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- Cumulative positivity rate has been falling progressively and has touched 7.54% today
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# COVID-19 Tracker

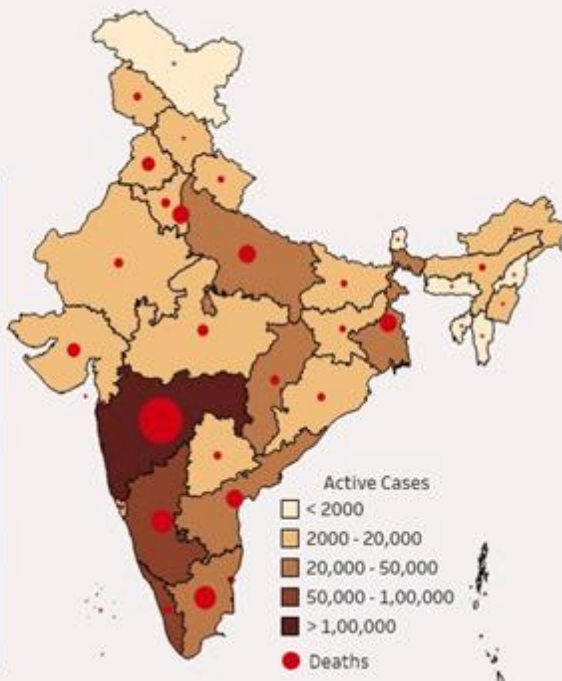
As on 29 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** **80,40,203 (▲49,881)**

**Recovered** **73,15,989 (90.99%) ▲ 56,480**

**Active** **6,03,687 (7.51%) ▼ 7,116**

**Deaths** **1,20,527 (1.50%) ▲ 517**



States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra 16,60,766 (▲6,738)	14,86,926 (90%)	1,30,286 (8%)	43,554 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh 8,14,774 (▲2,949)	7,81,509 (96%)	26,622 (3%)	6,643 (0.8%)
Karnataka 8,12,784 (▲3,146)	7,33,558 (90%)	68,180 (8%)	11,046 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu 7,16,751 (▲2,516)	6,79,377 (95%)	26,356 (4%)	11,018 (1.5%)
Uttar Pradesh 4,76,034 (▲1,980)	4,43,589 (93%)	25,487 (5%)	6,958 (1.5%)
Kerala 4,11,464 (▲8,790)	3,16,692 (77%)	93,369 (23%)	1,403 (0.3%)
Delhi 3,70,014 (▲5,673)	3,34,240 (90%)	29,378 (8%)	6,396 (1.7%)
West Bengal 3,61,703 (▲3,924)	3,17,928 (88%)	37,111 (10%)	6,664 (1.8%)
Odisha 2,85,482 (▲1,540)	2,70,130 (95%)	14,068 (5%)	1,284 (0.4%)
Telangana 2,35,656 (▲1,504)	2,16,353 (92%)	17,979 (8%)	1,324 (0.6%)
Bihar 2,13,576 (▲491)	2,04,178 (96%)	8,329 (4%)	1,069 (0.5%)
Assam 2,05,237 (▲448)	1,92,517 (94%)	11,803 (6%)	917 (0.4%)
Rajasthan 1,91,629 (▲1,785)	1,74,044 (91%)	15,708 (8%)	1,877 (1.0%)
Chhattisgarh 1,81,583 (▲1,929)	1,57,480 (87%)	22,167 (12%)	1,936 (1.1%)
Gujarat 1,69,891 (▲980)	1,52,858 (90%)	13,332 (8%)	3,701 (2.2%)
Madhya Pradesh 1,69,271 (▲788)	1,56,264 (92%)	10,094 (6%)	2,913 (1.7%)
Haryana 1,62,223 (▲1,518)	1,49,451 (92%)	11,014 (7%)	1,758 (1.1%)
Punjab 1,32,263 (▲526)	1,23,866 (94%)	4,239 (3%)	4,158 (3.1%)
Jharkhand 1,00,569 (▲345)	94,326 (94%)	5,363 (5%)	880 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash.. 93,213 (▲536)	84,782 (91%)	6,976 (7%)	1,455 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale



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### India registers exponential rise in Testing; 1 crore Tests conducted in the last 9 days

India has demonstrated a consistent increase in the COVID-19 testing infrastructure since Jan 2020 resulting in an exponential increase in its testing numbers. The country's testing capacities have been ramped up multiple times. 15 lakh tests can be done very day now. With **10,75,760** tests conducted in the last 24 hours, the cumulative tests have crossed 10.65 crore (**10,65,63,440**). Nearly 11 lakh tests have been conducted daily on an average during the past six weeks. The cumulative positivity rate has been falling progressively and has touched **7.54%** today. India continues to maintain the declining trend of the active cases. Active cases stand at **6,03,687 today**. It comprises only **7.51%** of the total positive cases of the country. The declining trend of the active cases is supported by rising number of recovered cases. The total recovered cases have crossed 73 lakh (**73,15,989**). The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has crossed **67 lakh (67,12,302)**. With increasing number of recoveries, this gap is continuously widening. **56,480** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at **49,881**. **79%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. **517** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 81%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs.

For details:

### Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews COVID19 preparedness and measures for ensuring COVID Appropriate Behaviour in Tamil Nadu

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare held a meeting through video conferencing to review COVID-19 preparedness and measures for ensuring COVID Appropriate Behaviour with Dr C. Vijayabaskar, Health and Medical Education Minister, Tamil Nadu and other senior officials of the State Government, yesterday. Reiterating Prime Minister's clarion call of building a Jan-Andolan against COVID, Dr Vardhan said, "The State needs to enhance the awareness amongst the citizen regarding the need and virtues of using masks/face covers, physical distancing and regular hand hygiene. "The coming long festive season pose a significant risk that may threaten the improvements made against COVID-19 so far. We should all be vigilant for the next three months. Following simple Covid appropriate behaviour will be effective in cutting transmission of Corona. Prime Minister's message of wearing a mask/face cover, maintaining a physical distance and frequent handwashing should reach the last citizen", he stated. Comparing the COVID parameters of Tamil Nadu with that of the country, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "Tamil Nadu has a Recovery Rate of 94.6% which is more than the national recovery rate. The case fatality rate is 1.54% which is at par with the national average."

For details:

### Union Health Secretary reviews the status of and public health response measures to COVID-19 in West Bengal, Delhi and Kerala

Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary reviewed the status of COVID in the States/UT of West Bengal, Kerala and Delhi and their public health response measures in a meeting held through Video Conferencing today, in the presence of Dr V K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, and Dr Balram



Bhargava, DG, ICMR. Health Secretaries from the States/UT, NHM MD, DGHS and other senior health officials participated virtually. Concerns regarding rising cases in these States/UT were highlighted in the meeting. The States/UTs were also advised to ensure enforcement of precautionary measures like maintaining social distancing, sanitization, wearing of masks, etc.

For details:

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan invites Global Oil & Gas and Other Energy Majors to Partner India in its Multi-Pathway Energy Transition

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has invited the global industry and experts to become partners in India's shared prosperity by enhancing India's production of all forms of energy. Speaking at the concluding Session of CERA Week India Energy Forum last evening he said that inauguration of India Energy Forum by the Hon'ble Prime Minister is reflective of the importance the Government of India attaches to improve the energy security, architecture and transform our energy landscape at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic is impacting adversely the global energy sector. The Minister said under the decisive and visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, we are making concerted efforts and taking all necessary steps to make the energy sector fuel India's economic growth during and in the post-Covid period. He said that the world is going through unprecedented health crisis and the Covid pandemic is obstructing the economic growth in the world.

For details:

MEITY issues Clarification regarding orders passed by Central Information Commission on an RTI query with regard to AarogyaSetu App

Attention has been drawn to media reports regarding orders passed by Central Information Commission regarding an RTI query with regard to AarogyaSetu App. With regard to the above, it is clarified that there should be no doubt with regard to the AarogyaSetu App and its role in helping contain COVID19 Pandemic in India. As was announced through Press Releases and Social Media posts on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, AarogyaSetu App was launched by Government of India in public private partnership mode to bring people of India together in its fight against COVID19. The AarogyaSetu App was developed in a record time of around 21 days, to respond to the exigencies of the Pandemic with Lockdown restrictions only for the objective of building a Made in India Contact Tracing App with the best of Indian minds from Industry, Academia and Government, working round the clock to build a robust, scalable and secure App. Since 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, regular press releases and updates have been issued on AarogyaSetu App including making the source code available in Open domain on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The names of all those associated with the development of the App and management of the App ecosystem at various stages was shared when the code was released in Open/Public Domain and the same was shared widely in media also. As has been mentioned earlier, the App has been developed in a collaborative effort of Government and Private Sector. The App has been downloaded by more than 16.23 Cr users and has greatly augmented the efforts of front line health workers in the fight against COVID19. It has helped identify Bluetooth contacts of COVID positive users and issued alerts for helping people to stay safe. These Bluetooth contacts have been advised for caution, quarantine or testing depending on the extent of

exposure to COVID19 positive user. Thus, AarogyaSetu has proved to be very useful in India's fight against COVID19. Recently, WHO has also appreciated the role of AarogyaSetu in containing the pandemic in India.

For details:

Guidelines of PLI schemes to promote domestic production of bulk drugs and manufacturing of medical devices 'Revised'

Union Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and fertilizers has revised the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes for promoting domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs and medical devices keeping in view the suggestions and comments received from the industry. Accordingly, 'minimum threshold' investment requirement has been replaced by 'committed investment' taking into account availability of technology choices which varies from product to product. The tenure of the scheme has been extended by one year keeping in view the capital expenditure expected to be done by the selected applicants in FY 2021-22. Accordingly, the sales for the purpose of availing incentives will be accounted for 5 years starting from FY 2022-2023 instead of FY 2021-2022.

For details:

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman leads Indian delegation in 10th Round of Ministerial UK-India Economic and Financial Dialogue

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman led the Indian Delegation in the 10th Round of Ministerial UK-India Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD), held yesterday in virtually through video conferencing. India and the United Kingdom enjoy close bilateral relations in diverse areas. India-UK economic ties are important as together they are two of the world's top seven economies with a combined GDP of over \$5 trillion. India-UK trade has more than doubled since the first EFD in 2007, with bilateral investment supporting over half a million jobs across both countries

For details:

Badminton player Lakshya Sen has pulled out of the SaarLorLux Open in Germany after his coach tested positive

Indian men's badminton player Lakshya Sen who was due to play the SaarLorLux Open in Germany this week has pulled out of the event after his coach DK Sen tested positive for Covid-19. Sen, his coach and physio arrived in Saarbrücken on October 25 for the tournament where he is the defending champion and were advised to travel to Frankfurt for COVID testing. The reports were received on October 27 where Sen and his physio came COVID negative but his coach came positive (asymptomatic). So as to not hamper the functioning of the tournament and jeopardise the other players, Sen has pulled out of the event and informed the organisers.

