

Newsletter

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India Positive

India Fights Against Covid 19

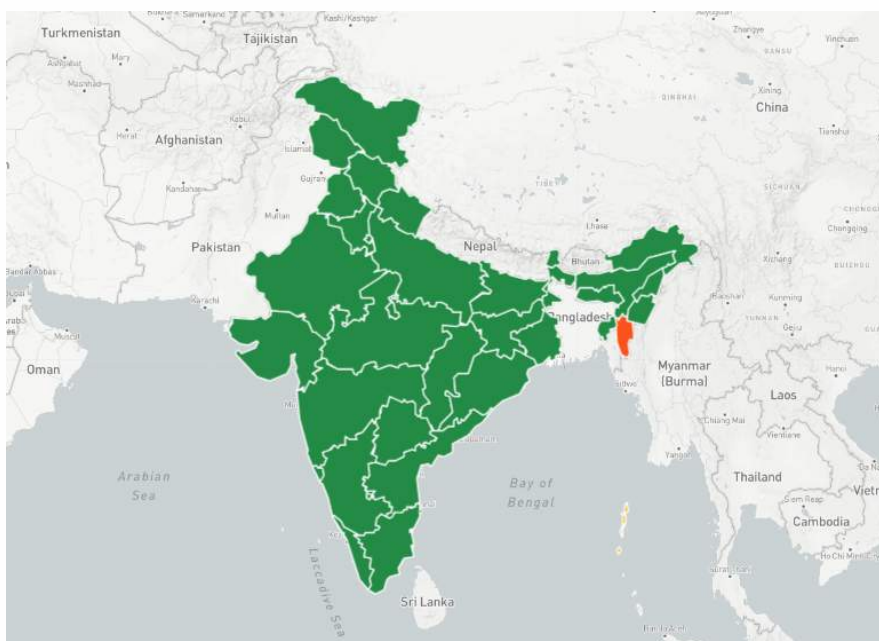


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Covid 19 Reports Summary

May-June 2021

	New Cases	Deceased	Recovered	Active Cases
May 31-June 6	8,62,604	20,101	14,66,102	13,98,064
June 7-June 13	6,00,423	25,100	10,04,496	9,68,603
June 14-June 20	4,24,306	13,836	6,81,203	6,97,684



RED Rapid Growth in New Cases	COVID-19 GROWTH RATE > 50%
ORANGE Moderate growth in New Cases	COVID-19 GROWTH RATE between 20 - 50%
YELLOW Low Growth in New Cases	COVID-19 GROWTH RATE between 0 - 20%
GREEN Negative Growth in New Cases	COVID-19 GROWTH RATE below 0%.

Nationwide Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccination this week: **4,72,50,416**

•Stats as per MoHFW

Resource Mobilisation in Recent Time

Fresh Order for Vaccines placed to achieve Universalization of Vaccination

- The Union Health Ministry has placed an order with Serum Institute of India for 25 crore doses of Covishield and with Bharat Biotech for 19 crore doses of Covaxin. These 44 crore (25+19 cr) doses of COVID-19 vaccines will be available till December 2021, starting now. Additionally, 30% of the advance for procurement of both the Covid Vaccines has been released to Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech.

Shri Kiren Rijiju Releases E-Book on 20 Medicinal Plants for Covid-19 Care

- Minister of State for Ayush (IC), Shri Kiren Rijiju, released the e-book on 20 Medicinal Plants for Covid-19 Care. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), has prepared an e-book "20 Medicinal Plants for 2021 for Covid-19 care" to highlight important medicinal plants and their therapeutic properties. These medicinal plants are useful in the prevention & management of Covid-19 along with standard of care.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan dedicates to the nation Jumbo COVID-care facility in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan dedicated to the nation, a 114 bedded COVID Care Facility in Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) of SAIL in Chhattisgarh. This hospital is equipped with gaseous oxygen and has been set up after laying a pipeline of 1.5 Km for supply of gaseous oxygen from the plant. This is the first phase of this project which aims to scale up to reach a total of 500 oxygenated beds in the subsequent two more phases. The centre has a facility of double oxygen backup supply.

'eSanjeevani', Govt. of India's free Telemedicine service completes 60 Lakh consultations

- Union Health Ministry's National Telemedicine Service – eSanjeevani has crossed another milestone by completing 6 million (60 lakh) consultations through more than 375 online OPDs, where over 40,000 patients consult over 1600 doctors and specialists on a daily basis using this innovative digital medium to seek Health services.

