

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 18

May 31, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued new guidelines to fight COVID-19 and for **Unblock 1** - phased re-opening of areas outside the Containment Zones into effect from June 1, 2020 and would be effective till June 30, 2020, details [here](#).

ICMR advised States to conduct **sero-survey** to measure Coronavirus exposure in selected population using IgG ELISA Test. WHO to provide technical support to States/ UTs, in planning and carrying out sero-surveys (63/69 districts completed) details [here](#).

Health **infrastructure was ramped up** during the lockdown. WHO supported the assessment. As of 27.05.20, 930 dedicated COVID hospitals with 1,58,747 Isolation beds, 20,355 ICU beds and 69,076 Oxygen supported beds are available. 2,362 dedicated COVID Health Centres with 1,32,593 Isolation beds; 10,903 ICU beds and 45,562 Oxygen supported beds have been operationalized, details [here](#).

WHO Situation Update

India

181,143 Confirmed Cases

5,164 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

260,579 Confirmed Cases

7,431 Total Deaths

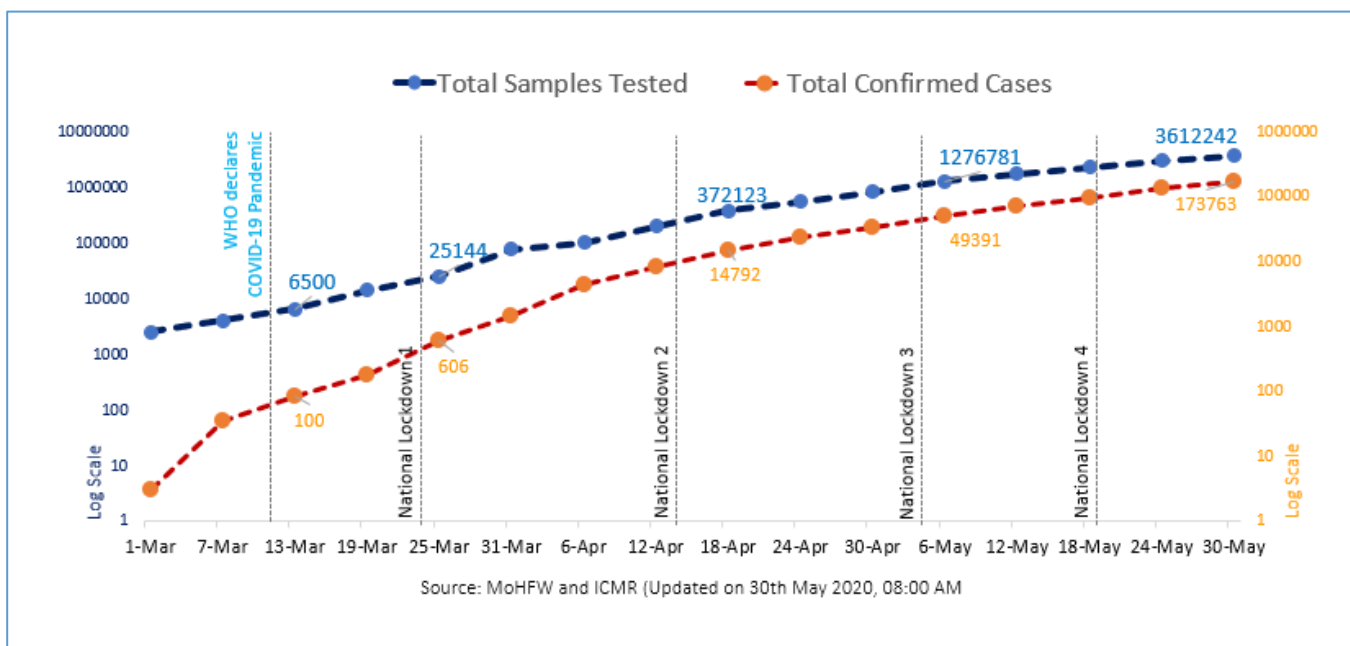
World

5,934,936 Confirmed Cases

367,166 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 31 May 2020, 08:00 IST there were 89,995 Active Cases, 86,983 Cured/ Discharged, 1 Migrated and 5,164 Deaths in India, details [here](#). Recovery rate has improved significantly with 47.40% amongst COVID-19 patients (on 30.05.20), an increase of 4.51% in the recovery rate from the previous day's recovery rate of 42.89%.