For details:

World's first scientoon book "Bye Bye Corona" on Coronavirus released by Governor of UP, Ms. Anandi Ben

Cartoons are most effective at communicating with human beings. A 'scientoon' is a cartoon communication based on science. Scientoons are meant to inform and sensitize people to science and scientific concepts in an intelligible and interesting way. World's first scientoonbook entitled "**Bye Bye Corona**", written by 'scientoonist' Dr Pradeep Srivastava, former Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow, was released today at a function held at Raj Bhawan, Lucknow, by Ms. Anandi Ben, Governor, Uttar Pradesh. The book is published by Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous agency under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India.

For details:

### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Punjab: To further spread awareness among all the diabetic & hypertension patients of Punjab to adopt preventive measures and schedule their diet and exercise routine, the Health & Family Welfare Minister, Punjab, wrote letters to all such patients. He said that he has also directed the department to ensure that these letters to be delivered to all diabetic and hypertension patients within 15 days with the help of ANM and ASHAs. The Minister stated that even though the number of active cases of coronavirus rapidly declined in Punjab, the Civil Surgeons have been instructed to ensure the strict compliance of guidelines such as wearing of masks, following physical distancing at public places and maintaining hand hygiene in view of the festival season.
- Himachal Pradesh: Himachal Pradesh Education Minister yesterday launched three new Elementary, Higher and vocational channels of Jio TV. He said that with these channels, one more facility for online studies have been made available to students in the state. In the view of COVID-19 pandemic, the state government started 'Har Ghar Patshala' programme from pre-nursery to 12th standard through WhatsApp and started Gyanshalaprogramme for class 10th and 12th through Doordarshan Shimla, which is still running smoothly.
- Arunachal: Covid patients recovery rate is more than 85 percent in the state. 183 patients recovered and discharged from hospital during last twenty four hours. 108 new positive cases detected across state.
- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 448 COVID-19 cases detected out of 26150 tests conducted in the state. The total COVID-19 tally reached to 205237.
- Meghalaya: 134 individuals have recovered from coronavirus in the State today. Total active cases reached to 1364 out of them 54 are from BSF and Armed forces.
- Nagaland: Of Nagaland's 8824 COVID cases, armed forces account for 3843, traced contacts 2906, returnees 1642 & frontline workers 433.
- Maharashtra: After the Maharashtra government wrote a letter to the Railway authorities that the general public is allowed to travel by Mumbai local trains during non-peak hours, the Western Railway and Central Railway on Wednesday said they are ready to augment suburban services keeping social

distancing norms. Mumbai reported 1,354 new Covid cases on Wednesday and number of active cases in the city stands at 19,357.

- Gujarat: More than seven months after the first coronavirus case was reported in Gujarat, the state's cumulative caseload crossed 1.7 lakh on Wednesday. The state reported 980 fresh cases of Covid-19, taking the tally to 1,70,334. Six more patients succumbed to the virus, taking the death toll to 3,729.
- Rajasthan: The Rajasthan government has directed the CBSE affiliated private schools to slash the tuition fees by 30 per cent for class 9 to 12, while the schools affiliated with the state board have to reduce their fees by 40 per cent for the same classes. As the CBSE reduced the school syllabus from Class 9 to 12 by 30 per cent, therefore their school tuition fees should be reduced by 30 per cent. At the same time, the Rajasthan Board has reduced the syllabus by 40 per cent, so they should reduce the fee by 40 per cent, said the order.
- Madhya Pradesh: In view of the Corona pandemic, the Election Commission has provided the facility to the elderly people above the age of 80, Divyangjan and Corona-infected patients to vote from home through postal ballot for the by-elections which is being held for 28 State Legislative Assembly seats in the state. The Vote from home facility will be available till 2nd of November. MP has 10,094 active Covid patients.
- Kerala: A 551-bed Covid hospital built by the Tata Group in Kerala's Kasaragod district has started operation. The state government is set to develop the facility further and recruit the requisite number of healthcare personnel. According to health officials, it would take at least three months for the Rs 60 crore hospital to be working in full swing with operation theatres and intensive care units. Meanwhile, Covid situation in the state continuous to be grim with three districts recording more than 1000 cases. The number of active Covid-19 cases in the state touched 93,264 yesterday, with another 8,790 persons testing positive for the virus. The Covid death toll has crossed the 1400-mark in the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, through a video conference, flagged off seven of the 33 vehicles launched for the State chapter of the "Jan Andolan" campaign, meant to create awareness on Covid-19, in view of the festive season. The impact of pandemic on school education has been immense, shows data released by the Annual Status of Education Report released Wednesday. As per its findings, at least a quarter of students in Tamil Nadu did no learning activity during an entire week of the survey period. The State on Wednesday informed the Madras High Court that e-pass is not needed for intra-state travellers; it is only mandatory for those travelling to hill stations and international travellers entering the state.
- Karnataka: Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar has cautioned schools against violation of online classes' norms. He has warned that schools violating the guidelines set by the State government's Expert Committee on Online Education will lose their recognition and face fines. In the first election amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Karnataka saw high polling for four seats of the Legislative Council, compared to the previous polls for the same seats in 2014. Karnataka firm on reopening degree colleges, PG institutes from November 17: the Higher Education Department has decided to go ahead with the November 17 schedule for reopening of degree colleges and post-graduate institutions in the state.
- Andhra Pradesh: In a reversal of stands, the state government submitted to the State Election Commissioner (SEC) N. Ramesh Kumar that the Covid-19 situation was not conducive for holding local body elections now while the SEC aired his intention to go ahead with the elections soon. Chief secretary Nilam Sawhney, who met SEC Ramesh Kumar, submitted that several government employees were affected by the virus and hence the situation was not suitable for elections. Active Covid cases



brought under 27,000 in Andhra Pradesh; 2,949 new infections reported on Thursday out of 77,028 tests conducted in a day; 3,609 more patients recover.

- Telangana: 1504 new cases, 1436 recoveries & 5 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1504 cases, 288 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,35,656; Active cases: 17,979; Deaths: 1324; Discharges: 2,16,353. The Russian Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V is likely to be available for use in India only around the second quarter of 2021 as the Phase III trials are not expected to wind up before March 2021 end and may even take longer. Dr Reddy's Laboratories CEO Erez Israeli said the Phase III studies are expected to be completed only as early as March end and may even take April or May 2021 or beyond to complete.

### FACT CHECK

**दावा:** सोशल मीडिया पर वायरल एक विज्ञापन @ITBP\_official द्वारा प्रायोजित होने का दावा कर रहा है। #PIBFactCheck: यह दावा फर्जी है। #ITBP द्वारा ऐसा कोई विज्ञापन जारी नहीं किया गया है।

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The poster features a large illustration of a hand showing three fingers, representing the 'Three Rules for Safety'. The rules are listed in numbered boxes: 1. Always wear face-cover/mask (with an illustration of a person wearing a mask), 2. Maintain distance from others (with an illustration of two people and a double-headed arrow indicating 6 Feet or 2 Gaj), and 3. Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water (with an illustration of hands being washed under a running faucet). At the bottom, there is a slogan in Hindi, contact information for COVID-19 helpline, and social media handles.

## THREE RULES FOR SAFETY

- 1 Always wear face-cover/mask
- 2 Maintain distance from others  
6 Feet  
2 Gaj
- 3 Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water

**Badalkar Apna Vyavahar, Karein Corona Par Vaar**

For information related to COVID-19  
Call the State helpline numbers or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7 helpline number  
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**or COVID-19, in sufficient quantities and affordable prices**

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- Presently the active cases comprise merely 7.64% of the total positive cases of the country standing at 6,10,803
- Telemedicine service, eSanjeevani, completes 6 lakh tele-consultations
- Shri Piyush Goyal calls upon the global community to ensure timely and equitable availability of vaccines and medicines for COVID-19, in sufficient quantities and affordable prices

