

# India scales a new peak of 5 cr total COVID tests

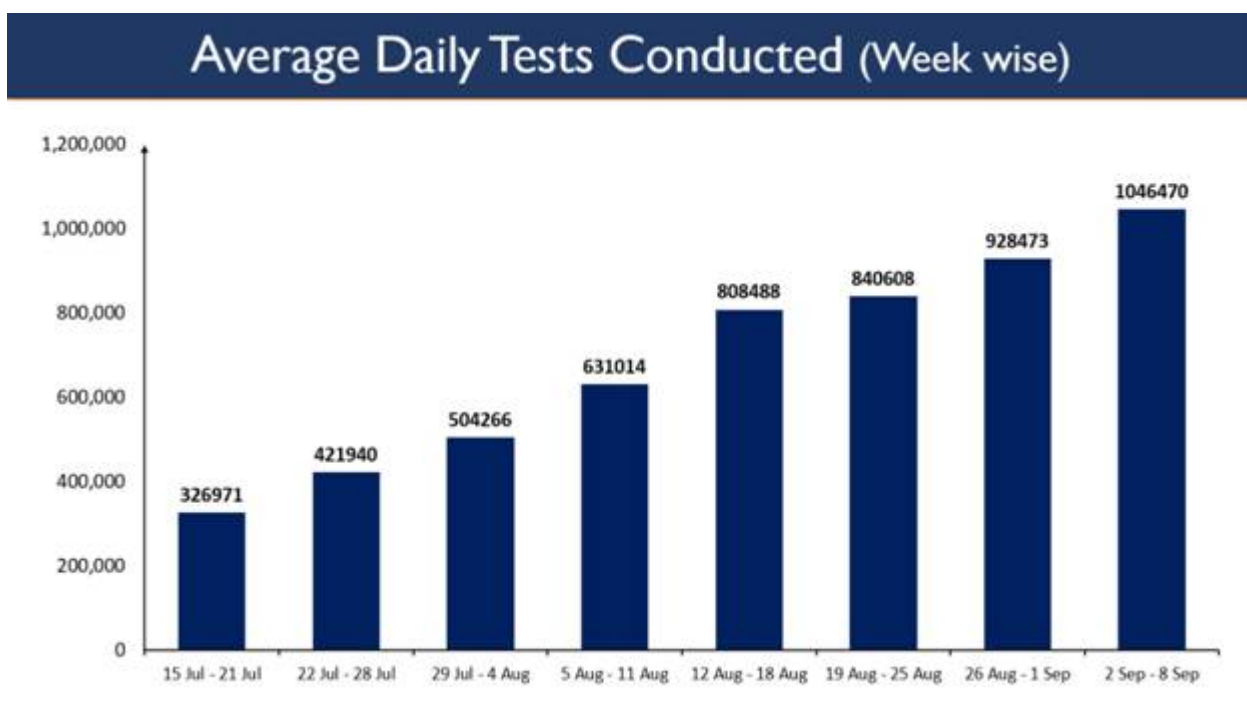
## Tests Per Million on a continuous rise, pegged at 36,703 today

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Aggressive and widespread TESTING has essayed an important role in India's fight against the COVID pandemic. India has scaled another peak- the cumulative tests have surpassed 5 crore today.

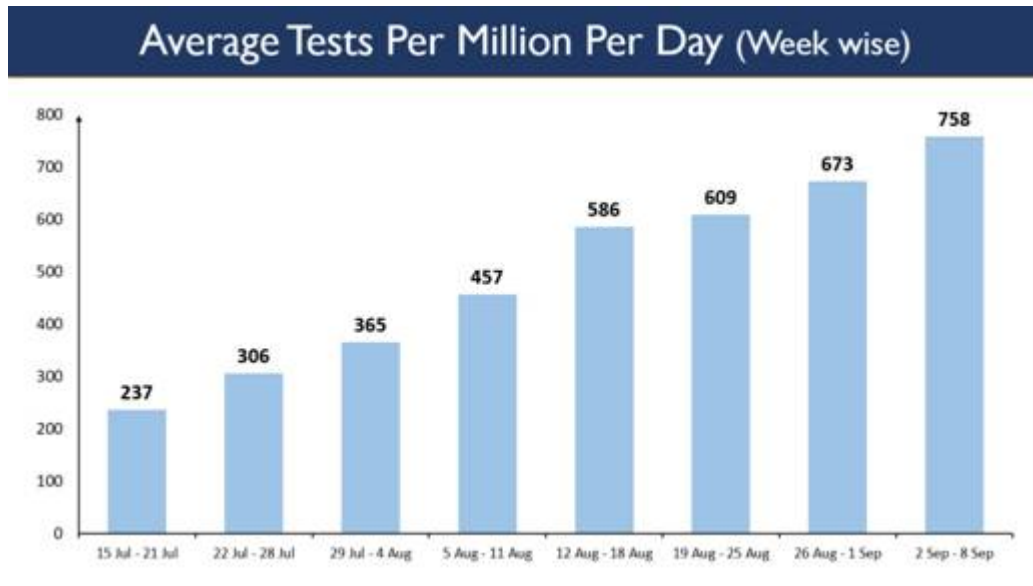
India has come a long way from conducting just one test from the lab at National Institute of Virology, Pune in January 2020 to **5,06,50,128** today. **10,98,621** tests were conducted in the last 24 hours testifying the enlarged testing capacity in the country.

The average daily tests conducted (week wise) are demonstrating a consistent increase. This has registered a 3.2 times expansion from third week of July (**3,26,971**) to first week of September (**10,46,470**).



In its Guidance Note on "Public Health Criteria to Adjust Public Health and Social Measures in the Context of COVID-19", WHO has advised countries to conduct 140 tests per day per million population for comprehensive surveillance for suspect cases. The average week-on-week data for

India shows a rising improvement on this front.



Expanding network of diagnostic labs has given a boost to Tests per Million. The TPM have seen a sharp rise from **6396 on 1<sup>st</sup> of July** to **36,703 as of today**. The testing lab network in the country is continuously strengthened which as on today consists of **1668** labs in the country; **1035** labs in the government sector and **633** private labs. These include:

- **Real-Time RT PCR** based testing labs: 846 (Govt: 467 + Private: 379)
- **TrueNat based** testing labs: 700 (Govt: 534 + Private: 166)
- **CBNAAT** based testing labs: 122 (Govt: 34 + Private: 88)

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