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With 37,154 new coronavirus infections, India's total tally of Covid cases rose to 3,08,74,376, while the total recoveries crossed three crore, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Monday.

The death toll climbed to 4,08,764 with 724 fresh fatalities.

The active cases have declined to 4,50,899 and comprise 1.46 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid recovery rate has increased to 97.22 per cent, the data updated at 8 am showed.

A decrease of 3,219 cases has been recorded in the active Covid caseload in a span of 24 hours.

As many as 14,32,343 tests were conducted on Sunday taking the total cumulative tests conducted so far for detection of Covid in the country to 43,23,17,813, while the daily positivity rate was recorded at 2.59 per cent. It has been less than three per cent for 21 consecutive days, the ministry said.

The weekly positivity rate stands at 2.32 per cent, it said.
The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 3,00,14,713 and the case fatality rate stands at 1.32 per cent, the data stated.

Cumulative vaccine doses administered so far has reached 37.73 crore under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive.

The 724 new fatalities include 350 from Maharashtra and 97 from Kerala.

A total of 4,08,764 deaths have been reported so far in the country, including 1,25,878 from Maharashtra, 35,835 from Karnataka, 33,418 from Tamil Nadu, 25,015 from Delhi, 22,698 from Uttar Pradesh, 17,916 from West Bengal and 16,186 from Punjab. PTI

Covid affecting kids’ psychological development

Covid affecting kids’ psychological development: Experts (The Tribune: 20210712)


Covid-19, consequent lockdowns and no classroom teaching or outdoor games since a year-and-a-half have proved to be a severe blow to the psychological development of children. As per experts, an increase in anxiety and depressive symptoms has been witnessed among children.

During this period, parents need to be calm with their wards. They play an important role in keeping them healthy, both physically and mentally. So, parents should encourage their children to speak up if they are not feeling well or are worried due to the pandemic so that the former can help them.

Dr Manu Sharma, consultant, Pediatrics and Neonatology, Max Hospital, said: “Children are also deprived of outdoor physical activities and playing time. Lack of such activities is leading to health issues such as obesity and future risk of metabolic syndrome. A peculiar rise in screen time and addiction to the Internet has also been observed among children. When these are coupled with inadequate parental surveillance, it exposes the child to an ocean of content that has positive and negative long-lasting impact”.

In an attempt to stay connected with their peers, children spend a lot of time on social media. This, in particular, is responsible for increased incidences of cyberbullying. Reports directly relate it to increased anxiety, stress, low self-esteem and even suicidal tendencies in children, he added.
City-based clinical psychologist Suresh Khanna said isolation and lockdowns have been specially challenging for children. As they are deprived of their friends, schoolmates and healthy school environment, one can see drastic behavioral changes in them.

“Aggression and depression are on the rise in kids, especially in teens. Key signs observed are changes in eating and sleep patterns. Parents need to be watchful,” he said.

**Vaccination must to avoid third wave, says AIIMS Director Prof Randeep Guleria**

Prof Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi. file photo

The Department of Microbiology, PU, today organised a webinar on “Promotion of Scientific Temper among People of India” to spread awareness among the public about the current pandemic situation.

Prof Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi, spoke on “What the pandemic has taught us and where do we go from here?”

He discussed the reasons behind the emergence of the devastating second wave and that there was an urgent requirement to invest in public health services.

Dr Guleria emphasised that Covid-19 appropriate behavior could help prevent a third wave.

Dr Guleria, meanwhile, said the Covid-19 pandemic “is not over nor is it going to end soon”. People should get vaccinated in order to avoid a third wave, he said.

New variants

Step up genome sequencing to identify new variants: Punjab CM (The Tribune: 20210712)


Wants lab in Patiala functional this month

CM Capt Amarinder Singh today asked the departments concerned to step up whole genome sequencing (WGS) to expeditiously identify cases of new Covid variant and to fast-track the project for execution of the MoU with ICMR for the Regional Institute of Virology, Mohali.

