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Vaccinations cross 10 crore doses despite the recent dip

Daily inoculations drop from 45 lakh on April 5 to 29 lakh

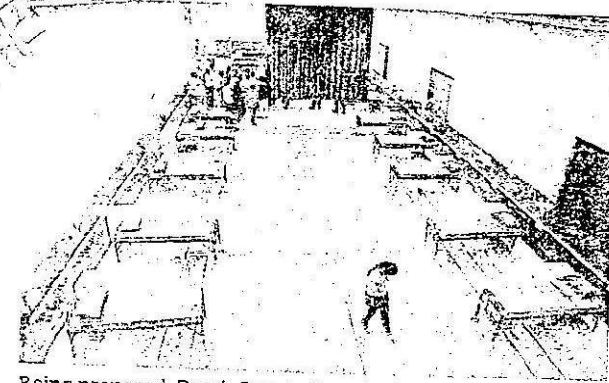
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Amidst complaints of vaccine shortages raised by several States, India crossed a milestone of administering 10 crore doses as on Saturday. The Health Ministry claimed that India had administered these doses within 85 days, faster than the United States' 89 days and China's 103 days.

However, the 29 lakh doses administered within the last 24 hours were a significant decline from the 45 lakh doses - an all-time record - administered on April 5 (Monday). Since that high, the country's daily vaccinations have seen a decline every day of the week, except for April 8, when it registered a moderate jump to 36 lakh doses and declined again on April 9.

Data from the CoWin database, which displays vaccination trends over a monthly timeline, shows that except for the weekends, the number of vaccinations on a given day is usually more than the previous day.

This particularly coincides with a steady increase in daily vaccinations that went down to 6.2 lakh on March 29 but then accelerated everyday to reach 41 lakh on April 3.



Being prepared: Bosch Sports Complex in Bengaluru being turned into a COVID Care Centre as cases rise. ■ K. MURALIKUMAR

Protection from reinfection only lasts months'

A study has found that some people who had COVID-19 lacked meaningful immunity to prevent reinfection months later. The study found that 20%-30% of infected people had declining virus neutralising activity despite stable seropositivity. ▶ PAGE 10

However, from March 29 to April 10, the number of daily infections has zoomed from about 58,000 to over 1,15,000.

This also coincides with vaccinations being opened

Shortage of remdesivir in Gujarat, M.P.

Remdesivir, a life saving drug used to treat critically ill COVID-19 patients, is in short supply in two States, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. In Gujarat, a controversy has erupted after BJP started distributing the drug. ▶ PAGE 10

for everyone above 45.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Thursday that 13.5 crore doses of vaccines were available, of which 10 crore had been administered until Saturday.