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO published interim guidance on the clinical management of COVID-19. This guidance document is intended for clinicians caring for COVID-19 patients during all phases of their disease, details [here](#).
- The UN and WHO have urged governments around the world to take the mental health consequences of the pandemic seriously, and ensure widespread availability of mental health support, details [here](#).
- The WHO Foundation has been established in Geneva to support WHO's efforts to address critical global health challenges [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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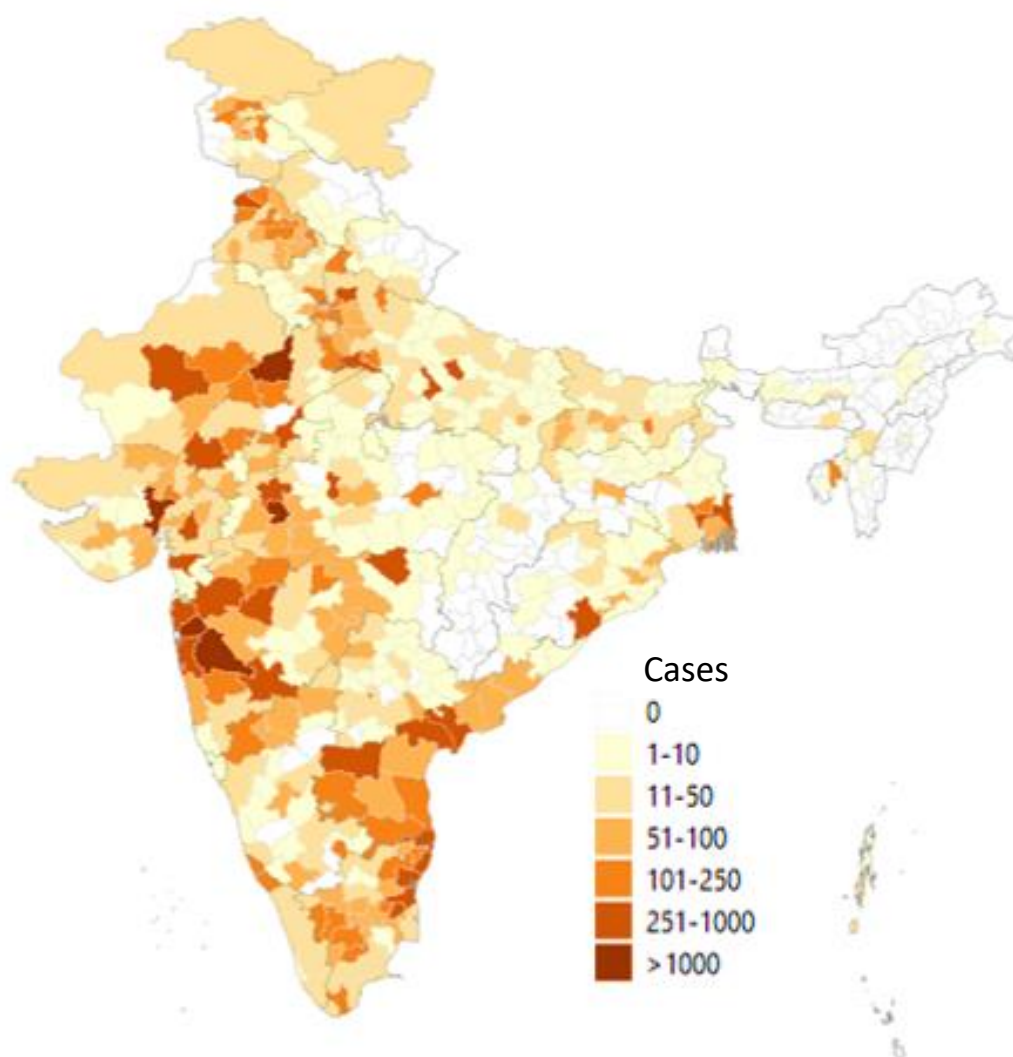
- **National Updates:** WHO Representative had discussions with Health Secretary and CEO, NITI Ayog and advocated for enhancing COVID response in densely populated urban areas, providing flu vaccines for entire health workforce, and strengthening public health surveillance system, including the completion of case investigations forms (CIF).
- **Emergency Operations:** The EMR Division of MoHFW has set up an Emergency Operating Centre (EOC) to monitor response in 30 districts with highest COVID-19 cases in India. On MoHFW request, WCO personnel have been deployed to support the EoC.
- **State Updates:** WHO officials are supporting in the Containment survey activity, its micro planning and monitoring. Feedback and update of COVID 19 is shared regularly with officials at state and district levels.
- **Surveillance:** WHO officials are supporting capacity building of government officials in select States on SARI/ILI surveillance and community surveillance in some States. NITI Aayog has requested WCO field teams to support surveillance for the next 12 months.
 - In addition to contact tracing, planning, capacity building, and providing support to District Control Rooms and District Collectors.
 - WCO is also supporting planning and training of field teams on implementation of sero-survey-sample collection for sero-survey is completed in 63/69 districts.
- **Laboratory testing:** A total of 37,37,027 samples have been tested for SARS-CoV-2, including 1,25,428 samples tested in 24 hours, status as of 31/05/2020 9:00 AM IST, details [here](#)
- **Essential Services:** MoHFW issued Guidance Note on Provision of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) services during & post COVID-19 Pandemic, details [here](#)
- **Guidelines:** WHO along with WFP and UNICEF have developed a guidance document on food donations in the context of COVID-19 to promote healthy diets and ensuring safety.
 - WCO India and Indian Dental Association developed a guidance on Infection prevention and control during oral and dental healthcare when COVID-19 is suspected.
 - WHO India together with FICCI released new guidelines on 'Back: To Safer Workplaces: The New Normal'.