500-bed COVID hospital, developed by DRDO in Srinagar, becomes operational

- A 500-bed COVID Hospital at Khonmoh, Srinagar has become operational. The hospital has been set-up by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in a short span of 17 days and is funded by PM CARES Fund. This Covid facility includes 125 ICU beds with ventilators, of which 25 are exclusively reserved for children. Continuous oxygen supply is available for all 500 beds from 62 KL Liquid Medical Oxygen storage tanks.

CSIR in partnership with Laxai Life Sciences has received regulatory approval to undertake clinical trials on Covid-19 patients with Colchicine

- Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), and Laxai Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad, have been given the regulatory approval by DCGI to undertake a two-arm phase-II clinical trial to assess the safety and efficacy of the drug Colchicine in improvement of clinical outcomes

during the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

After capping of Trade Margin by Government, prices of Oxygen concentrators come down upto 54%

- National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has capped the Trade Margin for Oxygen Concentrators at 70% on Price to Distributor (PTD) level.
- Downward revision in price up to 54% has been reported in 70 products/brands, showing reduction in MRP up to Rs. 54,337 per unit. Further, 58 brands have reported price reduction up to 25% and 11 brands between 26-50%.

PROJECT O2 for INDIA

- The second wave of COVID-19 saw an increase in demand for medical oxygen in different parts of the country. While meeting the current demand, manufacturing medical oxygen also became important to ensure we have adequate supply in the future. 'Project O2 for India' of the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India, is to enable stakeholders working to augment the country's ability to meet this rise in demand for medical oxygen.

Petroleum Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurate the 200 oxygenated bed COVID Hospital at Bina in Sagar district

- Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the temporary COVID Hospital at Bina in Sagar district of the state. The 200 Oxygenated bed jumbo Covid-19 care facility has come up near BPCL's Bina refinery, for which Oxygen is provided by Bharat Oman Refineries Limited, a 100% subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).

Additional 106300 vials of Amphotericin- B allocated to States/UTs to and Central Institutions

- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V. SadanandaGowda announced via Twitter that to ensure significant availability of Liposomal Amphotricin B, additional 106300 vials of the drug have been allocated across all the States/UTs and Central Institutions today.
- The Minister further said that a total of 53,000 vials of Conventional Amphotericin B have also been allocated to all the States/UTs & Central Institutions today. The allocation of conventional Amphotericin B is being made to ensure its smooth supply and timely treatment of patients.

850 oxygen plants being set up in various districts of country: Secretary DRDO

- A total of 850 oxygen plants are being set up in various districts of the country from PM Cares Fund for catering to the needs of the country to fight the pandemic COVID-19, Dr C Satish Reddy, Secretary, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), highlighted at the Department of Science & Technology (DST) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Discourse Series.

DBT-funded Startup Offers AI-powered Contact-free Health Monitor & Step-Down ICU

- Through its Million ICU initiative, Dozee aims to improve public healthcare by utilising transformative technology to provide high-quality care to every individual. The company aims to upgrade 50,000 public hospital beds into Step-Down ICUs by raising CSR funds from several

Indian and International organisations. This initiative will enable the hospitals to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and usher in a rapid and long-term transformation in India's public healthcare infrastructure.

IIT Ropar develops nation's first power-free CPAP device 'Jivan Vayu'

- Aimed at saving lives in low resource areas and during transit Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar has developed a device 'Jivan Vayu' which can be used as a substitute of CPAP machine. This is Nation's first such device which functions even without electricity and is adapted to both kinds of oxygen generation units like O2 cylinders and oxygen pipelines in hospitals.

Establishment of two 250 bedded makeshift COVID Hospitals at Murshidabad and Kalyani in West Bengal through PM CARES

- The Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund Trust has decided to allocate Rs. 41.62 crores for establishment of two 250 bedded makeshift COVID Hospitals by DRDO at Murshidabad and Kalyani, West Bengal. This proposal will augment health infrastructure in West Bengal to effectively manage the COVID situation.

Steps taken by Government to ensure drug availability for treatment of Mucormycosis

- Government continuously engaged with the manufacturers to resolve their issues related to raw materials
- MEA identified new sources of Amphotericin B/ Liposomal Amphotericin B injections and alternative drugs
- Government continues to monitor manufacturing, import, supplies and availability of drugs used for treatment of Mucormycosis.
- A sudden increase in the demand has been observed in some States for Amphotericin-B, which is being actively prescribed by the physicians to the patients suffering from Mucormycosis, which has been seen as a post COVID complication. Through active measures to augment production, and import and ensure equitable distribution, Government has been able to mobilise over 6.67 lakh vials of the Amphotericin B for patients in the states and UTs and Central Health Institutes, in addition to other drugs such as Amphotericin Deoxycholate and Posaconazole being used for treatment of this disease.

