

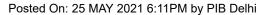






### PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19















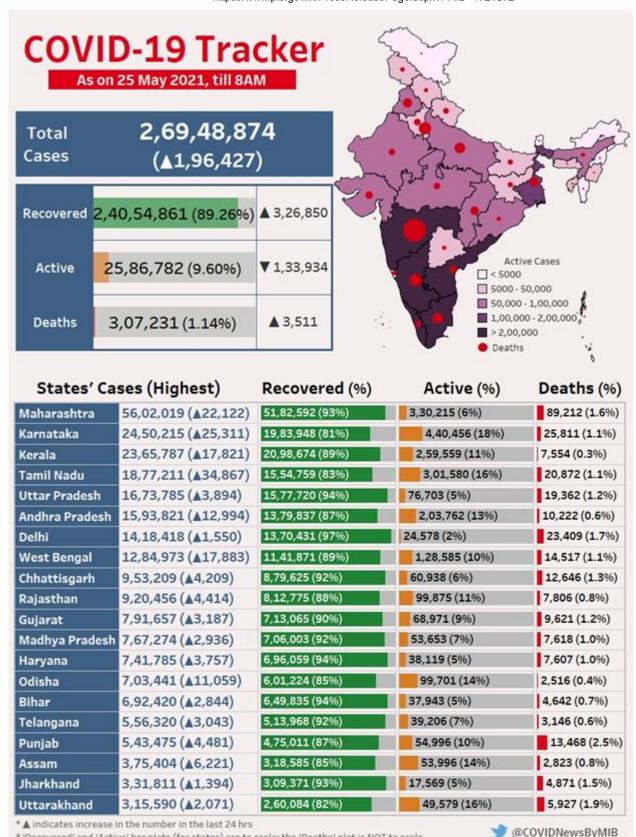
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\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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- In encouraging signs to India's fight against COVID-19 pandemic, the **Daily New Cases have fallen** below 2 Lakh to a level seen 40 days before (Daily new cases were 1,84,372 on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021).

  1,96,427 Daily New Cases were registered in the last 24 hours.
- Cumulatively, the Active Caseload has also now reduced to 25,86,782. Active Cases **have decreased** since its last peak on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. A net decline of **1,33,934** is witnessed in the last 24 hours.
- India's Daily Recoveries continue to outnumber the Daily New Cases for the 12th consecutive day. 3,26,850 recoveries were registered in the last 24 hours.
- India's cumulative recoveries have reached **2,40,54,861** today.
- A total of 20,58,112 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country and cumulatively 33,25,94,176 tests have been done so far.
- The Daily Positivity rate has reduced and now stands at 9.54% today.
- A total of 19,85,38,999 vaccine doses have been administered through 28,41,151 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today.
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#### More than 21.89 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

Government of India has so far provided, both through the free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, **more than 21.89 crore vaccine doses** (21,89,69,250) to States/UTs.

Of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 19,93,39,750 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today).

More than 1.77 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,77,67,850) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

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#### **Update on COVID Relief Aid**

Government of India has been receiving international cooperation of COVID-19 relief medical supplies and equipment since 27th April 2021 from different countries/organisations. These are being promptly dispatched/delivered to the States and UTs.

Cumulatively, 17,755 Oxygen Concentrators; 16,301 Oxygen Cylinders; 19 Oxygen Generation Plants; 13,449 ventilators/ BiPAP; ~6.9 L Remdesivir vials, ~12L Favipiravir tablets delivered/ dispatched through road and air, from 27th April 2021 to 24rd May 2021.

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#### Additional 19,420 vials of Amphotericin- B allocated to States/UTs

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V Sadananda Gowda announced that the additional 19,420 vials of Amphotericin- B have been allocated to all States/UTs and Central Institutions on 24th May, 2021.

Besides this, 23680 vials of Amphotericin-B were allocated across country on 21st May.

