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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

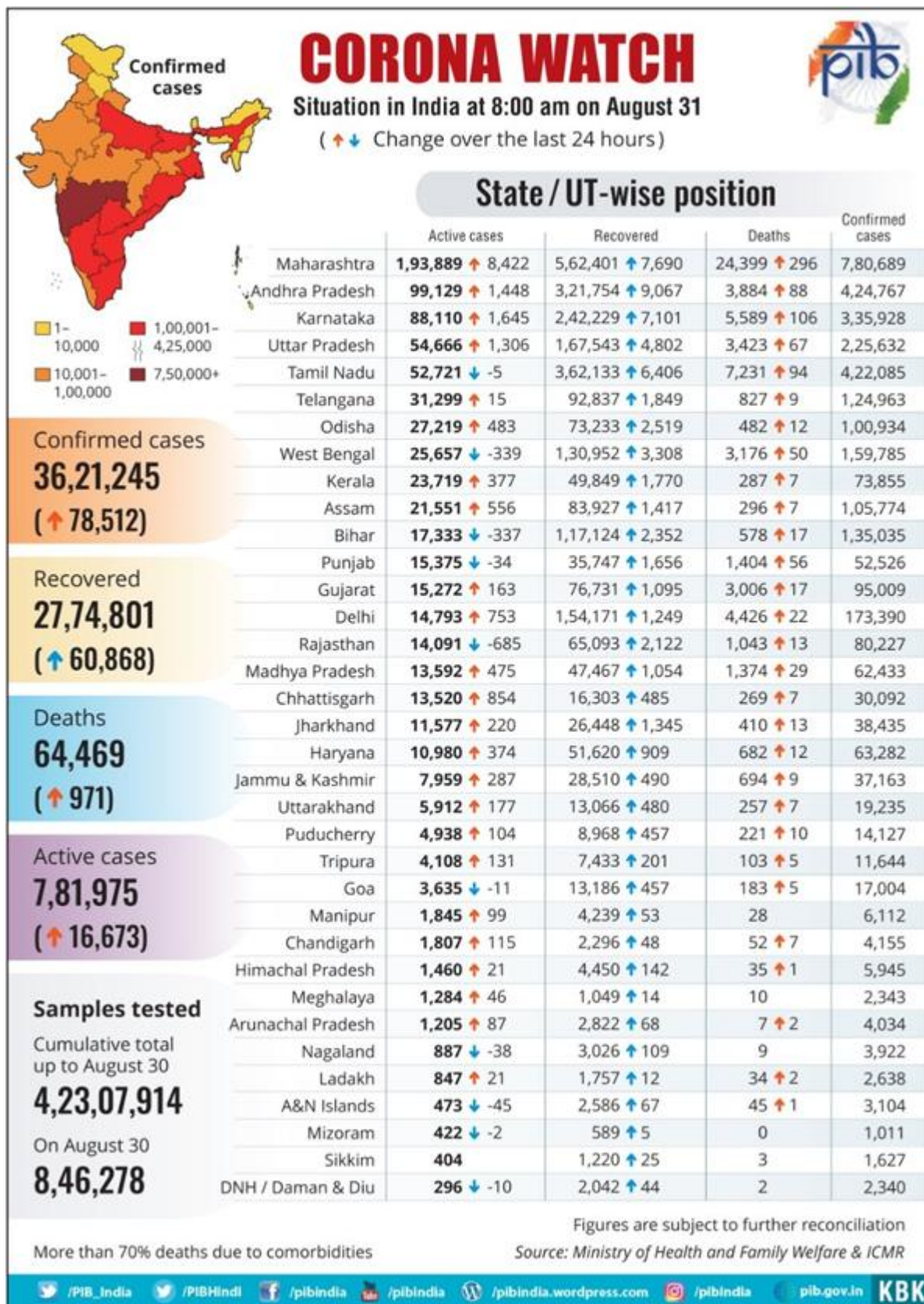
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- Cumulative tests have crossed 4.20 cr, with 6,46,276 tests in last 24 hours.
- 43% of Total Cases recorded in just 3 States-Maharashtra, AP, Karnataka
- India registered 78,512 cases in the last 24 hours (Sunday)
- Health Ministry to rush Central teams to UP, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha
- Prime Minister appeals to the people to safeguard health by observing, “Do Gaj Ki Doori, Mask Zaroori”, following social distancing norms and ensuring to wear masks to help defeat corona.
- MHA's new Guidelines for Unlock-4, opening up more activities outside Containment Zones, comes into effect from tomorrow

(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

COVID-19 INDIA as on : 31 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑ Status change since yesterday)	Active (21.59%) 781975 (16673↑)	Discharged (76.63%) 2774801 (60868↑)	Deaths (1.78%) 64469 (971↑)
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On a steep rise, India conducts more than 4.23 cr tests, 43% of Total Cases recorded in just 3 States-Maharashtra, AP, Karnataka

Starting from a single test in one lab in Pune in January 2020, the daily testing capacity has been scaled up to more than 10 lakh in August 2020. The cumulative tests have crossed **4.23 cr** today. **8,46,278** tests were conducted in the past 24 hours. India has registered **78,512** cases in the last 24 hours (Sunday, 30th August 2020). Hence the report by certain Media Entities of about 80,000 cases in the last 24 hours is without any basis. Seven States have contributed to 70% of these new cases in

the last 24 hours. Of these, Maharashtra has contributed the maximum case load amounting to almost 21%, followed by Andhra Pradesh (13.5%), Karnataka (11.27%) and Tamil Nadu which stands at 8.27%. Uttar Pradesh with 8.27%, West Bengal with 3.85%, and Odisha with 3.84% are the remaining States contributing to the increased caseload. Of the total cumulative number of cases, 43% are recorded in just three states of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. While Tamil Nadu has contributed 11.66% of the total cases. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka account for about 50% of the deaths added in the last 24 hours due to COVID-19, with Maharashtra leading with 30.48%.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1649953>

Health Ministry to rush Central teams to UP, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has decided to deploy high level Central teams to four States of Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. These States are seeing a sudden surge in the number of COVID cases and some of them are also reporting high mortality. The teams will support the State efforts towards strengthening containment, surveillance, testing and efficient clinical management of the positive cases. They shall also guide the States in effectively managing the challenges related to timely diagnosis and follow up. As an ongoing effort, the Central Government has been deputing Central teams from time to time to visit various States to interact with the authorities and get a first hand understanding of the challenges and issues being faced by them so as to strengthen their ongoing activities and remove bottlenecks, if any. For details:

English rendering of PM's address in the 15th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0' on 30.08.2020

".....My dear countrymen, the country is on the path of progress on which it has embarked upon and this journey will only be comfortable if each and every citizen is a stakeholder in this process and traveller in this journey. For this to happen, it is imperative that each citizen remains hale & hearty and is part of our collective efforts to overcome Corona. Safeguarding our health by observing, "Do Gaj Ki Doori, Mask Zaroori" following social distancing norms and ensuring to wear masks will help us defeat corona. I urge you to follow these guidelines and I pray for your good health. "

For details:

Vice President calls for special care and support to the elderly during the pandemic

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has called for providing special care and support to the elderly in the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. Highlighting the higher degree of risk faced by the older people in health emergencies like this, he also advised the youngsters and other family members to take extra precautions related to COVID-19 if there are elderly members at home. In a facebook post yesterday on the 'issues pertaining to the elderly population in India', the Vice President said that seldom, one finds a separate geriatric department in District Hospitals to look after the old age health issues. In view of the frequent health related problems faced by the elderly, he emphasised the need to reorient our health system to address the specific needs of the geriatric population, including insurance coverage. The Vice President also called for providing the elderly an easy and barrier- free access to public places.

For details:

MHA issues new Guidelines, Unlock 4 opens up more activities outside Containment Zones

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued new guidelines on 29th August, 2020 for opening up of more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones. In Unlock 4, which will come into effect from September 1, 2020, the process of phased re-opening of activities has been extended further. The new guidelines, issued are based on feedback received from States and UTs, and extensive consultations held with related Central Ministries and Departments. **According to the new guidelines** Metro rail will be allowed to operate with effect from 7th September 2020 in a graded manner, by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs/ Ministry of Railways, in consultation with MHA. In this regard, Standard Operating Procedure will be issued by MOHUA. Social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions and other congregations will be permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons, with effect from 21st September 2020. However, such limited gatherings can be held with mandatory wearing of face masks, social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer. Open air theatres will be permitted to open with effect from 21st September 2020. It has been decided that Schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will continue to remain closed for students and regular class activity up to 30th September 2020. State/ UT Governments shall not impose any local lockdown (State/ District/ sub-division/City/ village level), outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Central Government. There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements. MHA will monitor the effective implementation of National Directives.

For details:

Union Home Secretary and Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare review measures for containing spread of COVID-19 infection in UTs

Union Home Secretary and Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) jointly reviewed the measures for containing spread of COVID-19 infection in the Union Territories of Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, in a meeting held on 29.08.2020 through Video Conferencing. The senior officers of UTs, briefed the Union Home Secretary about steps taken by them for testing, management of COVID positive cases, isolation of COVID positive cases, availability of health infrastructure/medical personnel, para-medical staff, etc. Both the Secretaries asked senior officers to ensure that the administrative officers, medical professionals, para-medical staff and other people associated with containing spread of COVID-19 infection and management of COVID-19 situation work in close tandem. The Union Territories were advised to ramp up COVID testing facilities; maintain effective surveillance for early identification of COVID positive cases; effective contact tracing; augmenting house to house surveillance by medical/para-medical teams; better monitoring of home isolation cases; clear demarcation and enforcement of containment measures in the Containment Zones; augment health infrastructure. The UTs were also advised to ensure enforcement of precautionary measures like maintaining social distancing, sanitization, wearing of masks, etc

For details:

PM inaugurates College and Administration Buildings of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi through video conferencing

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the College and Administration Buildings of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, UP through video conferencing on Saturday, 29th August, 2020. He interacted with the students of the University. PM congratulated everyone and expressed hope that students after graduating from this university will actively contribute in empowering the country's agriculture sector. He hoped that new facilities provided due to the new building would encourage and motivate students to work harder. Invoking Rani Lakshmi Bai's Quote that "I will not give my Jhansi", the Prime Minister urged the people of Jhansi and Bundelkhand to make Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan a success. The Prime Minister noted that Agriculture has a major role to contribute in Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Talking about the steps taken to minimize the problems faced by the people during the coronavirus pandemic, the Prime Minister said free rations are being provided to crores of poor and rural families in Uttar Pradesh. Around 10 lakh poor women in Bundelkhand have been given free gas cylinders during this period. Under Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan, over 7 hundred crore rupees have been spent in UP so far, under which employment was provided to lakhs of workers.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally inaugurates Super Speciality Trauma Centre of Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Ballari in Karnataka

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare along with Sh. B.S. Yediyurappa, Chief Minister of Karnataka digitally dedicated the Super Speciality Trauma Centre (SSTC) in Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Ballari to the nation. The SSTC is built with an investment of Rs 150 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). It has departments of Emergency and Trauma, Neurosurgery and Orthopaedics. This new Block has 8 Operation Theaters including 6 Modular ones, 200 Super Specialty Beds, 72 ICU Beds, 20 Ventilators and the aforementioned state-of-the-art CT Scan and Digital x-ray machine. This facility will have a training capacity of 27 PG students.

For details:

Khadi Masks' Popularity soars; KVIC Receives Repeat Order for 10.5 lakh Face Masks from Red Cross Society

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has received a repeat order and the biggest order so far for supply of 10.5 lakh high quality face masks to the Indian Red Cross Society. The new purchase order comes less than a month after its previous order for 1.80 lakh face masks out of which KVIC has already supplied 1.60 lakh face masks to the Society.

For details:.

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: 157 new COVID-19 positive cases were detected during last twenty four hours in Arunachal Pradesh. 68 patients were discharged after successfully recovering from COVID-19. As of now, there are 1,205 active positive COVID-19 cases in the state and recovery rate is now 69.95%.
- Assam: In Assam, 1,417 patients discharged yesterday. Total discharged patients 83,927, active patients 21,548, Assam Health Minister tweeted.
- Manipur: 152 more persons test COVID-19 positive in Manipur. There were 53 recoveries with 69% recovery rate. There are 1,845 active cases.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, total active cases are 1,284, total BSF and Armed Forces 368 & total others 916; total recovered 1,049.
- Mizoram: Three more COVID-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 1,011, active cases 422.
- Nagaland: Residents of New Market Colony, Kohima light candles to welcome home recovered patients. 10 out of 11 persons from the colony had returned home after recovery. 48 hrs

lockdown imposed in Shamator town in Tuensang district on Aug 30 & 31 following detection of 5 new COVID-19 cases.

- Sikkim: With 25 new cases and 25 recoveries, Sikkim's active COVID-19 count holds at 404.
- Kerala: State Government has decided to widely conduct antigen tests to determine Covid cases. More Antigen tests will be conducted under panchayats across the state instead of other tests and RTPCR tests to avoid the present delay in getting results. Authorities also feel that a reduction in the price will influence more people to undergo the test as Rs 625 is charged for antigen test and Rs 2750 charged for RTPCR test. Meanwhile, Onam is being celebrated today by abiding Covid-19 protocols. A total of 2,154 new active cases of Covid-19 were detected in the State yesterday. At present, there are 23,658 patients undergoing treatment and 1,99,468 people under quarantine across the State. The death toll has reached 287.
- Tamil Nadu: After recording over 550 cases for past three days, Puducherry added only 291 new Covid-19 cases and seven deaths in the last 24 hours. The total cases in the UT increased to 14,411 and active cases to 4849 and death toll at 228. The 'Madurai Model' of Covid management has earned the praise of TN Chief Secretary K Shanmugam. According to health officials, micromanagement, fortnight analysis and intensive testing and establishment of triage centres have helped in bringing down the Covid cases. Tamil Nadu announces major relaxations, extends current phase of lockdown. E-pass mandatory only for inter-state travel; e-pass is not required for travelling between the districts from now on.
- Karnataka: Unlock 4: Metro to run from September 7, decision on opening pubs and bars to be taken soon. Metro commuters remain wary as only smart card holders may get to avoid queues. Symptomatic swab samples to be given preference in testing in Bangalore city. Random testing shows that Bangalore positivity rate has dropped. As the state recorded 8,852 Covid cases on Sunday, those without contact or travel history, crossed the 1-lakh mark and stood at 1,00,941 patients.
- Andhra Pradesh: State reported over 10,000 cases for the fifth straight day, as on Sunday as its tally of 4.24 lakh saw it go past Tamil Nadu to the second spot behind Maharashtra in the overall infection count. State government decided to distribute three masks to each student studying from classes 1 to 10 in government schools free-of-cost as a precautionary measure, after reopening of schools. Plasma therapy yields good results in Nellore as 130 people who recuperated from the infection have donated plasma helping 75 people survive from severe conditions.
- Telangana: 1873 new cases, 1849 recoveries & 09 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1873 cases, 360 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,24,963; Active cases: 31,299; Deaths: 827; Discharges: 92,837. Hyderabad Metro Rail is ready to resume services, but awaiting the green signal from the state government. If it gets the nod, metro services in the city may resume from September 7 as per the Centre's Unlock 4.0 guidelines.
- Maharashtra: A committee comprising Vice Chancellors and education experts in Maharashtra has been tasked to prepare timetable for conducting the final semester / year examinations as directed by the University Grants Commission. Maharashtra Minister for Higher and Technical Education Uday Samant has said that the state would ensure that the health issues of the students, teaching and non-teaching staff members are not compromised.

- Gujarat: In Gujarat, 1272 new cases of Covid-19 recorded during the last 24 hours. Out of 1272 new cases, the maximum 174 new cases reported from Surat. Ahmedabad city recorded 146 cases, while Vadodara city recorded 93 cases. Meanwhile, the recovery rate has further improved to 80.67%. More than 22.65 lakh tests have been carried out in the state till date, out of which approximately 70,000 tests were carried out on Sunday.
- Rajasthan: Three MLAs in Rajasthan tested positive for Coronavirus Today. Congress MLA Ramesh Meena and two BJP MLAs Hameer Singh Bhayal and Chandrabhan Singh Aakya have contracted the virus. On Sunday, state Transport Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas had tested positive for the virus.
- Madhya Pradesh: The state Government has decided to provide free transportation to the students who are appearing in the JEE-Main and NEET-2020 examinations. The purpose is to protect students from the problem of coming to the examination centres due to the Corona epidemic. The concerned district administration will provide this facility to the candidates.
- Chhattisgarh: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has gone into self-isolation after two of his staff members – his OSD and his Personal Security Officer, tested positive for CoVID on Sunday. However, the Chief Minister himself has tested negative. The state capital Raipur, which is the worst-hit by the pandemic in the state, reported 518 of the fresh cases, which took the case tally to 10,825. The district has witnessed 144 deaths so far.

FACT CHECK

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Update: As per the latest update, the examination date of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Nursing Officer Recruitment Common Eligibility Test (#NORCET) 2020 has been postponed to 08.09.2020.

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Aug 29, 2020

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 Claim: A notification claims that the examination date of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Nursing Officer Recruitment Common Eligibility Test (#NORCET) 2020 has been postponed. #PIBFactCheck: This notification is #Fake. #NORCET 2020 exam is scheduled on 1st September 2020.

Examination date of NORCET 2020 has NOT been postponed

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 27. 08. 2020

EXAM POSTPONE OF NURSING OFFICER RECRUITMENT COMMON ELIGIBLE TEST (NORCET) -2020

With reference to the Advertisement Notice no. 104/2020 dated 01. 08. 2020 it is inform that the exam are postponed due to some under... causes the exam... on 01. 09. 2020 are now postponed and conducted on date 15. 08. 2020.

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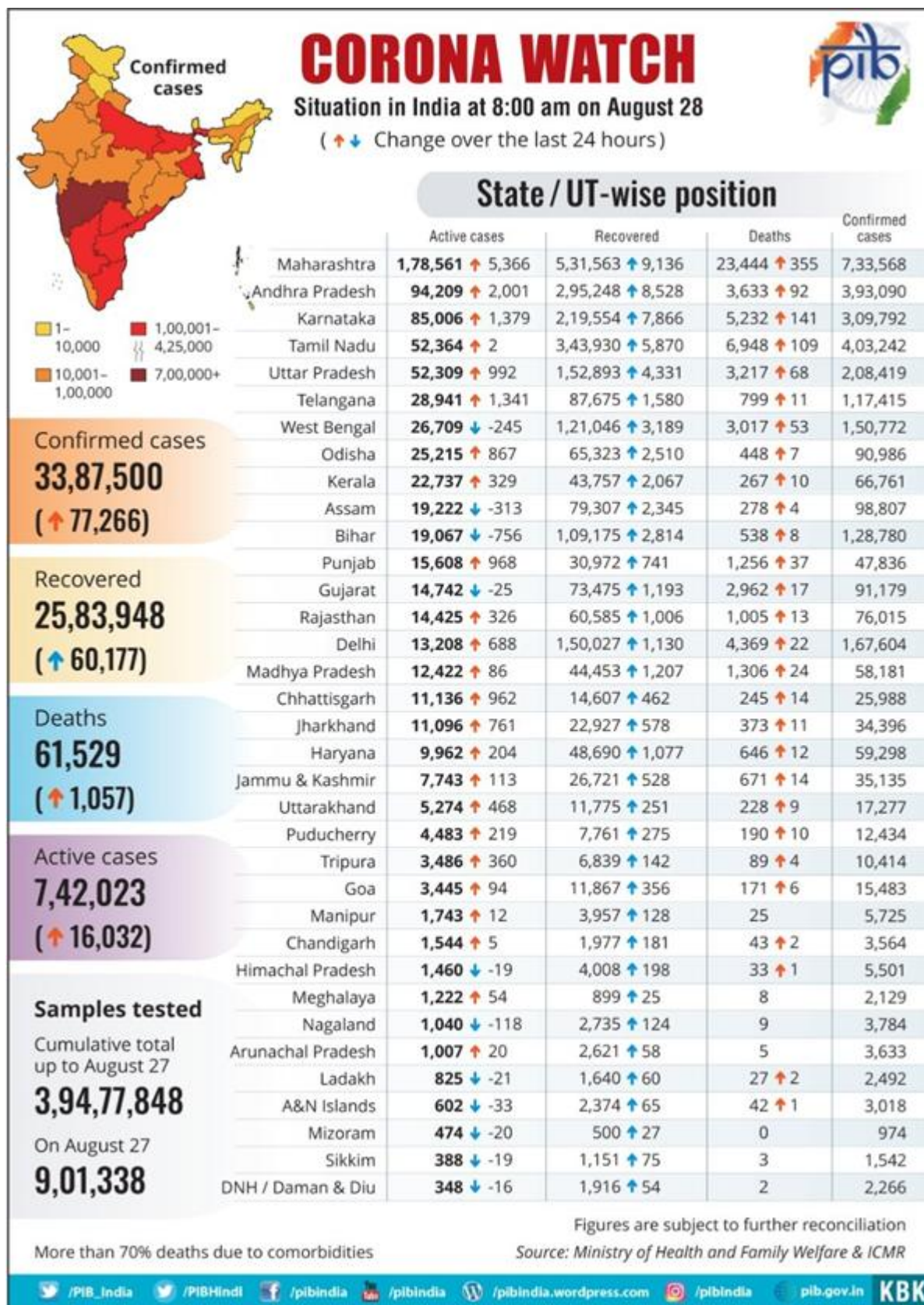
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- India tests more than 9 lakh samples for the second day in a row; Total tests close to 4 crore mark
- More than 1 crore tested in past 2 weeks
- India's COVID-19 recoveries nearing 26 lakh, with 60,177 having recovered in the last 24 hours
- Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients has touched 76.28%
- Case Fatality Rate further dips to 1.82%
- Active cases account for only 22% of total COVID cases

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India tests more than 9 lakh samples each day, two days in a row, Total tests near a new peak of 4 crore, More than 1 crore tested in past 2 weeks

India has tested more than 9 lakh COVID-19 samples each day for the second consecutive day, keeping a sharp focus on “TEST, TRACK AND TREAT” strategy of the Union Government. India has already created a capacity of doing 10 lakh tests per day. **9,01,338** samples were tested in the last 24 hours. With

this steady rise, the cumulative tests are nearing 4 crore. The total tests as on date have reached **3,94,77,848**. More than 1 crore samples have been tested for COVID in the past two weeks. The Tests per Million too have seen a sharp surge to **28,607**. The graded and evolving response has resulted in a testing strategy that steadily widened the testing net in the country. To keep up with this strategy, the testing lab network in the country is continuously strengthened which as on today consists of **1564** labs in the country; **998** labs in the government sector and **566** private labs.

For details:

Active cases only 22% of total COVID cases, Recoveries are now 26 lakh. Exceed Active cases by more than 18 lakh

In the past five months, more than 3/4 of COVID-19 cases have recovered and less than 1/4 is active now. With more patients recovering and being discharged from home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases) and hospitals (severe and critical cases), India's COVID-19 recoveries is nearing 26 lakh. **60,177** have recovered in the last 24 hours. With these national figures, the Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 has touched **76.28%**. The number of recoveries is nearly **3.5 times** the active cases, which comprise **21.90%** of the total cases. Higher number of recoveries has led to a constantly growing difference between recoveries and active cases. Crossing 18 lakhs, the difference stands at **18, 41,925** today. As on date, the country has 1723 Dedicated COVID Hospitals (DCHs), 3883 Dedicated COVID Health Centres (DCHCs) and 11,689 COVID Care Centres (CCCs) with a total of 15,89,105 isolation beds, 2,17,128 oxygen supported beds and 57,380 ICU beds. Effective treatment of the positive cases has resulted in a progressively dipping Case Fatality Rate, which is pegged at **1.82%** today.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally inaugurates Super Speciality Block of MGM Medical College, Indore

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare along with Sh. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh digitally inaugurated the Super Speciality Block (SSB) in Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Indore in the presence of Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare. The Medical College was also the nodal agency for a NCDC sero-survey. The SSB is built with an investment of Rs 237 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). Health Minister stated that the Centre has provided 13.99 lakh N95 masks, 7.97 lakh PPEs, 54 lakh HCQ and 679 ventilators to Madhya Pradesh to strengthen its efforts to fight COVID-19. This is supplemented by 2,32,620 RNA extraction kits, 5,87,140 RT-PCR kits, and 2,55,850 VTM kits provided by the Central Government.

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PM expresses happiness over successful completion of 6 Years of PM-JDY

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed happiness over the successful completion of 6 Years of Jan Dhan Yojana. The Prime Minister said, "Today, six years ago, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana was launched with an ambitious aim of banking the unbanked. This initiative has been a game-changer, serving as the foundation for many poverty alleviation initiatives, benefitting crores of people. Thanks to the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, the future of several families has become secure. A high proportion of beneficiaries are from rural areas and are women. I also applaud all those who have worked tirelessly to make PM-JDY a success."

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PM Modi addresses seminar on Atmanirbhar Bharat in Defence manufacturing

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the seminar on Atmanirbhar Bharat in Defence Manufacturing via Video Conferencing yesterday. Stressing on the need to become Atmanirbhar in Defence Manufacturing, the Prime Minister said our aim is to boost defence production, develop new technology and give significant roles to private players in the defence sector. Complimenting Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and his entire team for working on a mission mode and taking relentless efforts, the Prime Minister said that the objective of achieving self-reliance in defense production will definitely gain momentum from this seminar. He enumerated several concrete steps undertaken in this direction such as improvement in licensing process, creating level playing field, simplification of export process. PM remarked that a sense of confidence in the defense sector is essential for building a modern and self-reliant India. Decisions such as appointment of CDS, which were pending for decades have been taken now, which reflects confidence of New India. Appointment of Chief of Defence Staff has resulted in better synergy and coordination among the three forces, and has helped in the scaling up of defence procurement. Similarly, he highlighted that opening of defence sector by permitting 74% FDI via automatic route reflects the confidence of new India.

For details:

Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) - National Mission for Financial Inclusion, completes six years of successful implementation,

Financial Inclusion is a national priority of the Government as it is an enabler for inclusive growth. A key initiative towards this commitment is the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY), which is one of the biggest financial inclusion initiatives in the world. **On the 6th Anniversary of PMJDY, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman reiterated the importance of this Scheme. She said “The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has been the foundation stone for the Modi government’s people-centric economic initiatives. Whether it is direct benefit transfers, COVID-19 financial assistance, PM-KISAN, increased wages under MGNREGA, life and health insurance cover, the first step was to provide every adult with a bank account, which PMJDY has nearly completed.” Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Anurag thakur said, “In today’s COVID19 times, we have witnessed the remarkable swiftness and seamlessness with which DBTs have empowered and provided financial security to the vulnerable sections of society. An important aspect is that DBTs via PM Jan Dhan accounts have ensured every rupee reaches its intended beneficiary and prevented systemic leakage.” As on 19th August 2020, number of Total PMJDY Accounts are 40.35 Crore, Rural PMJDY accounts: 63.6%, Women PMJDY accounts: 55.2%**

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Central Institutes of Hotel Management & Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management organise various Activities on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ministry of Tourism has been regularly working to promote the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat through various activities. Even during the COVID-19 Pandemic Central Institutes of Hotel Management affiliated to NCHMCT & Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management organised various Activities on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat since 8th May 2020 to 24th August 2020. The activities witnessed an enthusiastic participation in the true spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. In May 2020, 20 central Institute of Hotel management organised 27 activities covering 32 paired States wherein 6141 persons participated.

For details:

Union Education Minister virtually inaugurates Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC) Exam Centre of Aligarh Muslim University.

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated Examination Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University through a video conferencing platform yesterday. The examination centre has been built on a government grant of rupees two cores. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that even as the world is facing unprecedented disruption due to Covid-19, especially in the fields of education and learning; the Government is committed that our centres of learning and students do not suffer. He said that Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) played a pivotal role in the Freedom Struggle and still it denotes a strong sense of patriotism. Its academic excellence makes it an invaluable national asset. Its Medical College beacons a new ray of hope at a time when the Country is plagued by Covid19 pandemic. He congratulated the AMU Vice Chancellor for ensuring the all-round development with continuous positive transformation despite adverse circumstances due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

For details:

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- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh the active cases crosses one thousand figure. 78 new positive cases detected during last twenty four hours. Currently 1007 active positive cases in the state. Recovery rate is over 72 percent and 2621 recovered and discharged from hospitals so far.
- Assam: In Assam during last 24 hours 2345 COVID-19 patients were discharged. Till Thursday 79307 patients were discharged and the active cases stands at 19219 in the state.
- Manipur: In Manipur during the last 24 hours, 140 more persons tested positive for Covid19. Out of these, 119 were without travel history. 128 persons recovered and were discharged from Covid care centres. The recovery rate of the state is 69%.
- Meghalaya: The total active COVID-19 cases reached 1222 in Meghalaya. Out of them 414 are from BSF and Armed Forces and 808 are others. Total 899 patients recovered so far in the state.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram the COVID-19 tally crosses 1000 mark today.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland the Deputy CM Y Patton who is also COVID-19 in-charge of Wokha district reviews situation in the district. Expresses concern over entry restrictions in some villages & colonies. 5 more locations in Kohima sealed by district administration following detection of COVID-19 positive cases.

- Maharashtra: With Maharashtra reporting 14,718 cases and 355 deaths on Thursday, the total number of coronavirus infections in the state has now reached 7,33,568 and toll has soared to 23,444. Even as Pune grapples with over 1,000 new cases of coronavirus infection every day, the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has a sliver of good news in its fight against the pandemic. The recovery rate has reached 80.48 per cent in PMC areas, inching closer to the 81.32 per cent recovery rate in Mumbai, though Pune has a higher rate of active cases than the state capital.
- Gujarat: The State reported 1,190 new cases of Covid-19 during the past 24 hours, taking the tally so far to 91,329. With 258 new cases, Surat district crossed the mark of 20,000. Ahmedabad reported 163 new cases while 123 cases were reported from Vadodara. Meanwhile, the overall testing figure crossed the mark of 20 lakhs with 76,227 tests conducted on Thursday.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, 9 people working at the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) and one staff member working at the Chief Minister's Residence (CMR) have tested positive for Coronavirus. Following this CM Ashok Gehlot has cancelled all the scheduled appointments and meetings. Rajasthan's COVID-19 tally has reached 75,303 with the addition of 633 new cases on Thursday.
- Madhya Pradesh: The State Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has directed the Health Department and other authorities to pay special attention to 10 districts in the state to control Covid-19 pandemic. The districts include Indore, Gwalior, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Jhabua, Shivpuri, Dhar, Khargone, Ujjain and Sagar. Madhya Pradesh is at the 16th position in the country as far as the number of active cases is concerned. On Thursday, the number of active cases stood at 12,422.
- Kerala: In view of the rapid spread of Covid-19 in the state, the Health Department has come up with a revised sentinel surveillance plan for testing in more sectors. The local self-government bodies are directed to collect samples and conduct Covid tests every week. One of the major changes is replacing the RT-PCR tests for sentinel surveillance with rapid antigen assay. Through this, it is expected to get results faster. Most of the districts report more than 100 Covid cases per day. One more Covid death was reported in the state today taking the toll to 268. Kerala yesterday registered 2,406 new positive cases. Currently, there are 22,673 patients are undergoing treatment and 1.93 lakh people under observation in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: The Union territory of Puducherry saw its highest single-day Covid-19 spike with 604 cases and nine deaths in the last 24 hours. This has taken the total cases to 13,024, active cases to 4745 and deaths to 199. The Tiruchy division of Southern Railways incurred loss of over Rs 100 crore in passenger earnings from April to July due to suspension of train services. TN Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami says Tamil Nadu has topped all States in having attracted maximum investments even during the pandemic, which will create job opportunities.
- Karnataka: Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said that we still do not know when to open schools or how classes will take place once they open. The state on Thursday saw the highest single-day spike in Covid positives so far, with 9,386 cases, bringing the tally to 3,09,792. Bengaluru accounted for most of the cases with 3,357 people contracting the virus.
- Andhra Pradesh: State has decided to support the families of doctors in government hospitals who sacrificed their lives in the service of treating covid patients. AP Medical Health Department has issued orders to this effect that steps will be taken to give one of the family members a government job within a month. According to State DGP (Prisons), 1,375 prisoners, 241 staff across jails in Andhra Pradesh test positive for Covid-19. Only one prisoner succumbed to the virus. Majority of the cases are asymptomatic and facilities have been created for the treatment. State inches towards 4 lakh mark with total positive cases at 3.93 lakh as on Thursday.

- Telangana: 2932 new cases, 1580 recoveries & 11 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2932 cases, 520 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,17,415; Active cases: 28,941; Deaths: 799; Discharges: 87,675. Ramping up the Covid-19 testing capacity in the State, the Department of Health and Family Welfare is conducting 50,000 to 60,000 tests every day for the last one week, Health Minister Etela Rajender said.

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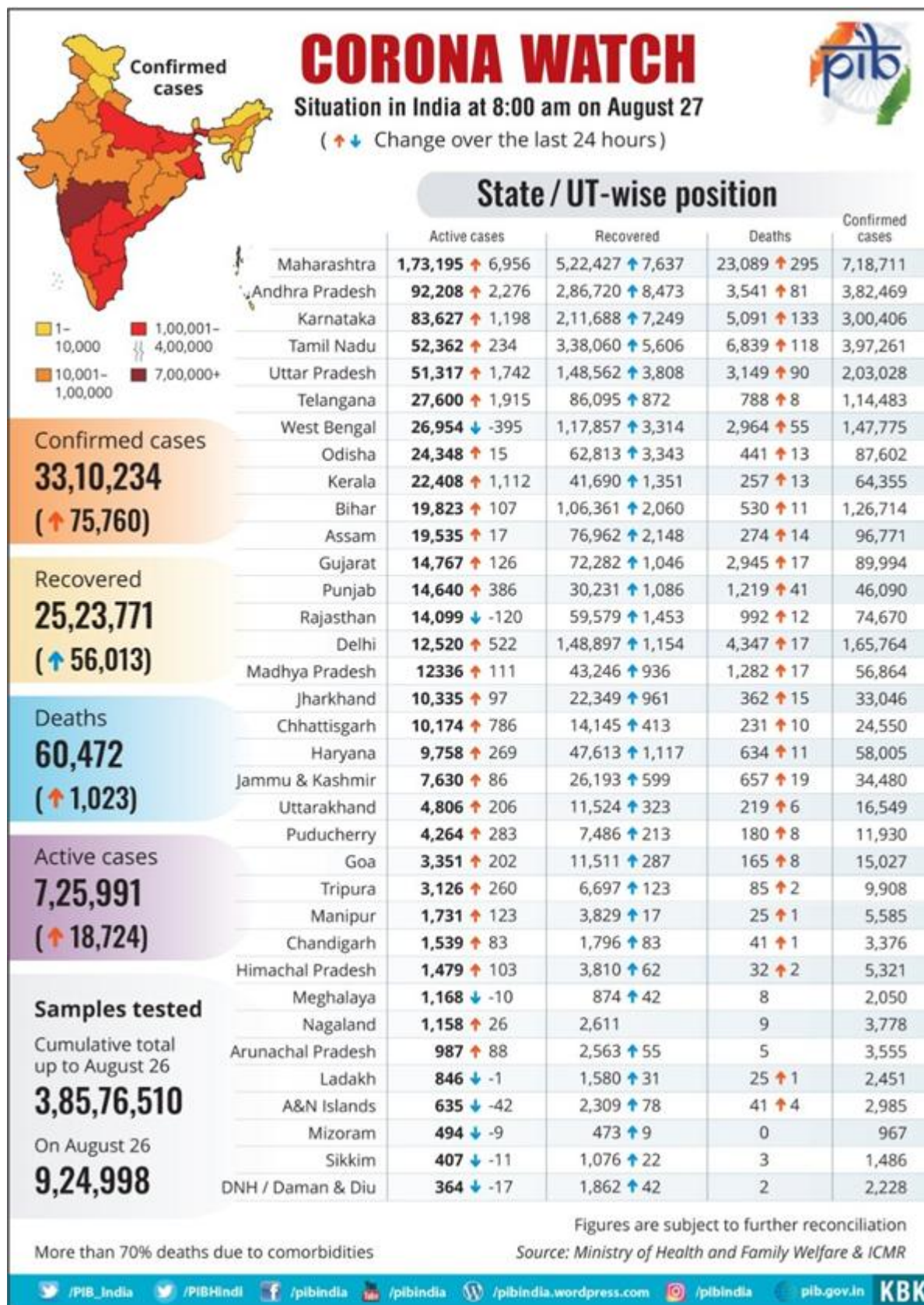
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- With more than 9 lakh tests in last 24 hour, India tests nearly 3.9 crore
- Total Recoveries cross 2.5 million; the gap between Active and Recovered cases reaches nearly 18 lakh
- Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients today stands at 76.24%.
- Case Fatality Rate further slumps to 1.83%.
- 7,25,991 active cases comprise only 21.93% of the total positive cases.
- Cabinet Secretary reviews 10 States/UT with high COVID Case Fatality
- India has demonstrated itself as the trusted partner to the world, particularly in times of stress: Shri Piyush Goyal

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 27 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (21.93%)	Discharged (76.24%)	Deaths (1.83%)
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With more than 9 lakh tests in last 24 hour, India tests nearly 3.9 crore; India crosses another milestone- Total Recoveries cross 2.5 million

Keeping the focus on "Test, Track and Treat" strategy, India's cumulative tests reach nearly **3.9 crore** today. In the last 24 hours **9,24,998** tests were conducted across the country. This has spurred the total tests to **3,85,76,510**. With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), India's total COVID-19 recoveries have surpassed **2.5 million** today. Recovery of **25,23,771** patients has been made possible because of effective

implementation of the policy of the centre-led policies that have been effectively been implemented by the State/UT governments. **56,013** COVID patients have recovered in the last 24 hours. India's Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients today stands at **76.24%**. India has posted nearly 18 lakh (**17,97,780**) recoveries than the active cases (**7,25,991** which are under active medical care). The sustained high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country viz. the active cases, comprises **21.93%** of the total positive cases. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has further slumped to stand at **1.83%** today. 10 States/UTs are faring better in terms of Recovery Rate than the national average. The total number of labs has risen to **1550** , including 993 labs in the government sector and 557 private labs.

For details:

Cabinet Secretary reviews 10 States/UT with high COVID Case Fatality; States urged to proactively limit COVID transmission and keep mortality below 1%

Cabinet Secretary held a video conference with the Chief Secretaries and Health Secretaries of nine States and one UT today. The States/UT attending the VC were Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. The VC was convened to review and discuss the COVID management and response strategy in these States/UT. The States/UT were advised to proactively take steps towards reducing case fatality to less than 1% across all districts focusing on effective containment, contact tracing & surveillance.

For details:

India demonstrated itself as the trusted partner to the world, particularly in times of stress: Shri Piyush Goyal

Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal today said that Cooperation, Collaboration and Commitment will guide the strategic partnership between India and ASEAN countries. Addressing the ASEAN-India Business Council virtual meet, Shri Goyal said the Covid-19 pandemic period provided a unique opportunity to India to demonstrate itself as the trusted partner to the world, particularly in times of stress. He said that during the early days of pandemic, India went out to the world for its requirements to fight Covid-19, but didn't get much traction, as everyone was holding on for their own requirements. But, India, on the other hand, with the ability to provide medicines, acted as the Pharmacy for the world. We supplied medicines to over 150 countries of the world, to every part of the world, particularly to the less developed nations. Restrictions were imposed initially but that was with the noble intent of ensuring that the poor nations are not deprived of the medicines. All this showed that India is a resilient country, a trusted partner and a friend indeed.

For details:

Shri Rajnath Singh launches mobile App for NCC Training

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched the Directorate General National Cadet Corps (DGNCC) Mobile Training App here today. The App will assist in conducting countrywide online training of NCC cadets. In his address to the NCC Cadets, Raksha Mantri said the app will be useful to them in digital learning and overcoming the difficulties posed by COVID-19 due to restrictions on direct physical interactions. But if one moves ahead with determination and self-confidence, he or she would be able to clear all hurdles and achieve success, he added. Shri Rajnath Singh praised the contribution of more than one lakh

NCC Cadets who supported the frontline Corona warriors by executing various tasks in the fight against the pandemic. The DGNCC Mobile Training App aims at providing NCC cadets entire training material (syllabus, précis, training videos and frequently asked questions) on one platform. The App has been made interactive by including a query option. By using this option, a cadet can post his question related to the training syllabus and the same will be answered by a panel of qualified instructors.

For details :

Principal Bench of Armed Forces Tribunal initiates hearings of matters pertaining to Regional Benches through video conferencing

Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) Chairperson Justice Rajendra Menon inaugurated hearings by video conferencing for all ten Regional Benches of the Armed Forces Tribunal here yesterday. The Principal Bench of Armed Forces Tribunal is the only court that has been conducting physical hearings since June 8, 2020. Physical hearings are being conducted at Principal Bench taking into account hardships and limitations faced by Armed Forces personnel, retired as well as serving, primarily due to their far flung locations and various security related issues. With this provision of hearing by video conferencing, an immense relief has been brought to the Armed Forces personnel, whose applications are awaiting justice at various Regional Benches. Member Judicial Justice Mohammad Tahir and Members Administration Vice Admiral P Murugesan (Retd) & Lt Gen CA Krishnan (Retd) shall hear applications of the Regional Benches through video conferencing.

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Vice President calls for the nurturing of entrepreneurial talent among the youth

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has called for the nurturing of entrepreneurial talent among the youth of the nation to make India 'Atmanirbhar' in the time to come. He said that we must tap into the entrepreneurial talent and technological skill of every citizen of the nation and harness our local resources to attain self-reliance and to serve the humanity at large. addressing a Webinar on Acharya Vinoba Bhave's contribution to the dissemination of Gandhi Ji's philosophy for social uplift and Bhoodan Movement, he called for the creation of a Sashakt Bharat, Swabhimani Bharat, and Atmanirbhar Bharat. Referring to the COVID-19 health emergency the Vice President said that in these testing times, we have to come together, pool our efforts, not only to contain the spread of virus but also to offer succour and solace, in a Gandhian way, to those who have been adversely affected by the lockdown.

For details :

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, advised Director, PGIMER that if there are mild and stable cases in Nehru Hospital Extension, they could be shifted to other places, so that the beds remain reserved for critical patients only. He also directed Commissioner, MC to conduct regular sanitization in different areas of the city to contain the spread of Covid infection and other monsoon related diseases.
- Punjab: Citing the huge revenue losses suffered by the state government on account of the COVID pandemic and the resultant lockdown, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh-led Punjab Cabinet has sought adequate compensation from the Government of India to support the state in these difficult times.

- Kerala: State government has issued special instructions in the wake of Onam festival season to avoid crowding in public places. The order strictly prohibits celebrations at public places and crowded 'Onam feast' events. It also bans exhibition cum shopping festivals which are usually held during Onam. The order has also specifically asked people to avoid floral decorations in public places and not buy flowers from outside the state. Meanwhile, four Covid deaths were reported in the state till today afternoon, taking the toll to 301. Kerala shattered its single-day record for new Covid-19 infections yesterday with 2,476 cases. There are 22,344 active cases and as many as 1,89,781 people are under observation in the State.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry reports 511 Covid-19 cases and 10 deaths in the last 24 hours, taking the total cases to 12,434, active cases to 4,483, and deaths to 190 on Thursday. As many as 2,356 covid-19 positive people are in home isolation while 2,127 are admitted to hospitals. The health officials in Madurai are worried that the easing of the e-pass rules might lead to a possible spike in the number of Covid-19 cases in the district; on average 9,000 applications are being sanctioned a day through the automatic approval system. Reaffirming the State government's stand, School Education Minister KA Sengottaiyan on Wednesday said they have been taking various measures to exempt students of Tamil Nadu from NEET.
- Karnataka: Medical Education Minister said Karnataka has opened up more economic activities even as we fight the virus and that Bengaluru is the most open city in India amidst pandemic. The private hospitals and nursing homes association said its members will be unable to pay salaries to their staff as state government has not reimbursed the bills of Covid-19 patients referred to private hospitals. High Court asked state government to give reasons for not increasing relief to non-health front line workers. Karnataka has so far conducted 25,80,621 tests across 108 labs in the state. 8,580 cases & 7,249 recoveries were reported yesterday of which 3,284 new cases were in Bengaluru. State's recovery rate stands at 70.47%.
- Andhra Pradesh: State government has taken a crucial decision slashing Covid-19 test prices in the state. Orders have been issued to this effect by the Health Department. Samples sent by government hospitals to testing labs so far has been charged at Rs.2400 will now be priced at Rs.1600, while the samples sent by private hospitals charging Rs.2900 for test shall be charged Rs.1900 from now on. The government revealed that the price of test kits has come down due to their large scale production, compared to the times the virus has surfaced in the past. The coronavirus infection positivity rate in the state mounted to 11.19 per cent as against the national average of 8.59 per cent, according to the latest government bulletin.
- Telangana: 2795 new cases, 872 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2795 cases, 449 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,14,483; Active cases: 27,600; Deaths: 788; Discharges: 86,095. Telangana is projected to have around 50,000 Covid-19 cases in August alone. The Union Agricultural Ministry has lauded several initiatives of the State in the field of agriculture particularly the "Rytu Bandhu" scheme and the farmers coordination committees.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 143 more people tested positive for COVID-19 on Wednesday, active 987 and recovery rate is 72%.
- Assam: In Assam, 2179 more people tested positive for COVID-19 on recovered 2148 people on Wednesday, total cases rise to 96771, active 19532, total recovered 76962 and 274 death.
- Manipur: In Manipur, 141 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 17 recoveries, active 1731 and 68% recovery rate.

- Mizoram: Polling for over 500 village councils and over 70 local councils held in Mizoram today. COVID-19 tally rises to 974 in Mizoram. Total active cases stand at 499.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, seven more locations sealed in Kohima following detection of new COVID-19 positive cases. SBI donated 3 ventilators each to H&FW Dept and Nagaland Police Dept on Wednesday. Earlier SBI had donated 500 PPE kits to state govt.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 56 more people tested positive for COVID-19, active 388 and discharged 1151.
- Maharashtra: The state on Wednesday reported a record high of 14,888 new Covid infections taking its tally past 7.18 lakh cases. The number of active cases in the state has climbed up to 1.72 lakh. State Capital Mumbai reported a high 1,854 cases, after a gap of several days. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has said that the state government will replicate the 'Chase the Virus' strategy, implemented successfully in Mumbai, in other parts as well. The strategy involves health team reaching out to the people rather the waiting for patients to turn up to the doctors.
- Gujarat: 1197 new cases of COVID-19 were recorded during the last 24 hours, taking the state tally of Covid infections past 90 thousand. The maximum 168 new cases were reported from Surat. Ahmedabad city recorded 144 cases, while Vadodara city recorded 90 cases. Gujarat has a recovery rate of 80.22 per cent. The number of active cases is 14,884.
- Rajasthan: Places of worship in Rajasthan will be reopen for public from the 7th September. A decision to this effect was taken at a review meeting chaired by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot yesterday. Social distancing norms will have to be followed and all religious places will be sanitized from time to time. The state has 14,646 active Covid cases.
- Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh Government today resumed inter-state public transport along with vehicles covered under the All India Tourist Permit. The Transport Department has issued detailed guidelines which stipulate that buses will only stop at designated places. No e-pass is required for the journey, but contact details of every passenger needs to be maintained, so that it can be presented to the district authorities for contact tracing, if a need arises.
- Goa: The total number of Covid cases reported in Goa crossed the 15 thousand mark on Wednesday evening, making Goa the first state in India, where 1 per cent of the total population is confirmed to have contracted the dreaded infection. The 15,027 cases of Goa have been reported between June – August, post lockdown, as the state was Covid free during April and May.



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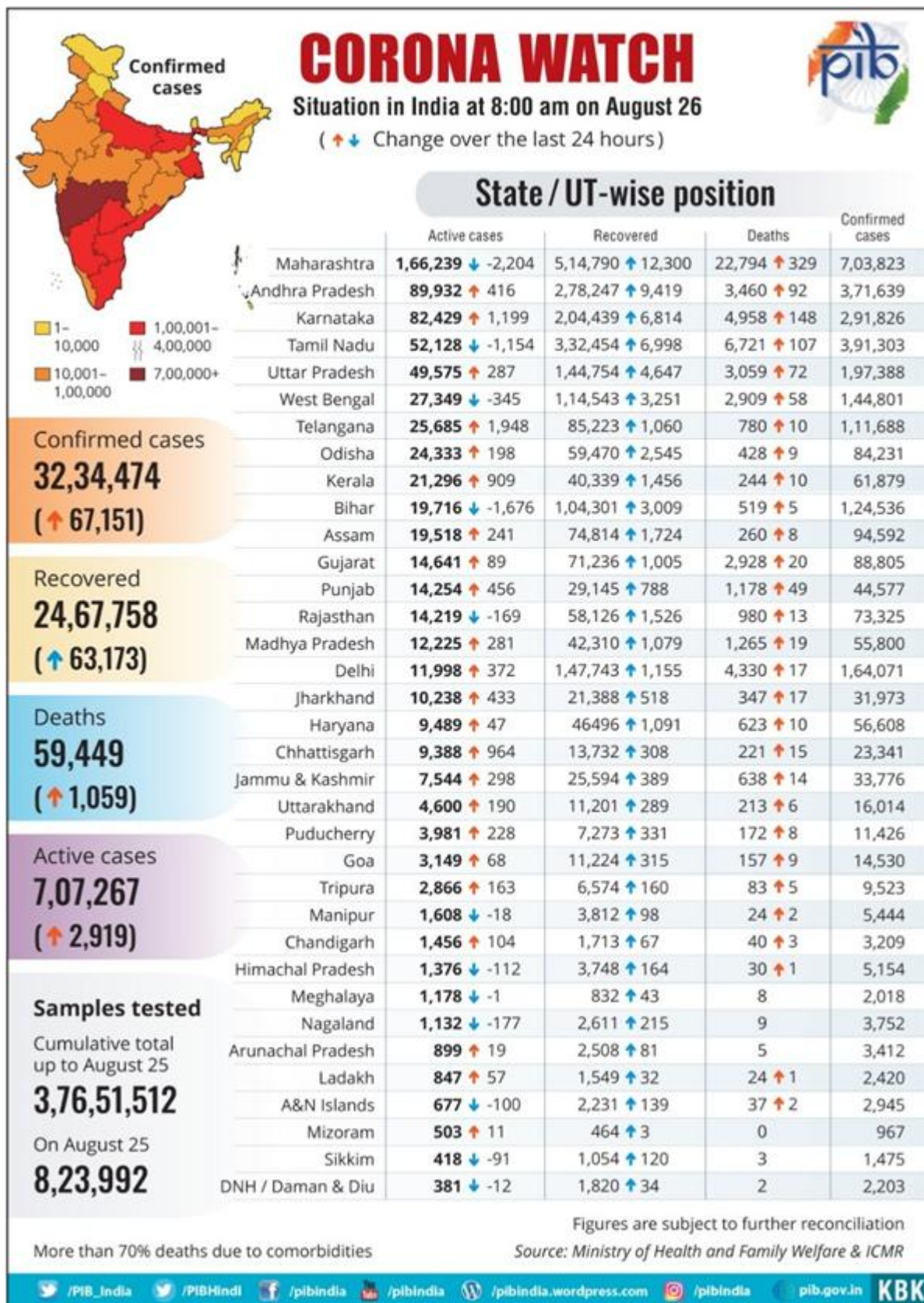
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- Recoveries in India today exceed the active cases by 3.5 times.
- Recovery of 63,173 COVID-19 patients in the last 24 hours results in the cumulative recoveries of 24,67,758 people, and recovery rate to 76.3%
- Case Fatality Rates declines to 1.84%
- Cumulative testing has reached 3,76,51,512., with 8,23,992 tests being conducted in the last 24 hours
- CGHS starts tele-consultation services through e-Sanjeevani in Delhi/NCR
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan dedicates two new Medical Colleges and three Super-Speciality Blocks in Rajasthan to the Nation

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As Recoveries in India grow, difference with Active Cases widens, Recovered Patients are 3.5 times the Active Cases

The number of recoveries in India today exceeds the active cases by **3.5** times. The single day recovery figure has been more than 60,000 since many days. Recovery of **63,173** COVID-19 patients in the last 24 hours has resulted in the cumulative recoveries of **24,67,758** people. This has contributed to the

rapidly widening chasm between the number of percentage recovered and percentage active cases further. **17,60,489** people have recovered more than the active cases (**7,07,267**). With this, India's Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients has crossed 76% (**76.30%**) today. The record high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country viz. the active cases, has further lowered. It currently comprises only **21.87%** of the total positive cases. The steadily declining Case Fatality Rates stands at **1.84%** today.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1648672>

With more than 8 lakh average tests every day, India scales up COVID-19 testing, Tests Per Million (TPM) now more than 27,000

Early identification of the COVID-19 infections through timely and aggressive TESTING has played a pivotal role in India's strategy to fight the pandemic. The 7-day average rolling numbers of tests/day indicate the determined, focussed, consistent and coordinated efforts of the Centre and the State/UT governments in this direction. The cumulative testing as on date has reached **3,76,51,512**. In the last 24 hours **8,23,992** tests were conducted. Such high level of testing on a sustained basis leads to early diagnosis. Expanded diagnostic lab network and facilitation for easy testing across the country have given a substantial boost. Building on this achievement, the Tests Per Million (TPM) have seen a sharp increase to **27,284**. It continues to maintain the constant upward trend. The growing network of testing labs offer expanded opportunities to strengthen the testing facilities across the country. There are total **1540 labs** today, including **992** labs in the government sector and **548** private labs.

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CGHS starts tele-consultation services through e-Sanjeevani in Delhi/NCR

In order to facilitate consultations with specialists by CGHS beneficiaries through virtual mode without physically visiting a healthcare facility, CGHS has started tele-consultation services w.e.f. 25.8.2020. Initially, these services will be available to beneficiaries in Delhi/NCR. The e-services are available between 9.00 am and 12 noon on all working days. CGHS tele-consultation services are using the existing e-Sanjeevani platform of the Health Ministry. For ease of use, this platform has been linked with the ID of the beneficiaries. For availing of specialist OPD services, the beneficiaries are required to register on the platform using their mobile number after which an OTP will be generated for verification purposes. After verification, the beneficiaries can log on to the system, fill patient registration form, request for a token and upload health records (if required). After the tele-consultation, an e-prescription will be generated. Using this, the patients can get medicines issued from their CGHS Wellness Centre. The new tele-consultation services of CGHS will prove to be a boon for those CGHS beneficiaries who are in need of consultation with specialists, but in the times of COVID-19 are not able to move out. To begin with specialist consultation under the services will be available for the Medicine, Orthopaedics, Eye and ENT specialties.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan dedicates two new Medical Colleges and three Super-Speciality Blocks in Rajasthan to the Nation

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare along with Sh. Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan digitally inaugurated two new medical colleges and three Super Speciality Blocks in Rajasthan. The RajmataVijayaRajeScindia (RVRS) Medical College, Bhilwara and the Bharatpur Medical College have been upgraded from District Hospitals into Medical Colleges while Super Speciality Blocks (SSB) are added to the Government Medical College, Kota; Sardar Patel Medical College, Bikaner; and RavindraNath Tagore Medical College, Udaipur. These projects have a combined investment of Rs. 828 crores out of which Rs. 150 crores is invested in each of the medical colleges. The colleges have a capacity of 150 undergraduate students. The Bharatpur Medical College will have 525 beds including 34 ICU beds while RVRS Medical College will have 458 beds including 12 ICU beds.

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8,363 projects, with an anticipated cost of Rs 5.88 lakh crore, have been kick-started in the Oil and Gas sector since 20th April this year, Around 33.8 crore man-days of employment expected to be generated from these projects

Oil & Gas industry has kick-started economic activities/projects, numbering **8,363** with an anticipated cost of **Rs 5.88 lakh crore** which resumed progressively since 20.04.2020, following all pandemic related SOP. These projects of Oil & Gas CPSEs & JV/Subsidiaries, inter-alia, include Refinery projects, Bio Refineries, E&P Projects, Marketing infrastructure projects, Pipelines, CGD projects, drilling/survey activities. The major 25 on-going projects of Oil & Gas CPSEs / JVs having an anticipated cost of Rs 1,67,248 crore and having incurred Rs 7861 crore worth of Capex leading to generation of 76,56,825 mandays. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has been holding in-depth reviews of all on-going projects of Oil & Gas Companies, the recent one being on 24.08.2020. Under the Minister's vision, Petroleum Industry has turned 'crisis into opportunity' and is striving to work on mission mode to generate employment and revive growth.

