

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 39

October 26, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister cautioned against complacency, callousness and appealed to citizens to not let guard down against COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Health Minister reviews COVID-19 response preparedness in Uttar Pradesh and reiterates that the coming three months of festivities and winters will be crucial in determining COVID-19 trajectory in the country ([Link](#))
- Health Minister discusses implementation of Prime Minister's Jan Andolan against COVID-19 with senior officials of Madhya Pradesh ([Link](#)) and Gujarat ([Link](#))
- Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centers to resume sporting activities from November in light of the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics ([Link](#))
- Health Minister addresses the World Bank-IMF annual meeting and highlights the importance of preparedness has been taught by COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health launches website that gives comprehensive information about the numerous COVID-19 clinical trials led by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and partners ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

7 946 429 Confirmed Cases
119 502 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

8 969 707 Confirmed Cases
140 827 Total Deaths

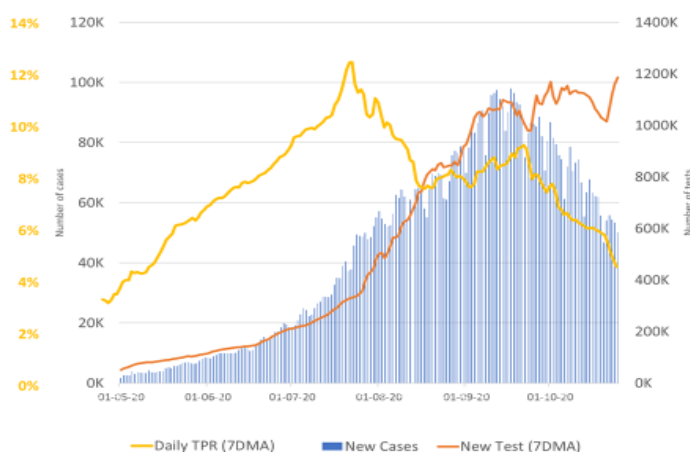
World

43 341 451 Confirmed Cases
1 157 509 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 25 October 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has confirmed 7,864,811 COVID-19 cases and 118,534 deaths. Since the past six weeks, India is showing a decreasing trend in daily cases. Compared to the last highest daily cases (97,894) on 17 September, India has reported 50,129 cases on 25 October (decrease of around 50%). India's 7 Day Moving Average (7DMA) daily test positivity rate is 4.6 %.

COVID-19 India Daily new cases, new tests (7DMA) and TPR



SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Testing Status

Cumulative Samples tested:
102,523,469

Samples tested on 24th October:
1,140,905

Data source: MOH & ICMR bulletins as of 25/10/2020

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO and the Wikimedia Foundation, announced today a collaboration to expand the public's access to the latest and most reliable information about COVID-19, details [here](#).
- At the 26 Polio IHR Emergency Committee meeting, discussions were held to address COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing spread of cVDPV2 in order to restart progress toward global polio eradication, details [here](#).
- COVID-19 is putting at risk the progress made in the global TB programme, as countries are reallocating human, financial and other resources from TB to COVID-19 response ([Link](#))
- WHO invites independent film-makers, production companies, NGOs, communities, students, and film schools from around the world to submit films to the 2nd Health for All Film Festival ([Link](#))

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, on preparedness and response measures including epidemiological assessment, surveillance, testing, case management, containment and research activities for COVID-19 at the national, state and district level.

- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana and Puducherry**
- **Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Containment:** WHO Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Chandigarh UT, Punjab, Karnataka, Bihar, Telangana and Puducherry and Uttar Pradesh**. WCO continues to provide supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing and identify containment zones
 - WCO supported **Rajasthan** to issue clinical management guidelines for COVID-19 (adults and children) and is assisting to establish post-COVID care clinics in all districts
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WCO and UNICEF jointly facilitated meeting with faith leaders in **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** to promote caution during upcoming festive season
- **Infection Prevention and Control and Hospital Preparedness:** In **Telangana**, WCO completed IPC training for doctors and health workers at urban and primary health centres in all 33 districts
 - WCO continues to support COVID-19 hospital assessments in **Karnataka and Telangana** at the district level
- **Essential Health Service:** Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh**
 - WCO is providing strategic technical support in **Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Telangana, Karnataka, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh** for COVID-19 vaccination
 - WCO facilitated ToT for Routine immunization for Front line health workers in Salem, **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Information and Planning:** WCO continues to provide technical inputs for case fatality ratio analysis and death audit in **Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Puducherry**
- **Laboratory testing:** India tested 10,34,62,778 cumulative samples by 28 October and 9,39,309 samples were tested on 19 October, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support ICMR for supplies and kits as needed.

