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PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19



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- **56.06 Cr. vaccine doses have been administered so far under Nationwide Vaccination Drive**
- **India reports 35,178 new cases in last 24 hours**
- **Active cases constitute 1.14% of total cases; lowest since March 2020**
- **India's Active caseload currently 3,67,415; lowest in 148 days**
- **Recovery Rate currently at 97.52%; Highest since March 2020**
- **3,14,85,923 total recoveries across the country so far**
- **37,169 patients recovered during last 24 hours**
- **Weekly Positivity Rate currently at 1.95%; less than 3% for last 54 days**
- **Daily positivity rate at 1.96%; less than 3% for last 23 days**
- **Testing capacity substantially ramped up – 49.84 crore tests conducted(Total)**

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(As on 18th Aug, 2021)

India's VACCINATION drive crosses 56.06 CRORE mark of administered doses.

#We4Vaccine
#LargestVaccinationDrive

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COVID-19 Update

India's Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage crossed 56 Crore landmark

Recovery Rate (97.52%) at its highest since March 2020

35,178 Daily New Cases reported in last 24 hours

India's Active Caseload (3,67,415) lowest in 148 days

Active cases constitute 1.14% of total cases; lowest ever since March 2020

Daily Positivity Rate (1.96%) less than 3% for last 23 days

India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage crossed 56 Cr landmark yesterday. Cumulatively, **56,06,52,030** vaccine doses have been administered through 62,67,149 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am today. **55,05,075** vaccine doses were administered in the last 24 hours. These include:



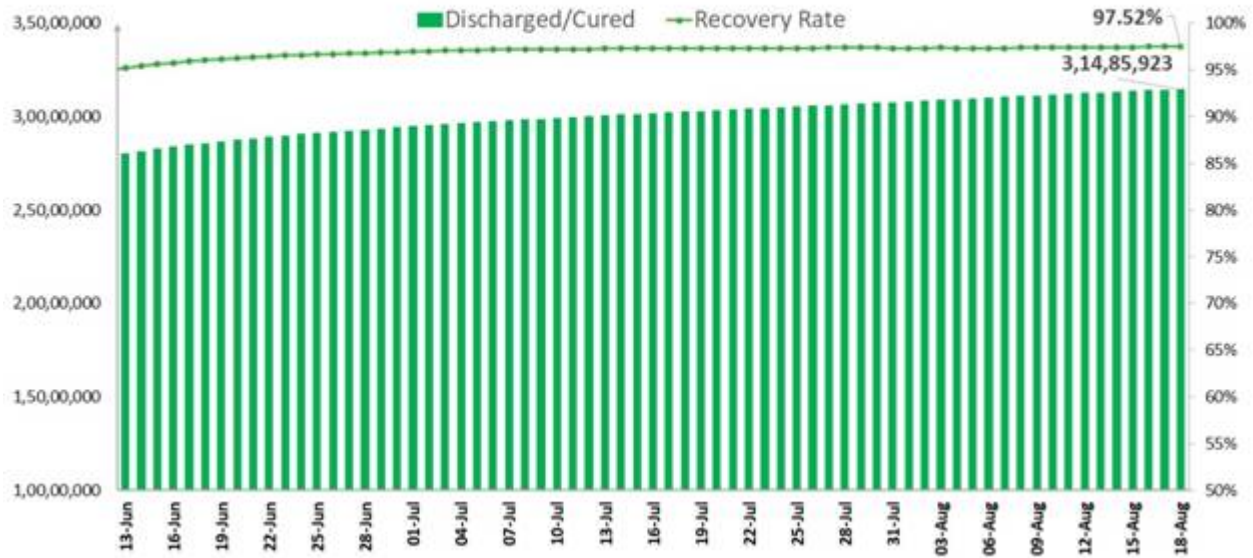
HCWs	1 st Dose	1,03,51,471
	2 nd Dose	81,39,176
FLWs	1 st Dose	1,82,91,828
	2 nd Dose	1,23,10,279
Age Group 18-44 years	1 st Dose	20,53,38,194
	2 nd Dose	1,66,89,475
Age Group 45-59 years	1 st Dose	11,96,50,340
	2 nd Dose	4,68,78,435
Over 60 years	1 st Dose	8,20,88,223
	2 nd Dose	4,09,14,609
Total		56,06,52,030

The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination has commenced from 21st June, 2021. The Union Government is committed to accelerating the pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country.

