Cong states raised doubts on vaccine: Harsh Vardhan

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A letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi — called for ramping up vaccine supply and being transparent with states in their distribution, health minister Harsh Vardhan hit back.

Vardhan said the second wave of Covid-19 was fueled by Congress-ruled states as they were busy raising doubts about vaccines rather than vaccinating people. He also said a decision on a point in the letter on allowing import of Vac

about vaccines rather than vaccinating people. He also said a decision on a point in the letter on allowing import of vaccines had already been taken a week ahead, on April II, 2021.

He added, same is the case with Singh's suggestion regarding providing funds and other concessions to augment vaccine manufacturing. This decision had also been taken many days before receipt of your letter and multiple vaccine manufacturing entities have been funded by the government to immediately enhance production, Harsh Vardhan said.

"Anyway, despite such factual inaccuracies, we understand your deep concern for the country and also assure you that we share the same," the minister said.

"Irresponsible public pronouncements made by some Congress leaders have resulted in below-national-average vaccination coverage of senior citizens.

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ruled states," Vardhan said. "Let alone ruled states," Vardhan said. "Let alone thanking our scientists, many Congress members and Congress-ruled state governments have taken extraordinary interest in spreading falsehoods regarding the efficacy of these vaccines. They fuelled vaccine hesitancy, and played with the lives of our countrymen," vardhan said. Vardhan said the former Prime Minister's advice to not get tempted to go by the absolute numbers, but by percentage of nonulation covered is not

centage of population covered, is not incorrect.

Manmohan Singh tests Covid positive

Former PM Manmohan Singh tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to AIIMS with a mild fever on Monday afternoon. Singh, 88, has been admitted to the AIIMS trauma centre in New Delhi, adding his condition is stable. They said

adding his condition is stable. They said Singh had a mild fever in the moming and later tested positive for Covid-19. The doctors are monitoring his condition. Singh had taken both the doses of Covid-19 vaccine. Wishes for the speedy recovery of the Congress veteran poured. PM Narendra Modi tweeted: "Wishing our former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh Ji cond health had a practice recovery."

Prime Minister Dr Manmonan Singn Ji good health and a speedy recovery," Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi tweeted: "Wishing you a speedy recovery. India needs your guidance and advice in this difficult time." Former Union Minister P Chidambaram, CMs Ashok Gehlot,

Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram, CMs Ashok Gellot, Amarinder Singh and Mamata Banerjee, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma, TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu and several other leaders expressed concern.

Indo-Pacific vision premised on Asean centrality: EAM

India told the UN Security Council on Monday that its vision of the Indo-Pacific as a free, open and indusive region is premised upon ASEAN cen-trality and the common pur-suit of prosperity, as it called for coordinated and concerted action across borders to com-bat contemporary security challenges of terrorism, radi-calisation and organised

crime. "We think that enhanced cooperation between the UN and regional and sub-regional organisations will be an important factor in successfully addressing contemporary challenges and conflicts," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said while addressing a UN Security Council open debate.

Jaishankar rejects criticism over export of coronavirus vaccines

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday strongly rejected criticism over India's export of coronavirus vaccines, saying there were global commitments for a variety of reasons, induding for procurement of raw materials for production of the doses. He was addressing the national leadership conclave of All India Management Association.

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Monday blues...

Last week, Maharashtra, one of the biggest contributors to the country's gross domestic product (GDP), imposed strict

product (GDP), imposed strict curbs on movement. "It remains to be seen lifthis second wave of Covid-19 cases subsides without a serious national-level lockdown. A month of nationwide lock-down costs 100-200 basis seiter of CDD Given the birth points of GDP. Given the high conomic cost, we expect the entral and state governments central and state governments to try to contain the spread with the tightening of Covid-19 regulations, night curfew, and localised lockdowns," BofA Securities said in a note. India's earnings and eco-nomic indicators showed signs

of recovery in the last quarter amid a decline in the number amid a decline in the number of cases and easing restrictions. But the current wave has raised fears of possible recession and curbs in business activities. Analysts said the second wave could complicate corporate India's financial woes and hurt the economic recovery.

We were expecting 20-25 we were expecting 20-25
per cent earnings growth this
year, and those estimates will
have to be trimmed. We have
to see how long the lockdown
is. If it's over in another few
weeks, the economic impact
will be minimal," said Andrew
Holland, CEO, Abrachus Holland, CEO, Avendus Capital Alternate Strategies.

