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As on date, India has doled out an impressive 489 million+ doses of vaccines to its adult population of over 18 years. About 7.9 per cent of the total population has been fully vaccinated with more an average of above 375000 doses being administered daily. India is also looking to begin vaccination for children to help immunise them against the virus soon. Trials for Bharat Biotech's Covaxin and Zydus Cadila's DNA vaccines for the 12-18 age groups are in process and final trial results are awaited. The vaccines will be administered only after all due scrutiny have been conducted.

100 per cent of the total adult population (above 18 years) of prominent tourism destinations Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh and Vythiri in Kerala have been fully vaccinated. This comes as great news for the tourism industry and more tourist destinations are following suit to get their population vaccinated. With the increase in the number of fully vaccinated tourist sites, recovery of the sector will become smoother and faster.

The Indian Parliamentary Standing Committee on transport, tourism, and culture has also suggested resuming scheduled international flights. The committee is advocating for scheduled international flights to restart to places where the COVID cases are low. The announcement comes as a ray of optimism for the tourism industry that is working hard to recover since international travel was indefinitely suspended in March of last year.

The hospitality industry is preparing itself in hopes of tourism resuming at the earliest. Many new properties have opened its doors for visitors, domestic now, and hopefully international guests soon. Some of the new hotels that you can include in your next visit to India, include the Jungle House, Shimla perched at over 7700 ft in the mighty Middle Himalayas and The Outhouse @ Aramgarh Orchards, Raison nestled amidst a sprawling apple orchard with a panoramic view of the Himalayan Ranges. Raffles, Udaipur a 101-room resort will be easily accessible from the main sites of Udaipur and offer a unique experience of staying on an island in the Udai Sagar Lake.

India has recorded a 97.4 per cent recovery rate and the country is preparing itself well to face a possible third wave with better infrastructure and healthcare facilities.

For detailed and latest updates on vaccination and number of cases, please [click here](#).