

Highest in India, Uttar Pradesh's vaccination rate ahead of US, Russia: Ministry of health and family welfare



A girl takes vax shot at a vaccination centre on Saturday

LUCKNOW: With the administration of over two crore vaccine doses in just 20 days, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the fastest state in India to carry out Covid-19 vaccination. What adds to the achievement is that the daily rate of vaccination in UP is more than that of the United States of America and Russia.

The assessment for September month, conducted by the Union ministry of health and family welfare, noted that UP administered an average of 11.73 [lakh Covid-19](#) vaccine doses per day.



This is way more than other states in the top five namely - [Maharashtra](#) (7.6 [lakh jobs](#) per day), Gujarat (4.80 lakh), Madhya Pradesh (3.71 lakh) and Rajasthan (4.5 lakh) as calculated on the basis of data from the Cowin Portal.

The health ministry's comparison also showed that the daily rate of vaccination in UP is more than that of the United States of America where an average of 8.09 lakh doses are being administered daily. It is also ahead of countries like Mexico (5.56 lakh jobs per day), Russia (3.68 lakh), France (2.48 lakh) and Canada (0.85 lakh) were also way behind UP in daily vaccinations.

Secretary to the CM, Alok Kumar-III, said Covid-19 vaccination was the top priority of the [Yogi Adityanath](#) government as it was the best line of defence against the pandemic. "The CM is monitoring the situation twice daily and has urged the people to come forward and get vaccinated at the earliest," he said.

Lauding the achievement, health department officials credited the hard work put in by field staff and cluster approach for improvement. UP administered over 33.42 lakh Covid-19 vaccine doses on September 6, the highest ever vaccination achieved in a single day by any state since the start of Covid-19 vaccination drive.

"The recent assessment undertaken by the [Union health ministry](#), department of health research and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) showed that the vaccine's efficacy in prevention of mortality with one dose was over 96%, while with both the doses it was 97.5%. It also concluded that vaccines help in preventing Covid-19 mortality in all age groups," Kumar said.

Experts, however, are of the view that while comparison with other countries could give motivation, it was not fair to do so as the target before UP is way bigger than all of them. Also, the scales swing against UP when one gets to know that over 64% of the eligible population in the USA has taken at least one dose while 52% are fully vaccinated.

Contrary to this, the CoWin portal (updated till 6 pm on September 11) indicated that 8.67 crore doses have been administered in UP. In terms of population, 7.21 crore people have taken at least one dose whereas 1.45 crore are fully vaccinated. This speaks for an achievement of over 47% and 9.5% when seen against the target of 15.25 crore.

Meanwhile, the sustained decline in the number of daily cases and surge in recoveries took the state's active cases to 184. Just 14 new cases and 19 recoveries were recorded across the state in the last 24 hours.

Active cases are spread in 41 districts only while the new cases were reported from 10 districts. Also, as many as 34 districts of the state have become free from Covid-19.