New Software helps identify patients likely to require ventilator support thus detecting emergency & ICU needs early

- A software can now identify patients likely to require ventilator support in an ICU and referral in time and make necessary arrangements before emergency sets in. The software called Covid Severity Score (CSS) Software consists of an algorithm that measures a set of parameters. It scores each against a pre-set dynamic algorithm multiple times for each patient and allocates a Covid Severity Score (CSS) mapping it in a graphical trend.

Oxygen Expresses deliver more than 32464 MT of LMO in service to the Nation

- Oxygen Expresses crosses mark of 18000 MT LMO delivery in southern states
- 448 Oxygen Expresses complete Oxygen deliveries across the country
- Oxygen Expresses transported 1854 tankers of LMO so far.

Centre to States: Unique Disability Identification Card (UDID) now acceptable as a Photo ID for registration on Co-WIN 2.0

- It has been the constant endeavour of the Union Government to streamline the vaccination process for its universalization. In this backdrop, the Union Ministry of Health has written to the States/UTs today to include the Unique Disability Identification (UDID) Card as a Photo ID while registering on Co-WIN 2.0. As per the Guidance note for Co-WIN 2.0 issued on 2nd March 2021, seven prescribed Photo IDs were specified and prescribed for verification of beneficiary prior to their vaccination.

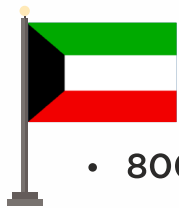
Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh Says, instructions issued for immediate release of pension to the family of a government employee who loses his or her life due to COVID -19 infection

- Government has issued instructions for immediate release of pension to the family of a government employee who loses his or her life due to COVID -19 infection. In a landmark order, the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) in the Union Ministry of Personnel has instructed all Ministries, Departments, Controller General of Accounts as well as CMDs of Pension Disbursing Banks to ensure that the Family Pension is started within one month of the receipt of the claim from the eligible family member of a Government servant who has lost his or her life due to COVID.

PM launches 'Customized Crash Course programme for Covid 19 Frontline workers'

- Shri Narendra Modi launched 'Customized Crash Course programme for Covid 19 Frontline workers' via video conferencing. The training programme would be conducted in 111 training centres spread over 26 states. About one lakh frontline workers will be trained in this initiative. The Prime Minister said that this launch is an important next step in the fight against Corona.

Foreign Aid to India



Kuwait

- 8000 oxygen cylinders



HEALTH4THEWORLD

Health4theworld

- \$100,000 to send life-saving oxygen concentrators, pulse oximeters, and other supplies



Care New England

- 200,000 COVID-19 tests to India, along with protective equipment, ventilators, medications and other medical supplies



UNICEF

- 26 oxygen plants
- 4,000 oxygen concentrators, and other critical supplies



FedEx, Memphis

- 250,000 face shields
- 100,000 goggles
- More than 80,000 coveralls and gowns
- 134,000 KN95 and N95 masks



Google

- Rs 133 crores to procure and install 80 oxygen generation plants and upskilling of healthcare workers



Israel

- 3,800 oxygen concentrators



University of Bristol, UK

- Rs 133 crores to procure and install 80 oxygen generation plants and upskilling of healthcare workers

Prime Minister's Key Speeches of The Week

PM's address to the Nation - Major announcement on Vaccination Policy

June 07, 2021

- Our country has fought together on many fronts against such a massive global pandemic. From building a Covid hospital to increasing the number of ICU beds, from making ventilators in India to creating a huge network of testing labs, a new health infrastructure has been created in the country in the last one-and-a-half years.
- The most effective weapon in the fight against an invisible and mutating enemy like Corona is the Covid protocol, the use of a mask, the distance of two yards, and adherence to all other precautions. The vaccine is like a protective shield for us in this fight.
- When the countrymen gave us the opportunity to serve in 2014, the vaccination coverage in India then was only around 60 per cent. And in our view, this was a matter of great concern. The rate at which India's immunization program was progressing would have taken almost 40 years for the country to achieve the target of 100% vaccination coverage. We launched Mission Indradhanush to solve this problem. We decided that vaccination work will be carried out on war footing through the Mission Indradhanush and efforts will be made to vaccinate whoever needs it. We worked in mission mode and the vaccination coverage increased from 60 per cent to over 90 per cent in just 5-6 years.
- India launched not one but two 'Made in India' vaccines within a year. Our country and the scientists of the country have shown that India is not behind developed countries. Today when I am speaking to you, more than 23 crore vaccine doses have been administered in the country.
- There is a belief here विश्वासेन सिद्धि: i.e., we get success in our endeavors when we have faith in ourselves. We were confident that our scientists would be able to develop vaccines in a very short time. Due to this belief, when our scientists were still busy with their research work, we started logistics and other preparations.
- Thousands of crores of rupees were also made available to them through the Mission Covid Suraksha under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat package. Due to the continuous effort and hard work that has been going for a long time in the country, the supply of vaccines is going to increase even more in the coming days. Today seven companies in the country are producing different types of vaccines. The trial of three more vaccines is also going on at an advanced stage. The process of buying vaccines from foreign companies has also been expedited to increase the availability of vaccines in the country.
- From January 16 till the end of April this year, India's vaccination program ran mainly under the supervision of the central government. The country was moving in the direction of providing free vaccines to all.
- After much deliberation, it was agreed that if the state governments also want to make efforts on their behalf, so why should the Indian government object? In view of this demand from the states and keeping in mind their request, a change was made in the system which was going on since January 16 as an experiment. We thought that when the states are making this demand and they have enthusiasm, so let's give 25 per cent of the work to them. As a result, 25 per cent of the work was handed over to the states from May 1 and they also made efforts in their own way to complete it.