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# <u>Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh convenes an urgent meeting of Health Secretaries of all North</u> <u>Eastern States to review COVID preparedness</u>

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today convened an urgent meeting to discuss recent COVID surge in Northeast.

The meeting was attended by Health Secretaries of all the eight Northeastern States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland as well as Union Secretary Ministry of North East, Secretary North Eastern Council and Joint Secretary Incharge Northeast in the Ministry of Health.

Taking note of the reports in some sections of media that Northeast may become the next COVID hotspot, Dr Jitendra Singh said, what is worrisome is that in the last wave of the pandemic, North East had remained relatively unaffected by COVID compared to many other States and some States like Sikkim did not have a single corona positive case throughout the lockdown period. But in contrast this year, in the last around two weeks, North Eastern States have suddenly started registering a steep rise in corona positive cases. He said, he is in constant touch with all the eight Chief Ministers of North Eastern States and whatever help is sought from the States is being promptly provided from the Centre.

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## Yet another village in Ahmednagar district becomes Covid free following Covid appropriate behavior

While the whole country is battling the second wave of Covid-19, a small village in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra - Bhoyare Khurd has used the tools of widespread public awareness, following Covid-appropriate behaviour, regular health check-ups and isolation of infected people to control the spread of the virus and eventually become COVID-free.

Following the footsteps of Hivare Bazaar, whose success story is already well documented, this small village with a population of 1,500 people has demonstrated that collective efforts of people has the power of reducing COVID-19 to zero and make an entire village corona-free.

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#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

**Maharashtra:** Maharashtra government has shunned the option of home isolation for patients and instead made institutional quarantine must in areas that have a high Covid positivity rate.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation today started its three-day special walk-in vaccination drive for citizens at its centres in Mumbai. In this drive citizens aged 60 years and above will get the first and

the second dose of Covishield vaccine during this period. Health workers and frontline workers as well as 45 years and above will get the second dose. While, all age groups will get the second dose of Covaxin. Vaccination for 18-44 years age group remains suspended in civic and government run vaccination centres.

Gujarat: Gujarat's COVID-19 tally increased by 3,187 to touch 7,91,657 on Monday, while the toll rose by 45, the lowest since April 10, and the recovery count by 9,305. The state has so far witnessed 9,621 deaths and 7,13,065 people getting discharged, which is 90.07 per cent of the total caseload. The number of active cases is 68,971, of which 648 are on ventilator support. The state government said it had procured 16 lakh vaccine doses worth Rs 52 crore for the 18-44 segment, with plans afoot to cover one lakh people in this age group daily. With 2,17,513 people getting vaccinated on Monday, the number of doses administered in the state so far rose to 1,56,01,373.

**Rajasthan:** The State Government has issued directions to child-specialty hospitals across the state to ensure proper treatment facilities for children as Covid-19's third wave might affect children.Rajasthan recorded 4,414 fresh COVID-19 cases on Monday that took its tally to 9,20,456 while 103 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 7,806. The number of active COVID-19 cases in Rajasthan stands at 1,12,218 while 8,12,775 people have recovered from the disease so far.

**Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that Corona curfew should be strictly followed till May 31st so that zero percent positivity rate can be achieved. The state has declared that Rs 5,000 monthly pension will be given to children who have lost parents to corona. Additionally, these children will also receive free education and ration. In Madhya Pradesh, those in 18 to 44 years age bracket will now be able to take the vaccine without booking a slot. This facility has started in the state at govt vaccination centres from yesterday. Meanwhile, the number of daily infections has come down below 3000 level. State reported 2936 new cases yesterday.

Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh has been witnessing a steady decline in Covid cases. The test positivity rate in the state has come down to less than 6 percent. In the last one week, there has been an increase of about 5 percent in the recovery rate. In the state, permission has been given to open markets, malls and showrooms from today in all the districts with declining rates of COVID-19 infections. In those districts where the positivity rate is more than 8%, the lockdown will continue as per the old guidelines. Meanwhile, in view of the increasing cases of Mucormycosis in the state, the state government has declared it as a notifiable disease. Now it has been made mandatory for all the hospitals in the state to inform the Chief Medical and Health Officer of the concerned district about any case of black fungus.