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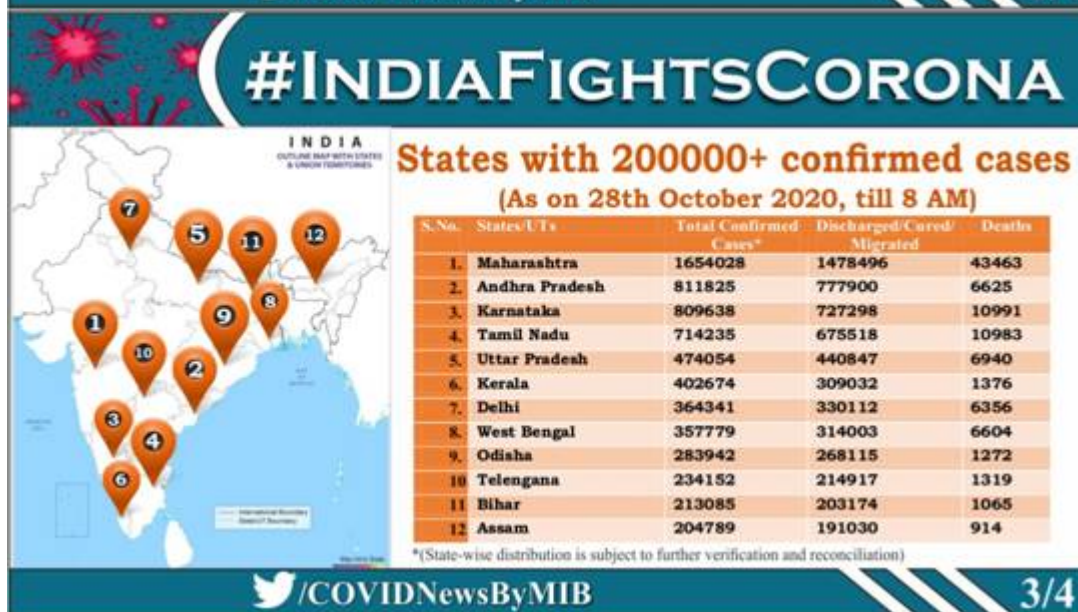
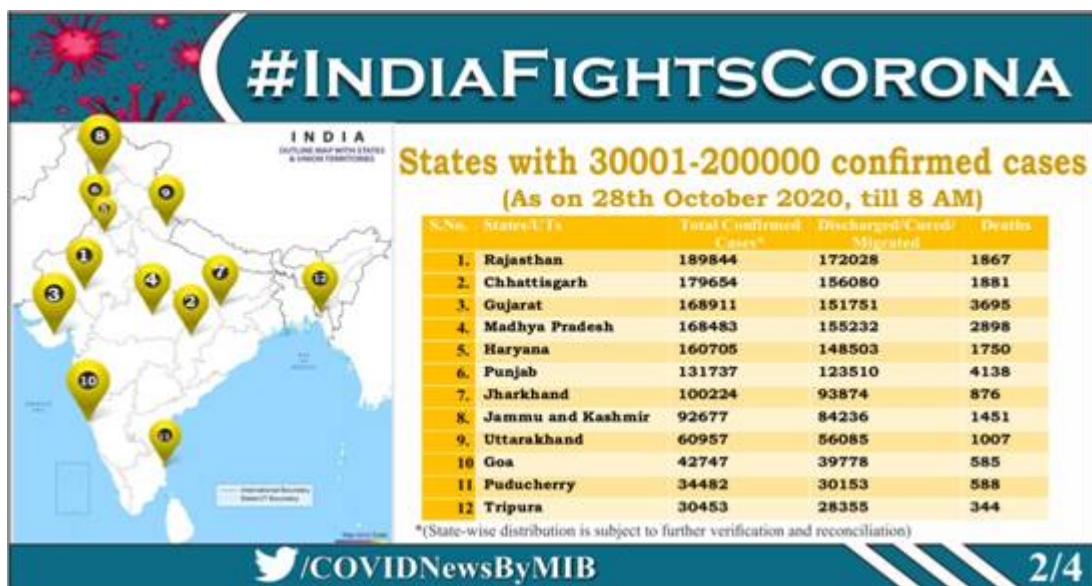
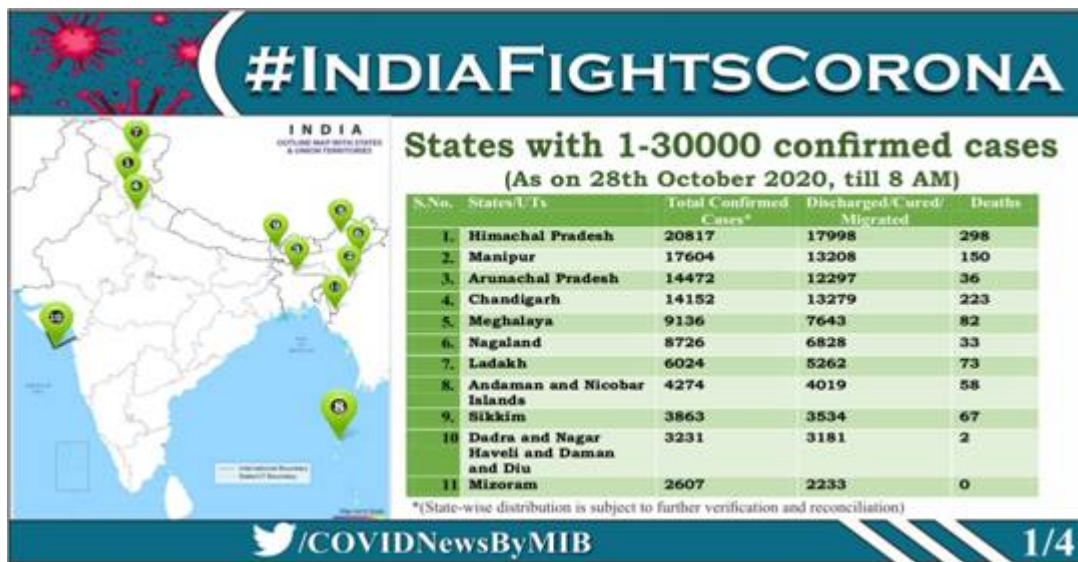
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COVID-19 INDIA as on :  
28 October 2020, 08:00  
IST (GMT+5:30)

(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

Active (7.64%)	Discharged (90.85%)	Deaths (1.50%)
610803 (15054↓)	7259509 (58439↑)	120010 (508↑)





**India continues to be among the countries with lowest per million cases & per million deaths, and very high testing**

With focussed strategy and proactive as well as calibrated measures of the Union Government along with the States and UTs, India has sustained its global position of being the country with one of the lowest cases per million population and deaths per million population. While the global figure for cases/million is **5,552**, India is recording **5,790**. USA, Brazil, France, UK, Russia, and South Africa are reporting much higher numbers. The deaths per million populations in India are **87**, substantially lower than the world average of 148. In the matter of total tests conducted, India is one of the topmost countries. With 10,66,786 tests in the last 24 hours, the cumulative number of tests conducted has crossed 10.5 Cr (**10,54,87,680**). India continues to report a trend of steadily decreasing active cases. Presently the active cases comprise merely **7.64%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **6,10,803**. The total recovered cases are **72,59,509**. **43,893** new cases have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country whereas the new recovered cases stand at **58,439**. **77%** of the new recovered cases are in 10 States/UTs. **79%** of new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala has overtaken Maharashtra with the highest number of new reported cases. **508** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours.

**For details:**

#### **Union Health Ministry's telemedicine service, eSanjeevani, completes 6 lakh tele-consultations**

eSanjeevani, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's telemedicine initiative has completed 6 Lakh tele consultations. It took only 15 days to complete the last one lakh consultations. In what can be seen as a big push for the 'Digital India' initiative of the Prime Minister, the *eSanjeevani* digital 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. States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Gujarat run eSanjeevani OPD for 12 hours a day and 7 days a week. It is a testimony to the fact that eSanjeevani is gradually gaining traction with patients and doctors. eSanjeevani is accessible to the population in 27 States/UTs across India. The digital platform provides eHealth services through more than **6000 doctors** who man **217 online OPDs** in patient to doctor telemedicine model i.e. eSanjeevaniOPD.

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#### **Shri Piyush Goyal calls upon the global community to ensure timely and equitable availability of vaccines and medicines for COVID-19, in sufficient quantities and affordable prices**

The Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyalh as called upon the global community to ensure timely and equitable availability of vaccines and medicines for COVID-19, in sufficient quantities and affordable prices. In his intervention at the virtual informal meeting of WTO Ministers held yesterday, he said that India and South Africa have proposed TRIPS waiver to address the challenges that countries with limited manufacturing capacity will face, in accessing these medical supplies. He called upon all Members to support the proposal, in order to have a decision on it by MC12, if not earlier. Shri Goyal said that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the inherent weaknesses and inequalities in the global economic & trading system. The need of the hour is to take effective measures to address the immediate challenges, and also prepare a long-term roadmap on how to reform an ailing and imbalanced global trading system.

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#### **Prime Minister inaugurates National Conference on Vigilance and Anti Corruption**

The Prime Minister inaugurated the National Conference on Vigilance and Anti Corruption on the theme सतर्क भारत, समृद्ध भारत) Vigilant India, Prosperous India) yesterday through video conferencing. Addressing the Conference, the Prime Minister said Sardar Patel is the architect of United India as well the country's administrative systems. As the first home minister of the country, he made efforts to build such a system which is meant for the common man of the country and where the policies are based on integrity. Shri Narendra Modi lamented that the following decades witnessed a different situation which lead to scams worth thousands of crores of rupees, establishment of shell companies, tax harassment and tax evasion. The Prime Minister stressed the necessity for the administrative systems to be transparent, responsible, accountable, answerable to the public. He added that the biggest enemy against this is any form of corruption. He said one hand corruption hurts the development of the country and on the other it destroys the social balance as well as the trust that people should have in the system. And therefore, he said tackling corruption is not just the responsibility of any single agency or institution but that it is a collective responsibility. He said corruption cannot be dealt with a stand-alone approach.

**For details:**

### **Text of PM's inaugural address at the National Conference on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption**

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### **Dr. Harsh Vardhan highlights need for long term solutions for management of biomedical waste**

The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has underlined the need for long term solutions for management of biomedical waste so as to ease the pressure on Health and Environment, specifically in a pandemic like situation. His message was read out at a recent webinar. The high-level webinar on 'The Future of Liquid Waste Management amidst COVID-19: What lies ahead?' was jointly organized by the India Water Foundation (IWF) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) supported by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti recently. The webinar focused on the future of liquid waste management and effective management of biomedical waste.

**For details:**

## **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

**Kerala:** The Kerala State Higher Education Council has submitted a policy document to the state government recommending a complete overhaul of University and college examinations through computerized automation tools in view of the Covid-19 situation. The objective is to carry out evaluation and result declaration speedily and flawlessly with the help of an instant evaluation machine. Seven months after shutters were downed following the Covid outbreak, bars in Kerala are likely to open next week. The Excise, Police and Revenue department are tasked with ensuring that bars, when they open, strictly adhere to Covid protocols. The state reported 5457 positive cases yesterday, with the total tally crossing four lakh.

**Tamil Nadu:** For the first time since May, Covid cases in Chennai went below the 700-mark on Tuesday, with 695 testing positive. Meanwhile, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH) in the city recorded zero deaths due to Covid in 24 hours, for the second time in a span of four days. The State government has relaxed the ban on recruiting frontline staff for Covid relief work; the G.O. issued in this regard said departments concerned need not get the concurrence of the Staff Committee anymore to recruit frontline staff. Covid-19 positivity rate falls to 6.2 per cent in Coimbatore; death rate has come down to 1.28% in the district as against last month's rate of 2.1%; fever camps help in early diagnosis.

**Karnataka:** With an aim of putting in place more stringent measures to ensure people to wear mask covering their mouth and nose and to maintain social distance, BBMP has formed four committees at ward, zonal, divisional and head office levels. For the second consecutive day the number of Covid tests conducted in the state declined due to festivals. A group of nutritionists, activists and lawyers petitioned state government to provide ration kits to students in government and aided schools. Voting begins for four seats to Karnataka Legislative Council following Covid guidelines.

**Andhra Pradesh:** The online certificate courses introduced by the National Sanskrit University (NSU), Tirupati have evoked a good response from students. As many as 414 students from India and abroad have evinced interest in pursuing the NSU online courses so far. The NSU conducted Sanskrit and Yoga courses in 19 streams through online from April 5 to May 17 this year in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. Uncertainty over Andhra-Telangana bus services continues; the scheduled meeting on Tuesday between the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) officials with their Telangana counterparts over entering into an agreement to resume interstate bus operations has been cancelled.

**Telangana:** 1481 new cases, 1451 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1481 cases, 279 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,34,152; Active cases: 17,916; Deaths: 1319; Discharges: 2,14,917 with a recovery rate of 91.78 per cent. Telangana has become the only State to have waived off crop loans amounting to Rs 27,718 crore, largest in the country since the formation of the State. Further, the State government spent another Rs 28,000 crore under Rythu Bandhu benefiting farmers directly during the corresponding period.

