

Suggest basic measures which are necessary to handle the consequences of third wave of the pandemic in the country (200 words)

Learning from the consequences of first two waves of covid19 pandemic will help us to handle third wave. Multifrontal measures can only suppress the effects of pandemic is the lesson learnt. Some necessary basic measures which can help are listed below:

- Firstly the capacity of vaccine production must be ramped up, this is possible only by letting in many private manufacturers.
- Secondly the policy of vaccination must be changed, kind of sectoral approach must be followed severely to prevent spread to children.
Eg: Frontline and essential workers must be vaccinated rapidly.
- Thirdly awareness must be created among rural population who are unaware about covid prevention measures taken by government
- Fourthly the demand of oxygen must be met at atleast all district hospitals

- Fifthly, chronic patients and home quarantine patients must be facilitated with telemedicine facilities like E-Sanjeewani. Hence it must cover a large population
 - Sixthly, depending upon the severity local lockdowns must be imposed in an efficient manner
 - Seventh, Monitoring periodically is the important measure of all. A group must be setup consisting of experts and officials to solve the gaps in implementation of measures.
 - Eight, the hospital bed facilities at all levels, medicines, equipments and their availability must be ensured
- As a whole to conclude in the above processes transparency must be ensured along with centre and state co-ordination to win over the third wave