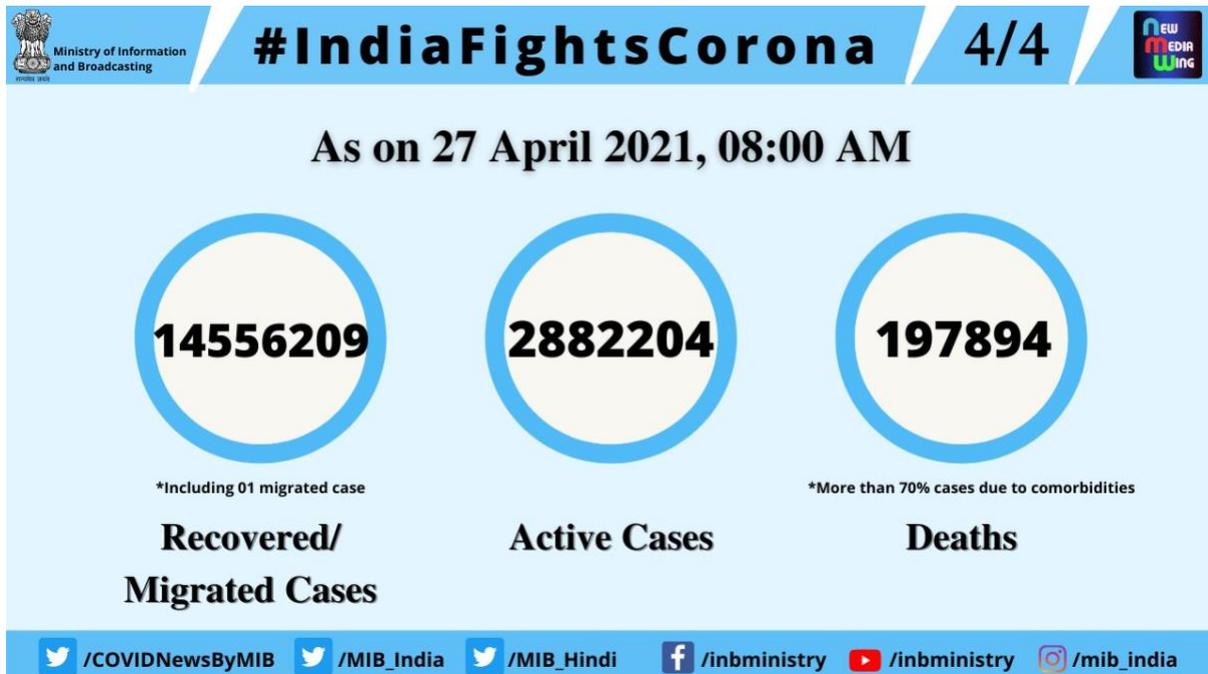


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RESPONSE to COVID 19, 2.0

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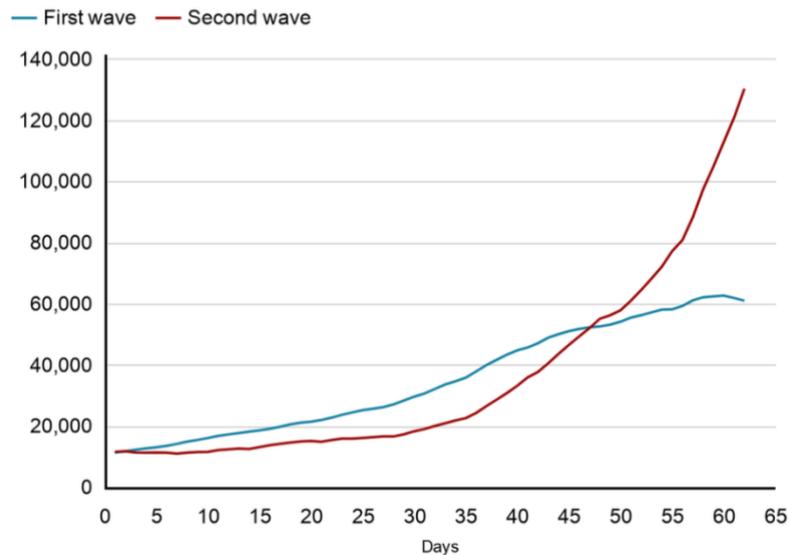
Coronavirus (Covid-19) Cases and Death Toll in India April 27 Highlights: With 3,23,144 people testing positive for the coronavirus in a day, India's infection tally has climbed to 1,76,36,307, while the national recovery rate further dropped to 82.54 per cent, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday. The death toll mounted to 1,97,894 with 2,771 new fatalities, the data updated at 8 am showed. There has been a slight dip in the daily cases as compared to the number of new infections reported in the past few days. The active case count has increased to 28,82,204 comprising 16.34 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has further dropped to 82.54 per cent, from 82.62 per cent reported on Monday.



India was adding about 90,000 cases daily. Just two weeks ago, in early April, the single-day spike was around 144,000. Now, the daily caseload has more than doubled to well more than 300,000. With the death of over 3,200 COVID-19 patients in a day, the toll due to the novel coronavirus in the country increased to 2,01,187. This takes the national fatality rate to 1.11 percent. NITI Aayog predicted that after Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh will emerge as the next COVID-19 hotspot in the country. The state may report over 1.9 lakh daily cases by the end of April. Maharashtra and Gujarat in the west, Haryana in the north, and Madhya Pradesh in central India are all facing an oxygen shortage. In the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, some hospitals have put "oxygen out of stock" boards outside, and in the state capital Lucknow hospitals have asked patients to move elsewhere.