Though no fresh cases of Delta Plus variant (apart from two reported earlier based on May sampling) had been identified in the state, the CM directed that the WGS lab at GMCH, Patiala, coming up with the support of PATH, must become functional this month. PATH has informed the authorities that the machine is likely to be installed by July 25. The CM said the state was also starting dry swab testing, with a pilot survey at GMCH, Patiala, next week. — TNS

Covid Recovery (The Asian Age: 20210712)

Amid Covid, Zika outbreak adds to Kerala woes

Raj Chowdhury
Kolkata, Aug 11

As a major crackdown, the Kolkata Police raided a five-star hotel in the city on Saturday midnight and arrested 57 persons from there for committing a “party goes on without permission” with loud music. 119 individuals, drugs and alcohol were seized from the second and third floor rooms which were barred for the party at The Park on Park Street. The seized items includ- ed two Pioneer 8K deck, two Pioneer CD player, a PIONEER turntable, a box of hobnails, four☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️☝️-countrydera to tackle 3rd Covid wave

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ASEE RMIN ISON NEW DELHI, AUG 11

India on Friday witnessed a slight decrease in the number of Covid-19 infections and related deaths in the last 24 hours. With 41,506 people testing positive, the total number of infections in the country has gone up to 29,99,22,789. The death toll has now climbed to 4,96,601 with 337 deaths reported in the last 24 hours.

While many countries across the globe are dealing with the coronavirus in one way or another, the country has successfully controlled the virus with the help of strict lockdowns and regular social media campaigns.

On Monday, India crossed the milestone of 80,000 daily recoveries after achieving around 75,000 recoveries on Sunday. The country’s recovery rate has now increased to 93.16% of the total infected.

In this context, the Union health minister also added that the country has successfully controlled the virus with the help of strict lockdowns and regular social media campaigns.

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Woman infected with 2 Covid variants highlights next risk

SUZI RING
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A 90-year-old woman died after becoming infected with two different strains of Covid-19, revealing another risk in the fight against the disease, Belgian researchers found.

In the first peer-reviewed analysis of an infection with multiple strains, scientists found the woman had contracted both the alpha variant, which first surfaced in the UK, and the beta strain, first found in South Africa. The infections probably came from separate people, according to a report published on Saturday and presented at the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases.

The woman was admitted to a Belgian hospital in March after a number of falls, and tested positive for Covid-19 the same day. She lived alone, receiving nursing care at home, and had not been vaccinated. Her respiratory symptoms rapidly worsened and she died five days later. When her respiratory samples were tested for variants of concern, both strains were found in two tests. The researchers couldn't say whether the co-infection played a role in her rapid deterioration.

The idea of multiple infections isn't completely new. In January, Brazilian scientists reported two cases of Covid-19 co-infection, but the study hasn't yet been released in a scientific journal. Researchers have also previously found evidence of people becoming infected with multiple strains of influenza. The cases suggest co-infection might be more common than currently known.

— Bloomberg

AUSTRALIA-S’PORE TRAVEL BUBBLE TIMING PUSHED BACK TO END 2021

EMILY CADMAN
JULY 11

Sydney’s virus outbreak means plans for an Australian-Singapore travel bubble have been delayed until at least the end of the year, the Australian trade minister said on Sunday.

While opening up the travel corridor remains a priority, the scale of the outbreak that has forced the country's largest city into a renewed lockdown means plans are on hold, Dan Tehan told the Sydney Morning Herald.

"It has been put back due to the third wave of the virus," he said. "The hope might be towards the end of the year that you could look at a travel bubble with Singapore."

Following the initial discussions, the two countries haven't committed to a specific date for the travel bubble.

While Australia was an early success story in the fight against the coronavirus, a sluggish vaccine rollout means even as the rest of the world opens up the country's borders are expected to stay shut until mid-2022. Just 36 per cent of the population have received their first jab.

— Bloomberg
Covid affects mental health of children

Children can have mental health issues, something that many parents and guardians are unaware of. With schools closed, lack of recreation and play opportunities, economic stress in the household and health-related worries for parents, anxiety among children is on the rise.

**CATCH THEM YOUNG**

Dr. Jennifer Prahub, co-founder and CEO of Cirece Health Pvt. Ltd., points out specific symptoms to be on the lookout in kids.

