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with a low or moderate level of transmission going on, Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization Soumya Swaminathan said.

Swaminathan made the comments in an interview with a local news portal The Wire on Tuesday.

"We may be entering some kind of stage of endemicity where there is low-level transmission or moderate level transmission going on but we are not seeing the kinds of exponential growth and peaks that we saw a few months ago," Swaminathan said.

The endemic stage is when a population learns to live with a virus. It's very different to the epidemic stage when the virus overwhelms a population

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Delta now dominant variant - WHO
THE World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed Delta is now the dominant Covid-19 variant in the Philippines and it is spreading in the country.
WHO Country Representative Dr. Babette Sherman said with the country reporting more than 22,000 cases of Covid-19 in Manila, it was inevitable the spike was driven by the highly transmissible Delta variant.
"This situation is not surprising," Sherman said. »-Dionisio/A2

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PH insurance industry upbeat despite Covid
INDUSTRY experts expressed optimism on the insurance market despite the lingering impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the economy and the broader economy.
"In a virtual forum organized by the Manila Branch on Tuesday, Insurance Commission (IC) Commissioner Francisco Fara reported the income of life and accident insurance companies and mutual funds for the first quarter of 2021.
"Citing data from unannounced quarterly reports on select financial institutions, Fara said the first quarter income of these firms and associations rose by 43.36 percent to P15.5 billion in January to March from P10.8 billion last year.
"Total premiums earned also posted a double-digit growth of 27.21 percent as the firm drew revenue to almost P10 billion from 979 billion last year.
Fara said the life sector recorded a 49 percent increase in the first quarter of 2021 compared to the same period last year." »-Insurance/A9

Namfrel pushes electoral reforms
NAMFREL on Tuesday urged the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to implement a single standard in the listing of candidates on the ballot, among other reforms, to ensure the integrity of votes in the 2022 national elections.
"We are urging the Commission to take immediate action on these reforms to ensure the integrity of the 2022 national elections," Namfrel said in a statement.
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Imee eyes team-up with Sara - Duterte
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On Tuesday disclosed Sen. Maria Imelda Josefa "Imee" Marcos expressed intent to seek the country's second-highest political office should Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio pursue her bid for the presidency in the 2022 elections.
"There is a renewed budding about on August 31, stated Imee was seeking Sen. Ime Duterte in Davao City, "hoping" to be picked in the upcoming race.
"Imee, given my firm support, I am confident that a Duterte-Imee team-up is a possibility. You are one step away from this in her own right. She is the daughter of the late President Duterte and she is the daughter of the late President Duterte. She is the daughter of the late President Duterte. She is the daughter of the late President Duterte." »-Imee/A2

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Sen. Duterte's bid for a new role at the Davao City in August 2021. With the start of the 2022 election, Duterte is expected to be a key player in the race for the presidency.

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be what is happening and because of the size of India and heterogeneity of population and immunity status in different parts of the country in different pockets.

It is very feasible that the situation may continue like this with ups and downs in different parts of the country, particularly where there are more susceptible populations," she said.

During April to May this year, India witnessed a devastating second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.



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