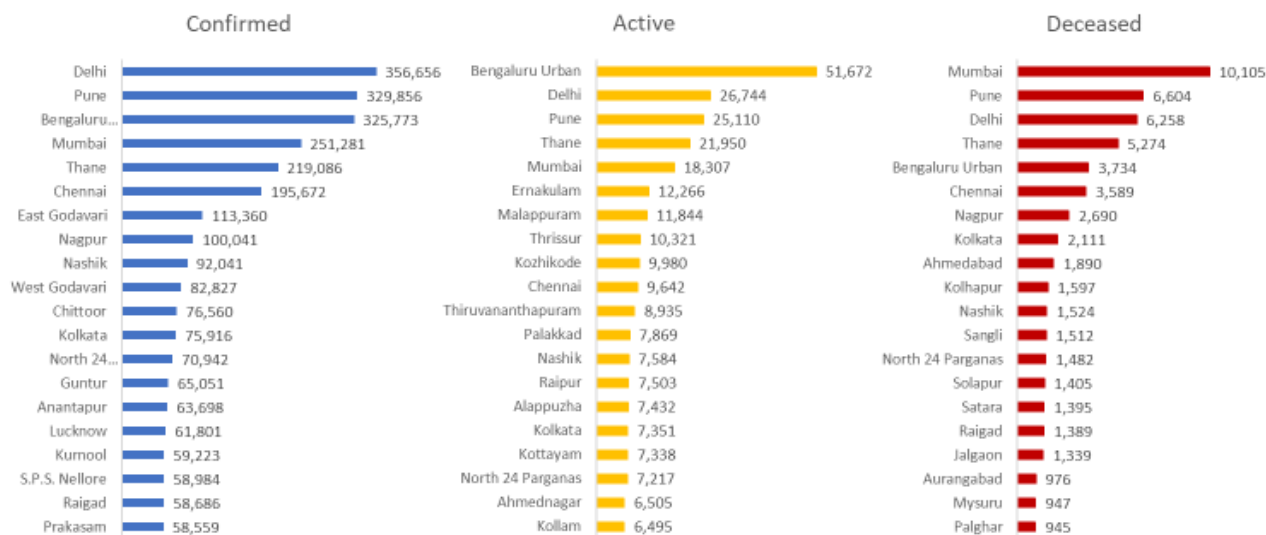
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SUB-NATIONAL BURDEN OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA

Top 20 districts with COVID burden



*Delhi included for comparison Data Source: MOH & State's bulletins, as of 25/10/2020

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW Guidelines for management of co-infection of COVID-19 with other seasonal epidemic prone diseases ([Link](#))
2. ICMR issued advisory on CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) technology-based SARS-CoV-2 test ([Link](#))
3. WHO Interim Guidance: Assessment tool for laboratories implementing SARS-CoV-2 testing ([Link](#))
4. WHO Interim Guidance: Considerations in the investigation of cases and clusters of COVID-19 ([Link](#))

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister reviewed the Covid-19 pandemic situation in the country and preparedness of vaccine delivery, distribution, and administration ([Link](#))
- Health Minister urged citizens to honor the Prime Minister’s call for Jan Andolan (People’s Movement) and to follow COVID appropriate behaviors ([Link](#))
- MoHFW rushed high level central teams to Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal to support COVID-19 response action in these states ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Culture issued detailed SOPs for cultural functions to facilitate organization of cultural events during the COVID-19 pandemic ([Link](#))
- NITI Aayog member stressed the importance of following COVID Appropriate Behaviors during upcoming festival season, winter, while opening up of economy activities ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health chaired 21st meeting of Group of Ministers on COVID-19 to review country’s preparedness and response ([Link](#))
- Finance Minister announced measures of INR 73,000 crore to stimulate consumer spending before end of this Financial Year in fight against COVID-19 ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

7 597 063 Confirmed Cases
115 197 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