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DISTRICT MAP OF COVID-19 CASES



Source: Updated on 30/05/2020. Data Source: State bulletins & <https://www.covid19india.org/>

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HIGHLIGHTS

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, India, was elected the Chair of WHO Executive Board in the 73rd World Health Assembly. He will chair the 148th session of the Executive Board in Jan 2021, details [here](#).

The period of the lockdown gainfully utilized to ramp up health system capacity and infrastructure in the country, details [here](#).

- 3027 dedicated COVID Hospitals and COVID Health Centres along with 7013 COVID Care Centres identified
- 2.81 lakh isolation beds, 31,250 ICU beds, and 1,09,888 oxygen supported beds identified in Dedicated COVID Hospitals and COVID Health Centres
- 65.0 lakh PPE coveralls and 101.07 lakh N95 masks supplied to the States with 3 lakh PPE coveralls and 3 lakh N95 masks manufactured per day by domestic producers
- WHO, India is supporting IMCR to conduct a community based sero-survey to estimate the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in Indian population

Health Secretary held meeting to review measures for Covid-19 containment and management with 11 municipal areas that account for 70% of India's active case load, details [here](#).

WHO Situation Update

India (24.05)

131,868 Confirmed Cases

3,867 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region (23.05)

182, 278 Confirmed Cases

5, 556 Total Deaths

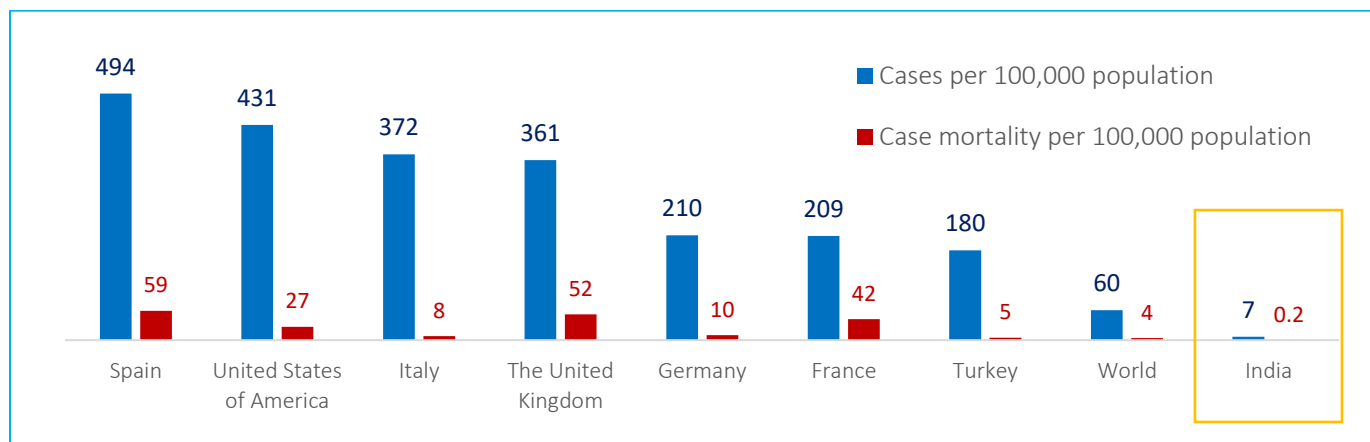
World (23.05)

