

Vax turnout drops, but city's 5th highest so far

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turnout in this phase so far. The city has inoculated 79,213 recipients out of its total target of 1.5 lakh in Phase 3. The low turnout in private set-ups will be discussed at Wednesday's task force meeting, Gurgaon chief medical officer Virender Yadav said.

"We achieved the set target of 20,000, which was decided by the state for Monday and Tuesday. We covered 32,782 recipients, which is the highest in the state. The coverage of private hospitals is low and we will discuss the matter in the district task force meet with all stake-

holders to enhance the vaccination drive not only for the current phase, but for the upcoming phase from April 1 as well," he added.

Meanwhile, 929 healthcare workers and 469 frontline workers also got vaccinated on Tuesday, taking their total numbers to 47,767 and 28,300, respectively. So far, 1,69,257 people in the city have been inoculated, said Yadav.

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we have vaccinated 183 residents. We had a total registration of 269 for a single day. The response for this endeavour was overwhelming and scores of senior citizens and comorbid patients participated. We took special measures to regulate traffic, set up time-based booking and three different rooms to segregate the residents who were coming for their doses. There is a waiting room, a vaccination room and an observation room. All precautionary measures were taken. We will conduct a camp again in

the near future," A K Singh, CEO and president, Enviro, Vatika India Next's condominium association.

Sashi Singh (60), who got vaccinated at Vatika India Next, said she got a call from the hospital one day prior to her inoculation. "It is a good initiative by the health department. This kind of camp is needed as people who are old and have comorbid conditions are unable to travel to hospitals and wait for long hours. The process is smooth and easy and all Covid protocols were followed."

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GURUGRAM: On Tuesday, over 7,777 Covid-19 vaccine doses were administered at various vaccination sites, including condominiums, taking the overall count of vaccinated people in the district to 116,341. Officials said that vaccination will intensify from April 1 as the central government has permitted all citizens above the age of 45 to take the vaccine shot.

"Until now, only those aged between 45 and 59 years with an existing illness were given vaccine shots. But as the vaccination will open for everyone above 45 years of age from April 1, the vaccination process will gain pace. For this, more session sites will have to be created in the district to cover people," said Dr Virender Yadav, chief medical officer.

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health department.

In the district, footfall for vaccination at private hospitals has already declined. Only 1,974 (25.3%) of the 7,777 took the vaccine jab at private hospitals, while 5,803 turned up for vaccination at government sites. On Monday too, of the 25,000-odd inoculations, more than 80% was at government facilities.

To increase the coverage, the health department and private hospitals also set up vaccination camps at various condominiums. At Ardee City in Sector 52, Medanta Hospital registered around 100 people for vaccination at its clinic located on the premises. "People were registered with the hospital a day before the camp. It helped in streamlining the payment process at the site. But many people walked in directly at the centre and were registered at the spot," said Dr Mehjwooba, internal medicine, Medanta, who was

present at the site.

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Vishal Sinha, a resident of The Palm Springs, said, "A vaccination camp within the condominium is the easiest way to take the vaccine shot. The real benefit has been that you don't have to visit a hospital for vaccination."

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Besides the vaccination staff, doctors were also stationed at camps to sign medical certificates for people above 45 years of age with existing illnesses. “Many people have come with diseases that are not in the list of illnesses mentioned in the medical certificate, such as neurogenic tumours. In that case, we mention the name of the disease in the certificate and vaccinate people. Only those people who are on anti-coagulant medicines have to get the certificate signed by their regular physician,” said Dr Mehjwooba.

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