Cases have risen faster in the second wave

Rolling seven-day-averages



First wave: June-Sep 2020, second wave: Feb-April 2021

Five states, namely, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are contributing almost 55% of total cases. In the past week 1,631,636 cases reported in country with Maharashtra reporting highest number of cases (439,266) followed by Uttar Pradesh (174,212) and Delhi (140,458). The scenario of the COVID 19 affected people in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana has been increasing day by day. In Karnataka (total cases 13,39,201 active cases 2,62,181, death 14,426), in Tamil Nadu (total cases 10,81,988 active cases 1,05,180, death 13,557), in Andhra Pradesh (total cases 10,33,560 active cases 89,732 death 7,685), in Telangana (total cases 4,01,783 active cases 55,597, death 2,042).

The fear of taking vaccination is still exists, especially in rural areas it seems more. The vaccines are insufficient in India, so people suffer to get the vaccination at a time. India has so far administered more than 127 million doses of a corona virus vaccine. More than 109 million people have received one dose, and over 17 million people have been fully vaccinated after receiving two doses.

CASA's Response



CASA has initiated response through its Emergency Fund in its regular operational Areas in a limited way which is focused on awareness and provision of Hygiene kits such as Mask, Sanitizer, Washing Soap, Bathing Soap, Gloves, etc. There is an impending need to focus on prevention measures to ensure that the communities which are at risk of COVID 19 get well educated and get into appropriate behaviour which will help in reducing the risk. As the situation is so precarious that staff from CASA would not be able to move freely and follow protocols there is a need to enhance the existing capacities of the Community to enable an effective community owned mechanism of awareness which should also internalize the community responsibility of appropriate behaviour of the communities. The interventions include information dissemination about Covid appropriate behavior, Vaccination benefits, risk mitigation, livelihoods, strengthening the working of government programs, providing in-depth information on the economic, nutritional, physical and mental health situation



CASA has initiated response in the following places

State/ prog area	State	Districts	Block	Panchayats/Villages	Families Covered for Hygiene Kit Support
Core	Maharashtra	1.Jalkot, 2. Salekasa , 3. Khapar 4. Umarpada, 5. Ahmednagar, 6.Aurangabad , 7. Taloda, 8. Gondia , 9. Nanded and 10. Dediapada (10).	3	150	600
Network	Maharashtra	1. Devoni , 2. Udgir, 3. Latur, 4. Akola (4)	2	30	
Zonal level	Maharashtra	Mumbai Slums	4	Mumbai Slums	600

Bihar	Bihar	Madhubani	2		800
Jharkhand, Gumla	Jharkhand	Gumla	1		500
Allipurwar, WB	West Bengal	Allipurdaur	1		350
Core	Karnatka, Andra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamilnadu	Cheranmahadevi, Thungathurthi, Balki, Nagaram	4		100
MP Core			4	4	10
MP Partner	MP	Hoshangabad, Astha and Khandwa	3		15
Chattisgarh Core	Chhattisgarh		3	3	24
Uttarakhand/HP	Uttrakhand / HP	Dehradun, Bageshwar, Shimla, Sirmaur	4		15
Assam	Assam		2	4	8
Meghalaya	Meghalaya		2	4	8
Manipur	Manipur		2	4	8
Nagaland	Nagaland		2	4	8
Mizoram	Mizoram		2	4	8
	Total		51	284	3758



Webinar on Decoding COVID 19, 2.0

A webinar was organised for the staff on Monday 12th April, 2.30 pm to enable the staff a clear understanding on the Second Wave of COVID 19, its impacts and implications. The purpose of this webinar was to bring in a clear understanding on Safeguarding Self, Staff and Communities. Eminent Doctors from Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab handled the sessions. Around 100 staff participated in it.

The following were the sessions

- Introduction of the meeting and CMCL Covid APP: Dr Jeyaraj Pandian
- Community Behaviour and Covid Second wave: Dr Clarence Samuel
- What is different in the Covid Second wave: Dr Atul Phillips
- Mental Health issues in Covid patients: Dr Pallavi Abhilasha
- Care of Covid patient at home: Dr Divya Varghese

Lot of clarifications were done by the staff during the Q & A time. This webinar adds significant importance in Risk Communication as in today's context people are exposed to various information, ultimately leading to lack of clarity. One of the significant aspects of the webinar was the access to the CMCL App which provides clear information on COVID 19, where the Faculty of CMC, Ludhiana have written articles on COVID 19. The Community managed COVID response also another interesting aspect. Dr.Sushant Agrawal – Director CASA gave the opening remarks, Head of Programmes Dr.Jayant Kumar gave the closing remarks and Joseph P Sahayam, Additional Emergency Officer HQ introduced the Webinar and its purpose, and proposed the vote of thanks.

Internal Discussion on COVID 19 Response

Following the Webinar an Internal discussion with CASA staff was held around 100 staff participated on the same day 26th April @ 4.30 pm. Around 100 staff participated in it. Various issues and concerns on the present situation was presented and discussed. Staff came out with a need to respond and ensure prevention is prioritised along with some immediate support. There is need to work on Short term approach and long term approach using our federations and community organisation to build in a sustainable community owned COVID Management System. This also led to understanding of developing a strategy for CASA response on COVID 19 which would look into the aspects of response in regular programme as well as emergency response