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About 24 crore mandays employment has been provided and Rs.18,862 crore spent by the 9th week of the GaribKalyanRojgar Abhiyaan

GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan (GKRA) has been launched to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages and similarly affected citizens in rural areas, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak. By the 9th week, a total of about 24 crore mandays employment has been provided and Rs.18,862 crore has been spent so far in the pursuit of objectives of the Abhiyaan. A large number of structures have been created so far including 85,786 water conservation structures, 2,63,846 rural houses, 19,397 cattle shed, 12,798 farm ponds, and 4,260 Community Sanitary Complexes. 6342 works have been taken up through District Mineral Funds, 1002 Gram Panchayats have been provided internet connectivity, a total of 13,022 works related to solid and liquid waste management taken up, and 31,658 candidates have been provided skill training through KrishiVigyan Kendras during the Abhiyaan.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: As Punjab gears up to further strengthen its fight against the worsening Covid crisis, the state cabinet has approved filling up of 428 regular vacancies of Medical Officers (Specialists) on urgent basis. It also gave ex-post facto approval to 107 posts already filled up for six specialities.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister said that under Pradhan Mantri Jan DhanYojna, direct financial assistance of Rs. 500 per month was provided to 5.90 lakh women through their bank accounts and Rs. 2000 per month to the 8.74 lakh farmers under Pradhan Mantri KisanSammanNidhiYojna. He said that the State Government also provided three month advance social security pension to the eligible persons. He said that additional Rs 1000 each were deposited into the accounts of ASHA workers for the month of March to June. He also informed that the Government has decided to provide Rs2000 each for the month of July and August for these workers keeping in view their yeoman service during Covid-19 pandemic.
- Maharashtra: Doses of the potential coronavirus vaccine developed by researchers at Oxford University have arrived at the BhartiVidyapeeth's Medical College in Pune for phase-2 clinical human trials. The trials are scheduled to begin today. There are 1,65,921 active cases in Maharashtra now, while 12,300 people were discharged from hospitals in the state on Tuesday, taking the number of recovered cases to 5,14,790. Maharashtra has carried out 37,24,911 tests so far.
- Gujarat: Gujarat's COVID-19 tally rose to 88,942 on Tuesday with the addition of 1,096 new cases, while 20 more patients succumbed to the infection. Surat reported the highest number of 250 new cases followed by Ahmedabad where 157 persons tested positive. A total of 72,577 tests were conducted in the state in the last 24 hours. The active cases in the state number 14,751.
- Chhattisgarh: The state witnessed the biggest spike in COVID-19 cases in a single day with 1,145 people testing positive on Tuesday, taking the states tally to 23,199, while 12 more deaths pushed up the toll to 218. Health Minister T S Singhdev inaugurated Interactive Voice Response System for follow up of discharged patients in Raipur, Durg, Rajnandan and Bilaspur districts of Chhatisgarh.
- Goa: A team of doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi visited Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) on Tuesday to review the COVID-19 treatment facility set up for critical patients. The AIIMS team had arrived in Goa on Monday to monitor the health of Union AYUSH Minister ShripadNaik. AIIMS doctors, inspected three wards tailor-made to treat critical patients. 3,149 Covid patients are undergoing treatment in the state
- Kerala: Five Covid-19 fatalities have been reported in the state taking the toll to 249. The SreePadmanabhaSwamy temple in the capital opened for devotees today morning adhering to strict Covid-19 protocols. Only 35 devotees would be allowed inside the shrine at a certain point of time with a maximum of 665 visitors a day. The state recorded a new high of 2,375 positive cases yesterday. The number of recoveries has crossed the 40,000 mark. A total of 1,83,794 persons are under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: In two weeks, all government medical college hospitals in the State will communicate Covid-19 test results through SMS in 24 to 36 hours. Work for uploading the software to facilitate this system is on in full swing, Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar said. State Health department predicts that the daily number of cases would rise alarmingly in the next 15 days in Coimbatore. The Madras High Court on Tuesday dismissed a batch of writ petitions filed by Class X students, challenging the methodology adopted by the School Education Department to award marks to them, this year, for public examinations that stood cancelled due to the outbreak of Covid-19.
- Karnataka: With more than 2 lakh discharges, recovery rate of 70%, less than 1% of active cases being treated in ICU, mortality rate of 1.69%, Karnataka's Covid situation is steadily improving. KSRTC has

sought the state government permission to fill all the seats in its buses by relaxing social distance norms. Karnataka Pradesh Congress president DK Shivakumar, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday night, has been admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru. After two days of respite when the state reported Covid-positive cases of around 5,000 a day, there was a sudden spurt on Tuesday with 8,161 positive cases, taking the total to 2,91,826 cases. Bengaluru accounted for 2,294 of these cases.

- Andhra Pradesh: Fire broke out shortly after midnight in Anantapur Government Hospital on Tuesday which created panic among the patients. Twenty-four Covid-19 patients in the hospital were shifted to safety to another ward. Stating that the spread of Covid-19 was no longer limited to urban areas, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy has underscored the need for strict enforcement of preventive measures suggested by the Centre and state governments. State has cancelled permissions granted to five private Covid Care Centres in Vijayawada for charging exorbitant fees from patients. An inquiry has also been ordered in the wake of complaints received from patients.
- Telangana: 3018 new cases, 1060 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana. Out of 3018 cases, 475 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,11,688; Active cases: 25,685; Deaths: 780; Discharges :85,223. The Covid-19 pandemic in areas under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is showing signs of gradually coming under control while in districts, the curve is expected to drop by September, senior health officials said. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown, Telangana State, especially Hyderabad, continues to show resilience and attract investments. In less than a month, investments totalling Rs 5,950 crore have poured into the State since July 25.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 100 new positive cases detected during last four hours. However, recovery rate improves and is currently at 73.50 percent. Total 2,508 people have been discharged from Covid hospitals so far.
- Assam: 1,734 patients discharged yesterday in Assam, Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed his gratitude to doctors, nurses & medical staff for all their efforts. Total discharged patients 74,814 & active patients 19,515 in the State.
- Manipur: State govt. issues Unlock 3 guidelines. It continues ban on congregations of all kinds and imposes enhanced penalties on violations.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 42 individuals have recovered from Coronavirus today. Total active cases 1,179, total BSF and Armed Forces 442, total others 737 & total recovered 831.
- Mizoram: Four recovered COVID-19 patients discharged today in Mizoram. Total cases 967, active cases 499.
- Nagaland: A total of 57,799 samples sent for testing through RT-PCR and TrueNat machines so far in Nagaland. Around 1,113 persons are staying in Govt. quarantine currently. Kohima district administration orders sealing of 8 more locations following detection of COVID-19 positive cases. Another 9 locations sealed in Tuensang district.

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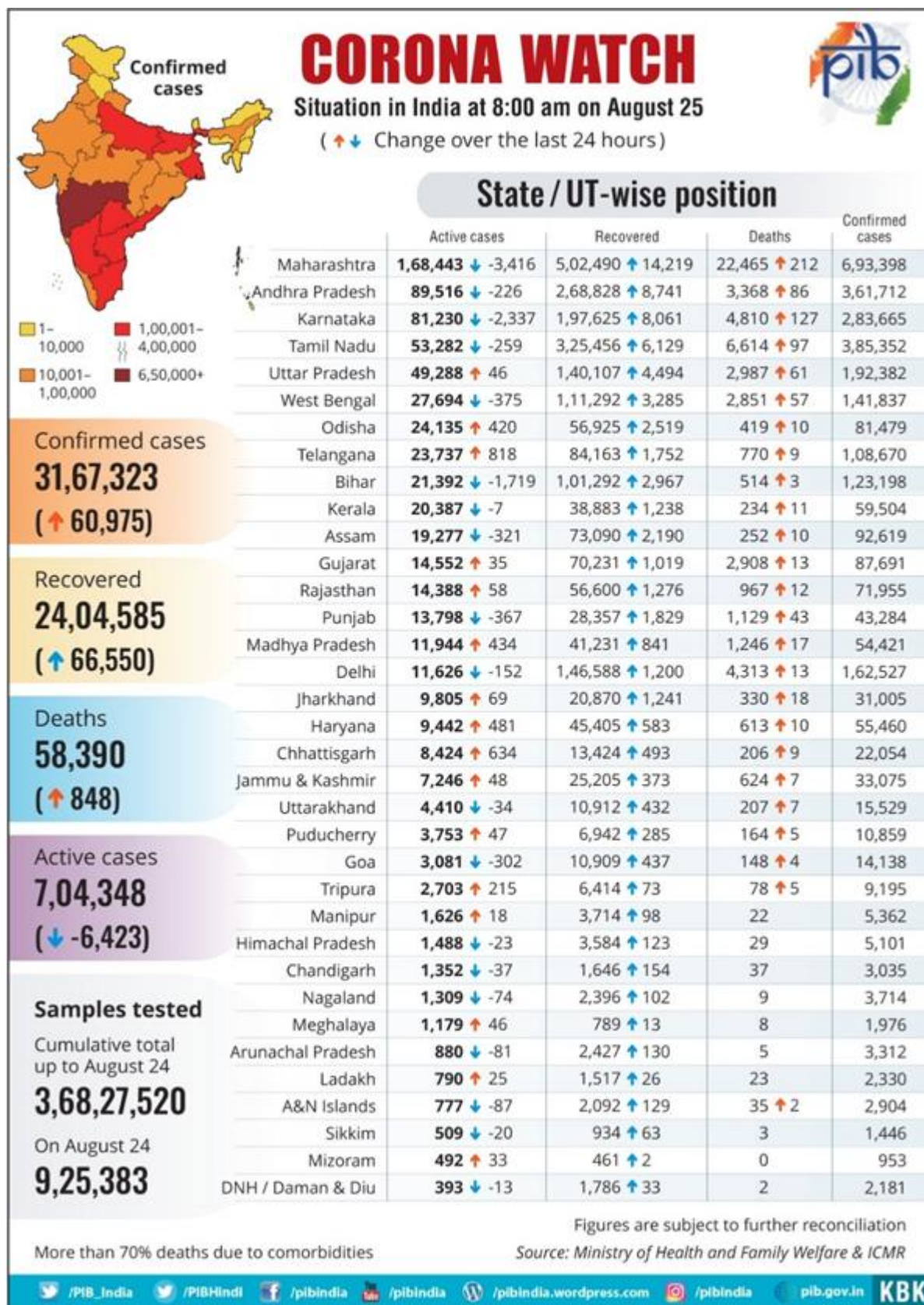
(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

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COVID-19 INDIA as on :
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(↑↓ Status change since
yesterday)

Active (22.24%)**704348** (6423↓)**Discharged** (75.92%)**2404585** (66550↑)**Deaths** (1.84%)**58390** (848↑)



Highest ever single day recoveries of 66,550 in last 24 hours, India scales another peak: Total recoveries cross 24 lakh, More than 100% increase in Recovered Cases in last 25 days

India has registered the highest recoveries in a single day. **66,550** COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged in the last 24 hours. The total number of recoveries has crossed 24 lakh (24,04,585). With this, India's Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients has reached 76%

(75.92%). The number of recovered patients has outpaced the active cases **(7,04,348)** by more than **17 lakh**. The recovered patients are **3.41 times** the active cases, as on date. There has been more than **100% hike in the recoveries in the last 25 days**. The record high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country viz. the active cases, has reduced and currently comprises only **22.24%** of the total positive cases. The steadily falling Case Fatality Rates stands at **1.84%** today.

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Following “TEST, TRACK, TREAT” strategy, India tests nearly 3.7 crore; Rising Tests Per Million (TPM) touch 26,685

Keeping the focus on “Test, Track and Treat” strategy, India has tested nearly 3.7 crore cumulative COVID-19 samples so far. With India’s strong resolve to rapidly increase the number of daily tests, the cumulative testing as on date has reached 3,68,27,520. With 9,25,383 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, the Tests Per Million have seen a sharp rise to 26,685. Starting from a single lab at Pune, India’s testing lab network has seen a substantial widening with total of 1524 labs today. The 986 labs in the government sector and 538 private labs

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Inauguration of DRDO’s 500 Bed COVID Hospital in Patna

A 500 bed Covid Hospital with 125 ICU beds, set up by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) in Patna was inaugurated yesterday by Shri Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs. The hospital located in the newly constructed ESIC Hospital at Bihta, has been built on the lines of the 1000 Bed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Hospital at Delhi Cantt by DRDO. Prime Minister’s Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Trust has allocated funds for the hospital. Another such hospital will be set up in Muzaffarpur. The infrastructure facilities for the hospital include the already existing seven storied ESIC hospital with Power, air conditioning, Water supply, Fire Fighting and Diesel Generator Backup, Oxygen piping to each bed, Lifts and Morgue. Doctors, nurses, and other supporting medical staff etc for the hospital have been provided by the Directorate General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS).

For details:

Ministry of Shipping has facilitated more than 1 lakh crew change in Indian ports and chartered flights

Ministry of Shipping has facilitated more than 1,00,000 crew change on Indian ports and through charter flights. It is the highest number of crew changes in the world. Crew change consists of replacing one of the ship’s crew members with another one and involves sign-on the ships and sign-off the ships procedures. Maritime sector is among the worst hit sectors due to Corona pandemic. Despite that, all the

Indian Ports were operational and providing essential services throughout the pandemic and main pillar for the smooth supply chain for India and world were the seafarers. Seafarers had to suffer due to closing of Sign on & Sign-off and lockdowns and movement restrictions imposed by the various countries worldwide.

For details:

Structural Reforms are a Key Priority of the Government: Finance Minister

Addressing the captains of the Indian Industry, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has stressed that structural reforms are a key priority of the government, as has been reflected in the slew of measures & policies announced since outbreak of COVID-19. Every policy which was introduced had a structural component. Consequently, the reforms are having significant impact on the recovery process which we are currently witnessing. Regarding the private investment cycle which got a fillip from the corporate tax cut in September 2019, investments however couldn't take off due to outbreak of COVID-19. Smt. Sitharaman was of the view that in a post-COVID world, these should fructify. "With post-COVID reset happening, emphasis has to be on adoption of data-driven manufacturing models through ploughing greater investments in these models", she added.

For details:

To meet the increasing demand due to COVID -19, Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceutical Ltd creates a record of producing 51,960 phenol bottles on a single day.

Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceutical Ltd (BCPL), a public sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has scaled up its production activities to cater to the demand increasing many fold since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. It has created an all-time record by producing 51,960 phenol bottles on a single day. This achievement goes to the BCPL Panihati, North 24-Parganas Unit situated in West Bengal. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda has congratulated the management and employees of the company for brilliant work in recording all-time high production.

For details:

Union Tourism Minister visits Hotel Ashok to review preparedness on the first day of its opening since lockdown

Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture Shri Prahalad Singh Patel visited Hotel Ashok, run by ITDC, under Ministry of Tourism to take stock of preparedness of ITDC Hotels subsequent to the order issued by Delhi Disaster Management Authority, permitting hotels to operate in Delhi on 24th August. India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) announced the re-opening of its hotels in the state capital from 24th of August 2020. While talking about re-opening of hotels, the Minister said "Opening of the two biggest segments of the tourism industry viz hotels and restaurants in the country's capital is a positive move that will help push domestic travel and give much relief to the industry." Shri Patel stated

that ITDC has provided rigorous training around the health and safety protocols pertaining to COVID-19 to its entire staff and has developed a detailed SOP for each and every division. ITDC has also signed an MOU with AIIMS to form an advisory body to monitor the situation of COVID-19 on real time basis and take necessary steps as and when needed.”

For details:

Union Education Minister reviews various activities of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' reviewed various activities of NIOS in New Delhi yesterday. Shri Pokhriyal reviewed the courses offered by NIOS for their students. The Minister suggested that we should make NIOS syllabus on the line of NCERT so that students can get better understanding of the subject. The Minister also examined the work of NIOS during COVID-19 crisis. NIOS briefed him that they are running four channels for their students out of which two are dedicated for secondary and higher secondary level. It was informed that NIOS are now providing 6 hours fresh content daily to their students including weekends which were only for two hours before the COVID-19 crisis. Under PM E-Vidyaprogramme videos of these classes are provided on Diksha platforms as well. NIOS officials also told that they are planning to add 6 new courses at secondary and higher secondary level in near future.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, instructed Director Health Services to keep in readiness mobile teams, which can be utilized for Serology Testing, as and when a final decision is taken in consultation with Health Ministry.
- Punjab: The Punjab Government has issued new guidelines regarding medical fitness for home isolation of asymptomatic/mild symptomatic patients and patients aged more than 60 or with co-morbidities and pregnant women. All such patients will be offered the opportunity to give undertaking at the time of sampling regarding availability of home isolation facility at their residence in case they turn out to be positive for COVID-19.
- Haryana: Haryana Health Minister, Mr. Anil Vij inaugurated two RT-PCR Testing laboratories in Sirsa and Rewari for testing of COVID-19 through video-conferencing. This has augmented the number of laboratories in the state to 23. Sharing details of the testing laboratories, Additional Chief Secretary Health said that the government has focused on basics i.e. Tracing, Tracking, Testing and Treatment of which testing is an essential ingredient. He further added that four more RT-PCR laboratories will be set up at Jind, Bhiwani, Panipat and Yamunanagar.
- Kerala: The Kerala High Court has directed the state government that the Call Details Records of Covid-19 patients collected by the Police should not be used for any other purpose. The first batch of the Covid Brigade, a novel initiative of the Health Department for intensifying its fight against the pandemic, today boarded for their first assignment at the northernmost district, Kasaragod. Meanwhile three more Covid-19 deaths were reported in the state till noon, taking the death toll to 237. The daily Covid count

recorded a slight dip with 1242 cases yesterday. 20,323 patients are currently undergoing treatment and 1,83,448 people are under observation in various districts.

- Tamil Nadu:Puducherry registered the highest-ever spike in Covid-19 positive cases with 571 people testing positive for the infection in the 24 hours ending at 10am on Tuesday, taking the total number of active cases to 3,981; 5 more patients died taking the death toll in the UT to 164. Tamil Nadu is reluctant to do away with e-pass; CM to take final call. TN recorded another 5,967 cases of Covid-19 and 97 deaths on Monday. Chennai accounted for 1,278 of the fresh cases, while four other districts reported 300-plus infection.
- Karnataka:Inter-state travellers to Karnataka now do not have to undergo 14 days home quarantine. State government on Monday issued revised circular, as per that there will also be no medical check-up at the state border, bus stations and railway station and airports. K R market in Bangalore city will likely open from Sept 1, as it was closed since March 24 owing to pandemic. State government permitted sports complex and stadium's and social clubs to open by following guidelines, but restrictions continue for bars, theatres, public meeting and other gatherings.
- Andhra Pradesh:Kurnool district outperforms all in plasma collection drive. At a time when the Kurnool authorities here have collected 60 plasma samples, the combined figure in the remaining 12 districts is less than 20 only. Covid-19 recoveries cross 25,000-mark in Visakhapatnam. 8601 new cases, 8741 discharges and 86 deaths were reported yesterday in the State. Total Covid cases in the State till yesterday: 3,61,712; Active cases: 89,516; Discharges: 2,68,828; Deaths: 3368.
- Telangana:2579 new cases, 1752 recoveries & 09 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in the State; out of 2579 cases, 295 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,08,670; Active cases: 23,737; Deaths: 770; Discharges :84,163. So far, a total of 10,21,054 swab samples have been tested in the State. There are 18,016 vacant beds available for Covid-19 patients in Government hospitals and private teaching hospitals combined, according to the State health bulletin, as on Monday night.
- Assam: Assam completes 20 lakhs COVID-19 tests, tweeted Health Minister of Assam Shri HimantaBiswaSarma.
- Manipur: In Manipur, 116 more persons have tested Covid19 positive while 97 persons have recovered. Total active cases are now 1627 in state and recovery rate is 69%.
- Meghalaya: Total active COVID-19 cases in Meghalaya stands at 1179. Out of them 459 are from BSF and armed forces. 789 cases have been recovered so far in the state.
- Mizoram: Three recovered Covid-19 patients discharged today in Mizoram. Total cases stands at 953 in the state out of them 489 are active cases.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland the COVID-19 recovery rate touches 64.51%. In Nagaland, the Nathan Hostel quarantine center in Mokochungwas declared containment Zone after a security personnel tested positive on Aug 23.
- Maharashtra: The chorus for postponing NEET / JEE exams is growing louder by the day. Maharashtra Minister AadityaThackerey has written a letter to PM to reconsider the Centre's decision to hold the NEET / JEE examinations next month. He has suggested that Government may consider starting the academic year from January, as is the practice in several countries.
- Gujarat: Ahmedabad Railway Division has successfully introduced a Baggage Sanitization and Wrapping machine at Ahmedabad Railway Station. It is a first of its kind across the Indian Railways. Considering the momentum in transport and travel services after Unlock-1, the Division has come up with baggage sanitization and wrapping machine to ensure safe travel amid the Covid pandemic. The recovery rate in the state stands at 80 per cent.

- Madhya Pradesh: MP reports record high cases for the 5th consecutive day. With 1,292 new Covid cases reported on Monday, Madhya Pradesh has reported a new high of for the fifth consecutive day. 40% of Madhya Pradesh's over 54,000 reported cases have come in the month of August itself. The number of active cases is 10,068. The death toll is 1,246. However, at approximately 14,000 tests per million, the testing rate in MP remains low, even behind, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.
- Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly monsoon session started today with new seating arrangements in the house and all precautions in place to curb the spread of COVID-19. The seating arrangements for members of the assembly have been altered to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols. Glass partitions have been erected to separate the seats of MLAs to minimize contact between two lawmakers while they attend the proceedings of the house.

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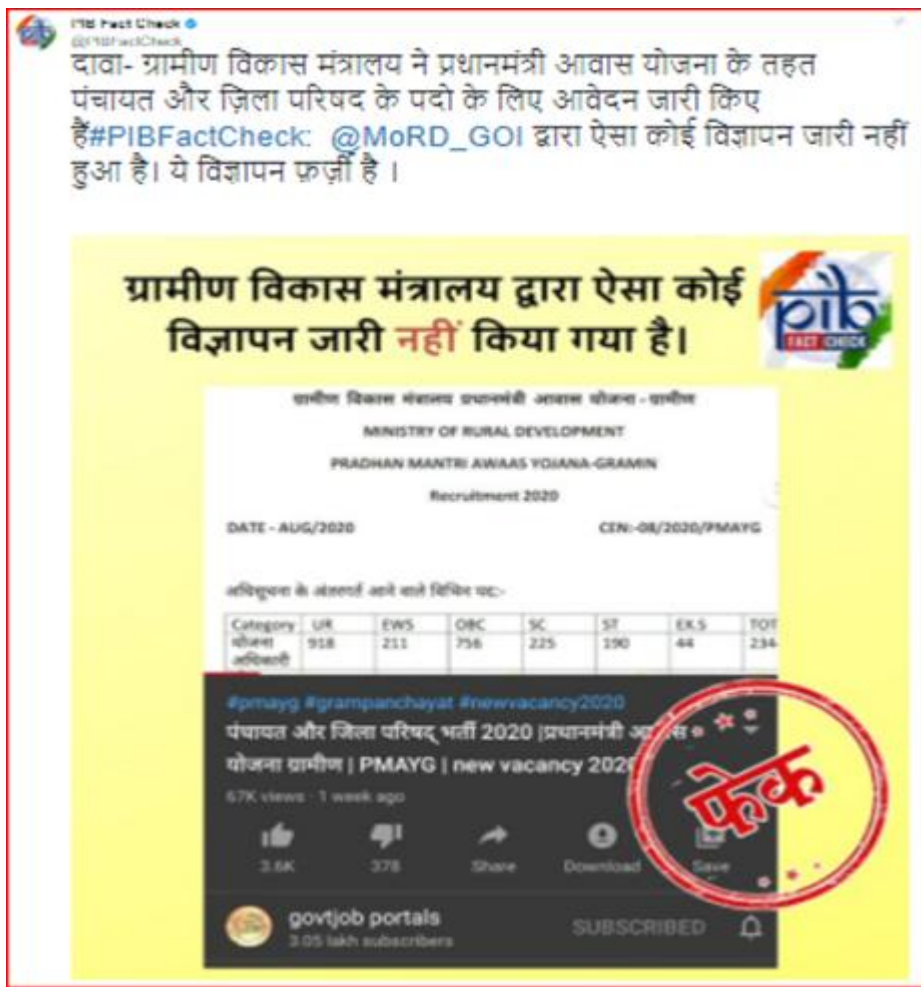
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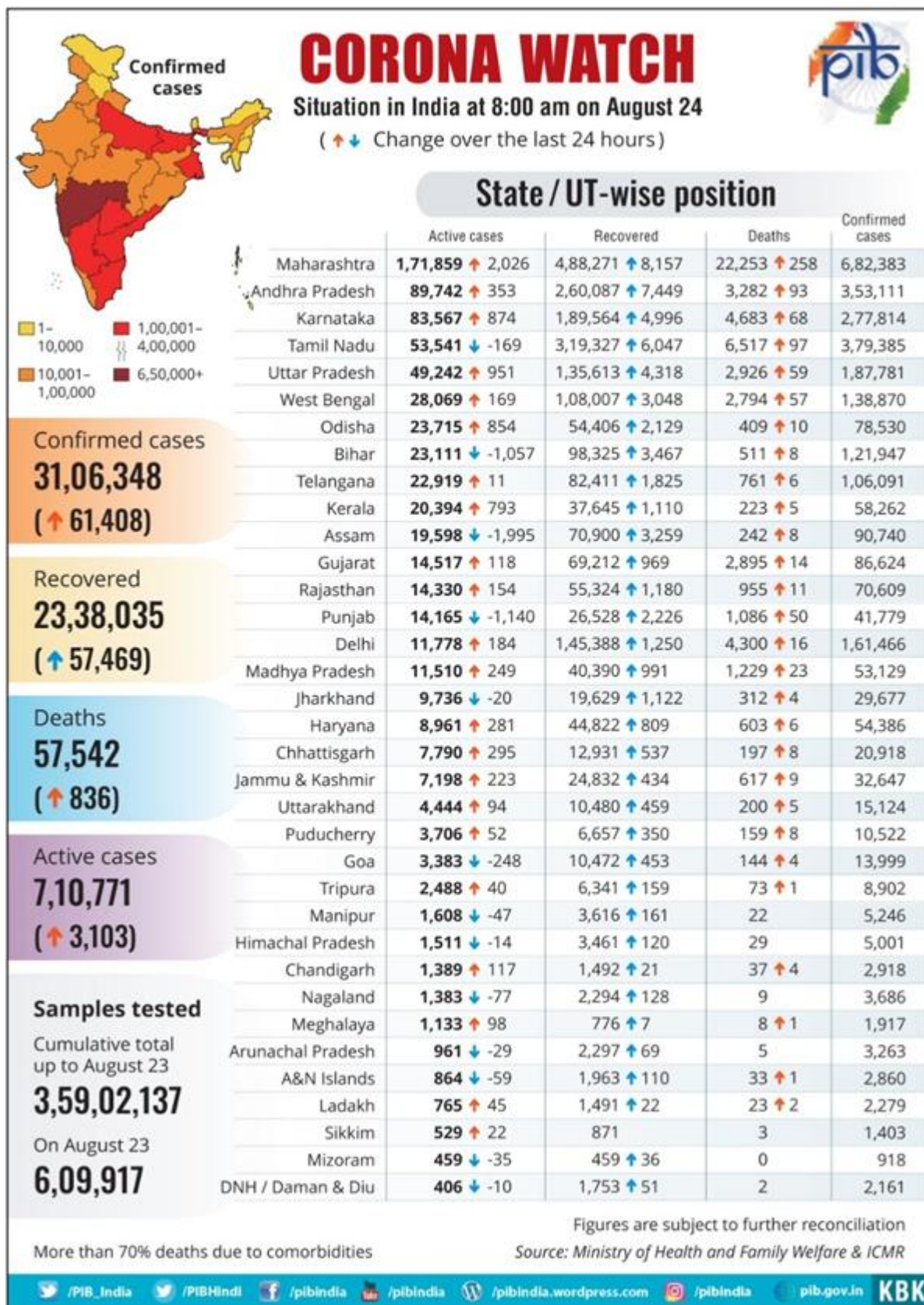
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 24 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (22.88%)	Discharged (75.27%)	Deaths (1.85%)
	710771 (3103↑)	2338035 (57469↑)	57542 (836↑)



On a steady march, India conducts a total of nearly 3.6 crore tests; Tests Per Million (TPM) scale a new peak of 26,016

India has tested 3,59,02,137 so far. With 6,09,917 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, India is on its resolved drive to increase its testing capacity. Easy access to testing through expanded diagnostic lab network across the country has given a substantial boost to the present numbers. As a result of these

focused actions, the Tests Per Million have seen a sharp increase to 26,016. The TPM continues to maintain the constant upward trend. India has also seen a rise in the tests per million per day, as advised by WHO in its Guidance Note on “Public Health Criteria to Adjust Public Health and Social Measures in the Context of COVID-19”. WHO has advised that a country needs 140 tests/day/ million population as a measure for comprehensive surveillance for suspected COVID19 cases. There are 1520 labs today, including 984 labs in the government sector and 536 private labs.

For details:

India's total Recoveries cross 23 lakh, Recoveries exceed active cases by more than 16 lakh

With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), India's COVID-19 total recoveries have crossed 23 lakh today. Recovery of 23,38,035 patients has been made possible because of effective implementation of the policy of TESTING aggressively, TRACKING comprehensively. With the recovery of 57,469 cases in the last 24 hours, India's Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients has crossed 75%(75.27%). India has posted more than 16 lakh (16,27,264) recoveries than the active cases (7,10,771) which are under active medical care. The record high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country viz. the active cases, has reduced and currently comprises only 22.88%of the total positive cases. Effective clinical management of the patients in the ICUs has been instrumental in keeping the Case Fatality Rate low and on a steady downward trajectory. It has further dipped to 1.85% today.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates a 10- Bedded Hospital at NDRF 8th Battalion Centre, Ghaziabad

A modern, durable, portable, fast installable, safe and varying weather compatible 10- Bedded Make-Shift Hospital was inaugurated by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister (S&T, ES and H&FW) at NDRF 8th Battalion Centre, Ghaziabad. The make-shift hospital has been set up by CSIR constituent laboratory, namely, CSIR-Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee in collaboration with National Disaster Response Force, Ministry of Home Affairs for demonstration purpose as well as use of NDRF. It would serve the purpose for disaster recovery stage including for use in long pandemic or emergency situation. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, “The makeshift hospital solution is designed to provide primary healthcare facilities with safety and security in a comfortable living environment and has a long life span of up to 20 years”.

For details:

MHA asks States to allow unhindered movement of persons and goods and services during Unlock-3

The Centre has asked the States that there should be no restrictions imposed on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods and services during the present prevailing Unlock-3 guidelines. In a communication to Chief Secretaries of all States on Saturday, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) states that it has been reported that local level restrictions on movement are being imposed by various districts/States. Such restrictions are creating problems in inter-State movement of goods and services and are impacting the supply chain, resulting in disruption of economic activities and employment, besides affecting supply of goods and services. The MHA has said such restrictions at local level imposed by District Administrations or by States, amount to violation of the guidelines issued by the MHA under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. Drawing attention to the MHA's Order dated July 29, 2020 specifying Guidelines for Unlock-3, the communication reiterates that there shall be no restriction on inter-State and Intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements. This includes movement of persons and goods for cross land border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries.

For details:

Validity of Motor Vehicle documents extended till December this year

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has decided to extend the validity of Fitness, Permits, Licenses, Registration or other documents under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 till the 31st of December 2020. The Ministry had earlier issued advisories on 30th March and 9th June this year regarding extension of validity of the that the validity of Fitness, Permit (all types), License, Registration or any other concerned document(s) may be treated to be valid till 30th of September 2020. Taking into consideration the situation still continuing due to conditions for prevention of spread of COVID-19 across the country, it has further advised that the validity of all of the above referred documents whose extension of validity could not or not likely be granted due to lock-down and which had expired since 1st of Feb, 2020 or would expire by 31st Dec 2020, the same may be treated to be valid till 31st of December 2020.

For details:

Ministry of I&B releases SOP for Media Production

Media Production is a major economic activity that has contributed immensely to the GDP of our country. Given the current COVID – 19 Pandemic, it is crucial that various stake holders involved in activities of Media Production take suitable measures to restrict the transmission of the pandemic, while at the same time resuming/conducting their operations and activities. The Ministry of I &B, in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, has prepared the Guiding Principles and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on preventive measures for Media Production, released yesterday by Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar in New Delhi. The highlights of the guiding principles include the general principles which have been given by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare including *inter alia* non-essential activities not allowed in the

containment zone in COVID-19, employees with high risk to take extra precautions, as also use of face covers/masks, frequent hand washing, provision of hand sanitizers etc. and respiratory etiquettes specifically with regard to the Media Production. Releasing the guidelines Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar said “the SOP follows international norms. This will help give a fillip to the industry which has been affected due to coronavirus for close to 6 months now and people will welcome this move by the Ministry.”

For details:

Clarification on SOP for media production released on 23rd August, 2020

It is hereby clarified that the ‘ Guiding Principles and SOP on preventive measures for Media Production to contain spread of COVID-19’ released by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, on 23rd August, 2020, is applicable to all media production including shooting of films, television production, web series and all forms of content creation in the electronic and film medium.

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal reviews the progress of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation India Limited

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, today reviewed the progress of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation India Limited (DFCCIL). During the meeting, the senior officials informed the current status of the project. It is expected that Western Corridor connecting Dadri in Utttar Pradesh to Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai and Eastern Corridor starting from Sahnewal near Ludhiana (Punjab) to terminate at Dankuni in West Bengal shall be completed by December, 2021. Shri Goyal directed the DFCCIL management team to necessary steps to speed up the project to compensate the loss of time due to lockdown during COVID. He also advised the officials to identify the most challenging area and come up with solution in a mission mode.

For details:

Indian Railways generates more than 6,40,000 mandays of work till 21 August 2020 under Gareeb Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan

Indian Railways has generated more than 6,40,000 mandays of work under Gareeb Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan in 6 States viz. Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways is closely monitoring the progress made in these projects and generation of work opportunities for the migrant labourers of these states under this scheme. Around 165 Railway infrastructure projects are being executed in these states. Till 21 August, 2020, 12,276 workers have been engaged in this Abhiyaan and the payment of Rs 1,410.35 crores has been released to the contractors for the projects being implemented. Railway has appointed nodal officers in each district as well as in the States so that a close coordination is established with the State Government. Railway has identified no. of railway works which are being executed under this scheme.

For details:

Department of Food & Public Distribution issues directions to States/UTs to include all eligible disabled persons under the National Food Security Act

Department of Food and Public Distribution has sent letters to States Governments/UTs to include all eligible disabled persons under the National Food Security Act 2013. Section 38 of the Act mandates that the Central Government may from time to time give directions to the State Governments for effective implementation of the provisions of the Act. The Department advised all States/UTs to ensure that all disabled persons, who are eligible as per identification criteria of beneficiaries under NFSA, are covered under the National Food Security Act 2013 and they get their entitled quota of food grains under NFSA & PMGKAY as per provisions of the Act. It is stated that those not already covered should be covered with fresh ration cards to be issued as per the eligibility criteria. It is also reiterated that disability is one of the criteria for inclusion of beneficiaries under AAY households and as disabled persons are vulnerable section of the society. The letter further advised that it is imperative that they are also covered by States/UTs under the priority households as per the criteria of identification evolved by them.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: Seven Covid deaths have been reported in the state till noon today taking the death toll to 230. The spread of the virus is rampant in at least four districts including the capital. Meanwhile, the one-day state assembly session which has been convened adhering to strict Covid-19 protocols is now discussing the no-confidence motion brought by the Opposition against the LDF government. In the antigen tests conducted prior to the commencement of the assembly session, the personal assistant of a Congress MLA and an assembly staff were tested positive for Covid-19. As many as 1,908 cases of Covid-19 cases were confirmed in the State yesterday. 20,330 patients are currently undergoing treatment and 1,82,525 people are under observation in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: TN Health Minister C Vijayabaskar said that in two weeks, the government would launch an automated system so that the people in the State could receive Covid-19 test results through SMS. Tamil Nadu sticks with e-passes whereas Puducherry abolishes e-pass requirement. TN Health Minister said that Centre's decision asking States not to impose restrictions inter- and intra-State movement would pose a challenge to Covid-19 management work. 5975 new cases, 6047 recoveries & 97 deaths were reported yesterday in TN. Total cases: 3,79,385; Active cases: 53,541; Deaths: 6517; Discharges: 3,19,327; Active cases in Chennai: 13,223.
- Karnataka: State government lays down norms for plasma therapy. People who have recovered from covid and wish to donate plasma should be in the 28 to 60 age group; donors must weigh over 50 Kg etc are some of eligibility criteria. A total of 5938 new covid cases detected on Sunday with the State recording a recovery rate of 68.23%. 4996 discharges & 68 deaths were also reported yesterday in the State. Total cases: 2,77,814; Active cases: 83,551; Deaths: 4683; Discharges: 1,89,564.
- Andhra Pradesh: State Education Minister Adimulapu Suresh tested positive for coronavirus. Seeking fulfilment of their demands junior doctors have threatened to boycott emergency services in the state from tomorrow. East Godavari with 49,245 positive cases continue to be the most-affected district by registering over 2,500 infections in the last two days even as the overall cases were approaching the

- 50,000-mark. 7895 new cases, 7449 discharges and 93 deaths were reported yesterday. Total cases: 3,53,111; Active cases: 89,742; Discharges: 2,60,087; Deaths: 3282.
- Telangana: 1842 new cases, 1825 recoveries & 06 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours in the State; out of 1842 cases, 373 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,06,091; Active cases: 22,919; Deaths: 761; Discharges: 82,411. The State's first plasma bank for Covid-19 was launched on Sunday by Union Minister of State for Home, G Kishan Reddy in Hyderabad.
 - Assam: In Assam, 1272 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday with a positivity rate of 6.89%. A total of 3259 patients also discharged. Total discharged patients 70900, active patients 19595 and total death 242.
 - Manipur: In Manipur, 114 more people have tested COVID-19 positive, 161 recovered, total active cases 1608 and recovery rate is 69 percent.
 - Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, total active cases 1133 and total recovered 776.
 - Mizoram: In Mizoram, 3 villages (Bukpui, Meidum & Saipum) in Kolasib district are under lockdown after a COVID-19 positive was detected from each of the 3 villages.
 - Nagaland: In Nagaland, Civil Society Organizations of Peren district demands replacement of COVID-19 District in charge Temjen Imna Long, Minister Hr. & Tech Education citing inefficiency in handling pandemic in district. In Nagaland, two days total lockdown imposed in Tuensang district from today. District administration's move followed detection of 2 COVID-19 positive cases at Main Bazar, Tuensang town on Aug 22.
 - Sikkim: In Sikkim, 43 more people tested positive for COVID-19, active cases 509 and discharged 934.
 - Maharashtra: A pilot project of Vocal Testing for the detection of CoronaVirus infection has begun at Nesco Jumbo Covid Centre in Mumbai. Voice samples of suspected patients are being collected to detect the Covid infection with the help of artificial intelligence. However, the ongoing RT-PCR tests will continue as usual in Mumbai.
 - Gujarat: In Gujarat, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has decided to gradually de-notify the private hospitals as designated Covid-19 hospital following significant drop in new cases. After decrease in new cases and number of deaths, the ratio of positive cases also came down from earlier 35 per cent to just 2.5 per cent.
 - Rajasthan: The state has reported 10,000 new cases in a span of only 6 days, even as the total number of reported cases has crossed the 70,000 mark. Earlier, it had taken 9 days to reach 60 thousand mark from 50 thousand. The death toll in the state has reached
 - Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh on Sunday recorded its highest single-day spike of 1,263 new COVID-19 cases, taking the total count to 53,129. At 194, Indore reported the highest number of new cases in the state in the day, followed by 161 cases in Bhopal, and 118 cases each in Gwalior and Jabalpur.

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Claim- Railways has decided not to pay salaries to their employees in 2020-21 due to financial crunch. #PIBFactCheck- The claim is #False. No such move is being discussed or contemplated by @RailMinIndia.



**Railway Ministry has
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 the salary and pension
 of employees for the
 year 2020-2021**

**No such move is being
 initiated by Railways**



Aug 22, 2020



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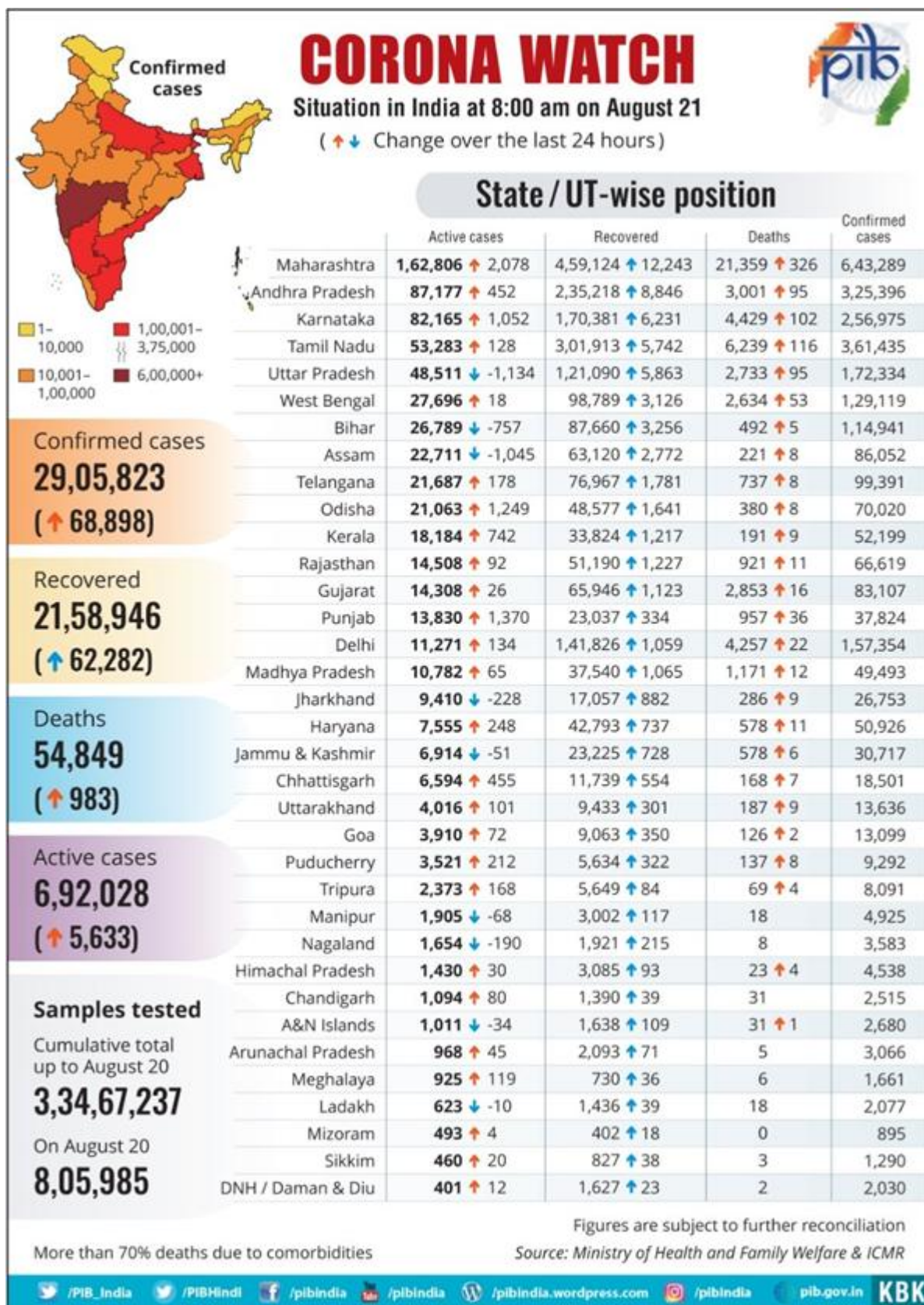
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- India reaches another record of highest single day recoveries, 62,282 recover in the last 24 hours
- Total recoveries crossed the 21.5 lakh mark today; Recovery Rate has soared past 74%
- Current active cases (6,92,028) constitute 23.82% of the total positive cases today, registering further drop in the last 24 hours.
- In the last 24 hours 8,05,985 samples were tested
- Election Commission approves broad guidelines for conduct of general/bye elections during COVID-19 period

COVID-19 INDIA as on :
21 August 2020, 08:00
IST (GMT+5:30)

(↑↓ Status change since
yesterday)

Active (23.82%)**692028** (5633↑)**Discharged** (74.30%)**2158946** (62282↑)**Deaths** (1.89%)**54849** (983↑)



India reaches another record of highest single day recoveries, 62,282 recover in the last 24 hours, Decrease in % Active Cases and Rise in % Recovered Cases

India has touched another peak of posting the highest recoveries of COVID-19 cases in a single day. **62,282** have recovered and been discharged in the past 24 hours. With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), the total recoveries

have crossed the 21.5 lakh mark today (**21,58,946**). The gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has increased and reached **14,66,918** today. As a higher number of patient recover, their percentage rate continues to steeply rise along with steady decline in percentage Active Cases. With such high level of recoveries, India's Recovery Rate has soared past 74% (**74.28%** today) ensuring more and more patients are recovering. This is bolstered by 33 States and UTs reporting Recovery Rate more than 50%. The current active cases (**6,92,028**) compose the actual case load of the country. It is **23.82%** of the total positive cases today, registering further drop in the last 24 hours. They are under active medical supervision. India's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) is maintained below the global average. It is on a continuous positive slide and currently stands at **1.89%**. In the last 24 hours **8,05,985** samples were tested for identification of the disease. This has taken the cumulative tests to **3,3,467,237**. The testing lab network in the country is being continuously strengthened which as on today consists of **1504** labs in the country; 978 labs in the government sector and 526 private labs.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches an interactive game and IEC content to promote COVID Appropriate Behaviours

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare launched an interactive first-of-its-kind game on COVID-19, **The Corona Fighters** (www.thecoronafighters.in), and two new videos urging adherence to key COVID Appropriate behaviours, yesterday. Expressing his pleasure at the launch of the uniquely designed game, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that the game "presents a new and extremely creative way to teach people the right tools and behaviours to fight the Covid-19 pandemic." He further added that this along with two promotional videos "is a simply designed and enjoyable medium to get a serious message across to the wider public." Dr Harsh Vardhan also recollected his experience with the Polio Abhiyaan which was transformed into a social movement through *Jan Bhagidari* (people's participation) and support and contribution of many film industry professionals. He said, "The same effort can contain COVID by publicizing COVID appropriate behaviour through caller tunes and other mediums throughout the lockdown and thereafter during the phases of unlocking." Till we get a vaccine for fighting COVID-19, the COVID appropriate behaviours will serve as a potent social vaccine and keep us protected and safe, he stated.

For details:

Guidelines for Conduct of General Election/Bye election during COVID-19

Election Commission of India has approved the broad guidelines for conduct of general/bye elections during COVID-19 period. The Commission has revised the norms of number of persons accompanying the candidate and number of vehicles at the time of nomination. It has also created optional facility to fill the nomination form and the affidavit online and submission of the same, after taking print, before the RO concerned. For the first time, the candidates will have the option to deposit security amount for contesting the elections online. Keeping the containment guidelines in view, the Commission has limited

the number of persons including candidate for door to door campaign to five. Public meeting and road shows shall be permissible with suitable instructions subject to containment instructions issued by the MHA/State. Face Mask, Sanitizer, Thermal scanners, gloves, face shield and PPE kits shall be used during the electoral process ensuring social distancing norms. Hand gloves shall be provided to all the electors for signing on the voter register and pressing button of EVM for voting.

For details:

ITI, Berhampur files 3 Patents for COVID-19 related innovations

In an ongoing effort to use its technical expertise to help curtail the spread of COVID-19, Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Berhampur has registered three of its innovative products developed to fight against the novel Coronavirus in the patent journal, attesting its inherent strength to be able to rise to any challenge. This will give priority right to the institute over invention. The three innovations by the institute include **MOBILE SWAB COLLECTION KISOK, UVC SOLE SANITIZER and UVC ROBO WARRIOR**. Lauding the efforts of the ITI, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said “I am confident that such innovations will encourage self-reliance and research spinoffs catering to the needs of the society at large and will encourage more ITIs to come forward with innovative solutions to contain the spread of the virus.”

For details:

Study initiated for low cost COVID-19 detection kit suitable for storage in less stringent conditions in rural areas

The COVID 19 pandemic has thrown up the novel challenge of setting up rapid diagnostic facilities in remote areas which do not have adequate infrastructure. This calls for low cost devices that do not require very stringent storage facilities. Scientists have put in a research plan to meet this urgent requirement. With support from the **Science and Engineering Research Board**, under the Department of Science and Technology, **Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi**, has initiated a research with the detection of a target protein using bioinformatics tool against which the diagnostic kit has to be developed.

For details:

Relaxation in eligibility criteria and enhancement in the payment of unemployment benefit under Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan yojana of ESIC

ESI Corporation has taken decisions towards improvement in its service delivery mechanism and providing relief to workers affected by Covid-19 pandemic. ESIC is implementing the Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana under which unemployment benefit is paid to the workers covered under ESI Scheme. The ESIC has decided to extend the scheme for one more year upto 30th June 2021. It has been decided to

relax the existing conditions and the amount of relief for workers who have lost employment during the Covid-19 pandemic period. With a view to strengthen ICU/HDU services in ESIC hospitals amid the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been decided to establish ICU/HDU services upto 10% of total commissioned beds in all ESIC Hospitals. So far, 23 ESIC hospitals with around 2600 Isolation Beds and approx 1350 quarantine beds across India are functioning as COVID-19 Dedicated Hospitals to exclusively provide COVID medical services to the general public of the area. In addition to above, around 961 Covid Isolation Beds are available in most of the remaining ESIC Hospitals across the country, making a total of 3597 Covid Isolation Beds in various ESIC Hospitals. Further, a total of 555 ICU/HDU Beds with 213 Ventilators have also been made available in these Hospitals.

For details:

Implementation of PMEGP Projects Records 44% Jump in 2020

At a time when the country's economy took a severe jolt due to Covid-19 lockdown, the flagship Prime Minister Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) progressed at a much rapid pace. Approval of projects during the first five months of this financial year, i.e. from April 1, 2020 to August 18, 2020, increased by a whopping 44%. KVIC has approved and forwarded 1.03 lakh project applications to the financing banks as compared to 71,556 projects during the corresponding period last year and thus registering a jump of 44%. During the period from April to August in 2020, financing banks sanctioned 11,191 projects and Rs 345.43 crore margin money was disbursed to applicants as compared to Rs 276.09 crore margin money disbursed for 9161 projects in the first five months of previous year, i.e. 2019.

For details:

More than 8 lakh net subscribers added during first quarter of FY 21: EPFO payroll data

The provisional payroll data published by EPFO on 20th August 2020 reveals that the subscriber base of EPFO increased by around 8.47 lakh members during the first quarter of FY21. The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak had adversely affected the enrolments in the month of April and May 2020. Despite the lockdown, around 0.20 lakh and 1.72 lakh net new subscribers were added to social security schemes of EPFO in the month of April and May 2020. The month of June has seen speedy recovery with addition of 6.55 lakh net subscribers registering a remarkable 280% month on month growth. The subscriber base growth is on account of increased number of new subscribers, lower exits and higher rejoining by exited members. The new subscriber joining has increased roughly by 64 % from 3.03 lakh in May to 4.98 lakh in June 2020. In addition, the exits from EPFO subscriber base declined by nearly 33% from 4.45 lakh in May to 2.96 lakh in June 2020.

For details:

Atal Innovation Mission partners with India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre to expand Start-up ecosystem

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and Business Sweden on behalf of India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre are collaborating to promote the disruptive potential of Indian entrepreneurs, and, boost the vibrant start-up ecosystem across the country. A virtual Statement of Intent was signed between AIM and India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre yesterday. India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre is a collaboration between AIIMS Delhi, AIIMS Jodhpur and Business Sweden. The Innovation Centre aims to create an ecosystem of open innovation and is built under strategic guidance from Government of India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, ICMR, Government of Sweden's Ministry of Health and Social Affairs and Embassy of Sweden in India. It also has a strong network of ecosystem partners - Invest India, AGNII, Startup India, and knowledge partners – AstraZeneca, NASSCOM and VINNOVA. The Innovation centre has recently launched its first healthcare innovation challenge to collaborate with partners on the Innovation Centre platform to help solve some of the problems in the healthcare delivery landscape of India.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has again modified its Covid guidelines to make institutional isolation mandatory for all Covid-19 positive patients aged above 50 years in Mumbai, irrespective of whether they have any symptoms of the infection. BMC says the change in guidelines has been necessitated on account of rising mortality among elders. 326 deaths were reported in Maharashtra taking the death toll to 21,359. The state has 1.62 lakh active Covid cases.
- Gujarat: 1175 new cases of Covid19 were detected in the last 24 hours. According to the State Health Department, the recovery rate in the state has improved further and reached up to 79.21 percent. More than 15 lakh 47 thousand tests have been carried out in the state. Record 68 581 tests were carried out yesterday. Active Cases in the state are 14,454
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced additional honorarium to doctors and nursing staff working in COVID care hospitals. Out of 66,619 reported cases, 51,190 patients have recovered and discharged in Rajasthan till date.
- Chhattisgarh : The Health Department of Chhattisgarh, has directed that all patients with Covid symptoms like cold, cough, fever, shortness of breath should be tested for Covid within 24 hours. The department has already directed to conduct intensive active surveillance in all districts to identify potential patients of Covid-19.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 116 new COVID-19 positive cases were reported during last 24 hours, recovered 71 and active 968 cases in the state.
- Assam: In Assam, 1735 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday and recovered 2772, Total cases 86052. Total discharged patients 63120, active patients 22708 and deaths 221.
- Manipur: In Manipur, 49 more people have tested COVID-19 positive, recovered 117, total active cases 1905 and recovery rate is 60 percent.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya Govt has decided to close all entry points to the state for 1 week every month in the next 3 months starting Sept 2020. This is being done to unburden our health,

frontline workers, and the respective District Admin engaged in intensive surveillance for COVID-19

- Mizoram: In Mizoram, 15 COVID-19 patient recovered today, total cases 895 and active cases 478. In Mizoram, total lockdown in Aizawl extended till 24th August.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, three more colonies in Kohima sealed following detection of COVID-19 positive cases. They are Upper AG, Middle AG & New Ministers' Hill colonies. In Nagaland, Mon district admin bans entry of vehicles transporting goods & essential commodities from Assam to Mon district from August 20 till further orders.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 46 more people tested positive for COVID-19, discharged 834 and active cases 498.
- Kerala: Four Covid deaths have been reported in the state today pushing the death toll to 195. The Kerala High Court today rejected the petition filed by Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala against the state government's move to collect Call Detail Records of Covid-19 patients. The HC accepted the government's stance that it will only collect the tower location of the Covid patients and nothing else and rejected the petition. The state health department has been tasked with implementing the Covid-19 norms again after a move to entrust the police to combat the disease spread failed to give the desired results. The police were given sweeping powers to enforce the Covid-19 norms from August 3 for two weeks. 1,968 fresh Covid-19 cases were reported in the state yesterday. 18,123 patients are still undergoing treatment and 1,73,189 people are under observation in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry records 313 fresh Covid-19 cases and six more deaths, 300 patients discharged; total cases in the UT rise to 9594, death toll to 143 and active cases to 3517. Madras High Court allows immersion of idols by individuals during Vinayaka Chaturthi. 5986 new cases, 5742 recoveries & 116 deaths reported in TN yesterday. Total cases in TN: 3,61,435; Active cases: 53,283; Deaths: 6239; Discharges: 3,01,913; Active cases in Chennai: 12,287.
- Karnataka: As per State government's revised guidelines on containment zones BBMP has decided that there will be no more hard-barricading in containment zones. Meanwhile State plans to conduct survey across all districts to estimate the prevalence of Covid 19. State crossed 2.5 lakh Covid cases on Thursday. 7385 new cases, 6231 discharges & 102 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 2,56,975; Active cases: 82,149; Deaths: 4429; Discharges 1,70,381.
- Andhra Pradesh: CM Jagan Mohan Reddy said that the number of Covid-19 hospitals have been increased from 138 to 287 in the state. During a review meeting on Covid-19 held today, the CM ordered concerned officials to make available specialists and doctors at the earliest in all Covid-19 hospitals to render best services to the patients. He also told them to immediately rectify any deficiencies in infrastructure and staff shortage by verifying them from time to time. He further ordered to increase the salaries of sanitation personnel who were temporarily recruited for Covid-19 services. 9393 new cases, 8846 discharges and 95 deaths were reported yesterday. Total cases: 3,25,396; Active cases: 87,177; Deaths: 3001.
- Telangana: 1967 new cases, 1781 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in the State; out of 1967 cases, 473 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 99,391; Active cases: 21,687; Deaths: 737; Discharges :76,967. To combat the expected rise in seasonal ailments along with the burden of new Covid-19 infections, the State government decided to operate evening clinics from 4 pm to 7 pm at all Basthi Dawakhana in areas under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

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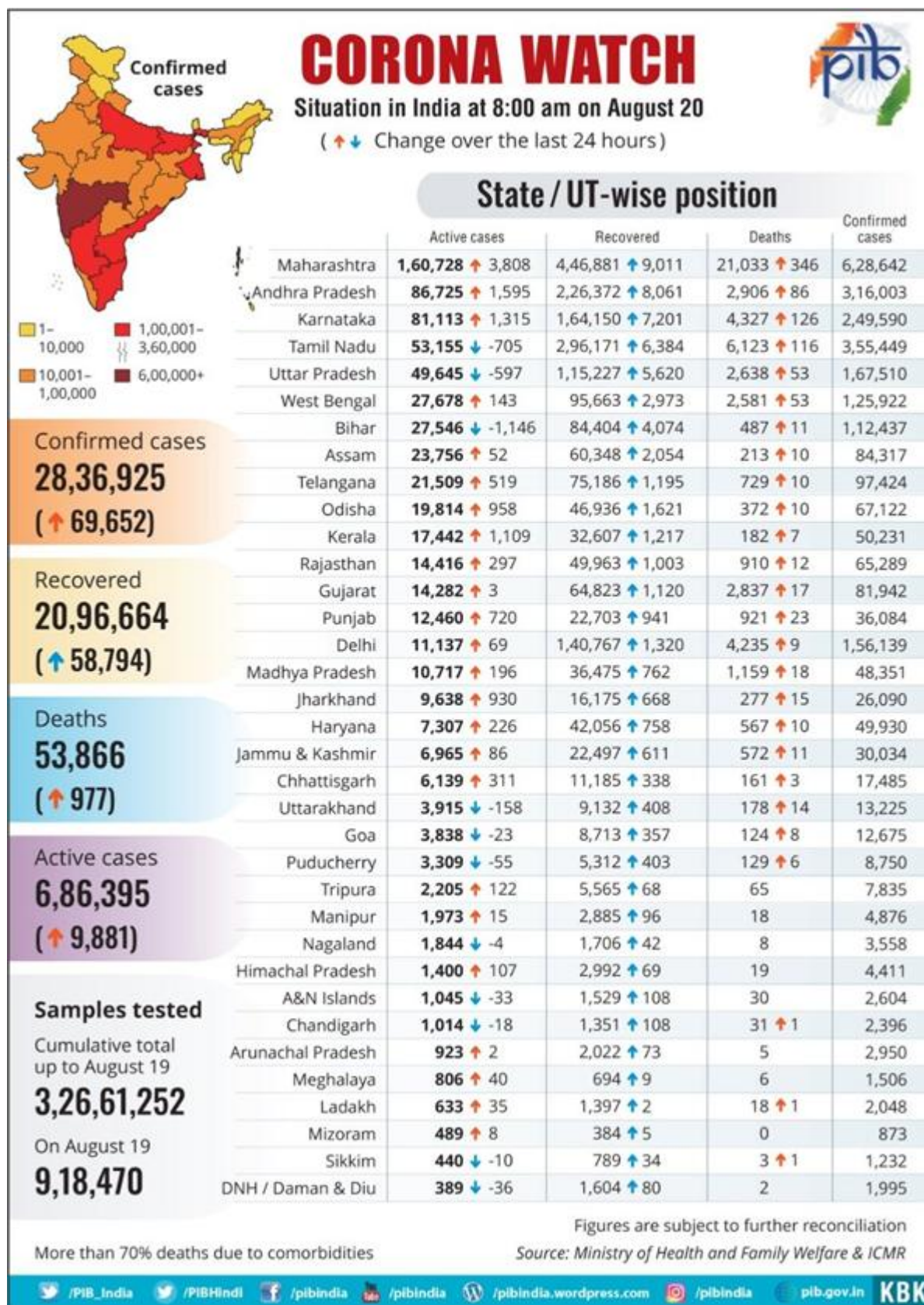


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- Tests Per Million rise to 23,668 today
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COVID-19 INDIA as on :
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Active (24.20%)**686395** (9881↑)**Discharged** (73.91%)**2096664** (587944↑)**Deaths** (1.90%)**53866** (977↑)



On a steady march, India conducts record high of more than 9 lakh tests in a single day, Tests Per Million continue to rise, stand at 23,668 today.