5,103,006 Confirmed Cases

333,401 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 24 May 2020, 08:00 IST there were 73,560 Active Cases, 54,440 Cured/ Discharged, 1 Migrated and 3,867 Deaths in India, details [here](#).



Source: MoHFW Data as of 19 MAY 2020 3:43PM released by PIB Delhi

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The 73rd World Health Assembly (WHA), focusing on COVID-19 pandemic management, adopted a resolution for an independent and comprehensive evaluation of the international response to the pandemic.
 - WHA ended with a global commitment to the COVID-19 response. Delegates adopted a landmark resolution to bring the world together to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, details [here](#).
- WHO signed an agreement with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to work together to promote health through sport and physical activity. The agreement has a special focus on preventing non-communicable diseases (NCDs), details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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- **Coordination and partnership:** Joint Monitoring Group under the Chairmanship of DGHS and including representatives from AIIMS, ICMR, NCDC, NDMA, WHO reviewed and issued several guidelines including Guidance note for Immunization services during and post COVID outbreak and Revised Strategy for COVID-19 testing in India.
- **Surveillance:** In addition to contact tracing, planning, capacity building, and providing support to District Control Rooms and District Collectors., WCO is also supporting accelerated implementation of SARI Surveillance in select states.
- **Laboratory testing:** On 18 May India reached a [landmark](#) by performing 100,000 tests in one day, starting from less than 100 tests per day just two months ago, overall 1000-fold increase in just 60 days. A total of 29,43,421 samples have been tested as on 24 May 2020, 9 AM IST, details [here](#).
- **Risk communication and community engagement:** WCO supported a series of orientation workshops on stigma and discrimination for COVID-19 Helpline Operators and Radio Operators. 'Community Preparedness Checklist' was developed for use by Gram Panchayat/Village Health & Sanitation Committee for strengthening community preparedness for COVID-19.
- **Essential Services:** WCO to conduct rapid assessment of availability of essential health services in 10 States and 30 districts with support from the WHO Field Staff to capture the current situation and document local solutions adopted by districts to overcome access barrier to essential health services due to lockdown.
- **Travel:** Government of India MoHFW issued Guidelines for international arrivals and domestic travel (air/train/inter-state bus travel), details [here](#).

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- High level review meeting was held for 30 municipal areas which are contributing almost 80% of the country's Covid-19 cases, details [here](#).
- NCDC is now equipped with the COBAS 6800, a fully automated, high end machine for performing real time PCR testing COVID-19 for high- quality, high- volume testing with a high throughput of test around 1200 samples in 24 hours, details [here](#).
- “Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19 (Tracing, Testing and Treating)” prepared by National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) was launched, details [here](#).
- States to focus on Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) among the people to address the stigma associated with community discrimination and ostracization in the community due to COVID-19, more effectively, details [here](#).
- MoHFW has emphasized that along with the containment and management of COVID-19 cases, the issue of continuing all essential non-COVID health services need to be ensured, details [here](#).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India

