



Covid-19 Pulse

A Newsletter on Healthcare Conversations

On the Bright Side: Daily Recoveries Higher than Infections in Delhi



Image source: *The Indian Express*

COVID-19 infections touched a peak on June 23 with close to 3,947 infections detected in the capital. However, number of new cases per day has been declining at a steady pace in Delhi. What is crucial at this point, is to take a closer look at how the daily recoveries are surpassing new infections for the next two weeks as it could indicate the peak of the disease. We could well be at an important turning point in our fight against the pandemic, if this number trend continues.

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Policy Matters

The New Approach to COVID in Delhi's Modified Response Plan

As the numbers of COVID-19 cases continue to surge in Delhi, the capital could benefit from a revised protocol to contain the spread. From enlisting and screening daily wagers, auto drivers, food suppliers and domestic helps, people in high-risk groups, to looking at house to house surveys in buffer zones, containment zones, Delhi is looking closely at revised COVID Response Plan with suggestions from National Centre for Disease Control, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and NITI Aayog.

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Coronavirus Cases

India	Confirmed 771,833	Recovered 477,685	Deaths 21,174
Global	Confirmed 11,999,987	Recovered 7,095,726	Deaths 552,791

*Figures as on 9 July, 2020

Highlights

A 500-bed COVID care centre was inaugurated at the Commonwealth Games village in Delhi, set up by Doctors For You, a not-for-profit organisation, and supported by the Delhi government. The facility is attached to the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital.

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Tough lockdown restrictions returned to Australia's second biggest city, Melbourne, which is grappling with a spike in cases once again. Residents have been asked to stay at home for another six weeks under the new guidelines.

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Following complaints of overcharging, three companies making generic version of COVID-19 drug Remdesivir have been asked to give details of production, sales and stocks, by the Health Ministry.

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World Bank Flags Alarming Signs in India's Healthcare System

India has made significant progress in healthcare industry by bringing global innovations to its shores and encouraging domestic players to cater to the country's unmet needs. However, we cannot deny that COVID-19 has exposed many wrinkles that the World Bank recognised as "fault lines" in India's health system. With our finance commission consulting the World Bank ahead of deciding the allocation of funds for the health sector, maybe it's time to start by rethinking the healthcare spend which remains abysmally low even today.

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On the Global Front



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China Uses 'Precise Control' to Tackle the Second Wave of COVID-19

Beating back the virus with a new strategy in place, Beijing sealed off limited residences, locking down residential areas one neighbourhood at a time through a strategy called "precise control". How it helped? They focused on mass testing and were able to screen more than more than half of Beijing's population.

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Highlights

The Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM hospital will be using the most advanced next-gen sequencing study of SARS-CoV-2 virus to understand the molecular structure of the virus, and to understand the transmission ability and evolution of the virus. This will be done in collaboration with the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology.

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Digital Conversations- Social Media

#AndhraPradesh- State Govt fixes prices for all categories(ICU/Ventilator etc) of #COVID19 treatment in private hospitals- all rates/day have to be displayed at reception. **Web Portal for Collectors to monitor bed allocation. **Arogyasri already covered #COVID19 treatment anyway

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I get that Gilead needs to be called out for not following through... but the real question for me is wtf did the Indian govt hand Gilead a sweetheart deal w/o insisting that the co. provide us a few doses.. till our generics are ready for the market?

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