For the first time, a record number of more than 9 lakh COVID tests have been conducted in a single day. With 9,18,470 COVID-19 tests done in the last 24 hours, India is poised to see an exponential increase towards its resolve of testing 10 lakh samples daily. With this achievement, the cumulative tests

are more than 3.25 crore (3,26,61,252). Expanded diagnostic lab network across the country and effective measures to facilitate easy testing have given a substantial boost to the present numbers. As a result of these focused actions, the Tests Per Million (TPM) have seen a sharp increase to 23668. The TPM continues to maintain the constant upward trend. With constantly increasing testing numbers, there has been a commensurate fall in the positivity rate. Although higher number of tests will push the positivity rate initially, but as the experience from several States/UTs has amply depicted, it will eventually lower when combined with other measures such as prompt isolation, effective tracking and timely clinical management. As the national average falls below 8%, there are 26 States/UTs that are reporting lower rates than the national average. There has been a steady rise in the national network of diagnostic labs too. With 977 labs in the government sector and 517 private labs, the lab infrastructure has been enhanced to 1494 labs today.

For details:

With higher number of patients getting cured, India's total Recoveries reach nearly 21 lakh; Recovery Rate further rises- nearly 74% today; 3 times more Recovered Patients than the Active Cases

With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), India's total COVID-19 recoveries have reached nearly 21 lakh today. Recovery of 20,96,664 patients has been made possible because of effective implementation of the policy of TESTING aggressively, TRACKING comprehensively & TREATING efficiently. With the recoveries of 58,794 in the last 24 hours, India's Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients has reached nearly 74% (73.91%) reflecting that the number of patients recovering is on a steady rise over the past several months. India has posted more than 14 lakh (14,10,269) recoveries than the active cases (6,86,395 which are under active medical care). The record high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country viz. the active cases, has reduced and currently comprises only 24.19% of the total positive cases. Case Fatality Rate is lower than the global average and progressively declining (current figure is 1.89%), and only a small proportion of the active cases are on ventilator support.

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Loans worth more than Rs 1 Lakh crore disbursed under ECLGS

Under the 100% Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) backed by a Government of India guarantee, Banks from Public & Private Sectors have sanctioned loans **worth over Rs. 1.5 lakh crore as on 18th August, 2020, of which more than Rs 1 lakh crore has already been disbursed.** The ECLGS was announced by the Government as a part of AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package, to mitigate the distress caused by lockdown due to COVID-19 by providing credit to different sectors, especially MSMEs. Under the ECLGS, Public Sector Banks have sanctioned loans of Rs 76,044.44 crore, out of which Rs 56,483.41 crore has already been disbursed. Private Sector Banks have sanctioned loans of Rs 74,715.02 crore out of which Rs 45,762.36 crore has already been disbursed.

For details:

1.22 crore Kisan Credit Cards sanctioned with credit limit of Rs. 1,02,065 crore under the special saturation drive

In an effort to buffer the agricultural sector from the shock of COVID-19, a special saturation drive is underway to provide concessional credit to farmers through Kisan Credit Card (KCC). **As on 17.08.2020, 1.22 crore KCCs have been sanctioned with credit limit of Rs. 1,02,065 crore.** This will go a long way in reviving the rural economy and accelerating agricultural growth. It may be recalled that as part of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package, the Government had announced provision of a concessional credit of Rs. 2 lakh crore which is likely to benefit 2.5 crore farmers, including fishermen and dairy farmers.

For details:

Our medical fraternity made the nation proud and shown to the world that India can be a trusted partner: Shri Piyush Goyal

Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal has said that all our medical fraternity have made the nation proud and shown to the world that India can be a trusted partner when it comes to global engagement & trade. Speaking at the inauguration of CII's 12th MedTech Global Summit today, he said that Pharmaceutical industry persevered to ensure an adequate supply of medicines for India and the world. "The medical devices industry laboured and helped us indigenously prepare products required to fight COVID-19. Our doctors, paramedics & medical fraternity have made the nation proud by serving the common man relentlessly through their commitment to ensure the safety & well-being of India." Shri Goyal said that today we can proudly say that India has shown to the world what a strict lockdown means & has also shown what a rapid recovery looks like. "Our numbers of COVID-19 recovery are very heartening, crossing the 70% recovery mark." Shri Goyal said that our industries of pharma, medical devices & medical profession will evolve, with the realization that being self-reliant is important to care for the lives of the people.

For details:

Department of Pharmaceuticals has taken several measures to create suitable environment for development of domestic capacity in the pharma sector: Shri Gowda

Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri. D.V. Sadananda Gowda has said that his Department of Pharmaceuticals has taken several measures to create suitable environment for development of domestic capacity in the pharma sector. Shri Gowda said that to strengthen country's drug security, the Government is committed to build Atmanirbharta in the pharma sector. Government has launched schemes for development of three Bulk Drug Parks and four Medical Device Parks across the country. Apart from increasing Central assistance for development of common infrastructure facilities in the parks, Union Government will also extend Production Linked Incentive (PLI) to manufacturers of bulk drugs and medical devices in these parks.

For details:

Shri Rajnath Singh asks Naval Commanders to deliberate on key focus areas

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh addressed Naval Commanders on the inaugural day of the Naval Commanders' Conference yesterday. He complimented the Indian Navy for their role in protecting the maritime interests of the nation and expressed confidence in the Indian Navy's preparedness to meet any challenge through a proactive response in deploying its ships and aircraft. Speaking on the unprecedented challenge posed by Covid-19 pandemic he congratulated the Indian Navy, on the conduct of the biggest ever repatriation operation "Operation Samudra Setu", which has contributed extensively to the national interest. Despite the difficult sea conditions and the challenges of dealing with an unseen enemy in the form of the Corona virus, the Navy was instrumental in bringing home almost 4000 people from neighbouring countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Also, under 'Mission Sagar', medical aid was provided to the countries of South West Indian Ocean Region- Maldives, Mauritius, Comoros, Seychelles and Madagascar). He also lauded the efforts of all Naval Commands in setting up of the quarantine facilities to aid the civil administration in managing Covid-19.

For details:

Nearly 60.7 lakh new beneficiaries added under NFSA by states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar during the COVID-19 period

During the COVID-19 period, since March 2020, a total of about nearly 60.70 Lakh new beneficiaries have been added under the NFSA by States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, etc. within the respective available ceiling limits. This means that, these additional beneficiaries were also able to avail the schemes like PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY). Department of Food & Public Distribution has been continuously allocating food grains for over 80 Crore persons/beneficiaries to States/UTs since the full implementation of NFSA. With the view to effectively handle the public grievances under NFSA, all States/UTs have set up toll-free number/online grievance redressal systems in their respective portals.

For details:

Union Education Minister virtually releases Students' Learning Enhancement Guidelines

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually released Students' Learning Enhancement Guidelines in New Delhi yesterday. Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that during the present-day epidemic of COVID-19, institutions under Ministry of Education worked together and attempted to take school education to children at home through digital means. The documents such as Alternative Academic Calendar, PRAGYATA Guidelines, Digital Education-India Report, NISHTHA-Online, etc. are some of the initiatives that have been undertaken to maintain continuity in school education for children. NCERT has prepared Students' Learning Enhancement Guidelines on the direction of the Ministry of Education for the present situation and also for post pandemic situation.

For details :

About 21 crore mandays employment provided and Rs.16,768 crore spent by the seventh week of Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) is taking action on mission mode to provide employment to migrant workers who have returned to their native villages of 6 states namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The Abhiyaan is empowering villagers with livelihood opportunities in 116 districts of these states. By the seventh week itself a total of about 21 crore mandays employment has been provided and Rs.16,768 crore has been spent so far. The Abhiyaan was launched to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages and similarly affected citizens in rural areas, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak. The stage is set for a longer term initiative for jobs and livelihoods for those who choose to stay back.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, ordered that atleast 25% of beds available in private hospitals and Nursing Homes must be kept reserved for Covid patients. He also directed Commissioner, MC to form various Area Committees, along with Councillors, who can help local administration in keeping a watch over different areas to ensure that the residents follow hygienic practices like wearing of masks and social distancing etc. and ramp up IEC activities.
- Punjab: Taking notice of overcharging being made by some private hospitals and labs for the treatment and test of COVID-19, the Punjab Health & Family Welfare Minister instructed the Civil Surgeons to ensure all such services to be made available as per capped rates decided by the Punjab Government. If anyone found is violating the instructions, immediate action would be taken against the management under the Epidemic Disease Act.
- Haryana: Haryana Health and Home Minister, Mr. Anil Vij said that on August 24, a COVID-19 screening camp will be organized in the premises of Haryana Vidhan Sabha, wherein MLAs, officers, employees and journalists will be able to get their test done. He said that this decision has been taken in view of the upcoming Monsoon session of Vidhan Sabha which will commence on August 26, 2020. Apart from this, directions have been given to all the civil surgeons of the State to conduct the COVID-19 test of the MLAs of their areas at their homes.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 75 new positive cases were detected during last twenty four hours while 73 patients recovered and were discharged. Currently, there are 923 active positive cases in the state. Out of 75 new positive cases in Arunachal Pradesh, 16 cases were detected from Itanagar Capital Region while 59 cases are from 18 other districts.
- Assam: In Assam, 2,054 patients were discharged yesterday, State Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that it's heartening to see more than 2000 discharges in a day & medical team deserves many applauses. Total discharged patients 60,348, active patients 23,753.
- Manipur: 111 more persons have tested COVID-19 positive including 56 members of Central Security forces in Manipur. 96 persons have recovered and discharged while total active cases are 1,937 in Manipur.
- Mizoram: 13 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 873, active cases 489.

- Nagaland: Nagaland H&FW Dept. says Rs. 17 crore spent on sample testing through RT-PCR and TrueNat machines. 31,124 test were done through RT-PCR while 21,015 through TrueNat. Naga Engineering graduate O Jungio invents social distancing device which beeps when the bearer breaches distancing norms.
- Maharashtra: Although the state has 1.60 lakh active Covid cases, as part of unlocking measure, the State Road Transport Corporation has resumed its services this morning with the first 'Shivneri' bus leaving Mumbai for Pune at 7 a.m. Just a couple of days ahead of Maharashtra's most popular Ganesh Utsav, the state has permitted resumption of inter-district bus transport service. After the recent Sero-survey in Pune revealed that nearly 50 per cent of samples of local residents from five high-incidence areas had antibodies for coronavirus infection, the Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research-led survey has now begun a study to detect 'neutralising antibodies' in an effort to understand the human body's response to the virus. This will possibly be the first of its kind survey in the country.
- Rajasthan: Elections to 129 municipal bodies in Rajasthan have been put off for two months in view of the coronavirus pandemic. In an order, the State Election Commission said the elections scheduled to be held in August 2020 have been postponed till October 20, 2020 in view of the current situation. Rajasthan has 14,671 active Covid cases, while the death toll has reached 915 with 5 more deaths reported on Wednesday.
- Goa: With eight Covid-19 fatalities reported in the last 24 hours Goa's toll shot up to 124 on Wednesday. The state's tally of active cases dropped marginally to 3,838 as recoveries for the day exceeded the total of the number of new cases detected. As many as 357 were declared cured and sent home, while 342 new cases were detected.
- Kerala: Kozhikode District collector Sambasiva Rao has ordered the closing down of Perambra fish market until further notice after a clash broke out there defying prohibitory orders. Six more deaths due to Covid was reported from the state today. According to latest figures, 406 Keralites have succumbed to the disease in the Gulf countries till date. Kerala's Covid-19 tally yesterday crossed 50k-mark with record 2,333 new cases. At present, 17,382 patients are undergoing treatment and 1,69,687 persons under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Biggest Covid-19 spike in Puducherry with 554 fresh cases, eight more deaths; this took the total tally to 9292, active cases to 3523 and death toll to 137. JIPMER to close down OPDs, special clinics from August 24, to relocate manpower for Covid care. In SOS sent to centre, Kiran Bedi seeks to bring on board private hospitals for Covid care in Puducherry. Tamil Nadu govt will follow High Court order on Vinayaka Chaturthi festivities, asserts CM. The government has already barred the installation and procession with Vinayaka idols in public places.
- Karnataka: State cabinet decided to hold 9 days legislative session from Sept 21 amidst corona crisis. It has also decided to bring amendment to Slaughter of Cows Act. Meanwhile state health department has revised guidelines for containment and buffer zones. Karnataka reported 8000-plus Covid cases again on Thursday; fatalities rise in last few days taking total number of deaths stand to 4,327; total Covid positive tally rise to 2,49,590 cases.
- Andhra Pradesh: State Endowments Minister has said that there would be no public celebrations of Vinayaka Chaturthi this year in view of pandemic and asked people to perform poojas at home instead of organising pandals. Rallies during idol immersion, and Ganesh pandals are banned this year. Former TDP MLA JC Prabhakar Reddy, who has been diagnosed with coronavirus in Kadapa central prison, will be released today. The SC/ST atrocities special court in Anantapur

granted him bail on a petition moved by his lawyers yesterday. State has conducted 30,19,296 Covid-19 tests till Wednesday, making it the fourth state to have crossed the 30 lakh-mark in samples testing.

- Telangana: 1724 new cases, 1195 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1724 cases, 395 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 97,424; Active cases: 21,509; Deaths: 729; Discharges: 75,186. With southwest monsoon refusing to take a break, Hyderabad & Telangana continues to get lashed by incessant rains. Dr Reddy's launches Avigan (Favipiravir) in India. The drug has been approved by the Drugs Controller General of India for the treatment of patients with mild to moderate Covid-19 disease.

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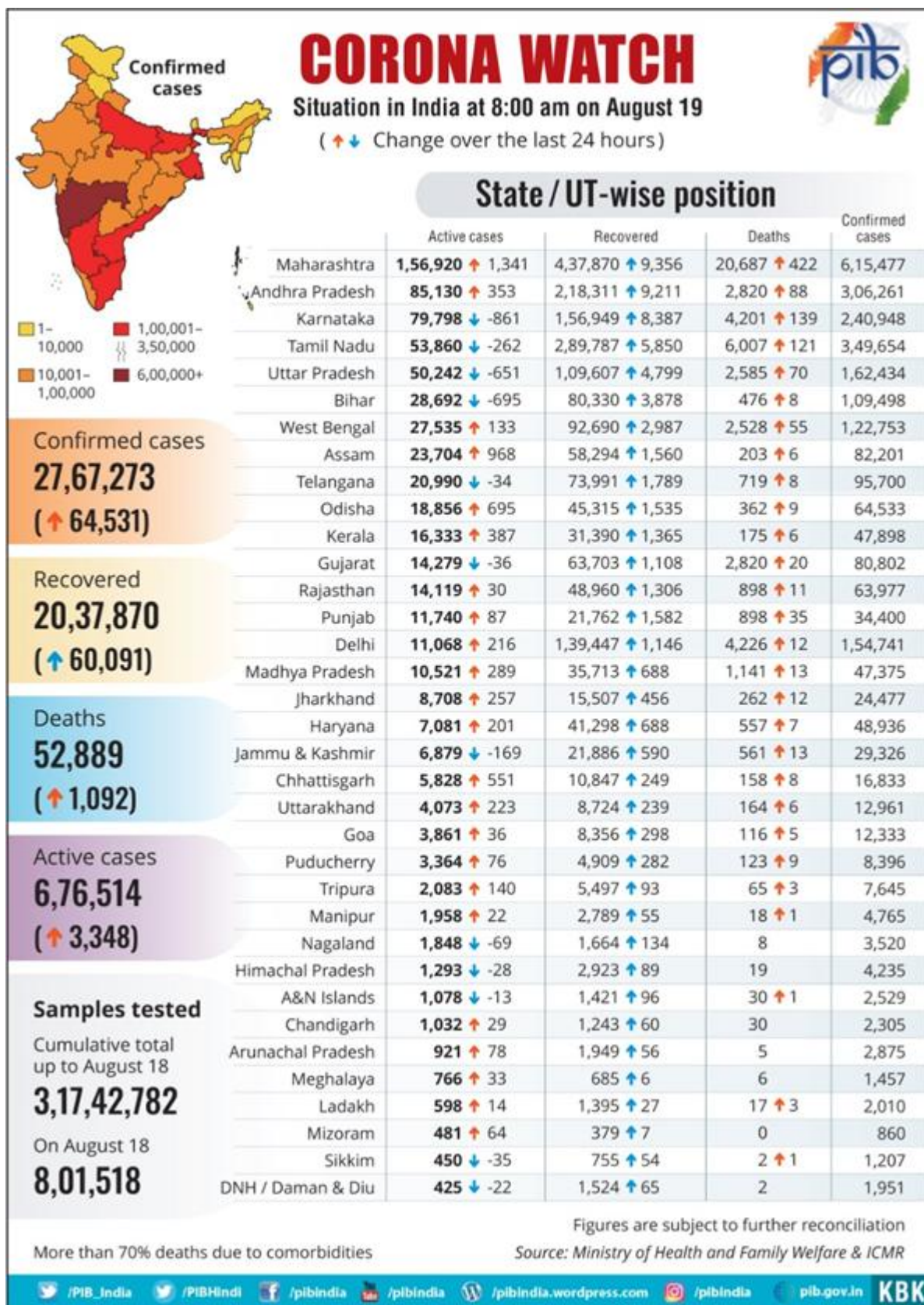
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 19 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (24.45%)	Discharged (73.64%)	Deaths (1.91%)
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India continues on its path of high testing: more than 8 lakh tests/day for 2nd day in a row; Tests Per Million (TPM) continue to rise, cross 23,002 while positivity remains stable at around 8%

India has tested more than 8 lakh COVID-19 samples for the 2nd consecutive day in a row. With a strong resolve to rapidly increase the number of tests done per day to touch 10 lakh/day testing capacity, 8,01,518 samples were tested in the last 24 hours. The cumulative testing as on date has reached

3,17,42,782. The Tests Per Million too have seen a sharp rise to 23,002. India followed the track of a graded and evolving strategy, steadily strengthening its nationwide network of labs in the public and private sectors. Starting from one lab in January 2020, today 1486 labs dot the country; 975 labs in the government sector and 511 in the private sector.

For details:

India scales another peak: Total recoveries cross 2 million, Highest ever single day recoveries of 60,091 in last 24 hours, India's Recovery Rate scales a peak too, races past 73%

Fast on the heels of crossing 3 crore cumulative tests, India has recorded another high. Total number of recoveries has crossed **2 million today** (20,37,870). Coupled with this is another achievement of highest ever single day **recoveries of 60,091** in the last 24 hours. With this high number of COVID-19 patients recovering and being discharged from the hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), the Recovery Rate has scaled the twin peak of crossing **73%** (73.64%). This has also led to the declining Case Fatality Rate, which stands at a new low of **1.91%** today. The record high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country viz. the active cases has reduced and currently comprises less than **1/4th** (only 24.45%) of the total positive cases. India has posted 13,61,356 more recoveries than the active cases (6,76,514). Government of India along with efforts of the State/UT governments has ramped up the hospital care infrastructure across the country to ensure that medical care for different categories of positive cases is provided through the Dedicated COVID Care Centre (DCCC), Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) and Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH). Their numbers has substantially increased too. Today there are 1667 DCH, 3455 DCHC and 11,597 DCCC. Cumulatively they provide 15,45,206 isolation beds, 2,03,959 Oxygen supported beds, and 53,040 ICU beds.

For details:

A big win for Digital India: Health Ministry's 'eSanjeevani' telemedicine service records 2 lakh tele-consultations

The '*eSanjeevani*' digital platform of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has completed 2 lakh tele-consultations. This milestone was achieved in a short time period of ten days only since the 9th of August when Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare presided over a meet to commemorate the completion of 1.5 lakh tele-consultations. In what can be seen as a big push for the 'Digital India' initiative of the Prime Minister, the *eSanjeevani* platform has proved its usefulness and easy access for the caregivers and the medical community, and those seeking healthcare services in the times of COVID. *eSanjeevani* platform has enabled two types of telemedicine services viz. Doctor-to-Doctor (*eSanjeevani*) and Patient-to-Doctor (*eSanjeevani* OPD) Tele-consultations. The former is being implemented under the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre (AB-HWC). It aims to implement tele-consultation in all the 1.5 lakh Health and Wellness Centres in conjunction with identified Medical College hospitals in a 'Hub and Spoke' model. The Health Ministry rolled out the second tele-consultation service '*eSanjeevani*OPD' enabling patient-to-doctor telemedicine owing to the COVID-19

pandemic in April 2020. This has proved a boon in containing the spread of COVID while simultaneously enabling provisions for non-COVID essential healthcare. *eSanjeevani* has been implemented so far by 23 States and other States are in the process of rolling it out.

For details :

Cabinet approves measures to provide liquidity in the Power Sector Dues to the financial stress caused by COVID-19

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a one-time relaxation to Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for extending loans to Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) above limits of working capital cap of 25% of last year's revenues under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY). One-time relaxation would help in providing liquidity to the power sector and ensure payments by State Governments to DISCOMs. The outbreak of the global pandemic COVID-19 in the country and the consequent nationwide lockdown has exacerbated the liquidity problems for the power sector. Revenues of the power distribution companies have nosedived as people are unable to pay for the electricity consumed while power supplies, being an essential service, have been maintained. Energy consumption has decreased substantially. The liquidity of the power sector is not expected to improve in the short term, as economic activity and power demand will take some time to pick up. There is, thus, an immediate need to infuse liquidity in the power sector for continuation of power supply.

For details:

Dhanwantari Rath' to bring Ayurveda at doorsteps of Delhi Police families, MoU signed between AIIA and Delhi Police

A MoU was signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and Delhi Police yesterday for extending the Ayurveda Preventive and Promotive health services in the residential colonies of Delhi Police. These services are to be provided through a mobile unit named 'Dhanwantari Rath' and Police Wellness Centres and are to be catered by AIIA, supported by Ministry of AYUSH. A Signed MOU was exchanged between Commissioner of Delhi Police Shri S N Shrivastava and Shri Pramod Kumar Pathak, Additional Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH. The Dhanvantri Rath was flagged off in the presence of Prof. Tanuja Nesari, Director, AIIA. AYURAKSHA a joint venture of AIIA, an autonomous Institute under Ministry of AYUSH and Delhi Police aims for maintaining the health of frontline COVID warriors like Delhi police personal through Ayurveda immunity boosting measures. In continuation of the project, Ayurveda Preventive and Promotive health care are now planned to be extended to the families of Delhi Police personnel. After the distribution of AYURAKSHA kits to nearly 80,000 police personnel for over a period of 2 months, the incidence and mortality of COVID 19 was significantly brought down in Delhi Police personnel.

For details:

Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme for Migrants - A holistic perspective

Amidst the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis in the country, the Government of India had announced various economic measures under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Package (ANBP) in the middle of May 2020 for migrant workers across the country. Pursuant to this, the Department of Food & Public Distribution had allocated a total quantity of about 8 Lakh MT of foodgrains to all States/UTs which was communicated to all States/ UTs on 15th May 2020 under the “AtmaNirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS)” to help mitigate the food-security requirements of migrant/stranded migrants across the country. Accordingly, Food Department allocated about 4 LMT food grain per month and a total of 8 LMT for a period of two months i.e. May and June 2020. As per reports available up to **17th August 2020**, out of total **6.38 LMT lifted** foodgrains, a total of about **2.49 LMT (39%)** foodgrains have been distributed by the States/UTs under the scheme to identified migrants/stranded migrants. With the distribution going on until 31st August 2020, it is expected that some more migrant persons may benefit from free foodgrains under ANBS by then. Further, it is also relevant to mention that besides distribution of free food-grains under ANBS, some of the States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tripura, Manipur, J&K have also issued new ration cards after March, 2020 to beneficiaries, not covered earlier, adding nearly **45 Lakh, 15 Lakh, 25,000, 10,000, and 35,000** persons respectively to regularly receive subsidised quota foodgrains under the NFSA/PMGKAY.

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Mobile App Launched to Provide User Friendly Digital Interface to Source Loan Applications of Street Vendors

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (I/C), Housing and Urban Affairs interacted with Urban Development Ministers, Chief Secretaries, UD Secretaries/Principal Secretaries, DGPs, Collectors / SPs / SSPs / Municipal Commissioners / Chief Executive Officers of 125 cities in the context of Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme which has been launched to provide credit for working capital to street vendors to resume their business. While the Scheme provides the credit facility to the vendors, there is a requirement to ensure that they are able to do business in a harassment free environment. Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA was also present in the meeting.

For details:

SCTIMST & IIT Madras start-up set up portable hospital infrastructure for COVID -19

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India in collaboration with ‘Modulus Housing’ a start-up incubated by IIT Madras has come up with a solution using decentralised approach to detect, manage and treat COVID-19 patients in local communities through portable microstructures. The portable microstructure named as “MediCAB”, which is modular, portable, durable, easy to set up and can be customised as per the requirements of the customer. It is foldable and is

composed of four zones – a doctor's room, an isolation room, a medical room/ward, and a twin-bed ICU, maintained at negative pressure. It can be easily transported and installed anywhere in geographic locations and can be erected in just two hours with the help of four persons.

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49 innovations in 5 focus areas receive Millennium Alliance Round 6 & COVID19 Innovation Challenge-Awards

The Millennium Alliance Round 6 & COVID19 Innovation Challenge-Award Ceremony, which recognized 49 innovative solutions in 5 focus sectors of India, highlighted the necessity of building a highly distributed innovation ecosystem. Announcing that DST will be soon launching a new program to have highly distributed innovation ecosystem, DST Secretary, Professor Ashutosh Sharma said that to have a startup doing innovation it is important to have networking, support, seed money, prototyping facility and all of these facilities could be provided outside the physical space of incubators.

For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan digitally addresses FSSAI's Eat Right Challenge Orientation Workshop

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare presided over an online orientation workshop organised by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) as part of its Eat Right Challenge. He also launched FSSAI's 'Eat Right India' Handbook and the website eatrightindia.gov.in to help various stakeholders scale up 'Eat Right India' initiatives across the country. Dr Harsh Vardhan spoke of the key role played by healthy food and nutrition in combating morbidity. Stating that diet helps in building one's resilience and immunity towards various kinds of diseases, he emphasised "61.8% deaths from non-communicable like diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular complications etc., are directly or indirectly related to faulty diet. Even communicable diseases like tuberculosis disproportionately affect people who are undernourished. People of the same household have been showing different responses to COVID based on their immunity acquired through nutrition."

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- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, stated that the focus of the Administration should be for early detection of the cases, particularly those of patients with co-morbidities, so that the fatalities could be kept at a minimum. He also directed GMSH-16 to start mobile testing facilities so that testing teams could go on mobile vans and collect samples and give test results on-the-spot. This will be helpful to senior citizens, who are reluctant to go to hospitals for such testings.
- Kerala: Regarding the issue of collection of CDRs of Covid patients, the State government told the Kerala High Court that it required just the tower location of Covid positive patients and not the other call details of a more personal nature. The Court was also told that CDRs are not being collected at the moment. Meanwhile, five more people have succumbed to Covid-19 in the state till noon, pushing the death toll to 174. The weekly Cabinet meet did not take place today as Chief

Ministers and six other Ministers are under self- quarantine following a visit to Karipur air crash site. As many as 1,758 new active cases of Covid-19 were diagnosed in Kerala yesterday. Currently 16,274 patients are undergoing treatment in hospitals across the State and there are 1.65 lakh people under observation in various districts.

- Tamil Nadu: State urges Centre to speed up various water projects. TN sees a spurt in applications under revised e-pass system resulting in heavy traffic on highways and congestion at major toll plazas. With Tasmac shops reopening in Chennai, health experts call for caution. 5709 new Covid cases, 5850 recoveries & 121 deaths reported yesterday. 1182 cases from Chennai. Total cases: 3,49,654; Active cases: 53,860; Deaths: 6007; Discharges: 2,89,787; Active cases in Chennai: 12,103.
- Karnataka: State government has revised guidelines for celebrating Ganesha Chaturthi, only one public celebration per ward or village allowed and bans festival related processions and cultural events. Today medical education minister spoke to government and private lab heads on conducting covid test as per target.
- Andhra Pradesh: In the light of Vijayawada Swarna Palace hotel incident which claimed lives of 10 Covid patients on August 9, the Andhra Pradesh government has put a special focus on Covid Care Centres across the state. Besides increasing monitoring of hospitals, steps have been taken to strengthen vigilance. Krishna district officials acted on a war footing following orders issued by the Medical Health Commissioner by installing CCTV cameras in 13 select hospitals providing Covid medical care. Former TDP MLA JC Prabhakar Reddy who is currently in Kadapa Jail tested positive; 317 prisoners were tested positive for the virus in Kadapa Jail. 9652 new cases, 9211 discharges and 88 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases in the State: 3,06,261; Active cases: 85,130; Deaths: 2820.
- Telangana: 1763 new cases, 1789 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1763 cases, 484 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 95,700; Active cases: 20,990; Deaths: 719; Discharges: 73,991. As per new rule, only one member will be seated in a bench during the monsoon session of the State Legislative Assembly, which is scheduled to commence on September 7 amid the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh registered the highest spike for a single day with 133 COVID-19 cases with Upper Subansiri taking the bulk of caseload (65 positive cases) and West Kameng was second (22 cases).
- Assam: In Assam, 40 bravehearts joined the plasma donation camp at Tezpur medical college and hospital tweeted the Health Minister of Assam Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- Manipur: With 78 new cases and 55 recoveries, the recovery rate in Manipur now stands at 58%. There are 1958 active cases in the state. In Manipur with the death of one more person due to COVID related complications, the death toll in the state has risen to 18.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram 45 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed yesterday. Total cases in the state reached 860 and active cases stand at 481.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, the district administration of Peren orders sealing of 5 houses in Athibung sub-division after detection of COVID-19 positive cases. Total lockdown in Mon district's Aboi sub-division lifted.
- Maharashtra: Seven of the ten districts in India with highest Covid Test Positivity rate are in Maharashtra, indicating the virus is spreading fast in the state and testing needs to be ramped up. The seven districts are Raigad, Thane, Nashik, Dhule, Pune, Jalgaon and Satara. Raigad with a

case positivity rate of 31.7% tops the chart, while Mumbai with a Positivity rate of 19.7% is not in the top 10 list. Other three districts are located in Bihar. Public Health experts consider positivity rate, which is the proportion of tests that return positive result, a key benchmark to gauge disease transmission. The Bombay High Court has asked the Maharashtra government if it has a regulatory mechanism in place to ensure that private hospitals and nursing homes do not overcharge for PPE kits and other ancillary items during the COVID-19 pandemic. Maharashtra government has directed district collectors to take strict action against hospitals covered under the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana and yet found to be overcharging COVID-19 patients. Besides imposing heavy penalties, the government has asked collectors to cancel registration of such hospitals and file police complaints.

- Gujarat: In Gujarat, 1,126 new cases of COVID-19 recorded yesterday. Out of 1,126 new cases, the maximum 175 cases were reported from Surat. Ahmedabad city recorded 149 new cases during the last 24 hours. According to the State Health Department, the recovery rate improved further and reached up to 78.71 per cent.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan Government has decided to increase beds with oxygen facility at all the district hospitals and hospitals attached to medical colleges. Government has also decided to motivate nursing personnel working in night shifts. Health Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma has said that Corona cases have increased in the state at a few places due to super spreaders. He said that random sampling is being done of milk vendors, vegetable vendors and shopkeepers so that spread of infection could be controlled.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh has ranked 16th according to a comparative status of active patients in the country. In Madhya Pradesh, a unique campaign 'Ek Sankalp - Bujurgo ke naam' i.e. 'a commitment for elders' is being run by the Chhatarpur Police in the midst of corona infection in the state. This unique campaign is proving to be a boon for the elderly people living alone in homes during the global pandemic COVID-19. In this campaign, the police are taking care of the elderly people from the food to their health.

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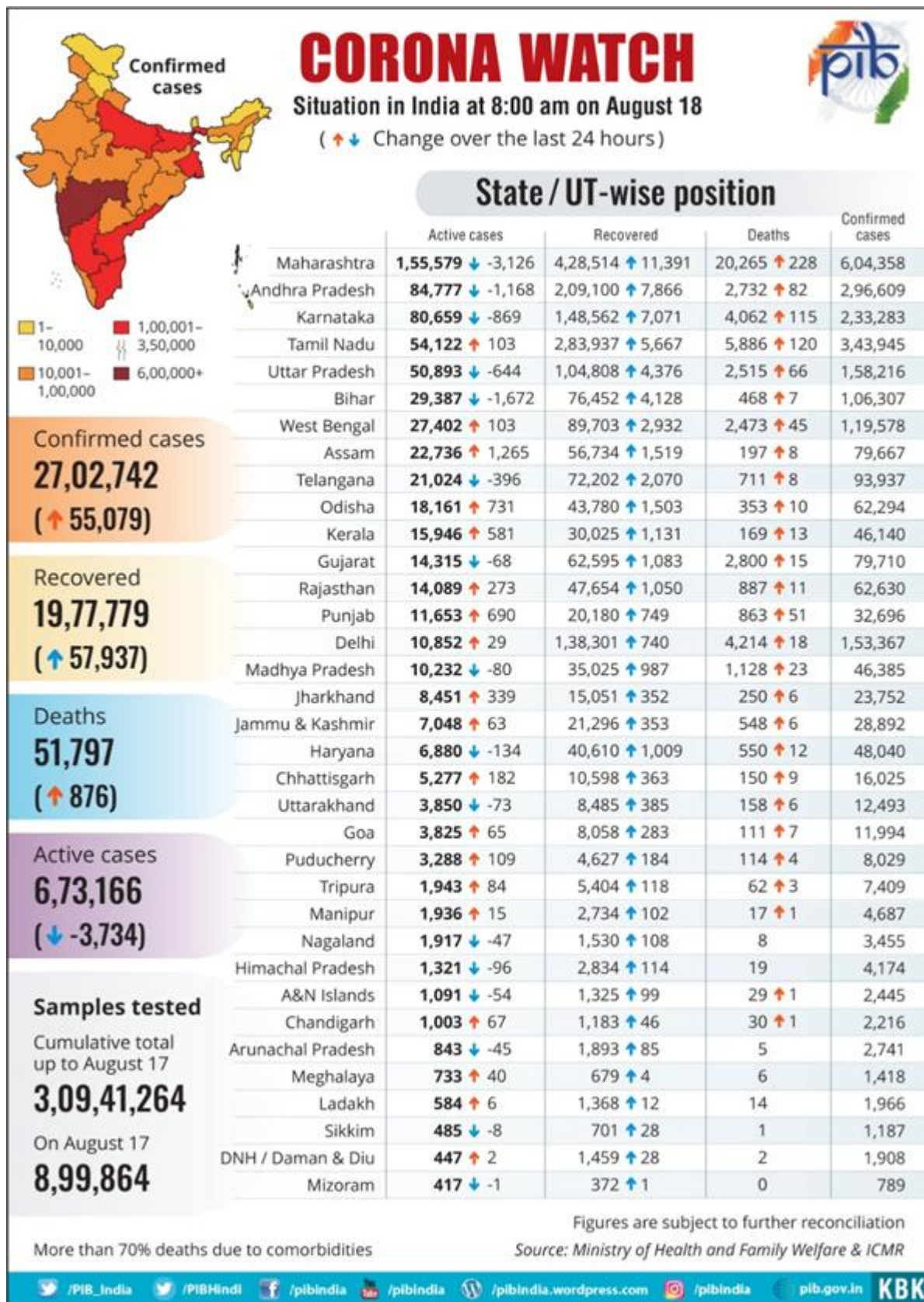
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- India tests a new record- nearly 9 lakh tested in one day,
- Record Highest Single Day Recoveries of 57,584
- Total Recoveries exceed Active Cases by more than 13 lakh
- Case Fatality Rate is low at 1.92%.
- Active cases (6,73,166) are only 24.91% of the total positive cases.
- National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration meets the Domestic Vaccine Manufacturers

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 18 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (24.91%)	Discharged (73.18%)	Deaths (1.92%)
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India tests a new record- nearly 9 lakh tested in one day, Record Highest Single Day Recoveries of 57,584, Total Recoveries exceed Active Cases by more than 13 lakh

India has set another record in COVID-19 tests conducted per day. Nearly 9 lakh (8,99,864) testes have been conducted in a single day, the highest tests in a day so far. With this, the cumulative tests have reached 3,09,41,264. Even with such a high level of testing, the positivity has remained low i.e. 8.81%

compared to the weekly national average i.e. 8.84%. India has also recorded the highest single day recoveries of 57,584 in the last 24 hours. This is higher than the confirmed cases added during the same period (55,079). With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), the total recoveries have crossed the 19 lakh mark (19,77,779). With this the gap between the recovered patients and the active cases has crossed 13 lakh today (13,04,613). Continuous increase in average daily recoveries has led to India's Recovery Rate touching 73.18% and a low Case Fatality Rate (1.92%). As a result of collaborative and focused efforts by the Centre and State/UT governments built on effective implementation of the TEST, TRACK, TREAT strategy of the Union Government, 30 States/UTs are reporting lower CFR than the national average. The actual case load of the country i.e. the active cases (6,73,166), is only 24.91% of the total positive cases.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1646637>

National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration meets the Domestic Vaccine Manufacturers

National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration yesterday met leading domestic vaccine manufacturers- Serum Institute of India, Pune; Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad; ZydusCadila, Ahmedabad; Gennova Biopharmaceuticals, Pune, and Biological E, Hyderabad. The meeting was mutually beneficial and productive. It provided the National Expert Group with inputs about the present stage of various candidate vaccines being developed by the indigenous manufacturers as well as their expectations from the Union Government.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1646506>

Awards announced for Indo-U.S. Virtual Networks for COVID-19

Eight binational teams consisting of researchers from India and the US have received awards to pursue cutting-edge research in pathogenesis and disease management of COVID-19 through Indo-US virtual networks. The areas of research they will pursue include antiviral coatings, immune modulation, tracking SARS CoV-2 in wastewater, disease detection mechanisms, reverse genetics strategies, and drug repurposing. The awards have been announced by Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) in support of the efforts of the medical and scientific community to find solutions to the COVID 19 pandemic and emerging global challenges. The IUSSTF is an autonomous bilateral organization jointly funded by the Governments of India and the US.

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Exports of agricultural commodities during March to June 2020 increased by 23.24% compared to corresponding period in 2019

As per WTO's Trade Statistics, share of India's agricultural exports and imports in the world agriculture trade in 2017 was 2.27% and 1.90%, respectively. Even during the difficult time of pandemic lockdown, India took care to not to disturb the world food supply chain and continued to export. The exports of Agri-commodities during March 2020 to June 2020 were Rs. 25552.7 Crore against an export of Rs. 20734.8 Crore during the same period in 2019, showing a sharp increase of 23.24%. The agricultural exports as a percentage of India's agricultural GDP has increased from 9.4 % in 2017-18 to 9.9 % in 2018-19. While the agricultural imports as a percentage of India's agricultural GDP has declined from 5.7 % to 4.9 % indicating exportable surplus and decreased dependence on import of agricultural products in India.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1646632>

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan appeals to steel industry leaders to partner with the Government in providing low-cost housing for migrant labourers

Minister of Steel & Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has appealed to Steel industry leaders to partner with the Government in providing low-cost housing for migrant labourers. Speaking as the Chief guest at a Webinar today, he referred to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' scheme, and called upon PSUs and steel industry leaders to partner with the Government in the project. He said that the industry should build steel-intensive, low-cost houses which will be model for others to emulate. The Minister said that the industry should partner in such welfare-oriented initiatives of the Government, as the AatamNirbhar Bharat seeks to provide dignity and self-respect to every citizen of the country. Shri Pradhan said during the Covid crisis, Indian industry rose to the occasion and manufactured PPE kits, Masks and ventilators in large numbers, and Indian pharma industry supplied medicines to 150 countries. On the similar lines, India, which is already the second largest producer in the world, should emerge as a preferred source for steel requirements.

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INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Expressing serious concern over the surge in Covid cases and increasing number of deaths per million in the state, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh said he was not averse to imposing harsher measures to check further spread of the pandemic. Though he did not rule out lockdown, especially in areas with high spike in cases, Chief Minister made it clear that economic activity will not be allowed to suffer.
- Haryana: While appreciating the unwavering efforts of officers who have kept Haryana on the forefront in tackling COVID-19, the Haryana Chief Secretary has directed all Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to lay stress on the 4Ts – Tracing, Tracking, Testing and Treatment so as to keep a tab on the spread of the COVID-19. The Chief Secretary also conveyed that the Chief Minister has given clear directions that the spread of COVID-19 has to be curbed thus one-to-one monitoring is required to keep a tab on COVID-19 cases. She further added that all symptomatic patients should be sent to flu corners set up at Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and all influenza like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) cases should be tested without fail.
- Kerala: The State government has announced a loan scheme of Rs.455 cr. to tide over the crisis ridden tourism sector due Covid-19. Tourism Minister said as per this scheme, entrepreneurs can avail up to Rs. 25 lakh with 50% interest subsidy. 36 cases have been tested positive till noon including 6 new cases in the Central prison in Thiruvananthapuram taking the tally in the prison premise to 486. Meanwhile, the Health department has called for more vigil in Kottayam, Palakkad and Kannur as the contact transmission cases in these districts are on the rise. High infection rate continues to be reported from Malappuram, Kasaragod, Thiruvananthapuram, and Ernakulam districts. Two more Covid-19 deaths have been reported in Kerala. With this, the death toll rose to 171. A total of 1725 cases were confirmed in the state yesterday. Currently, 15,890 patients are undergoing treatment and 1.64 lakh people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Madras High Court refuses to allow the reopening of Sterlite copper smelting plant in Thoothukudi and dismissed all the petitions filed by Vedanta Limited. As the A&N Islands grapples with Covid-19, the weekly passenger ships MV Nicobar and MV Nancowry have suspended their services

between the Islands and Chennai port; this has also resulted in shortage of testing kits. In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH) on Sunday unveiled its 'Post-Covid Wellness Centre', an outpatient centre for the treatment and monitoring of the patients who had recovered from Covid-19. An association of idol makers has moved the Madras High Court challenging the state government's decision to prohibit installation of Vinayakar idols.

- Karnataka: Medical Education Minister Dr.K.Sudhakar visited Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences today to review the infrastructure and treatment facilities for Covid-19 patients. He said that the State is taking measures to establish oxygen plants at all medical hospitals across the state. Probe ordered after elderly Covid-19 patient under home isolation dies of hunger near Ballari. Covid-19 fatalities in Karnataka crossed the 4K-mark on Monday with 115 deaths reported, taking the total toll to 4,062.
- Andhra Pradesh: The state health department had recently conducted sero survey in Krishna, Anantapur and East Godavari districts to find out the coronavirus infected on a select sample. About 20 per cent of the samples studied in Krishna district were asymptomatic and they had no idea that they were infected. A 200-bed hospital was inaugurated in Narasaraopet of Guntur district. 150 beds in the hospital are equipped with oxygen facility and 90 beds with ventilators. Guntakallu Railway Divisional Hospital has been set up as a Covid Care Center to provide better services to the patients.
- Telangana: State put on flood alert with torrential rains continuing; CM KCR reviews situation. 1682 new cases, 2070 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1682 cases, 235 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 93,937; Active cases: 21,024; Deaths: 711; Discharges: 72,202. As on Monday night, there were 17,807 vacant beds available for Covid-19 patients in Government and private teaching hospitals combined, according to the health bulletin.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 40 people tested positive for COVID-19, recovered 85 patients discharged from hospitals yesterday.
- Assam: In Assam, 2792 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday and recovered 1519, total cases 79667 and active patients 22733.
- Meghalaya: Sh. Satya Pal Malik, Hon'ble Governor of Goa has been appointed by the Hon'ble President of India, Sh. Ram Nath Kovind as the new Governor of Meghalaya
- Manipur: In Manipur, 118 people tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours taking the total number to 4687 and active 1936. A 48-year old male patient succumbed to the disease taking the death toll in the state to 17.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, 26 new COVID-19 positive cases detected in last 24 hours, total cases rise to 815, discharged 372 and active cases 443. Strict compliance of total lockdown in Aizawl.
- Nagaland: A doctor at COVID-19 Hospital Dimapur tests positive for Coronavirus. Assam Rifles, Julukie provides water supply and essential items to inmates of Azailong Quarantine Center in Tening.
- Sikkim: Sikkim registered 20 new COVID-19 positive cases, total cases rise to 485, informed Health DG-cum-Secretary. To revive growth and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the State economy, the State Bank of Sikkim (SBS) has launched a loan scheme to support eligible SBS customers. The State government undertaking with its Covid. Rehabilitation Loan Scheme would provide working capital term loan of up to Rs.50 lakh so that small and medium business units can meet their liquidity mismatch.
- Maharashtra: The results of a serological survey in Pune have indicated that over 50 per cent of the population could already have been infected by novel Coronavirus. This is significantly higher than the results of similar serological surveys carried out in some other cities, like Delhi and Mumbai. But scientists have warned against interpreting these results as an indication of half of Pune population being

immune to the Coronavirus. They say all antibodies are not protective. It is only the neutralising antibodies that can make a person immune to the disease. Pune, with a total reported cases of 1.32 lakh, has become the new Covid hotspot in Maharashtra overtaking Mumbai.

- Gujarat: Residents of Ahmedabad have till date coughed up Rs 3.75 crore in fines for not wearing masks in public places or violating social distancing norms. The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), to ensure that people wear masks to prevent the spread of Covid-19, has adopted a new policy of giving a packet of five masks to everyone who is being fined. Gujarat reported 1,033 new Covid cases on Monday, out of which 145 were from Ahmedabad. The number of active cases is 14,435.
- Rajasthan: Phalodi MLA Pabbaram Vishnoi, who attended the Vidhan Sabha session on Friday, has tested COVID-19 positive. The MLA has appealed to all those who came in contact with him to get themselves tested. Vishnoi had gone to attend the Assembly session on Friday and he met many legislators in the Assembly. Rajasthan reported 694 new Covid cases and 10 deaths on Monday.
- Goa: The worsening Covid situation has forced the State Election Commission to postpone the polls to 11 Municipal Councils. Despite the rising number of COVID-19 cases, flight movements at the Goa airport increased almost 12 times last month as compared to April this year, according to the Airports Authority of India. Goa has till date registered 11,994 Covid cases out of which 3,825 are active cases.

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Claim: Media reports have claimed "an Army soldier from Galwan Valley Clash succumbs to injuries; cremated in his home district Nainital"#PIBFactcheck: This is incorrect. Late Havaladar Bishan Singh expired due to medical complications, not due to injuries sustained in the clash

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Galwan clash soldier succumbs to injuries; cremated in his home district Nainital

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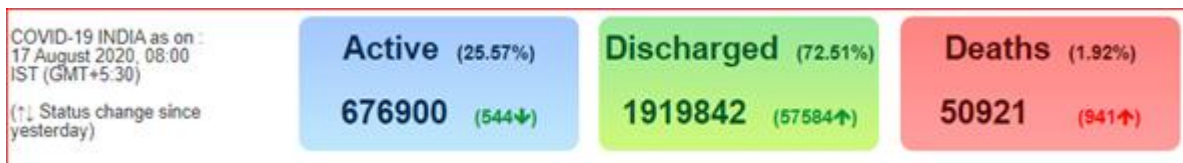
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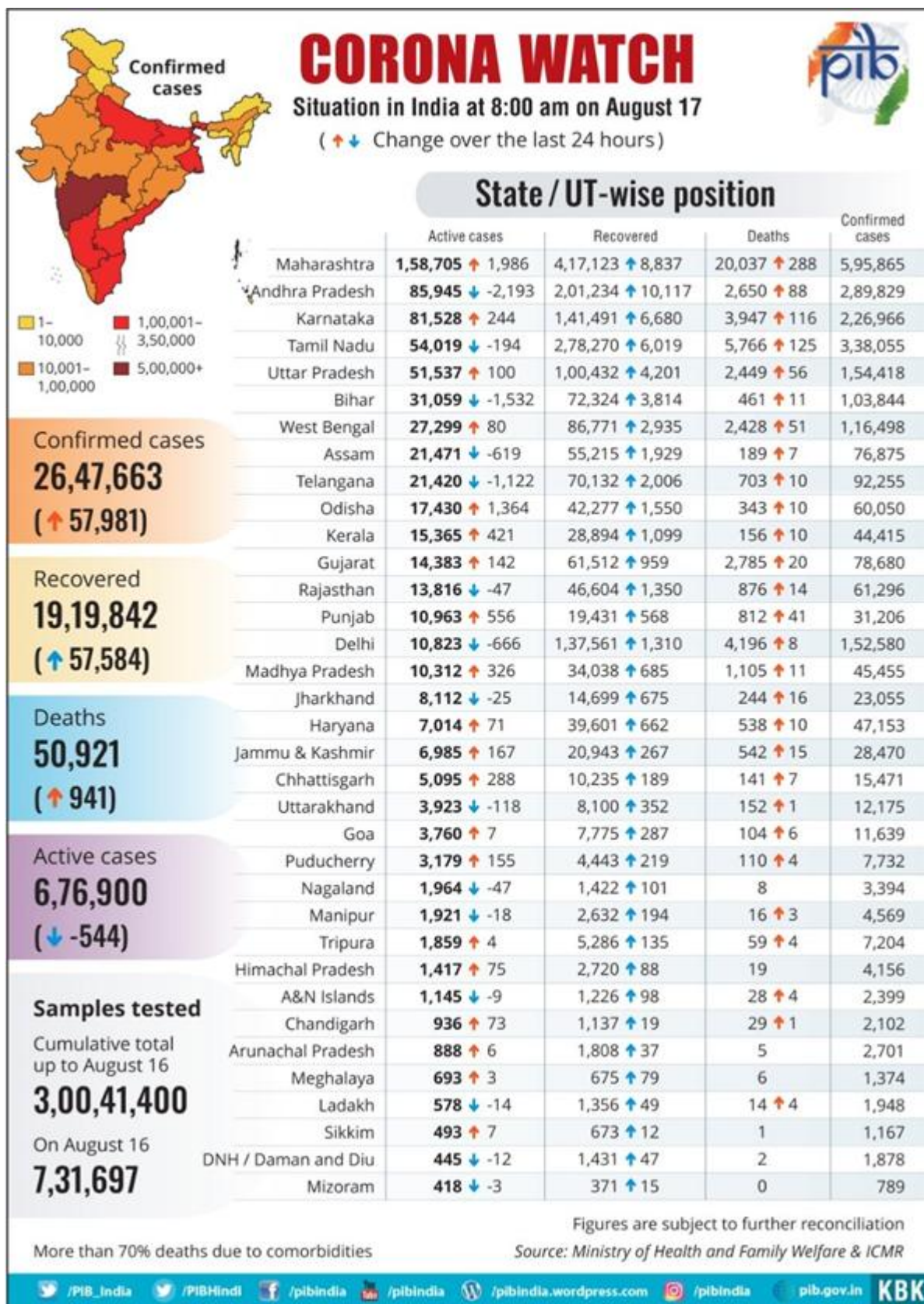
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- India reports highest ever single day recoveries of 57,584
- Recovery Rate races beyond 72%, Total recoveries soon to cross 2 million
- Actual case load of the country reduces to 6,76,900 and currently comprises only 25.57% of the total positive cases
- India sets a new landmark, exceeds 3 crore tests; Tests Per Million continue to rise, stand at 21,769 today.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan says this pandemic has given us a chance to revisit and structurally re-imagine a robust public health infrastructure for our country
- Shri Naqvi says that 16 Haj Houses across the country have been given to state governments for quarantine and isolation facilities for Corona affected people.

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India reports highest ever single day recoveries of 57,584, Recovery Rate races beyond 72%, Total recoveries soon to cross 2 million

Today, the country registered the highest single day recoveries with as many as 57,584 COVID-19 patients getting cured and discharged in the last 24 hours. This achievement has further spurred India's Recovery Rate to cross the 72% milestone. With more patients recovering and being discharged from

hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), India's COVID-19 recoveries have reached nearly 2 million (19,19,842). This has ensured that the difference between the recovered and active cases continues to expand. It is 12,42,942 today. The actual case load of the country, viz. the Active Cases (6,76,900 on date) has reduced and currently comprises only 25.57% of the total positive cases. Early identification of cases has helped to ensure timely and prompt isolation of the mild and moderate cases and hospitalisation of the severe and critical cases thereby leading to timely and effective management of cases. The Case Fatality Rate has further slumped today touching 1.92%.

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India sets a new landmark, exceeds 3 crore tests; Tests Per Million continue to rise, stand at 21,769 today

India has set a new landmark of conducting 3 crore tests. With 7,31,697 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, India is on its resolved drive to increase its testing capacity to 10 lakh tests daily. Building on this achievement, the Tests Per Million (TPM) have seen a sharp increase to 21,769. While the cumulative testing rose from 1.2 crore on 14th July 2020 to 3.0 crore on 16th August 2020, the positivity rate has seen a rise from 7.5% to 8.81% in the same period. A prominent determinant of the evolving testing strategy is the steadily widening diagnostic lab network in the country. This has significantly grown from one lab at Pune in early January 2020 to 1470 today, including 969 labs in the government sector and 501 private labs.

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Dr Harsh Vardhan addresses inaugural session of CII Public Health Conference

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare presided over the inaugural session of the two-day CII Public Health Conference virtually. Thanking CII for organizing this event amidst the COVID pandemic, he reminded the audience that “this pandemic has given us a chance to revisit and structurally re-imagine a robust public health infrastructure for our country.” Citing India’s successful approach in containing and curing this novel health risk, he lauded the country’s capacity to turn government schemes into a broader social movement that saw “the complete eradication of small-pox and polio from a time when India contributed 60% of the global cases of polio.”

For details:

Vice President urges IITs and higher education institutes to do research on societal problems

The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today emphasized that research at IITs and other higher education institutes must be relevant to society and focus on finding solutions to various problems faced by mankind from climate change to health issues. Inaugurating the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Delhi IIT through a video conference, he said Indian institutions will be counted among the world's best

only when they start impacting the societies around them by developing optimal and sustainable solutions to the problems faced by the nation. He said “ I am happy that the IITs across the country have taken up several projects relating to COVID-19, including development of low-cost ventilators, PPEs, testing kits, sanitization, robots and other equipment, apart from AI (Artificial Intelligence) studies on epidemic patterns and disease dynamics. While finding answers to various challenges posed by COVID-19, we should be better prepared to tackle any future pandemic. For that to happen, there should be greater collaboration and synergy between experts from different domains.”

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Launch of Tribal Health & Nutrition Portal – ‘Swasthya’ and Opening of National Overseas Portal & National Tribal Fellowship Portal

A series of initiatives were announced by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs here today, which included the Tribal Health and Nutrition Portal ‘Swasthya’ and e-newsletter on health and nutrition ALEKH; opening of National Overseas Portal and National Tribal Fellowship Portal. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda said on the occasion ““The availability of healthcare for all has been one of the foremost priorities of our Prime Minister. Although the public health standards have improved over time, the differences between tribal and non-tribal populations remain. We, at the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, are committed to bridge this gap.”