Goa: Goa government will start 'Tika Utsav' (vaccination festival) in all panchayats and municipalities in the state from May 26 to get those above 45 vaccinated against COVID-19. Only the first dose of vaccine would be given during the Tika Utsav. The COVID-19 tally in Goa reached 1,47,861 on Monday with the addition of 1,401 cases, while the day also saw 38 people succumbing to the infection and 2,362 recovering. The state's death toll stands at 2,421 and the number of people discharged so far is 1,29,162, leaving it with an active caseload of 16,278.

**Kerala:** The State government has included those who are going abroad for studies and employment purpose, in the prioritised group under the 18-45 years age category for the Covid-19 vaccination. State Health Minister Veena George today said that an immediate decision has been taken in this regard as

many foreign countries have made vaccination compulsory for those arriving there for study and job purposes. Besides them, 10 other categories were also included in the prioritised group. As many as 32 categories of people belonging to the age group were earlier included in the priority category after considering them as frontline fighters against Covid-19. With the black fungus disease increasing at an alarming rate in the state, shortage of the medicine has been affecting the treatment. So far 44 people were infected with black fungus in Kerala. The state recorded highest single-day toll of 196 Covid deaths on Monday. The state saw 17,821 new Covid cases also. TPR was at 20.41%.

Tamil Nadu:TN Health Minister Ma Subramaniam has said that the government has roped in multipecialty experts and doctors to carry out a detailed study on Mucormycosis or Black Fungus; he said further action of the government will be based on their inputs. 140 tonnes of O2 sourced from Singapore to reach TN today; the containers carrying oxygen are being moved from Vishakapattanam port and are likely to reach Chennai and Salem by Tuesday. Madras High Court has sought the Central government to ensure that the State gets at least the allocated 519 MT per day especially with supply from the Eastern Corridor looking bleak owing to impending Cyclone Yaas, which is likely to hit Odisha. Observing that there is skewed allocation of vaccines to Tamil Nadu considering the number of COVID-19 positive cases reported, the Madras High Court on Monday sought the Centre to revisit the allocation for the State. State Ministers flagged off mobile vegetable and groceries sales via mini vans across the state on Monday to handle the intensified lockdown this week. The state universities of TN will conduct online examinations for students from June 14, a statement from the state government said. TN recorded 34,867 new Covid-19 cases and 404 deaths in the last 24 hours, the Health Department said on Monday. The fresh cases pushed the caseload to 18,77,211 and the deaths took the toll to 20,872. Till date 74,73,489 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 55,07,034 received first dose and 19,66,455 received second dose.

**Karnataka:** Snags in plants to hit O2 supply: technical problems at two oxygen manufacturing plants in Ballari have disrupted oxygen supplies in the state with production dropping by 220 tonnes a day. Union minister DV Sadananda Gowda said the Central government would soon supply the vaccine as per the demand of the state. There are as many as 446 suspected black fungus cases and 12 related deaths in the state. CM B S Yediyurappa said that he was thinking of another Covid-19 financial package for communities and groups that have been left out of the one he announced recently. The number of Covid-19 recoveries continue to outnumber fresh infections in Karnataka, as the state on Monday reported 57,333 discharges and 25,311 new cases. The state on Monday reported 529 more deaths, taking the toll to 25,811, while the total number of infections in the state stood at 24,50,215. Till date 1,22,43,473 have been vaccinated across the State, of which 96,11,607 received first dose and 26,31,866 received second dose.