90 927 Confirmed
2872 Deaths

South-East Asia

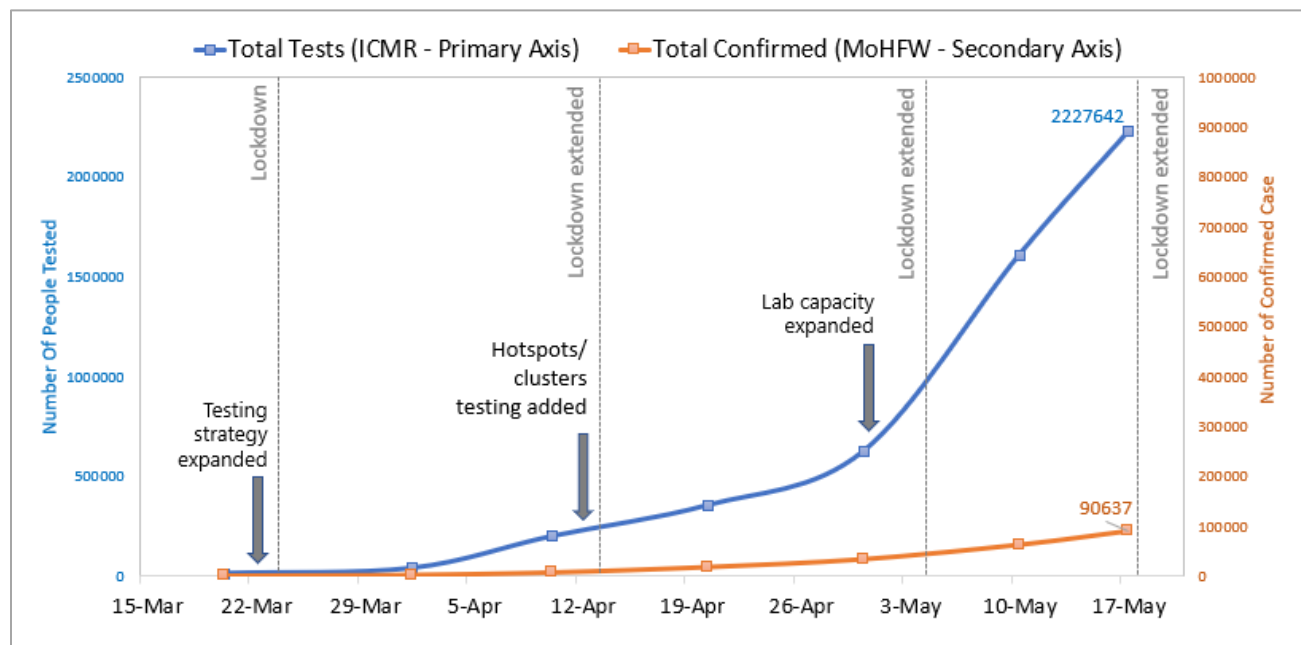
127 995 Confirmed
4201 Deaths

Globally

4 425 485 Confirmed
302 059 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 17 May 2020, 08:00 IST there were 53,946 Active Cases, 34,109 Recovered / Discharged/migrated and 2872 Deaths in India, details [here](#).
- As of 14 May 2020, India has enhanced its testing capacity to conduct 1,00,000 tests per day, with more than 500 laboratories including 359 Government and 145 private in the country, details [here](#).



Source: MoHFW and ICMR

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO announced the launch of the WHO Academy and the WHO info mobile applications. The WHO Academy app is designed to support health workers during COVID-19 while the WHO Info app will provide the general public with real-time mobile access to the latest news and developments, details [here](#).
- WHO urged countries in the region to lift lockdown and travel restrictions in a graded manner and that local epidemiology should guide focused action in 'new normal' COVID-19 world, details [here](#).
- Early serological studies show that most of the population is still susceptible to COVID-19. Until there is a vaccine, the comprehensive package of measures is the most effective set of tools to control the virus.