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Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi : “Pandemic peril has proved to be a positive period of “Care, Commitment and Confidence” for Indians, which has set an example for the entire humanity across the world

Union Minister of Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said that pandemic peril has proved to be a positive period of “Care, Commitment and Confidence” for Indians, which has set an example for the entire humanity across the world. While flagging off a mobile clinic today, equipped with latest health care facilities, given by the Ministry of Minority Affairs’ National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation to Holy Family Hospital, New Delhi, Shri Naqvi said that there has been a significant change in the life style of the people and work culture. The people are now more committed to service and responsibilities towards the society. Shri Naqvi said that the passionate commitment of the people and the strong will of the Government during the Corona pandemic, has resulted in India speedily becoming self-reliant in the health sector. India has not only become self-reliant in production of N-95 masks, PPE, ventilators and other equipment; the country has also helped other nations. Shri Naqvi said that more than 1500 Health Care Assistants, who have been trained under skill development programme of the Minority Affairs Ministry, are assisting in treatment of Corona patients. These Health Care Assistants include 50% girls who are assisting in treatment of Corona patients in various hospitals and

health care centres across the country. 16 Haj Houses across the country have been given to state governments for quarantine and isolation facilities for Corona affected people. Various state governments are utilising the facilities at these Haj Houses as per their needs.

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INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Haryana: The Haryana Chief Minister said that the state government has started 'MeriFasalMeraByora Portal' to make agriculture in Haryana risk-free and simplify the sale of produce. He said that during COVID-19 pandemic, each and every grain of Rabi crop of farmers have been purchased through this portal. To ensure transparency, payment to the farmer of their crops has been made directly into their bank accounts. He further said that effective steps have been taken to further improve the health services in the state. Arrangement of adequate number of COVID hospitals, testing labs, isolation wards, plasma banks and medical equipment has been made to effectively deal with COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result of this, more than 83 per cent of COVID patients have been cured in the state.
- Arunachal Pradesh: 43 new COVID-19 cases have been detected in Arunachal Pradesh in the last 24 hours, 37 persons have recovered. There are presently 888 active cases in the state.
- Assam: Government of Assam issued guidelines for implementation of 'Orunodoi', an initiative on poverty eradication. Over 19 lakh poor households shall get DBT of Rs 830 each, per month - 15,000 families from each Assembly Constituency.
- Manipur: 179 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in Manipur; out of these, 111 are of Central Security force personnel. There are 1,921 active cases in Manipur with a recovery rate of 57%.
- Mizoram: Twelve more COVID-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 789, active cases 418.
- Nagaland: Nagaland Health Minister PangnyuPhom says total of 261 quarantine centers having capacity of 15,843 persons set up in state. Of these, 206 are govt quarantines and 55 paid ones. Shops reopen under strict SOPs in Dimapur.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 19 new cases were reported taking the number of active cases in Sikkim to 493. The state's overall tally of confirmed cases now stands at 1,167, of which 673 patients have made full recoveries and discharged from hospital.
- Kerala: Nine Covid-19 deaths have been reported in the state till noon, taking the death toll to 165. The local spread of the virus in the Central jail in the capital continues unabated with 110 more prisoners and four officials tested positive today. This brings the tally in the prison to 477. Covid cases are also on the rise in the outskirts of the capital. Around 25 people including policemen have been tested positive in various clusters. State Election Commissioner has said that local body polls will not be postponed in view of Covid pandemic. Devotees have been permitted entry abiding Covid protocols, in temples under Devaswom Board from today, the Malayalam New Year. As many as 1,530 positive cases were reported in the state yesterday. The number of patients under treatment has crossed the 15,000 mark. 1,62,217 people are under observation in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: More Covid-19 patients in home isolation than in hospitals as cases cross 8000 in Puducherry. While 1596 Covid-19 patients are admitted in hospitals, 1692 are in home isolation. CB-CID office in Coimbatore shut for fumigation as two contracts Covid-19. E-passes for travel within TN to be auto-generated, public urged to apply for genuine reasons. 5950 new cases, 6019 recoveries & 125

deaths yesterday in TN. Total cases: 3,38,055; Active cases: 54,109; Deaths: 5766; Discharges: 2,78,270; Active cases in Chennai: 11,498.

- Karnataka: Data from the State Covid-19 war room shows that the positivity rate among the symptomatic is 34.8%, while it is 13.4% among asymptomatic carriers of the virus. As many as 124 new deaths by Covid-19 were reported in Karnataka on Sunday, taking the total number of deaths to 3,947. In addition, 7,040 new cases were reported, taking the total number of cases to 2,26,966. Of the 7,040 cases reported on Sunday, as many as 2,131 positive cases were from Bengaluru Urban.
- Andhra Pradesh: Pending approval of the state for the SOPs to be adopted, tourism sites remain closed to the public due to the spike in coronavirus cases according to Managing Director, AP Tourism Development Corporation. Earlier in July, the Minister for Tourism had said that the tourism destinations would be open in the first week of August. The Covid19 cases in Kadapa district are increasing rapidly with the number of deaths racing to 187 so far of which 72 people have succumbed to the virus in the last two weeks. The number of coronavirus positive cases has crossed 16 thousand in the district. Total number of recoveries cross 2,01,234 in the state. 8012 new cases and 88 deaths were reported yesterday in the State. Total cases: 2,89,829; Active cases: 85,945; Deaths: 2650.
- Telangana: With a lot of innovation around ventilators happening in Hyderabad, the city might soon be exporting ventilators as against scrambling to import ventilators at the beginning of the pandemic, said Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, IT and Industries Department. 894 new cases, 2006 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 894 cases, 147 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 92,255; Active cases: 21,420; Deaths: 703; Discharges: 70,132.
- Maharashtra: As the interior districts of Maharashtra are reporting increased Covid cases, the State Government has decided to establish a 1,000-bedded jumbo hospital at Mankapur for treating patients. The facility would cater to patients from entire Vidarbha as current beds in Government hospital are falling short. Out of 5.95 lakh total reported cases, 4.17 lakh people have recovered and the state has an active case load of 1.58 lakh patients.
- Rajasthan: The Rajasthan High Court has suspended all work for three days till Wednesday. The suspension comes in the wake of Chief Justice Indrajit Mahanty's first COVID-19 test returning positive. Rajasthan has 14,451 active Covid cases.
- Madhya Pradesh: While the state registered 1,022 new cases on Sunday, a total of 685 patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery. The number of active cases in Madhya Pradesh is 10,312.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh reported 576 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday taking the total number of cases in the state to 15,621. As many as eight patients succumbed to the infection on Sunday taking the death toll to 142.

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- India has one of the lowest mortality globally. It stands at 1.93%, as of today.
- India's Recovery Rate has reached nearly 72%, with 53,322 patients recovering in the past 24 hours.
- Current active cases (6,77,444) are 26.16% of the total positive cases.
- 2.93 Crore samples tested so far; 7.46 lakh tests done in the last 24 hours.
- President says that after recovering from this pandemic, we will move rapidly on the path of progress and prosperity

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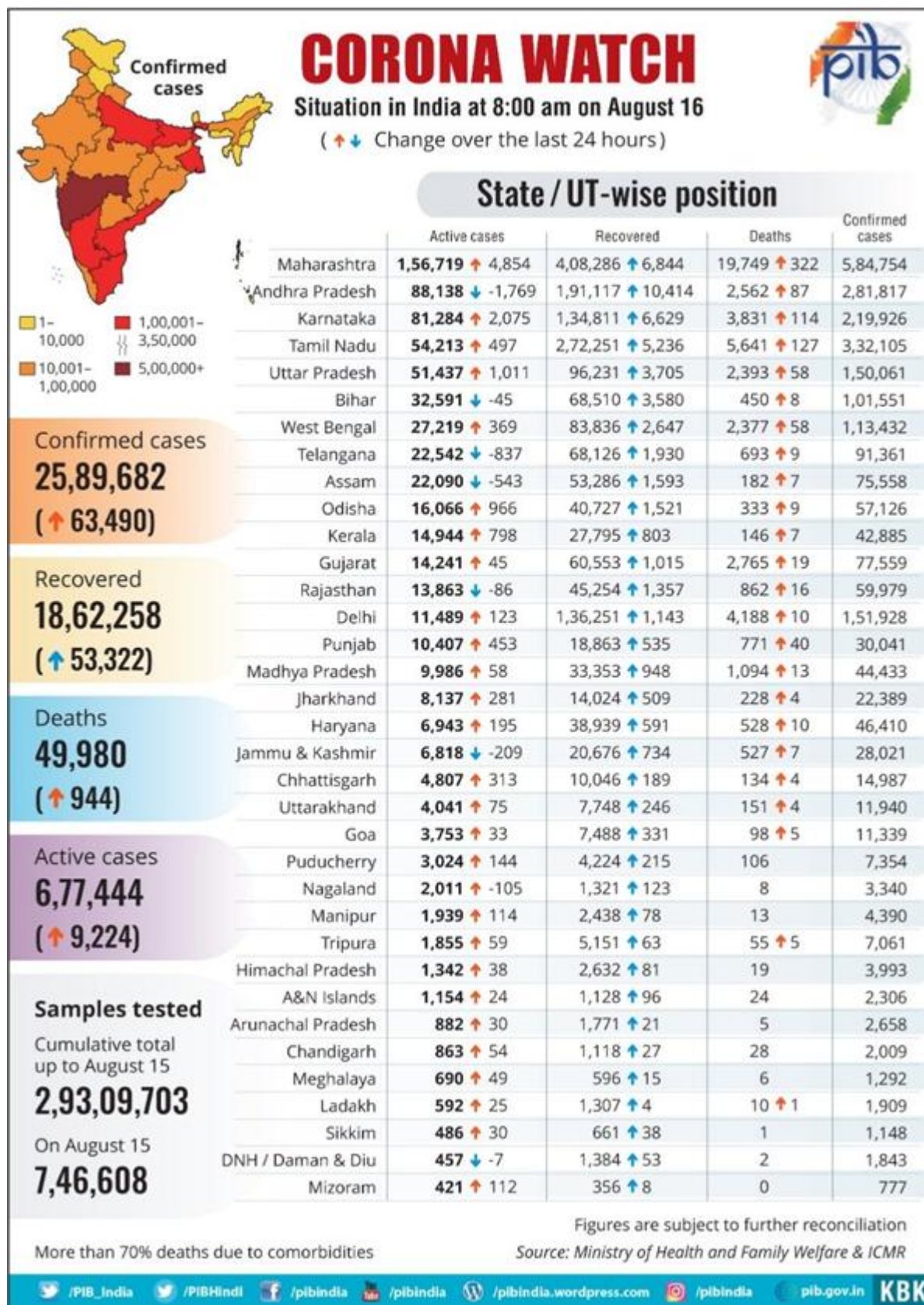
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Discharged (71.91%)

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Deaths (1.93%)

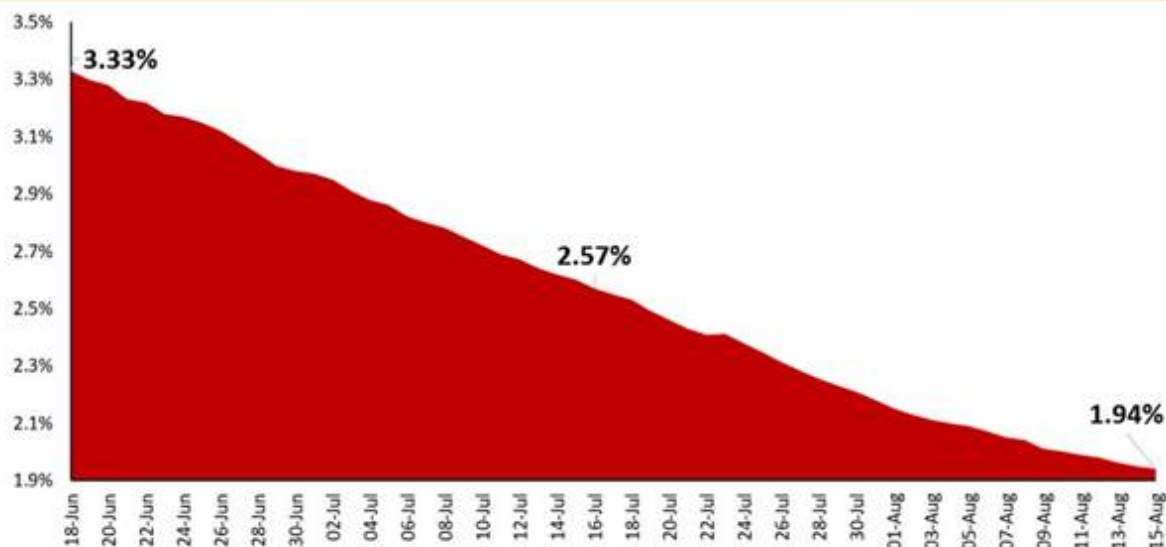
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One of the lowest globally, India's Case Fatality Rate below 2% and sliding; Recovery Rate maintains upwards journey, nearly 72% today; COVID tests nearly 3 cr

On a continuous positive path of slide in its COVID-19 Case Fatality Rate, India has one of the lowest mortality globally. It stands at 1.93%, as of today.

Case Fatality Rate below 2% and is continuously declining



India's Recovery Rate has reached nearly 72% ensuring more and more patients are recovering. 53,322 have recovered and been discharged in the past 24 hours. With this number, the total recovered COVID-19 patients have increased to more than 18.6 lakh (18,62,258). The steady rise in recoveries has ensured that the percentage caseload of the country is reducing. The current active cases (6,77,444) compose the actual case load of the country. It is 26.16% of the total positive cases today, registering further drop in the last 24 hours. They are under active medical supervision. With efficient and aggressive testing India is rapidly moving towards completing 3 crore COVID tests; 2,93,09,703 samples tested so far. 7,46,608 tests were done in the last 24 hours. This has been made possible by a rapidly growing national network of diagnostic labs which comprises 969 labs in the government sector and 500 private labs, adding up to 1469.

For details:

[Indian Railways generate more than 5.5 lakhs mandays of work under GareebKalyanRozgarAbhiyan in 6 States](#)

Indian Railways has generated more than 5.5 lakhs mandays of work under GareebKalyanRozgarAbhiyan in 6 States viz. Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Shri PiyushGoyal, Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry is closely monitoring the progress made in these projects and generation of work opportunities for the migrant labours of these states under this scheme. Around 165 Railway infrastructure projects are being executed in these states worth Rs.2988 Crores. Till 14th August, 2020, 11296 workers have been engaged in this Abhiyaan and the payment of Rs 1336.84 Crores has been released to the contractors for the projects being implemented.

For details:

[President of India virtually unveils a portrait of Shri AtalBihari Vajpayee at ICCR Headquarters](#)

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, virtually unveiled the portrait of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India today (August 16, 2020) on his second death anniversary, at the headquarters of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Atalji was always committed to liberal thinking and democratic ideals. He left indelible mark of his unique personality and contributed a great deal during his different roles. The President said that today the whole world was in peril due to Covid-19. But he shows his confidence that after recovering from this pandemic we will move rapidly on the path of progress and prosperity and will be successful in realising Atalji's dream of making the 21st century India's century.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Realising the hardships being faced by the people of Punjab during these trying circumstances amid COVID19, the government has decided that the pensions for the month of July paid in August would be disbursed shortly by directly transferring the funds into saving accounts of the beneficiaries under various social security schemes. On Chief Minister's directives, Social Security Pensions worth Rs 190 Crore has been released for 25.25 Lac beneficiaries.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister said that under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, poor families of the country would be able to avail free ration till November 2020. He said that in the State of HP, direct financial assistance of Rs. 500 per month was provided to 5.90 lakh accounts of women under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan and Rs. 2000 per month to the 8.74 lakh farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. He further thanked the Corona warriors for their valuable contribution and people of the State for their cooperation to comply with the guidelines issued by the government from time to time.
- Maharashtra: The State Health Minister Rajesh Tope has expressed concern over the rise in Covid-19 in rural areas of the state due to the influx of migrants from Mumbai. He observed that despite the spike in numbers, the recovery rate in the state has been satisfactory. Maharashtra has 5.84 lakh reported cases, out of which 1.56 lakh are active cases.
- Gujarat: As many as 23 prisoners of the Rajkot Central Jail in Gujarat have tested positive for Coronavirus. Rapid antigen tests were conducted on 94 inmates and results of 23 of them, including undertrials and convicts, came out positive on Saturday night. Earlier, 11 inmates had tested positive for coronavirus on various occasions. With this, the total number of COVID-19 cases in the jail has gone up to 34. The state has 14,359 active Covid cases in total.
- Rajasthan: The Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court in Jaipur, Justice Indrajit Mahanty has tested positive for Covid. The state recorded highest single-day spike of 1,287 fresh Covid cases and 16 deaths on Saturday taking the total infection tally to 59,979. The active cases are 14,265.
- Madhya Pradesh: The number of active cases of COVID-19 has dropped below Ten thousand. Although 1,098 new cases were reported on Saturday, the active cases stood at 9,986.
- Chhattisgarh: With 428 new COVID-19 cases and four deaths, Chhattisgarh's case count rose to 14,987 and death toll to 134 on Saturday. The day also saw discharge of 189 patients following recovery from the infection. The state has 4,807 active cases now.

- Goa: The state reported 369 new Covid infections during the last 24 hours. BJP leader Utpal Parrikar, who is the son of former Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar, has tested positive. The number of active cases in Goa is 3,753.
- Kerala: As many as 12 Covid-19 casualties have been reported in the state till noon. The death toll so far is 158. Sunday lockdown has been imposed from today in Malappuram, where the spread of the virus is rampant. Sunday lockdown in Kozhikode has been partially withdrawn following reduction in new clusters. 145 more inmates of Central prison in Thiruvananthapuram have been tested positive. Relaxations have been announced in the containment of the coastal areas in the district. 1,608 new Covid-19 cases were confirmed in Kerala yesterday. 14,891 patients are currently undergoing treatment and 1,60,169 people under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: IMA Tamil Nadu branch has stated that a total of 32 doctors have died of Covid-19 in TN so far and another 15 doctors who died had symptoms of Covid-19 but tested negative for the infection. Covid-19 contact tracing fetches award for TN cyber crime wing during the Independence Day celebrations in Chennai. A majority of the service and non-service PG doctors, who were deputed to Chennai for Covid-19 duty, are yet to receive their salaries for two months. Chennai's daily count tops 1,000 for the second day in a row with 1,179 new cases yesterday. 5,860 new cases, 5,236 recoveries & 127 deaths were reported yesterday. Total cases in TN : 3,32,105; Active cases: 54,213; Deaths: 5641.
- Karnataka: State Health Department to supply more automated machines to labs across Karnataka so that RT-PCR results can be obtained in just two hours. A shramik train leaves for Guwahati left from Bengaluru yesterday with 976 people. The three-digit single-day spike in Covid cases continues to haunt Mysuru, with the district reporting 635 fresh cases on Saturday; the total number stands at 9,915. State reported 7,908 new cases, 6,940 discharges & 104 deaths yesterday. Total cases : 2,11,108; Active cases: 79,201; Deaths: 3,717; Discharges: 1,28,182.
- Andhra Pradesh: Though the infections are rising rapidly in Kurnool, the number of people getting discharged from hospitals is also increasing gradually as the district has a recovery rate of 72.46 per cent, second best in the state. Visakhapatnam is set to cross 25,000 mark while 1,316 Covid-19 patients discharged from hospitals. The Covid recovery rate in Kadapa district has improved in the last few days. As many as 6,907 persons were discharged from Covid-19 hospitals and care centres in the past 12 days. 8,732 new cases and 87 deaths were reported in the State yesterday. The death toll has reached 2,562 and there are 88,138 active cases in the State.
- Telangana: State's Covid-19 tally breaches 90,000-mark. 1,102 new cases, 1,930 recoveries & 09 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in the State; out of 1,102 cases, 234 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases till now: 91,361; Active cases: 22,542; Deaths: 684; Discharges: 68,126. The recovery rate stands at 74.56 per cent, while it was 71.6 per cent in the country.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 51 new Covid cases have been detected. With the recovery of 23 cases, the total active cases in the state now stands at 882.
- Assam: In Assam, 1,593 COVID-19 patients discharged yesterday. With this 53,286 patients have been discharged so far in the state and there are 22,087 active cases in the state.
- Manipur: 192 new Covid19 cases confirmed in Manipur. Out of these 131 are of Central Security force personnel. There are 1,989 active cases of COVID-19 in the state of Manipur with a recovery rate of 55%.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, the highest number of Covid19 positive confirmed in a day yesterday with 64 new cases. The total COVID-19 tally in the state stands at 777. Out of them 421 are active

cases and 356 have been cured so far.

- Meghalaya: Meghalaya reported 64 fresh COVID-19 cases, mostly civilians, while 15 patients also recovered yesterday.
- Nagaland: Nagaland sees lowest single day spike on Saturday with only 18 positive cases. Number of recovered cases stands at 1321. CM of Nagaland informed that Rs 6.8 cr has been collected as COVID Cess till June and the amount has been deposited to state govt's consolidated fund for use in COVID-19 related activities.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 19 new COVID-19 cases found today. With this, the active case in the state stands at 493 and 671 have been discharged so far.

FACT CHECK

दावा: एक अखबार के संपादकीय के अनुसार सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय एक ऐसी योजना बना रही है जिसमें तीन हजार भिखारी चुने जाएंगे, जिनका काम होगा विभिन्न रेलगाड़ियों में यात्रियों के सामने मोदी सरकार की सफलताओं के गीत गाना।
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- India reaches another record of highest single day recoveries; 57,381 recover in the last 24 hours
- 32 States & UTs report higher than 50% Recovery Rate
- India tests highest single day COVID samples of 8.6 lakh
- India's Recovery Rate soars past 70%
- Current active cases (6,68,220) constitute just 26.45% of the total positive cases
- Prime Minister salutes the country's valiant fight with COVID in his I-Day address to the nation; Announces the National Digital Health Mission
- Corona can notstop us from moving ahead on the victorious path of self-reliant India: PM

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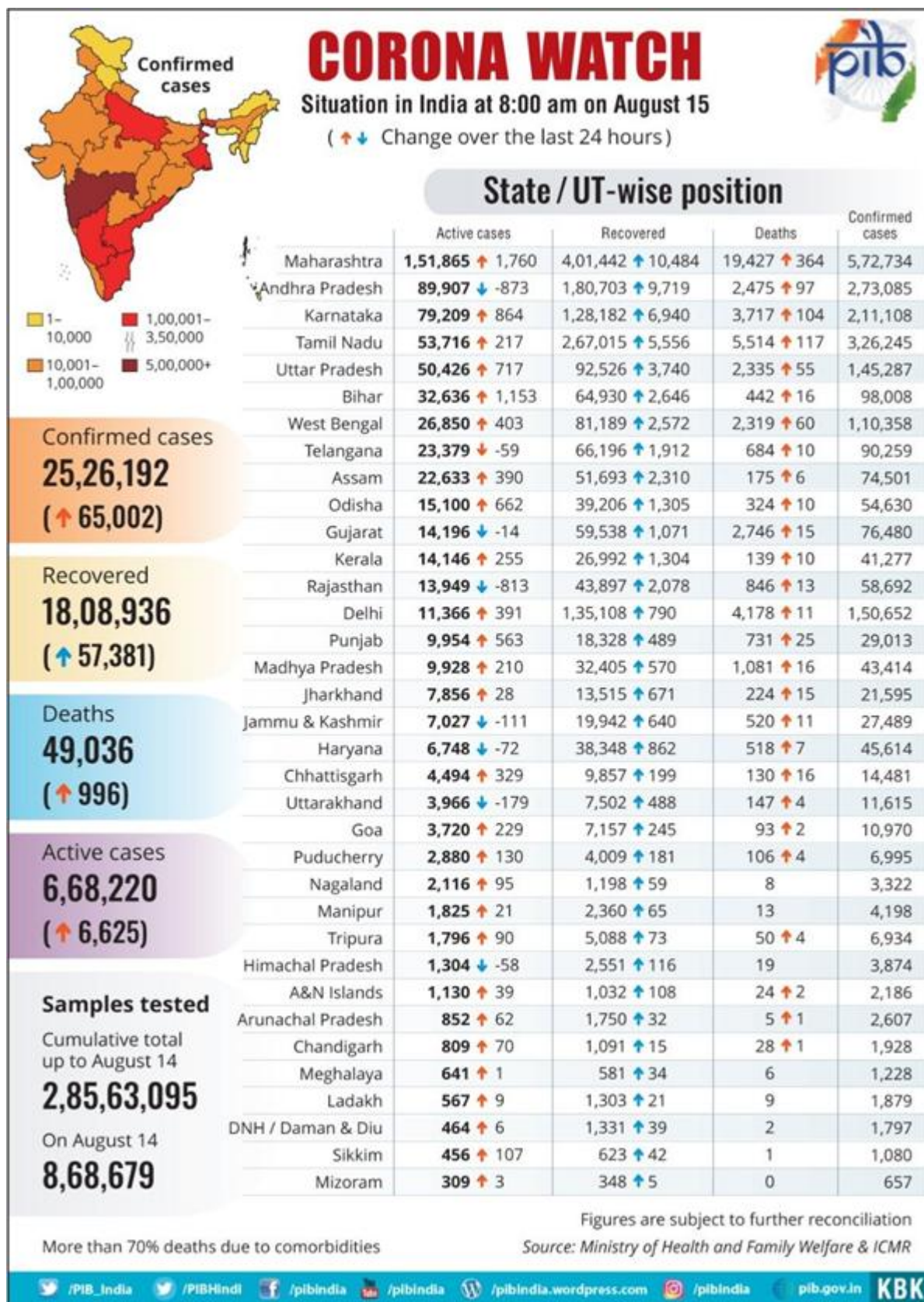
668220 (6625↑)

Discharged (71.61%)

1808936 (57381↑)

Deaths (1.94%)

49036 (996↑)



India reaches another record of highest single day recoveries; 57,381 recover in the last 24 hours; 32 States & UTs report higher than 50% Recovery Rate;
India tests highest single day COVID samples of 8.6 lakh

India has touched another peak of posting the highest recoveries of COVID-19 cases in a single day. 57,381 have recovered and discharged in the past 24 hours. With such high level of recoveries, India's Recovery Rate has soared past 70% ensuring more and more patients are recovering. To further build on this achievement, 32 States/UTs have exceeded the 50% mark. 12 States/UTs have exceeded the national Recovery Rate. With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), the total recoveries have crossed the 18 lakh mark today (18,08,936). The gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has increased and crossed 11 lakh (pegged at 11,40,716 today). The current active cases (6,68,220) compose the actual case load of the country. It is 26.45% of the total positive cases today, registering further drop in the last 24 hours. They are under active medical supervision. India's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) is maintained below the global average. It is on a continuous positive slide and currently stands at 1.94%. India's TEST, TRACK, TREAT strategy has achieved another peak with 8,68,679 tests done in the last 24 hours. This has taken the cumulative tests to more than 2.85 crore. the testing lab network in the country is continuously strengthened which as on today consists of 1465 labs in the country; 968 labs in the government sector and 497 private labs.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1646037>

Prime Minister salutes the country's valiant fight with COVID in his I-Day address to the nation; Announces the National Digital Health Mission

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and India's simultaneous graded and pro-active approach that made the country "Atmanirbhar" found a place in the Prime Minister's address to the Nation on the 74th Independence Day, as he highlighted the accomplishments of the Central government in the field of health. Expressing his condolences for families who lost their loved ones to the disease, he said that India's Corona warriors need to be applauded as they have exemplified the mantra "Seva Parmo Dharma." The Prime Minister reassured the nation that "we will win against corona. 'Strong will' will lead to victory". He highlighted the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' spirit of the country that has resulted in achieving self-reliance amid COVID-19. He said that the country is now producing PPE kits, N95 masks, ventilators etc., which were not being manufactured domestically. The increase in production capacity of such world class items also echoed in his call "vocal for local". Announcing the National Digital Health Mission, Prime Minister said that a Unique Health ID will be provided to every citizen which will have details of the diseases, diagnosis, report, medication etc., in a common database through a single ID.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1646049>

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 74th Independence Day; Highlights from his Speech

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1646044>

English rendering of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 74th Independence Day- August 15, 2020

“In the period of corona, many of our brothers and sisters have been affected by this pandemic; many families have been affected; many have also lost their lives. I express my condolences to all such families, and I believe the indomitable will power and determination of 130 crore countrymen will make us win over Corona and we shall definitely win.....

In the midst of the Corona pandemic, 130 crore Indians pledged themselves to become self-reliant. Today self-reliance is etched in the mind of every Indian....

Last year, there has been an 18% increase in FDI in India. So, even during the corona pandemic, top companies of the world are turning to India....

Today, it is our priority to pull the people and the economy of our country out of this corona pandemic. The National Infrastructure Pipeline Project will play an important role in this endeavour.....

These instruments have also helped a lot in delivering the services seamlessly during the Corona crisis. During this period, we continued to provide free gas cylinders to crores of poor families, irrespective of whether they had ration card or not the kitchen flames of more than 80 crores of my countrymen were kept alighted by supplying free food grains to the 80 crores countrymen; approximately 90 thousand crore rupees were transferred directly into the bank accounts.....

You must have seen that the Indian government has sanctioned 1,00,000 crore rupees for agriculture infrastructure even during the Corona pandemic....

During the Corona period, about 30 thousand crore rupees have been deposited into the accounts of these sisters....

It is very natural that health sector draws attention in this period of Corona pandemic. As such, the biggest lesson of self-reliance has been taught to us by the Health Sector during this crisis. And to achieve that goal we also have to move forward.....

There is a curiosity among everybody when the Corona vaccine will be ready. This is natural. This anxiety is there in everybody and everywhere in the world.....I would like to tell my countrymen that our scientists are dutifully engaged in the laboratories. They are putting in great efforts. At present, testing for three vaccines is in different stages in the country....

Corona is a big hurdle, but not that huge that it can stop us from moving ahead on the victorious path of self-reliant India....”

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Address to the Nation by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, on the eve of India's 74th Independence Day.

“Confident of our strengths, we reached out to help other countries in their fight against COVID-19. In responding to calls from countries for supply of medicines, India has once again shown that it stands by the global community in times of distress. We have been at the forefront in evolving regional and global strategies for an effective response to the pandemic....

I believe that in the fight against COVID-19, life and livelihood, both are essential. We have looked at the current crisis as an opportunity to initiate reforms to revitalise the economy for the benefit of all, specially farmers and small entrepreneurs. ..

Public hospitals and laboratories have been leading the fight against COVID-19. Public health services have helped the poor cope with the pandemic. In view of this, public health infrastructure needs to be expanded and strengthened....”

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Telephone conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Nepal

Prime Minister received a telephone call today from His Excellency Mr. K. P. Sharma Oli, Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal. The Prime Minister of Nepal greeted the Government and People of India on the occasion of its 74th Independence Day, and also conveyed congratulations for India's recent election as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. The leaders expressed mutual solidarity in the context of the efforts being made to minimise the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in both countries. Prime Minister offered India's continued support to Nepal in this regard.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1646051>

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: The State Cooperation Minister Balasaheb Patil has tested positive for coronavirus infection and is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Karad. He is the seventh Minister of the MVA Government to test Covid positive during the last three months. Maharashtra has reported over 5.73 lakh Covid cases and active cases are 1.51 lakhs.
- Gujarat: A record 51,225 Covid tests were conducted in Gujarat on Friday, even as the recovery rate in the state improved to 77.72 per cent. Prime Minister during his review meeting had asked Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani to increase the number of tests in the state. The number of reported cases in Gujarat is 76,569 out of which 14,299 are active cases.
- Chhattisgarh: The state reported a record high of 13 Covid deaths during the last 24 hours, while 451 new cases were found on Friday. Out 451 cases, 142 were reported from Raipur and 59 from Durg. Meanwhile 199 patients were discharged from various hospitals.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, one more casualty reported due to COVID-19 and 95 more positive cases were detected in the state during last twenty four hours, active 852 and discharged 1750.
- Manipur: In Manipur, 130 more people tested positive for COVID-19, One person succumbed to the disease taking the toll to 13 in the state. Manipur govt extends complete lockdown in the state till 31st August in view of detection of large number of COVID-19 cases.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya is starting the CM's Support program for small businesses & entrepreneurs. One-time grant support of up to Rs. 10,000 will be provided for any new small business loans of up to Rs.50,000 that are availed. A corpus fund of Rs.15 Cr has been created for the same
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, 56 fresh cases of COVID-19 confirmed, total cases 713, active cases 365.

- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 154 new COVID-19 positive cases detected on Friday. Total cases rise to 3322.
- Punjab: As Covid cases continued to spike amid fears of the peak hitting the state in the next few weeks, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh announced extension of the night curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 pm to all cities, along with a slew of other measures to control the spread of the pandemic.
- Haryana: Keeping in view the hardships caused by COVID-19 pandemic, Government of Haryana has decided to waive off the electricity bills of all religious places i.e. Temples (including Buddhist & Jain temples), Gurudwaras, Churches and Masjids in the state for the period April, 2020 to June, 2020 along with corresponding surcharge amount provided that they would clear their pending dues upto March, 2020, if any, by October 31, 2020.
- Kerala: Four Covid-19 deaths were reported today pushing the toll to 143. Capital Thiruvananthapuram continues to be the hot bed of infection. 53 more inmates of Central Prison have been tested positive today. With this a total of 218 inmates have been tested positive. Meanwhile, KSRTC have decided to start inter-district bus services which were halted due to lockdown. State recorded its highest single-day count of 1,569 cases yesterday. At present, there are 14,094 patients undergoing treatment while 26,996 people have so far been cured of Covid in the state. There are currently 1,55,025 people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: People's cooperation most necessary to combat Covid-19 pandemic: Puducherry CM during Independence Day Address. Covid cases in Coimbatore crosses 8000 mark; infection tally swelled to 8,274 with 385 fresh cases on Friday and death toll rose to 164 after eight more persons succumbed to the viral infection. TN Governor Banwarilal Purohit recovered from Covid-19 and tested negative. TN records 5,890 fresh Covid cases, 117 deaths in single day. Total cases : 3,26,345; Active cases: 53,716; Deaths: 5514; Active cases in Chennai: 11,209
- Karnataka: State government to add 10 lakh rapid antigen detection kits, as decided by Covid 19 taskforce. BBMP has asked RWAs to identify people with ILI and SARI cases. It has also launched website to rope in volunteers to create public awareness about Covid. Meanwhile state in Friday issued order prohibiting installation and worship of Ganesha in public places and advised people to celebrate Ganesha Chaturiti within homes.
- Andhra Pradesh: Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan on the occasion of Independence Day appealed to all those people who have fully recovered from Covid19 to come forward and help the patients fighting the infection by donating their plasma. UK government and Andhra Pradesh Med-Tech Zone have joined forces to plug the gap between the demand and supply of ventilators and essential medical equipment to fight the Covid19 pandemic. Selected Indian med-tech start-ups will be hosted at Med-Tech valley incubation centre in Visakhapatnam by providing financial, technical and infrastructure support necessary for manufacture. Junior doctors on Covid19 duty threaten complete boycott from Aug 17, if their demands of safety and protection were not fulfilled.
- Telangana: Health experts and doctors treating Covid-19 patients in Telangana are increasingly seeing more people with good health and no co-morbidities dying from the virus, mainly due to late reporting at hospitals. 1864 new cases, 1912 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in the state; out of 1864 cases, 394 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 90,259; Active cases: 23,379; Deaths: 684; Discharges :66,196.

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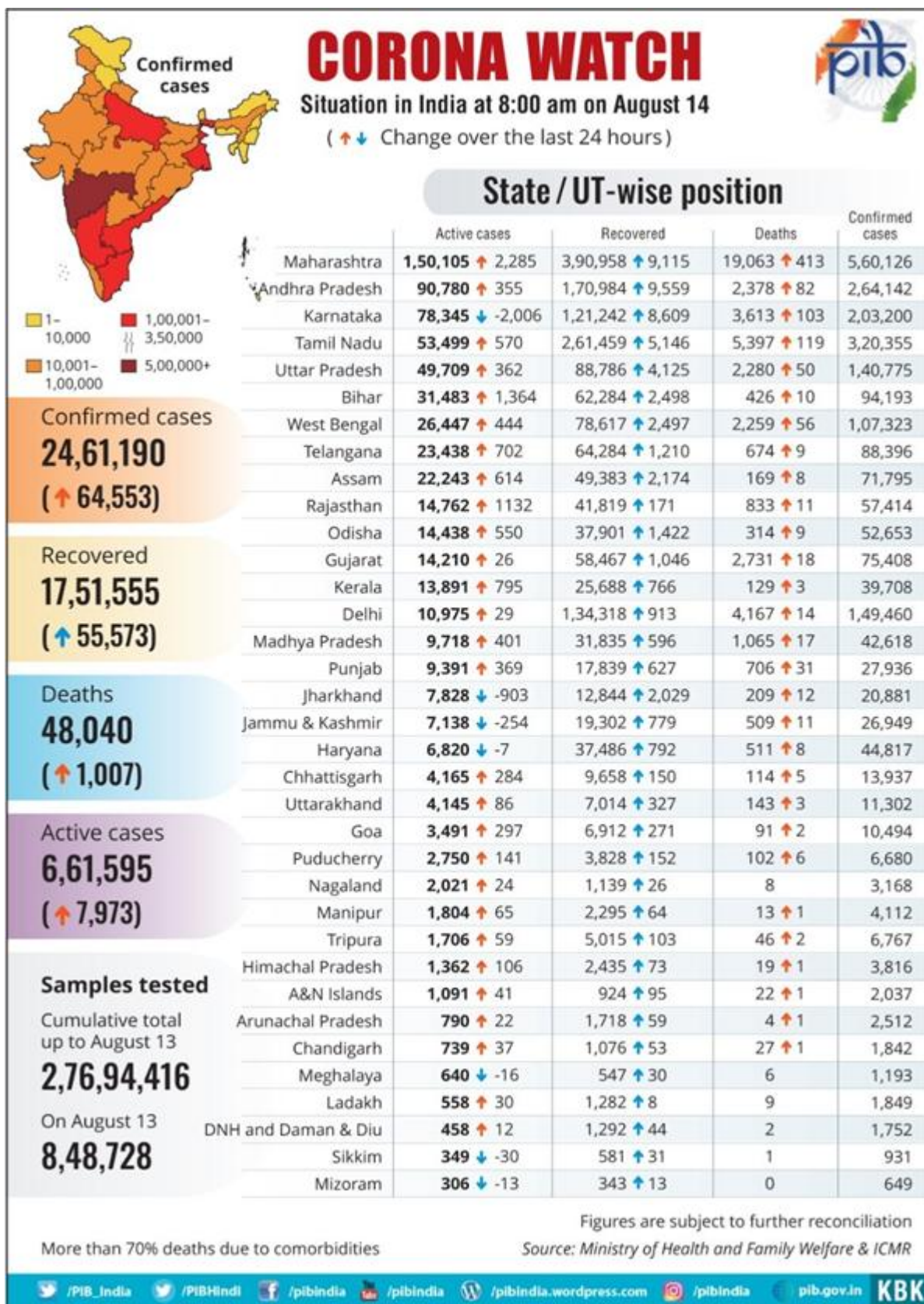
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- Recovery Rate stands at 71.17% today, with total recovered COVID-19 patients having increased to more than 17.5 lakh
- India conducts record high of nearly 8.5 lakh tests in a single day
- Case Fatality Rate further reduces to 1.95%
- Active cases are 6,61,595
- 23 lakh PPEs exported in one month only, establishing India's global position
- Centre has distributed 1.28 cr PPEs to States / UTs / Central Institutions, free of cost.
- Special I-Day celebration arrangements made at Red Fort tomorrow in view of COVID-19

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 14 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑: Status change since yesterday)	Active (26.88%)	Discharged (71.17%)	Deaths (1.95%)
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India conducts record high of nearly 8.5 lakh tests in a single day; On a continues rise, Recovery Rate stands at 71.17%; Case Fatality Rate further reduced to 1.95%

As a result of ramping up its testing facilities on a sustained basis, India has touched a new high of the highest number of tests in a single day, so far. A record high of 8,48,728 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours. This has taken the cumulative tests to 2,76,94,416. WHO has advised that a country needs 140

tests per day per million population. While the national average is 603 tests/day/million population, 34 States/UTs have exceeded this figure. The network, as on today, consists of 1451 labs with 958 in the government sector and 493 private labs. Successful implementation of TESTING aggressively, TRACKING comprehensively & TREATING efficiently has ensured a rising Recovery Rate, which stands at 71.17% today. The total recovered COVID-19 patients have increased to more than 17.5 lakh (17,51,555). The recoveries exceed the active cases (6,61,595) by nearly 11 lakh (1,089,960). Effective clinical management through a Standard of Care treatment protocol has further ensured progressive and sustained decline in the mortality among COVID patients. The Case Fatality Rate is pegged at 1.95% today, maintaining its path of steady decline.

For details:

India establishes its global position with export of 23 lakh PPEs in one month only; Union Govt distributes more than 1.28 Cr PPEs to States/UTs

In view of the strengthened domestic production capacity and having met the domestic requirements for PPEs, the revised notification of the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in July 2020 permitted export of PPEs. As a result of this relaxation, in the month of July itself, India exported 23 lakh PPEs to five countries. These include the USA, UK, UAE, Senegal and Slovenia. This has substantially aided India to position itself in the global export market of PPEs. The “Make in India” spirit embedded in the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan has resulted in providing resilience and self-sufficiency to the country for various medical equipment including PPEs. While the Union Government is supplying PPEs, N95 masks, ventilators etc., to the State/UT Governments, States are also procuring these items directly. Between March to August 2020, they have procured 1.40 crore indigenous PPEs from their own budgetary resources. During the same period, the Centre has distributed 1.28 cr PPEs to States / UTs / Central Institutions, free of cost.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign at AIIMS, Delhi

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated a Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign at AIIMS, New Delhi, today. The Minister encouraged the doctors and healthcare workers themselves to come up in large numbers on the eve of Independence Day to donate blood and save lives of patients. Appreciating the initiative taken up by AIIMS, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, “On the eve of our 73rd Independence Day, this voluntary blood donation camp is a tribute to both fallen COVID white coat warriors and the Kargil martyrs. We must remember the ultimate sacrifice made by the COVID warriors including doctors, nurses or paramedical staff while saving people’s lives in the pandemic.” To mark the event, the family members of COVID warrior Late Sh. Hiralal, who was a frontline health worker at AIIMS and family members of Kargil Shaheed Lance Naik Rajbir Singh were honoured for their sacrifice.

For details:

Special arrangements made by MoD for Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort tomorrow in view of COVID-19

Ministry of Defence is organising Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony on 15 August, 2020 at Red Fort, maintaining the balance between the sanctity and dignity of the National function while factoring in precautions related to the COVID-19 scenario. In order to facilitate seamless movement with the least chances of any crowding, seating enclosures and walkways are laid with wooden flooring and carpeting. Additional Door frame metal detectors, with adequately spaced markings have been provided to avoid queuing and to ensure smooth passage for all the invitees. Most of the parking areas have been brick lined and paved in order to ensure smooth entry and exit of vehicles to the maximum feasible extent. Members of the Guard of Honour have been under quarantine to bring in safety. The guiding principle for seating has been “Do GazkiDoori” (or 6 feet) between any two guests seated during the event. In order to sensitize the invitees towards COVID related safety measures, specific Advisory for following the COVID related guidelines has been issued along with each invitation card. Adequate medical booths at four locations have been set up to cater to any attendee who is detected having any symptoms related to COVID-19 during entry. Ambulances would also be stationed at these four locations.

For details:

Launch of ‘AYUSH for Immunity Campaign’ by Ministry of AYUSH receives enthusiastic response in the digital space

The Ministry of AYUSH launched a three-month campaign on “Ayush for Immunity” today, through webinar. More than 50 thousand people participated in the Webinar. Key-note address by spiritual Guru Sri SriRavisankar, wherein he stated that Ayush solutions could lead the entire world to healthier and happier lives was the highlight of the event. The Webinar was staged on Ayush Virtual Convention Centre (AVCC), the new digital communication platform of the Ministry. The event was also streamed live on the official Facebook handle of Ministry of AYUSH and observed a total live viewership of 60000 people.

For details:

Finance Minister holds 3rd review meeting of CPSEs on CAPEX

Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. NirmalaSitharaman today held Video Conference with Secretaries of the Ministries of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Housing and Urban Affairs, Defence and Department of Telecommunications, along with the CMDs of 7 CPSEs belonging to these Ministries, to review the capital expenditure in this financial year. This was 3rd in the ongoing series of meetings that the Finance Minister is having with various stakeholders to accelerate the economic growth in the background of COVID – 19 pandemic. Finance Minister asked the concerned Secretaries to closely monitor the performance of CPSEs in order to ensure capital expenditure to the tune of 50% of capital outlay by the end of Q2 of FY 2020-21 and make appropriate plan for it. She said that better performance of CPSEs can help the economy in a big way to recover from the impact of COVID 19. The CPSEs discussed constraints being faced by them especially due to COVID – 19 pandemic. The Finance Minister stated that extraordinary situation requires extraordinary efforts and with collective efforts, we will not only perform better but also help the Indian economy to achieve better results.

For details:

Chief Information Commissioner Mr. BimalJulka briefs Union Minister DrJitendra Singh about the functioning of the CIC during the COVID pandemic

After a review of the functioning of Central Information Commission with Chief Information Commissioner Shri BimalJulka, Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister said that the functioning of the Commission had not been interrupted even for a single day during the entire course of the COVID pandemic. In fact, he said, it goes to the credit of the Commission and its functionaries that in the midst of the pandemic on 15th May this year, the CIC started entertaining, hearing and disposing of RTIs from the newly created UT of Jammu & Kashmir, through virtual means. Dr Jitendra Singh said while the number of cases disposed of every month during the pandemic remained comparable to the corresponding month of the last year, one glaring example is that of June 2020 when the number of RTI cases disposed of by Central Information Commission was 1785 compared to 1297 cases in the month of June 2019, which in other words indicates that the disposal rate was in fact significantly higher during this period, despite the constraints of COVID pandemic. Shri Julka informed Dr Jitendra Singh that the various steps taken to facilitate the CIC hearing during the lockdown and partial lockdown included video conferencing, audio conferencing, facilitation of return submission, uploading of the contact details of Deputy Registrars on the website, issue of notices by e-post wherever required, online registration and scrutiny of fresh cases on the same day etc.

For details:

Shuttler N Sikki Reddy and physiotherapist Kiran C test Covid positive in Hyderabad

Shuttler N Sikki Reddy and physiotherapist Kiran C, who arrived at the National badminton camp at the PullelaGopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad, have tested Covid positive. This came to light after they took SAI's mandatory Covid test that is given to all players, coaches and support staff on arrival. Both Sikki and Kiran are asymptomatic. All primary contacts of Sikki and Kiran have been traced and are being given the RT PCR test again. Speaking from Hyderabad, chief national badminton coach PullelaGopichand said, "All necessary precautions as per protocol are being taken so that players can come back for training safely and as soon as possible."

For details:

Shipping Ministry reduces port tariff rates ranging from 60% to 70% for Cruise Ships

Ministry of Shipping has rationalized tariff rates for the Cruise vessels. The net effect of the rate relaxation would be an immediate reduction in port charges ranging from 60% to 70%, which will give substantial relief to the cruise industry in India, in line with the government policy to support the economy in COVID-19 pandemic situation. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) said "It will be a big support for the cruise tourism in India, which has suffered tremendously due to the adverse economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic. It will provide the opportunity to earn huge amount of foreign exchange and generate sizeable direct and indirect onshore employment in cruise tourism sector of India"

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: One more casualty reported due to COVID-19 in Arunachal Pradesh. Total of four people have lost their lives in the state so far. Out of 82 new positive COVID-19 cases detected in Arunachal Pradesh, 17 cases were reported from Itanagar Capital Region, 14 from West Kameng and 12 from East Siang District. As of now, there are 790 active cases in the state in total.

- Assam: In Assam, 2,174 patients discharged yesterday; total discharged patients 49,383, active patients 22,240, tweeted State Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- Manipur: Manipur CM appreciates Romi Bag Industries, Thangmeiband, Imphal for donating 100 PPEs to the State Govt. for distribution to the frontline COVID warriors. These PPEs are Made In Manipur products and approved by the DRDO-DRDE, Govt of India.
- Meghalaya: The Meghalaya Health Dept. is in the process of signing a loan agreement with World Bank to strengthen sub-centers, PHCs & CHCs across Meghalaya. CM Conrad Sangma have instructed the Health Dept. to start the Health Infra Development Project latest by Sept and Oct 2020.
- Mizoram: Eight new COVID-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 657, active cases 314.
- Nagaland: Nagaland CM says that Govt. doing everything it can to prevent & control COVID-19; he urges public not to stigmatize infected persons & frontline workers. All shops in Dimapur to open from Monday. Salons & restaurants to remain closed.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, all educational institutions, government and private, shall remain closed till August 31. The situation will be reviewed again at an appropriate time, said State Education Minister Shri K N Lepcha. Sikkim CM launched a new subsidy scheme called Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme under the Department of Commerce & Industries to generate equitable entrepreneurial opportunities in rural & urban areas, particularly among the educated unemployed youth to become self-employed.
- Kerala: CM, four Ministers including Health Minister, Assembly Speaker and State Police Chief have entered into self-quarantine after coming in the primary contact list of Malappuram District Collector and SP who were tested positive for Covid-19. The situation in Malappuram is grim as the Collectorate is turning into a Covid cluster with District Collector, Deputy Collector and 20 other revenue officials tested positive for the infection. Many of them had been involved in the rescue operations at Karipur flight crash site. Capital Thiruvananthapuram has become the worst affected Covid district in the state. Meanwhile, the state government has decided to limit the Independence Day celebrations to 15 minutes to avoid chances of disease transmission due to crowding. General public will not be allowed to the venue. Three more Covid deaths were reported in the state. 63 more prisoners in Central jail have been tested positive, taking the total number inmates getting infected to 164. The Jail headquarters have been closed for three days. As many as 1,564 new Covid cases were reported yesterday. 13,839 patients are undergoing treatment and 1.53 lakh people under observation in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: 328 new cases of Covid-19 and four deaths were reported in Puducherry on Friday; this takes the total cases to 6680, active cases to 2750 and death toll to 106. Tamil Nadu government eases the e-pass system; instant e-pass to be issued from August 17 if applied using Aadhaar. As many as 40 police personnel cured of Covid-19 recently have donated plasma at the Plasma Bank in Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital. 5835 new cases, 5146 recoveries & 119 deaths reported yesterday in TN. Total cases: 3,20,355; Active cases: 53,499; Deaths: 5397; Discharges: 2,61,459; Active cases in Chennai: 10,868.
- Karnataka: This year Independence Day celebration will be low key, no cultural programme; 75 corona warriors and 25 people who recovered from covid-19 will be special invites for tomorrow program to be held in Bangalore city. Treat non-Covid patients or face penal action, Karnataka Medical Council warns doctors. Karnataka HC seeks explanation from govt over restrictions on movement across TN border. New Covid mark breached, 2 lakh positive cases reported in Karnataka yesterday. Total active cases in the State is 78,337 and 3613 have succumbed so far.

- Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Former minister and TDP leader K Atchannaidu who is undergoing treatment at Ramesh Hospital at Guntur, was tested positive for coronavirus. Atchannaidu was arrested on the charges of misappropriation of funds in the ESI hospital scam recently. State assures medical facilities to be provided to the temple staff affected by coronavirus. Corona awareness campaign chariots were flagged off in Visakhapatnam today. 9996 new cases, 9499 discharges and 82 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 2,64,142 Active cases: 90,840; Deaths: 2378.
- Telangana: Hyderabad corporate hospitals to hand over 50% beds to Govt; A mobile Covid19 testing lab inaugurated in Siddipet which is the first time in the state. 1921 new cases, 1210 recoveries & 09 deaths reported in the last 24 hours i; out of 1921 cases, 356 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 88,396; Active cases: 23,438; Deaths: 674; Discharges :64,284.
- Maharashtra: The Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Maharashtra Government have relaxed quarantine norms framed to prevent further transmission of covid-19 in the state. Passengers can now bypass the institutional quarantine by filling in the self-declaration form 72 hours before their journey. Such passengers will have to upload proof of the negative RT-PCR test undertaken within 96 hours of the journey. The state reported 11,813 new cases and 9,115 recoveries on Thursday.
- Gujarat: Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has made it mandatory to appoint Covid coordinator in all establishments with more than 30 people. According to this order, such coordinator will be responsible for all protocols and SOPs related to Covid19. In case of smaller establishments with less than 30 staff, the owner shall be responsible. Gujarat reported 1,092 new Covid 19 cases and 1,046 recoveries on Thursday. The active case load is 14,310.
- Madhya Pradesh: Coronavirus infections continue to trouble the politicians in the state of Madhya Pradesh. After Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and other ministers on Thursday, newly elected Rajya Sabha MP, Sumer Singh Solanki and BJP MLA from Niwari, Anil Jain tested positive for coronavirus. A local BJP leader in Bhopal and spokesperson, Durgesh Keshwani also tested positive for Covid 19.
- Chhattisgarh: With the inauguration of new testing facilities, the Covid 19 testing capacity in the state has increased to 11,000 tests per day. Chhattisgarh has so far conducted 3.9 lakh Covid tests identifying 13,960 positive cases. The number of active cases is however 4,187.
- Goa: The state government today announced the restructuring of its COVID-19 treatment facilities by offering three wards at the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for "highly critical" patients. The other two designated treatment facilities, ESI Hospital in Margao (South Goa) and Sub District Hospital in Ponda (North Goa), will treat asymptomatic patients or those with moderate symptoms, state Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said. Goa is dealing with an active case load 3,491, having posted a recovery rate of 72%

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- On a continuous slide, Case Fatality Rate further improves to 1.96%
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- India conducts a record high of more than 8.3 lakh tests in a single day; More than 2.68 crore samples tested as on today

COVID-19 INDIA as on :
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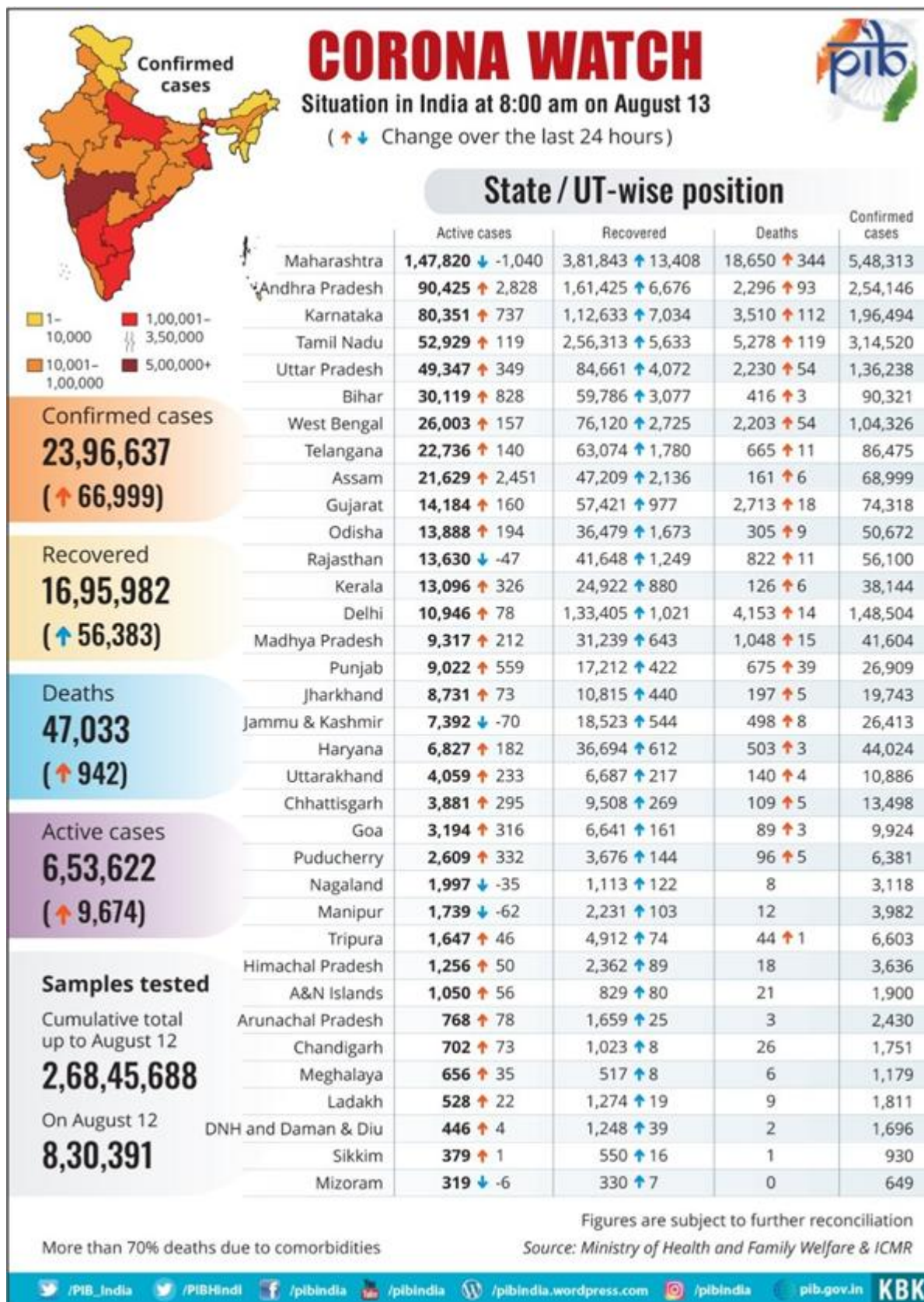
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Discharged (70.77%)

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Deaths (1.96%)

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India touched another peak of highest ever single day recoveries of 56,383 in a single day. With this number, the total recovered COVID-19 patients have touched nearly 17 lakh (16,95,982) today. The concerted, focused and collaborative efforts of the Centre and the State/UT governments along with

support of lakhs of frontline workers have ensured the successful implementation of TESTING aggressively, TRACKING comprehensively & TREATING efficiently. While the Recovery Rate has crossed 70% (70.77% today), the case mortality among COVID patients has further regressed to 1.96%, and steadily declining. The record high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country which is the Active Cases has reduced and currently is only 27.27% of the total positive cases. The recoveries exceed the active cases (6,53,622) by more than 10 lakh.

