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713 more deaths as surge continues, for 23rd day

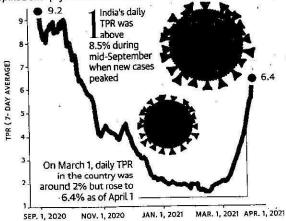
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India recorded the highest single-day rise in coronavirus cases in six months with 89,019 new infections in a span of 24 hours, taking the COVID-19 tally of cases to 1,23,91,129, according to the State Health Departments and Ministries on Friday.

The single-day rise in cases is the highest recorded since September 8, 2020, while the death toll increased to 1,64,141 with 713 new fatalities, the highest since December 3, data updated at 11.45 p.m. showed.

As many as 89,855 new infections were recorded in a span of 24 hours on September 8, while 541 daily deaths were registered on Decem-

No respite India's daily COVID-19 test positivity rate (TPR) (positive cases identified per 100 tests) has spiked sharply in the last month



ber 3. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 1,15,67,060. The case fatality rate stood at 1.33%, the data stated.

India's COVID-19 tally had

crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, 80 lakh on Oc-

Highest single day vaccine coverage

More than 36.7 lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered in the last 24 hours, the highest single day coverage till now, the Union Health Ministry said on Friday. Of the 36,71,242 vaccine doses, 33,65,597 beneficiaries were vaccinated for the first dose and 3,05,645 beneficiaries received the second dose of the vaccine. PAGE 10

tober 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one crore-mark on December 19.

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According to the ICMR, 24,59,12,587 samples have been tested up to April 1, and 11,13,966 samples were tested on Thursday.

The health ministry stressed that more than 70% of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities.

(With inputs from PTI)