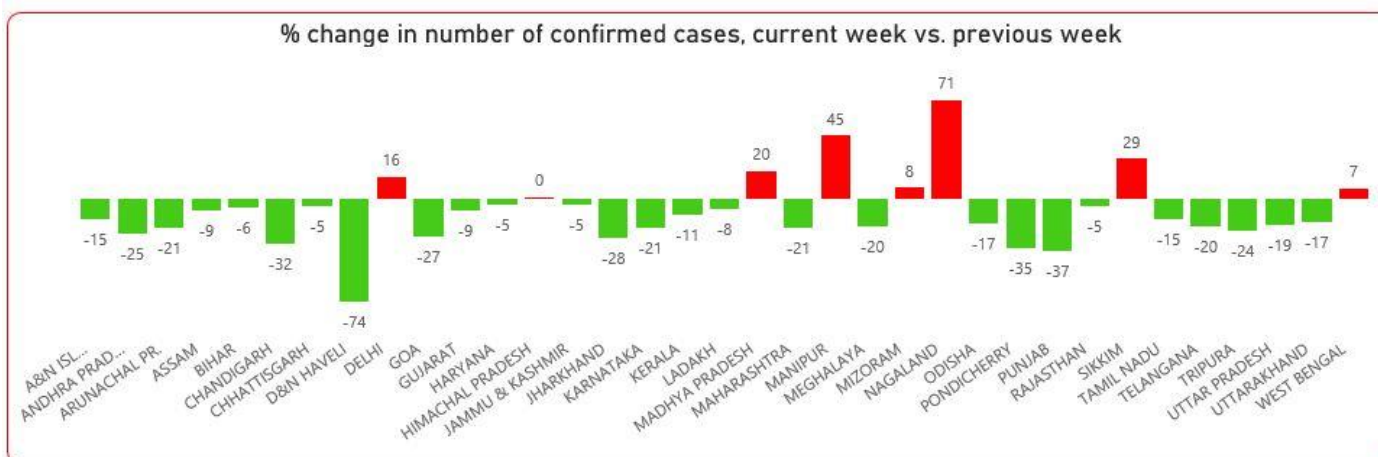
8 546 666 Confirmed Cases
135 275 Total Deaths

World

40 118 333 Confirmed Cases
1 114 749 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 19 October 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has confirmed **7,597,063** COVID-19 cases and **115,197** deaths. Maharashtra state reported highest cases (>1.5 million) followed by Andhra Pradesh (779,146) and Karnataka (758,574). Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh contribute about 60% of total cases in India.



Source: Calculated by WHO Country Office based on MoHFW data available on <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- Solidarity Therapeutics Trial produces conclusive evidence on the effectiveness of repurposed drugs for COVID-19 in record time, details [here](#).
- Results show Remdesivir, Hydroxychloroquine, Lopinavir and Interferon regimens appeared to have little or no effect on hospitalized COVID-19, as indicated by overall mortality, initiation of ventilation and duration of hospital stay, details [here](#).