- Today it has been decided that the Government of India will also bear the responsibility of 25 per cent of the work related to vaccination with the states. This arrangement will be implemented in the next two weeks. In these two weeks, the central and state governments together will make necessary preparations according to the new guidelines.
- From June 21, the Government of India will provide free vaccines to the states for all citizens above the age of 18 years. The Government of India itself will buy 75 per cent of the total vaccine production from vaccine manufacturers and give it to the state governments free of cost. That is, no state government of the country will have to spend anything on the vaccine.
- The system of private sector hospitals procuring 25 per cent of the vaccine being made in the country will continue. Private hospitals will be able to charge a maximum service charge of Rs 150 for a single dose after the prescribed price of the vaccine. The task of monitoring it will remain with the state governments.
- It has been said in our scriptures प्राप्य आपदं न व्यथते कदाचित्, उद्योगम् अनुहच्छति चा प्रमत्त i.e., conquerors do not give up when calamity strikes them, but venture out, work hard, and triumph over the situation. More than 130 crore Indians have fought against Corona together with mutual cooperation and hard work day and night. In the future, our journey will be reinforced only by our efforts and cooperation.
- The government has decided that the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana will now be extended till Diwali. In this time of the pandemic, the government is standing by the poor as their partner for their every need. That is free food grains will be available in fixed quantity to more than 80 crore countrymen every month till November. The purpose of this effort is that none of my poor brothers and sisters, their families should go to bed hungry.

Outreach Session of G7 Summit

June 12, 13, 2021

- The first session, titled 'Building Back Stronger - Health', focused on global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and on strengthening resilience against future pandemics.
- During the session, Prime Minister expressed appreciation for the support extended by the G7 and other guest countries during the recent wave of COVID infections in India.
- He highlighted India's 'whole of society' approach to fight the pandemic, synergising the efforts of all levels of the government, industry and civil society.
- He also explained India's successful use of open source digital tools for contact tracing and vaccine management, and conveyed India's willingness to share its experience and expertise with other developing countries.
- Prime Minister committed India's support for collective endeavours to improve global health governance. He sought the G7's support for the proposal moved at the WTO by India and South Africa, for a TRIPS waiver on COVID related technologies.
- Prime Minister Modi said that today's meeting should send out a message of "One Earth One Health" for the whole world. Calling for global unity, leadership, and solidarity to prevent future pandemics, Prime Minister emphasized the special responsibility of democratic and transparent societies in this regard.
- On the second day of the Outreach Sessions of the G7 Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took part in two sessions titled '**Building Back Together—Open Societies and Economies**' and '**Building Back Greener: Climate and Nature**'.

- PM recalled that democracy and freedom were a part of India's civilisations ethos. He shared the concern expressed by several Leaders that open societies are particularly vulnerable to disinformation and cyber-attacks, and stressed the need to ensure that cyberspace remains an avenue for advancing democratic values and not of subverting it.
- Highlighting the non-democratic and unequal nature of global governance institutions, PM called for the reform of the multilateral system as the best signal of commitment to the cause of Open Societies.
- In the session on climate change, PM highlighted that the planet's atmosphere, biodiversity and oceans cannot be protected by countries acting in silos, and called for collective action on climate change.
- Speaking about India's unwavering commitment to climate action, he mentioned the commitment by Indian Railways to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2030. He stressed that India is the only G-20 country on track to meet its Paris commitments.
- He also took note of the increasing effectiveness of the two major global initiatives nurtured by India i.e. the CDRI and the International Solar Alliance. Prime Minister stressed that developing countries need better access to climate finance, and called for a holistic approach towards climate change that covers all dimensions of the problem- mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, climate financing, equity, climate justice and lifestyle change.



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