

COVID-19: Over 58% of Total Cases in India were Reported in Kerala, Last Week



Stating that Kerala accounts for 58.4 per cent new COVID cases reported last week, [Health Ministry](#) on Thursday said the southern state now has over 1 lakh active cases. Addressing the media, it also said at present 41 districts in India are reporting weekly positivity rate of more than 10 per cent.

Warning against letting the guard down against the disease, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said, “We are still in midst of [COVID-19](#) second wave; September and October crucial in pandemic management because of several festivals.” Explaining the importance of masks, Bhushan added: “COVID-19 vaccines are disease modifying and not disease preventing, so it is very important to use mask even after vaccination.”

Taking a dig at the Government’s asset monetisation pipeline plan, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urged people to protect themselves against the [coronavirus pandemic](#) amidst a recent surge, as the government is “busy in sales”, PTI reported. “Rising COVID numbers are worrying. Vaccination must pick up pace to avoid serious outcomes in the next wave,” he said on Twitter.

India reported 46,164 new coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours ending on Thursday at 8 AM, taking the overall caseload to 3.25 crore (3,25,58,530). Meanwhile, the death toll increased to 4.36 lakh (4,36,365), with 607 fresh fatalities. Active cases have declined to 3.33 lakh (3,33,725).

In what may be a post-Onam surge, Kerala on Wednesday reported 31,445 fresh COVID-19, with the test positivity rate (TPR) touching 19 per cent now. This is the first time that the state has reported more than 30,000 fresh cases since May 20 this year.

On Wednesday, seven of the 14 districts - Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Palakkad, Kollam, and Kottayam - reported upwards of 2000 cases each. While Ernakulam reported the highest number of fresh infections (more than 4000 cases), Thrissur, Kozhikode, and Malappuram reported more than 3,000 cases each.

Meanwhile in the United States, children are being hospitalized in record numbers across the country, with doctors are warning that it could significantly get worse as schools begin to reopen. An average of 303 children per day are being admitted to hospitals, the highest levels since the U.S. started tracking [paediatric cases](#) about a year ago, the CDC said.

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