**Maharashtra:** The doubling rate of Covid-19 cases in all the 24 administrative wards of Mumbai has gone above 100 days. Whereas, the overall doubling rate of Covid-19 cases in Mumbai has gone up to 139 days. The BMC is finding success in bending the curve of Covid-19 with all its administrative wards now able to slow down the spread of infection. Along with Mumbai, Covid situation in rest of Maharashtra is also improving with the state reporting 7,836 recoveries on Tuesday against 5,363 new cases. Total number of active cases in the state has come down to 1.31 lakhs.

**Gujarat:** Gujarat recorded 992 new cases during the last 24 hours marking the third consecutive day of under 1,000 cases. At present total active cases in the state are 13,487, out of which 64 patients are on ventilator. Five patients died yesterday taking the total deaths due to Covid19 up to 3,698.



**Rajasthan:** The State Education Department has readied a proposal to reopen schools in the state from November 2 in a phased manner. In the first phase schools for senior classes will begin. A detailed SOP that includes compulsory wearing of masks, sanitization and safe distancing norms. For primary school children a proposal of odd-even is under consideration. Rajasthan on Tuesday reported 1,796 new cases. The number of active cases is 15,949.

**Madhya Pradesh:** For the first time in three months, Madhya Pradesh reported under 600 Covid cases, with 514 cases recorded on Tuesday. 112 new cases were reported in Indore while Jabalpur recorded 46 new cases. The number of active cases in the state is 10,353.

**Chhattisgarh:** Chhattisgarh, which remained relatively unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic until early August, now finds itself grappling with an explosion in the number of cases. The State remained low on the positivity chart until early August, but since then its graph has remained almost vertical and there is no sign of the curve flattening as yet. The state reported 2,046 new cases and 287 recoveries on Tuesday. The active cases count is 21,693.

**Goa:** The Goa cabinet has decided to allow casinos to reopen in the state from November 1 by following the COVID-19 prevention guidelines. The coastal state has six offshore and around a dozen onshore casinos, which have been shut since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in March this year. The casinos will have to operate at 50 per cent of their capacity and follow all the standard operating procedures laid down by the state Home department.

**Assam:** In Assam, 403 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 2443 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 204789, discharged 191027, active 12845 and 914 deaths.

**Manipur:** In Manipur, with 6 more deaths due to COVID-19, the toll reaches 150. Current recovery rate is 75 percent in the state.

**Meghalaya:** In Meghalaya, total active cases 1411 and total recovered 7643.

**Mizoram:** In Mizoram, 80 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed yesterday, total cases rise to 2607. The State today reported first COVID-19 related mortality.

**Nagaland:** In Nagaland, Union Home Ministry on Tuesday showed 14 States & Union Territories including Nagaland having COVID-19 fatality rate lower than 1%.

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(COVID-19)**

  
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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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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).*

- New confirmed cases in the last 24 hours fall below 36,500 (36,470), lowest in last three months
- Total Active Cases stand at 6.25 lakh, lowest after 11 weeks
- Total positive cases of the country are 6,25,857 and now comprise merely 7.88% of the total cases
- National Recovery Rate has further grown to 90.62%.
- Ministry of Home Affairs issues Order extending the Guidelines for Re-opening, issued on 30.09.2020, to remain in force upto 30.11.2020
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COVID-19 INDIA as on :  
27 October 2020, 08:00  
IST (GMT+5:30)

(↑ Status change since  
yesterday)

Active (7.88%)	Discharged (90.62%)	Deaths (1.50%)
625857 (27860↓)	7201070 (63842↑)	119502 (488↑)



# COVID-19 Tracker

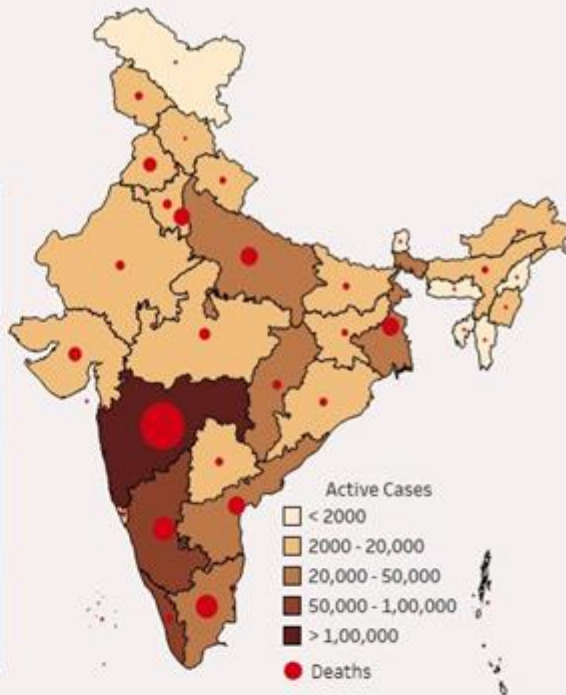
As on 27 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** **79,46,429 (▲36,470)**

**Recovered** **72,01,070 (90.62%) ▲ 63,842**

**Active** **6,25,857 (7.88%) ▼ 27,860**

**Deaths** **1,19,502 (1.50%) ▲ 488**



## States' Cases (Highest)

## Recovered (%)

## Active (%)

## Deaths (%)

Maharashtra	16,48,665 (▲3,645)	14,70,660 (89%)	1,34,657 (8%)	43,348 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,08,924 (▲1,901)	7,73,548 (96%)	28,770 (4%)	6,606 (0.8%)
Karnataka	8,05,947 (▲3,130)	7,19,558 (89%)	75,442 (9%)	10,947 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu	7,11,713 (▲2,708)	6,71,489 (94%)	29,268 (4%)	10,956 (1.5%)
Uttar Pradesh	4,72,077 (▲1,807)	4,38,521 (93%)	26,652 (6%)	6,904 (1.5%)
Kerala	3,97,217 (▲4,287)	3,02,017 (76%)	93,848 (24%)	1,352 (0.3%)
Delhi	3,59,488 (▲2,832)	3,27,390 (91%)	25,786 (7%)	6,312 (1.8%)
West Bengal	3,53,822 (▲4,121)	3,10,086 (88%)	37,190 (11%)	6,546 (1.9%)
Odisha	2,82,695 (▲1,480)	2,66,105 (94%)	15,331 (5%)	1,259 (0.4%)
Telangana	2,32,671 (▲837)	2,13,466 (92%)	17,890 (8%)	1,315 (0.6%)
Bihar	2,12,355 (▲666)	2,01,942 (95%)	9,355 (4%)	1,058 (0.5%)
Assam	2,04,386 (▲215)	1,88,587 (92%)	14,891 (7%)	908 (0.4%)
Rajasthan	1,88,048 (▲1,805)	1,69,962 (90%)	16,233 (9%)	1,853 (1.0%)
Chhattisgarh	1,77,608 (▲1,649)	1,53,654 (87%)	22,093 (12%)	1,861 (1.0%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,67,969 (▲720)	1,54,222 (92%)	10,857 (6%)	2,890 (1.7%)
Gujarat	1,67,919 (▲908)	1,50,513 (90%)	13,716 (8%)	3,690 (2.2%)
Haryana	1,59,457 (▲1,153)	1,47,566 (93%)	10,154 (6%)	1,737 (1.1%)
Punjab	1,31,391 (▲336)	1,23,047 (94%)	4,219 (3%)	4,125 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	99,906 (▲220)	93,368 (93%)	5,666 (6%)	872 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash..	92,225 (▲364)	83,485 (91%)	7,296 (8%)	1,444 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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India records lowest daily New Cases after 3 months, Total Active Cases stand at 6.25 lakh, lowest after 11 weeks

India has achieved several significant milestones in its fight against COVID. The new confirmed cases in the last 24 hours have **fallen below 36,500 (36,470)** for the first time in three months. The new cases were **34,884** on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. With a high number of COVID patients recovering every day and the sustained fall in the mortality rate, India's steady trend of registering dipping active cases continues. In another achievement, the active cases have drastically declined to 6.25 lakh. The total positive cases of the country are **6,25,857** and now comprise merely **7.88%** of the total cases. **35%** of the total Active Cases in the country today are being reported from only **18 districts**. The total recovered cases have crossed 72 lakhs (**72,01,070**). This has widened the gap between active cases and recovered cases and stands at **65,75,213** today. **63,842 patients** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The national Recovery Rate has further grown to **90.62%**. **78%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra is leading with more than 9,000 single day recoveries followed by Karnataka with more than 8,000 recoveries. **76%** of the new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala and West Bengal have contributed the maximum to the new cases with more than 4,000 cases each. Maharashtra, Karnataka follow with more than 3,000 new cases. **488** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 80%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. The deaths are below 500 for second consecutive day. Maharashtra has reported the maximum single day deaths (84 deaths). India's case Fatality Rate stands at **1.50%**.

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MHA extends the Guidelines for Re-opening; States/ UTs advised to enforce COVID-Appropriate behavior

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an Order today to extend the **Guidelines for Re-opening**, issued on 30.09.2020, to remain in force upto 30.11.2020. Since the issuance of the first Order on lockdown measures by MHA on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, almost all activities have been gradually opened up in areas outside the Containment Zones. While most of the activities have been permitted, some activities involving large number of people, have been allowed with some restrictions and subject to SOPs being followed regarding health and safety precautions. These activities include - *metro rail; shopping malls; hotel, restaurants and hospitality services; religious places; yoga and training institutes; gymnasiums; cinemas; entertainment park etc.* In respect of certain activities, having relatively higher degree of risk of COVID infection, State/ UT Governments have been permitted to take decisions for their re-opening, based on the assessment of the situation and subject to SOPs. After the last guidelines issued by MHA on 30.09.2020, certain activities are also permitted but with certain restrictions. The essence behind graded re-opening and progressive resumption of activities is to move ahead. However, it does not mean the end of the pandemic. There is a need to exercise abundant caution by adopting COVID-19 appropriate behaviour by every citizen in their daily routine.

**For details:**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches Punjab National Bank's All India CSR campaign against COVID 19

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare launched Punjab National Bank's (PNB) All India CSR campaign against COVID 19 yesterday. He also released the digital CSR album & CSR video of Punjab National Bank. Appreciating the efforts of PNB for the works done under CSR activities in the fight against COVID 19, Dr. Harsh Vardhan noted, "PNB has contributed in the movement of the government to combat the pandemic by distributing approximately 10 lakh masks and sanitizers in 662

districts of the country to the needy sections of society through its over 10,000 branches.”He also praised Gram Sampark Yojna which was launched on 2nd October, 2020 by the bank for a period of three months, for providing special facilities to the farmers of 500 districts in rural and semi urban areas. He appreciated efforts of PNB for providing an amount of Rs. 10.37 lakhs to Bhaorao Deoras Sewa Nyas, as part of CSR activity, for purchase of a vehicle to be used by the Nyas for the help of sick persons who visit Delhi for treatment at AIIMS. On India’s fight against COVID-19, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, “As India enters into the tenth month in its fight against COVID, India has become *Atmanirbhar* in many aspects. The exponentially rising Recovery Rate and progressively falling active cases have proven the success of the Centre-led COVID-19 containment strategy.”Dr Harsh Vardhan affirmed that the utmost priority of the government is to provide vaccine to the very last person in the country and the roadmap for distribution of vaccine is in speedy progress.