For details:

Union Govt reaches the landmark of distributing more than 3 Cr N95 Masks to States; More than 1.28 Cr PPEs and 10 cr HCQ distributed Free of Cost by Central Government

In the relentless work of State/UT governments for containment and management of COVID-19, the Union Government has been providing medical supplies free of cost to them to supplement their efforts. Most of the products supplied by Government of India were not being manufactured in the country in the beginning. The rising global demand due to the pandemic resulted in their scarce availability in the foreign markets. With the combined efforts of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Pharmaceuticals, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, DRDO and others, the domestic industry has been encouraged and facilitated to manufacture and supply essential medical equipment like PPEs, N95 masks, ventilators etc., during this period. As a result, resolve for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' has been strengthened and most of the supplies made by the Union Government are domestically manufactured. Since 11th March 2020, the Union Government has distributed more than 3.04 crore N95 masks and more than 1.28 crore PPE kits to States / UTs / Central Institutions, free of cost. Also, more than 10.83 crore HCQ tablets have been distributed to them. In addition, 22533 'Make in India' ventilators have been delivered to various States / UTs / Central Institutions. The Centre is also ensuring their installation and commissioning.

For details:

India conducts a record high of more than 8.3 lakh tests in a single day; More than 2.68 crore samples tested as on today; Tests Per Million (TPM) jumps to 19,453

Crossing the 8 lakh/day milestone of tests in a single day, India has registered a record high of 8,30,391 tests conducted in the last 24 hours in India. In pursuance of the "Test, Track and Treat" strategy, India is geared up to reach the testing capacity of 10 lakh tests per day. The week-wise average daily tests conducted saw a sharp increase from around 2.3 lakh in the first week of July 2020 to more than 6.3 lakh in the current week. With a record high more than 8 lakh tests done in the last 24 hours, the cumulative testing as on date has jumped to 2,68,45,688 crore. The Tests Per Million has seen a sharp increase to 19453. From merely one lab in January 2020, the country is today enriched by 1433 labs with 947 in the government sector and 486 private labs.

For details:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches platform for "Transparent Taxation - Honouring the Honest"

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a platform for "Transparent Taxation - Honouring the Honest" today through video conferencing. Speaking on the occasion he said that the process of Structural Reforms in the country has reached new heights today. The Prime Minister said the platform of "Transparent Taxation - Honouring the Honest, has been launched to meet the requirements of the 21st century taxation system. He elaborated that the platform has major reforms like Faceless Assessment, Faceless Appeal and Taxpayers Charter. He said that Faceless Assessment and Taxpayers

Charter have come into force from today while the facility of faceless appeal will be available for citizens across the country from 25th September i.e. DeenDayalUpadhyay's birth anniversary. The new platform apart from being faceless is also aimed at boosting the confidence of the taxpayer and making him/her fearless. The PM said that the focus of the Government in the last six years has been “Banking the Unbanked, Securing the Unsecured and Funding the Unfunded” and that the platform of “Honouring the Honest” is in the similar direction. The Prime Minister praised the role of honest taxpayers in nation building and said that making the lives of such taxpayers easy is the responsibility of the government. The Prime Minister said that the latest laws reduced the legal burden in the tax system where now the limit of filing cases in the High Court has been fixed at up to 1 crore rupees and up to 2 crores for filing in the Supreme Court. Initiatives like the 'Vivaad Se Vishwas' Scheme pave the way for most of the cases to be settled out of court. Prime Minister said that the tax slabs have also been rationalised as a part of the ongoing reforms where there is zero tax upto an income of 5 lakh rupees, while the tax rate has reduced in the remaining slabs too. He said India is one of the countries with lowest Corporate Tax in the World.

For details:

Text of PM's address at the Launch of 'Transparent Taxation- Honoring the Honest'

For details:

India ranks first in number of organic farmers and ninth in terms of area under organic farming

The growth story of organic farming is unfolding with increasing demand not only in India but also globally. In a world battered by the COVID pandemic, the demand for healthy and safe food is already showing an upward trend and hence this is an opportune moment to be captured for a win-win situation for our farmers, consumers and the environment. India ranks first in number of organic farmers and ninth in terms of area under organic farming. Sikkim became the first State in the world to become fully organic and other States including Tripura and Uttarakhand have set similar targets. North East India has traditionally been organic and the consumption of chemicals is far less than rest of the country. Similarly the tribal and island territories are being nurtured to continue their organic story.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

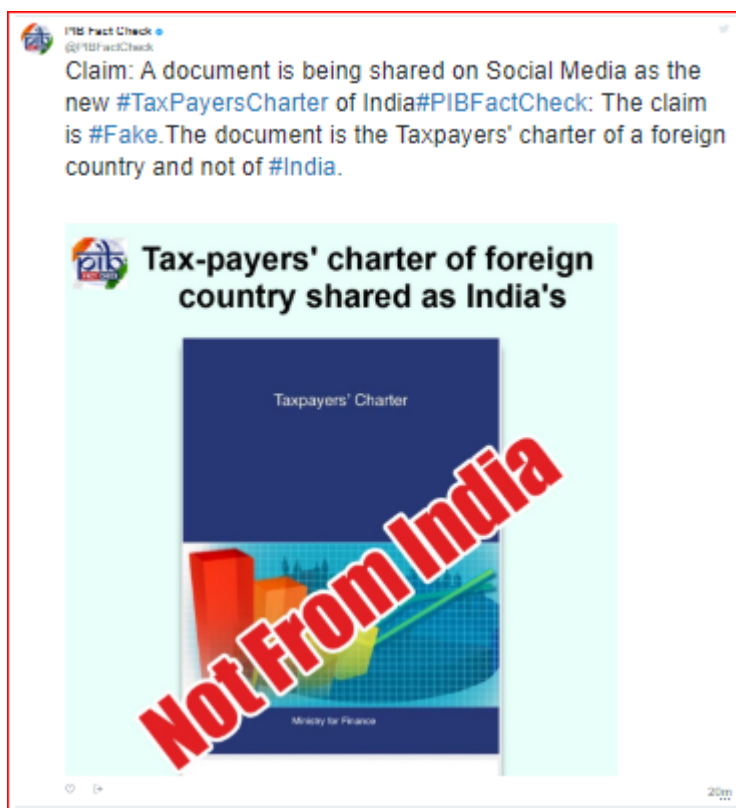
- Maharashtra : The state reported 12,712 new Covid cases, and 13,804 recoveries on Wednesday, leaving 1.47 lakh active cases. More than 3.81 lakh people have been cured in Maharashtra, even though the state also accounts for highest death toll at 18,650. Indian Medical Association has urged Maharashtra Govt to review notification on Covid-19 hospital fees. IMA's Maharashtra unit says the rates mentioned under Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana scheme ranging from ₹4,000 to ₹9,000 per day for the Oxygen beds, ICU without Ventilators and ICU with Ventilators are not really enough for the treatment of serious Covid patients.
- Goa : Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has said that Goa has a higher number of Covid-19 cases because the rate of testing in the state is the highest in the country. Goa carries out 90,000 tests per million population, far ahead of Delhi, which has a testing rate of 65,000 per million. Goa has 3,194 active cases as on date.

- Rajasthan : State's healthcare facilities received a major boost as the Government has procured 1,300 new ventilators for Covid-19 patients. Rajasthan has 13,630 active cases.
- Chhattisgarh : With 438 more people, including the wife of a former chief minister Dr.Raman Singh testing positive for coronavirus in Chhattisgarh on Wednesday, the case count in the state rose to 13,498. Of the fresh cases, 154 were reported from Raipur district, 55 from Rajnandgaon, 41 from Raigarh, 29 from Durg, 26 from Bastar among others.
- Kerala: Two Covid-19 deaths have been reported today taking the toll to 128. 41 prisoners of Central jail Thiruvananthapuram have been tested positive today. 25 more positive cases have been reported in the capital till noon in the rapid antigen tests being carried out. The government has granted permission to conduct Covid-19 tests in private labs without prescription of a doctor. Meanwhile, Police have been removed from task of demarcating containment zones and the power has been given to Disaster Management Authority. 1,212 new cases & 880 recoveries were reported in the state yesterday. As many as 13,045 patients are undergoing treatment and a total of 1.51 lakh people are under observation.
- Tamil Nadu: Covid-19 toll crosses 100 in Puducherry with six more deaths, 305 fresh cases recorded; total cases reach 6680 and number of active cases in the UT is 2750 as on today. Tamil Nadu govt bars VinayakaChaturthi rallies this year over Covid-19 fears. After almost a month of an alarming surge in Covid-19 cases in Madurai, the numbers of fresh cases, and active cases and positivity rate came down in the last couple of weeks in the district. 5871 new cases, 5633 recoveries & 119 deaths reported in the State yesterday. Total cases: 3,14,520 ; Active cases: 52,929; Deaths: 5278; Discharges: 2,56,313; Active cases in Chennai: 10,953.
- Karnataka: The positivity rate in Bangalore city dipped from 24% in July to 18% in August according to data analysed by BBMP Covid war room. Meanwhile BBMP warned private hospitals of blocking of unused beds. Admission for first PUC started from today. A total of 7883 new Covid cases reported in state yesterday which is the highest in a single day. 7034 discharges & 113 deaths were also reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,96,494; Active cases: 80,343; Total Deaths: 3510; Discharges: 1,12,633.
- Andhra Pradesh: State government sets up coronavirus helpline centre to assist people with precautionary measures. It will also provide telemedicine, 104 call centre details. State issues guidelines framed for Muharram celebrations amid Coronavirus. Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, made it clear that devotees must abide by the Covid-19 rules which would be in force for ten days from August 20. 9597 new cases, 6676 discharges and 93 deaths were reported yesterday in the State. Total cases: 2,54,146; Active cases: 90,425; Discharges: 1,61,425; Deaths: 2296.
- Telangana: Hyderabad-based generic drug manufacturer MSN Group on Thursday announced the launch of an affordable version of anti-viral drug Favipiravir, being marketed under the brand name 'Favilow', for Covid-19 positive patients with mild and moderate symptoms. 1931 new cases, 1780 recoveries & 11 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1931 cases, 298 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 86,475; Active cases: 22,736; Deaths: 665; Discharges: 63,074. Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), the virus hotspot in the state, witnessed a considerable dip in the number of fresh infections.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh recorded 103 fresh Coronavirus cases in last 24 hours. The tally of active cases reached 768 in the state while 1659 patients discharged from hospitals

after recovery. Of the new cases in Arunachal Pradesh, Lohit led the caseload with 37 cases, followed by East Kameng with 22 cases and 10 came from Itanagar Capital Region.

- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 143,109 COVID-19 tests have been conducted. This takes the total test conducted in Assam to a record high of 1573800.
- Manipur: In Manipur with 41 new cases and 78 recoveries, the recovery rate rises to 56 percent. There are 1739 active cases in the state.
- Mizoram: 13 recovered COVID-19 patients discharged in Mizoram today. The number of active cases reached to 306 in the state while 343 have been discharged so far. Mizoram government has decided to ramp up testing ratio, 10000 RAT kits will be purchased for the same.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland the Dimapur Urban Council which has 23 wards under its jurisdiction has asked all its federation members to refrain from troubling or harassing frontline workers.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim only two positive cases reported today. Total active cases in the State as of today is 349 and cured & discharged 581.

FACT CHECK



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 A news agency has reported that the Central Government has decided to not re-open schools until December. #PIBFactCheck: Government has not made any such decision. #FakeNews

No date has been decided yet for school re-opening

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Schools will remain closed until December - Central Government

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An organisation "Special Defence Personnel Forum" has issued an advertisement, claiming to be working & recruiting for various posts under Ministry of Corporate Affairs. #PIBFactCheck: No such organisation exists under the Ministry. The advertisement is #Fake

There is No such organisation under Ministry of Corporate Affairs

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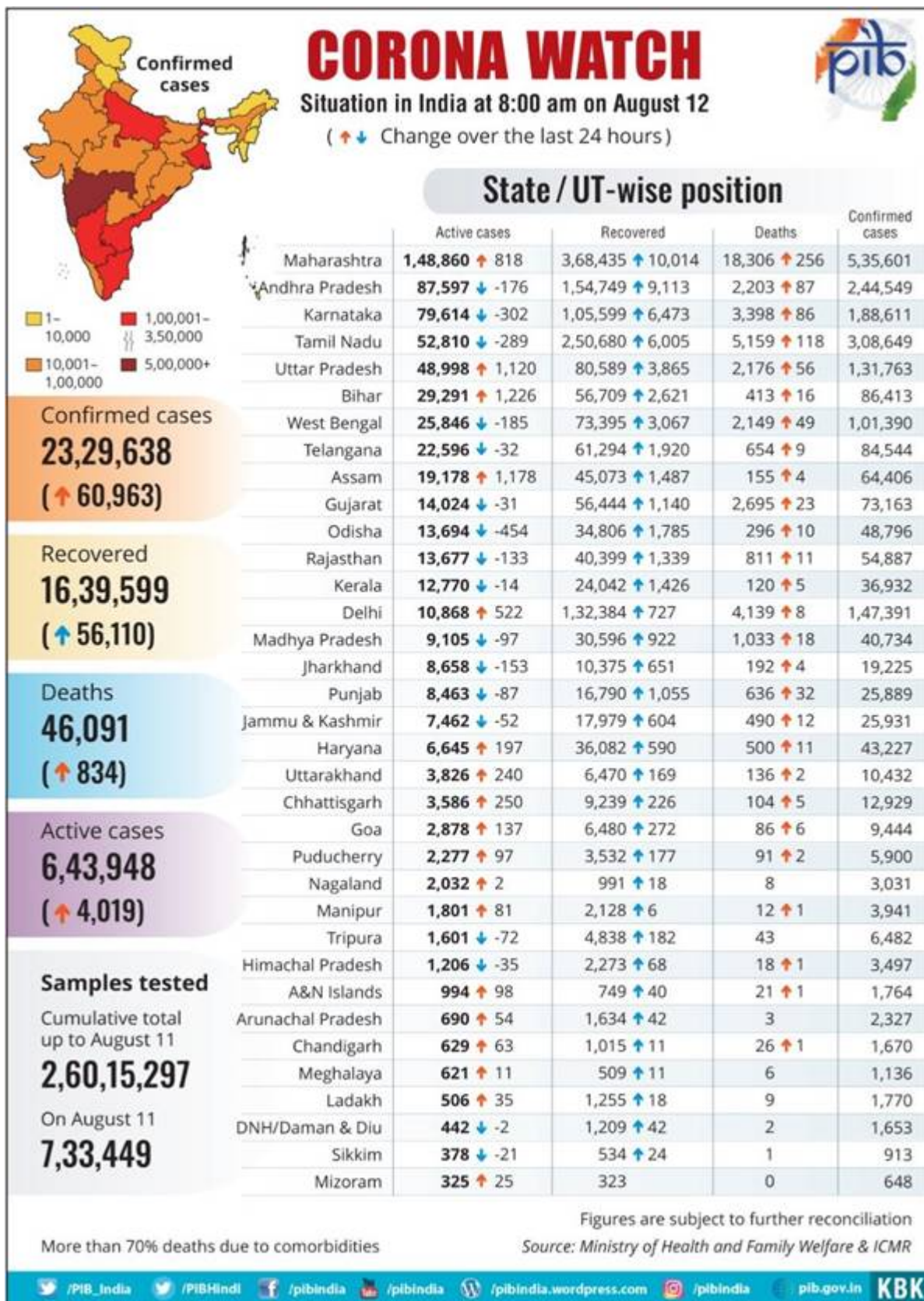
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- Record highest single day recoveries at 56,110 registered in the last 24 hours
- India's Recovery rate soars past 70%
- India tests highest ever single day tests at 7,33,449
- Active cases (6,43,948) are only 27.64% of the total positive cases.
- Case Fatality Rate is currently standing at 1.98%.
- Testing lab network is being continuously strengthened which as on today consists of 1421 labs in the country.
- National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 deliberates on strategy to ensure COVID-19 vaccines' availability and its delivery mechanism.

(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

COVID-19 INDIA as on : 12 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (27.64%)	Discharged (70.38%)	Deaths (1.98%)
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Record highest single day recoveries of 56,110 registered; India's Recovery rate soars past 70%; India tests highest ever single day tests at 7,33,449

The record highest single day recoveries at 56,110 registered in the last 24 hours are the result of the successful implementation of effective containment strategy, aggressive and comprehensive testing coupled with standardized clinical management of the critical patients. In the first week of July the daily

average recovered cases were at 15000 which jumped to more than 50000 in the first week of August. With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), the total recoveries have crossed the 16 lakh mark to 16,39,599. The Recovery Rate has reached another high of 70.38%. The actual case load of the country is the active cases (6,43,948) which is only 27.64% of the total positive cases. They are under active medical supervision. With a consistent and sustained increase in recoveries, the gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has reached nearly 10 lakh. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has been low when compared to the global average. It is currently standing at 1.98%. India's TEST, TRACK, TREAT strategy has achieved another peak with 7,33,449 tests done in the last 24 hours. This has taken the cumulative tests to more than 2.6 crore. The TPM has jumped to 18,852. Testing lab network in the country is continuously strengthened which as on today consists of 1421 labs in the country; 944 labs in the government sector and 477 private labs.

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National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 deliberates on strategy to ensure COVID-19 vaccines' availability and its delivery mechanism

National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19, chaired by Dr V K Paul, Member Niti Aayog along with Secretary (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) as co-Chair met for the first time today. The expert group deliberated on conceptualization and implementation mechanisms for creation of a digital infrastructure for inventory management and delivery mechanism of the vaccine including tracking of vaccination process with particular focus on last mile delivery. They discussed on broad parameters guiding the selection of COVID-19 vaccine candidates for the country. The expert group discussed on the financial resources required for procurement of COVID-19 vaccine and various options of financing the same. Issues related to vaccine safety and surveillance were taken up and strategy for community involvement through transparent information and awareness creation were discussed.

For details:

Prime Minister to launch the platform for “Transparent Taxation – Honoring the Honest” on the 13th August 2020

Prime Minister will launch the platform for “Transparent Taxation – Honoring the Honest” via video conferencing tomorrow. The CBDT has carried out several major tax reforms in direct taxes in the recent years. The focus of the tax reforms has been on reduction in tax rates and on simplification of direct tax laws. The IT department is committed to take the initiatives forward and has also made efforts to ease compliances for taxpayers during the Covid times by extending statutory timeliness for filing returns as also releasing refunds expeditiously to increase liquidity in the hands of taxpayers. The upcoming launch of the platform for “Transparent Taxation – Honoring the Honest “ by the Prime Minister will further carry forward the journey of direct tax reforms.

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Need for providing a comprehensive and objective account of the historical events: Vice President

The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today stressed the need to give for providing a comprehensive, authentic and objective account of the historical events. Speaking a book release function today, the Vice President emphasized the need for our younger generation to be aware of India's history. Also, the stories of valor and sacrifices made by freedom fighters from across the country should

be highlighted in the text-books, Shri Naidu added. Referring to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the economy of India and other nations, the Vice President urged everyone to display greater resilience to defeat the virus and overcome the setback caused by it. Shri Naidu said COVID-19 has also underlined the urgency for countries like India to build a resilient economy by becoming truly self-reliant. The need of the hour is to give a major push to the Atma Nirbhar campaign by all the stakeholders, including the private sector and academia through research, he added.

For details:

Over 5 lakh applications received under PM SVANidhi scheme

The number of loan sanctions and number of applications received under PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme have crossed the mark of 1 lakh and 5 lakhs respectively within 41 days of commencement of the lending process on July 02, 2020. The PM SVANidhi scheme has generated considerable enthusiasm among the street vendors, who have been looking for access to affordable working capital credit for re-starting their businesses post COVID-19 lockdown. It aims at facilitating collateral free working capital loans upto Rs 10,000 of 1 year tenure, to about 50 lakh street vendors in the urban areas, including those from the surrounding peri-urban/ rural areas, to resume their businesses post COVID-19 lockdown.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- **Punjab:** Amid surge in Covid cases and 50% revenue decline for the first quarter of this fiscal in Punjab, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh has sought from Prime Minister Narendra Modi a liberal financial package for states to fill the collection gap caused by the pandemic, and also flexibility on Covid-related terms of expenditure in SDRF.
- **Himachal Pradesh:** Himachal Pradesh has been ranked third across India for registering highest number of consultations on e-Sanjeevani portal. It has facilitated 24,527 consultations through the e-Sanjeevani and e-Sanjeevani OPD portals. This is the third highest in the country after Tamil Nadu with 32,035 consultations and Andhra Pradesh with 28,960 consultations.
- **Maharashtra:** The Maharashtra government is striving to see there is no second wave of Covid-19 in the state, chief minister Uddhav Thackeray said on Tuesday during a meeting held by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The CM said the state government was planning to set up dedicated hospitals in all districts to control the spread of coronavirus. Maharashtra, which accounts for a quarter of all the reported cases in India, has 1.48 lakh cases. However, in capital Mumbai, the number of active cases has dropped below 20 thousand.
- **Gujarat:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Covid review meeting stressed on the need to increase testing in Gujarat in view of the "high positivity rate" prevailing in the state. In response, the Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani informed that the state was conducting 456 tests per million per day, through a network of 34 government and 59 private laboratories. Meanwhile, the recovery rate in the state has gone up to 77%. Gujarat has 14,125 active cases.
- **Rajasthan:** The state on Tuesday recorded its highest single-day spike of 1,217 COVID-19 cases. Highest 115 people tested positive in Bikaner. Total reported cases in Gujarat are 54,887 out of which 13,677 are active cases.

- **Madhya Pradesh:** Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Covid recovery rate has touched 75 per cent mark in the state. CM has also instructed that arrangement of treatment for patients with minor symptoms should be made at home.
- **Chhattisgarh:** Assembly Speaker Charan Das Mahant has said that preparations have been made to conduct the Assembly session safely amid the Coronavirus pandemic. The monsoon session of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly will commence from August 25 and will be restricted to just four days due to the pandemic.
- **Kerala:** 59 prisoners of Central jail Thiruvananthapuram have been tested positive for Covid-19. Following this, a Covid First Line treatment center will be set up inside the jail which has more than 1200 inmates. Meanwhile, the rapid spread of the virus is continuing in the capital district with more than 25 cases reporting in major clusters in the outskirts. Five police men were also tested positive in various stations, leaving more cops to go under observation. The coastal folk has been allowed to go fishing from today, with each coastal area been given specific days for fishing. Major harbours will be opened tomorrow. Two more Covid deaths have been reported today taking the toll to 122. Currently 12,721 patients are undergoing treatment for the disease and 1.49 lakh people under observation across the state.
- **Tamil Nadu:** Puducherry health minister hints 'hard decisions' to follow as UT reports biggest single-day spike of 481 Covid-19 cases today; five deaths were also reported in the last 24 hours. The total Covid cases in the UT are now 6381 and 96 people have succumbed. Six doctors from the district have died due to Covid as on August 10, said the Madurai branch of IMA. Covid cases of Tamil Nadu continued to swell after 5,834 fresh cases and 118 deaths were reported yesterday, driving up the tally to 3,08,649 and the toll to 5,159. There are 52,810 active cases in the State now.
- **Karnataka:** Karnataka HC orders notice to state govt on plea for property tax exemption due to Covid-19. The Kodagu-Kerala border opened for vehicular movement after nearly five months of closure. Following a SC direction, the State changes home isolation period of discharged Covid patients to seven days with self-monitoring, while it was 14 days earlier. 6257 new cases, 6473 discharges & 86 deaths reported yesterday; Total cases: 1,88,611; Active cases: 79,606; Total Deaths: 3398; Discharges: 1,05,599.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** State government releases notification for recruitment of medical staff posts in Health Centres. Notification has been issued for the recruitment of 42 medical officers and 84 staff nurse posts in the Health Centers under the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation. Prakasam district collector announced that strict implementation of containment operations in the entire Ongole Municipal Corporation starts from today and will be in force for two weeks. State says that the recovery rate in Covid cases has increased to 63.28 per cent; recently it was between 50 and 55 per cent. 9024 new cases and 87 deaths were reported yesterday taking the total cases to 2,44,549 with active cases and death tally reaching 2203.
- **Telangana:** Telangana sees nearly 1,900 new cases. Of the cases recorded on Tuesday, 82% or 1,558 cases were reported from outside Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation areas. 1897 new cases, 1920 recoveries & 09 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1897 cases, 479 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 84,544; Active cases: 22, 596; Deaths: 654; Discharges : 61,294.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- With about 16 lakh Recoveries, India's Recovery rate nearly 70%.
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- PM interacts with CMs to discuss the current situation and plan ahead for tackling the pandemic

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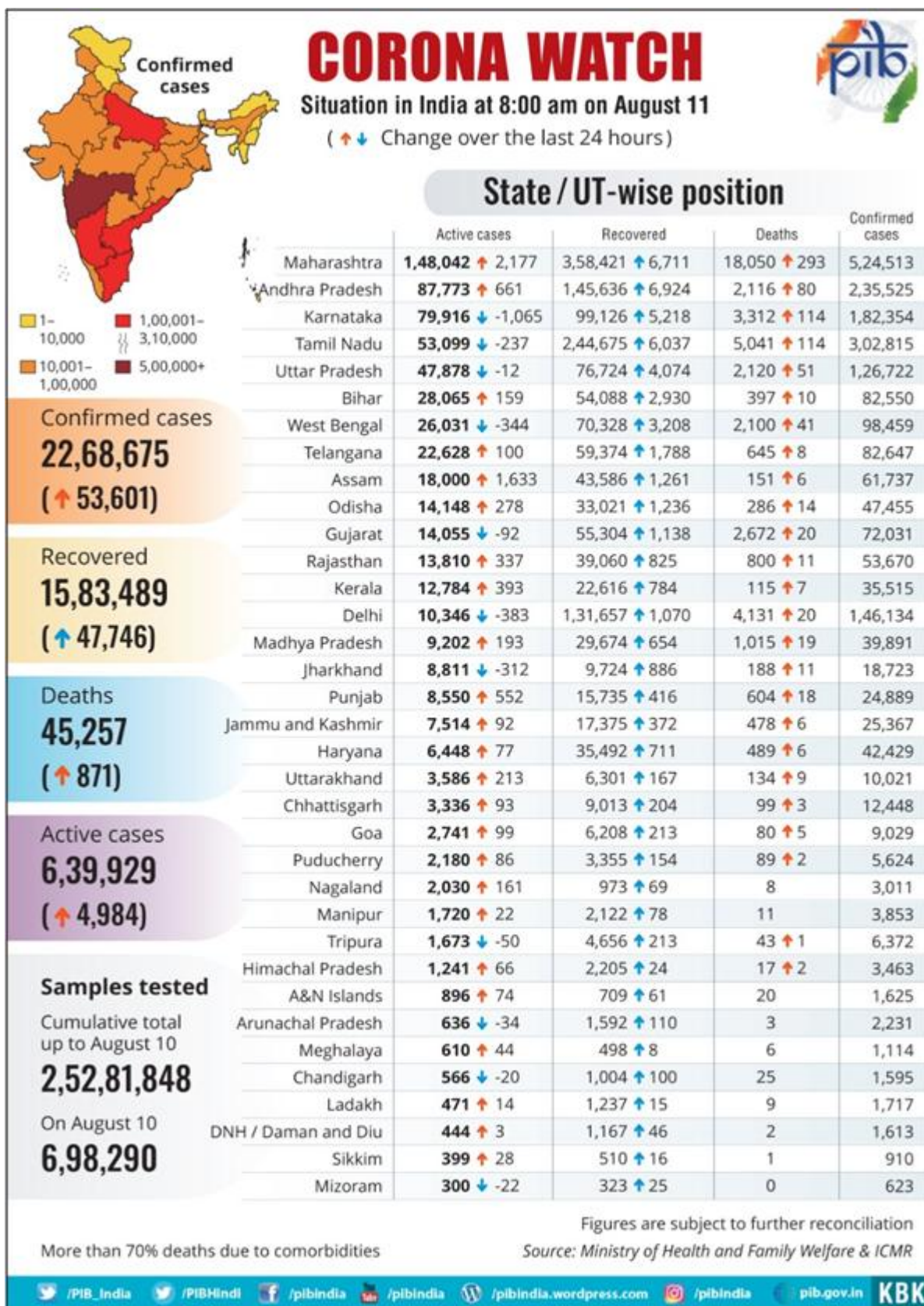
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 11 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (28.21%) 639929 (4984↑)	Discharged (69.80%) 1583489 (47746↑)	Deaths (1.99%) 45257 (871↑)
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With nearly 16 lakh Recoveries, India's Recovery rate nearly 70%; Case Fatality Rate falls below 2%

There has been a sharp hike in the recovery rate, which is pegged at nearly 70% today. With more patients recovering and being discharged from hospitals and home isolation (in case of mild and moderate cases), the total recoveries have jumped to 15,83,489 with 47,746 COVID-19 patients were discharged in the last 24 hours. The actual case load of the country is the active cases (6,39,929) which is

only 28.21% of the total positive cases. They are under active medical supervision. With a consistent and sustained increase in recoveries, the gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has reached nearly 9.5 lakh. The gap between percentage Recoveries and percentage Active Cases is growing every day. Focus on improved and effective clinical treatment in hospitals, use of non-invasive, improved and coordinated services of the ambulances for ferrying patients for prompt and timely treatment have resulted in seamless efficient patient management of COVID-19 patients. As a result, the Case Fatality Rate has been low when compared to the global average. It has fallen below 2% today, currently standing at 1.99%.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1645009>

PM interacts with CMs to discuss the current situation and plan ahead for tackling the pandemic

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today interacted with Chief Ministers and representatives of ten states including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Punjab, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing to discuss the current situation and plan ahead for tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. Karnataka was represented by the Deputy Chief Minister. Prime Minister said that everyone has shown a great degree of cooperation and the teamwork displayed by Team India has been remarkable. He talked about the challenges and pressure faced by hospitals and health care workers. He mentioned that almost 80% of active cases are from the participating 10 states, and if the virus is defeated in these ten states, the entire country will emerge victorious in the battle against COVID-19. Prime Minister noted that the number of daily tests has reached almost 7 lakh and is increasing continuously, which has helped in early identification and containment. The average fatality rate in the country is amongst the lowest in the country and is continuously going down. The percentage of active cases is reducing, while the recovery rate is increasing, he said. He noted that these steps have boosted the confidence of people, and said that the target of bringing down the fatality rate below 1% can be achieved soon. Prime Minister underlined that what has emerged from the discussion is an urgent need to ramp up testing in Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Telangana. He said that containment, contact tracing and surveillance are the most effective weapons in this battle.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1645011>

Text of PM's interaction with CMs to discuss the current situation and plan ahead for tackling the pandemic

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1645041>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally interacted with Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh on State specific Health concerns

Sh. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh digitally called upon Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare to seek his inputs in improving Madhya Pradesh in the field of health and medicine, yesterday. Officials of the Madhya Pradesh government digitally presented a roadmap in improving the health sector to make Madhya Pradesh 'Atmanirbhar' by the year 2023. Dr. Harsh Vardhan gave his valuable suggestions on them. Sh. Chouhan gave his assurances that all his suggestions would be fully implemented. At the outset, Dr. Harsh Vardhan congratulated Sh. Chouhan for "managing the COVID-19 scenario in Madhya Pradesh in spite of taking oath during the pandemic" and also for "his personal recovery from the disease." Dr Harsh Vardhan advised them to adopt the eSanjeevanitele-medicine platform which would highly help the authorities manage the health of the population which is highly dispersed.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1644887>

Regular passenger and suburban train services will continue to remain suspended till further notice

As decided and informed earlier on as well, regular passenger and suburban train services will continue to remain suspended till further notice. It may be noted that 230 Special Trains, which are running at present, will continue to operate. Local trains in Mumbai, which are presently being run on limited basis only on the requisition of state government, will also continue to run. The occupancy of special trains is being monitored on regular basis. Additional special trains may be run based on the requirement. However, all other regular trains and suburban trains, run before lockdown, will remain suspended for the time being.

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Union Minister Shri PrakashJavadekar releases e-book 'Connecting, Communicating, Changing' the Vice President of India's three years in office

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri PrakashJavadekar today unveiled e-version of the book 'Connecting, Communicating, Changing' the Vice President of India's three years in office. The e-book was launched along with its print coffee table version which was released by Union Minister of Defence Shri Rajnath Singh. Releasing the e-book, Shri Javadekar said the book was about Connecting with people via Communication and for Changing India and this 3rd edition of the book was a treasure trove for students who want to follow the speeches of the Vice President. On the occasion, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh said oratory is an art and the Vice President speaks from his heart and his speeches are a reflection of his thoughts and emotions. He added that a good book is the greatest gift a generation can give to another and readers will keep revisiting this book.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1645007>

Raksha Mantri launches modernization/ up-gradation of facilities and new infrastructure creation of Defence PSUs and OFB

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched the initiatives of a number of modernisation and up-gradation of facilities as also new infrastructure creation by Defence PSUs and OFB, through digital link yesterday, as part of the AtmaNirbhar Week celebration of the Ministry of Defence. Shri Rajnath Singh said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave a clarion call for AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and his 5-I formula of 'Intent, Inclusion, Investment, Infrastructure and Innovation' will put the economy on high growth trajectory. He said our government has made timely and thoughtful interventions during Covid-19 times like issuing negative list for import, increase in FDI limits, separate budget for domestic capital procurement and emphasis on indigenization.

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PFC signs agreement to construct Modular Operation Theatres at District Hospital in Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), India's leading NBFC, today signed a MoA with District Administration of Siddharthnagar in Uttar Pradesh for construction of two Modular Operation Theatre Rooms in the District Hospital. Under the MoA, PFC will provide financial assistance of close to Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs for execution of the Project to the District Administration under its CSR initiative. The pact is intended to provide necessary support to the Siddharthnagar District Administration to develop the necessary infrastructure in order to reduce Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in the catchment area.

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DST Secretary highlights digital transformation opportunities that emerged from COVID 19 disruptions

Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Professor Ashutosh Sharma has emphasised that the future is all about convergence of digital technologies and that COVID 19 virus has provided the country opportunity to be part of the change rather than resisting it. Professor Sharma was speaking at webinar on Digital Transformation in COVID-19 "Use of digital technologies and machines can take the country to new heights and fulfil the dream of our Prime Minister of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. He explained that future has been coming to us at a fast pace even before the COVID-19, but the virus has changed everything. It has disrupted every sector and every life beyond imagination. Its' impact is on all aspects-- whether it is availability of labour, supply chains, or logistics. However, the more disruptive the challenge, the bigger will be the achievement, and this is a very good time to think where we are and where we want to be.

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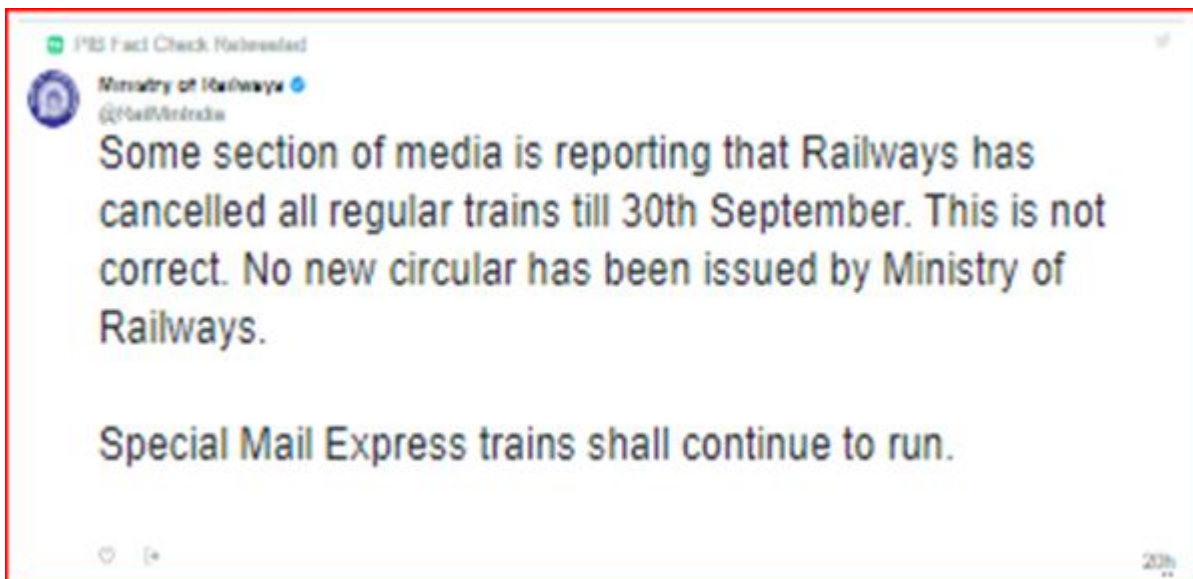
- Punjab: Government of India has given in-principle approval for setting up a National Institute of Virology Centre for the north zone in Punjab. The Punjab Chief Minister, who had proposed this to the Centre some weeks back in the light of the Covid pandemic, welcomed the approval, saying the Virology Centre would prove to be a milestone to boost research in the field of virology, make India future ready to predict and detect viruses at the earliest so that necessary preventive steps can be taken.
- Haryana: Haryana Health Minister, while reviewing the Sero Survey meeting through video conferencing, said that Haryana Government is all set to carry out a Sero-Survey and the blueprint for it is ready. He said that a Sero-Survey is being carried out with the aim of identifying the penetration of COVID-19 and to monitor its transmission trends.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has thanked the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for releasing another instalment of over Rs.17,000 crores into the bank accounts of 8.5 crore farmers of the country under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana which would go a long way in empowering the farming community.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh's Chief Secretary says that over Rs 15 crore spent from Chief Minister Relief Fund for Covid related management in the state so far.
- Manipur: In Manipur COVID-19 infected 60-year-old man expired at JNIMS this morning. The deceased had co-morbid health conditions. With this, the number of COVID-19 related death reaches 12 in the state.
- Mizoram: Three fresh cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases of COVID-19 reached 623 in the state out of them 300 are active cases. Mizoram University postponed under graduate exams after appeals of student bodies and principal's council due to surge in COVID-19 cases.
- Kerala: Five Covid -19 deaths were reported in the state, raising the toll to 120. There will be complete Sunday lockdown in Malappuram, which has now maximum number of patients. Spread of virus is continuing unabated in capital district with 20 more positive cases reporting till noon. A review meeting under State DGP has decided to deploy more police personnel in streets to avoid crowds. Devotees will be allowed entry in temples under Dewaswom Board from August 17 by maintaining Covid protocols. Kerala had confirmed 1184 new Covid cases yesterday. A total of 12,737 patients are at present undergoing treatment and 1.49 lakh people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry records 276 fresh coronavirus cases and two deaths. The total cases in the UT are 5900, active cases are 2277 and death toll is 91. Puducherry government to seek Rs 25 crore from Centre to combat Covid-19. Covid-19 recovery rate in TN is 80.8%, says TN CM, seeks host of relief measures from PM during his interaction with him through video conference. 5914 new cases, 6037 recoveries & 114 deaths today reported yesterday in TN. Total Covid cases: 3,02,815; Active cases: 53,099; Deaths: 5041; Discharges: 2,44,675; Active cases in Chennai: 11,328.
- Karnataka: Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar briefed PM about state's Covid management - as CM continues to be in home isolation post recovery from Covid-19 – during the interaction of PM with CMs through VC. Minister Sudhakar briefed media that testing has been ramped up from 20,000 tests per day to nearly 50,000 now. It is planned to be increased to 75,000 with a good mix of RTPCR & Rapid antigen tests. With 182354 total cases out of which 79908 are active cases, the state is well prepared to tackle the emerging situation with 1.14 lakh Covid Care Centre beds, 20000 general beds, 8000 Oxygen supported beds, 3000 ICU beds and 1500 ICU beds with ventilators, he added. 4267 new cases, 5218 discharges & 114 deaths were reported yesterday.
- Andhra Pradesh: Stating that the government is focusing on testing and tracing Covid-19 cases thereby reducing the mortality rate, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy sought the support of the Centre to

ramp up the medical infrastructure in the state during his interaction with PM Modi through video conference. State has decided that all Primary Health Centers (PHC), which are the backbone of primary care in rural areas, will now operate 24 hours a day. 7665 new cases, 6924 discharges and 80 deaths reported in the State yesterday. Total cases: 2,35,525; Active cases: 87,773; Deaths: 2116; Discharges: 1,45,636.

- Telangana: There are 17,767 vacant beds available for Covid-19 patients in government hospitals and private teaching hospitals combined, according to the state health department. 1896 new cases, 1788 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1896 cases, 338 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 82,647; Active cases: 22,628; Deaths: 645; Discharges : 59,374.

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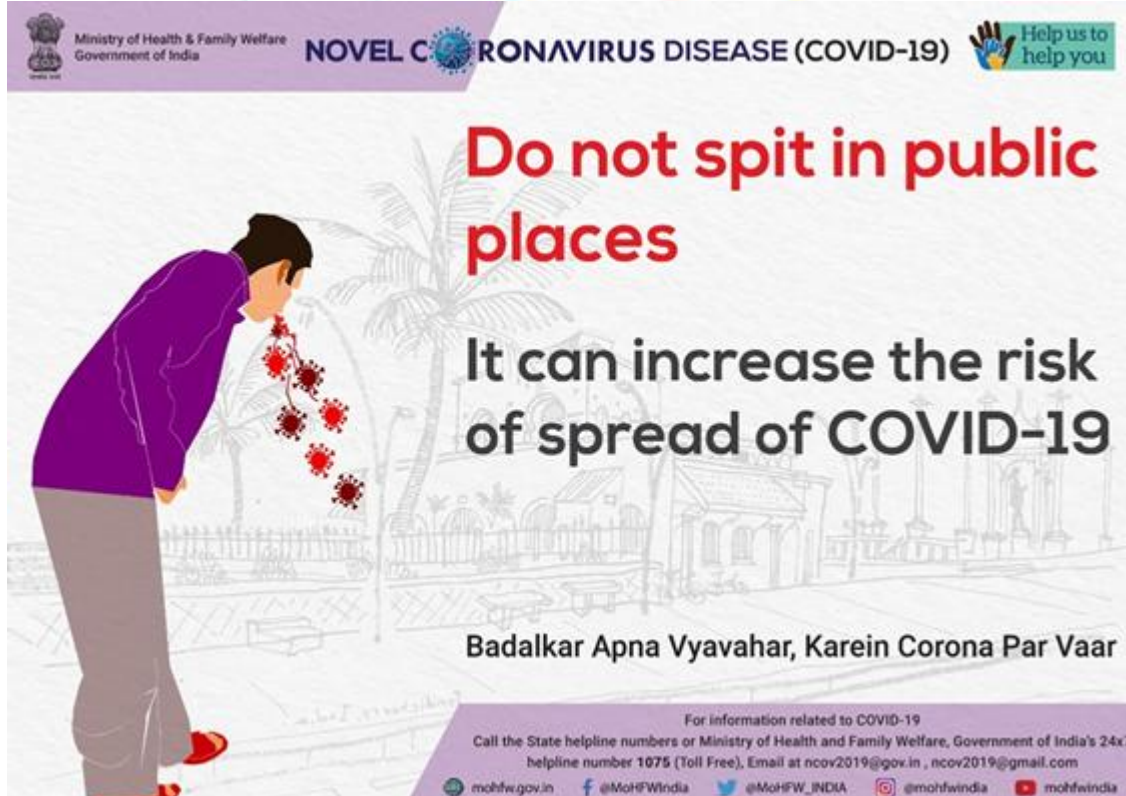
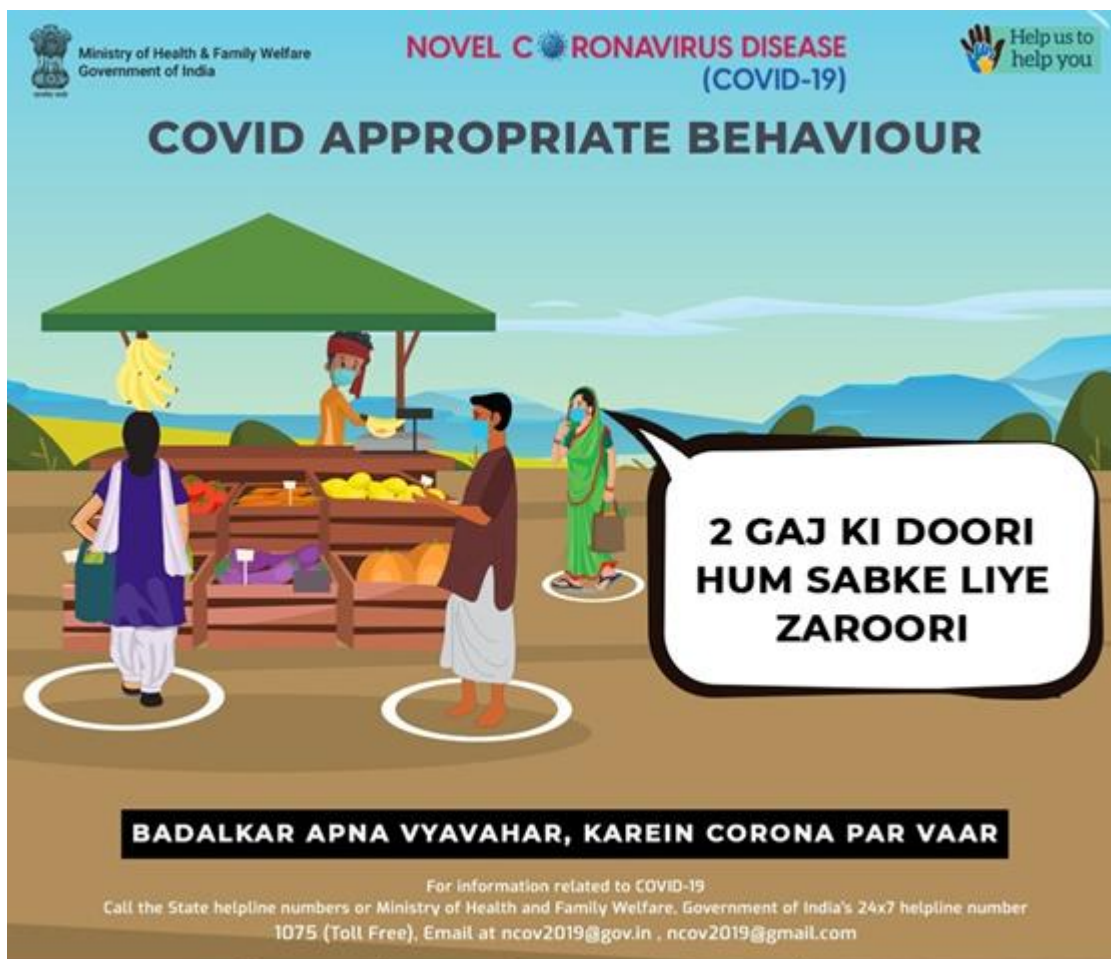
No inquiry into Galwan Valley Clash has been ordered

Army Conducts Inquiry into June 15 Galwan Valley Clash

The army has conducted a formal court of inquiry into the Galwan clash on June 15, which left 20 Indian soldiers and a number of Chinese troops dead in a border skirmish. The inquiry was conducted by Commander Lt Gen BS Raju and reports are awaited, reports **Manu Pubby**.

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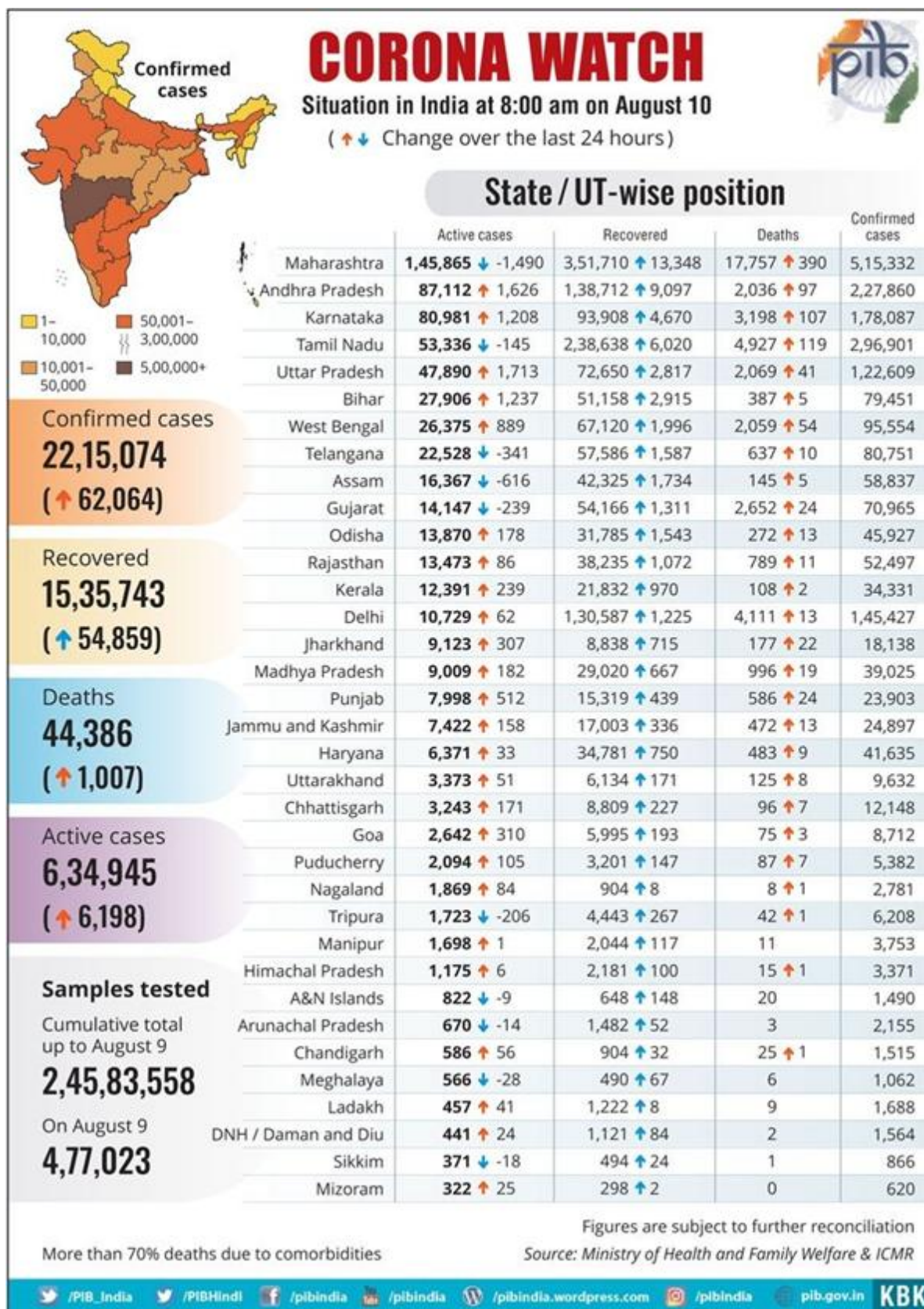
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- India's COVID-19 recoveries cross 1.5 million
- Highest ever single day recoveries of 54,859 today, Recoveries exceed the active cases by more than 9 lakh
- Case Fatality Rate touches a new low of 2%
- Active cases have reduced and currently comprise only 28.66% of the total positive cases
- Prime Minister tells the flood-affected states that in view of COVID situation, while undertaking rescue efforts, States must ensure that people follow all health precautions

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 10 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (29.20%)	Discharged (68.78%)	Deaths (2.01%)
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India's COVID-19 recoveries cross the historic peak of 1.5 million; Case Fatality Rate touches a new low of 2%

India's COVID-19 recoveries have crossed the historic peak of 1.5 million today. Recovery of 15,35,743 patients has been made possible because of the policy of TESTING aggressively, TRACKING comprehensively & TREATING efficiently. Better ambulance services, focus on Standard of Care and use of non-invasive oxygen have given the desired results. With the highest ever single day recoveries of 54,859 in the last 24 hours, the Recovery Rate amongst the COVID-19 patients has scaled another high of almost 70%. The record high recoveries have ensured that the actual caseload of the country viz. the active cases has reduced and currently comprises only 28.66% of the total positive cases. India has posted more than 9 lakh recoveries than the active cases (6,34,945). The coordinated efforts of Centre and State/UT governments on early detection through aggressive testing and efficient clinical management of hospitalized cases have shown results with continuously regressing Case Fatality Rate. It is 2%, as on date, and steadily declining. Early identification of cases has also led to steeply falling percentage active cases.

For details :

Prime Minister launches submarine cable connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today launched and dedicated to the nation, the submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connecting Andaman & Nicobar Islands to the mainland through video conferencing. Shri Narendra Modi said the connectivity would now enable endless opportunities in the islands. He said the laying of the 2300 Kms submarine cable and completing it before the set target is very praise worthy. The Prime Minister said that the service has begun today on a major chunk of the islands from Chennai to Port Blair, Port Blair to Little Andaman and Port Blair to Swaraj Island. The Prime Minister admired the laying of cables for about 2300 kilometers under the sea as surveying in the deep sea, maintaining the quality of the cable and laying of the cable with specialised vessels is not an easy task. The Prime Minister said the Submarine Cable will help A&N in getting cheaper & better connectivity and all the benefits of Digital India, especially in improving online education, tele-medicine, banking system, online trading and in boosting tourism.

For details :

Text of PM's address at the inauguration of Submarine Cable Connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands

For details :

PM holds meeting with CMs of six States to review the flood situation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra held a meeting today through video conference with Chief Ministers of six States, namely Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala, to review their preparedness to deal with south-west monsoon and current flood situation in the country.

Prime Minister emphasized on better coordination between all central and state agencies to have a permanent system for forecasting of floods and extensive use of innovative technologies for improving forecast and warning system. Prime Minister said there are pilot efforts underway to use innovative technologies such as artificial intelligence to improve locations specific forecast, for which States should provide necessary information to these agencies and timely disseminate the warnings to local communities. Prime Minister also emphasized that in view of COVID situation, while undertaking rescue efforts, States must ensure that people follow all health precautions such as wearing of face mask, hand sanitization and maintain adequate physical distance and relief materials must include provision for hand washing/ sanitizing and face masks for the affected people. In this regard, special provisions should be made for elderly people, pregnant women and people with co-morbidity.

For details:

EPFO ensures hassle free service delivery through UMANG during COVID-19 pandemic

The Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG) has been a big hit among Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) subscribers, enabling them to utilize services during COVID-19 pandemic from the comfort of their homes in hassle free manner. Presently a PF member can access 16 different services of EPFO on their mobile phone using UMANG App. On UMANG app, a member can raise claim, track claim and know the status of claim raised. During the COVID-19 pandemic period from April to July 2020, a total of 11.27 lakhs claims were filed online through UMANG App. UMANG has enabled members overcome the mobility restriction induced by COVID-19 pandemic in accessing EPFO's services and thereby reduced the need to physically visit the offices of EPFO. During the COVID-19 pandemic period from April to July 2020, 18.52 lakhs API hits were received on View Pensioner Passbook service while 29,773 API hits were recorded on updating Jeevan Pramaan Patra service.

For details:

Government to provide mobile connectivity in 498 villages which are located in strategic and border areas- Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Electronics &IT, Communications and Law & Justice, said that Government of India has been taking measures on priority to provide connectivity in the far flung, difficult, border areas of strategic importance, so as to ensure better quality of life to the people as well as to those who are working in these areas. The minister informed that a tender for 354 uncovered villages in the strategic, remote and border areas of the country has been finalised and is under implementation in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in 144 villages of the States of Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and other priority areas of Gujarat. He said these villages have been strategically chosen to cover border area connectivity on mobile. Shri Prasad informed that after commissioning of these villages, there will be no uncovered villages in UTs of J&K, Ladakh for mobile connectivity.

For details:

Recent Steps Taken by Government to Give Relief to MSMEs will Accelerate the Wheel of Economy: Shri Nitin Gadkari

Shri Nitin Gadkari Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises said that the changing the definition of MSMEs, Scheme of Fund of Funds, Champions portal, extended credits to MSMEs will certainly accelerate the wheels of economy which had slowed down due to lockdown in the wake of Pandemic. He said this while addressing a Virtual MSME Conclave organized today. He appealed to all the stakeholders to do away with all kinds of fear and negativity and assured that government is doing everything possible to make the country a super economic power. Shri Gadkari further informed that loans of about Rs. 1,20,000 crore have been disbursed to MSMEs out of Rs. 3 lakh crore announced in the relief package. Discussing about the problem of delayed payments, he said that instructions have been given to all Ministries, Departments and PSUs to clear pending bills of MSMEs within 45 days.

