81 per cent drop in new cases, followed by Mumbai at 77 per cent, Thane 71 per cent, Pune 23.47 per cent, Nashik 30.47 per cent and Nagpur with 58.54 per cent. Apart from this, there has been respite from COVID in Bhandara, Nandurbar, Latur, Raigad, Jalna, Hingoli and Gondiya districts. However, despite this silver-lining, there are 18 districts including Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Amravati, Satara and others where there has been no respite.

in Gujarat: The Gujarat government has announced that a partial lockdown in the state will remain for the next three days. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Monday announced to maintain status quo on the existing corona curfew and other day-time restrictions effective in 36 cities of the State for three more days, up to May 20. Gujarat on Sunday reported 8,210 fresh coronavirus positive cases, taking the tally to 7,52,619. A total of 14,483 patients were discharged during the day, taking the count of recoveries so far in Gujarat to 6,38,590.

Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 157 coronavirus deaths and 11,597 cases on Monday, taking the toll to 6,394 and tally to 8.71 lakh. Jaipur reported the highest number of 39 deaths, followed by Jodhpur and Bikaner. Out of the new cases, 2,023 were reported from Jaipur, while 1,104 and 954 people tested positive in Alwar and Jodhpur respectively.

Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, the number of active COVID patients has come down to 88,983. The state reported 5,921 fresh cases and 77 deaths yesterday while 11,513 persons recovered from the infection. Both Indore and Bhopal have more than 13,000 active cases. The state government is actively making arrangements for the treatment of mucormycosis at the early stage. Madhya Pradesh government has decided to give a compensation of Rs 5 lakh and compassionate appointment to an eligible family members of those state government employees who die from corona.

Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, the pandemic situation is improving. The positivity rate in the state has come down to around 10 percent from 30 percent last month. More than 65 lakh people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 till now in Chhattisgarh. In the age group of 18 to 44 years, the first dose of COVID vaccine has been given to about 5 lakh people. The state government has created a separate web portal for vaccination of people of this age group, through which they can register themselves for vaccination. Along with conducting COVID tests on a large scale, medicine kits are also being made available to suspected Corona patients. So far, about 14 lakh medicine kits have been distributed to the suspected patients by the state Health Department.

f **Punjab:** The total number of patients tested Positive is 504586. Number of active cases is 73616. Total Deaths reported is 12086. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 829931. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 240117. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2603790. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 434026.

t **Haryana:** Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 701915. Total active COVID-19 patients are 83161. Number of deaths is 6799. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 4953679.

e **Chandigarh:** Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 55987. Total number of Active Cases is 7382. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 641.

in **Himachal Pradesh:** Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 163786. Total number of Active Cases is 36633. Total deaths reported till date is 2369.



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2. Keep your hand still on the chest, at heart level.
3. Place the device on middle or index finger.
4. Check the reading once it is stabilized.
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