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- **Coordination and partnership:** WCO participated in meetings with MoHFW divisions (EMR, IH, JMG), institutes (NCDC, ICMR), Empowered Groups and state authorities in 33 affected states/UTs. WCO is partnering with FICCI in preparing guide and SOPs for use in workplaces post lockdown. Response activities are closely monitored by CMs and senior officials.
- **Surveillance:** WHO Field teams are supporting ILI and SARI surveillance districts as per the government guidelines. WHO and partners have also been requested by MoHFW to assess 1600 Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC), the assessment has begun.
- **Hospital preparedness and IPC:** WCO prepared a draft guidance for COVID-19 Screening in non-COVID-19 hospitals. A Webinar on IPC was led by WCO for private sector, this was attended by over 1300 participants from all parts of the country
- **Testing:** ICMR-NIV, Pune has developed and validated a completely indigenous IgG ELISA test for antibody detection for SARS-CoV-2. On external validation, the IgG test kit produced by ICMR-NIV, has sensitivity and specificity of 98.7% and 100% respectively, details [here](#).
- **Sero-Survey:** ICMR with MoHFW and WHO is conducting a community based sero-survey to estimate the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in Indian population - household level cross-sectional survey will cover 24,000 adults distributed equally across four strata of districts categorized based on reported cases of COVID-19, details [here](#).
- **Research:** ICMR has fast-tracked the roll out of the global 'Solidarity' trial launched by WHO and accelerate clinical trial in finding an effective treatment for COVID-19, details [here](#).
- **Key Publication:** WHO supported MoHFW EMR division in development of the "Preparedness and response to COVID-19 in Urban Settlements" document which delineates focus area that need to be addressed by the Urban Local Bodies for preparedness in slums and other crowded areas, details [here](#).

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HIGHLIGHTS

- High level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 held in depth deliberation on containment strategy and management aspects of COVID-19, as well as the measures being taken by the centre and various States especially as per Red Zone (130 Districts), Orange Zone (284 Districts) and Green Zone (319) Districts, details [here](#).
- MoHFW has made efforts to ensure adequate health infrastructure and health facilities have been identified and set up for COVID-19 management in the country, details [here](#).
- MoHFW to deploy Central teams to select states that have witnessed/are witnessing high case load and high spurt of cases. WHO to support teams and assist the State Health departments of respective states to facilitate management of COVID-19 outbreak, details [here](#).
- WHO Field staff is supporting the States/UTs rapid preparedness assessment of Dedicated COVID Health Center [here](#).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India