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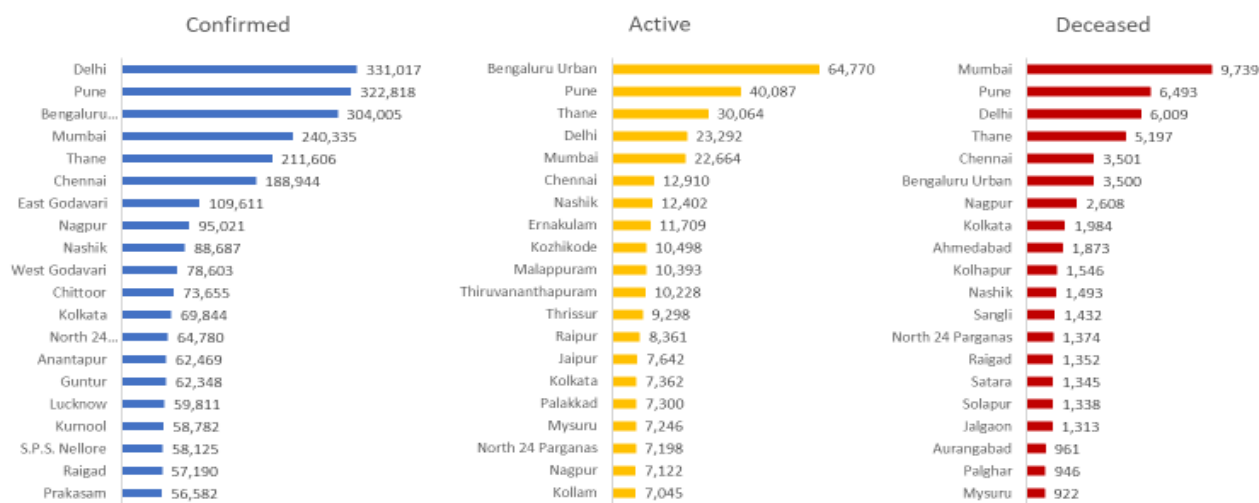
- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Puducherry**.
- **Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Containment:** Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Chandigarh UT and Punjab**. WCO continues to provide supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing and identify containment zones
 - WCO is a technical partner for sero-survey in **Bihar**. Data for the sero-survey conducted in Patna was analyzed and presented to state officials
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WHO-UNDP collaborative webinar series “Mann Darshan” held its third webisode titled “COVID-19 Warriors: Strengthening the Frontline” in partnership with UNICEF.
- **Infection Prevention and Control and Hospital Preparedness:** WCO continues supporting IPC training of doctors and health workers in hospitals and PHC level in **Maharashtra and Telangana**
 - WCO is supporting COVID-19 hospital assessments in Karnataka at the district level
- **Research and Development:** WCO is supporting MoHFW in drafting the Operation Guidelines for COVID 19 vaccines under clinical and pre-clinical development in India
 - WCO is supporting 11 WHO unity protocol studies in collaboration with medical institutes across India
- **Essential Health Service:** Together with MoHFW and NIMHANS, WHO launched the first **National Orientation Workshop for Adolescent Health Counselors under the RKSK program**, includes COVID appropriate behaviour, mental health and integrated SRHR counselling.
 - Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh**
 - WCO facilitated State Routine Immunization review meeting chaired by Director Family Welfare, **Delhi** and is supporting microplanning for intensifying routine immunization activities
- **Information and Planning:** WCO will support seroprevalence study in all districts of **Kashmir**
 - WCO field teams in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, UP and Uttarakhand continue to share epidemiological analysis and feedback with districts and state officials.
- **Laboratory testing:** India tested 9,50,83,976 cumulative samples by 12 October and 8,59,786 samples were tested on 19 October, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support ICMR for supplies and kits as needed.

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ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MHA Guidelines for international arrivals (in supersession of guidelines issued on the subject dated 24th May 2020) (to be operational from 00.01 Hrs, 8th August 2020) ([Link](#))
2. ICMR updated 'Guidance on Rapid Antigen Test Kits for COVID-19' ([Link](#))
3. MoHFW Guidelines for management of co-infection of COVID-19 with other seasonal epidemic prone diseases ([Link](#))
4. MoHFW 'Encouraging youth to advocate against stigma and discrimination during COVID-19' in English & Hindi ([Link](#))
5. Environmental and Social Management Framework for India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project ([Link](#))

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HIGHLIGHTS

- PM launched public campaign to promote COVID appropriate behavior and appeals citizens to unite in fight against COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Health Minister in the latest SAMVAAD meeting shared the role of Ayurveda in fight against COVID-19; ICMR's upcoming study on reinfection and country's COVID-19 vaccination plans ([Link](#))
- Home Minister appealed to public to unite for PM's public movement in fight against COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated International conference on "Mental Health: Looking Beyond COVID 19" ([Link](#))
- Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region lauds role of North-East States in relatively successful COVID-19 management ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health informed that a digital platform is being built to track COVID-19 vaccine administration and movement ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting releases SoP for film exhibition as cinema halls receive permission to open with 50% capacity ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Education has issued guidelines for reopening of schools ([Link](#))

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India

7 053 806 Confirmed Cases
108 334 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