For details:

Defence Minister to release a book chronicling the Vice President's third year in office; Shri Prakash Javadekar to release e-version of the book

A book chronicling the third year in office of the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu titled 'Connecting, Communicating, Changing' will be released by the Union Minister of Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh at Upa-RashtrapatiNivas in Delhi tomorrow. Shri Naidu completes three years in office on August 11. The electronic version of the book (e-book) will be launched by the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar. The book which runs into more than 250 pages has been brought out by the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

For details:

Finance Minister launches an Online Dashboard for the National Infrastructure Pipeline

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) Online Dashboard here today through video conferencing. The online dashboard is envisaged as a one stop solution for all stakeholders looking for information on infrastructure projects in New India. The dashboard is being hosted on the India Investment Grid (IIG) (www.indiainvestmentgrid.gov.in). IIG is an interactive and dynamic online platform that showcases updated & real-time investment opportunities in the country

For details:

Indian products deserve fair access to other countries on reciprocal basis

Shri Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce & Industry today inaugurated first edition of five day long virtual FMCG Supply Chain EXPO, 2020. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Goyal said that we have to accept the post COVID-19 pandemic reality. World has changed. World will learn and unlearn out of this Covid experience. Shri Goyal said that we want to protect our industries so that they can get a fair play and access. He said that India wants equal, fair and reciprocal trade with the world. We are moving towards balanced trade with many countries and regions. This is one the reasons why India chose not to join RCEP as it was completely inequitable arrangement Countries should, in a phased manner, look at sourcing from India, developing their products in India & then encash the large business opportunity that 1.3 billion Indian people offer. Shri Goyal invited Indian industry to walk together, support each other and work towards a prosperous India in the long run and better future for the generations to come.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: On the directives of Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, the Medical Education & Research Department has set up four new Covid viral testing labs to enhance the total daily testing capacity to 4000 tests during September 2020 with 1000 tests per day per lab in the state. Apart from this, the total viral testing capacity in three Medical Colleges at Patiala, Amritsar and Faridkot would also be ramped up to 5000 tests per day per college by August 31.
- Maharashtra: Worst hit Maharashtra on Sunday reported 390 deaths, its highest so far in five months of the pandemic, while for the second day in a row, the state added over 12,000 Covid-19 cases. The cumulative death toll of the state stood at 17,757. With the addition of 12,248 cases, the overall Covid-19 tally has jumped to 5.15 lakh cases. In a silver lining though, the state reported more discharges than daily additions- a record 13,348 people were discharged on Sunday, taking total discharges to 3,51,710
- Gujarat: Even as Covid 19 cases in Ahmedabad are stabilizing, the number of patients requiring ICU care and ventilator support is on the rise. 60% of ICU beds and 70.6% of ICU beds with ventilators are occupied in the city. Meanwhile, the Gujarat government has increased the fine for not wearing face mask in public places in the state to Rs 1,000 from Rs 500 announced earlier.
- Rajasthan: The state reported 598 new cases till 10:30 am on Monday, pushing the state's COVID19 tally to 53,095. According to the Rajasthan health department's bulletin, six deaths were reported on Monday, taking the death toll to 795.
- Madhya Pradesh: The state needs more High-dependency unit (HDU) and Intensive care unit (ICU) beds and ones with oxygen as Covid-19 cases have increased in the state alarmingly during the unlock period in the past seven weeks. MP has 9,009 active cases as on date. In view of the Corona pandemic, the ensuing festivals like Ganesh Utsav, Moharram and Janmashtmi will not be celebrated publicly in the state. Independence Day will also be celebrated on a limited scale.
- Goa: The state recorded highest ever single day spike of 506 cases on Sunday. As Goa's lone Covid 19 hospital packed to capacity at the backdrop of spike in cases, the government has designated sub-district hospital in Ponda as state's second full fledged Covid hospital.

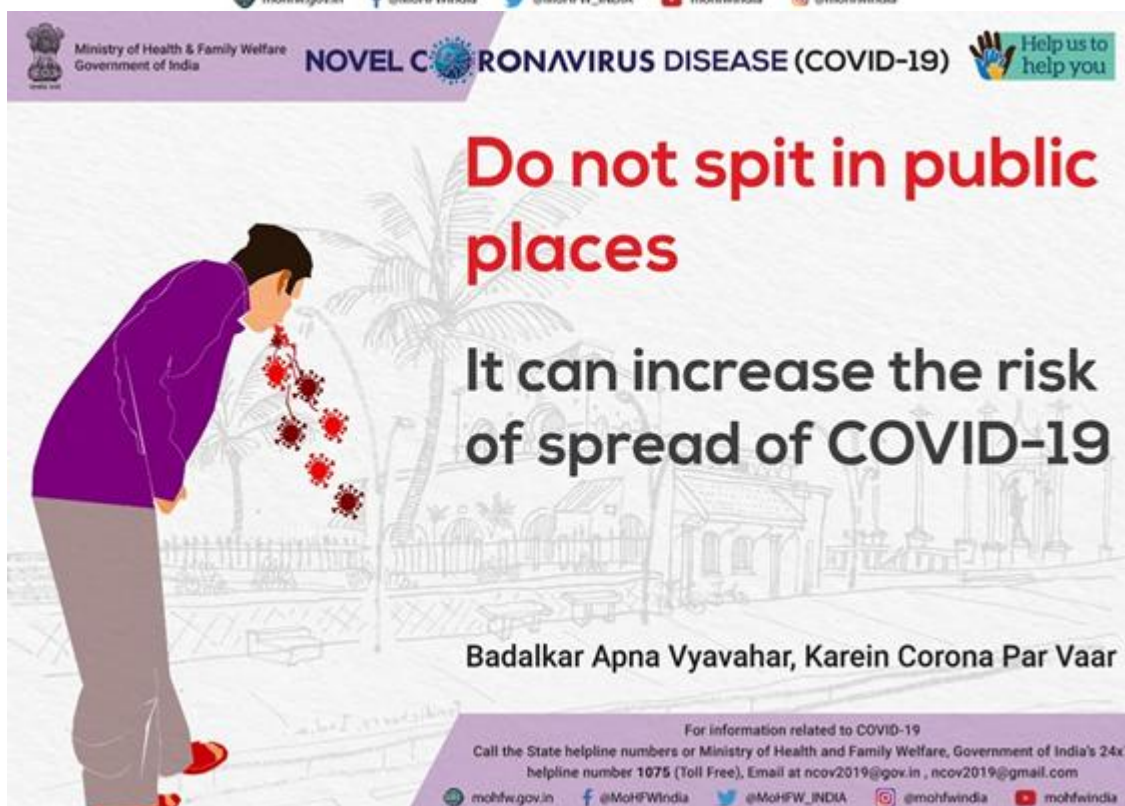
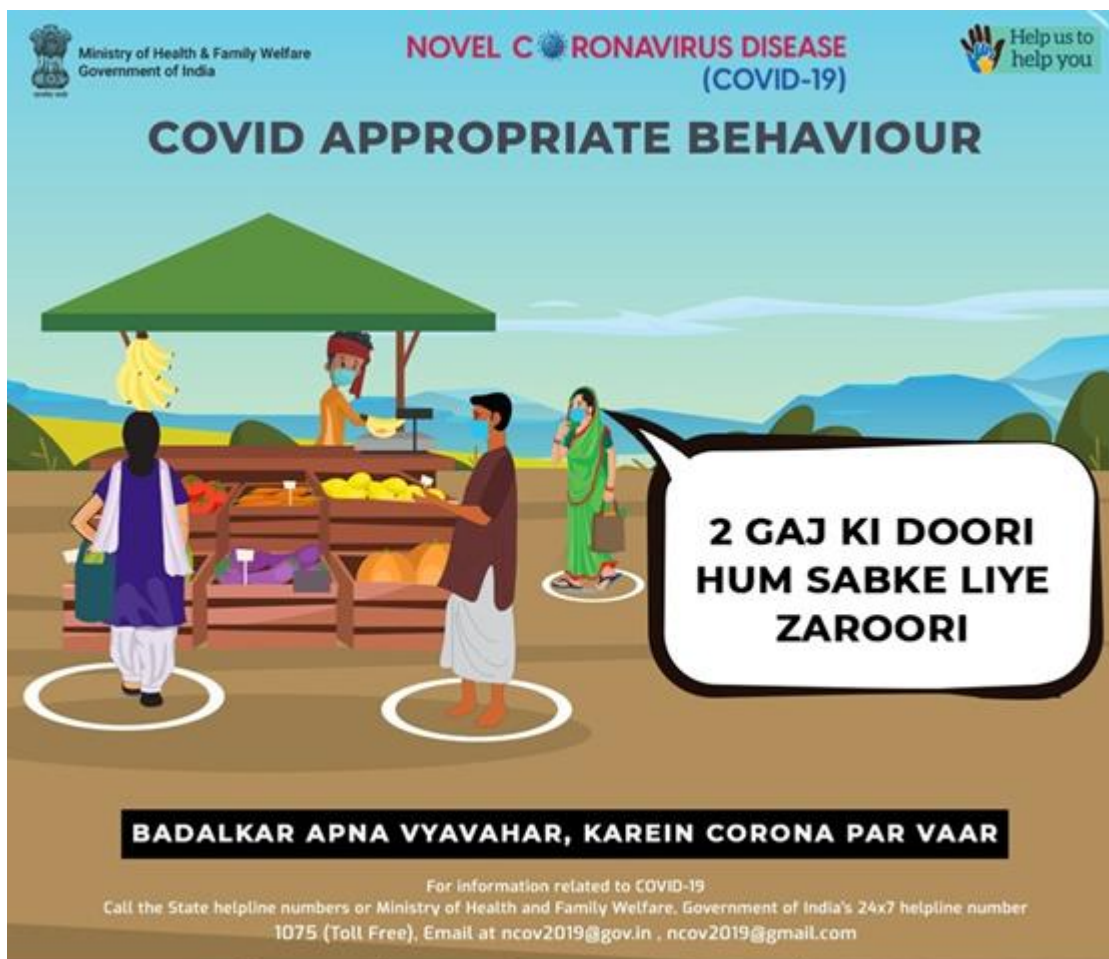
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 52 people recovered from Covid-19 during last twenty four hours while 38 new cases detected on Sunday. Currently 670 active cases in the state. Out of 38 new cases, 11 cases detected from East Kameng district.
- Manipur: In Manipur, there are currently 996 persons in official quarantine, 1580 in community quarantine and 419 are taking paid quarantine facilities.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, out of the 2,781 total positive cases, 1,226 cases are from Armed Forces, 1,072 cases are from returnees, 196 cases are from Frontline Workers, 233 cases of traced contacts and 54 cases are others.
- Mizoram: 12 fresh Covid-19 cases detected in Mizoram yesterday. Total Covid-19 cases in state reached 620 out of them 322 are active cases.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 44 new COVID-19 cases detected today. Total 510 COVID-19 patients were cured and discharged till date. And the number of active cases in state is 399.
- Kerala: State government has requested the Centre to provide a special economic package for the state to overcome the damages caused in the rains. CM Pinarayi Vijayan made the request during a meeting convened by the PM with the CMs of the flood-hit states to review the situation. The death toll in Munnar landslide has climbed to 49 with recovery of more bodies from the debris. In Wayanad, 25 more tested positive for Covid-19 today. Two Covid deaths were reported today. A total of 1,211 cases were reported in Kerala yesterday. As many as 12,347 patients are still under treatment and 1,49,357 people under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: As many as 245 fresh cases and two deaths were reported in Puducherry UT, taking the total cases to 5624, active cases to 2180, and deaths to 89 in Puducherry UT on Monday. Over 10% Tamil Nadu MLAs have contracted Covid-19; with the Assembly election due in about eight months, MLAs balance precautions with constituency work. Class 10 results declared in Tamil Nadu, all students have passed; results were prepared based on internal assessments from schools as well as attendance. 5994 new cases, 6020 recoveries & 119 deaths were reported on Sunday. Total cases: 2,96,901; Active cases: 53,336; Deaths: 4927.
- Karnataka: CM and other senior ministers participated in the discussion with PM Narendra Modi on flood situation; State government requested Rs 4000 crore financial assistance from the central government. Primary Education Minister today announced SSLC results and totally 71.80% students passed in the exams recently amidst covid crisis. According to Karnataka road safety authority road accidents and fatalities dropped by 48% during covid lockdown. Covid positive cases in the Bengaluru city came down 2000 mark on Sunday. 5985 new cases, 4670 discharges & 107 deaths reported yesterday in the State; Total cases : 1,780,87; Active cases: 80,973; Total Deaths: 3198.
- Andhra Pradesh: District Collectors across State seek reports on fire safety in Covid-19 care centres to avert mishaps, following the fire accident at a Covid care centre in Vijayawada that claimed 10 lives. State has approved the recruitment of staff to 30,887 posts for providing medical services in Covid-19 care hospitals. As a measure to curb the spread of coronavirus, the Guntur district authorities have imposed complete lockdown in Macherla town for three days beginning

today. Guntur district recorded 881 more Covid cases on Sunday, taking the total to 21,718. 10,820 new cases, 9097 discharges and 97 deaths were reported yesterday in AP. Total cases: 2,27,860 ; Active cases: 87,112; Deaths: 2036.

- Telangana: Covid-19 numbers drop in Telangana Capital Region, but spike in districts. 1256 new cases, 1587 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in the State ; out of 1256 cases, 389 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 80,751; Active cases: 22,528; Deaths: 637; Discharges :57,586.

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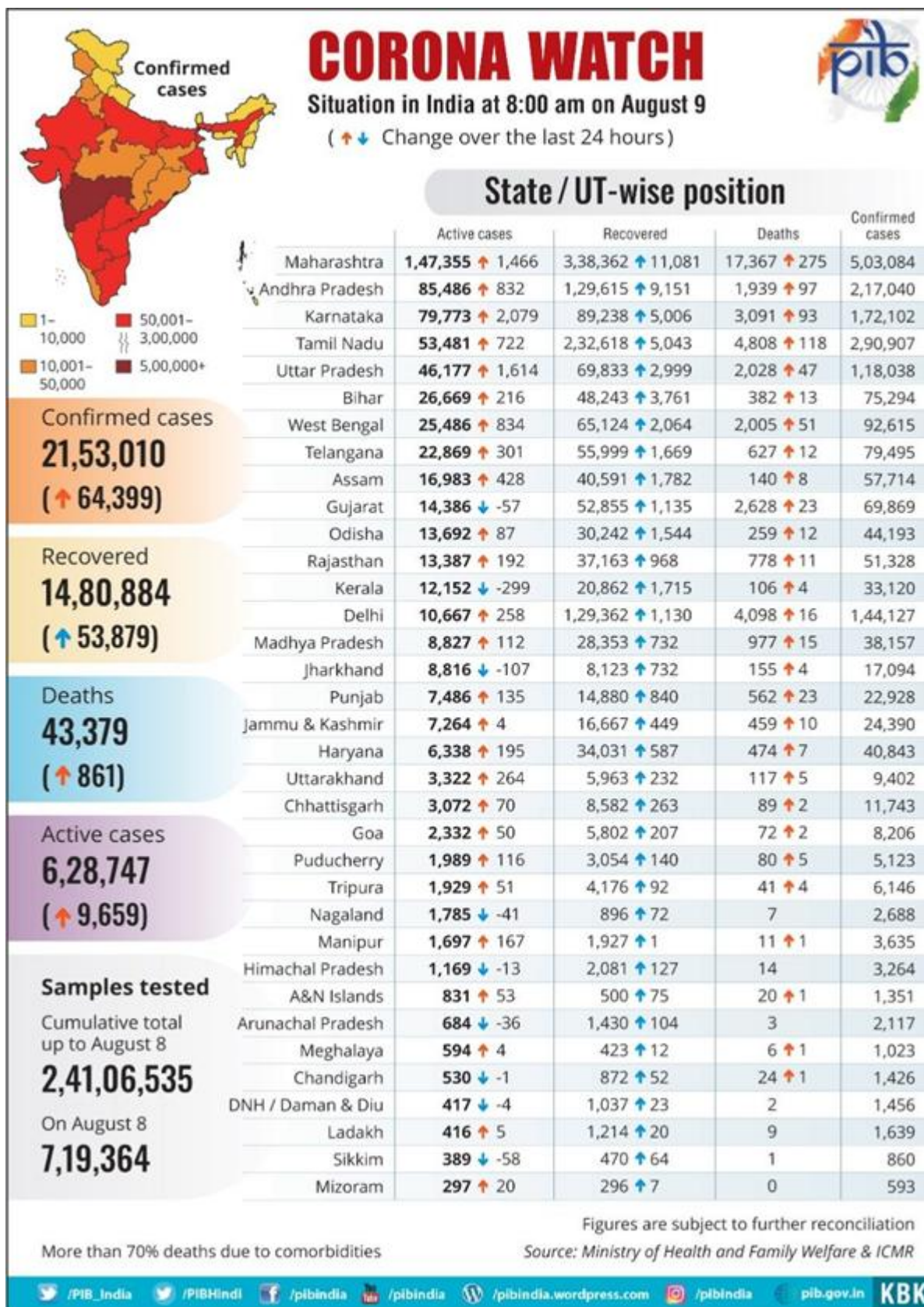


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- Total number of recovered cases touches another high of 14,80,884 today, taking recovery rate to 68.78%
- Active cases are 6,28,747 as of today.
- Fatality Rate further slumps, touching an improved rate of 2.01% today.
- PM launches financing facility of Rs. 1 Lakh Crore under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.
- Shri PiyushGoyal lauds Traders' role during Lockdown for ensuring uninterrupted supply of essential goods.

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Active (29.20%)**628747** (9659↑)**Discharged** (68.78%)**1480884** (53879↑)**Deaths** (2.01%)**43379** (861↑)



India touches a new peak of 7,19,364 tests in a day; Total number of tests are now 2,41,06,535

In a new high, India has scaled the peak of testing more than 7 lakhs tests in a single day. Continuing the streak of more than 6 lakh tests in a single day for several days, India's tests have grown exponentially. 7,19,364 tests were done in the last 24 hours. Recoveries are also increasing exponentially. India has recorded the highest number of recoveries in a single day with 53,879 COVID patients having recovered

and discharged yesterday. With this, the total number of recovered cases has touched another high of 14,80,884 today. This is more than twice the number of active cases (6,28,747 today). The number of recovered cases has touched another high of 2.36 times the active cases, which are all under medical attention either in home isolation or in hospitals. With higher number of recovered patients, the Recovery Rate, which has continued on its growth graph, stands at 68.78% today. The widening difference between recovered and active cases, indicative of the higher number of recoveries as compared to those either in hospitals or in home isolation, is 8,52,137 today. Fatality Rate has further slumped, touching an improved rate of 2.01% today.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan lauds the contribution of States in popularising eSanjeevani, the Tele-Medicine platform

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, today presided over a review meeting with States/UTs on the “eSanjeevani” and “eSanjeevaniOPD” platforms as 1.5 lakh tele-consultations were completed on the tele-medicine service platforms of the Health Ministry. In a short span of time since November 2019, tele-consultation by eSanjeevani and eSanjeevaniOPD have been implemented by 23 States (which covers 75% of the population) and other States are in the process of rolling it out.

For details:

PM expresses grief over the loss of lives due to fire at Covid Centre in Vijayawada

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives due to fire at a Covid Centre in Vijayawada. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "Anguished by the fire at a Covid Centre in Vijayawada. My thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones. I pray that the injured recover as soon as possible. Discussed the prevailing situation with AP CM @ysjaganJi and assured all possible support."

For details:

PM launches financing facility of Rs. 1 Lakh Crore under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today launched a new Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs. 1 Lakh Crore. The scheme will support farmers, PACS, FPOs, Agri-entrepreneurs, etc. in building community farming assets and post-harvest agriculture infrastructure. Today, only 30 days after Cabinet formally approved the scheme, the first sanction of over Rs. 1000 Crore was made to over 2,280 farmer societies. The event was conducted through video conference and attended by lakhs of farmers, FPOs, cooperatives, PACS, and citizens joining from

across the country. At the same event, the Prime Minister also released the 6th installment under the PM-KISAN scheme of Rs. 17,000 Crore to nearly 8.5 Crore farmers. The cash benefit was transferred directly to their Aadhar verified bank accounts with the press of a button. On the occasion, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that farmers and the agriculture sector will benefit from the scheme. He said the scheme shall provide a financial boost to the farmers and agriculture sector and increase India's ability to compete on the global stage. Prime Minister reiterated that India has a huge opportunity to invest in post-harvest management solutions like warehousing, cold chain, and food processing, and build a global presence in areas such as organic and fortified foods. He also mentioned that this scheme provides a good opportunity for start-ups in agriculture to avail the benefits and scale their operations, thereby creating an ecosystem that reaches farmers in every corner of the country.

For details:

Text of PM's address at the launch of Financing Facility under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund via VC

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal asks the traders to undertake customer awareness drive to promote Make In India Goods; Lauds their role during Lockdown

Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways Shri Piyush Goyal has exhorted the traders to fully contribute towards the Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign. Speaking to the traders' fraternity on the occasion of the National traders' day today through virtual interaction, he said that they should undertake Customer Awareness drive to make people buy make in India goods. Shri Goyal lauded the role of traders during the Covid pandemic, and particularly the lockdown period, by rising to the occasion, and ensuring the availability of essential goods in every nook and corner of the country. The Minister assured the fraternity that National Traders Welfare Board will be soon constituted. He called upon the traders to add their employees also in Traders pension Scheme.

For details:

Five COVID positive hockey players housed in NCOE Bengaluru doing well

The five hockey players housed in NCOE Bengaluru, who tested Covid positive on August 7, are doing well. They are being attended to by SAI's in-house doctor as well as one doctor from the state government, who has been deputed on SAI's request. Additionally, SAI has got on board expert doctors from Manipal Hospital, who have also attended to the players.

For details:

MoD's big push to Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative

Department of Military Affairs (DMA), Ministry of Defence (MoD) has prepared a list of 101 items for which there would be an embargo on the import beyond the timeline indicated against them. This is a big step towards self-reliance in defence. It also offers a great opportunity to the Indian defence industry to rise to the occasion to manufacture the items in the negative list by using their own design and development capabilities or adopting the technologies designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to meet the requirements of the Armed Forces in the coming years.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Concerned over the rising number of Covid cases in the state, Punjab Chief Minister has ordered night curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 am in the worst affected cities of Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Patiala, while directing all big cities/towns to prepare integrated management plan for treatment of the disease at both Government and private facilities.
- Haryana: Haryana Chief Minister, Mr.ManoharLal said that Faridabad district has done commendable work to put up a tough fight against the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic and currently the doubling rate of the district has reduced to 59 days, which is very reassuring. He directed the officers that more and more testing should be done to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases. Besides this, as much as possible, treatment should be done with plasma therapy also.
- Maharashtra: Pen in Raigad district adjacent to Mumbai is known for its exquisite Ganapati idols. However, the artisans are facing a bleak future this year on account of Covid pandemic and the resultant lockdown. The idol makers say they have witnessed 40% decline in domestic orders and over 60% drop in export orders. Meanwhile, Covid cases in Maharashtra crossed the 5 lakh grim mark, at 5.03 lakh cases, after 12,822 positive cases were reported on Saturday
- Gujarat: The Covid 19 recovery rate in Gujarat has further improved to 75.48%. The state recorded 1,101 new cases and 1,135 recoveries on Saturday. The number of active cases as on date is 14,530.
- Rajasthan: The Rajasthan Government has decided to use the reliable RT-PCR testing for Covid 19 rather than focusing on quick but not so accurate Rapid Antigen Test. Reviewing the Covid situation in the state, CM Ashok Gehlot said, despite the rising numbers, if the mortality rate is kept under control, it will be a major achievement. Rajasthan has 51,924 active cases and the death toll is 784.
- Goa: In Goa, almost 20 doctors and 10 to 15 health workers connected to Goa Medical College have tested positive for the novel coronavirus. Goa has till date reported 8,206 Covid cases, out of which 2,232 are active cases.
- Kerala: Three more Covid deaths have been reported in the state today, taking the death toll to 106. One Keralite succumbed to the virus in Saudi Arabia. As many as 9507 new Covid cases were reported in the past one week in the State. Majority of the cases are through local transmission. Meanwhile, with recovery of more bodies the death toll in Munnar landslide has touched 42. Twenty-eight more bodies are yet to be recovered from the debris. Revenue and Health authorities are struggling hard to maintain Covid protocols in the flood relief camps as the State is continuing to receive heavy rainfall. A total of 1,420 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in the state

yesterday. 12,109 patients are undergoing treatment and there are 1,48,241 people under observation across the state.

- Tamil Nadu: Amid Covid-19 surge, total lockdown for three days from today in Yanam of Puducherry UT; at present, Yanam has 113 active cases among the 268 cases reported in Puducherry. Despite the pandemic, TN's economy grows faster than national average. Every death is being audited, focus on to reduce Covid-19 fatality, says TN Health Secretary J Radhakrishnan. 5883 new cases, 5043 recoveries & 118 deaths reported yesterday. Total Covid cases: 2,90,907; Active cases: 53,481; Deaths: 4808; Active cases in Chennai: 11,734.
- Karnataka: Medical Education Minister said, a committee will be formed to study the reasons for the high mortality of covid patients at ESI hospital Rajajinagara, Bangalore. Total death in the state due to covid crossed 3000 on Saturday after 93 more fatalities more were reported. Highest number of 7178 new cases in a single day was also confirmed yesterday. 2665 cases were in Bangalore city. Total cases in the State: 1,72,102; Active cases: 79,765; Total Deaths: 3091; Discharges 89,238.
- Andhra Pradesh: AP Health Minister said a case was registered on Swarna Palace Hotel and the Ramesh Hospitals management for death of 10 Covid19 patients in a fire accident in the early hours of today in Vijayawada. The hotel has been taken for lease and is converted into a Covid19 Care Centre for treating corona virus patients. The Health Minister said that there were 31 Covid19 patients undergoing treatment at the time of the mishap. CM announced a compensation of Rs 50 lakh to the families of the deceased. According to TTD Executive Officer as many as 743 TTD employees were infected with Covid19. Among them 402 were discharged after fully being recovered, while the remaining are undergoing treatment in various hospitals in the city.
- Telangana: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area for the first time since April 26 reported less than 500 Covid-19 cases in a day. 1982 new cases, 1669 recoveries & 12 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; out of 1982 cases, 463 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 79,495; Active cases: 22,869; Deaths: 627; Discharges : 55,999.
- Assam: In Assam, between 16th July to 8th August the COVID-19 positivity rate has come down from 18% to 4.5%. The number of positive case per day is also slowing down tweeted the state Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- Manipur: In Manipur, under the theme "COVID-19 and Indigenous People's Resilience", the 26th International Day of Indigenous People was observed at Ukhrul today.
- Mizoram: 43 new COVID-19 positive cases confirmed in Mizoram since 8.8.2020 to 9.8.2020 till 11 am. The COVID tally reached 608 in the state with 312 active cases and 296 cured and discharged cases.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, out of 800 samples tested, 93 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been detected today. 62 in Dimapur, 20 in Kohima, 8 in Peren, 2 in Mon & 1 in Zunheboto.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 6 new COVID-19 cases detected today. Till now 494 cases have been cured and discharged in the state. The number of active cases stands at 371.

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 अवेस्ट्रान इन्फोटेक द्वारा भारतीय रेलवे में नौकरियों का एक अखबार का विज्ञापन सोशल मीडिया पर फैलाया जा रहा है #PIBFactCheck:
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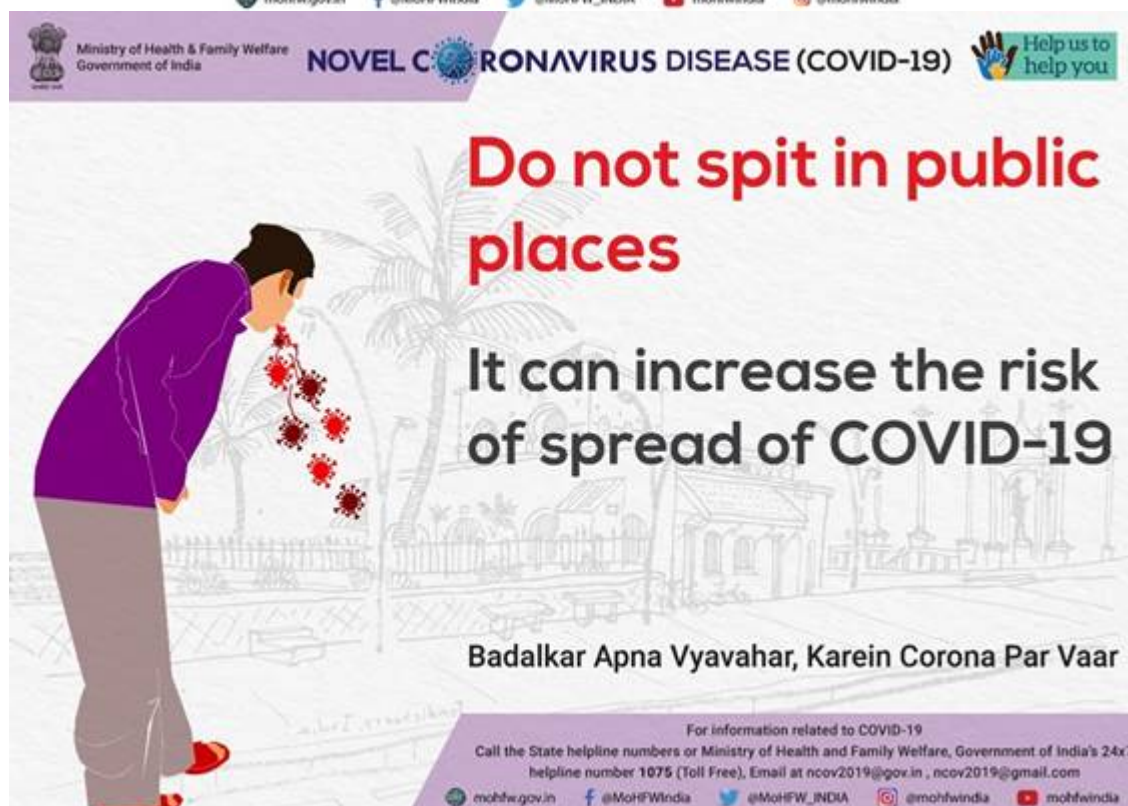
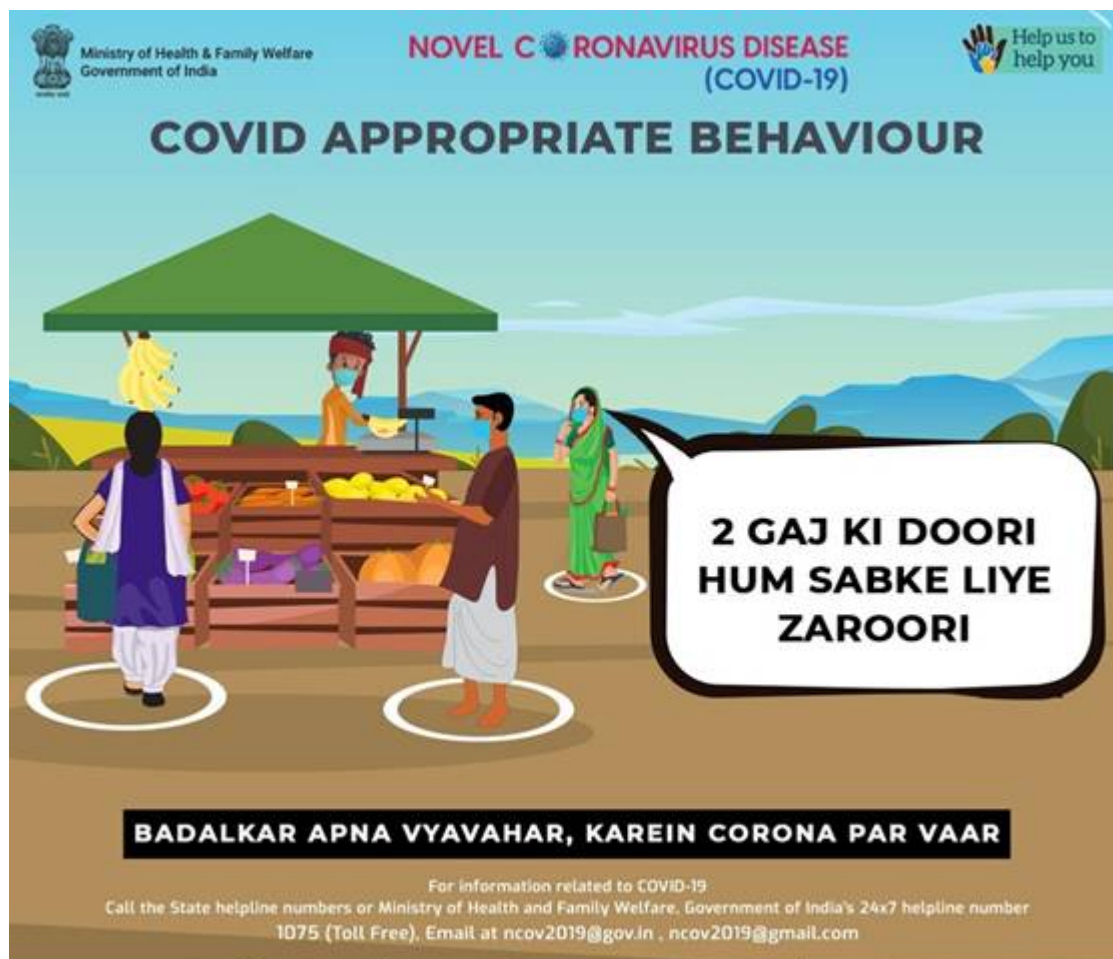
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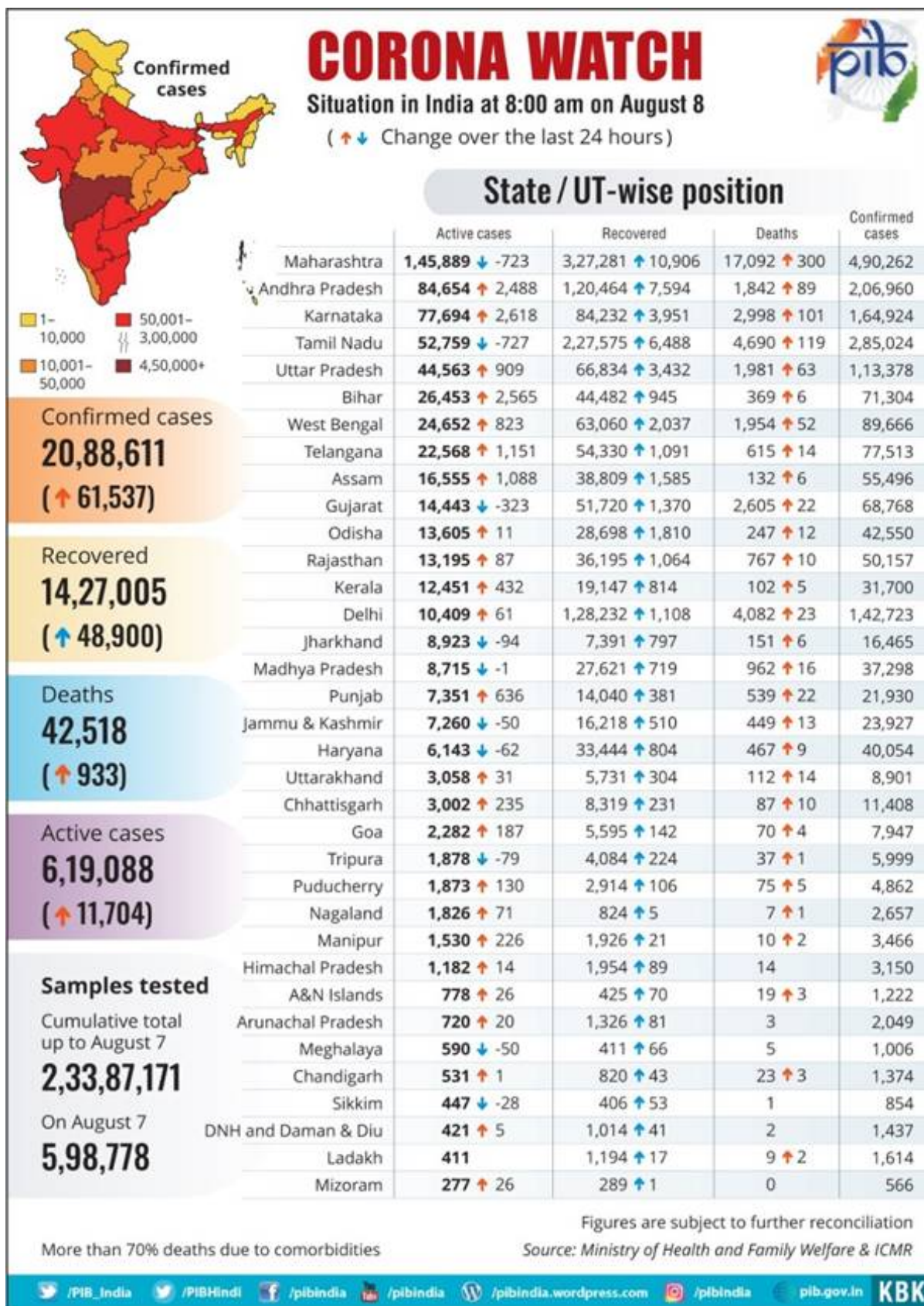
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- Health Ministry engages with Districts reporting Higher COVID-19 Mortality
- Actual case load for India is at 6,19,088 today

(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

COVID-19 INDIA as on : 08 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (29.64%)	Discharged (68.32%)	Deaths (2.04%)
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due to COVID-19, India has registered one of the lowest deaths per million at 30 as compared to the global average of 91 deaths per million. There has been a sharp increase in COVID-19 recoveries. With 48,900 patients discharged in the last 24 hours, India's total recoveries from COVID-19 has reached 14,27,005. The recovery rate, on a steady upward rise, stands at 68.32%. The active cases, which are the actual case load for India at 6,19,088 today account for 29.64% of total positive cases. Expanded diagnostic lab network & facilitation for easy testing across the country has resulted in India testing total of 2,33,87,171 samples for COVID-19 infection. 5,98,778 tests were conducted in last 24 hours. The Tests Per Million has seen a sharp increase to 16947 today. With 936 labs in the government sector and 460 private labs, India has 1396 labs for COVID-19 testing.

For details:

Centre directs the States to focus all efforts on reducing COVID-19 mortality

Coordinated, graded and pro-active management of COVID-19 by the Union and State/UT governments has ensured the national Case Fatality Rate (CFR) is on the slide. It currently stands at 2.04%. As part of the continuous process of review and handholding of States/UTs for collaborative management of COVID-19, two high level virtual meetings were chaired by Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Health Secretary on 7th and 8th August to engage with the States reporting with high case load and higher CFR than the national average, in order to advise and support them on efforts to prevent and reduce mortality due to COVID-19. Today's meeting focused on 13 districts concentrated in eight States/UT. These are Kamrup Metro in Assam; Patna in Bihar; Ranchi in Jharkhand; Alappuzha and Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala; Ganjam in Odisha; Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh; 24 Paraganas North, Hooghly, Howrah, Kolkata and Maldah in West Bengal; and Delhi. These districts account for nearly 9% of India's active cases and about 14% of COVID deaths. They also report low tests per million and high confirmation percentage. The States were advised to address the issues of low lab utilisation i.e. less than 100 tests per day for RT-PCR and 10 for others; low tests per million population; decrease in absolute tests from last week; delay in test results; and high confirmation percentage among the health care workers. They were advised to ensure timely referral and hospitalization in view of reports from some districts of patients dying within 48 hrs of admission.

For details:

Health Ministry engages with Districts reporting Higher COVID-19 Mortality

Those districts that are reporting COVID-19 mortality higher than the national and states' average are a cause of concern. As part of Centre-State coordinated strategy for effective containment and management of the COVID-19 pandemic, a high level virtual meeting was chaired by Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Health Secretary yesterday to engage with the district and State administration to analyse the factors driving the high COVID-19 mortality in these districts and devise ways and means to reduce the mortality. These include 16 districts in four States viz. Ahmedabad and Surat in Gujarat; Belagavi, Bengaluru urban, Kalaburagi and Udupi in Karnataka; Chennai, Kanchipuram, Ranipet, Theni, Thiruvallur, Tiruchirappalli, Tuticorin and Virudhnagar in Tamil Nadu; Hyderabad and Medchal Malkajgiri in Telangana. Apart from the higher case mortality, these districts account for 17% of India's active cases, high daily new cases, low tests per million, and high confirmation percentage. The districts

were advised to ensure that the advisories, guidelines and clinical treatment protocols issued by the Health Ministry are adopted and effectively implemented to reduce the mortality among COVID-19 patients and other preventable deaths among all sections of the people

For details:

For the 4th successive day, India tests more than 6 lakh samples in 24 hours

India continued its track record of testing more than 6 lakh COVID-19 samples each day for the fourth successive day on Thursday. Expanded diagnostic lab network and facilitation for easy testing across the country have given a boost, and with 6,39,042 tests conducted in last 24 hours, India has done 2,27,88,393 tests presently. The Tests Per Million (TPM) has seen a sharp increase to 16513. The 7 day moving average in daily tests conducted has significantly improved from around 2.69 lakh on 14th July 2020 to around 5.66 lakh on 6th August 2020. While the cumulative testing rose from 1.2 crore on 14th July 2020 to 2.2 crore on 6th August 2020, the positivity rate has seen a rise from 7.5% to 8.87% in the same period. To keep up with this strategy, the testing lab network in the country is continuously strengthened which as on today consists of 1383 labs in the country; 931 labs in the government sector and 452 private labs.

For details:

Extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package : Insurance Health Workers fighting COVID-19 for a further period of 90 days beyond the original period

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/PMGKPIinsuranceextensionletter.pdf>

21 ESIC Hospitals Converted into Dedicated COVID-19 Hospitals Across the Country with the Facility of 2400 Isolation Beds: Santosh Gangwar

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour & Employment and Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister of Haryana inaugurated Plasma Bank at ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Faridabad (Haryana) through video conference. Shri Gangwar said that in this crisis Covid situation, 21 ESIC Hospitals across India have been converted into Dedicated Covid-19 Hospitals. More than 2400 Isolation beds, 550 ICU/HDU beds with 200 ventilators have also been made available in these Hospitals. Quarantine facility (approx. 1300 Beds) has been made functional in 04 ESIC Hospitals at Alwar (Rajasthan), Bihta, Patna (Bihar), Gulbarga (Karnataka) and Korba (Chhattisgarh). Besides, Covid-19 testing facility has been made available at ESIC Hospital, Faridabad (Haryana), Basaidarapur (New Delhi) and Sanathnagar, Hyderabad. Plasma therapy is also being provided at ESIC Hospitals, Faridabad and Sanathnagar, Hyderabad for the treatment of serious patients of COVID-19.

For details:

Proposals for the construction of nearly 10.28 Lakh houses approved under PMAY(Urban)

The 51st Meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) was held on 7th August, 2020 in New Delhi. The Meeting was attended by 19 States/UTs. In the meeting, 1589 proposals from participating States were approved for the construction of nearly 10.28 Lakh houses. These houses are proposed to be constructed across Beneficiary Led Construction and Affordable Housing in Partnership verticals. This was the first CSMC meeting during

the COVID-19 pandemic. This reflects the importance the Government has attached to the objective of providing pucca houses to all eligible beneficiaries of Urban India by 2022 with the vision of 'Housing for All'.

For details:

Webinar on New Technologies for various Products related to COVID 19 for MSMEs with focus of Water Purification Technologies

Prof.(Dr.) Harish Hirani, Director, CSIR-CMERI and Shri Vishwa Mohan Jha, Director, MSME-DI, Patna, deliberated upon the latest CSIR-CMERI developed COVID 19 technologies with focus on Water Purification Technologies in an engaging Webinar held on 7th August 2020. The main objective of this Webinar was to make the industries/ entrepreneur under MSME aware about the technologies developed by CSIR-CMERI, provide total engineering solution and the facilities available in CSIR-CMERI

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh's State Health Minister inaugurates Dedicated Covid Health Centre (DCHC) at Midpu under Papumpare district. DCHC has seven fully air conditioned containers with 35 beds.
- Manipur: In Manipur, 4 Doctors & one Nurse of PHC Leimapokpam found positive for COVID19. All patients who visited the health centre from August 2 to August 7 have been asked to contact authority.
- Mizoram: Seven recovered COVID-19 patients discharged today in Mizoram. Total active cases in the state stands at 270, while 296 have been discharged so far. In Mizoram, the total COVID-19 tally reached 566 so far.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 607 samples tested, out of them 31 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been detected. 12 in Kohima, 10 in Dimapur, 6 in Zunheboto & 3 in Wokha.
- Kerala: The death toll in Karipur air crash has risen to 18. Currently 149 people are in various hospitals out of which 14 are in critical condition. Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri who visited the crash site and hospitals today, announced an interim relief of Rs 10 lakh for the family of each of those who died, Rs 2 lakh each for those who suffered serious injuries and Rs 50,000 for those who suffered minor injuries. In the other tragedy which hit the state yesterday, the death toll in the landslide in Idukki has risen to 24. Around 50 more bodies are feared buried in mud. 1,251 new Covid-19 cases were confirmed in Kerala yesterday of which 1,061 were contact cases with 73 cases from unknown sources. At present 12,411 patients are under treatment and 1,49,684 people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Covid-19 cases in Puducherry cross 5000 with 268 fresh cases, toll rises to 80; total tally in the Union Territory is now 5067, while the number of active cases is 1953 and the toll has risen to 80. Giving more relaxations to the lockdown period, State to allow public worship from August 10 in small places of worship located within municipal corporation areas. State government has set aside Rs 103 crore to purchase 500 ambulances to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic. 5880 new cases, 6488 recoveries & 119 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases : 2,85,024; Active cases: 52,759; Deaths: 4690; Active cases in Chennai: 11,606.

- Karnataka: CM B.S.Yediyurappa spoke to Chief Secretary over telephone and took stock of the flood situation in the State. He instructed that the Chief Secretary can proceed with emergency measures without waiting for his approval. In view of rising covid cases among police, Bangalore city police commissioner issued guidelines for police to follow during duty. State health department has modified guidelines for international passengers and if they don't have symptoms they must be in home quarantine for 14 days. 6670 new cases, 3951 discharges & 101 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,64,924; Active cases: 77,686; Deaths: 2998; Discharges 84,232.
- Andhra Pradesh: State government has decided that people suffering from fever, breathlessness, and decreasing oxygen levels will be admitted to hospitals irrespective of Covid-19 test as waiting for test results would delay their treatment. Lockdown restrictions in Nellore city have been extended till August 23. Shops in the city will be allowed to remain open only between 6 am and 1 pm. State to place 5-10 beds with oxygen supply in each of Community Health Centers. Prakasam district administration is gearing up to re-impose a complete lockdown in the district headquarter, Ongole with coronavirus pandemic showing no signs of receding. 10,171 new cases, 7594 discharges and 89 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 2,06,960; Active cases: 84,654; Deaths: 1842.
- Telangana: Asymptomatic patients being the silent carriers of corona virus is a big concern in Telangana now. While it is a good sign that a majority of asymptomatic cases indicate a higher rate of recovery, rapid spread of the virus in a large population is what is worrying the officials. Covid-19 slows down in Hyderabad, other districts report spikes as Telangana detects 2256 more cases. 1091 recoveries & 14 deaths were also reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2256 cases, 464 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 77,513; Active cases: 22,568; Deaths: 615; Discharges: 54,330.
- Maharashtra: The Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Uddhav Thackeray has asked authorities to take strict action against hospitals for overcharging, and also called for effective bed and ambulance management amid the outbreak. Maharashtra registered a spike of 10,906 cases on Friday, which took its total reported cases to 4,90,262. The number of active cases is 1,45,582.
- Gujarat: Ahmedabad and Surat are among the 16 districts in four states reporting COVID-19 mortality higher than the national and their respective state average. The Centre has advised them to increase tests per million population and reduce case confirmation percentage in addition to ensuring availability of ambulances with a target of zero refusal. Ahmedabad and Surat have reported 27,587 and 14,777 cases till date. Total number of reported cases in Gujarat is 68,885.
- Rajasthan: The Covid 19 tally in Rajasthan crossed 50 thousand mark on Friday, with the reporting of 1,161 new cases. Active cases are 13,195. Meanwhile, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has cleared a proposal for the appointment of 6,310 community health officers under the National Health Mission.
- Madhya Pradesh: The state reported 734 new Covid 19 cases during the last 24 hours taking the overall tally to 37,298. Out of this 27,621 have recovered. The death toll is 962.
- Chhattisgarh: Two days after the former Vidhan Sabha Speaker Shri Gourishankar Agrawal was found Covid-positive, the Leader of Opposition Shri Dharamlal Kaushik has tested positive for Covid 19. The state reported 378 new cases on Friday, while the active cases are 3,002.

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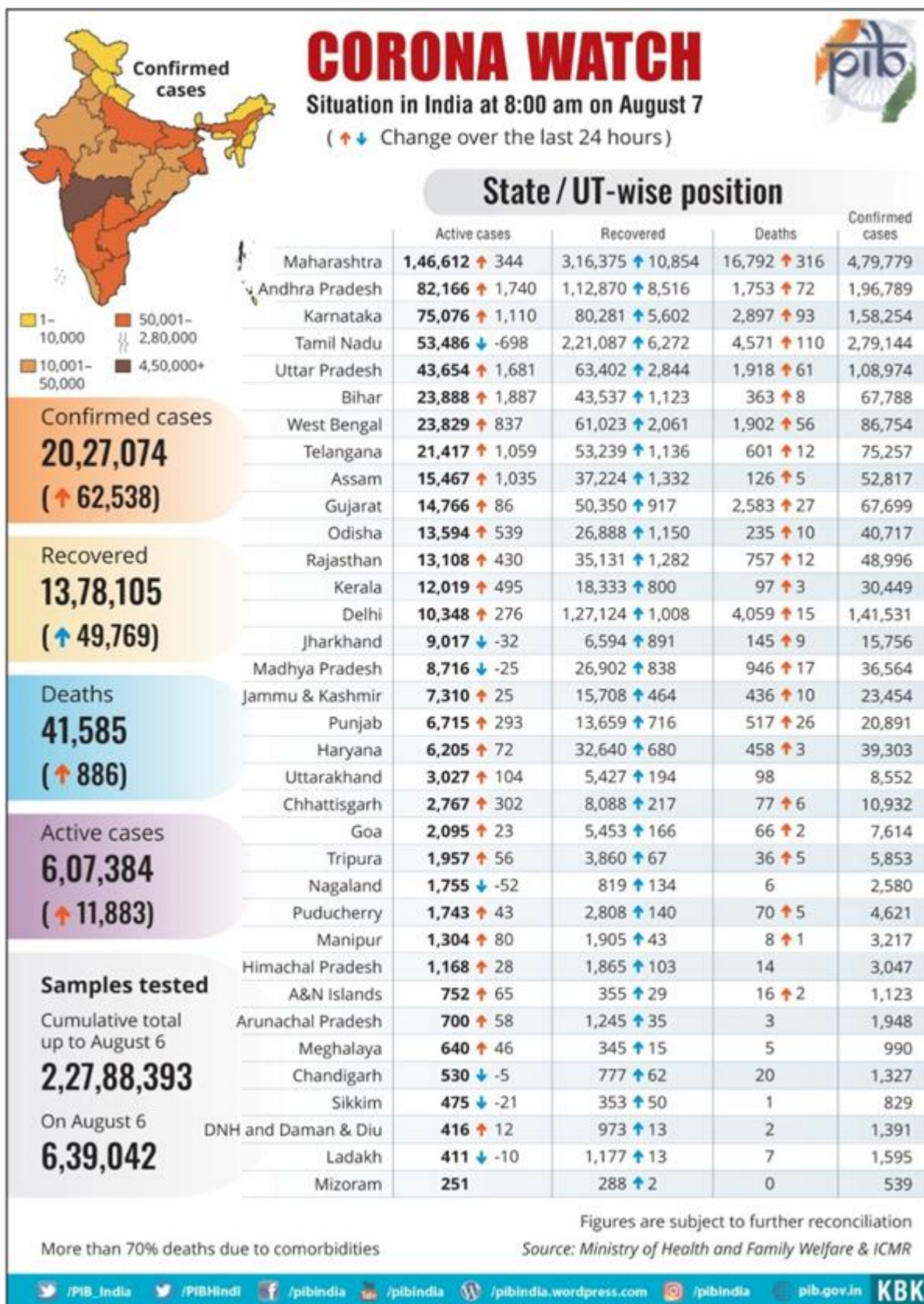
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 07 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (29.96%) 607384 (11883↑)	Discharged (67.98%) 1378105 (49769↑)	Deaths (2.05%) 41585 (886↑)
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India continues on the path of COVID-19 management boosted by two significant achievements, continuously rising recovery rate among the COVID-19 patients and Case Fatality Rate that has remained much below the global average. While the former is at a record high of 68%, the latter has touched a new low of 2.05%, thus ensuring low mortality among COVID-19 patients. These two in tandem have enabled a higher and rising difference (more than 7.7 lakhs) between the number of recovered patients and active cases in India. The total recoveries have jumped to 13,78,105 with recovery of 49,769 patients in the last 24 hours. Ramped up hospital infrastructure and emphasis on efficient treatment of hospitalized patients through the Standard of Care incorporated in the Clinical Treatment Protocol issued by the Centre, have effectively ensured improvement in the recovery rate. The average daily recovered cases (7 day moving average) have increased from around 26000 cases to 44000 cases in the last 2 weeks.

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India tests a new record of 6,64,949 tests in last 24 hours; More than 6 lakh tests done for 3rd successive day, Tests Per Million (TPM) cross 16,000

Keeping the focus on “**Test, Track and Treat**” strategy, India has continued testing more than 6 lakh COVID-19 samples for the third consecutive day in a row, on Wednesday. India’s resolve to rapidly increase the number of tests done per day has resulted in a successful march towards 10 lakh/day testing capacity with 6,64,949 tests conducted in the last 24 hours. The cumulative testing as on date has reached 2,21,49,351. The Tests Per Million too have seen a sharp rise to 16050. It is only by aggressive testing that positive cases can be identified, their contacts tracked and isolated as well as prompt treatment can be ensured. The lab network as on today consists of 1370 labs; 921 labs in the government sector and 449 private labs.

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PM delivers inaugural addresses at the Higher Education Conclave

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at the Higher Education Conclave. PM mentioned that the National Education Policy was approved after extensive deliberations over 3-4 years and brainstorming over lakhs of suggestions. He noted that healthy debate and discussions are taking place on National Education policy across the country. National Education Policy aims at making the youth Future Ready while focussing on the National Values and National Goals. Shri Narendra Modi said that the policy lays the foundation of the New India, the 21st Century India, the education and skills needed for the youth to strengthen India, to advance it to new heights of development and to further empower the citizens of India to make them suitable for maximum opportunities. The Prime Minister said National Education Policy also reflects the ideals of Guru Rabindranath on Education, which aims at bringing our lives in harmony with all the existence. He said, a Holistic Approach was needed, which the National Education Policy has achieved successfully.

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Text of PM's speech at Higher Education Conclave

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Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana Phase-I, Food Corporation of India moved total 139 LMT food grains during March 2020 to June 2020

During the period 24th March to 30th June 2020, Food Corporation of India moved about 139 LMT food grains, using nearly 5,000 rakes and nearly 14.7 LMT through 91,874 trucks across the country. Support of other Ministries such as Railways and Shipping augmented by Indian Air Force have played a crucial role in making these operations smooth and successful. For the distribution of food grains to beneficiaries, a network of about 5.4 Lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) was utilised across the country. All precautionary measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 protocol, such as social distancing, use of face masks, hand sanitizers, availability of soap and water to maintain hand hygiene, staggered distribution timings, frequent sanitization of ePoS devices, etc were followed in each State/UT, besides use of innovative practices for giving foodgrains to beneficiaries while ensuring social distancing at all times.

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Vice President praises New Education Policy for reducing the load on students

Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu praised New Education Policy for bringing down the load of students by reducing the syllabus. Delivering the first Rajalakshmi Parthasarathy Memorial Lecture through video conferencing yesterday, the Vice President stressed that students must be encouraged to place equal emphasis on physical activity and sports. He also called for making Yoga an integral part of school curriculum from an early age and said students should spend equal time in playgrounds and classrooms. Terming the recently launched New Education Policy as a visionary document, the Vice President said that it laid emphasis on holistic development of the students. Expressing concern over the disruption caused by Covid pandemic in normal academic schedule, the Vice President said that virtual classes were temporary arrangement and they cannot replace a teacher. No virtual mechanism can give the flavour of real time classroom learning. Observing that India was on the move, the Vice President said the setback caused by COVID-19 pandemic was temporary and exuded confidence that the momentum would be back. Quoting Prime Minister's three word mantra- 'Reform-Perform-Transform', he appealed to everyone to perform one's duty towards transforming the nation.

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Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Shri PiyushGoyal flagged off first “Kisan Rail”, a special Parcel Train from Devlali (Maharashtra) to Danapur (Bihar).

Indian Railways introduced first “Kisan Rail” from Devlali to Danapur today from Devlali. The train was flagged off via video conferencing by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchyati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Shri PiyushGoyal. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said, “It is a great day for farmers. Kisan Rail was announced in the budget. Agriculture produce needs best possible distribution and returns. Indian farmers have proved that they would never be deterred by any calamity or challenge. Kisan Rail will ensure that agro products reach from one corner to another corner of the country. This train will also benefit the farmers and the consumers.” Shri PiyushGoyal said, “Indian Railways has put trains in service of Farmers. It was the guidance and inspiration by the Prime Minister, Shri NarendraModiji that Indian Railways have started Kisan Rail. This train will serve as a milestone in doubling Farmers’ income. Indian Railways and Farmers had been forefront in battle against Covid challenges”

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Delhi Airport develops portal for all international arriving passengers across India

Delhi International Airport Limited today announced that it has developed a first-of-its-kind portal where India-bound international arriving flyers can fill the mandatory self-declaration form and also apply online for exemption from mandatory institution quarantine process. This facility will be available for all international arriving passengers from August 8, 2020. This will help in making passengers’ journey more convenient and comfortable in a contactless way as they won’t have to fill the physical copies of the forms on arrival. This new online self-declaration & quarantine exemption portal will prove to be beneficial for the government officials in taking a swift and informed decision on granting exemption or know the latest health condition of the international arriving passenger. Passengers would be considered for exemption only if they fall under any one of the five exempted categories - Pregnant women, Suffered a death in the family, Suffering from serious illness (Description to be provided), Parents accompanied by children below 10 years and Covid-19 negative in recent RT-PCR test.