62 939 Confirmed
2109 Deaths

South-East Asia

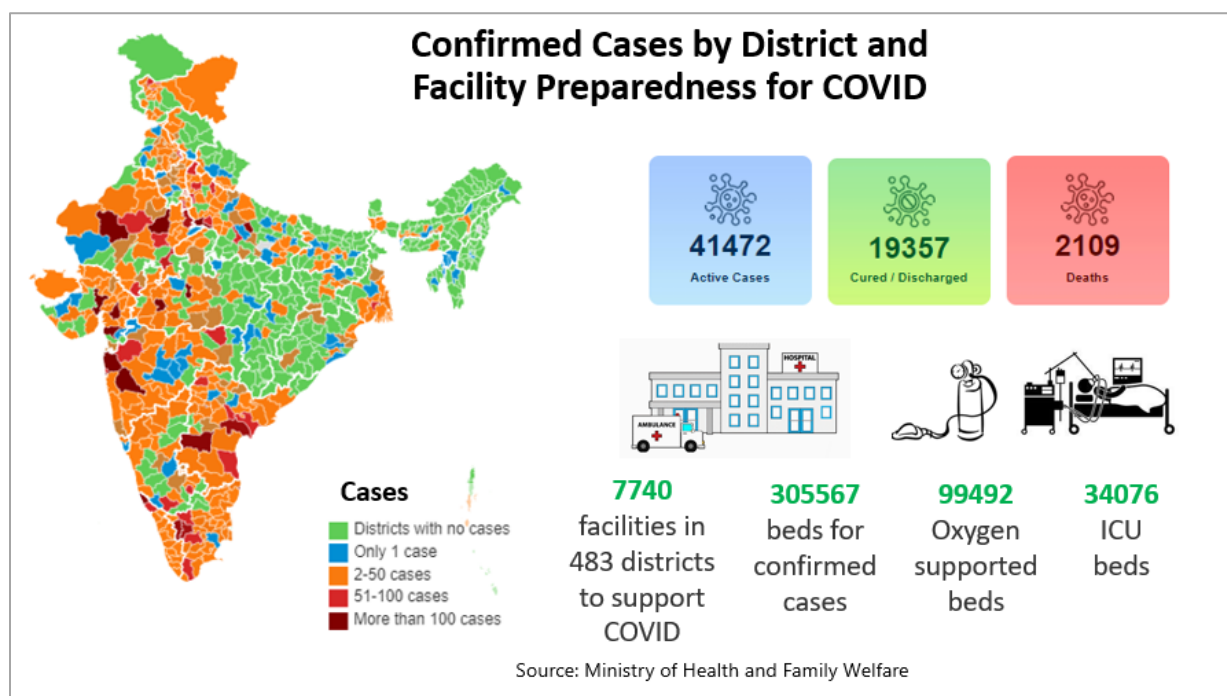
90 808 Confirmed
3204 Deaths

Globally

3 855 788 Confirmed
265 862 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 10 May 2020, 08:00 IST there were 41, 472 Active Cases, 19,357 Cured / Discharged and 2109 Deaths in India, details [here](#).
- As on 10/05/2020, 7740 facilities in 483 districts have been identified in all the States/UTs that include hospitals and facilities of the State/UT Govts as well as the central Govt, details [here](#).



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO, UNICEF and the International Federation of the Red Cross have published guidance for countries on how to maintain community-based healthcare in the context of COVID-19 to complement the United Nations framework for the socio-economic response to COVID-19, details [here](#).
- WHO updated the Country Preparedness and Response Status for COVID-19. This categorization would facilitate global planning process and support prioritization for countries [here](#).

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WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, on preparedness and response measures for COVID-19.

- **Coordination and partnership:** WHO provided inputs to develop the joint UN socio economic response plan for COVID-19. WHO continues dialogue with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on private sector's health activities for COVID-19
- **Laboratory testing:** As of May 2020, 9 AM IST a total of 1,609,037 samples have been tested, details [here](#). WHO is facilitating designation of a Government Laboratory in India as a Global Reference lab for COVID-19. ICMR is leading efforts on setting up on environmental surveillance and discussing with various agencies and states on initiating testing of sewage for SARS-CoV2.
- **Surveillance:** In addition to ILI and SARI surveillance in all the districts as per the government guidelines, WHO is also supporting to implementation of containment activities and microplanning in 'Containment Zones'.
- **Research:** First 20 patients have been enrolled in WHO Solidarity Trial at several study sites in India. National serosurvey for COVID-19 is ready to be launched in coming week with coordination and technical support from WHO Central and field teams.
- **Hospital preparedness and IPC:** MoHFW, WHO, UNICEF and partners have assessed more than 600 dedicated COVID-19 hospitals. MoHFW has requested WHO, UNICEF and partners to assess 1600 dedicated COVID-19 health centres across the country. The assessment has started and will be completed within a week. WHO and various government agencies organized a webinar on IPC for private sector. It was attended by over 1300 participants from all parts of the country
- **Risk communication and community engagement:** WHO supported MoHFW in conducting National Training of 1075 Call Centres for combating stigma related to COVID-19. WHO is supporting a week-long celebration of the International Day of the Midwife (5th May) to Nurses (12th May) in recognition and celebration of their work especially during the COVID-19 pandemic in India, details [here](#).

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- After a comprehensive review, and in view of the Lockdown measures having led to significant gains in the COVID-19 situation in the country, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India (GoI) issued an Order under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 to further extend the Lockdown for a further period of 2 weeks with effect from May 4, 2020, details [here](#).
- Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued an order to allow the movement of migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons, stranded at different places across the country, by special trains to be operated by Ministry of Railways (MoR), details [here](#).
- WHO Field staff is supporting the States/UTs through the MoHFW to demarcate containment zones, implementing perimeter control, active search for cases through the house to house surveillance by special teams formed for the purpose, testing of all cases as per sampling guidelines, contact tracing and clinical management of all confirmed cases, details [here](#).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India