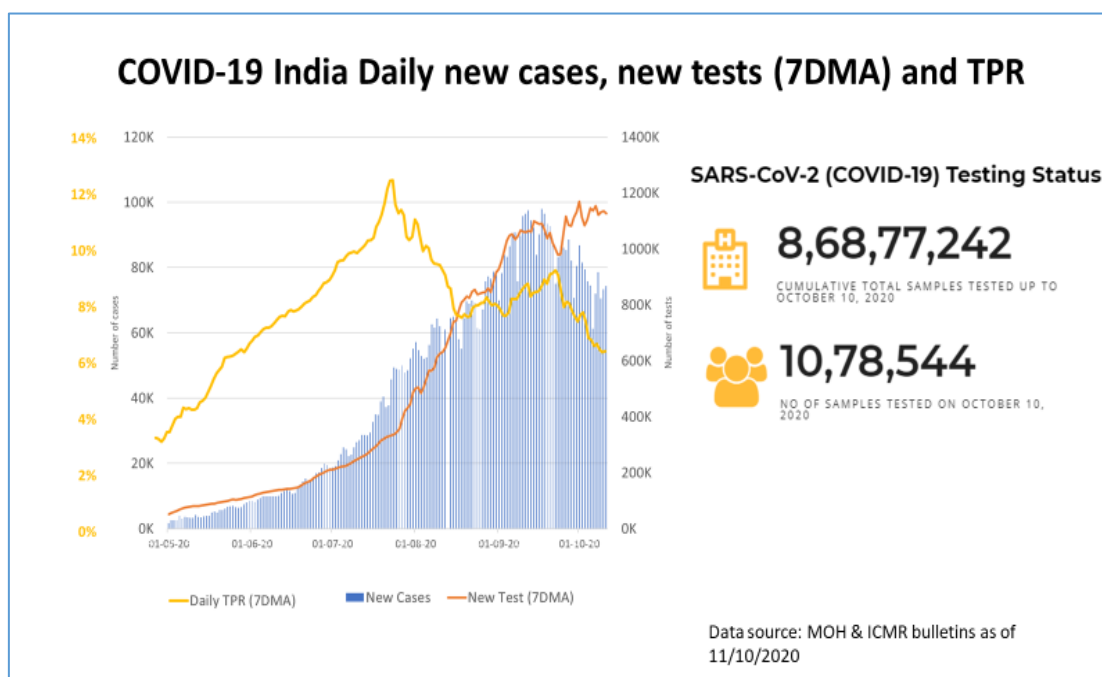
7 911 036 Confirmed Cases
126 917 Total Deaths

World

37 109 851 Confirmed Cases
1 070 355 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 11 October 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has confirmed 7,053,806 COVID-19 cases and 108,334 deaths. India's 7 Day Moving Average (7DMA) for testing is more than one million and daily test positivity rate (7DMA) is 6.4%.



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- World Mental Health Day, was celebrated globally on 10 October. WHO urged Member States for increased investment in mental health programmes, which have already suffered from years of chronic underfunding, is now more important than it has ever been, details [here](#).
- WHO report warns that the COVID-19 pandemic could worsen the global number of stillbirths. A 50 per cent reduction in health services due to the pandemic could cause nearly 200 000 additional stillbirths over a 12-month period in 117 low- and middle-income countries, details [here](#).

