



DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

LEADING HEALTH, POPULATION AND FAMILY WELFARE STORIES OF THE DAY
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Vax crunch

Vax crunch to hit schools' reopening (The Tribune: 20210722)

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/coronavirus/vax-crunch-to-hit-schools-reopening-286406>

Though the government has announced reopening of schools for Classes 10-12 from July 26, vaccine is in short supply to meet the pre-condition it has set to rejoin schools.

According to the circular, only fully vaccinated teachers and staff members can be physically present at the schools. However, hundreds of students are still waiting for the first dose.

Earlier, the government had allowed colleges, coaching centres and all other institutions of higher learning to open with similar compliance. It had announced plans to organise special camps for students in educational institutions but failed to act.

Hundreds of teachers and other staff members who were scheduled to get the second jab have been waiting for the vaccine, but the health department could arrange only 1,200 doses of Covaxin and Covishield today. The authorities concerned said only 800 doses were received last week. The department had announced to organise eight camps today but most were cancelled due to vaccine shortage.

Covid, health infrastructure

Centre: Approved Rs 40,000 crore for Covid, health infrastructure (The Tribune: 20210722)

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/coronavirus/centre-approved-rs-40-000-crore-for-covid-health-infrastructure-285976>

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Responding to a written question by BJP members Dilip Saikia and Ramesh Chander Kaushik in the House, MoS for Home Nityanand Rai said as informed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Centre had been providing required technical and financial assistance to all states and UTs for strengthening their healthcare system.

This, the minister said, included management of the Covid-19 public health challenge, from time to time, and the financial assistance to states and UTs is provided under the National Health Mission (NHM). During 2019-20, funds to the tune of Rs 1,113.21 crore were released to states and UTs towards management of Covid-19, over and above their normal resource envelope under the NHM, he added.

Further, the Centre has approved the “India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package” and Rs 15,000 crore was provided under it in April 2020 with an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by Covid-19.

‘No discrimination in vax allocation’

New Delhi: Brushing aside allegation of discrimination in allocation of vaccines, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday said the ministry supplied vaccines as per a state’s population. During a discussion in the Rajya Sabha, Mandaviya said states were given vaccine availability projections 15 days in advance. tns

Oral hygiene

Oral hygiene must to prevent black fungus, say experts (The Tribune: 20210722)

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/coronavirus/oral-hygiene-must-to-prevent-black-fungus-say-experts-286100>

Oral hygiene must to prevent black fungus, say experts

The Asian Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (ASOMP) organised a webinar titled 'COVID-19 and Oral & Systemic Mycoses' for creating awareness regarding different types of fungal infections spread by the virus.

Eminent scholar and clinical expert Prof Lakhsman Samaranayake, the foremost authority on oral fungal infections, was a keynote speaker. Dr Simarpreet Sandhu, general secretary of ASOMP, along with Dr Ranganath K, chief, ASOMP, moderated the session.

Over 300 doctors across different countries, including Argentina, Indonesia, the UK and others attended the webinar. The lecture highlighted on the possibility of outbreaks of severe fungal infections in the healthcare facilities managing patients. The doctors opined that symptoms of mucormycosis or black fungus can range from bad breath to loose teeth. It's necessary that doctors advise patients, who have recovered from Covid-19, to go for regular oral check-ups.

Dr Samaranayake said more has to be done for those patients who have diabetes. He stressed on the importance of personal and oral hygiene for prevention of mucormycosis or black fungus infection. — TNS

Antibodies in 67% population

Antibodies in 67% population, 40 cr still vulnerable, says ICMR (The Tribune: 20210722)

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/coronavirus/antibodies-in-67-population-40-cr-still-vulnerable-says-icmr-285987>

50% kids exposed to virus; sero positivity high in those jabbed

Antibodies in 67% population, 40 cr still vulnerable, says ICMR

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Two-thirds of the country's population above the age of 6 have contracted the Covid-19 infection, but around 40 crore people are still vulnerable, reveals the ICMR's latest national sero survey. It shows 67.6 per cent people above 6 years of age have developed antibodies to the virus, indicating past infection.

Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR

Open primary schools first

Children can handle viral infections better. Our advice will be to open primary schools first and then secondary sections.

Over half of the children surveyed were sero-positive and showed infection, with the ICMR advising the state governments to open primary schools first provided all school staffers have been fully vaccinated.

“Children can handle viral infections better. Younger children have lesser ACE receptors in the lungs, which the virus uses to bind to the cells. The survey tells us that the level of exposure of children is almost the same as adults. Moreover, the Scandinavian nations didn't close primary schools through any Covid wave. Our advice would be to open primary schools first and then the secondary sections, but all school staffers must be fully vaccinated,” said Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR.

The survey shows that a higher proportion of vaccinated people have antibodies. “The sero positivity was 62.3 per cent among the unvaccinated, 81 per cent in those with one vaccine dose and 89.8 per cent in people with both doses,” he said. The survey covered 28,975 people across 70 districts in 21 states.

Delta took over Alpha

Delta took over Alpha in April, shows genome sequencing in Punjab (The Tribune: 20210722)

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/coronavirus/delta-took-over-alpha-in-april-shows-genome-sequencing-in-punjab-286407>

Delta took over Alpha in April, shows genome sequencing in Punjab

Health officials collect a swab sample of a suspected patient in Nawanshahr. file

The original virus has been practically replaced by new variants in Punjab, genome sequencing over the past few months have shown.

A month-wise whole genome sequencing has shown that more than 90 per cent is a variant of concern. The further investigation revealed that the Delta variant remained predominant even in the month of June this year.

Even during the Covid review meeting chaired by Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, the new variants were a matter of concern. However, after two cases reported in the month of June, no new cases of the Delta-Plus variant have been reported so far.

As per the genome sequencing data compiled by the state, the Alpha variant dominated the scene till March this year and there was no case of Delta variant till February.

In February, 70 per cent cases of Alpha variant were found, which increased to 95 per cent in March. However, the variant started weakening after March and came down to 40 per cent in April and reduced to just 3.9 per cent in May.

When Alpha was fading away, Delta variant was emerging on the scene. The first case of Delta was detected in the month of March. In March, it made just 0.5 per cent of the variants. And after that, it started dominating the scenario. In April, Delta variant was found in 47 per cent cases taken for genome sequencing against 40 per cent Alpha variant. In May, the number increased to 88 per cent and last month it climbed to 90 per cent.

H5 N! Virus (The Asian Age: 20210722)

<http://onlinepaper.asianage.com/article/detailpage.aspx?id=15724487>

Human-to-human transmission of H5N1 virus very rare: AIIMS

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As the country reported the first confirmed case of human death due to Avian influenza, AIIMS chief Dr Randeep Guleria on Wednesday said that human-to-human transmission of the H5N1 virus is very rare and there is no need to panic.

However, there is a need to do contact tracing and also take samples and look for any poultry deaths in the area from where the child who died due to the virus was residing, the AIIMS director said.

A 12-year-old boy from Haryana, who was infected with the H5N1 virus, recently died at AIIMS Delhi. The National Institute of Virology, Pune had confirmed the infection, Dr Guleria said.

"The transmission of the virus from birds to humans

is rare and sustained human-to-human transmission of the H5N1 virus has not yet been established and therefore there is no need to panic. But then people working closely with poultry must take precautionary measures and maintain proper personal hygiene," Dr Guleria said.

Dr Neeraj Nischal, an associate professor in the Department of Medicine at AIIMS, said Avian influenza or bird flu is predominately a zoonosis, and there is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission so far. "Although few isolated family clusters have been reported, transmission in these clusters may have occurred through common exposure and in rare situation a very close physical contact; there is no evidence of human-to-human transmission via small-particle aerosols," he said.

"Serologic surveys have

not found evidence of asymptomatic infections among contacts of active cases and nosocomial transmission to healthcare workers has not been documented," Dr Nischal said.