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Shri MansukhMandaviya launches the Online Exit Examination system for seafarers

Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) Shri MansukhMandaviya launched Online Exit Examination for the seafarers via virtual ceremony here today. Seafarers, who are getting training in different Maritime Training Institutes under Directorate General of Shipping, can now appear in the exam from the comfort of their homes in this unprecedented time of COVID-19 pandemic. Shri Mandaviya said that India is the only country in the world, which has started online examination for the seafarers from the

comfort of their home in this pandemic. He said that because of the online exam, accuracy of the exam and uniformity in assessment of candidates can be ensured. With the online exam, seafarers will get a chance to qualify the exit exam at the comfort of their homes.

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INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, directed that a Committee of medical experts should be constituted to study the existing facilities in the three major medical institutions and also recommend methods to enhance COVID treatment beds, keeping in view the rising number of cases. He further directed that the guidelines notified for gymnasiums and yoga institutions should be strictly followed while opening these places. Any violation will invite closure of the unit.
- Punjab: The Punjab tourism department to provide free training and skill development to the youth interested to pursue their career in the tourism and hospitality sectors post COVID-19. Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Mr.Charanjit Singh Channi said that more than 2000 students would be trained under the umbrella scheme of 'Hunar Se RozgarTak' and they will also be assisted in placement. About 1000 students would be provided training in Skill Testing and Certification under Entrepreneurship program.
- Haryana: Haryana Chief Minister urged the patients who have recovered from COVID-19 infection to come forward and motivate people suffering from this infection to put up a tough fight against this Pandemic. He also appealed to the people who have recovered from COVID-19 infection to donate their plasma. The Chief Minister directed the officers that free pick and drop ambulance facility should be provided to the patients who need to be tested after recovering from COVID-19 or before.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, more than 98,000 samples collected for Covid-19 test so far. Namsai district administration has issued a notice to all participants of porters recruitment rally to remain in strict home quarantine for at least 14 days after detection of 55 positive cases related to rally.
- Manipur: Manipur government warns public and private hospitals to attend to all non-Covid patients and continue with health services without delay in treatment. Manipur government to provide Rapid Antigen Test kits to all hospitals through Directorate of Health Services.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram till 9am today, 320 people were tested with Rapid Antigen Test and 18 truck drivers and one local tested Covid19 positive.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 25 new COVID-19 positive cases found today. Till now 399 patients cured and discharged and 446 active cases in the State.
- Kerala: One more Covid-19 death has been reported in the state, from Kasargod. The overall tally of Covid-19 patients in the state crossed 30,000 yesterday which saw 1,298 fresh cases. As many as 11,983 patients are still undergoing treatment and 1,48,039 people are under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry reports 244 fresh Covid-19 cases, five deaths; tally rises to 4,862, active cases to 1,873 and deaths to 75 in the UT. Invitees for TN CM's Tirunelveli event test Covid positive for virus; More than 10 staff, including doctors, have also tested positive for the disease. Steps taken to simplify e-pass system, says CM Palaniswami at a function in Madurai to distribute financial assistance to kin of frontline workers who succumbed to virus. 5684 new cases, 6272 recoveries & 110 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 2,79,144; Active cases: 53,486; Deaths: 4571; Active cases in Chennai: 11,720.


- **Karnataka:** In the last one week recovery rate improved marginally in the state as well as Bangalore city, said Medical Education Minister. On July 30 recovery rate was 39.36% in state and 29.51% in Bangalore city, within a week rate gone up to 50.72% and 50.34%, he added. 6805 new cases, 5602 discharges & 93 deaths reported yesterday; 2544 cases in Bangalore city. Total cases: 1,58,254; Active cases: 75,068; Deaths: 2897; Discharges 80,281.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** About 265 prisoners' tested positive for coronavirus in Rajahmundry Central Jail. There are a total of 1,675 inmates at the Central Jail. Around 24 prison staff who came in contact with the inmates of the jail, are being treated under home isolation. In Prakasam district about 150 corona positive patients have gone missing. BJP Rajya Sabha member CM Ramesh tested positive for coronavirus. Visakhapatnam district authorities have imposed a complete lockdown in Araku Valley, the famous hill station in the Eastern Ghats from today in the wake rising corona cases. 10,328 new cases, 8516 discharges and 72 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,96,789; Active cases: 82,166; Deaths: 1753.
- **Telangana:** The rapid rise in Covid-19 cases in the state is increasing the burden on healthcare infrastructure. FICCI (Telangana) and Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FTCCI) along with the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) have recommended that the government regulate and centralise hospital admission system for coronavirus patients in the state. 2207 new cases, 1136 recoveries & 12 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2207 cases, 532 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 75,257; Active cases: 21,417; Deaths: 601; Discharges: 53,239.
- **Maharashtra:** After Mumbai and Pune districts, Thane became the third to breach the one lakh mark in cases on Thursday to reach 1,00,875 cases. The total cases in the state are now 4.79 lakhs out of which 1.46 lakh are active cases. Mumbai added 910 cases on Thursday, taking the cumulative tally to 1,20,150. However, Mumbai's share in the state's daily cases, which is on the decline, reduced to just 8% on Thursday, when Maharashtra added 11,514 cases, which is a new single day high.
- **Gujarat:** The civic authorities in Ahmedabad, Surat and Rajkot initiated fire safety audit of designated Covid-19 hospitals in the respective cities following a mishap at a similar health facility in Ahmedabad that left eight patients dead on Thursday. Shrey Hospital, the Covid-designated hospital in Navrangpura area, where the incident took place on Thursday did not have a fire safety NOC, according the Fire Safety Officer of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. Meanwhile, Gujarat reported 1,034 new Corona virus cases taking the state tally to 67,818. Out of these, 14,905 are active cases.
- **Madhya Pradesh:** The Madhya Pradesh government has relaxed night curfews by two hours and partially lifted weekend lockdowns in coronavirus-affected districts of the state, an official said. Night curfews will now be observed from 10.00 pm to 5.00 am as opposed to the earlier timing of 8.00 pm to 5.00 a.m. Madhya Pradesh reported 830 new cases and 838 recoveries on Thursday, leaving the number active cases at 8,716.
- **Chhattisgarh:** Shops and commercial establishments in Raipur and other urban parts of Chhattisgarh resumed their operations on Friday, as they were allowed to function with certain restrictions after over a two-week long lockdown came to an end on Thursday. Roads in state capital Raipur witnessed a rise in the traffic movement as all the state government and private offices, which were shut since July 22 due to the lockdown, started functioning again from Friday.
- **Goa :** Goa is all set to start administering Remdesivir anti-viral drug to Covid 19 patients. Goa's Health Department today received 1,008 vials of Remdesivir from pharma major Cipla. Goa is currently witnessing a sustained spike in the number of Covid-19 cases. The state has recorded 7,614 coronavirus cases in all, out of which 2,095 are active.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- India's COVID-19 Recovery Rate climbs to 67.62%, as total recoveries cross 13.2 lakh.
- Recovery rate reaches another record high of 67.62% amongst COVID-19 patients
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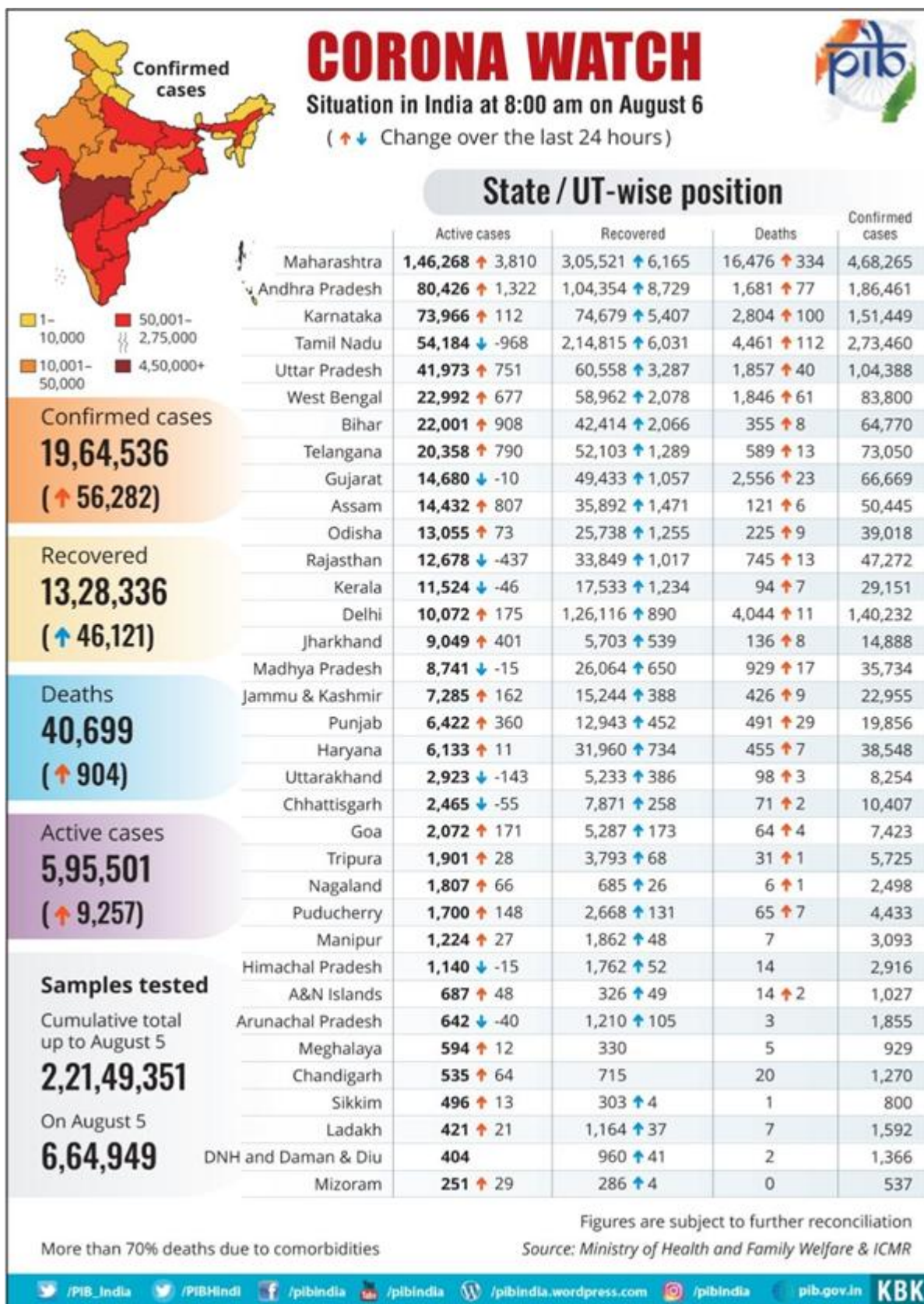
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The total recoveries of COVID-19 patients have jumped to 13,28,336 with 46,121 COVID-19 patients being discharged in the last 24 hours. With such consistent increase in recoveries, the gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has reached 7,32,835. The recovery rate has continued its

upward journey to reach another record high of 67.62% amongst COVID-19 patients. The actual case load of the country is the active cases (5,95,501) which is 30.31% of the total positive cases. They are under medical supervision either in hospitals or in home isolation. The active cases as a percentage of total cases have seen a significant drop from 34.17% on 24th July 2020 to 30.31% as on today. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has been low when compared to the global scenario and it has been progressively falling. The Case Fatality Rate stands at 2.07% today.

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Dr Harsh Vardhan interacts with WHO Regional Director and Health Ministers of South East Asia Region

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare joined a virtual meeting of the Regional Director of WHO for South East Asia (SEA) Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh with Ministers for Health of the member states of the region. The meet was focused on maintaining essential health services and public health programmes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr Harsh Vardhan spoke about India's tryst with COVID-19. "India's proactive and graded multi-level institutional response to COVID made it possible to have very low cases per million and deaths per million in spite of having a high population density and low fractional GDP spending and per capita doctor and hospital bed availability as compared to other developed countries", he pointed out. "India accordingly prioritized availability of essential health services while simultaneously managing COVID-19 pandemic", he added.

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Union Govt. releases Rs. 890.32 cr as II installment of COVID-19 Financial Package to States/UTs

Government of India has released Rs. 890.32 cr as the second installment of the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package to 22 States/UTs. The amount of the financial assistance is based on the COVID-19 case load in these States/UTs. As part of the 'Whole of Government' approach where the Centre is leading the COVID-19 response and management, and supporting the States/UTs through technical and financial resources, the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package was announced by the Prime Minister. The first installment of Rs. 3000 cr was released in April 2020 to all States/UTs to aid and enable them to ramp up testing facilities, augment hospital infrastructure, conduct surveillance activities along with procurement of essential equipment, drugs and other supplies. As part of this package, States/UTs have been strengthened with 5,80,342 isolation beds, 1,36,068 oxygen supported beds and 31,255 ICU beds. Also, 86,88,357 testing kits and 79,88,366 Vial Transport Media (VTM) have been procured by them.

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RBI provides additional monetary support to housing, rural and priority sectors

The Reserve Bank of India has announced a set of additional developmental and regulatory policy measures today to improve flow of money and provide further support to the financial system, in the wake of rising COVID-19 infections in India and the world. The Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das stated

that the measures will ease the financial stress caused by disruptions due to “the worst peacetime health and economic crisis of the last 100 years”. Here is a summary of the announcements. To mitigate impact of COVID-19 on ordinary citizens, RBI has decided to allow loans for non-agricultural purposes, against gold and jewellery, to be granted up to 90 per cent of the pledged value of gold ornaments and jewellery. This relaxation of the limit, up from current limit of 75%, shall be available till March 31, 2021. A special liquidity facility of ₹ 5,000 crore is being provided to National Housing Bank, to improve fund flow to the housing sector. A ₹ 5,000 crore fund has been earmarked for NABARD too, to improve fund availability for Non-Banking Finance Companies and Micro Finance Institutions. To address the heightened debt burdens being faced by borrowing firms, RBI has decided to enable lenders to implement a debt resolution plan for eligible corporate debts as well as personal loans.

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ENC Band Live Performance for Corona Warriors

As part of 74th Independence Day Celebrations, Eastern Naval Command organised a live performance of the Navy Band as a tribute to the Corona Warriors at BojjanaKonda heritage site in Sankaram Visakhapatnam on 05 Aug 20. CmdeSanjeevIssar, the Naval Officer-in-Charge (Andhra Pradesh) welcomed Dr.BeesettiVenkataSatyavathi, Member of Parliament AnakapalliLokSabha Constituency, the Chief Guest and all the esteemed Corona Warriors nominated by the District Administration for the event. The hour-long performance featured a wide selection of music ranging from Martial, English Pop music to some soul stirring songs of Patriotic fervor. The performance included popular and evergreen songs ‘Suno Gaur Se DuniyaWalon’ and ‘Aye Mere watanKe Logon’ and culminated with the rendition of the Tri-Services songs providing a fitting finale to the occasion. DD Hyderabad had live streamed the band performance on DD Saptagiri and DD Yadagiri.

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17 crore mandays employment provided and Rs 13,240 crore paid to migrant labourers under GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan in 6 weeks

GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan (GKRA), launched to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages and similarly affected citizens in rural areas, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, is now empowering villagers with livelihood opportunities in 116 districts of six states. The GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan is taking action on mission mode to provide employment to migrant workers who have returned to their native villages of these 6 states namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. By the sixth week itself, a total of about 17 crore mandays employment has been provided and Rs.13,240 crore has been spent so far in the of pursuit of objectives of the Abhiyaan. A large number of structures have been created under GKRA so far including 62,532 water conservation structures, 1.74 lakh rural houses, 14,872 cattle shed, 8,963 form ponds, 2,222 Community Sanitary Complex, 5,909 works have been taken up through District Mineral Fund. 564 Gram Panchayat have been provided internet connectivity and 16,124 candidates have been provided skill training through KrishiVigyan Kendras (KVKs) during the Abhiyaan.

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Dr.Jitendra Singh inaugurates ITEC-NCGG International Workshop on COVID-19- Good Governance Practices in a Pandemic

Union Minister of State for Personnel, PG and Pensions Dr.Jitendra Singh today said that India has set the tone for Global COVID Collaboration under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri NarendraModi. He said that extra ordinary foreign outreach of Shri Modi in the last six years has greatly helped in forging such an international coalition against the pandemic. He was speaking after inaugurating an international workshop on “COVID-19- Good Governance Practices in a Pandemic”,Dr.Jitendra Singh also said that team work, compassion and statesmanship have defined India’s governance in response to COVID-19 Pandemic and it withstood the Governance challenge with a robust digital framework. The road ahead focuses on “Do GajDoori” – social distancing, which has now become a global norm, the Minister added.

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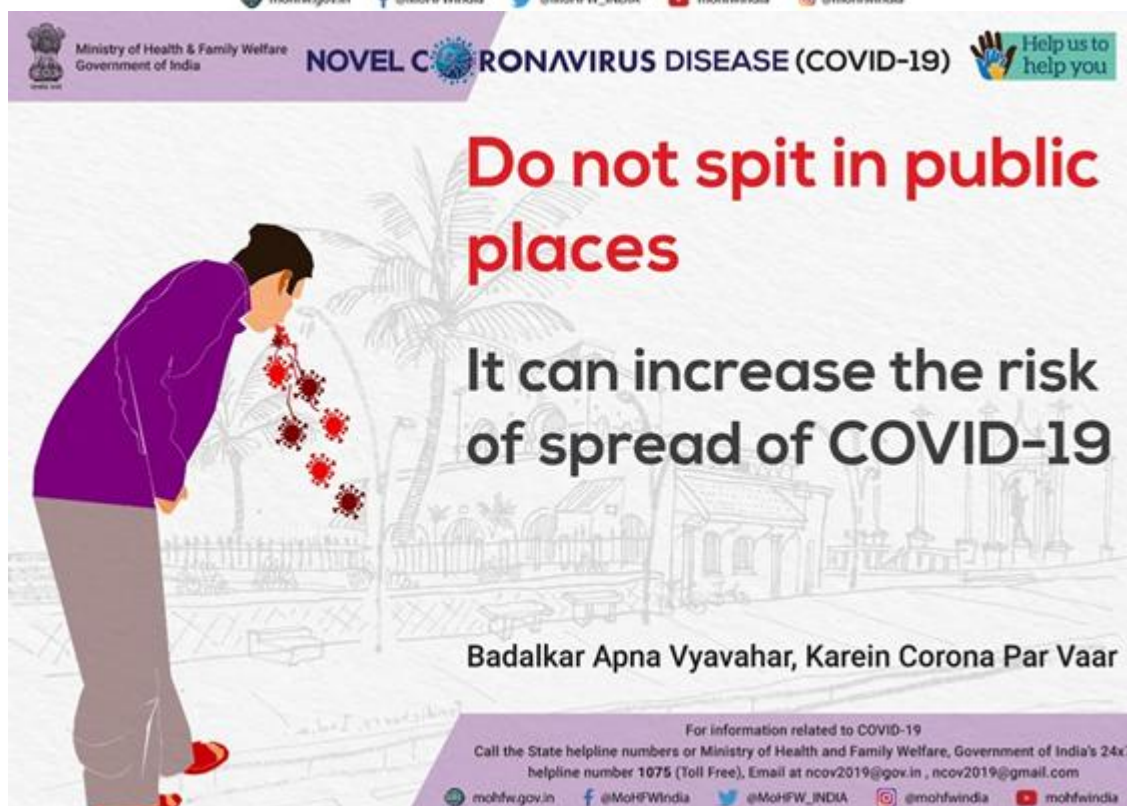
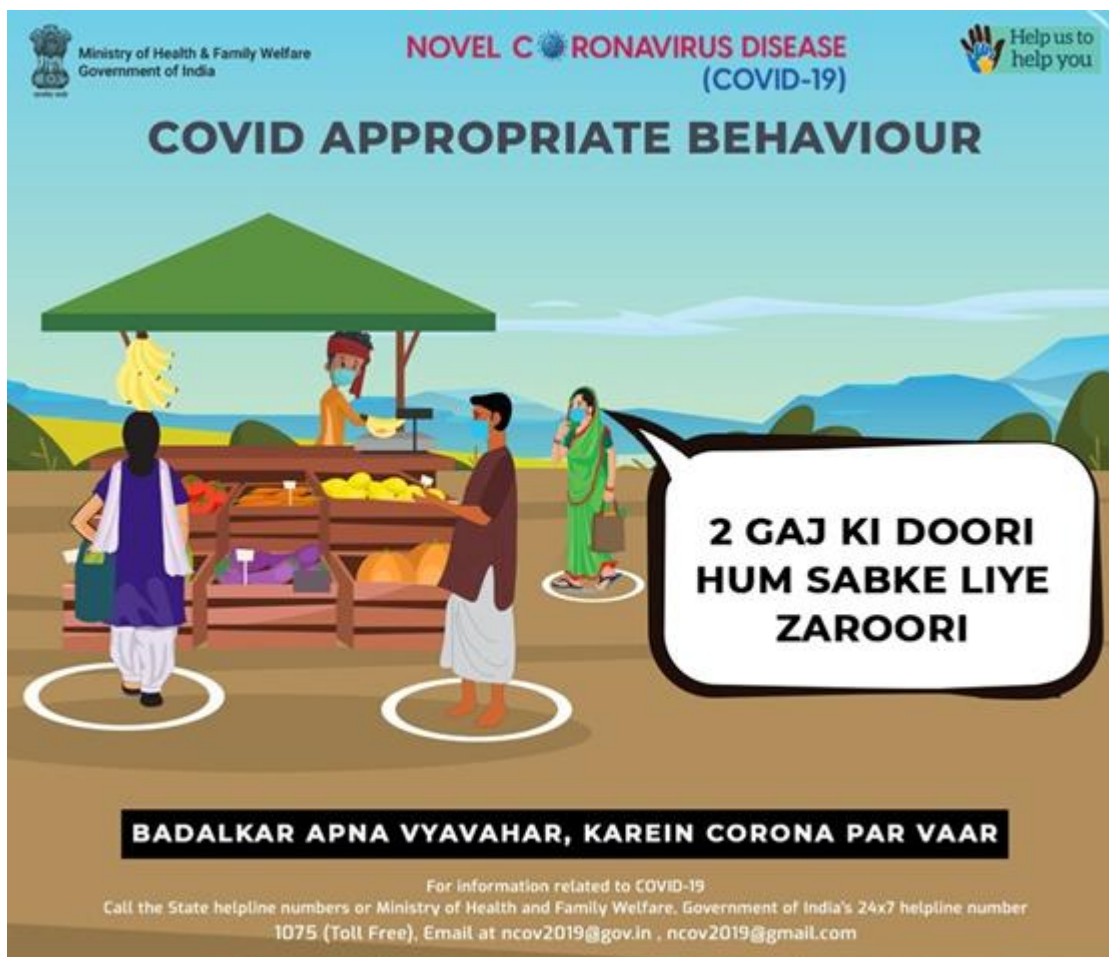
INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: The Punjab ITI students have made a remarkable contribution in the fight against COVID19 under Mission Fateh in the state by making 17 lac masks. No other technical education institute of any state of the country is even closer to this number.
- Haryana: Taking yet another step towards its commitment in providing relief to students facing financial hardship amid COVID-19, J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad has introduced and implemented a Policy to Support Economically Weaker and Needy Students with the provision to waive off or refund tuition fee upto 100% and also invite applications from those students who are unable to pay their fee or dues because of financial crunch in the family.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Governor said that Dr.Rajendra Prasad Medical College Tanda, Kangra has shown better results during last few months in dealing with COVID-19 patients which is appreciable. He added that although the Hospital was not designated as COVID-19 Hospital yet the authorities were putting in all efforts in dealing with the situation. He said that initially the hospital had a testing capacity of 107 samples but today they were testing more than 700 samples and suggested to increase the testing facility. He also directed to motivate the blood donors and coordinate other volunteer groups in organizing blood donation camps. He expressed satisfaction that the hospital has 1000-unit blood storage capacity and there is no dearth of blood in the bank.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh state govt said that for returnees willing to opt for Home Quarantine (HQ) may apply in advance in the prescribed format at dmoicitanagar@gmail.com. Only after approval one should report at check gate, and if the report is negative & clinically assigned asymptomatic, they would be allowed for HQ.
- Manipur: In Manipur, COVID-19 district Minister-in-charge of Thoubal and Kakching, Dr ThokchomRadheshyam holds an emergency meeting with the officials of the District Administration on steps to contain COVID19 in the districts.A 15-year-old boy from Phubala of Bishnupur district of Manipur, who was COVID-19 positive expired today due to Nephrotic Syndrome.
- Mizoram: Mizoram State Election Commission has announced local bodies polls. Polling will be held on 27th of this month.

- Nagaland: In Nagaland 82 new COVID-19 positive case confirmed today. Out of 606 samples tested; 58 are from Dimapur, 22 are from Kohima & 2 in Phek. Total positive cases in state stands at 2580.
- Kerala: Covid -19 cases are spiking at an alarming rate in the coastal areas of capital Thiruvananthapuram, with 104 people testing positive till noon in the rapid antigen tests being carried out. There are 13 large community clusters in the district. One more Covid-19 death has been reported in the state which is in the capital. Police has issued a new circular on certain restrictions in shops, malls and banks to be followed to prevent transmission of Covid. Heavy rains lashing the Central and northern parts of the state has posed a big challenge to the authorities in maintaining Covid protocols in relief and rehabilitation activities. Kerala recorded 1,195 new cases and 1,234 recoveries yesterday. As many as 11,492 patients are currently undergoing treatment and 1,47,974 persons are under observation in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry reports 195 fresh Covid-19 cases and five deathstaking the total number of positive cases to 4621, active cases to 1743, and deaths to 70. More than 30 people, scheduled to participate in the meetings of Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami in Dindigul on Wednesday, tested positive for Covid. Yesterday TN reported 5,175 new Covid positive cases which is fewer than earlier, and 112 deaths, the highest single-day toll. There are 54,184 active cases in the State now and the death toll has reached 4461.
- Karnataka: Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa has directed the District in-Charge Ministers to take precautionary measures in the wake of heavy rainfall across the State. He instructed the ministers to remain in their constituencies and tour the damaged areas. He also directed them to undertake relief distribution and other necessary measures. State records increase in Covid-19 cases, principal bench of HC to be closed on 7th August. 5619 new Covid cases, 5407 discharges & 100 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases : 1,51,449; Active cases: 73,958; Total Deaths: 2804.
- Andhra Pradesh: State health minister says the government is spending Rs.350 crore per month for Covid management, adding that Coronavirus diagnostic tests are being conducted in a way that is unheard of in the country. He further said that the Sanjeevani buses were introduced to collect Covid samples from even remote areas. CPI state secretary writes to CM on the ruling party leaders going to Hyderabad for Covid treatment; questioning whether the common people who are undergoing treatment in AP will have any faith in the government. 10,128 new cases, 8729 discharges and 77 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,86,461; Active cases: 80,426; Deaths: 1681.
- Telangana: State health officials are laying a lot of stress on the need to provide doctors' consultation to persons who have tested positive at the out-patient facilities across all the State-run hospitals through fever clinics. 2092 new cases, 1289 recoveries & 13 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; out of 2092 cases, 535 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 73,050; Active cases: 20,358; Deaths: 589; Discharges :52,103. The case fatality rate dropped slightly to 0.80 from 0.81 on August 3 and this is much below the national average of 2.09%..
- Maharashtra: Pune district on Wednesday breached the one-lakh grim mark of progressive positive cases with overall tally reaching 101,262. Thane is close behind with 99,563 reported cases. Pune has now joined the list of Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai which have reported over one lakh Covid cases. Maharashtra has 1.45 lakh active cases as on date.
- Gujarat: Eight patients have died in a fire that broke out at a Covid-19 designated hospital in Ahmedabad. They were being treated at the ICU of the Shrey Hospital in Navrangpura. Around 40 other patients have since been shifted to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Hospital. Prime Minister has announced Rs 2 lakh ex-gratia for the kin of the deceased.

- Rajasthan: Rajasthan, which held the top position in recovery rate not too long ago, is facing an uphill task with rapid spike in Covid cases. It took 108 days to register the first 13,000 cases, whereas the next 13,000 cases have been registered in only past 12 days. Rajasthan reported 593 new cases during the past 24 hours, even as the number of active cases is 13,630.
- Madhya Pradesh: The state reported 652 new Covid 19 cases on Wednesday, taking the total number of reported cases to 35, 734. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has been discharged from hospital after recovering from Covid 19 infection. He has been advised 7 days home isolation.
- Goa: Airports Authority of India has issued fresh guidelines for tourists arriving in Goa. They will need to undergo 14 day quarantine. Exemption shall be granted in case a Passenger is able to produce a COVID-19 negative certificate issued by ICMR recognized lab, not older than 48 hours prior to the arrival in Goa.

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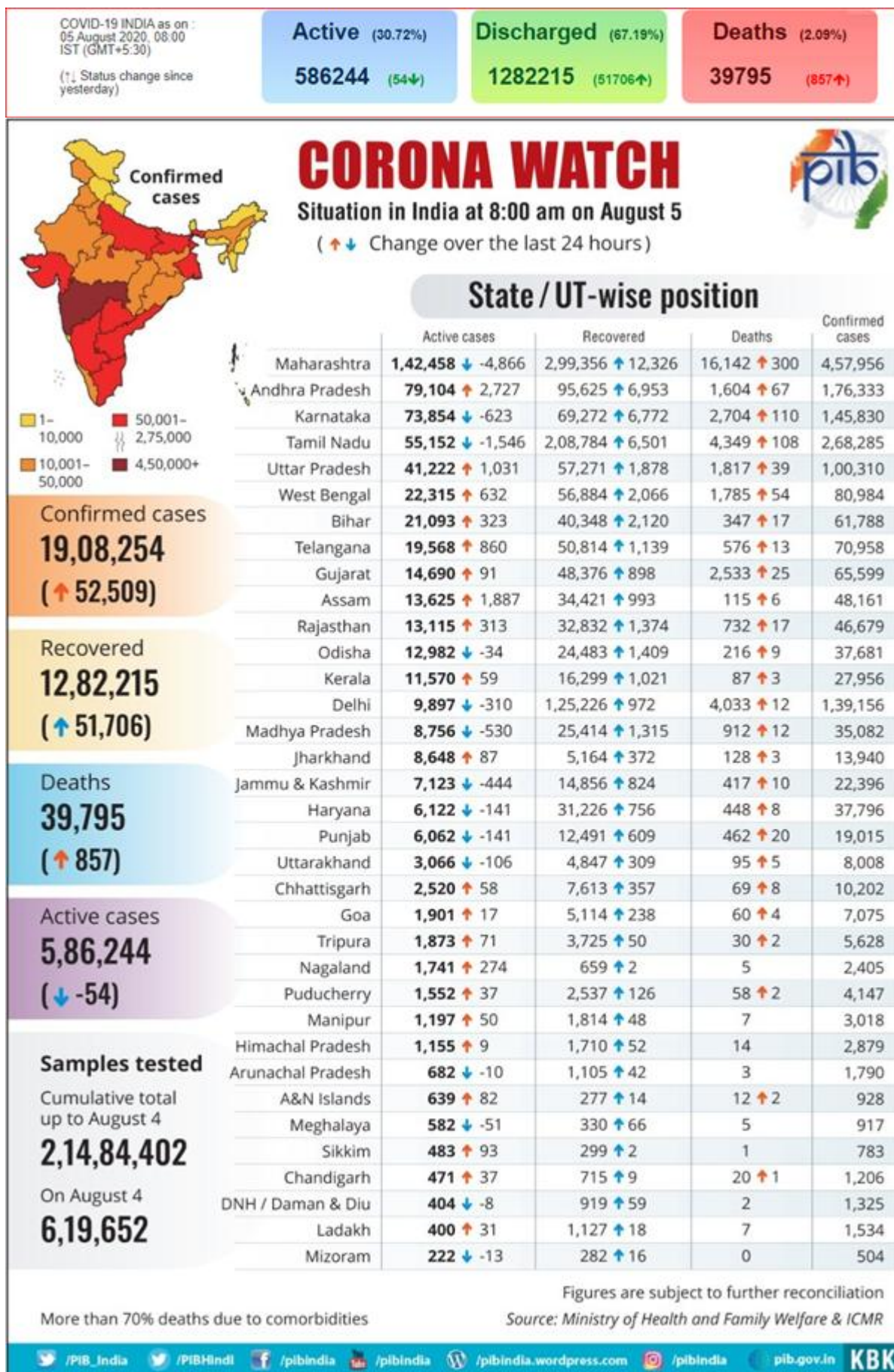
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- India tests more than 6 lakh tests in 24 hours, for 2nd day in a row; More than 2.14 crore samples tested cumulatively.
- Tests Per Million rises to 15568
- Recalling the significance of the path of 'maryada' of Shree Ram in the backdrop of the COVID situation, Prime Minister says the current situation demands the maryada to be 'do gaz ki doori – mask hai zaroori'

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India has recorded the highest ever single day recoveries in the last 24 hours. With a sharp increase of 51,706 COVID-19 patients recovering, the recovery rate has reached a new high of 67.19% and continues to improve each day. The recoveries till now total up to 12,82,215, more than twice the active cases. There has been a 63.8% increase in recovered cases in the last 14 days. Recovery Rate has improved from 63% to 67% in the last 14 days. With such consistent increase in recoveries, the gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has reached nearly 7 lakh. Due to the record highest daily recoveries, the active cases have reduced to 5,86,244 (less than 5,86,298 recorded yesterday) and all are under medical supervision. The Case Fatality Rate stands at 2.09% today.

For details:

India tests more than 6 lakh tests in 24 hours, for 2nd day in a row; More than 2.14 crore samples tested cumulatively; Tests Per Million rises to 15568

India has continued testing more than 6 lakh COVID-19 samples for the second consecutive day. With 6,19,652 tests conducted in last 24 hours, the cumulative testing as on date has reached 2,14,84,402. The Tests Per Million has seen a sharp increase to 15568. The lab network as on today consists of 1366 labs in the country with 920 labs in the government sector and 446 private labs.

For details:

PM performs Bhoomi Puja at 'Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir'; The temple should be constructed on the foundation of mutual love and brotherhood: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi performed Bhoomi Puja at 'Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir' at Ayodhya today. Terming it as historic, he said that India is starting a glorious chapter today, when people all across the country are excited and emotional to have finally achieved what they had been waiting for centuries. He expressed hope that the temple will serve as an inspiration for the entire humanity for eras to come. He said that through 'sabka saath' and with 'sabka vishwas', we need to achieve 'sabka vikaas'. Prime Minister emphasized that the temple should be constructed on the foundation of mutual love and brotherhood. He said that Ram Mandir will be a modern symbol of our culture, eternal faith, national spirit and collective will power which will inspire generations to come. Prime Minister said the construction of the temple will change the economy of the region: Prime Minister recalled the significance of the path of 'maryada' of Shree Ram in the backdrop of the COVID situation. He said that the current situation demands the maryada to be 'do gaz ki doori – mask hai zaroori' and exhorted everyone to follow the same.

For details:

Text of PM's speech at Bhoomi Puja ceremony of 'Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir' in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

For details:

Vice President's family donates Rs.10 lakhs- Rs.5 lakh each for fight against COVID-19 and for Ayodhya temple

The family members of the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today donated Rs. 10.00 lakhs in aid of the ongoing fight against COVID-19 and construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Earlier in March, Shri Naidu had donated his one month's salary to PMCARES Fund and had also announced to donate 30 % of his salary every month towards efforts to fight the Covid pandemic.

For details:

States/UTs distributed 93.5 % of allocated food grains for the period April-June 2020 among NFSA beneficiaries

All States/UTs combined have lifted about 118 LMT (99%) of three-month food grains from FCI depots/central pool for distribution of additional free of cost food grains among NFSA beneficiaries. Further, all States/UTs combined have reported a distribution of over 111.52 LMT (93.5%) of allocated food grains for the period April-June 2020. According to FCI, 37.5 LMT (94%) food grains distributed in the months of April and May 2020 covering about 75 crore beneficiaries in each month and 36.54 LMT (92%) food grains in the month of June covering about 73 crore beneficiaries. Earlier, in March 2020, pursuant to the announcement of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) to ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak in the country, the Department of Food & Public Distribution had started the implementation of "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)" for a period of three months i.e. April, May and June 2020, so that the poor and vulnerable beneficiaries under NFSA do not suffer on account of the non-availability of foodgrains during the unprecedented time of crisis.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, directed Principal Secretary Health to start Dedicated Dialysis Facility for COVID patients, who require regular dialysis. He further directed Deputy Commissioner to find additional facility, where COVID patients could be accommodated, as and when such additional facilities will be required. He stated that Community Halls located away from residential areas could be utilized for the purpose.
- Punjab: Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh lauded the state's farmers for successful diversification of nearly 2.28 lakh hectares area out of the traditional paddy cultivation cycle in the current Kharif sowing season, even while ensuring successful completion of crop acreage in terms of sowing of the Kharif 2020 crop amid COVID crisis.
- Kerala: In the wake of reports that there would be yet another spike of Covid -19 cases during August-September, today's State Cabinet meeting has decided to manifold the containment measures. CM Pinarayi Vijayan briefed the Cabinet on the rationale behind giving more responsibility to Police force in the containment strategy. Officials have been asked to check the spread of the pandemic within two weeks. However, the virus is spreading unabatedly in the rural areas of the capital despite increased containment zones. Meanwhile one more Covid death was reported in the state today, in Malappuram

inching the toll to 88. As many as 1,083 new cases were reported yesterday. 11,540 patients are still undergoing treatment and 1.45 lakh people under observation across the state.

- Tamil Nadu: TN Governor continues to be asymptomatic, says hospital; Banwarilal Purohit had tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday night. Intense testing and fever camps have helped bring the number of Covid cases down in recent days in State; sustained tracking, tracing and isolation of patients were also key, says Health Secretary. State sees marginal dip in cases as 5,063 persons test positive with 6501 recoveries yesterday. With 108 more fatalities, the overall death toll has gone up to 4,349. Total cases: 2,68,285; Active cases: 55,152 ; Deaths: 4349.
- Karnataka: Country's first mobile Covid testing lab approved by ICMR inaugurated by medical education minister Dr K. Sudhakar today at Bangalore. Developed by IISc, the lab will give results in four hours and daily 400 tests can be conducted. To address problems faced by Covid patients and their relatives, BBMP has decided to set up help desks at all private covid hospitals. On Tuesday state recorded highest number of recoveries compared to new cases. 6259 new cases, 6777 discharges & 110 deaths were recorded yesterday. Total cases: 1,45,830; Active cases: 73,846; Deaths: 2704.
- Andhra Pradesh: Health Minister assured that strict action would be taken against private hospitals for refusing to treat patients and warned that private hospitals coming to be noticed with such incidents will be dealt sternly. He also announced that the state is all set to recruit 17,000 doctors, paramedics and nursing staff in all government hospitals to keep a tab on rising Covid-19 cases. State Electricity Minister tested positive for coronavirus. Tirupati city remains a containment zone and under lockdown till August 14. State sets up Covid Emergency Numbers to communicate with doctors and ANMs across the state and to know the details of quarantine and isolation centers. 7822 new cases, 5786 discharges and 63 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,66,586 Active cases: 76,377; Deaths: 1537.
- Telangana: While less number of women have contracted coronavirus in Telnagana, the age group of 21-30 seems more vulnerable than other age groups. Of the total positive cases in the state, 65.6% are men while the remaining 34.4% cases are women. Of this, the highest percentage (22%) of cases among women belong to the 21-30 age group. 2012 new cases, 1139 recoveries & 13 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2012 cases, 532 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases 70,958; Active cases: 19,568; Deaths: 576; Discharges: 50,814.
- Manipur: Manipur Chief Secretary held a review meeting with top officials of the state police, army and paramilitary forces to chart out strategy to combat Covid19.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 94 new Covid19 positive cases have been confirmed today. Out of them, 89 are from Dimapur & 5 from Kohima . Necessary contact tracing has been activated and all primary contacts are under self-isolation.
- Maharashtra: The state now has twice the number of recovered patients than the active cases, as the recovery rate at 65% has been inching towards the national average of 66%. Out of 4.57 lakh reported cases, 2.99 lakh have recovered leaving 1.42 lakh active cases. In an important decision to bring back normalcy in Mumbai, the city's civic body has eased lockdown norms from today allowing various trade activities. Odd-even rule for shops has been done away with and Malls have been allowed to open.
- Gujarat: With the state launching foot to door surveillance and mass screening in the new areas in micro containment zones, Covid 19 testing in Gujarat has increased significantly. 20,735 tests were conducted yesterday, taking the total number of tests above 8.54 lakhs till now. Gujarat has an active case count of 14,811
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, All Yoga centres and gyms in the state reopened today as part of the state government's Unlock 3.0 plan. Health Minister Raghu Sharma has informed that the situation of Covid

patients who have received plasma therapy is improving. There are 13,115 active cases in the state

- **Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, 413 mask banks have been set up so far under an 'Ek Mask-Anek Zindagi' campaign aimed at protecting citizens from Corona infection. So far, over one lakh 30 thousand masks have been donated by various institutions and citizens in this campaign, which is being hailed as a success. The state reported 797 new cases on Tuesday.

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- Empowering those discriminated
- Supporting the most vulnerable during #COVID19
- Building health infrastructure
- Scaling up educational infrastructure

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Empowering Those Discriminated Since Ages	1.75 lakh Pahari speaking families now get benefits of reservations
Supporting the Most Vulnerable During COVID-19	35 Lakh People Supported ₹500 Crore to support the needy
Building Health Infrastructure	Health Emergency Services UPGRADED 102 AMBULANCE SERVICES OPERATIONALIZED TELE RADIOLOGY IS 24x7x365 IN 15 HOSPITALS
Scaling Up Educational Infrastructure	50 NEW COLLEGES 25,000 ADDITIONAL COLLEGE SEATS IN A SINGLE YEAR LARGEST SINGLE ADDITION IN LAST 70 YEARS

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Domicile Law in UT of J&K implemented to protect people's interest, Domicile Certificate made basic eligibility condition for Govt Recruitment; All erstwhile PRC holders automatically eligible for Domicile Certificate;



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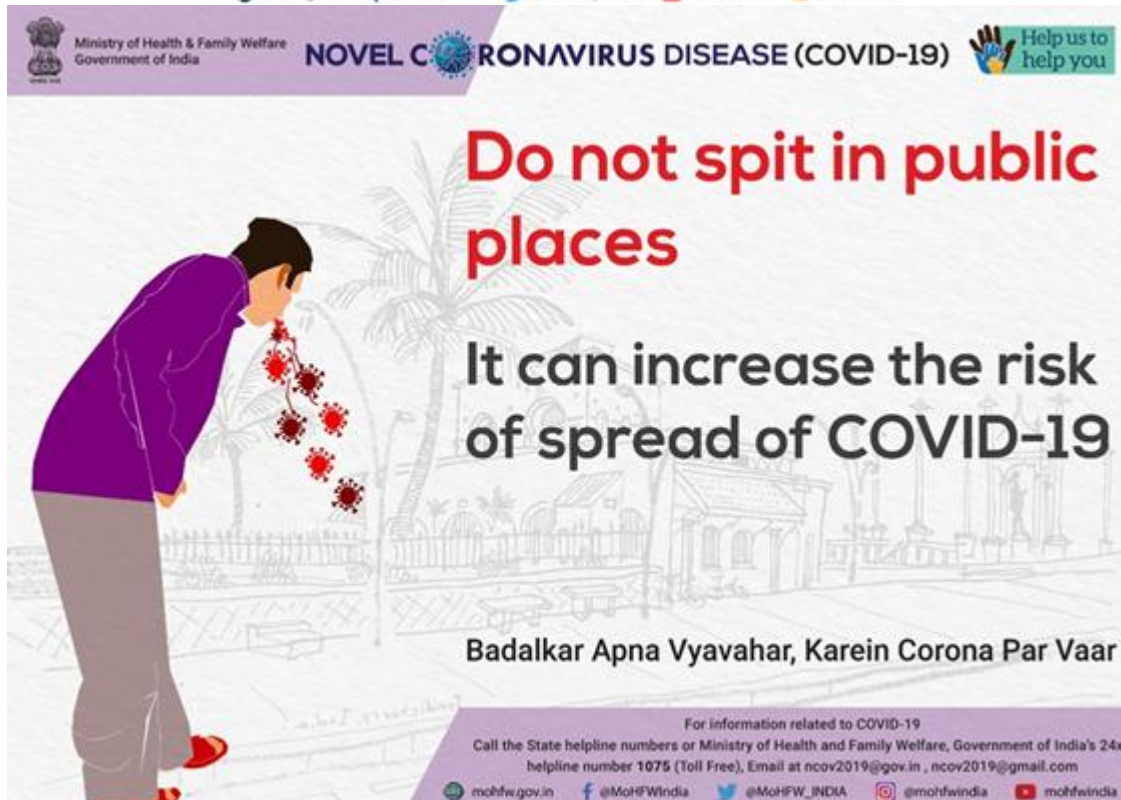
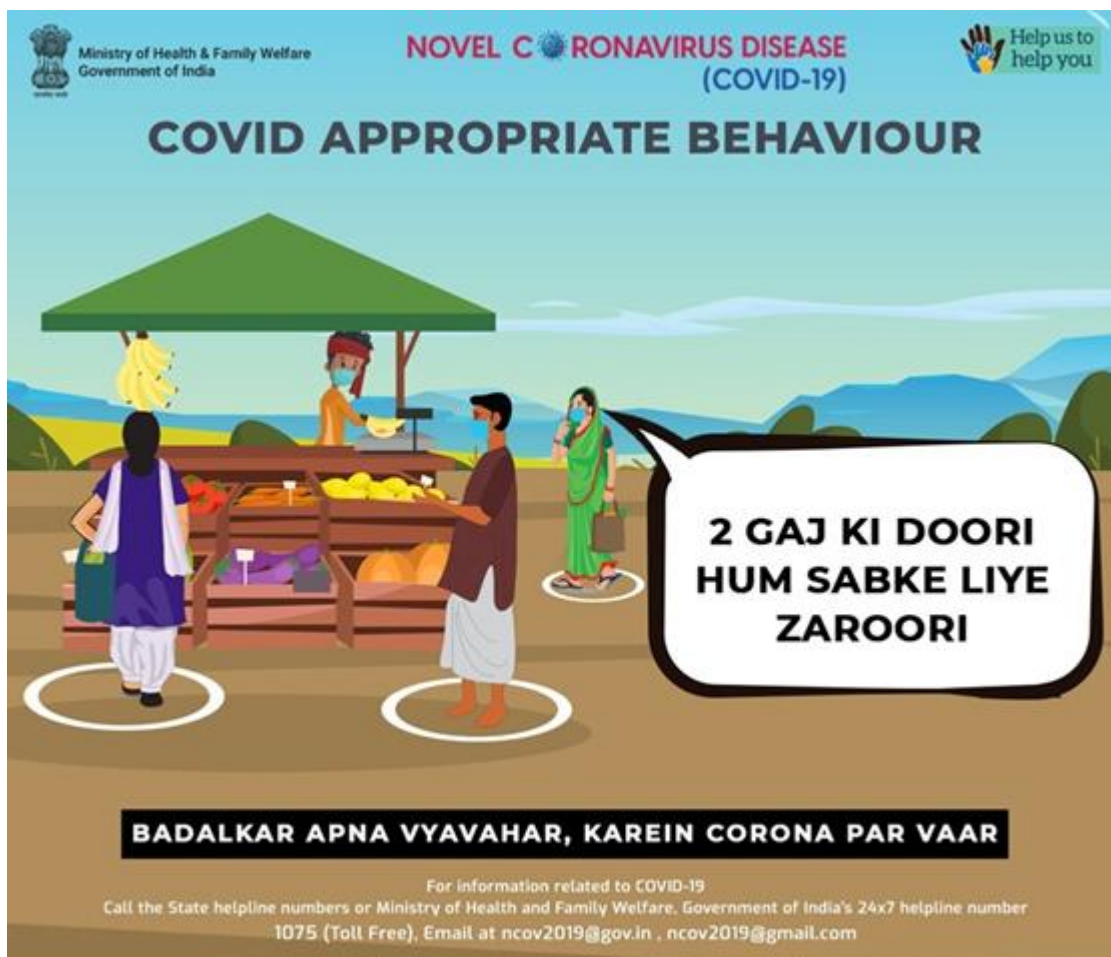
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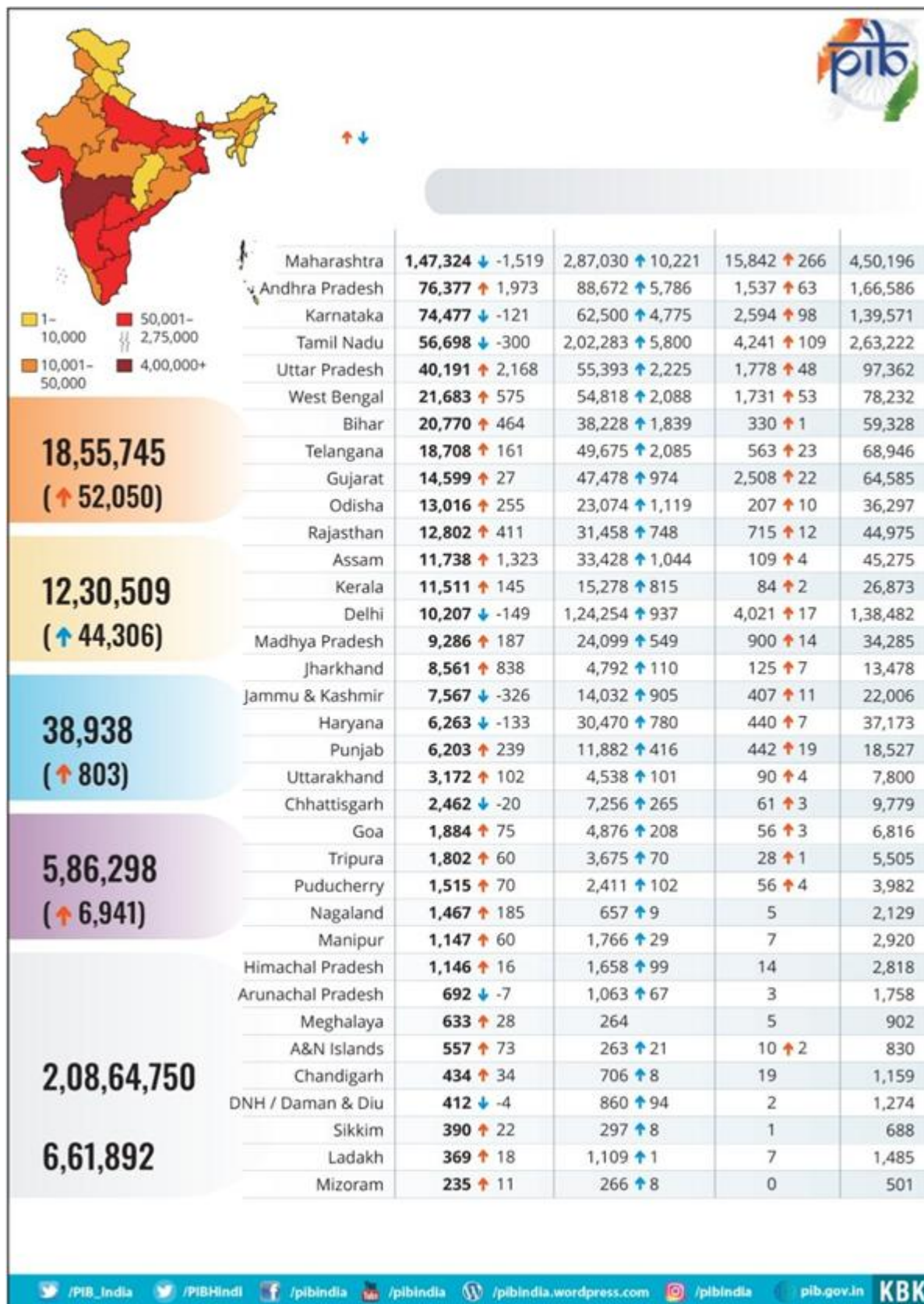
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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 04 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (31.59%) 586298 (6941↑)	Discharged (66.31%) 1230509 (44306↑)	Deaths (2.10%) 38938 (803↑)
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India's total recovered cases are now double the active cases; Total recoveries cross 12.3 lakh; Recovery Rate jumps to 66.31%; Case Fatality Rate further reduces to 2.1%

With 12,30,509 total recoveries, India's recovered cases are twice the active cases, as of today. 44,306 patients discharged in the last 24 hours. This has taken the recovery rate among COVID-19 patients to 66.31%. The active cases (5,86,298) account for 31.59% of total positive cases and all are under medical supervision. India has registered the lowest CFR since the first lockdown at 2.10% as compared to the global average. The mortality analysis of the present

data shows that 50% of deaths have happened in the age group of 60 years and above; 37% deaths belong to 45 to 60 years age group; while 11% deaths belong to 26-44 years age group. In the gender wise distribution, 68% of people who died were men and 32% were women.

India tests more than 6.6 lakh samples in last 24 hours; 28 States/UTs conducting more than 140 tests/day/million; 28 States/UTs with positivity rate less than 10%

A record 6,61,892 samples were tested for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours. This takes the cumulative testing to 2,08,64,750 samples and the Tests per Million (TPM) to 15,119. While India conducts 479 tests/day/million on an average, there are 28 States/UTs in India which are conducting more than 140 tests/day/million, prescribed by WHO. India's average positivity rate stands at 8.89%, as on date. There are 28 States/UTs which have positivity less than 10% which indicates that the testing strategy is on the right track. The effort of Centre and State/UT governments is to further improve the Positivity Rate to 5%. With the aim to conduct 10 lakh tests daily, the testing capacity is being continuously ramped up. The testing lab network in the country currently stands at a total of 1356 labs in the country; 917 labs in the government sector and 439 private labs.

Assam gets own 24/7 Doordarshan Channel

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar launched Doordarshan Assam, a 24-hour dedicated channel for the State, via video conferencing from New Delhi today. Speaking on the occasion the Minister said "the channel is a gift to people of Assam and this channel will cater to all sections of the population of Assam and will be immensely popular." Secretary, Min. Of I&B, Shri Amit Khare said that Assam is the gateway to north-east and north-east is the gateway to ASEAN countries added that the State can be a great link between India and ASEAN. During the current Covid-19 crisis, as an interim measure, the uplinking is being done on the channels originated from North Eastern states round-the-clock. From the month of April 2020, DD Nagaland, DD Tripura, DD Manipur, DD Meghalaya, DD Mizoram have been converted provisionally into 24x7 channels from limited hours channels by utilizing the DD News/DD India streams given the limited resources available at the respective originating Kendras.

For details:

GRANT OF PERMANENT COMMISSION TO WOMEN OFFICERS IN INDIAN ARMY: ARMY HQ ISSUES DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Consequent to the receipt of formal Government Sanction Letter for grant of Permanent Commission (PC) to Women Officers in Indian Army, the Army HQ is in the process of convening a Special Number 5 Selection Board for screening women officers for grant of PC. Towards this end, detailed administrative instructions have been issued to all affected women officers giving out guidelines for submission of applications for consideration by the Board. Due to the prevailing restrictions imposed by the COVID situation, multiple means of dissemination of instructions have been adopted to ensure that these documents reach all affected women officers on priority. The Selection Board will be scheduled immediately after receipt and verification of applications.

For details:

Union HRD Minister releases the NCERT eight-week alternative academic calendar for upper primary stage developed under guidance of MHRD

Union Minister of Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' released the Alternative Academic Calendar at upper primary stage virtually yesterday. In order to engage students meaningfully during their stay at home due to COVID-19 through educational activities, with the help of their parents and teachers, the alternative academic calendars for students, parents and teachers at primary and upper primary stage have been developed by the NCERT. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the calendar will empower our students, teachers, school principals and parents to find out positive ways to deal with Covid-19 using on-line teaching-learning resources and

also improving their learning outcomes. He further said that the Calendar provides guidelines to teachers on the use of various technological tools and social media tools available for imparting education in fun-filled, interesting ways, which can be used by learner, parents and teachers even while at home.

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ER Performs Record Sale of Scrap Worth Rs. 29 Cr. during Lockdown through E-auctions

While the deadly Coronavirus Pandemic lockdown brought everything to a halt and adversely affected the earnings of the railways due to the non-operations of the trains in full capacity, the wheels of striving for the best at Eastern Railway (ER) are kept on. The Materials Management department of ER initiated new ways to enhance the earnings through sale of unserviceable materials (Scrap) released from various activities of the railways during this period. ER has sold scrap materials worth Rs. 29 Crore in the lockdown. The Dept. identified all the scrap lying along the track lines and workshops in the months of April to July 2020.