India's recovery rate stands at **97.52%**, this is highest since March 2020. Out of the people infected since the beginning of the pandemic, **3,14,85,923 people have already recovered from COVID-19** and **37,169** patients have recovered in the last 24 hours.



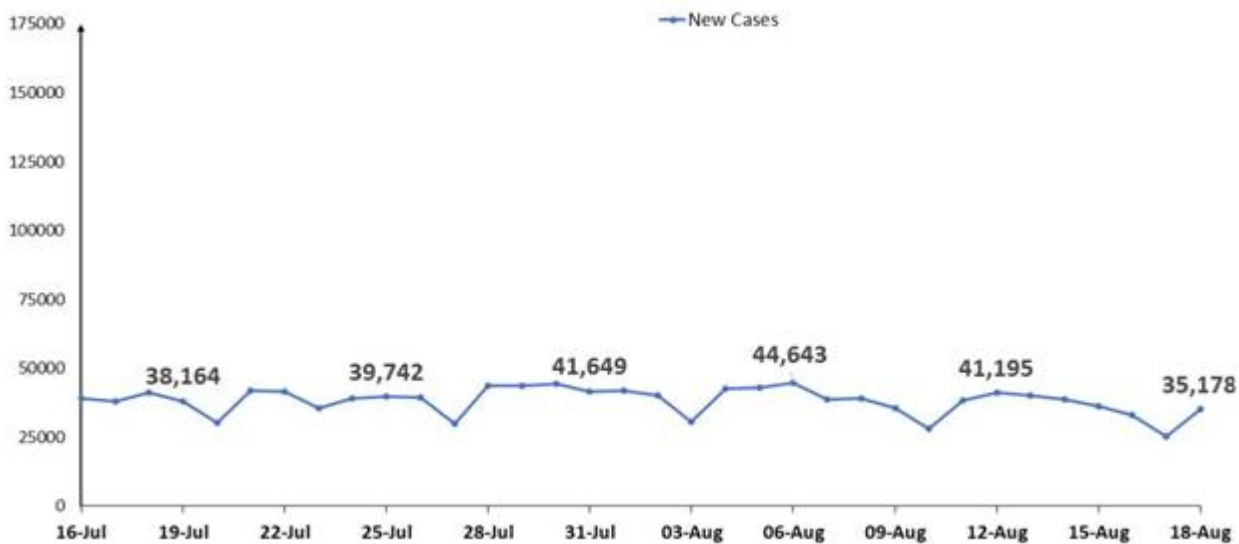
Recovered cases over 3.14 Cr & Recovery rate at 97.52%