"There is no need to worry if one is eating properly cooked poultry products. There is no evidence so far that it can be spread to people through properly cooked food. The virus gets destroyed when the food is cooked at high temperature. One should avoid contact with infected poultry, especially ill or dying chickens," he said.

Dr Guleria said in the past when H5N1 avian flu influenza cases were reported from poultry, culling of poultry in those areas has been done to prevent the spread of infection and tackle it early. The H5N1 is usually transmitted to poultry through migratory birds, he said.

Vaccine (The Asian Age: 20210722)

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With crores vulnerable, vaccines key to safety

The results of the fourth national sero-survey of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19 has very little to offer Indians by the way of a sense of confidence, leave alone complacency. For the optimist, it says 67.33 per cent of the population — two persons in every three — aged above six years have antibodies in them against the virus, but the hard fact is that the rest, about 40 crore people, are vulnerable to the pandemic.

The survey, held among 28,975 people in 70 districts in 20 states in June and July this year, indicates that the spread of the virus has been quite fast in the country in the second wave. While only 0.7 per cent of the population tested positive for the antibody in the first survey conducted in May-June last year, the figure became 7.1 per cent in August-September. However, from 24.1 per cent during the third survey in December-January (2020-2021), it has now leapfrogged into 67 per cent, a three-time growth.

The key takeaway of the survey, as per the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) that conducted it, is that the spread has been wider in the areas that had the least coverage of the vaccination programme. That the vaccine is the best tool against the spread of the pandemic has been widely accepted and reports from the world over stand testimony to it. The US, which has inoculated almost half of its population, has been witnessing the fourth wave of the pandemic now — the average daily caseload this week is double that was reported two weeks ago. Reports say the

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pandemic wreaks havoc in the areas which have been least covered by vaccination. Besides, 85 per cent of the new cases have been caused by the delta variant of the virus.

These experiences leave the Indian government and the people with little option but to be extremely alert. The Union government, in association with the states, has to reignite the vaccination programme to cover the entire population before December 31 this year, the deadline it has set itself. This is because only 6.3 per cent of the total population has been vaccinated fully and 24 per cent administered one dose as of now. Worse, the vaccination programme has shown signs of a fatigue of late despite an occasional spike — the daily average vaccination has now fallen to about 34 lakh doses against the required 87 lakhs. Shortage of the doses, reported from several states, has not been addressed yet. The government has been promising that the production and availability of the vaccines will pick up in a couple of months but we do not have tangible data yet to justify the same.

Covid-appropriate behaviour is as key a tool against the virus as the vaccine. However, it is observed more in its breach than adherence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself has cautioned against crowding in marketplaces and tourist destinations. The government will have to reinvigorate an awareness campaign on this count, too, for, 40 crore is not a small number when it comes to population.

Health tips

Health tips: Dietitian shares 5 things that don't help the immune system (The Indian Express: 20210722)

<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/health/dietitian-immune-system-immunity-bad-habits-vitamind-sleep-exercise-7409075/>

According to dietitian Mansi Padechia, there are some "toxic habits" that impact our immune system -- know about them here

immunity, what to do for immunity, common mistakes in immunity, lack of exercise hampers immunity, indianexpress.com, how to build immunity, what hampers immunity, Here's why you should get rid off toxic habits that impact your immunity. (Source: Getty Images/Thinkstock)

Amid pandemic, people have tried various ways to build immunity — whether it is eating clean, maintaining a strict workout routine or trying various homemade kadha concoctions. But did you know that some common habits can, in fact, take away from all the hard work put it? Dietitian Mansi Padechia recently shared a post on Instagram talking about the important things one should keep in mind to not let the body's immunity drop.

“Our body shows signs of a strong immune system pretty often. One example is when you get a mosquito bite. The red, bumpy itch is a sign of your immune system at work. The flu or a cold is a typical example of your body failing to stop the germs/bacteria before they get in,” she mentioned.

Describing how one can know whether the immune system is working or not, she said, “When you recover from the cold or flu, it's proof that your immune system was able to eliminate the invader after learning about it and reacting to its defense. If your immune system did nothing, you would never get over the cold, or anything else for that matter. When you are sick, your body isn't able to perform at its full potential.”