“They include avoidance of social activities, difficulty in falling asleep or staying asleep, stomach pain and headaches, especially in children who have no such symptoms in the past, school phobia or fear of going to school, eating problems, excessive crying, explosive anger outbursts especially towards peers and finally suicidal thoughts/tendencies,” elaborates the Dr Prahub. “Again it is not about the suicidal thoughts/tendencies, but it is when they become persistent and pervasive that we as parents or guardians could consider consulting a child psychologist or a consultation/ connect with a relationship counselor and also speak to a professional to see if it is a problem that should be tackled immediately.”

**PARENTS SHOULD REMAIN CALM AND CONSISTENT, AND THIS WILL PROTECT CHILDREN AND MAKE THEM HAVE A BETTER LIFE.**

—Dr. CHITRA SHANKAR, consultant and developmental paediatrician, Manipal Hospitals in Bangalore

**ILLNESS**

With childbirth, new mothers may also need help. And towards this, it is important to distinguish between postpartum blues, postpartum depression and postpartum psychosis.

Dr. Arun Chheda, psychiatry and psychotherapist, explains that one must understand issues arise because of a hormonal imbalance in the brain. “It is crucial to ensure that the mother seeks professional help, which will be of benefit for her and will also benefit the child,” she adds.

**HELPING HAND**

Children can be helped by focusing on the support system around them—family, teachers and friends. Parents must enable children to develop healthy relationships with their friends, be it having lunch breaks or discussing issues on online platforms like Facebook.

“Since the Children have developed and widely disseminated information on self-help mechanisms to overcome stress and anxiety and how the caregiver can engage with children during pandemic times,” he adds.
The smile behind the mask

**The smile behind the mask (The Hindu: 20210712)**


Women ophthalmologists from across Aravind Eye Hospitals in Tamil Nadu are reminding people to wear their smiles as they did during pre-pandemic times.

When the second wave of COVID-19 hit hard with many people losing their loved ones, doctors at Aravind Eye Care System (AECS) realised even their conversations at the workplace were changing. “We were serious all the time.

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**Pfizer to seek approval for third vaccine dose**

**Pfizer to seek approval for third vaccine dose; shots still protect (The Hindu: 20210712)**


Pfizer’s Dr. Mikael Dolsten has said that early data from the company’s booster study suggests people’s antibody levels jump five- to 10-fold after a third dose.

Pfizer is about to seek U.S. authorization for a third dose of its COVID-19 vaccine, saying Thursday that another shot within 12 months could.

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**Vaccines**

**Vaccines will help prevent severe disease in pregnant women: expert (The Hindu: 20210712)**


‘Women should use all Covid-appropriate precautions during pregnancy and after childbirth.’
Manju Puri, head, department of obstetrics and gynaecology, Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, spoke exclusively to The Hindu on the Central

COVID-19 vaccination - Pregnant women

Pregnant women in India now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination (The Hindu: 20210712)


Women can now register on CoWIN or walk-in to the nearest Covid vaccination centre to get themselves inoculated

Pregnant women in India are now eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19 with the union Health Ministry on Friday giving the approval based on recommendations of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunizati

Delta variant - WHO

Delta variant to become dominant strain of COVID-19 in coming months: WHO(The Hindu: 20210712)


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Pandemics

Pandemic’s effect on balance sheets of banks is not as bad as expected (The Indian Express: 20210712)

Radhika Pandey writes: Higher recoveries, improved capital position could help increase credit growth in the economy

A security guard’s reflection is seen next to the logo of the Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) at the RBI headquarters in Mumbai (Reuters)

The Reserve Bank of India’s latest Financial Stability Report presented an assessment of the health of the banking sector in the pandemic year. There were concerns that the balance sheets of banks would be adversely hit by the pandemic-induced disruption. However, the report shows that banks fared much better as the NPA ratio (non-performing assets of banks as a percentage of loans) was broadly under control at the end of March. A series of regulatory forbearance policies and their timely withdrawal along with deleveraging by firms have helped in ensuring that banks’ balance sheets were not adversely impacted by the pandemic. For this year, the RBI has projected that the NPA of banks will rise to 9.8 per cent. The deterioration is projected to be much steeper under various stress scenarios. However, the assumptions behind these stress scenarios seem to be conservative. The quality of banks’ assets may not deteriorate to the extent projected in the report.