All Sensex components, barring two, declined. Powergrid Corporation was the worst-performing Sensex stock and fell 4.1 per cent. ONGC and IndusInd Bank fell 3.9 per cent. More than a dozen stocks fell more than 3 per

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cent. All the sectoral indices on the BSE, barringone, ended the session with losses. Realty and capital goods stocks fell the most, and their sectoral indices fell 3.9 and 3.09 per cent, respectively. The market breadth was negative, with 2.199 stocks declining against 773 advancing stocks.

Vaccine for 18+...

Vaccine manufacturers would vaccine policy for the third stage. They would be free to supply the other half to state governments and in the open market. This 50-50 division of supply would be applicable uniformly across for all vac-cines manufactured in the

cines manufactured in the country, while imported ones could be available fully in the open market, the statement elaborated.

The government has been working hard for over a year to ensure that maximum number of Indians are able to get vaccine in the shortest possible time," Modi was routed as savine in the statequoted as saying in the state-ment. "Vaccine mandactur-ers are incentivized to further

Manufacturers would have to transparently make an advance declaration of the price for 50 per cent supply that would be available to state governments and in the open market before May 1. Private hospitals would have to procure their supplies of Covid-19 vaccine exclusively from open market or through state governments. "Private descriptions of the procure their supplies of Covid-19 vaccine exclusively from open market or through state governments." "Private

vaccination providers shall ransparently declare their self-set vaccination price." Based on the extent of infection and speed of vaccine administration, the Centre will also allocate vaccines to states from its own share. Wastage would be a factor which can work to the disadvantage of a state when getting its vaccine quota from the Centre. "State-wise quota would be decided and communicated to the states adequately in advance." Ten States including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Cambelli, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Rajasthan reported nearly 80 per cent of the new cases. All vaccinations would be part of the national vaccination programme, and mandated to follow all protocols such as entering data on the CoWIN platform, linked to adverse effects following immunisation (AET) reporting. Stocks and price per vaccination applicable in all vaccination centres will also have to be reported real-time. The vaccine policy also said that the second dose of

supply 50 per cent of their approved monthly doses to the Centre, according to the vaccine policy for the third

scale up their production, as well as attract new national and international players," the statement added.

Serum, Bharat Biotech...

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said that the second dose of all existing priority groups wherever it has become due, would be given priority, for which a specific and focused strategy would be communi-cated to all stakeholders.

The relaxation, he added, would help companies get immediate cash flow support without any cost to them.

SII CEO Adar Poonawalla had sought \$3,000 crore from

the government as grant to enable the firm to dedicate another plant to make the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine (Covishield).

He had told Business Standard that "Otherwise, it is Standard that "Otherwise, it is difficult for us to ramp up (vaccine production) because we have invested thousands of crores already and have borrowed 1,500 crore in April to manage the additional opex (operating expense) requirements of these large volumes."

volumes".

A senior government offi-cer, however, said it was not possible to give a grant to a pri-vate company. "We cannot give grants to a private agency. They wanted cash and this is the only sensible way we can provide cash to a profit-mak-

ing company, which is not doing it for charity and is admittedly making consider-able profits. So the question of giving grants does not arise." Sources indicated that in

the absence of a grant, SII the absence of a grant, SII would continue its planned scale-up of Covishield production. From 70 million doses per month now, it would be scaled up to 100 million doses a month by July.

Delhi under lockdown...

"One private hospital informed us that around 3 am, the night before yesterday, it had almost no oxygen left. It was with great difficulty that it managed to procure oxygen. We are falling short of medicines, especially Remdesivir," Kejriwal said.

The Delhi government also appealed to migrant workers not to panic and leave the city in a huff since the lockdown was only for a short duration.

The Confederation of All

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) wel-comed the Delhi governrement the Deim govern-ment's decision as a much-needed step to break the chain of the virus. Sharing an esti-mate, CAIT said that there would be a loss of business to the tune of ₹600 crore per day in Delhi.

in Delhi.
Prominent commercial
markets of Delhi in a meeting
held on Sunday had decided
to self impose a lockdown
until April 28. "Delhi's trade
organisations are fully geared
upto the extent that no person
in Delhi should not face any
problem in obtaining their
essential commodities," a
statement by CAIT said.

IT firms...

He cautioned all employees of InMobi Group, saying for the past 14 months or so of the Covid breakout, this probably Covid breakout, this probably is the worst he has seen. The number of cases and deaths of people whom I have known have been 7-8 in the last 24 hours. Some of them I couldn't save, and equal numbers are still searching for hospital beds. We do not have any systemic solution for this. The only way to deal with this is for you and your team members and family to stay in. Nothing is more important than saving is more important than saving is more important than saving yourselves. Our system cannot take cases, there is no capaci-ty," said Tewari.



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