COVID-19 tragedy

Dealing with denial: On playing down the COVID-19 tragedy (The Indian Express: 20210722)

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/dealing-with-denial-the-hindu-editorial-on-playing-down-the-covid-19-tragedy/article35454701.ece>

India must not play down the COVID-19 tragedy, as that would hurt public confidence

A touchy topic for the Centre and States has been the counting of the dead

COVID-19 in type-2 diabetics

Study sheds light on intensity of COVID-19 in type-2 diabetics (The Hindu: 20210722)

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/study-sheds-light-on-intensity-of-covid-19-in-type-2-diabetics/article35456436.ece>

High three-month average sugar levels cited as a clear predictor of severity

A retrospective observational study done in persons with the COVID-19 infection has drawn a clear association between high three-month average

Drug regulatory system

Serum Institute writes to Union Health Minister proposing reforms in drug regulatory system (The Hindu: 20210722)

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/serum-institute-writes-to-union-health-minister-proposing-reforms-in-drug-regulatory-system/article35446471.ece>

Prakash Kumar Singh, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs at Pune-based SII, in a letter, referred to a gazette notification by the Union Health Ministry on May 18, 2020

World's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, Serum Institute of India (SII) has written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya suggesting reforms in the existing drug regulatory system, including allowing manufacturing and stockpiling of non-Covid vaccines while undergoing clinical trial.

COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccination safe for pregnant women (The Hindu: 20210722)

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/covid-19-vaccination-safe-for-pregnant-women/article35383716.ece>

In India, based on all that we know, all vaccines currently available are safe and should be used in pregnant women

During pregnancy, the body undergoes many changes, particularly, those driven by hormonal levels and in immune system function that are intended to stop

Waiving testing

Waiving testing for the fully vaccinated is ill-considered, says epidemiologist Giridhara Babu(The Hindu: 20210722)

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/waiving-testing-for-the-fully-vaccinated-is-ill-considered-says-epidemiologist-giridhara-babu/article35383800.ece>

Vaccinated people can potentially get infected once more and spread the virus to others

On July 14, Maharashtra announced that people who have received both doses of a Covid-19 vaccine can travel to the State by air without a negative RT-PCR

Vaccination (Hindustan: 20210722)

https://epaper.livehindustan.com/imageview_936982_80407394_4_1_22-07-2021_0_i_1_sf.html

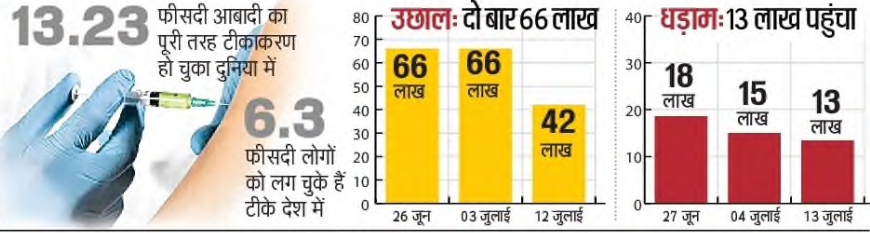
महीनेभर में एक तिहाई रह गया टीकाकरण

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देश में एक महीने में कोरोना का टीकाकरण घट कर करीब एक तिहाई रह गया है। केंद्र सरकार ने 21 जून को मुफ्त टीकाकरण महाभियान की शुरुआत की थी और एक दिन में 91.74 लाख टीके लगे थे। 20 जुलाई को यह आंकड़ा घटकर 34.18 लाख पर आ गया।

एक माह के दौरान हालांकि कई बार उछाल भी दर्ज हुआ तो कई बार



लक्ष्य: दिसंबर तक सभी वयस्कों को वैक्सीन
जून अंत में विशेषज्ञों का आकलन था कि रोज 86.3 लाख टीके लगाने से दिसंबर तक सभी वयस्कों का टीकाकरण का लक्ष्य हासिल होगा। अब लक्ष्य 89 लाख प्रतिदिन हो गया है।

