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## 23,558 new cases; 116 deaths

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Karnataka on Wednesday reported 23,558 new cases of COVID-19, taking the total to 12,22,202. Of these, 13,640 cases are from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With 116 deaths, the toll rose to 13,762. This is apart from 19 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons.

As many as 6,412 persons were discharged on Wednesday, taking the total recoveries to 10,32,233. Of the remaining 1,76,188 active patients, 904 are being monitored in ICUs. While the positivity rate for the day stood at 15.47%, the Case Fatality Rate touched 0.49%. As many as 1,52,281 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 1,35,382 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total number of tests rose to 2,40,16,635.

The State has vaccinated 79,56,056 people so far. This includes 6,64,469



A health worker administering the vaccine at K.C. General Hospital in Bengaluru on Wednesday. \*K. MURALI KUMAR

healthcare workers and 3,15,866 frontline workers who have taken the first dose of vaccination. As many as 4,04,108 healthcare workers and 1,21,849 frontline workers have taken the second dose as well.

Nearly 65 lakh persons above 45 years including senior citizens have been vaccinated since March 1, when the second phase of vaccination was rolled out. On Wednesday, 1,58,532 beneficiaries took the jab till 8.30 p.m.

### 'Provide results within 24 hours'

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Following directions from the Karnataka HC, the State Health Department has directed all laboratories and agencies to provide RT-PCR test results within 24 hours and update the same on the ICMR portal. A circular in this regard was issued on Wednesday