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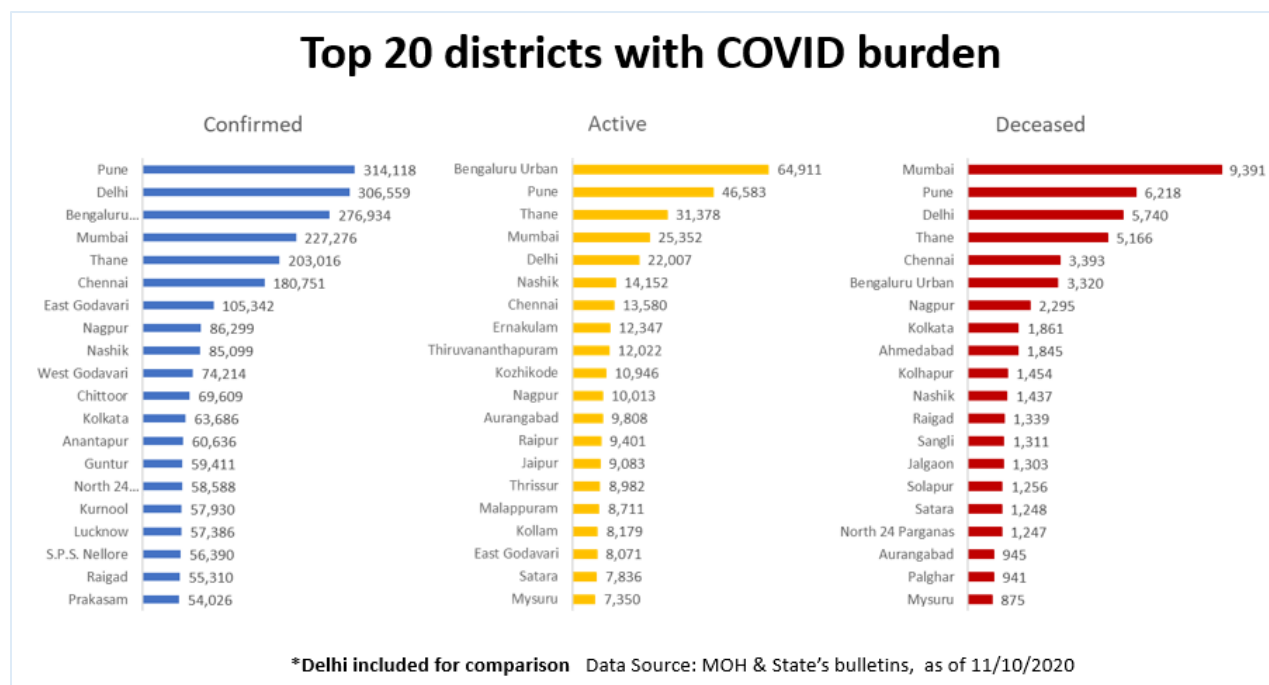
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 - WCO personnel continue to be deployed to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC
- **Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Containment:** WCO continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities.
 - In **Chattisgarh**, WCO supported capacity building workshops for house to house survey campaign- '*Corona Sadhan Samudayik Survey Abhiyan*'
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WCO facilitated virtual consultation on **World Mental Health day** advocating prioritization of mental health efforts and investment during COVID-19; chaired by Joint Secretary (EA), MoHFW and Deputy Director General (Mental Health and International Health)
- **Infection Prevention and Control and case management:** WCO trained health workers on IPC in several states - 29 districts of **Telangana, Karnataka and Telangana, West Bengal, and Maharashtra**
- **Research and Innovation:** Three vaccines in India are in Phase 2 / 3 clinical trials– Bharat Biotech, Zydus Cadila and Serum Institute of India (with AstraZeneca)
 - Consultation meetings have been initiated with Drug Controller General India (DCGI) to discuss regulatory oversight of vaccines for supply of COVID 19 vaccines to United Nations agencies with all levels of WHO and Prequalification team at WHO HQ.
 - WHO is working closely with GoI and DCGI on an agreement to enable India to act as 'National Regulatory Authority (NRA) of Reference' and allow exports of vaccines to other countries to happen in a seamless manner
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 8,68,77,242 cumulative total samples up to October 12, 2020 with 10,78,544 samples tested on 04.10.20, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support ICMR for supplies and kits as needed.
 - The Indian institute under the Department of Biotechnology, Translational Health Science & Technology Institute has been recognized by CEPI as one of the global networks of laboratories for centralized assessment of COVID 19 vaccines; total 6 labs globally identified for the purpose

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ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- WHO COVID-19 Target product profiles for priority diagnostics to support COVID-19 response ([Link](#))
- World Health Organization, United for Global Mental Health and the World Federation for Mental Health, Joint Statement ([link](#))
- Ministry for Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Guidelines this week.
 - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 during festivities ([Link](#))
 - SOP on preventive measures to be followed in Entertainment Parks and similar places to contain spread of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
 - Environmental and Social Management Framework for India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness ([Link](#))

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr Harsh Vardhan, launched decade of healthy ageing on International Day for Older Persons and shared efforts by the Government to address concerns of older persons during COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Home Affairs issued new guidelines for re-opening during Unlock 5.0 ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health launched CSIR Technologies for rural development, a post COVID fast track action plan to create livelihood opportunities in rural areas ([Link](#))
- Vice President condemns the instances of stigma and discrimination against frontline warriors and COVID-19 patients ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health and Family Welfare shared information about India's COVID-19 vaccination rollout strategy ([Link](#))
- Sports Authority of India (SAI) has issued SOP for "Graduated Return to Play" for athletes who test positive for COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- MoHFW unveiled a COVID-19 vaccine web portal and national clinical registry portal for COVID-19 to be hosted by ICMR ([Link](#))