पक्ष : राज्यों के पास पर्याप्त खुराक

- महाराष्ट्र, पंजाब, केरल आदि टीके की कमी बता रहे
- केंद्र ने कहा, राज्यों को जरूरी आपूर्ति कर दी गई है
- 43.25 करोड़ डोज भेजे, 53.38 लाख जल्द मिलेंगे

गिरावट हुई। केंद्र ने मई में दावा किया था कि दिसंबर तक सभी वयस्कों को टीका लगा देंगे। देश में 18 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र के 94 करोड़ लोग हैं,

जिनके लिए 188 करोड़ डोज की जरूरत होगी। केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के मुताबिक देश में कोविड-19 टीके की कुल 41.76 करोड़ से

अधिक खुराक दी जा चुकी है। शाम सात बजे की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, बुधवार को टीके की 20.83 लाख से अधिक खुराक दी गई है।

Vaccines dose (Hindustan: 20210722)

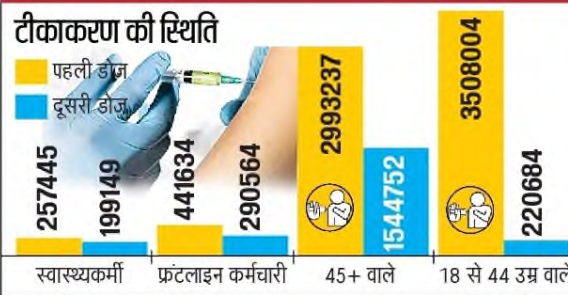
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45+ वालों में 51% ने वैक्सीन की दोनों डोज ली



नई दिल्ली | कार्यालय संवाददाता

दिल्ली में कोरोना से बचाव के लिए वैक्सीन लगाने की प्रक्रिया जारी है। अब तक 94 लाख से अधिक वैक्सीन की डोज लग चुकी है। इसमें 45 से अधिक उम्र वालों में 51 फीसदी लोगों को वैक्सीन की दोनों डोज लग गई है। दिल्ली कोविड वैक्सीनेशन बुलेटिन के अनुसार 20 जुलाई तक 45 से ज्यादा उम्र वाले लोगों को 4537989 वैक्सीन की डोज लगाई जा चुकी है। इसमें पहली



डोज लगवाने वाले लोगों की संख्या 2993237 और दूसरी डोज लगवाने वाले वैक्सीनेशन की प्रक्रिया को पूरी करने वाले 1544752 लोग हैं। यानी 51.60 फीसदी ने वैक्सीन की दोनों खुराक ले ली है। बता दें कि दिल्ली में एक मार्च से 60 साल से अधिक और

45 साल से ज्यादा उम्र के गंभीर बीमारी से ग्रस्त लोगों का टीकाकरण शुरू हुआ था। एक अप्रैल से 45 आयु वाले सभी का टीकाकरण शुरू कर दिया गया। राजधानी दिल्ली में अभी तक 9455469 वैक्सीन की कुल डोज लग चुकी है।

गर्भवती महिलाओं को बाल आयोग जागरूक करेगा

दिल्ली बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग (डीसीपीसीआर) ने गर्भवती महिलाओं और स्तनपान कराने वाली माताओं से टीकाकरण कराने की अपील की है। आयोग इसके लिए महिलाओं को जागरूक भी करेगा ताकि ज्यादा से ज्यादा महिलाओं का टीकाकरण कराया जा सके। महिलाओं को घर में भी जागरूक किया जाएगा। डीसीपीसीआर जिला प्रशासन की मदद से महिलाओं के लिए स्पेशल टीकाकरण केंद्र भी बनाने में जुटा है। हाल ही में डीसीपीसीआर की सिफारिश पर सुल्तानपुरी इलाके में ऐसा ही टीकाकरण केंद्र बनाया गया है।

