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PIB'S BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- **180.40 cr vaccine doses have been administered so far under Nationwide Vaccination Drive**
- **India's Active caseload currently stands at 33,917**
- **Active cases stand at 0.08%**
- **Recovery Rate currently at 98.72%**
- **4,722 recoveries in the last 24 hours increases Total Recoveries to 4,24,46,171**
- **2,568 new cases recorded in the last 24 hours**
- **Daily positivity rate (0.37%)**
- **Weekly Positivity Rate (0.46%)**
- **77.97 cr Total Tests conducted so far; 7,01,773 tests conducted in the last 24 hours**

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India's cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination coverage exceeds

180.40 CRORE

Cumulative Vaccine Dose Coverage

	Healthcare workers	Frontline workers	People Aged 15-18 years	People Aged 18-44 Years	People Aged ≥ 45 Years	People Aged ≥ 60 Years
1 st Dose	1,04,02,731	1,84,11,615	5,59,68,909	55,34,55,646	20,25,55,219	12,66,05,098
2 nd Dose	99,85,923	1,74,80,218	3,43,09,111	45,64,67,364	18,30,29,983	11,39,94,240
Precaution Dose	43,21,775	65,82,840	—	—	—	1,04,58,219

As at 8 AM on 15th March, 2022

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India's Active caseload falls to 33,917 today; stands at 0.08% of India's total Positive Cases

2,568 new cases reported in the last 24 hours

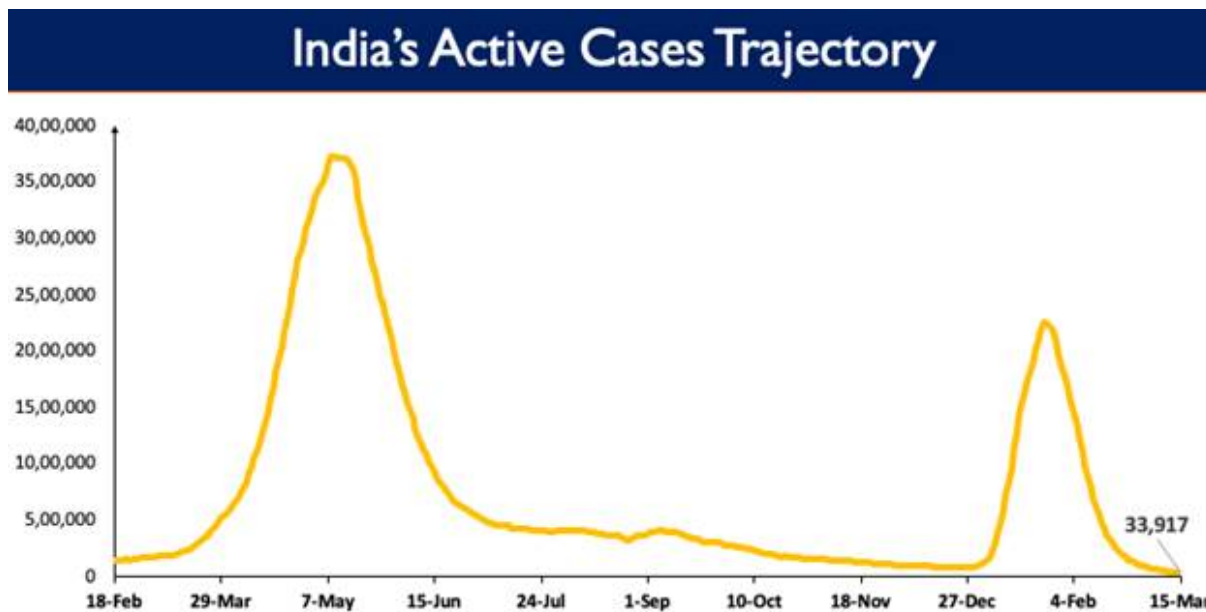
India's Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage exceeds 180.40 Cr