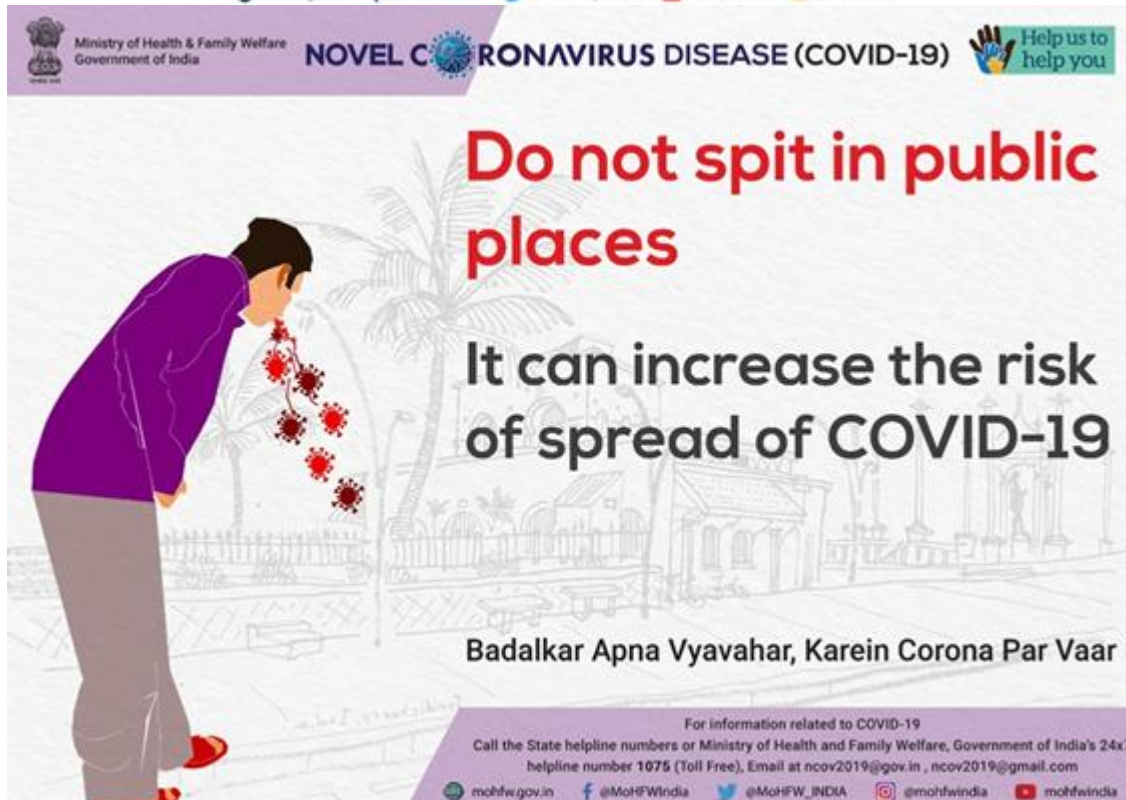
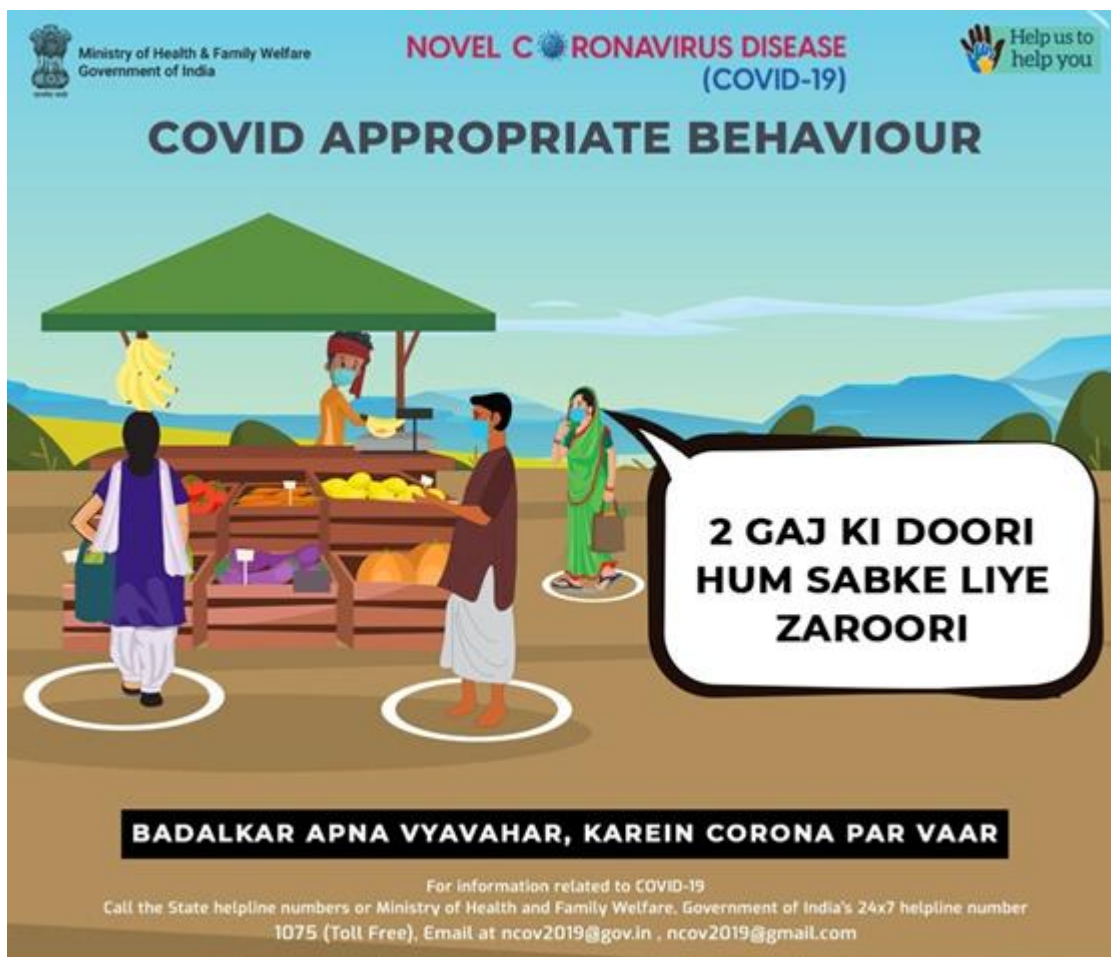
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INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: In a major relaxation in the lockdown norms, the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai - MCGM said all shops in the city are allowed to remain open all days from Wednesday irrespective of the odd-even rule. Malls and market places will be allowed to work from 9 am to 7 pm from. However, theatres, food courts/restaurants will continue to remain shut. The rate of Covid infection in Mumbai has since slowed down and the city is reporting under 1,000 cases on many days. Maharashtra, although has 1.47 lakh active cases.
- Gujarat: Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation(AMC) has added four more areas in the Micro Containment Zone. Door to door surveillance and testing drive will be launched in these areas from Tuesday (today). AMC has also sealed citi's Alfa mall for violating the norms of social distancing. Gujarat reported 1,009 new cases as well as 974 recoveries on Monday, leaving the active case load at 14,614.
- Rajasthan: 1,145 new Covid cases have been reported in Rajasthan taking the state tally to 45,555. However, the number of active cases is 12,785. The state government is planning to impose lockdown in Alwar, Barmer and Bikaner districts to contain the spread of infection.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh 588 police personnel, including officials, have tested positive and around 2,000 have been quarantined so far. The state reported 750 new cases on Monday
- Chhattisgarh – RT-PCR based Covid tests have been started at the Ambikapur Medical College today. ICMR has recently allowed RTPCR test in the newly constructed high level BSL-2 Lab of three medical colleges in the state, Bilaspur, Ambikapur and Rajnandgaon. Chhattisgarh has 2,503 active Covid cases.
- Kerala: Three Covid deaths were reported in the state taking the death toll to 87. Various organisations in the health sector have come up against the govt.'s decision to hand over the responsibilities of Covid resistance to the police force. IMA, Kerala Government Medical Officers' Association, Health inspectors' Union etc have opposed the decision. Meanwhile, State level nodal officer of COVID resistance activities, Vijay Sakhare IPS said that police will concentrate on stopping the disease transmission with a strategy including compulsory quarantine, tracing source and marking containment zones with accurate target. Kerala had confirmed 962 new positive cases yesterday. Currently 11,484 patients are undergoing treatment and 1.45 lakh people under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: IIT-M and a healthcare start-up develop device to monitor patients; the low-cost equipment has already been deployed to monitor 2,000 patients in hospitals in the city. Manpower shortage and virus fear keep people away from dining-in; only a meagre 20 per cent of the city's hotels preferred to let customers in. Covid positivity rate increases to 8.39% in Coimbatore; according to health officials, the sudden surge in the positivity rate is attributed to the rise in fresh cases from hotspots. 5609 new cases, 5800 recoveries & 109 deaths reported yesterday in TN. Total cases reported: 2,63,222 ; Active cases: 56,698; Deaths: 4241.
- Karnataka: Former Karnataka CM Siddaramiah tests positive for Covid-19 after incumbent BS Yediyurappa. Difficult to restore normal functioning of courts soon, says Karnataka HC. Karnataka HC on Monday asked the Centre and State

to make it clear whether or not services will be denied to people who have not downloaded the ArogyaSetu app. Karnataka drops to third spot in top active Covid cases; the state's recovery rate, too, has improved to 44.78 per cent from 42.81 per cent. 4752 new cases, 4776 discharges & 98 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,39,571; Active cases: 74,469; Deaths: 2594.

- Andhra Pradesh: State has issued a GO on providing assistance to the families of corona victims in Andhra Pradesh. Collectors were instructed to give Rs 15,000 towards funeral expenses to the families of the deceased coronavirus patients and Rs 5,000 to those who donate plasma after getting well. The Centre lauds Anantapur District Collector for taking measures to contain coronavirus. 7822 new cases, 5786 discharges and 63 deaths reported yesterday in the State. Total cases: 1,66,586; Active cases: 76,377; Deaths: 1537.
- Telangana: Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad has decoded 400 whole-genome sequences and submitted them to global database of SARS-CoV-2 (coronavirus). Of the 2,000 genome sequences submitted to GISAID database from India, majority are from CCMB. 1286 new cases, 1066 recoveries & 12 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1286 cases, 391 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 68,946; Active cases: 18,708; Deaths: 563; Discharges :49,765.
- Manipur: Social Welfare Minister of Manipur, Shri KipgenNemcha inaugurated District COVID Care Centre at DIET Centre, Leikop, Kangpokpi. JNIMS hospital authority in Manipur said that all the health care workers including doctors and nurses and other support staff have been provided with adequate PPE, N-95 masks, face shield, gloves and hand sanitizers etc. to avoid accidental infection to corona warriors.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram the much-awaited inauguration of the 'Thenzawl Golf Resort' was conducted virtually by Hon'ble Minister of Tourism (IC) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel today. The project is implemented under SwadeshDarshan Scheme.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland 276 new Covid 19 positive cases have been confirmed today. Out of them 187 from Dimapur & 89 from Mon.
- Sikkim: 95 new cases of Covid-19 patients reported in Sikkim today. Total active cases in the State stands at 473. Cumulative cases so far 761 with 1 casualty. So far, 28089 tests were carried in Sikkim.



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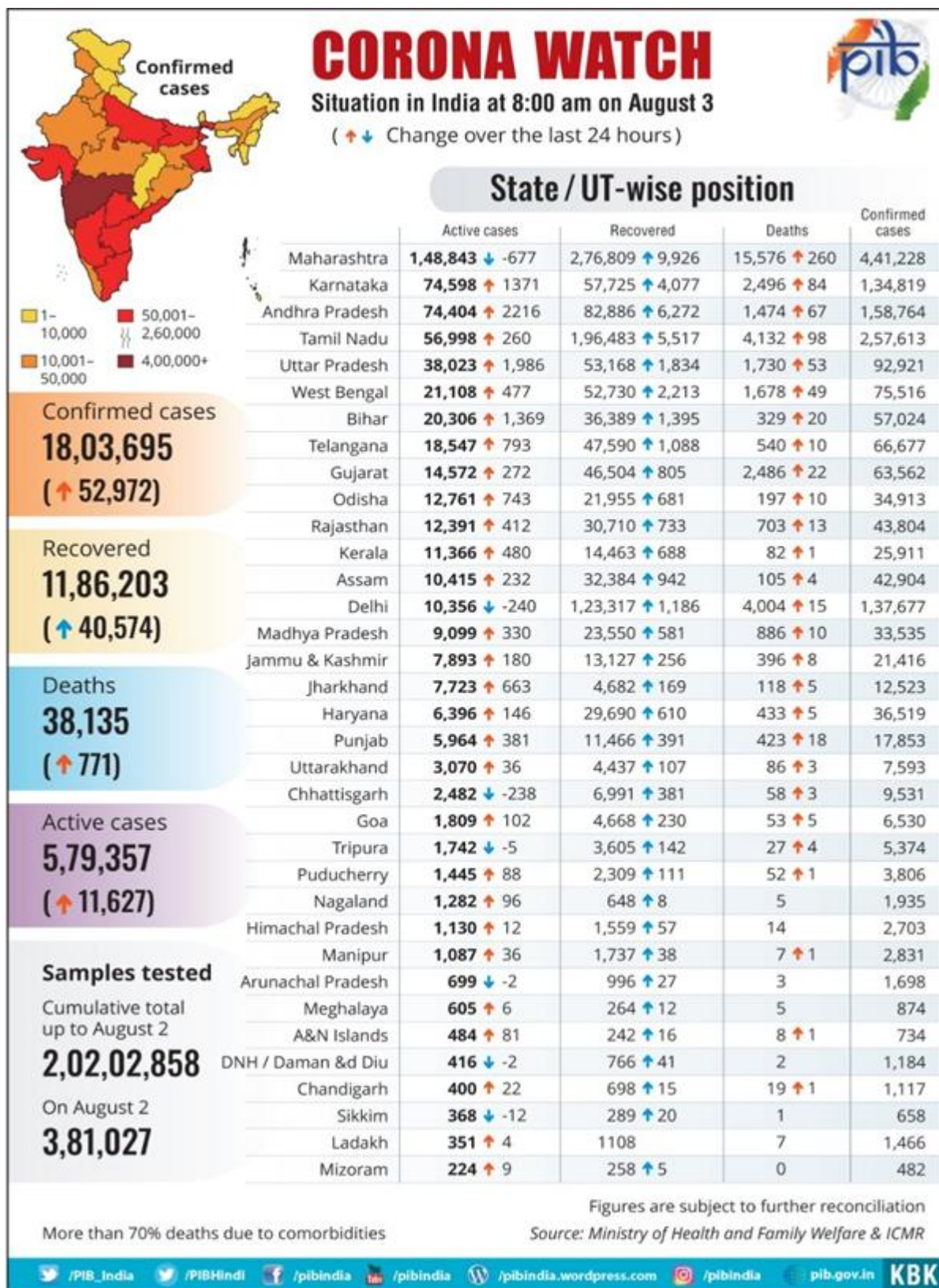
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- India crosses a milestone, more than 2 crore COVID tests conducted
- Tests Per Million increases to 14640
- DCGI approves Phase II+III trials of Oxford University vaccine by Serum Institute, Pune;
- India's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) further drops to 2.11%;
- Total Recoveries more than 11.8 lakh; Recovery rate is 65.77%.
- Actual active case load is 5,79,357 and all are under medical supervision

(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

COVID-19 INDIA as on : 03 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (32.12%)	Discharged (65.77%)	Deaths (2.11%)
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DCGI approves Phase II+III trials of Oxford University vaccine by Serum Institute, Pune; India's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) further drops to 2.11%; Total Recoveries more than 11.8 lakh

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has given approval to Serum Institute of India, Pune to conduct Phase II+III clinical trials of Oxford University-Astra Zeneca COVID-19 vaccine (COVISHIELD) in India. This will hasten the development of the COVID-19 vaccine. India continues to improve the Case Fatality Rate (CFR), and maintain its global position of having one of the lowest COVID fatalities rates. With a further fall, the current CFR touched 2.11% today. India has seen more than 40,574 patients recovered in the last 24 hours. This takes the total recoveries to 11,86,203 and Recovery Rate to 65.77% amongst COVID-19 patients. With improving daily recovery number, the gap between the recovered cases & the active cases has increased to more than 6 lakh. Presently, it is 6,06,846. This means the actual active case load is 5,79,357 and all are under medical supervision. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued Revised Guidelines for International Arrivals

For details:

India crosses a milestone, conducts more than 2 crore COVID tests; Tests Per Million increases to 14640

In a landmark achievement, India has tested 2,02,02,858 COVID-19 samples so far. With 3,81,027 samples tested in the last 24 hours, the number of Test Per Million (TPM) has increased to 14640. While the country's TPM has demonstrated a steady upward trend indicating the growing testing network, 24 States and UTs have reported higher testing per million than the national average. The testing lab network in the country is continuously strengthened with 1348 labs in the country; 914 labs in the government sector and 434 private labs.

For details:

Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network has ensured essential immunization services during the COVID pandemic

Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) is an innovative technological solution, aimed at strengthening immunization supply chain systems across the country. This is being implemented under National Health Mission by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. eVIN aims to provide real-time information on vaccine stocks and flows, and storage temperatures across all cold chain points in the country. This robust system has been used with the requisite customization during the COVID pandemic for ensuring continuation of the essential immunization services and protecting children and pregnant women against vaccine preventable diseases. eVIN combines state-of-the-art technology, a strong IT infrastructure and trained human resource to enable real time monitoring of stock and storage temperature of the vaccines kept in multiple locations across the country. eVIN has reached 32 States and Union Territories (UTs) and will soon be rolled-out in the remaining States and UTs. To support the Government of India's efforts to combat COVID-19, eVIN India is helping the State/UT governments monitor the supply chain of COVID response material. Since April 2020, eight States (Tripura, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Maharashtra) are using the eVIN application with 100% adherence rate to track State specific COVID-19 material supplies, ensure

availability and raise alerts in case of shortage of 81 essential drugs and equipment. This strong platform has the potential to be leveraged for any new vaccine including COVID-19 vaccine, as and when available.

For details:

Telephone conversation between PM and President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Dr Ashraf Ghani had a telephonic conversation today. Both leaders exchanged greetings on the joyous festival of Eid – ul – Adha. President Ghani thanked Prime Minister Modi for timely supply of food and medical assistance to meet Afghan requirement. Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment to the people of Afghanistan in their quest for a peaceful, prosperous and inclusive Afghanistan.

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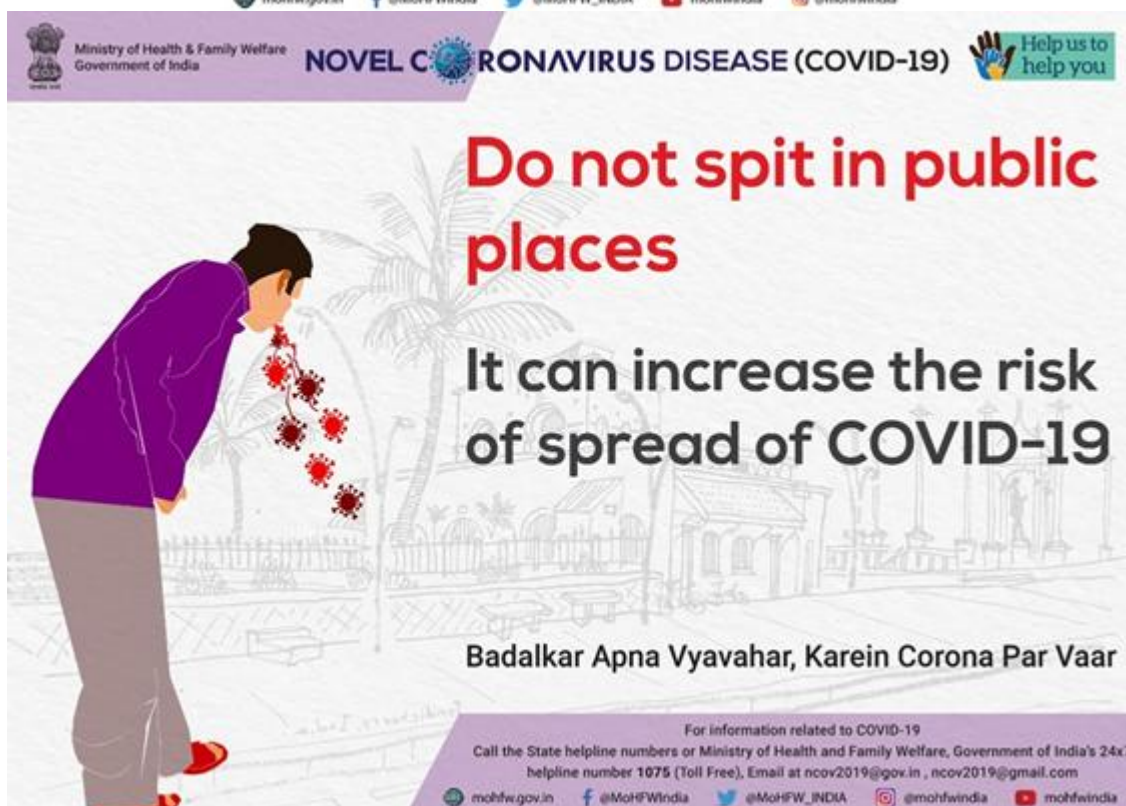
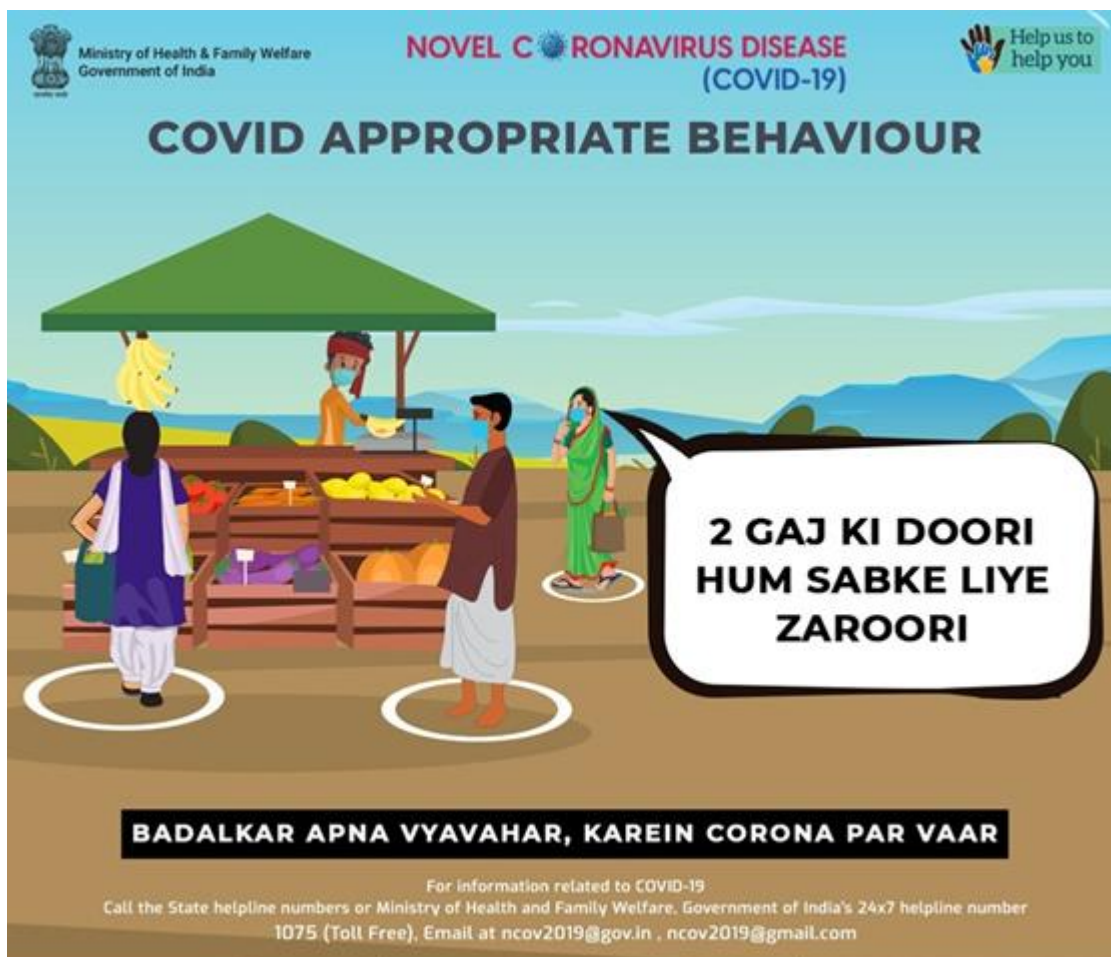
INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: To ensure the safety of pregnant women from the corona virus, the Health & Family Welfare Department has imparted special training to 70 Gynaecologist for providing tele-medicine consultations to pregnant women. Besides this, separate labour rooms have been set up in all district hospitals to conduct the deliveries of COVID19 positive pregnant women.
- Maharashtra: Rural Maharashtra has been reporting a surge in Covid-19 cases on the back of easing of lockdown restrictions. The adjoining rural areas of Mumbai's satellite cities – Thane, Raigad etc have also reported spike in cases. A similar trend has been recorded in other rural areas of districts such as Nashik, Aurangabad, Dhule, and Sangli. Maharashtra on Sunday recorded 9,509 new Covid cases, even as 9,926 patients were discharged from the hospitals after treatment. The number of active cases in the state is 1,48, 537. Due to improved recovery rate, many people are seen coming forward for COVID tests keeping the fear aside.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, 805 COVID-19 patients were discharged on Sunday and the recovery rate has further improved to 73.16 %. 46,587 patients have recovered in the state so far. 1101 new cases have been reported taking the total confirmed cases to 63,675. Maximum new cases reported from Surat (209) and Ahmedabad (143). Currently there are 14,601 active cases.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 12 COVID-19 deaths on Sunday, taking the total number of fatalities due to the disease to 706. The state also reported 565 fresh coronavirus cases this morning, pushing the total caseload to 44,975. Of them, 12,488 are active. A total of 29,697 people have recovered so far.
- Madhya Pradesh: Total cases have gone up to 33,535 after the 921 new cases reported on Sunday. As per the state health bulletin, 581 coronavirus patients were discharged from the hospitals on

Sunday taking the number of recovered cases in the state to 23, 550. There are now 9,099 active cases and 886 deaths so far. There are 3, 246 active containment zones in the state.

- Chhattisgarh: The Chhattisgarh government has set up 157 COVID care centres with 18,598 beds in the state for treatment of coronavirus patients with no or mild symptoms. Arrangements are being made to increase the availability of beds for such patients to 25,000. The state has 2,482 active cases.
- Goa: A record spike of 337 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday took the infection count in Goa to 6,530, while the death of 5 people increased the toll to 53. Meanwhile, the Goa Government has started the Convalescent Plasma therapy treatment of critical patients affected by Corona Virus.
- Manipur: CM of Manipur Shri N Biren Singh today inaugurated and operationalised the new 300 bedded Covid Care Centre at Manipur Trade & Expo Centre, Lambikhongnangkhang. This facility can be further upgraded to a 1000 bedded Covid Care Centre if the need arises.
- Mizoram: 8 recovered COVID-19 patients discharged in Mizoram today. Total cases in the state stands at 482. Out of them 216 are active cases and 266 discharged so far.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland 194 new Covid 19 positive cases have been confirmed today. 136 from Dimapur, 36 from Zunheboto & 22 from Kohima. In Nagaland vigorous contact tracing have been activated and all primary contacts are under self isolation for the new Covid19 Cases.
- Kerala: CM Pinarayi Vijayan said negligence and laxity has contributed to the spread of Covid-19 in the state. He pointed out that the present situation is the result of compromise in Covid protocols and careless behaviour. Inaugurating 102 Family Healthcare Centres through video conference, he also warned that stringent action will henceforth, be taken against those who violate the government's norms. Three Covid deaths were reported today, taking the toll to 85. The number of Covid patients is increasing in the state. 1169 people were confirmed of the virus yesterday. 10,788 people contracted the disease in 11 days. 991 are contact patients and source of 56 is unknown. 11,342 patients are undergoing treatment for the virus infection and 1.45 lakh people are under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Four more succumb to Covid-19 in Puducherry, 178 fresh cases reported; total cases increase to 3982, active cases to 1515 and deaths to 56. While the government Arts college faculties will be starting online classes to second and third year students from Monday, faculties have urged the higher education department to allocate fund to grade - II colleges similar to grade-I to execute online classes completely. A day after Nagappattinam MP from CPI M Selvarasu tested COVID-19 positive, another Lok Sabha MP Karti P Chidambaram, who represents Sivaganga constituency, has been tested positive for the virus on Monday. Number of cases continued to soar in Chennai's neighbouring districts with Chengalpattu reporting 446 cases, Kancheepuram 393 and Tiruvallur 317. 5875 new cases & 98 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases reported: 2,57,613; Active cases: 56,998; Deaths: 4132.
- Karnataka: Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa has tested covid positive and admitted to hospital; he is 'clinically stable' as per hospital reports. While the occupancy of beds existing Covid Care Centres are around 60 to 65% over past 10 days, the ramping-up of such facilities has been temporarily put on hold. On Sunday the number of Covid patients discharged was more than the number of patients discharged in Bangalore city. 2331 patients discharged and 2105 were the new cases reported. 5532 new cases & 84 deaths reported yesterday; Total cases till now: 1,34,819; Active cases: 74,590; Deaths: 2496.

- Andhra Pradesh: With Covid-19 cases in Krishna district crossing 7500 mark by Sunday, complete lockdown has been implemented in Machilipatnam from today for a week. After videos on social media being circulated highlighting the plight of patients in Visakha Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), the State designated Covid hospital, about severe staff crunch especially the nursing staff, Visakhapatnam district collector clarified that a total of 100 nurses were deployed to VIMS for all shifts, adding that recruitment of 213 nurses will be completed in a day. 8555 new cases and 67 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,58,764; Active cases: 74,404; Deaths: 1474.
- Telangana: As per State bulletin there is no shortage of beds for Covid-19 patients in government, private teaching hospitals and corporate hospitals in Telangana. There are 14,571 vacant beds while there are 5936 beds vacant beds available in government hospitals. 983 new cases, 1019 recoveries & 11 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 983 cases, 273 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 67,660; Active cases: 18,500; Deaths: 551; Discharges: 48,609.



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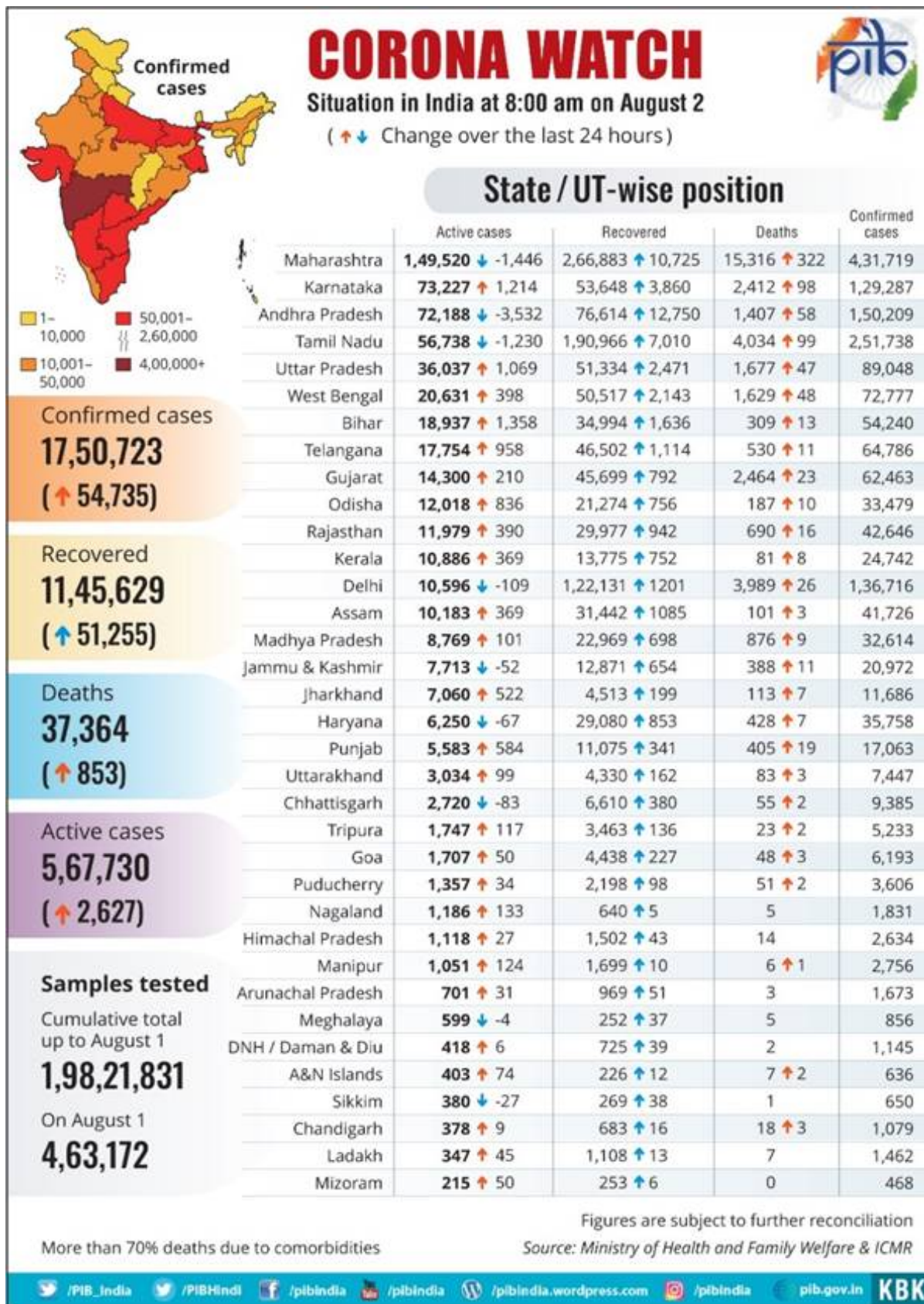
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- India records highest ever single day COVID-19 recoveries of 51,255
- Total recoveries nearly 11.5 lakh
- Recovery Rate reaches a new high of 65.44%
- Case Fatality Rate continues its downward slide to 2.13%
- Active cases (5,67,730) account for 32.43% of the total cases
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan announces the successful completion of first Pan-India 1000 Genome sequencing of SARS- CoV-2

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 02 August 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	Active (32.43%)	Discharged (65.44%)	Deaths (2.13%)
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India records highest ever single day COVID-19 recoveries of 51,255; Total recoveries nearly 11.5 lakh; Recovery Rate reaches a new high of 65.44%; Case Fatality Rate continues its downward slide to 2.13%

More than 51,000 recoveries were registered in India in the last 24 hours. With 51,225 patients cured and discharged, India's total recoveries from COVID-19 have touched 11,45,629. With the highest ever single day increase in recovered patients in the last 24 hours, the recovery rate has seen a high of 65.44%. This means that more and more COVID-19 patients are getting cured and discharged. On 10th June 2020, for the first time, the total number of recovered patients exceeded the active cases with a difference of 1,573 which has increased to 5,77,899 as on today. The active cases are the actual case load for India and currently the active cases (5,67,730) account for 32.43% of the total cases and all are under medical supervision either in hospitals and in home isolation. India has one of the lowest Case Fatality Rate (CFR) at 2.13% as compared to the global average.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan announces the successful completion of first Pan India 1000 Genome sequencing of SARS- CoV-2

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister for Science & Technology, Health & Family Welfare and Earth Sciences announced the successful completion of PAN-India 1000 Genome sequencing of SARS- CoV-2 yesterday. He took a meeting with Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and reviewed the COVID-19 activities of DBT, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and DBT-Autonomous Institutions (AIs). During the meeting, Dr. Harsh Vardhan also launched and dedicated to the nation the largest network of five dedicated COVID-19 Bio-repositories established by Department of Biotechnology in record time. These are at Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) Faridabad, Institute of Life Science (ILS) Bhubaneswar, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) New Delhi, National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) Pune and Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (InStem) Bangalore. He complemented the efforts of DBT in "the relentless war for mitigation of this Pandemic".

For details:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacts with the participants of Grand Finale of the largest ever online hackathon in the world

Speaking at the Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon, Prime Minister said that students are working on several solutions to the challenges being faced by the country. Along with providing solutions to the problems, it also strengthens India's aspirations regarding Data, Digitization and Hi-tech Future. On the New education policy, the Prime Minister said it was drafted keeping in mind the thoughts, needs, hopes and aspirations of 21st century youth. This is not just a policy document but also a reflection of aspirations of more than 130 crore Indians, he added. PM said while the Policy focuses on Local, equal emphasis has been laid on global integration. Top Global Institutions have been encouraged to open campuses in India. Earlier, Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the Grand Finale of 4th edition of Smart India Hackathon (Software) – 2020. He said that Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, envisages a Digital India to bridge the digital divide in our country and further promote digital literacy in order to make development a comprehensive mass movement and put governance within everyone's reach in India. We all are witnessing dividends of Digital India initiatives in the current COVID 19 Pandemic.

For details:

JNCASR scientists devise adaptive model to estimate & strategize critical resources in pandemic

Healthcare in a country faces a catch-22 situation in the early stages of an epidemic – specific and accurate tests are required to trace and isolate the infected, and to scale up the novel tests, one needs to have estimates of the expected number of infections weeks to months in advance. And then, these numbers need to be used to predict healthcare inventory requirements in every district of the nation. How does one use models for these estimates when the inputs to the models could be rampant with uncertain parameters? Scientists from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), an autonomous institute under Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), have developed a model to address this problem using an adaptive strategy and the early phase of COVID-19 as an example.

For details:

Shri Nitin Gadkari approves a New Scheme to Make India Aatmanirbhar in Agarbatti production

Union Minister for MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari has approved a unique employment generation program proposed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to make India Aatmanirbhar in Agarbatti production. The program named as “Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission” aims at creating employment for unemployed and migrant workers in different parts of the country while increasing domestic Agarbatti production substantially. The scheme has been designed in wake of the two major decisions – import restriction on Raw Agarbatti and increase in import duty on Bamboo sticks.

For details:

In a first, Ministry of Railways organizes Virtual Retirement Function for 2320 superannuating officials

In a first event of its kind, Ministry of Railways organized a virtual retirement function for the Indian Railways officers/staff superannuated on 31st July, 2020. This was an event where all the Zones/Divisions/Production Units were connected on a single platform along with the officers and staff. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Piyush Goyal said, “It is a day of Happiness and Sadness. It is a happy occasion because the employees have served long period in different areas, capacities, responsibilities. In past few years, Railways have shown improvement in their style of working. In COVID phase, freight trains, parcel trains, Shramik Special trains were moved. Railways have put in best efforts to serve the nation during the pandemic. Railway employees are no less than Corona warriors. I would like to compliment the staff for putting best efforts during the fight against COVID.”

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Under Mission Fateh, the awareness campaign on Corona Prevention initiated by Punjab Government, the Department of Medical Education and Research is taking steps to combat COVID-19 through specialized training of medical colleges, district hospitals and frontline workers at the grass root level by adopting the latest approach instead of traditional methods.
- Kerala: Six Covid deaths, including that of an 11-month old baby, have been reported in the state today. Contact cases are increasing unabated in the state capital with infections spreading out of clusters in the

coastal areas. More than 50 people have been infected in one of the major colonies in the heart of the city in the past 3 days. A DYSP and another six policemen at Police headquarters have also been tested positive. 14 inmates of Kollam jail have also been confirmed of the infection. Meanwhile, according to organisers, the Kochi-Muziris Biennale would be held in line with the Covid-19 norms. As many as 1,129 new active cases were confirmed in the State yesterday of which 880 were through contact with 58 cases having unknown source. There are 10,862 active cases and 1.43 lakh people under surveillance in various districts.

- **Tamil Nadu:** The School Education Department has recommended schools to invite Covid-19 survivors and frontline workers, including doctors, sanitary workers, paramedical staff and volunteers, as chief guests for this year's Independence Day celebrations. TN Governor Banwarilal Purohit, who was under home quarantine, visits private hospital in Chennai. State records 2.5 lakh virus cases, Chennai crosses 1 lakh. 5,879 more test positive even as 7,010 are discharged on Saturday; State's toll goes up to 4,034 with 99 deaths.
- **Karnataka:** Number of containment zones in Bangalore city crosses 20,000. A 110 year old woman who tested covid positive has successfully recovered in Chitradurga town. Karnataka State Human Rights Commission has booked case against the state government over alleged negligence in dealing with covid 19 patients based on complaint filed by former congress minister. 5172 new cases, 3860 discharges & 98 deaths reported yesterday; 1852 cases in Bangalore city. Total cases: 1,29,287; Active cases: 73,219; Deaths: 2412.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** State Health Commissioner says the Covid-19 situation in Andhra Pradesh is not worrisome and the State is fully geared up to provide treatment to all those affected as there is a buffer in terms of infrastructure and medicines. At present, 2,800 ICU beds, 11,353 beds with oxygen support and 12,000 general beds are available; 26,153 beds remain unoccupied in government and private hospitals together, Health Commissioner said. 9276 new cases, 12,750 discharges and 58 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases reported: 1,50,209; Active cases: 72,188; Deaths: 1407.
- **Telangana:** Private hospitals in Hyderabad continue to insist on cash despite warning by IRDA. State government panel to crack the whip on private hospitals fleecing Covid-19 patients. Over 5,000 critically ill Covid-19 patients — many with multiple co-morbidities — have been treated and completely recovered from the state-run Gandhi Hospital. 1891 new cases, 1088 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1891 cases, 517 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 66,677; Active cases: 18,547; Deaths: 540; Discharges: 47,590.
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu met Governor Dr B D Mishra and discussed the developmental issues and the status of the CoVID-19 management in the state.
- **Assam:** The COVID-19 mortality rate in Assam is 0.24%, the recovery rate is 75% and test per million is 27,544 tweeted Assam's Health Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- **Manipur:** The state of Manipur has recorded 2756 cases of Covid19 so far. There are 1051 active cases with a recovery rate of 61%.
- **Maharashtra:** As per Unlock 3.0 guidelines, Malls are gearing up to reopen in Maharashtra from August 5, after a gap of nearly four and a half months. Out of 75 large malls, half of them are located in the Mumbai Metropolitan region. Although allowed to remain open from 9 a.m to 7 p.m. the customer response is not likely to be very enthusiastic. Maharashtra has 1.49 lakh active cases and reported 15,316 deaths till date. The state reported 10,725 recoveries on Saturday while adding 9,761 new cases.
- **Gujarat:** The total number of covid-19 recoveries in Gujarat has crossed 45,000 mark with another 875 Covid-19 patients being discharged from various hospitals across the state on Saturday leaving the

number of active cases at 14,327. The state saw 1,136 new Covid cases being reported during the past 24 hours, with Surat reporting 262 cases followed by Ahmedabad 146.

- Rajasthan: 561 new positive cases have been reported today morning. Maximum cases are from Kota (100 cases), followed by Jaipur (77 cases) and Pali (58 cases). The number of active cases is 12,391.
- Madhya Pradesh: 808 new positive cases came to light in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 32,614. The maximum cases on Saturday was reported from Bhopal (156 cases), followed by Jabalpur (125 cases) and then Indore (120 cases). With 698 recoveries on Saturday, the active cases count now stands at 8,769.
- Goa: More than 25 days after the Goa Government permitted hotels to start operations, most hotels have decided to postpone re-opening till October- November this year. A majority of hoteliers said that it doesn't make "business sense" to operate with minimal occupancy, and so have decided to wait till September to take a call. Goa has 1,705 active cases with 280 new cases reported on Saturday.

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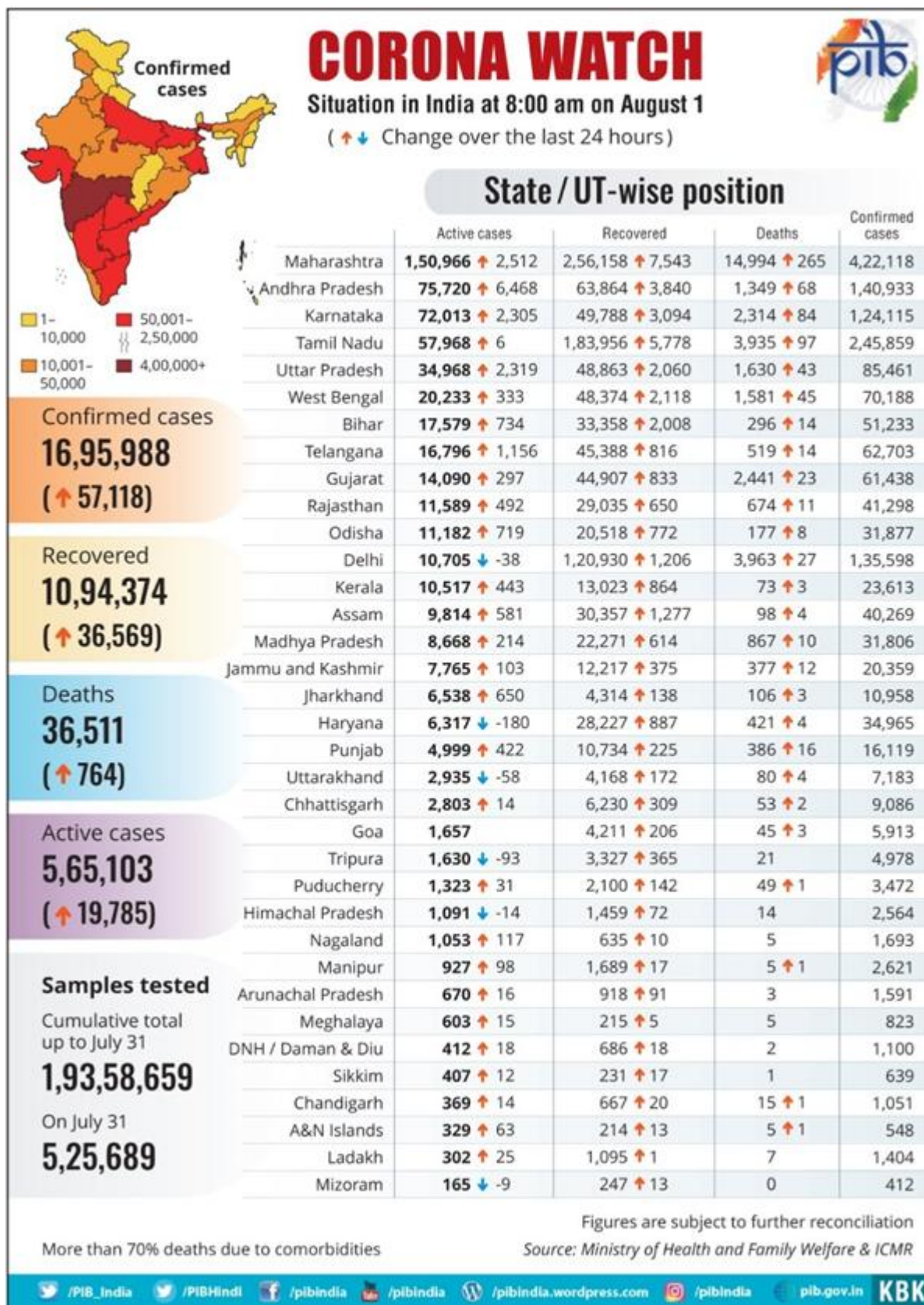
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- India's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) lowest at 2.15% since 1st Lockdown.
- Total recoveries nearly 11 lakh; More than 36,500 recovered in last 24 hours
- Recovery rate stands at 64.53% amongst COVID-19 patients
- 5,65,103 active cases and all are under medical supervision.
- Government decides to permit exports of ventilators.
- ₹ 87,422 crore gross GST revenue collected in July

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The Case Fatality Rate in the country stands at 2.15% today and it is lowest since the 1st Lockdown started. It has been continuously reducing from around 3.33% in mid-June. Successful implementation of effective containment strategy, aggressive testing and standardized clinical management protocols based on a comprehensive Standard of Care approach have resulted in a consistent addition of more than 30,000 recoveries/day. The total number of recovered cases is nearly 11 lakh. With 36,569 patients discharged in the last 24 hours, the total recoveries have jumped to 10,94,374. The recovery rate stands at 64.53% amongst COVID-19 patients. The gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases currently stands at 5,29,271. Active cases (5,65,103) are under medical supervision. As on today, there are 1488 dedicated COVID Hospitals, 3231 dedicated COVID Health Centres and 10,755 COVID Care Centres to combat COVID-19 in the country.

For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs session of Bureau of the Executive Board of WHO

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare presided over a meeting of the Bureau of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO), virtually. The Bureau also includes the Vice Chairs of the Executive Board and the Director General of WHO. Recollecting the global crisis COVID 19 has unleashed, he said; "It is about four months ago that the WHO declared the COVID-19 as pandemic. About 17 million people have been infected by COVID-19 and more than 662 thousand precious lives have been lost world wide due to this pandemic. The magnitude of the damages caused to the world economy is also immense." He further stated "The world has now realised the importance of health and the need for greater cooperation amongst countries to tackle the risks and dangers being posed by innumerable communicable and non-communicable diseases. In the era of globalisation, when the world is a large home to all humanity, the risk and challenge to spread of a disease is even bigger since it does not distinguish between boundaries of countries." In this regard, Dr Harsh Vardhan urged WHO members "to forge multi-sectoral collaboration to mobilize and galvanize global response, support and cooperation to fight communicable and non-communicable diseases more effectively." There is a need to explore innovative ways to address new threats and challenges in the post pandemic phase, he added.

For details:

Riding on the heels of falling Case Fatality Rate, the Union Government decides to permit exports of ventilators

The Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19 has considered and agreed to the proposal of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare allowing the export of made-in-India ventilators. This decision has been communicated to the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for further needed action to facilitate the export of indigenously manufactured ventilators. This significant decision comes on the heels of India continuing to maintain a progressively declining low rate of case fatality of COVID-19 patients, which currently stands at 2.15%, which means that fewer numbers of active cases are on ventilators.

For details:

₹ 87,422 crore gross GST revenue collected in July

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of July, 2020 is **₹ 87,422 crore** of which CGST is **₹ 16,147 crore**, SGST is **₹ 21,418 crore**, IGST is **₹ 42,592 crore** and Cess is **₹ 7,265 crore**. The revenues are 86% of the GST revenues in the same month last year. The revenues for the

last month were higher than the current month. However, it is important to note that during the previous month, a large number of taxpayers also paid taxes pertaining to February, March and April 2020 on account of the relief provided due to COVID-19. It may also be noted that the taxpayers with turnover less than ₹ 5 core continue to enjoy relaxation in filing of returns till September 2020.

For details:

Four more States/UTs linked with One Nation One Ration Card scheme today

While taking note of the requisite technical readiness of 4 more States/UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Nagaland and Uttarakhand, the Department of Food & Public Distribution has enabled the integration of these 4 States/UT with existing 20 States/UTs for the National Portability. With this, now a total of 24 States/UTs are connected under One Nation One Ration Card from today w.e.f. 1st August 2020. One Nation One Ration Card is an ambitious plan and endeavour of DoFPD, to ensure the delivery of food security entitlements to all beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), irrespective of their physical location anywhere in the country, by implementing nation-wide portability of ration cards

For details:

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar expresses satisfaction at good harvest and kharif crop sowing operations despite the coronavirus pandemic

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that agriculture and rural sectors have the inherent capabilities of lifting the country out of any crisis. Expressing satisfaction at the good harvest and kharif crop sowing operations despite the coronavirus pandemic, Shri Tomar said that in future also, rural India and the farming community will play a leading role in achieving Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's goal of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. History is witness to the fact that the country's farmers and rural economy have never succumbed to any adversity.

For details:

Shri Nitin Gadkari launches Khadi's Gift Box of Silk Mask

You can now gift your families and friends an attractive gift box of exclusive Khadi Silk Face Masks. Union Minister for MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari yesterday launched the Gift Box, developed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). The gift box consists of four handcrafted silk masks in different colors and prints. The masks are packed in a beautifully crafted handmade paper box in black color with golden embossed printing.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, stated that all efforts should be made to detect covid infected persons early, so that timely treatment could be given. He directed Deputy Commissioner to take the help of Volunteers, Resident Welfare Associations to detect such cases. He directed Director General of Police to enforce greater strictness in monitoring visitors from outside, who could be carriers of covid.
- Punjab: Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh launched a nutritional drink 'Verka Haldi Dudh', produced by Milkfed to boost people's immunity amid the Covid-19 pandemic. He hoped that it would soon emerge as a popular drink among consumers, who were now looking for alternative ways to stay healthy and boost their immunity in the fight against coronavirus.
- Maharashtra: Covid-19 pandemic has forced the Maharashtra government to consider setting up of a separate slum rehabilitation scheme for urban areas. Slum clusters have proved to be a major challenge for the government in terms of controlling the pandemic's spread. Meanwhile, Dharavi has scripted a remarkable turnaround in the fight against Covid, with active cases declining to just 77 on July 31, down from 531 on the 1st of July. Maharashtra's overall case tally is 4,22,118. Active cases in the state on Friday crossed the 1.50 lakh mark and were at 1,50,662.
- Gujarat: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has appreciated the management of Covid-19 in Ahmedabad and suggested to take up various measures being implemented in the city like Dhanvantari Rath, 104 Fever helpline, Sanjeevani van etc. as a case study for rest of India and other countries, according to the state government. Meanwhile, the state reported 1,153 new Covid cases on Saturday.
- Rajasthan: In line with the Unlock 3.0 guidelines, the restrictions on inter-state travel and movement of persons and goods within the state have been removed. Night curfew has also been lifted.
- Madhya Pradesh: The State Government has capped the rate for Covid 10 tests at private laboratories at Rs 1,980. Earlier, the government had capped the rate at Rs 4,500 per sample in accordance with an ICMR circular of March 17. The rates were later reduced and now that RT-PCR kits are being manufactured in the country, it has been fixed at Rs 1,980. The cost includes sample collection, packaging and reporting costs.
- Goa: 209 fresh COVID-19 cases were reported in Goa on Friday, taking the total number of cases in the state to 5,913 including 1,657 active cases and 4,211 recovered cases. The death toll is 45.
- Kerala: Five Covid-19 deaths have been reported in the state today including the first fatality among the State police personnel- a Sub Inspector of Special Branch who was under treatment in Kottayam Medical College - in the State. The DGP has directed that police officers aged above 50 years and also any officers suffering from any diseases should not be assigned Covid duty. A total of 88 police officers were affected with Covid-19 in the state so far. Meanwhile, the police headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram is closed for two days as part of

cleaning and sanitization. A total of 1310 cases were reported in Kerala yesterday, of which 1162 were infected through contact. 10,495 patients are undergoing treatment and 1.43 lakh people under observation across the state.

- Tamil Nadu: Death toll in Puducherry due to coronavirus spiked to 51 with two more deaths reported on Saturday along with 139 fresh cases; total cases in the UT have risen to 3,593 with 1,357 active cases. Co-morbidities contributed to 82% of Covid deaths in TN; diabetes and hypertension caused 33.36% of deaths till July 29. Tamil Nadu recorded 5,881 fresh Covid-19 cases on Friday, taking the overall tally to 2,45,859, of which 57,968 were active cases. 97 deaths were recorded yesterday taking the total Covid fatalities to 3935.
- Karnataka: BBMP has booked cases against four hospitals under Disaster Management Act for not providing 50% of beds. Karnataka Agriculture Minister, wife and son-in-law test positive for Covid-19. Bangalore city K.R. market to remain closed till August 31. 5483 new cases, 3130 discharges & 84 deaths reported yesterday; 2220 cases in Bangalore city. Total cases: 1,24,115; Active cases: 72,005; Deaths: 2314; Discharges: 49,788.
- Andhra Pradesh: Following unlock 3.0 guidelines by the Centre, the inter-State passenger movement is further liberalised. Now, people coming to Andhra Pradesh need only to register in Spandana website and an auto-generated e-pass will be sent to their mobile and email. Former Minister and BJP leader Pydikondala Manikyala Rao succumbs to Covid in Vijayawada today. He was undergoing treatment for the past couple of weeks. Darshan for devotees in the famous Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy temple at Mangalagiri town in Guntur has been stopped for six days from today in the backdrop of temple staff getting infected with the Covid-19. 10,376 new cases, 3822 discharges and 68 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,40,933; Active cases: 75,720; Deaths: 1349.
- Telangana: Nearly half of the Covid-19 deaths in Telangana have occurred in people without comorbidities, according to data with the state government. Cabinet meeting on August 5 is expected to discuss about coronavirus, measures to be implemented in the educational sector against the backdrop of coronavirus. 2083 new cases, 1114 recoveries & 11 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2083 cases, 578 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 64,786; Active cases: 17,754; Deaths: 530; Discharges: 46,502.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 107 new Covid-19 cases were reported. Out of them 38 cases are from Changlang and 22 in the Itanagar capital region (ICR). The total active cases stand at 670 in the state. So far the state of Arunachal Pradesh has recorded 1,591 cases with 918 discharged and three deaths. Total 81,865 people have been tested for the coronavirus in the state.
- Assam: The per day testing in Guwahati of COVID-19 has increased from 2112 on 1st July to 6240 on 31st July. On 4th July total active cases in the city were 777 and on 31st July it was 281.
- Manipur: Manipur records 6th Covid19 related death. Patient was admitted with Diabetes & Hepatitis.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, Serchhip Battalion of Assam Rifles organised an 'Awareness Programme on COVID-19' at Zawlsei village which was attended by 42 people. The programme generated awareness about maintaining social distancing and regular hand washing.


- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 130 new Covid positive cases have been confirmed out of 552 samples tested. Out of them, 109 cases are from Dimapur & 21 from Kohima. Total positive cases now stand at 1823.
- Sikkim: With 11 new COVID-19 cases, the active cases of COVID-19 reached 400 in Sikkim today.
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