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India

6 623 815 Confirmed Cases

102 685 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

7 418 537 Confirmed Cases

120 237 Total Deaths

World

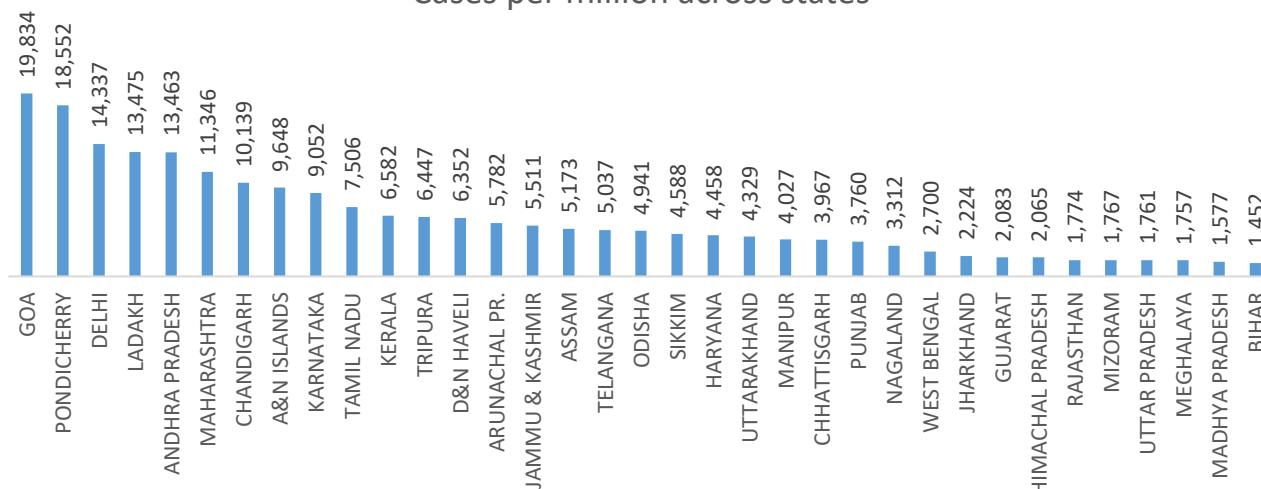
35 109 317 Confirmed Cases

1 035 341 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 05 October 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has confirmed 6,623,815 COVID-19 cases, and 102,685 deaths. India's total recovered cases have crossed 5.5 million. The COVID burden varies across states when assessed in accordance to the population size (graph below), details [here](#).

Cases per million across states



Source: COVID-19 INDIA as on: 05 October 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30); Population Projection Census 2011 for 2018 used for per million

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO released results of disrupted or halted critical mental health services survey of 130 countries showing the devastating impact of COVID-19 on access to mental health services, details [here](#).
- World leaders, celebrities to join WHO's Big Event for Mental Health on 10 October- which is free and open to the public, will be broadcast on **10 October from 16:00-19:00 CEST** on WHO's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and [TikTok](#) channels and website, details [here](#).
- New commitments from governments, international organizations and the private sector support unified approach to end pandemic, backing a response of unprecedented scale, scope and speed—through the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator, details [here](#).