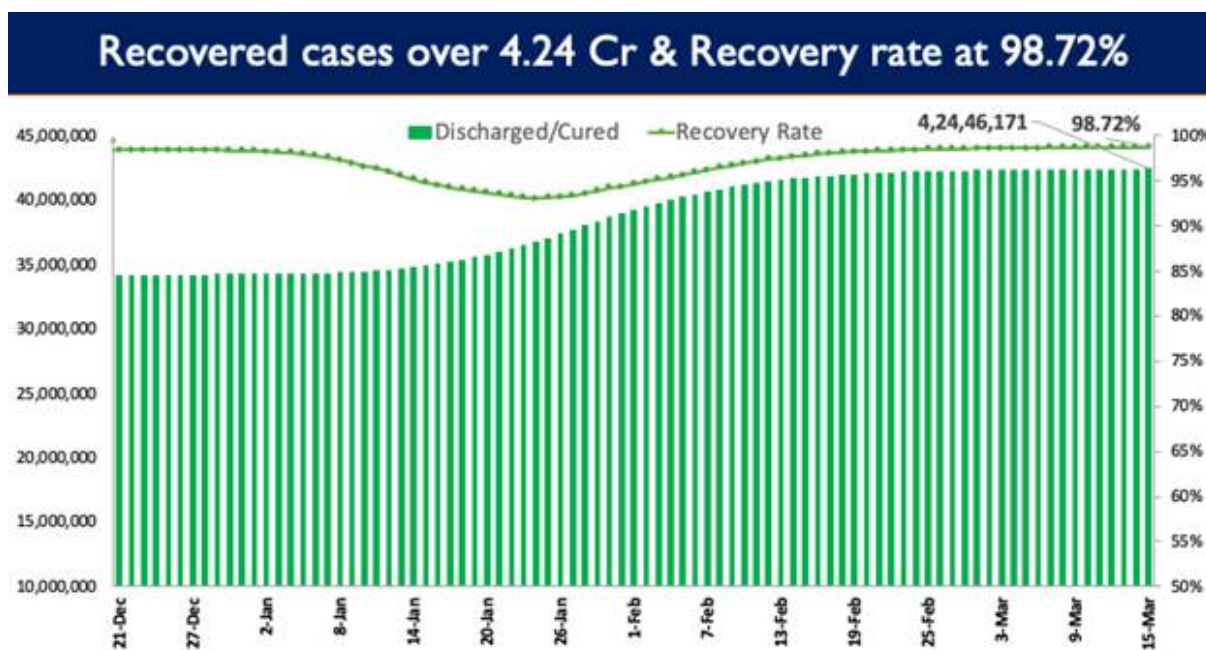
Recovery Rate currently stands at 98.72%

Weekly Positivity Rate is presently at 0.46%

In a positive development, India's Active Caseload has declined to **33,917**. Active cases now constitute **0.08%** of the country's total Positive Cases.



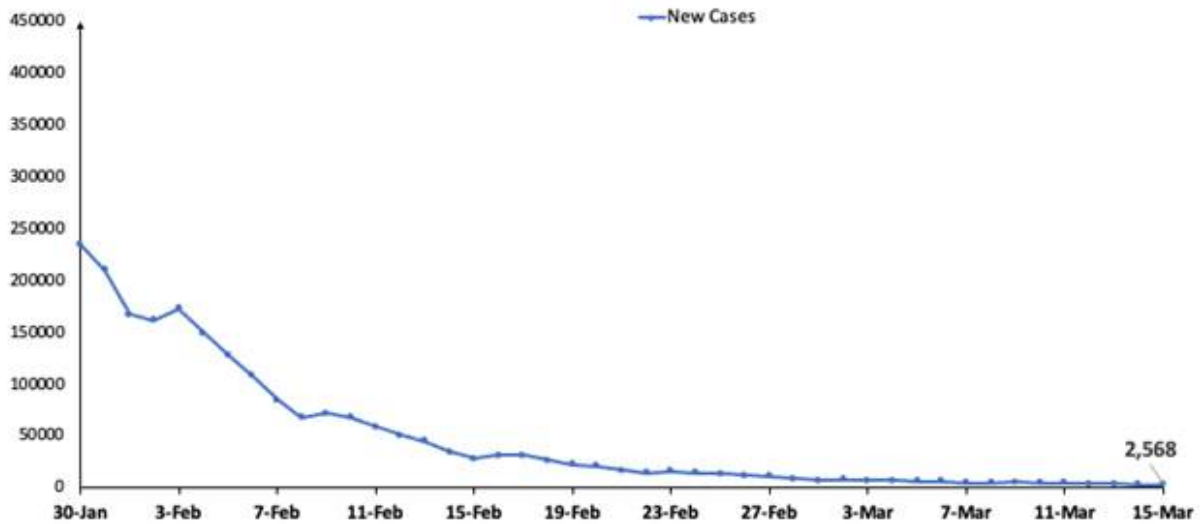
Consequently, India's recovery rate stands at **98.72%**. **4,722** patients have recovered in the last 24 hours and the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) is now at **4,24,46,171**.