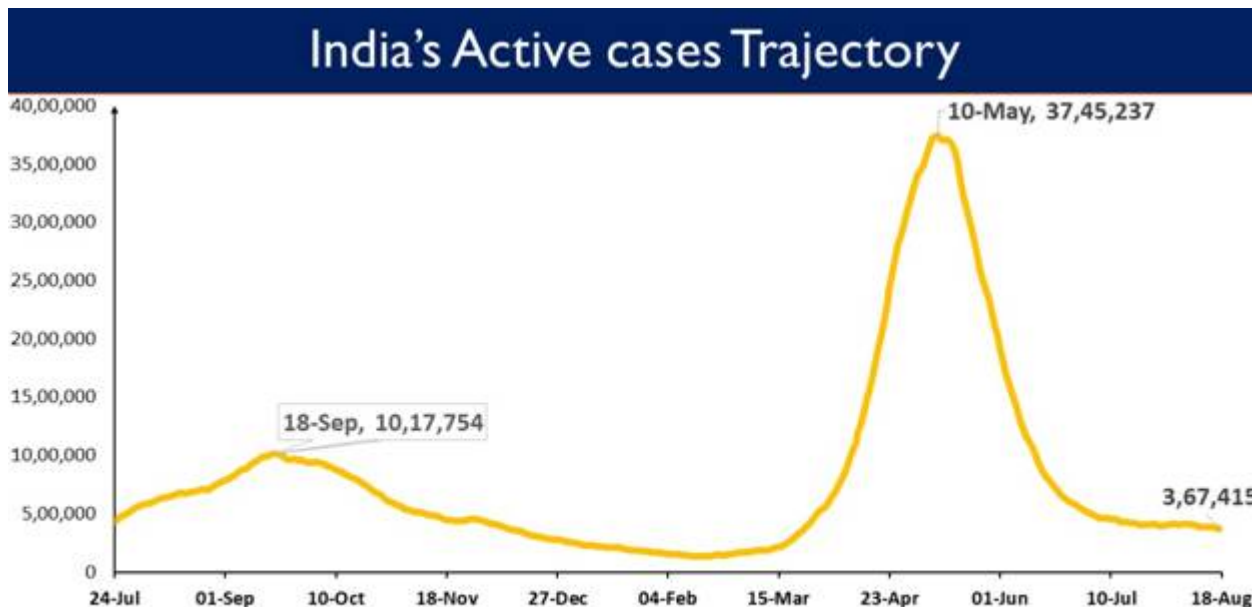
India has reported 35,178 daily new cases in the last 24 hours.

Less than 50,000 Daily New Cases have been reported since fifty-two consecutive days. This is a result of sustained and collaborative efforts by the Centre and the States/UTs.

35k Daily New Cases reported in last 24 hrs



India's Active Caseload at **3,67,415** is lowest in 148 days. Active cases now constitute only **1.14%** of the country's total Positive Cases which is lowest since March 2020.



With substantially ramped up testing capacity across the country, a total of 17,97,559 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country. Cumulatively, India has conducted over **49.84 crore (49,84,27,083)** tests so far.

While on one side testing capacity has been enhanced across the country, **Weekly Positivity Rate at 1.95% remains less than 3% for last 54 days now.** The **Daily Positivity rate also stands at 1.96%.** Daily Positivity rate has remained below 3% for last 23 days and below 5% for 72 consecutive days now.

Details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1746841>

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

More than 57.88 Crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

More than 94 Lakh balance and unutilized doses still available with States/UTs and private hospitals to be administered

As part of the nationwide vaccination drive, Government of India has been supporting the States and UTs by providing them COVID Vaccines free of cost. In the new phase of the universalization of the COVID19 vaccination drive, the Union Government will procure and supply (free of cost) 75% of the vaccines being produced by the vaccine manufacturers in the country to States and UTs.

VACCINE DOSES	(As on 18 August 2021)
SUPPLIED	57,88,90,150



PIPELINE	18,62,530
CONSUMPTION	55,11,64,635
BALANCE AVAILABLE	94,03,637

More than **57.88 crore (57,88,90,150)** vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far, through all sources and a further **18,62,530** doses are in the pipeline.

Of this, the total consumption including wastages is **55,11,64,635** doses (as per data available at 8 AM today).

More than **94 Lakh (94,03,637)** balance and unutilized COVID Vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs and private hospitals to be administered.

Details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1746849>

“In future, recommendations for boosters will definitely come”

“Mix-and-match of vaccines will definitely not cause a safety issue”

“Wearing mask properly and actively encouraging everyone to get vaccinated are the two biggest weapons to control further waves”

Priya Abraham, National Institute of Virology Director speaks on scientific developments on COVID-19

ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune has been working on a war-footing for the whole of last one year. “2021 was a difficult but rewarding year for us”, said Ms. Priya Abraham, Director of ICMR-NIV, which has been at the forefront of scientific research on SARS-CoV-2 in the country. in an interview with India Science, the OTT channel of the Department of Science & Technology.