**For details:****PM interacts with beneficiaries of PM SVANIDHI Yojana from UP**

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with beneficiaries of PM SVANIDHI Yojana from Uttar Pradesh through video conferencing. The Prime Minister while interacting with the beneficiaries gave suggestions on benefits of digital payment and how to get cashback benefits. He also said with this money one can have proper education and a better career. The Prime Minister wished the beneficiaries and lauded the bankers for their efforts. He said their efforts will help the poor celebrate their festivals. He said this day is an important day for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat and the day to honour the street vendors. He said the nation recognizes their contribution towards self-reliant India. He said when the Corona pandemic broke out, other nations were concerned how their workers would cope, but in our country our workers have proved that they can surmount any challenge and can fight back and win.

**For details:****Text of PM’s address at the interaction with PM SVANidhi Scheme beneficiaries of Uttar Pradesh****For details:****PM delivers inaugural address at 4th India Energy Forum**

PM delivered inaugural address at 4th India Energy Forum CERAWeek through video conference. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said India is full of energy and its energy future is bright and secure. He elaborated that in spite of various challenges like fall in energy demand by almost one third, prevailing price instability, impacted investment decisions, projected contraction in global energy demand over the next few years, India was projected to emerge as a leading energy consumer and is projected to nearly double its energy consumption over the long term. The Prime Minister pointed that India is the third largest and the fastest growing aviation market in terms of domestic aviation and Indian carriers are projected to increase their fleet size from 600 to 1200 by 2024. He said India believes that access to energy must be affordable and reliable. That is when socio-economic transformations can take place. He said the energy sector empowers people and furthers "Ease of Living" and he listed Government’s initiatives to achieve this. He said these initiatives particularly helped the rural people, middle class and the women. **The Prime Minister said the Government is moving forward with the vision of 'आत्मनिर्भरभारत.'** He added a Self-reliant India will also be a Force Multiplier for the global economy and Energy security is at the core of these efforts.



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**Text of PM's address at the inauguration of India Energy Forum**

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**DoPT reforms regarding Child Care Leave**

While briefing about some of the major reforms brought by Department of Personnel & Training, Union Minister of State (I/C) DoNER, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said today that the male employees of the government are also now entitled to Child Care Leave. However, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the provision and privilege of Child Care Leave (CCL) will be available only for those male employees who happen to be "single male parent", which may include male employees who are widowers or divorcees or even unmarried and may therefore, be expected to take up the responsibility of child care as a single - handed parent. In a further relaxation to this provision, Dr Jitendra Singh informed that an employee on Child Care Leave may now leave the head quarter with the prior approval of Competent Authority.

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**Futuristic vision combined with decisiveness has provided India with a solid Startup ecosystem: Shri Piyush Goyal**

Union commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal today said that Futuristic vision combined with decisiveness has provided India with a solid Startup ecosystem. At the inauguration of 1st Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum, he said that Youth is our wealth, and in these times of vulnerability & uncertainty, they have responded with agility, adaptability & ability. Shri Goyal said that our Startups have demonstrated their ability to convert this severe adversity into a great potential of the future. Shri Goyal said that Young firms in India have reacted fast & very flexibly to COVID pandemic by sharing our best practices & knowledge, engaging corporates & investors, Monetising & mobilising capital, Setting up incubators, and Providing exposure & scale.

For details:

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Punjab: The Health & Family Welfare Minister, Punjab, said that the Government of India has asked the States and U.T. to create a database of Health care workers and submit it to Ministry. Central Institutions to submit the line listing separately and process of data collection is in full swing in all districts of State. Anticipating that COVID-19 vaccine may soon be available, GoI is preparing for its introduction in the country so that it can be expeditiously rolled out when available. He said that a training has been imparted to more than 450 participants of the health department regarding data filling, necessary format saving, compilation and data uploading on digital platforms.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister said that special thrust must be laid on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) so that the persons with any kind of symptoms immediately visit the hospital for Covid-19 tests. He said that focus must be laid on making the 'Mask Up Campaign' of the Government of India a success. He said that doctors must ensure proper communication with the Covid patients as it



goes a long way in recovery of the patients. He said that this would ensure timely treatment of patients, as it has been found that about 90 percent of deaths reported due to Covid took place within 24 hours of patients being admitted in health institutions.

- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 147 cases of COVID-19 positive cases recorded and 231 patients discharged during last twenty four hours. Two more people succumb to COVID-19, death toll at 35.
- Assam: In Assam, 215 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 2832 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 204386, discharged 188584, active 14891 and 908 death.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 48 more people tested positive for COVID-19, total confirmed cases 9066, total recovered cases 7471 and 81 deaths.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, lockdown imposed in Aizawl from today till 3rd November in the wake of rising cases of COVID-19. A total of 34 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases rise to 2527 and active 315 cases.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, total COVID-19 cases 6626, armed forces account for 3807 cases, traced contacts 2800, returnees 1635 & frontline workers 421.
- Maharashtra: The Maharashtra Government has brought down the rate for COVID-19 RT-PCR tests conducted at private laboratories by about Rs 200. The new rates will range between Rs 980 – 1,800 depending upon the location of collection. Earlier these rates ranged from Rs 1,200 – 2,000. This is the fourth time that the Government has slashed the RT-PCR rates in the state. Meanwhile, Maharashtra reported 3,645 new cases, the lowest in the last 146 days. Union Minister Ramdas Athavale has tested positive.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the total patients recovered from Covid-19 has crossed the 1.50 lakh mark. 1,102 patients recovered and discharged from various hospitals during the past 24 hours. For the second consecutive day, the state reported under one thousand cases, with 908 new Covid cases registered on Monday. The number of active cases in Gujarat is 13,738.
- Rajasthan: The Rajasthan Government is bringing a Bill in the upcoming Assembly session to make wearing of masks in public places compulsory. It is the first state to give legal backing for wearing of masks, which is seen as an essential safeguard against the Coronavirus infection.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, the spread of COVID 19 is gradually decreasing in the state. The number of active cases is 11,237 and the number of recoveries has exceeded 1.53 lakhs. While, more than 200 patients are being reported daily only in Bhopal and Indore in the state, in the remaining districts the number of new patients has come down to less than 100.
- Chhattisgarh: With 1,649 new COVID-19 cases and 43 more deaths, Chhattisgarh's total infection count rose to 1.77 lakhs and the toll to 1,861 on Monday. The state now has 22,093 active cases.
- Kerala: State government is mulling a change in the Covid testing method during the Sabarimala pilgrimage season. The move comes in the wake of three persons, including a policeman and devotees, who came for the monthly puja in the hill shrine testing Covid positive despite having a negative certificate. Doctors also pointed out the risk in allowing entry to everyone carrying the certificate without testing. The recommendations being put forward by experts are RT-PCR test instead of antigen test for devotees and antigen test for devotees carrying Covid negative certificate. In the wake of the ongoing Covid curbs, the Plus-One classes are all set to go online in Kerala on the lines of virtual sessions similar to students enrolled up to class 10. The classes for the new batch of Plus One students in the state will begin online from November 2.

- **Tamil Nadu:** Tamil Nadu agriculture minister Doraikkannu who is currently battling Covid-19, is reportedly having severe setback in his health condition, according to hospital sources. Health Secretary J Radhakrishnan has warned that Festival shoppers dropping their guard against coronavirus infection may spell disaster for Covid fight. Keeping in line with the increasing demand for oxygen among patients, the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corp. has taken up work to install liquid medical oxygen tanks at government hospitals in the State.
- **Karnataka:** In a mammoth preparation across the country for the much-awaited vaccination against Covid-19, MoHFW has sent a circular to the Health Departments of all states and Union Territories, asking them to collect data of all frontline healthcare workers (FHWs) from government and private hospitals. Today Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar held a meeting with representatives of AstraZeneca company after which he said, that we may get the Covid vaccine by Jan 2021. Relief for Karnataka as Covid-19 cases dip; from a high of over 8,000 to 10,000 Covid cases daily in August, September and until mid-October, the virus appears to be slowing down, at least for now, in Karnataka.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** In the backdrop of Covid-19 the state has issued several key directives and precautionary measures to be followed regarding implementation of the mid-day meal scheme in schools. It is learnt that the Andhra Pradesh government has announced that schools will be reopened from November 2. On the other hand, government has directed teachers to undergo corona tests and send their reports to their higher authorities. Meanwhile, district administrations across the state have taken up 'No Mask - No Entry' drive at all religious and commercial establishments in order to create awareness on Covid-19 and whether consumers are maintaining social distance or not.
- **Telangana:** 837 new cases, 1554 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 837 cases, 185 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,32,671; Active cases: 17, 890; Deaths: 1315; Discharges: 2,13,466. The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), which was the first and only airport in India to offer truly end-to-end paperless e-boarding to domestic passengers, has now extended the facility to international flights, becoming the first airport in India to do so.

