

## **After Omicron detection in India, Centre lists out need of the hour. Read here**

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Amid concerns over the new Covid variant Omicron, Dr VK Paul, Member-Health, NITI Aayog on Thursday said that increased Covid-19 vaccine uptake is the need of the hour and asked people to not delay in getting fully vaccinated .

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He further added that the Omicron variant of Covid-19 is being carefully examined, will take decisions on the basis of it, it's an ongoing discussion within our technical and scientific circles, over ban on international flights, booster dose and paediatric vaccination.

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"Increased Covid-19 vaccine uptake need of the hour, do not delay in getting fully vaccinated," he added.

Meanwhile, the Union Health Ministry informed that over 125 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses have been administered across the country.

"We have administered more than 125 crore doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. 84 per cent of the total adult population have received the first dose and 49 per cent population have been vaccinated with both doses," the Ministry said.

"Under 'Har Ghar Dastak' Vaccination campaign, coverage of the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine has increased by 5.9 per cent. 'Har Ghar Dastak' aims at awareness, mobilization, and vaccination of all through House-to-House visits in all States and UTs," the ministry added.