2,568 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours.



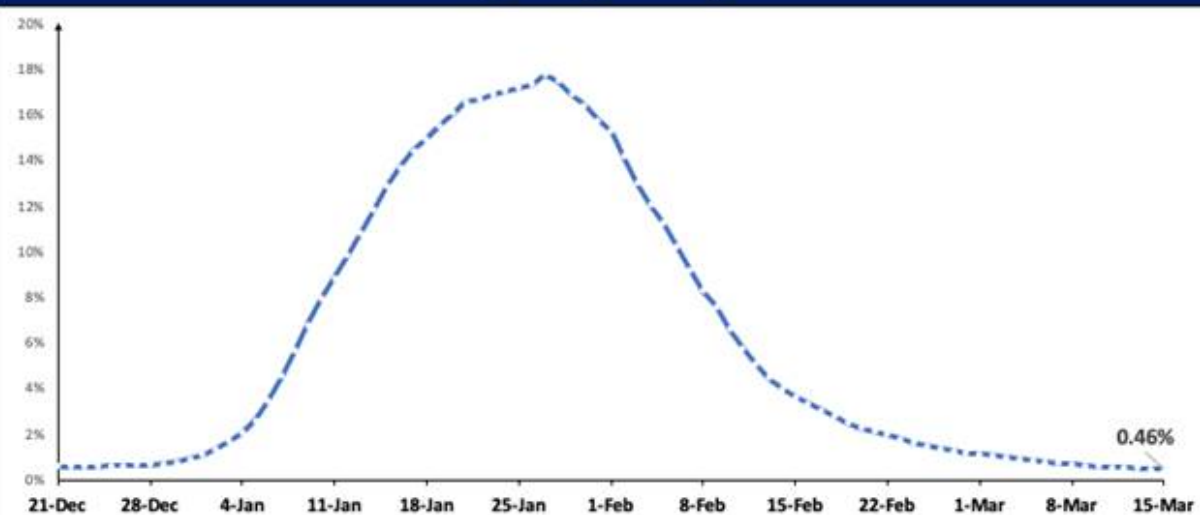
Over 2K New Cases reported in last 24 hrs



The last 24 hours saw a total of 7,01,773 COVID-19 tests being conducted. India has so far conducted over 77.97 Cr (77,97,54,156) cumulative tests.

There has been a sustained fall in the weekly and daily Positivity Rates too. **Weekly Positivity Rate** in the country currently stands at 0.46% and the **Daily Positivity rate** is reported to be 0.37%.

Case Positivity Trajectory (7 days moving average)



Daily positivity rate as on today, 0.37%

On the vaccination front, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded **180.40 Cr (1,80,40,28,891)** as per provisional reports till 7 am today. This has been achieved through 2,11,52,628 sessions. The break-up of the cumulative figure as per the provisional report till 7 am today include:

Cumulative Vaccine Dose Coverage

HCWs	1 st Dose	1,04,02,731
	2 nd Dose	99,85,923
	Precaution Dose	43,21,775
FLWs	1 st Dose	1,84,11,615
	2 nd Dose	1,74,80,218
	Precaution Dose	65,82,840
Age Group 15-18 years	1 st Dose	5,59,68,909
	2 nd Dose	3,43,09,111
Age Group 18-44 years	1 st Dose	55,34,55,646
	2 nd Dose	45,64,67,364
Age Group 45-59 years	1 st Dose	20,25,55,219
	2 nd Dose	18,30,29,983
Over 60 years	1 st Dose	12,66,05,098
	2 nd Dose	11,39,94,240
	Precaution Dose	1,04,58,219
Precaution Dose		2,13,62,834

