

India crosses the Landmark of 10 crore Total Tests

Last 1 crore tests conducted in 9 days

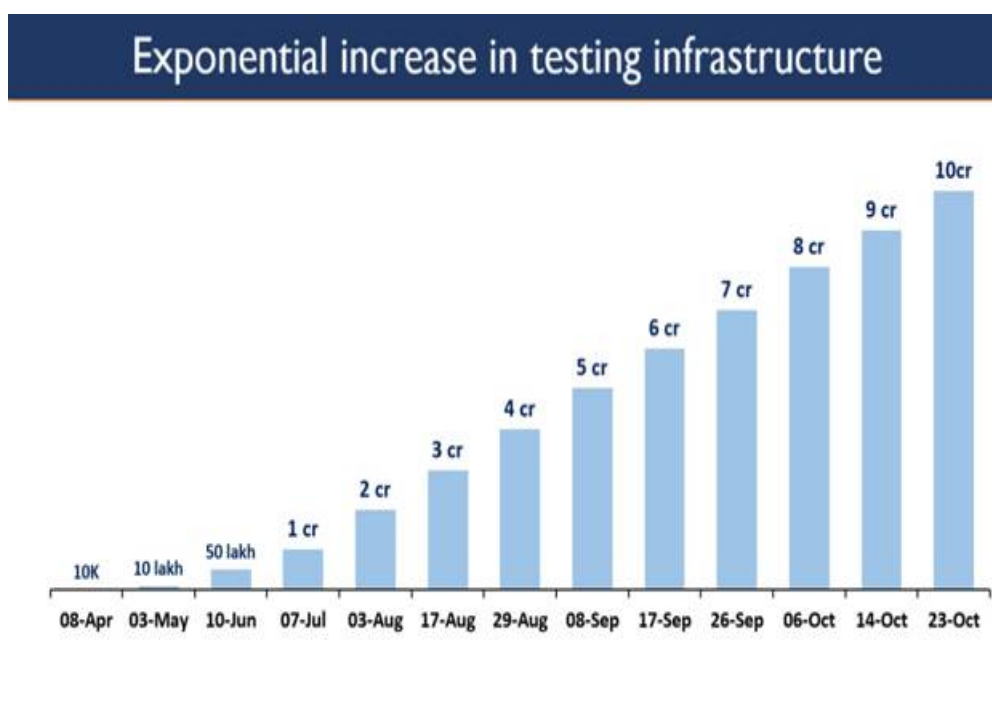
Nearly 14.5 lakh COVID tests conducted in the last 24 hrs

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India has demonstrated an exponential increase in the number of COVID-19 cumulative tests since Jan 2020. It has crossed the landmark of **10 crore (10,01,13,085)** total tests today.

In an another achievement, **14,42,722** tests were conducted in the last 24 hours.

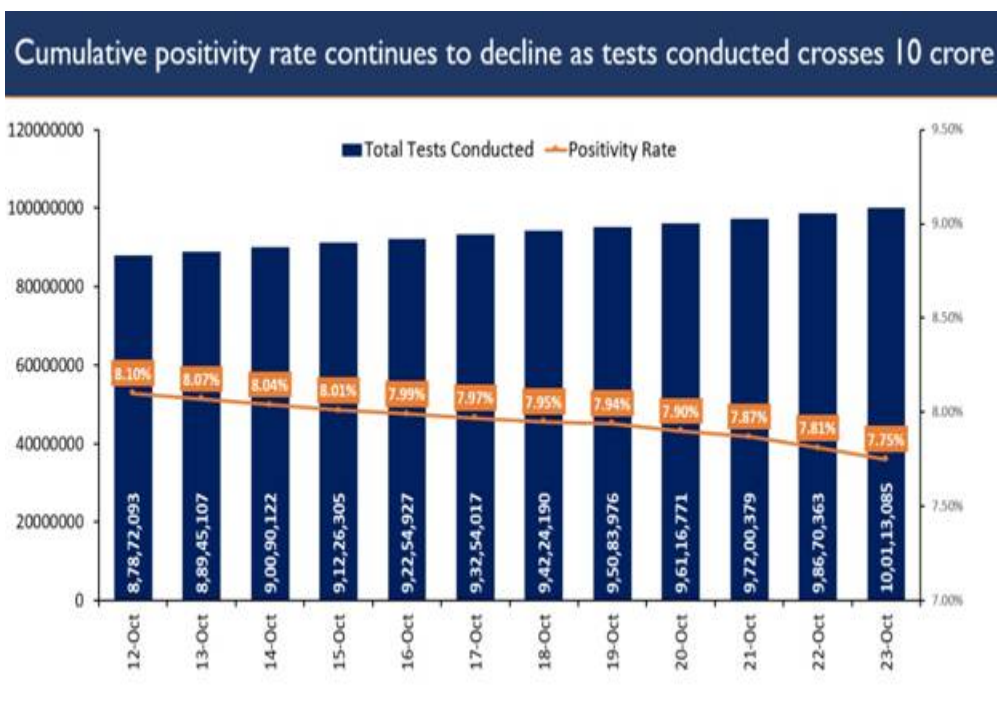
The country's testing capacities have multiplied manifold with nearly 2000 labs across the country and with collaborative efforts of the Centre and State/UT governments. More than 15 lakh samples can be tested every day.