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- India's Case Fatality Rate lowest since 22nd March
- Less than 500 Deaths reported in last 24 hours
- 14 States/UTs have Case Fatality Ratio less than 1%
- 59,105 new recoveries were added in last 24 hour whereas new recovered cases were 45,148
- National recovery rate is at present 90.23%

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

(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

**Active** (8.26%)**653717** (14437↓)**Discharged** (90.23%)**7137228** (59105↑)**Deaths** (1.50%)**119014** (480↑)



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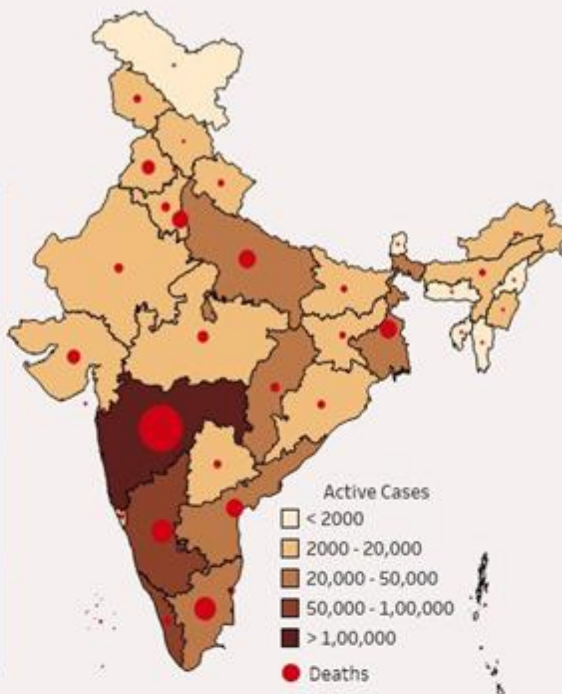
As on 26 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** **79,09,959 (▲45,148)**

**Recovered** **71,37,228 (90.23%) ▲ 59,105**

**Active** **6,53,717 (8.26%) ▼ 14,437**

**Deaths** **1,19,014 (1.50%) ▲ 480**



	States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	16,45,020 (▲6,059)	14,60,755 (89%)	1,41,001 (9%)	43,264 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh	8,07,023 (▲2,997)	7,69,576 (95%)	30,860 (4%)	6,587 (0.8%)
Karnataka	8,02,817 (▲4,439)	7,10,843 (89%)	81,069 (10%)	10,905 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu	7,09,005 (▲2,869)	6,67,475 (94%)	30,606 (4%)	10,924 (1.5%)
Uttar Pradesh	4,70,270 (▲2,032)	4,36,071 (93%)	27,317 (6%)	6,882 (1.5%)
Kerala	3,92,930 (▲6,843)	2,94,910 (75%)	96,688 (25%)	1,332 (0.3%)
Delhi	3,56,656 (▲4,136)	3,23,654 (91%)	26,744 (7%)	6,258 (1.8%)
West Bengal	3,49,701 (▲4,127)	3,06,197 (88%)	37,017 (11%)	6,487 (1.9%)
Odisha	2,81,215 (▲1,633)	2,64,102 (94%)	15,868 (6%)	1,245 (0.4%)
Telangana	2,31,834 (▲582)	2,11,912 (91%)	18,611 (8%)	1,311 (0.6%)
Bihar	2,11,689 (▲431)	2,00,918 (95%)	9,722 (5%)	1,049 (0.5%)
Assam	2,04,171 (▲204)	1,85,755 (91%)	17,510 (9%)	906 (0.4%)
Rajasthan	1,86,243 (▲1,821)	1,67,736 (90%)	16,668 (9%)	1,839 (1.0%)
Chhattisgarh	1,75,959 (▲1,368)	1,50,398 (85%)	23,743 (13%)	1,818 (1.0%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,67,249 (▲951)	1,53,127 (92%)	11,237 (7%)	2,885 (1.7%)
Gujarat	1,67,011 (▲919)	1,49,411 (89%)	13,914 (8%)	3,686 (2.2%)
Haryana	1,58,304 (▲1,240)	1,46,282 (92%)	10,295 (7%)	1,727 (1.1%)
Punjab	1,31,055 (▲415)	1,22,721 (94%)	4,217 (3%)	4,117 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	99,686 (▲258)	92,976 (93%)	5,844 (6%)	866 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash..	91,861 (▲532)	82,858 (90%)	7,565 (8%)	1,438 (1.6%)

\* ▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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India's Case Fatality Rate lowest since 22nd March, Less than 500 Deaths reported in last 24 hours, 14 States/UTs have Case Fatality Ratio less than 1%

The focused efforts of Centre and State/UT governments on effective clinical management of the hospitalized cases have ensured that India's Fatality Rate has touched **1.5%**. **Less than 500 deaths (480)** have been reported in last 24 hours in the country. India has one of the lowest fatality rates in the world. The Case Fatality rate is lowest since 22<sup>nd</sup> March and is continuously declining. **2218 Dedicated COVID Hospitals** are providing quality medical care. At the ground level, frontline health workers like ASHAs and ANMs have done a commendable job of managing the migrant population and to enhance awareness at the community level. As a result, there are **14 States and UTs with CFR lower than 1%**. **59,105** new recoveries were added in last 24 hour whereas new recovered cases were **45,148**. With this, the total number of recoveries have crossed **71 Lakh (71,37,228)**. Higher number of single day recoveries is also reflected in the continuous increase in the national recovery rate, which is at present **90.23%**. India continues to report a trend of steadily decreasing active cases. Presently the active cases comprise merely **8.26%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **6,53,717**. This is the lowest since 13<sup>th</sup> August when the active cases were 6,53,622. **78%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Karnataka has contributed the maximum to the single day recoveries with more than 10,000 cases followed by Kerala with more than 7,000 cases. **45,148** new confirmed cases were registered in the last 24 hours in the country. This is the lowest since 22<sup>nd</sup> July when 37,000 new cases were added. **82%** of new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala and Maharashtra contribute maximum to the new confirmed cases with more than 6,000 cases each followed by Karnataka, Delhi and West Bengal with more than 4,000 cases. **480** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 80%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. More than **23%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (112 deaths).

For details :

English rendering of PM's address in the 17th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0' on 25.10.2020

For details:

PM to interact with beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi Scheme from UP on 27 October

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will interact with the beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi Scheme from Uttar Pradesh on 27 October at 10:30 AM via video conferencing. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh will also be present on the occasion. PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme was launched on 1 June, 2020 to help poor street vendors, impacted by COVID-19, resume livelihood activities. Till date, a total of more than 24 lakh applications have been received under the scheme, out of which more than 12 lakh have been sanctioned and about 5.35 lakh loans have been disbursed.

For details:

PM inaugurates three key projects in Gujarat, Launches 'KisanSuryodaya Yojana' for the farmers of Gujarat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated 3 key projects in Gujarat on Saturday through video conferencing. Shri Modi launched the KisanSuryodaya Yojana for providing 16 hours of power supply to farmers. He also inaugurated the Paediatric Heart Hospital attached with U.N Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre and a Mobile Application for tele-cardiology at the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital in Ahmedabad. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Ropeway at Girnar on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, he said Gujarat has always been an exemplary model for the determination and dedication of the common man. He added after the Sujalam-Suflam and Sauni scheme, the kisanSuryodaya Yojana Gujarat has set a milestone in meeting the needs of the Gujarat Farmers. The Prime Minister urged to work continuously in line with the changing times to help the farmers in doubling their income, by reducing their investment and overcoming their difficulties. He listed the initiatives of the Government to double the income of the farmers like formation of thousands of FPOs, neem coating urea, Soil Health Cards and launching of many new initiatives.

For details:

#### Text of PM's address at the inauguration of three key projects in Gujarat via video conferencing

For details:

#### Extension of due dates for Annual Return and Reconciliation Statement for 2018-19

The Government has been receiving a number of representations regarding need to extend due date for filing Annual Return (FORM GSTR-9) and Reconciliation Statement (FORM GSTR-9C) for 2018-19 on the grounds that on account of the COVID-19 pandemic related lockdown and restrictions, normal operation of businesses has still not been possible in several parts of the country. It has been requested that the due dates for the same be extended beyond 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to enable the businesses and auditors to comply in this regard. In view of the same, on the recommendations of the GST Council, it has been decided to extend the due date for filing Annual Return (FORM GSTR-9/GSTR-9A) and Reconciliation Statement (FORM GSTR-9C) for Financial Year 2018-19 **from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020**. Notifications to give effect to this decision would follow.

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#### Extension of due date of furnishing of Income Tax Returns and Audit Reports

In view of the challenges faced by taxpayers in meeting the statutory and regulatory compliances due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Government brought the Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provisions) Ordinance, 2020 ('the Ordinance') on 31st March, 2020 which, inter alia, extended various time limits. The Ordinance has since been replaced by the Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation and Amendment of Certain Provisions) Act. The Government issued a Notification on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 under the Ordinance which, inter alia, extended the due date for all Income Tax Returns for the FY 2019-20 (AY 2020-21) to 30th November, 2020. Hence, the returns of income which were required to be filed

by 31st July, 2020 and 31st October, 2020 are required to be filed by 30th November, 2020. Consequently, the date for furnishing various audit reports including tax audit report under the Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act) has also been extended to 31st October, 2020.

For details :

New age sustainable disinfectants and sanitizers may bring relief from chemical ones with side effects

The days of suffering from dry, itching hands due to rinsing them multiple times with chemical disinfectants and soap as protection against contact infection of COVID 19 may soon be over. A number of start-ups based in different parts of India are now armed with a range of sustainable alternatives to conventional chemical-based decontaminants that can disinfect surfaces and even microcavities. Safe disinfection and sanitization technologies have come from a total of 10 companies supported for disinfectants and sanitizers under Centre for Augmenting WAR with COVID-19 Health Crisis (CAWACH), an initiative by the National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), implemented by Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay. Mumbai based start-up Inphlox Water Systems, with expertise in treating complex polluted water and wastewater, modified their technology to design and develop a system for space and equipment disinfection to fight COVID 19 contamination titled VAJRA. The VAJRA KE Series uses a disinfection system consisting of a multistage disinfection process by incorporating electrostatic discharge that generates ozone, and the powerful sterilizing effects of UVC light spectrum. VAJRA Kavach-E (KE) uses advanced oxidation, electrostatic discharge, and UVC light spectrum to inactivate the viruses, bacteria, and other microbial strains present on the PPE. This saves costs by making the PPE, medical, and nonmedical gear reusable.

For details:

Shri Gangwar performs Bhoomi Puja of 100 Bedded New ESIC Hospital at Bareilly, U.P done

Bhoomi Puja of 100 bedded new ESIC Hospital, Bareilly, U.P. was done by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment yesterday. During his address, Shri Gangwar, eighth time Member of Parliament from Bareilly, hailed and expressed gratitude for the efforts of Central Government, State Government & District Administration for realizing the dream into reality of medical needs of the people of his Constituency. He also said that this hospital will now ease the difficulties of IPs and beneficiaries as earlier they had to either travel to AIIMS, Delhi or Lucknow for higher medical treatment. The Minister also announced that the facilities of this ESIC Hospital will be made available to common people by charging nominal user fee. He further said that this Hospital will be turned into a Model Hospital in future.

For details:



## Price Monitoring and Resource Unit set up in Goa under the aegis of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)

A. Price Monitoring and Resource Unit (PMRU) has been set up in Goa under the aegis of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. NPPA, in coordination with Goa State Drug Control Department has set up a Price Monitoring and Resource Unit on 22, October 2020. This PMRU will function at the State level under the direct supervision of the State Drug Controller for increasing outreach of NPPA. NPPA has been working in tandem with State Governments during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure seamless availability of life saving medicines including HCQ, paracetamol, vaccines, insulin and medicines under COVID protocol, including medical oxygen. Working together with State Governments, NPPA has strived to ensure that there is no shortage of drugs throughout the country.