The NPA ratio for banks for the period ending March 31 stood at 7.5 per cent. This was much better than the earlier projections. There were concerns that NPAs of banks would increase due to the pandemic as borrowers’ ability to repay loans was hit. The RBI, in its July 2020 report projected that, in the baseline scenario the NPA ratio could rise from 8.4 per cent to 12.5 per cent by March 2021, while in the severe stress scenario, they were projected to rise to 14.7 per cent. However, the NPAs settled at a much lower figure. In earlier instances also, the RBI is seen to have overestimated the banks’ NPA position.

The capital position of banks, measured as the capital to risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR), was also projected to deteriorate from 14.6 per cent in March 2020 to 13.3 per cent by March 2021 in the baseline scenario presented in the July 2020 report. However, banks were able to raise capital through various modes such as public issues and qualified institutional placements (QIP) and improved their capital positions during 2020-21. Despite the pandemic, the capital position of banks measured by CRAR improved to 16 per cent in March — well above the regulatory threshold of 9 per cent. Even public sector banks were better placed on capital position. Going forward, the capital position of banks is not likely to pose major concerns. Even under a severe stress scenario, RBI doesn’t expect any of the 46 banks to fall short of capital.

Another positive feature emerging from the report is that banks have enough capital to cushion against a deterioration in their assets. The proportion of provisions to gross non-performing assets (GNPA) increased from 66.2 per cent in March 2020 to 68.9 per cent in March 2021.

Regulatory support measures including loan moratoriums, facilities to restructure loans, a standstill on NPA classification and their timely withdrawal have ensured that banks’ NPAs
remain under control. While banks were incentivised through a number of instruments such as through the Targeted Long Term Repo Operations (TLTROs) to aggressively lend to sectors hit by the pandemic, they adopted a cautious approach. RBI incentivised banks to borrow at a low rate of interest to further lend to specified stressed sectors. But there were not many takers for the cheap loan windows.

For this year, the report projects the NPAs of the banking sector to rise to 9.8 per cent of advances by March 2022 in the baseline scenario. The report also has projections for two stress scenarios: Medium and severe stress scenarios. But these scenarios look unlikely. They involve GDP growth slowing to 6.5 per cent and less than 1 per cent in 2021-22 in the medium and severe stress scenarios respectively.

A key risk highlighted by the report is the weakness in the MSME portfolio of banks. Since 2019, three loan restructuring schemes were announced to help the impaired MSME sector. Despite restructuring, the report notes that the stress in the MSME sector remained elevated as the NPA ratio for public sector banks stood at 15.9 per cent as of March 2021, compared with 13.1 per cent in December 2020. While stress in the MSME sector needs monitoring, it is unlikely to pose a systemic risk. The 15.9 per cent NPA ratio is applicable to small loans of up to Rs 25 crore. Despite a series of measures to boost credit flows to the MSME sector, the share of MSMEs in the outstanding bank credit is less than 5 per cent. The increase in credit flows to this sector is primarily attributed to the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) scheme. The scheme aims to provide 100 per cent guaranteed coverage to banks and other lenders. Thus, banks will be guarded against a possible slippage of loans under this scheme. In addition, the RBI’s restructuring schemes and the pre-packaged insolvency resolution process should allow for better handling of stress in the MSME credit.

Going forward, in the absence of regulatory support measures such as moratoriums and a standstill on NPA classification, there could be fresh additions to NPAs. But repayment of loans by companies, better recoveries and faster credit growth as the economy picks up could help in keeping NPAs under control. With improved capital positions of banks, they would be able to support a recovery in credit demand.

Vaccination (Hindustan: 20210712)

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दिल्ली की आवाज आबादी को भी अब तक कोरोना की वैक्सीन नहीं लग पाई है

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