दिल्ली सरकार के महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग द्वारा उपलब्ध कराए आंकड़ों ने दर्शाया वैश्विक महामारी का भीषण कहर दिल्ली में कोरोना ने 5640 बच्चों को किया अनाथ

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नई दिल्ली | हेमलता कौशिक

कोविड-19 ने राजधानी पर किस कदर कहर बरपाया है इसका अंदाजा दिल्ली सरकार के महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग द्वारा उपलब्ध कराए गए ताजा आंकड़ों से लगाया जा सकता है। विभाग के मुताबिक कोविड-19 के दौरान दिल्ली में 5640 बच्चे अनाथ हुए हैं। उन्होंने अपने माता व पिता दोनों को खो दिया है। जबकि, 273 बच्चे ऐसे हैं जिनके सिर से मां अथवा पिता किसी एक परिजन का साया उठ गया है।

सूचना के अधिकार के तहत मांगी गई जानकारी में महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग की तरफ से जवाब दिया गया है। उन्होंने यह आंकड़ा दिल्ली के सभी जिलों में कार्यरत बाल संरक्षण अधिकारी, बाल कल्याण समिति एवं एकीकृत बाल विकास योजना (आईसीडीएस) के तहत आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं के साथ-साथ अन्य माध्यमों से जुटाया है। दिल्ली में अनाथ हुए अथवा माता या पिता में से किसी एक परिजन को खोने वाले बच्चों की यह जानकारी 14 जुलाई तक की है। हालांकि, इन बच्चों के पुनर्वास को लेकर मांगी गई सूचना पर विभाग का कहना था कि यह जानकारी उनके अंतर्गत नहीं आती है इसलिए बाकी सवालों के जवाब के लिए एस आरटीआई को

खुलासा

1.2 लाख भारतीय बच्चों ने माता-पिता को खोया

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कोरोना वायरस महामारी के पहले 14 महीनों के दौरान भारत के 1,19,000 बच्चों ने अपने माता-पिता को खो दिया जो उनकी देखभाल करते थे। जबकि भारत समेत 21 देशों में 15 लाख से ज्यादा बच्चे अनाथ हुए।

नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑन ड्रग एब्यूज (एनआईडीए) और नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑन हेल्थ (एनआईएच) के अध्ययन में यह खुलासा हुआ है। इसमें कहा गया है कि भारत में 25,500 बच्चों ने कोरोना से अपनी मां को खो दिया। 90,751 बच्चों ने अपने

पिता को और 12 बच्चों ने माता-पिता दोनों को खो दिया। इस अध्ययन के आकलन के अनुसार, दुनियाभर में 11,34,000 बच्चों ने अपने माता-पिता या संरक्षक दादा-दादी/नाना-नानी को कोविड-19 के कारण खो दिया। इनमें से 10,42,000 बच्चों ने अपनी मां, पिता या दोनों को खो दिया। ज्यादातर बच्चों ने माता-पिता में से किसी एक को गंवाया है। कुल 15,62,000 बच्चों ने माता-पिता में से कम से कम एक या दो देखभाल करने वाले लोगों में से किसी एक को या अपने साथ रह रहे दादा-दादी/नाना-नानी (या अन्य बुजुर्ग रिश्तेदार) को खो दिया।

15 लाख से ज्यादा बच्चों ने अभिभावक खोए दुनियाभर में



शीर्ष छह देश जहां सर्वाधिक बच्चों ने पालनहार खोए

- दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- भारत
- पेरू
- ब्राजील
- अमेरिका
- मैक्सिको

देखभाल करने वाले प्राथमिक लोगों में कोविड के कारण मौत की दर

मर्यादाक तनाव से गुजरने का खतरा

एनआईडीए की निदेशक नोरा डी वोलकोव ने कहा कि माता-पिता या देखभाल करने वाले व्यक्ति को खोने के बाद कोई भी बच्चा भयानक तनाव से गुजरता है। इसके सत्यों के आधार पर समग्र रूप से कुछ कदम उठाए जा सकते हैं। जो आगे परिस्थितियों को और बिगड़ने से रोक सकते हैं जैसे कि मादक पदार्थ का इस्तेमाल करना और हमें यह सुनिश्चित करना चाहिए कि बच्चे इन सब चीजों से दूर रहे।