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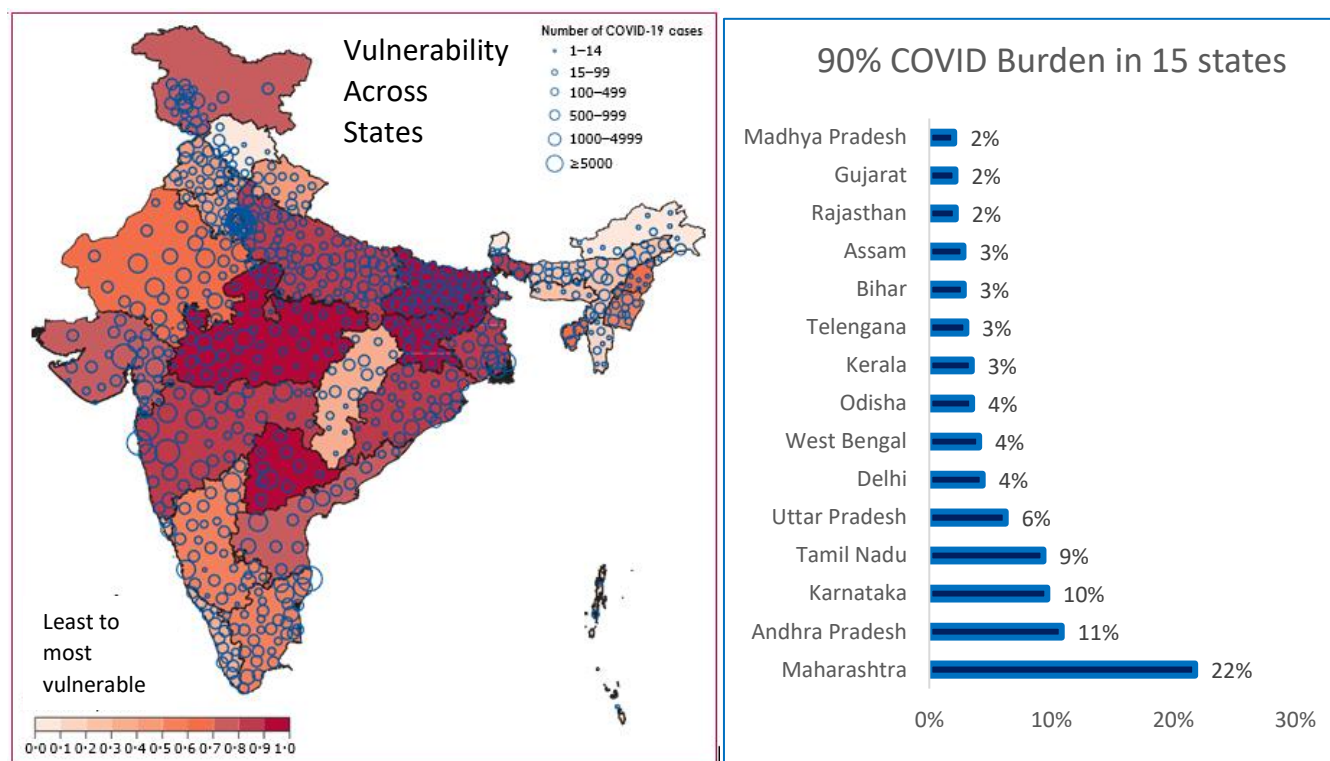
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 - WCO personnel continue to be deployed to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC
 - WCO continues to support Chief Secretary, to analyze COVID-19 situation in **Delhi**, on request of Officer on Special Duty, WCO shared list of worst affected districts in the country
- **Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Containment:** WCO continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh**
 - WCO is assisting **Rajasthan** to build capacity on COVID management protocols, providing supervisory support for strengthening surveillance, and developing training module for field survey teams.
- **Infection Prevention and Control and case management:** WCO held capacity building workshops on IPC for 65 Medical officers in Alwar, **Rajasthan**
 - Supported Andhra Pradesh for orientation of newly recruited medical officers
 - Organised training for PHC/ UPHC staff in 29 districts of **Telangana**. The opportunity was also used to discuss the gaps related to surveillance sensitivity and reorienting the health workforce on the basics of AFP, MR and DPT surveillance.
- **Essential Services:** Health Minister, **Karnataka** approved the launch of **India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)** in the state; and **West Bengal** has launched also IHCI in the state.
 - Routine immunization services are resuming with WHO supported workshops for strengthening VPD surveillance and immunization being conducted in **Karnataka and Kerala**
 - WCO is supporting **Tamil Nadu** in strengthening Measles and Rubella surveillance through orientation of front-line workers
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 7,99,82,394 cumulative total samples up to October 04, 2020 with 9,89,860 samples tested on 04.10.20, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support ICMR for supplies and kits as needed.

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Source: Lancet Vulnerability Index published July 2020

Source: MoHFW as of 5th October 2020

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO Emergency Global Supply Chain System (COVID-19) catalogue ([Link](#))
2. WHO Diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2: Interim guidance ([Link](#))
3. Ministry for Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of State, Labour & Employment released a booklet on 'COVID-19- Safe Workplace Guidelines for Industry' ([Link](#))

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