For details:

### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 204 COVID-19 positive cases detected out of 8753 tests conducted with positivity rate of 2.33%.
- Meghalaya: 104 individuals have recovered from coronavirus in the State today. Total active cases reached to 1605. Out of them 53 are from BSF and Armed forces.
- Mizoram: 1.46 fresh cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases reached to 2493. Mizoram government launched 'Covid-19 No Tolerance Fortnight' from today to break the chain of rising local transmission.
- Nagaland: Phek and Longleng district of Nagaland still continue to be COVID free. Out of state's 1865 active cases, Dimapur alone accounts for 1372 cases.
- Kerala: Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has said that post-Covid care clinics will be set up in the state with the help of Ayush department following an increase in such cases. Pointing out that the test positivity rate in the state went up due to the increase in the number of clusters, the Minister said the main focus is to reduce the death toll. The death rate in Kerala is 0.34 percent while it is over 1 percent in other states. One more person succumbed to the virus today taking the toll to 1333. Meanwhile, this year's Kochi Binale has been called off due to the present pandemic situation. People in the state celebrated Vijayadasami with thousands of tiny tots initiated into the world of letters marking the culmination of the annual Navratri festival. Most of the children sat for the initiation ceremony at their homes due to the fear of Covid-19. The ceremony was arranged in temples and cultural centers with strict restrictions.
- Tamil Nadu: TN's Agriculture Minister R. Doraikannu, who tested positive for Covid-19 on October 13, remains critical; CM visits him at hospital. A statement issued by the hospital on Thursday said that the minister, who is 72-years-old, has multiple comorbidities. For the first time in several months, the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH), the largest government tertiary care hospital in Tamil Nadu, recorded no deaths due to Covid-19 for 24 hours. State continued to witness a declining trend in the number of daily coronavirus infections, reporting 2,869 fresh cases and 31 fatalities yesterday and thereby pushing the tally to 7.09 lakh and death toll to 10,924.

- **Karnataka:** Experts warn that Karnataka is likely to witness another surge in Covid-19 cases in the first half of November, if people do not follow the standard guidelines of SMS (social distancing, masking and sanitation) during festival season. Covid, floods and poll shadow over Rajyotsava awards ceremony: The Kannada Rajyotsava awards ceremony, scheduled to be held on November 1, is likely to be postponed. As per Covid expert committee recommendation, historical Mysore Dasara JambuSavari was held in a simple and limited way.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** The recovery rate in Andhra Pradesh has improved to 95.36 per cent while the mortality rate remains steady at 0.82 per cent. Coronavirus cases are declining over the past few days. The state reported 2,997 new cases, 3,585 recoveries and 21 deaths as on Sunday. With these, the cumulative number of Covid-19 cases has risen to 8.07 lakh, recoveries to 7.69 lakh and deaths to 6,587. The State now has 30,860 active cases of the coronavirus infections.
- **Telangana:** 582 new cases, 1432 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 582 cases, 174 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,31,834; Active cases: 18,611; Deaths: 1311; Discharges: 2,11,912. The recovery rate in the state rose further to 91.40 per cent, while it is 90.2 per cent in the country. The case fatality rate in the state is 0.56 per cent, while it is 1.5 per cent at the national level.
- **Maharashtra:** Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has justified his decision of not opening religious places in the State amid COVID-19 prevalence. In his first address to the annual Dussehra rally after becoming CM, he said that his government is committed to help the people of the State to fight against the Coronavirus. He also stated that right from the beginning, he followed the opening of the economy in the State in a phased manner and he will follow the same principle ahead despite opposition's heavy criticism.
- **Gujarat:** The recovery rate in Gujarat has improved to 89.46 per cent. The state on Sunday reported 919 new cases of which maximum 227 new cases were reported from Surat, while Ahmedabad recorded 174 new cases. The number of active cases in the state is 13,936 against total reported cases of 1,67,173.
- **Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, the spread of COVID 19 is gradually decreasing in the state. The number of active cases is 11,237 even as 951 new cases were reported on Sunday, while 1,181 recovered. The state government had taken several precautionary measures to effectively control the crowd gathering in view of festivals.
- **Chhattisgarh:** Chhattisgarh's COVID-19 count crossed 1.75 lakhs on Sunday after 1,368 people were found infected. 25 more deaths were recorded in the state taking the toll to 1,818. There are 23,743 active cases in the state.

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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 23 OCT 2020 6:10PM by PIB Delhi



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

- Active caseload below 7 lakh for the first time after 2 months
- 24 States/UTs have less than 20,000 Active cases
- 73,979 patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases are 54,366
- 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
- National Recovery Rate has further progressed to 89.53%.

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 23 October 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)  (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	<b>Active</b> (8.96%) <b>695509</b> (20303↓)	<b>Discharged</b> (89.53%) <b>6948497</b> (73979↑)	<b>Deaths</b> (1.51%) <b>117306</b> (690↑)
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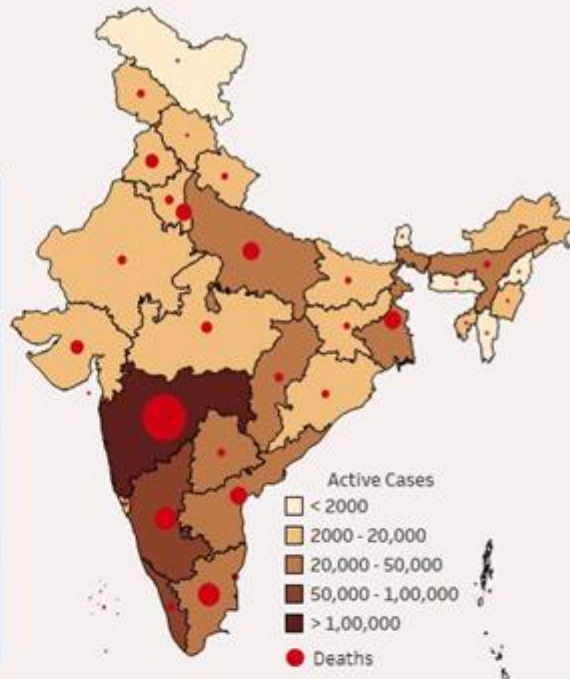
As on 23 October 2020, till 8AM

Total Cases **77,61,312** (▲54,366)

Recovered **69,48,497** (89.53%) ▲ 73,979

Active **6,95,509** (8.96%) ▼ 20,303

Deaths **1,17,306** (1.51%) ▲ 690



States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra 16,25,197 (▲7,539)	14,31,856 (88%)	1,50,510 (9%)	42,831 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh 7,96,919 (▲3,620)	7,58,138 (95%)	32,257 (4%)	6,524 (0.8%)
Karnataka 7,88,551 (▲5,778)	6,84,835 (87%)	92,946 (12%)	10,770 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu 7,00,193 (▲3,077)	6,55,170 (94%)	34,198 (5%)	10,825 (1.5%)
Uttar Pradesh 4,63,858 (▲2,383)	4,27,937 (92%)	29,131 (6%)	6,790 (1.5%)
Kerala 3,69,323 (▲7,482)	2,74,675 (74%)	93,393 (25%)	1,255 (0.3%)
Delhi 3,44,318 (▲3,882)	3,12,918 (91%)	25,237 (7%)	6,163 (1.8%)
West Bengal 3,37,283 (▲4,157)	2,94,911 (87%)	36,064 (11%)	6,308 (1.9%)
Odisha 2,76,094 (▲1,913)	2,57,041 (93%)	17,857 (6%)	1,196 (0.4%)
Telangana 2,29,001 (▲1,421)	2,07,326 (91%)	20,377 (9%)	1,298 (0.6%)
Bihar 2,09,447 (▲1,070)	1,97,208 (94%)	11,213 (5%)	1,026 (0.5%)
Assam 2,03,282 (▲508)	1,77,662 (87%)	24,724 (12%)	896 (0.4%)
Rajasthan 1,80,755 (▲1,822)	1,60,614 (89%)	18,341 (10%)	1,800 (1.0%)
Chhattisgarh 1,70,130 (▲2,491)	1,43,212 (84%)	25,238 (15%)	1,680 (1.0%)
Madhya Pradesh 1,64,341 (▲1,045)	1,49,353 (91%)	12,146 (7%)	2,842 (1.7%)
Gujarat 1,63,959 (▲1,136)	1,46,171 (89%)	14,121 (9%)	3,667 (2.2%)
Haryana 1,54,495 (▲1,128)	1,42,798 (92%)	10,009 (6%)	1,688 (1.1%)
Punjab 1,29,693 (▲605)	1,21,155 (93%)	4,466 (3%)	4,072 (3.1%)
Jharkhand 98,610 (▲549)	91,629 (93%)	6,122 (6%)	859 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash.. 90,166 (▲584)	80,802 (90%)	7,952 (9%)	1,412 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

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## India crosses a Landmark Milestone, Active caseload below 7 lakh for the first time after 2 months, 24 States/UTs have less than 20,000 Active cases

India has leaped across a significant milestone in its fight against COVID. The active caseload of the country has **fallen below 7 lakh** for the first time after two months (63 days). The total positive cases of the country today are **6,95,509**. They comprise merely **8.96%** of the total cases. India is also reporting a



high number of recoveries. The total recovered cases are nearly 70 lakhs (**69,48,497**). The difference between active cases and recovered cases is also consistently increasing and stands at **62,52,988** today. The recovered cases are nearly 10 times more than the active cases. **73,979 patients** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases are **54,366**. The national Recovery Rate has further progressed to **89.53%**. Increase in the number of total recoveries has resulted in commensurate dip in the fatality rate. Today it stands at **1.51%**. **24 States/UTs** have less than 20,000 Active Cases. **81%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra has contributed more than 16,000 to the single day recoveries followed by Karnataka with more than 13,000 recoveries. **78%** of these are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra and Kerala contribute maximum to the new cases with more than 7,000 cases followed by Karnataka with more than 5,000 cases. **690** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 81%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. Maharashtra has reported the maximum single day deaths (198 deaths).

**For details:**

**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**

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 including 1122 Government laboratories and 867 Private laboratories, the daily testing capacity has got a substantial boost. More than 15 lakh samples can be tested every day. High level of comprehensive testing on a sustained basis has also resulted in bringing down the national positivity rate. The cumulative rate continues to decline as total tests cross 10 crore. The national positivity rate is **7.75%** today. 15 States and UTs are exhibiting higher Positivity Rate compared to the national figure, indicting the need for higher levels of comprehensive testing in these regions. The last 1 crore tests were conducted in 9 days.

**For details:**

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews COVID19 preparedness and measures for COVID Appropriate Behaviour in Uttar Pradesh**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, held a meeting through video conferencing to review COVID-19 preparedness COVID and measures for ensuring COVID Appropriate Behaviour with the Health and Medical Education Ministers and other senior officials of Uttar Pradesh, here today.