महिलाओं के मुकाबले पुरुषों की मौत अधिक

रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, 2,898 भारतीय बच्चों ने अपने संरक्षक दादा-दादी/नाना-नानी को खो दिया। नौ बच्चों ने इनमें से दोनों को खो दिया। मौत में लिंग और उम्र का पता लगाने पर हमने पाया कि दक्षिण अफ्रीका को छोड़कर बाकी देशों में महिलाओं के मुकाबले पुरुषों की मौत अधिक हुई खासतौर से अर्जेंटीना, बुजुर्ग माता-पिता की।

वाले देशों में पेरू, दक्षिण अफ्रीका, मैक्सिको, ब्राजील, कोलंबिया,

ईरान, अमेरिका, अर्जेंटीना और रूस शामिल हैं।

संबंधित विभाग को भेज दिया गया है।
पुनर्वास को लेकर नहीं मिला जवाब
: दिल्ली सरकार के मुख्य सचिव के कार्यालय में अधिवक्ता मोहित कुमार गुप्ता को और से आरटीआई दाखिल कर पूछा गया था कि कोविड-19 के दौरान अनाथ हुए बच्चों के पुनर्वास, उनके रहने एवं खाने की क्या व्यवस्था की गई है। अनुसूचित जाति / अनुसूचित जनजाति / पिछड़ा वर्ग / अल्पसंख्यक / अनाथ एवं स्ट्रीट चाइल्ड के लिए

दिल्ली सरकार द्वारा चलाए जा रहे कलिंगा इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ सोशल साइंस में कितने बच्चों को दाखिला दिया गया। यह एक आवासीय स्कूल है। इस पर महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग की तरफ से कहा गया कि इस संदर्भ में उनके पास कोई जानकारी नहीं है। इस संबंध में पूछे गए सवाल के जवाब के लिए आरटीआई को अनुसूचित जाति / अनुसूचित जनजाति / पिछड़ा वर्ग / अल्पसंख्यक कल्याण विभाग व शिक्षा

निदेशालय के सूचना विभाग के अधिकारी को भेज दिया गया है।
20 दिन पहले ऐसे बच्चों का विभाग के पास नहीं था आंकड़ा : कोविड-19 की वजह से अनाथ व माता या पिता में से एक परिजन को खोने की सूचना के अधिकार के तहत मांगी गई जानकारी पर 30 जून को दिल्ली सरकार के महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग की तरफ से बताया गया था कि अभी उनके पास उपयुक्त आंकड़ा नहीं है। ऐसे बच्चों

तक पहुंचने के लिए विभिन्न सरकारी विभाग जिनमें चाइल्ड केयर इंस्टीट्यूट्स, चाइल्ड वेलफेयर कमिटी, जुवेनाइल जस्टिस बोर्ड, स्टेट चाइल्ड प्रोटेक्शन सोसायटी, डिस्ट्रिक्ट टास्क फोर्स एवं डिस्ट्रिक्ट चाइल्ड प्रोटेक्शन ऑफिसर लगातार काम में जुटे हैं। जल्द ही इन बच्चों तक पहुंच इसकी विस्तृत जानकारी उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी।
केंद्र सरकार ने पत्र लिखा : बता दें कि हाल ही में केंद्र सरकार ने उच्च

न्यायालय को बताया था कि वह कोरोना के कारण प्रभावित हुए बच्चों के हितों की रक्षा के लिए सभी कदम उठा रही है। महामारी में अनाथ हुए बच्चों के तत्काल पुनर्वास के लिए राज्य एवं केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों को पत्र लिखा गया है। राज्य सरकारों से प्रत्येक जिले में उन बच्चों की सहायता के लिए एक चाइल्ड केयर संस्थान नामित करने का अनुरोध किया गया था, जिनके माता-पिता कोविड-19 के कारण प्रभावित हुए हैं।