Andhra Pradesh: State reported 12,994 new Covid-19 cases after testing 58,835 samples with 96 deaths, while 18,373 got discharged during the last 24 hours. Total cases: 15,93,821; Active cases: 2,03,762; Discharges: 13,79,837; Deaths: 10,222. A total of 80,23,541 doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the state as on yesterday, which include 56,57,588 first doses and 23,65,953 second doses. With the incidents of vehicles from AP being stopped on interstate borders of Telangana, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, DGP Gautam Sawang said commuters should take an emergency pass (e-pass) from the respective states before travelling to avoid being stranded. However, he said no e-pass is required for those travelling or transiting AP during the non-curfew hours from 6 am to 12 noon. Chief

Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy thanked Reliance Industries chief Mukesh Ambani and the Reliance Foundation for helping out by sending Oxygen Express trains to Andhra Pradesh. CM also thanked Tata Steel which has supplied more than 1000 MT of LMO to AP,

Telangana: CM KCR reviewed the Covid situation in the state with concerned departments yesterday. He asked officials to adopt two-pronged strategy – Conducting a greater number of tests and simultaneously distributing Home Isolation kits to those who have Covid like symptoms. The CM ordered procurement of 50 Lakh Rapid Test Kits immediately. After ten days gap, the Covid vaccination drive in the state to resume today and to cover only persons aged above 45 years. Meanwhile, A total of 2043 new daily cases and 21 fatalities were reported in the state yesterday taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 5,56,320 and fatalities to 3146. Total number of Active Cases in the state now stands at 39,206.

**Assam**: The daily COVID casualties in the State continued to remain high, with 84 more people succumbing to the disease in the last 24 hours. A total of 6221 new infections were detected on Monday out of 1,20,668 tests conducted across the state. Kamrup Metro saw 729 new cases during the day.CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday inaugurated 28 new ICU beds in GMCH apart from taking stock of COVID-19 treatment facilities and other aspects of the hospital.

**Manipur**:: Chief Minister N Biren Singh visited Ukhrul, Senapati and Tamenglong districts by helicopter to take stock of the COVID-19 situation in these three districts on Monday. State records 538 new cases, 17 fatalities. The total number of people who have been inoculated reached 3,45,618.

**Meghalaya:** With 811 new cases and a record 679 recoveries took the confirmed tally of COVID-19 in the state past the 30,000-mark and now stands at 30,492, while the active tally is 7,788.

**Sikkim:** A total of 101 new Covid cases were detected. Meanwhile, 224 persons successfully recovered from Covid. The State's active Covid tally is now 3184. Temporary Govt appointment orders given to Covid volunteers in Sikkim.

**Tripura:** State reported 426 positive cases yesterday, While West Tripura districts positivity rate reached 24.71%.

**Nagaland:**Nagaland reported 191 new Covid cases and 11 deaths on Monday. Active cases were 4714 while tally went up to 20,259. Govt spokesperson on Covid-19 Mmhonlumo Kikon said Nagaland currently has 1558 oxygen cylinders and concentrators. Another 800 cylinders are expected to arrive from Ahmedabad.Over 2000 random samples tested in Nagaland so far. Positivity rate is 20% with Kohima leading the list.Centre allocates 8500 vials of Remdisivir for Nagaland for the period from April 21 to May 30. The state has so far received 1400 vials from the Centre.

**Punjab**: The total number of patients tested Positive is 543475. Number of active cases is 54996. Total Deaths reported is 13468. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 1st dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 867587. Total COVID-19 Vaccinated with 2nd dose (Healthcare + Frontline Workers) is 245600. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 1st dose is 2727499. Total above 45 Vaccinated with 2nd dose is 453868.

**Haryana**: Total Number of Samples found positive till date is 741785. Total active COVID-19 patients are 38119. Number of deaths is 7607. Cumulative number of people vaccinated till date is 5372311.

**Chandigarh**: Total Lab confirmed COVID-19 cases are 58734. Total number of Active Cases is 4428. Total number of COVID-19 deaths till date is 709.

**Himachal Pradesh**: Total number of patients tested COVID positive till date is 180983. Total number of Active Cases is 24181. Total deaths reported till date is 2813.



#### **FACT CHECK**



An image allegedly quoting a French Nobel Laureate on #COVID19 vaccines is circulating on social media

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