Total

1,80,40,28,891

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1806021>**Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Availability in States/UTs****More than 182.84 Crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs****in More than 17.30 Crore balance and unutilized vaccine doses still available with States/UTs**

The Union Government is committed to accelerating the pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country. The nationwide COVID 19 vaccination started on 16th January 2021. The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination commenced from 21st June 2021. The vaccination drive has been ramped up through availability of more vaccines, advance visibility of vaccine availability to States and UTs for enabling better planning by them, and streamlining the vaccine supply chain.

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 15th March 2022)
SUPPLIED	1,82,84,94,230
BALANCE AVAILABLE	17,30,61,681

More than **182.84 crore (1,82,84,94,230)** vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through Govt. of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.

More than **17.30 Cr (17,30,61,681)** balance and unutilized COVID Vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered.

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COVID19 Vaccination for 12-14 yrs cohort to begin from tomorrow, National Vaccination Day, in all States/UTs

Free-of-Cost vaccination for 12-14 yrs age Group to begin in Govt COVID Vaccination Centers

States/UTs to ensure only those above 12 years are administered COVID19 Vaccine

Adequate vaccines available; Proactively cover Vulnerable Population above 60 yrs of age

Free of cost COVID19 vaccination for all beneficiaries of 12-14 age group will begin from tomorrow (16th March 2022), National Vaccination Day, at all Government COVID Vaccination Centers. The COVID19 vaccine to be administered would be Corbevax manufactured by Biological E. Limited, Hyderabad. This can be through online registration (beginning 9 am on 16th March 2022) or through onsite walk-in. This was reiterated by Union Health Secretary, Shri Rajesh Bhushan in a meeting through video conference (VC) today with all States and UTs.

This follows the decision of Union Government to start COVID19 vaccination for 12-13 yr and 13-14 yr age groups (those born in 2008, 2009 and 2010. i.e. those who are already above 12 years of age) from 16th March 2022. Additionally, all above 60 years of age are now eligible for Precaution Dose from tomorrow, as the condition of comorbidity for this age group has been removed. The Precaution Dose (same as the previous two doses) is to be administered after 9 months (36 weeks) after the date of second vaccination. Detailed instructions and Operational Guidelines have been sent to States and UTs in this regard.

States were advised to ensure that only those who have attained the age of 12 years on the date of vaccination are vaccinated against COVID19; if the beneficiary is registered but not attained the age of 12 years on the date of vaccination, COVID19 vaccine is not to be given. Vaccinators and vaccination teams need to be trained to ensure that particularly for 12-14 years age group there is no mixing of vaccines. States were advised to organize dedicated vaccination sessions through earmarked COVID-19 Vaccination Centers for vaccination of 12-14 years' age-group to avoid mixing with other vaccines.

Vaccines that can be used in different age groups

Age Group	Vaccine to be used
12-14 years (All beneficiaries born in year 2008, 2009, 2010)	Corbevax (at Govt. CVCs), 2 doses at interval of 28 days



14-18 years

Covaxin (at Govt. CVCs and Pvt. CVCs)



States/UTs were informed that at present the age of beneficiary in CoWIN is being filtered based on Year of Birth. The responsibility for verification of age (12 years) will lie with the vaccinator/verifier at the time of vaccination for the first few days as the provision for recording the exact Date of Birth in CoWIN portal is under process. Once implemented, the system, by default, will not allow registration of beneficiaries who are not of the recommended age.

Underscoring slow pace of vaccination among the vulnerable groups, States were urged to ensure that all those above 60 years of age are covered with both doses of COVID19 vaccine. Regular reviews to be conducted at District & Block levels to ensure coverage of eligible beneficiaries.

Sates were also advised to ensure judicious utilization of available COVID19 vaccines. As per earlier guidelines, States can replace those that are due for expiry and also replace them from one district within the State to another to ensure that vaccines are not wasted.

cr. Manohar Agnani, Addl.Secy (Health) and other senior officers of Union Health Ministry were present in the virtual meeting along with Health Secretary and NHM Mission Directors and other officials from States/UTs.

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