Progressive countrywide expansion in testing infrastructure has played a crucial role in the steep rise of testing numbers. With 1989 testing labs in the country including 1122 Government laboratories and 867 Private laboratories, the daily testing capacity has got a substantial boost.

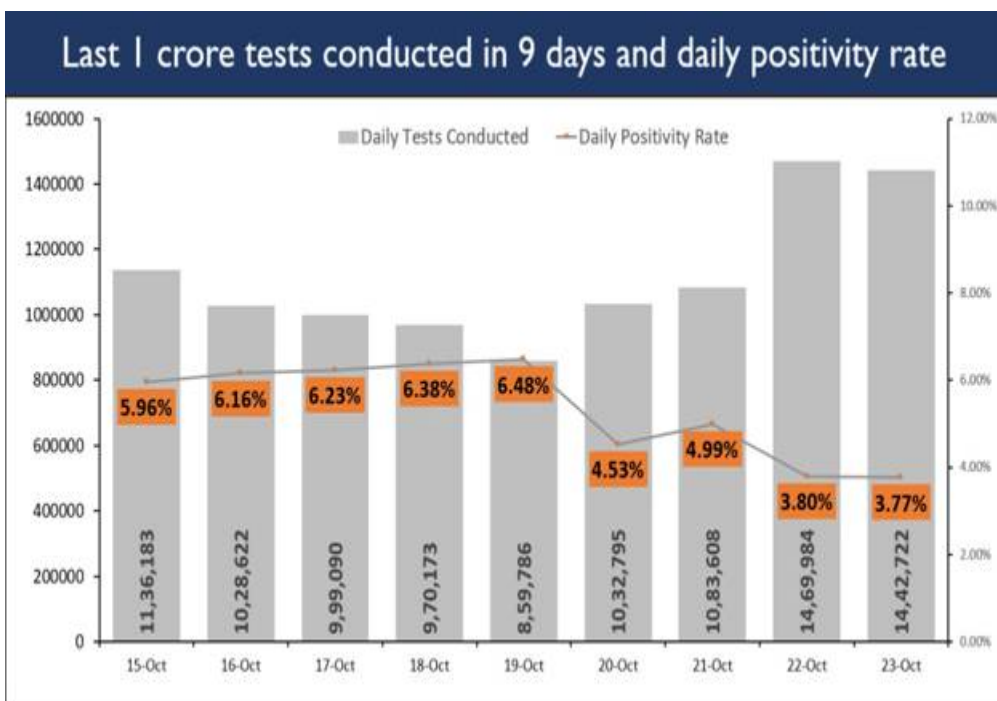
High level of comprehensive testing on a sustained basis has also resulted in bringing down the national positivity rate. This indicates that the rate of spread of infection is being effectively contained. The cumulative rate continues to decline as total tests cross 10 crore. The national positivity rate is **7.75%** today.

This is a result of successful TEST, TRACK, TRACE, TREAT and TECHNOLOGY strategy of the Central government effectively followed by States/UTs.

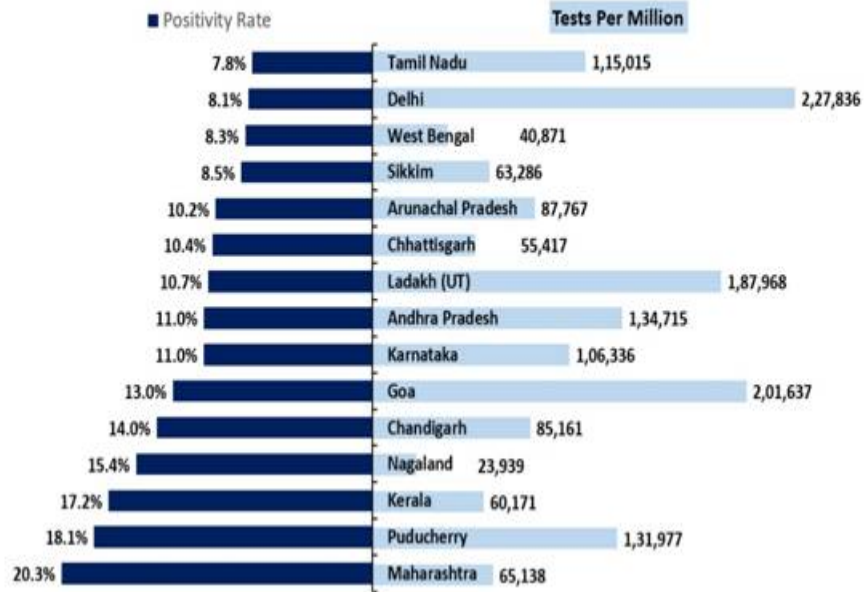


Higher testing across wide regions has resulted in early identification of positive cases, prompt tracking through efficient surveillance and tracing, and timely & effective treatment in homes/facilities and in hospitals for the severe cases. These measures in tandem eventually lead to lower mortality rate.

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15 States & UTs with higher positivity rate than India average



15 States and UTs are exhibiting higher Positivity Rate compared to the national figure, indicating the need for higher levels of comprehensive testing in these regions.

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