Giving a quick overview of vaccine development process carried out at the institute which has been at the forefront of scientific research on SARS-CoV-2 in the country, she explained: “We quickly isolated and gave a strain to Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) by the end of April (2020), after which they developed a whole virion-inactivated vaccine in the month of May and gave us back for review. We checked it for its complete inactivation, did its complete characterisation and started pre-clinical trials on hamsters and non-human primates, that is, monkeys. Those are very difficult experiments to do. These

were conducted in our highest Bio-Safety Level-4 level containment facilities. In the next phase, we assisted them in the Phase I, II and III clinical trials in areas such as diagnostic aspect and laboratory support”.

Details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1746864>

Important Tweets

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▶ यह दावा #फर्जी है।

▶ केंद्र सरकार द्वारा ऐसी कोई योजना नहीं चलाई जा रही है।

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दावा:#COVID19 की तीसरी लहर के कारण 30 सितंबर तक सभी स्कूल व कॉलेज बंद किए जा रहे हैं#PIBFactCheck

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▶ स्कूल-कॉलेज खोलने व बंद करने का निर्णय राज्य सरकारों द्वारा लिया जाता है

▶ ऐसे फर्जी संदेशों व तस्वीरों को साझा न करें pic.twitter.com/xOsBINAg4E

— PIB Fact Check (@PIBFactCheck) August 16, 2021

Reviewed the pandemic situation, vaccination & implementation of ECRP - II in the North-Eastern States, along with all the Health Ministers of NE States.

Govt under PM @NarendraModi ji has announced ECRP - II package to support the States in fighting #COVID19 (1/3) pic.twitter.com/Tw0OtUQ2mu

— Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) August 17, 2021



#IndiaFightsCorona:#COVID19Vaccination Status (As on 18th August, 2021, 8:00 AM)



✔ Total vaccine doses administered (so far): 56,06,52,030



✔ Vaccine doses administered (in last 24 hours): 55,05,075#We4Vaccine #LargestVaccinationDrive@ICMRDELHI @DBTIndia



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📍 Daily New Cases vis-à-vis Daily Samples Tested (As on 18th August, 2021, Till 8:00 AM)

✔ #StaySafe and follow #COVIDAppropriateBehaviour #Unite2FightCorona #StayHomeStaySafe pic.twitter.com/Vtm9dfiOCr

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📍 More than 26.2 crore doses administered in first 58 days of the World's Largest Free-For-All Vaccination Drive launched on June 21, 2021. (As on August 18, 2021)

➡ But this fight isn't over yet, strengthen the country's endeavour by getting #Vaccinated pic.twitter.com/rwo1gFdAsr

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**#CoronaVirusUpdates:**

📍 Total #COVID19 Cases in India (as on August 18th, 2021)



▶ 97.52% Cured/Discharged/Migrated (3,14,85,923)

▶ 1.14% Active cases (3,67,415)

▶ 1.34% Deaths (4,32,519)



Total COVID-19 confirmed cases = Cured/Discharged/Migrated+Active cases+Deaths#StaySafe pic.twitter.com/XhesSZekdl

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📍 **#COVID19 Vaccine Doses: Age-wise Distribution** (As on August 18th, 2021, till 09:00 AM)

✅ Above 60 years: 22.3%

✅ 45-60 years: 32%

✅ 18-44 years:

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#CoronaVirusUpdates:#COVID19 testing status update:@ICMRDELHI stated that 49,84,27,083 samples tested upto August 17, 2021

17,97,559 samples tested on August 17, 2021#IndiaFightsCorona

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— #IndiaFightsCorona (@COVIDNewsByMIB) August 18, 2021

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