

# Factsheet by SDC Foundation on Maha Kumbh Covid19 Testing Allegations

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Uttarakhand needs to take its data and its analysis very seriously. It was clear within the first few days of the Maha Kumbh that something was amiss and the positivity rates being reported in Haridwar were grossly under reported.

The earliest trends, like the first few hours on a day the election results are declared; clearly indicated some wrong doings on the testing front. However, not a single official in Uttarakhand neither realized nor commented on the anomalies. If our data analysis mechanisms existed, if they were robust and if our intent was beyond doubt; this entire incident could have been averted as soon as the Maha Kumbh started.

From day one i.e April 1, 2021; the positivity rate in the district of Haridwar was extraordinarily low. In fact on the first day of the Maha Kumbh (April 1); the district had a positivity rate that was 75% less than the other 12 districts of Uttarakhand. On day 2 (April 2), the gap was 20%. On day 4 (April 4) the positivity rate in Haridwar was 85% less than that of the other 12 districts.

If no one bothered to check, then that is a sad commentary on our ability to manage and govern. If this was noticed and no one spoke it, then this raises serious allegations of anomalies.

S.NO.	Date	Haridwar Positivity Rate	12 District Positivity Rate	Positivity Rate Lower in Haridwar to Uttarakhand 13 Districts
1	1 April 2021	1.33%	5.29%	- 75%
2	2 April 2021	3.28%	4.06%	- 20%
3	3 April 2021	4.54%	4.90%	- 7%
4	4 April 2021	0.65%	4.37%	- 85%
5	5 April 2021	0.91%	4.96%	- 82%
6	6 April 2021	0.57%	3.74%	- 85%

It is our hope that the Govt of Uttarakhand will seriously examine its governance frameworks and make necessary course corrections.

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