40 263 Confirmed

1306 Deaths

32 States/UTs

South-East Asia

60 490 Confirmed

2256 Deaths

Globally

3 267 184 Confirmed

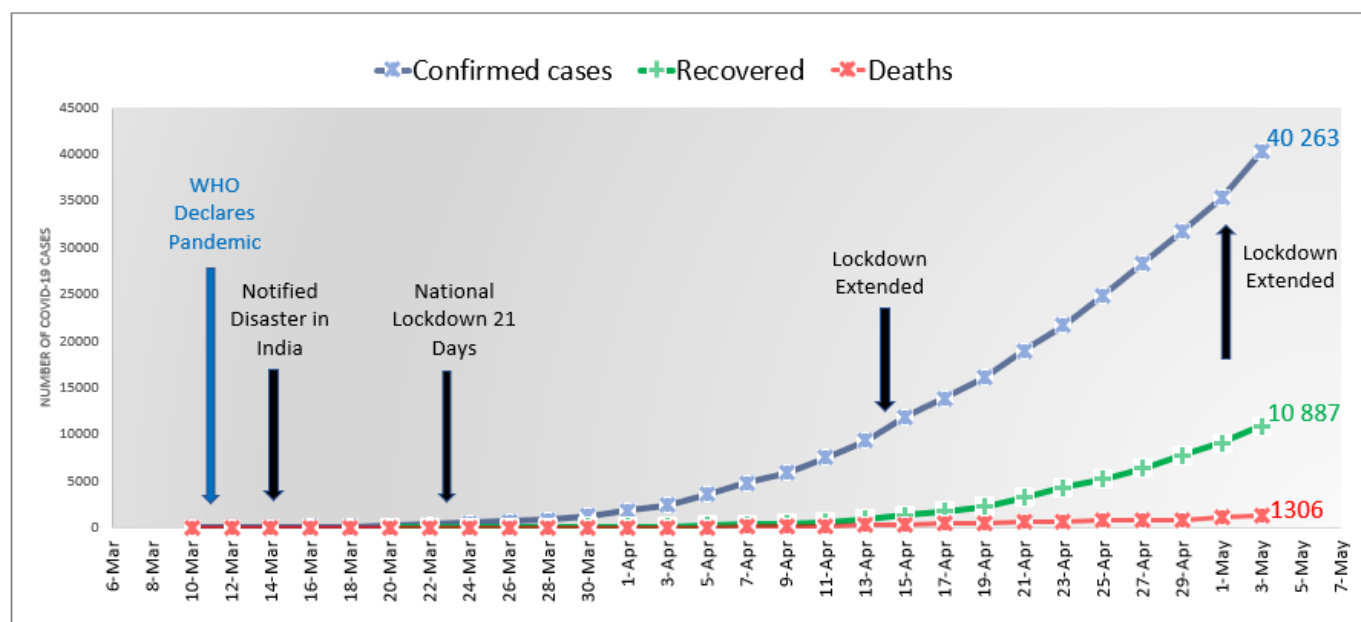
229 971 Deaths

WHO Classification

India - Clusters of cases

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 03 May 2020, 5:00PM, a total of 10 887 people have been cured, recovery rate at 27%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 40 263, details [here](#)



Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO Information Network for Epidemics (EPI-WIN) has rapidly built an innovative analysis capability to identify misleading sources, posts and narratives, and predict rising areas of concern and information voids. For more on this, see the 'Subject in Focus' below, details [here](#).
- Gearing up for the much needed COVID-19 vaccines, the World Health Organization today organized a meeting of vaccine manufacturers and national regulatory authorities from its South-East Asia Region, details [here](#).

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- **Co-ordination and Partnership:** WHO facilitated the COVID-19 Information session for Ministers with participation of the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on 30 April 2020.
- **Laboratory testing:** WHO is providing kits and reagents to COVID-19 testing laboratories through ICMR to partly meet their huge testing requirement. So far, a total of 1,046,450 samples have been tested as on 03 May 2020, 9 AM IST, details [here](#).
- **Surveillance:** WHO Field staff supporting strengthening of ILI and SARI surveillance in all the districts as per the government guidelines. Nodal Officers have been appointed to conduct active case search for SARI cases in hospital in-patient records, in select states, daily.
- **Research:** WHO supported ICMR in revising the study protocol for the national sero-prevalence survey for Covid-19. WHO Solidarity Trial for therapeutic treatment options for COVID-19 kicked off with a series of trainings organized for the study sites.
- **Risk Communication:** MoHFW released 'Awareness Material for front line workers of COVID-19' in multiple Indian languages, WHO and partners supported in the same. Video available [here](#).
- **Training:** WHO field teams have trained nodal officers in States and Districts for filling CIF data in the Integrated Health Information Platform and are also supporting IDSP units in filling CIF data.

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For all authentic & updated information on COVID-19 related technical issues, guidelines & advisories please regularly visit: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>.

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