At the outset, Dr. Harsh Vardhan appreciated the efforts of the corona warriors in combating COVID-19. He informed that in the last three months, the country has seen significant improvement in the COVID parameters. "From recording over 95,000 cases in a day, the cases have been substantially reduced to less than 55,000 cases in a day. The Recovery Rate of India is nearing 90%. The Case Fatality Rate is also declining. CFR stands at 1.51% and is moving towards the target of having CFR less than 1%", he said. Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated, "Appropriate measures are being taken to combat COVID-19. But the next three months are going to be decisive in determining the situation of COVID in the country. If we take adequate precaution and follow COVID appropriate behaviour in the coming festival and winter season, we will be in a better position to fight Corona." He further added "For a big state like Uttar

Pradesh, it becomes important that maximum thrust is given to simple precautionary measures which are effective in preventing the Coronavirus to a large extent like wearing mask/face cover especially in public spaces, and following hand and respiratory etiquettes.”

**For details:**

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan holds detailed consultations with State Ministers of Science and Technology for formulating an inclusive STIP 2020 percolating down to grassroot level**

Union Minister for Science Technology, Earth Sciences, Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan has called on the states to join the exercise of building an evidence-driven, inclusive national Science, Technology and Innovation policy STIP 2020, that would percolate to the grassroot level. Dr. Harsh Vardhan was speaking, through video-conferencing, at a meeting with State S&T Ministers for consultation on STIP-2020, which is being formulated at present. Welcoming the participants at the first ever meeting with all State S&T Ministers together on the proposed STI Policy, Dr Harsh Vardhan said “We would like to make this truly an inclusive policy in all aspects – each and every State should become an equal partner and should share ownership and responsibility not only in formulation of this policy but also in implementing them with full rigor.” He said, “This policy aims to re-energize our Scientific ecosystem and redefine the priorities and sectoral focus so as to directly translate our efforts in Science and Technology for the benefit of our society and the economy”. He said that the current pandemic stands witness to the immediate need for indigenous STI development and growth that can be achieved through harmonized Centre-State relationships based on the ideals of cooperative federalism. “Center-state cooperation thus remains at the heart of building a truly Atmanirbhar Bharat”, he added. In this context, Dr. Harsh Vardhan pointed out that the consultation on STIP 2020 with state S&T Ministers is a milestone event towards building greater synergy between the Center and States and also among states.

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**PM to inaugurate three key projects in Gujarat on 24th October**

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**For details:**

**Inauguration of Regional Raw Drug Repository of National Medicinal Plants Board at AIIA, New Delhi**

The Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the Regional Raw Drug Repository (RRDR) yesterday at All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi through a virtual function. This RRDR is the second in the series of repositories proposed by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH and will be dedicated to the Trans-Ganga Plain Region. The event is graced by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary Ministry of AYUSH. There is an increased demand for the natural healing and herbal products across the globe. COVID has further pushed the demand and many of the key herbs like Asvagandha, Giloi, Tulsi, Kalmegh, Mulethi are on high demand. With the

increasing demand for the herbal medicines, the NMPB which is already engaged in the development of a mechanism to ensure supply of quality raw material to the AYUSH industry as well as consumers expedited the process of establishing the Raw Drug Repositories.

**For details:**

### **Extension of ESI Scheme to Arunachal Pradesh**

In its continuous endeavor to cover more workers under ESI Scheme, Govt. of India has now extended the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme for the first time to Arunachal Pradesh, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020. A notification to this effect has been issued by the Central Government for notifying the district of Papum Pare, under ESI Scheme. All factories located in the district of Papum Pare of Arunachal Pradesh employing 10 or more persons shall become eligible for coverage under ESI Act 1948. The facility of online registration under ESI Scheme is available on the website [www.esic.in](http://www.esic.in) and also on the "ShramSuvidha Portal" of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India. No physical documents are required to be submitted for registration under ESI Act. The employees working in these factories, earning wages up to Rs. 21,000/- per month (Rs. 25 thousand per month for persons with disability) shall be eligible for coverage under the ESI Scheme.

**For details:**

### **CNS REVIEWS OPERATIONAL READINESS AT SEA**

Admiral Karambir Singh, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), reviewed the operational preparedness and combat-readiness of the Indian Navy's principal combatants on 22 October 2020. Addressing the combatants of the Carrier Battle Group over broadcast from *Vikramaditya*, CNS complimented them for continuously maintaining peak combat-readiness and high tempo of operations over the past months, in spite of COVID-19 related challenges. The Indian Navy has remained mission-deployed and combat-ready across the IOR, even through rough seas during the monsoon period, towards maintaining the maritime security of the nation. He highlighted the nation's appreciation for the Navy's contributions in '*Op SamudraSetu*' towards repatriation of our distressed citizens from IOR countries and towards providing medical and logistics assistance to our friendly neighbours in the IOR, as part of '*Mission SAGAR*'. CNS also advised continued compliance of protocols by naval personnel and their families, in regard to COVID-19 pandemic. Indian Navy continues to maintain a high tempo of operations and combat-readiness despite the COVID-19 pandemic by adhering to stringent protocols onboard warships, submarines and aircraft squadrons and bases, and is fully prepared to tackle challenges in the maritime domain, in coordination with Sister Services.

**For details:**

### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Kerala: State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has appealed to the public to exercise maximum restraint and adhere to Covid protocols while conducting the Vidyarambham ceremony in connection with Navratri festivities. She said as far as possible pooja festivities should be confined to one's homes or safe clusters involving one or two houses. No festivities will be allowed outside the houses in containment zones. Meanwhile, Rajmohan Unnithan MP has announced that he would fast unto death to make the newly constructed TATA Covid hospital in Kasaragod district

functional. The fast will begin on November 1. He alleged that the government is not giving financial approval for purchasing equipment for the hospital.

- Tamil Nadu: State government urges the Railway Ministry to resume suburban train services in the city, suspended since March in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, saying it will benefit the public, as well as aid economic revival. Covid control measures- including disinfection and shut down of schools and other public places - bring down dengue cases by 96 per cent in Greater Chennai Corporation.
- Karnataka: State to reopen colleges from November 17 but makes it optional for students to come. As per data released by the Govt., Karnataka's Covid-19 case fatality rate has declined in the past four months to 1% in October. As per Covid data released yesterday, number of recoveries in the state have outnumbered the number of new cases for the 8th consecutive day High Court has directed state government to take stringent action against those who don't wear mask and maintain social distance at public places.
- Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh achieved the highest recovery rate of 95.13 per cent in Covid-19 cases. The 3T strategy (Tracing-Testing-Treating) adopted by the government from the beginning has enabled the State to achieve this according to Health Commissioner Katamaneni Bhaskar. Meanwhile, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday directed officials to focus on effective implementation of 10-day special awareness drive to ensure that every individual follows all safety precautions to keep Covid-19 at bay. The drive will be conducted in two phases -- awareness and checking and it will conclude on October 31.
- Telangana: 1421 new cases, 1221 recoveries & 6 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1421 cases, 249 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,29,001; Active cases: 20,377; Deaths: 1298; Discharges: 2,07,326. Only 8.8 per cent of total Covid-19 cases in Telangana are active; a key reason in the improvement is that mask utilisation, early detection and isolation and standardisation of treatment protocols have helped in reducing cases.
- Arunachal Pradesh: One more person has died, taking the total of COVID-19 related deaths in Arunachal to 32. Meanwhile, Lohit recorded the highest number of COVID-19 cases with 43 of the total 165 fresh cases reported in the state on Thursday, total 2638 active positive cases.
- Assam: 508 cases detected out of 34,375 tests conducted, with a positivity rate of 1.48% in Assam; Kamrup M records 101 cases, 1,584 patients discharged. Total cases 203282, recovered 87.39% & active cases 12.16%
- Manipur: Manipur Govt. to enact new COVID-19 SOP with extensive campaign; State records 3 more COVID-19 deaths.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 307 individuals have recovered from coronavirus. Total active cases 1,661, total BSF and Armed Forces 46, total others 1,615 & total recovered 6,981.
- Mizoram: Movement of vehicles between Assam and Mizoram started. School Education Department organises COVID-19 pledge taking under Jan Andolan Campaign in Mizoram.
- Nagaland: With 157 fresh cases, Nagaland's total COVID-19 cases reach 8,296. Active cases are 1,798 and recovered 6,399.
- Maharashtra: For the fifth consecutive day, Maharashtra reported under 10,000 cases. 7,539 new Covid cases were reported on Thursday, while 16,177 patients recovered, bringing down the number of active cases to 1.51 lakhs.
- Gujarat: Gujarat government has asked district administrations to begin counting Healthcare Workers (HCWs) under their jurisdiction and gather their personal details so they can avail of



vaccination on priority. This data will be collated and sent to the central government so that it can calculate the number of vaccine doses to be sent for frontline medical, paramedical and other service staff of health departments across the nation. Health workers in the state are looking after 14,143 active cases.

- Rajasthan: There is a continuous decrease in the number of COVID cases as well as active cases in Rajasthan. 1,822 new cases were reported yesterday, while 2,654 patients recovered from infection. Active cases are 18,341.
- Madhya Pradesh: In view of the Central Government's decision of unlock-5, now all government offices in Madhya Pradesh will work with 100 percent capacity. Till now cent percent attendance was mandatory for only officers. Use of masks is mandatory for every employee.
- Chhattisgarh: To ensure the availability and timely supply of the medical oxygen to Covid hospitals, the Chhattisgarh government has decided to set up Oxygen Generation Plants in all medical colleges and 17 district hospitals of the state. State Health Minister TS Singh Deo said that these oxygen plants will be established in next four weeks. The state has 25,238 active cases as on date.

### FACT CHECK


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A notice falsely claims that **#CTET2020** examination has been postponed to 5th November 2020.

**#PIBFactCheck:** This notice is **#Fake**. @cbseindia29 has announced that exam date will be intimated on the CTET website.

**#PIBFactCheck**

**This Notice is **FAKE**. Next date of the Examination would be updated on CTET Website**



केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड  
(Central Board of Secondary Education)  
CTET/JULY/2020  
Dated: 21.10.2020  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
As notified earlier, the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of Central Teachers Eligibility Test (CTET) - July 2020 scheduled to be held on 05.11.2020  
The next date of examination will be intimated when situation is more conducive for

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**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
(COVID-19)**

  
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Government of India



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 **Maintain physical distance of  
6 feet (2 Gaj) from others**

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 **Practise frequent hand-washing with  
soap and water or use alcohol-based  
hand sanitizer**

For information related to COVID-19  
Call the State helpline numbers or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7  
helpline number 1075 (Toll Free), Email at [ncov2019@gov.in](mailto:ncov2019@gov.in), [ncov2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncov2019@gmail.com)

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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- National Recovery Rate has progressed to 89.20%
- Government makes graded relaxation in visa and travel restrictions for more categories of foreign nationals and Indian nationals who wish to enter or leave India

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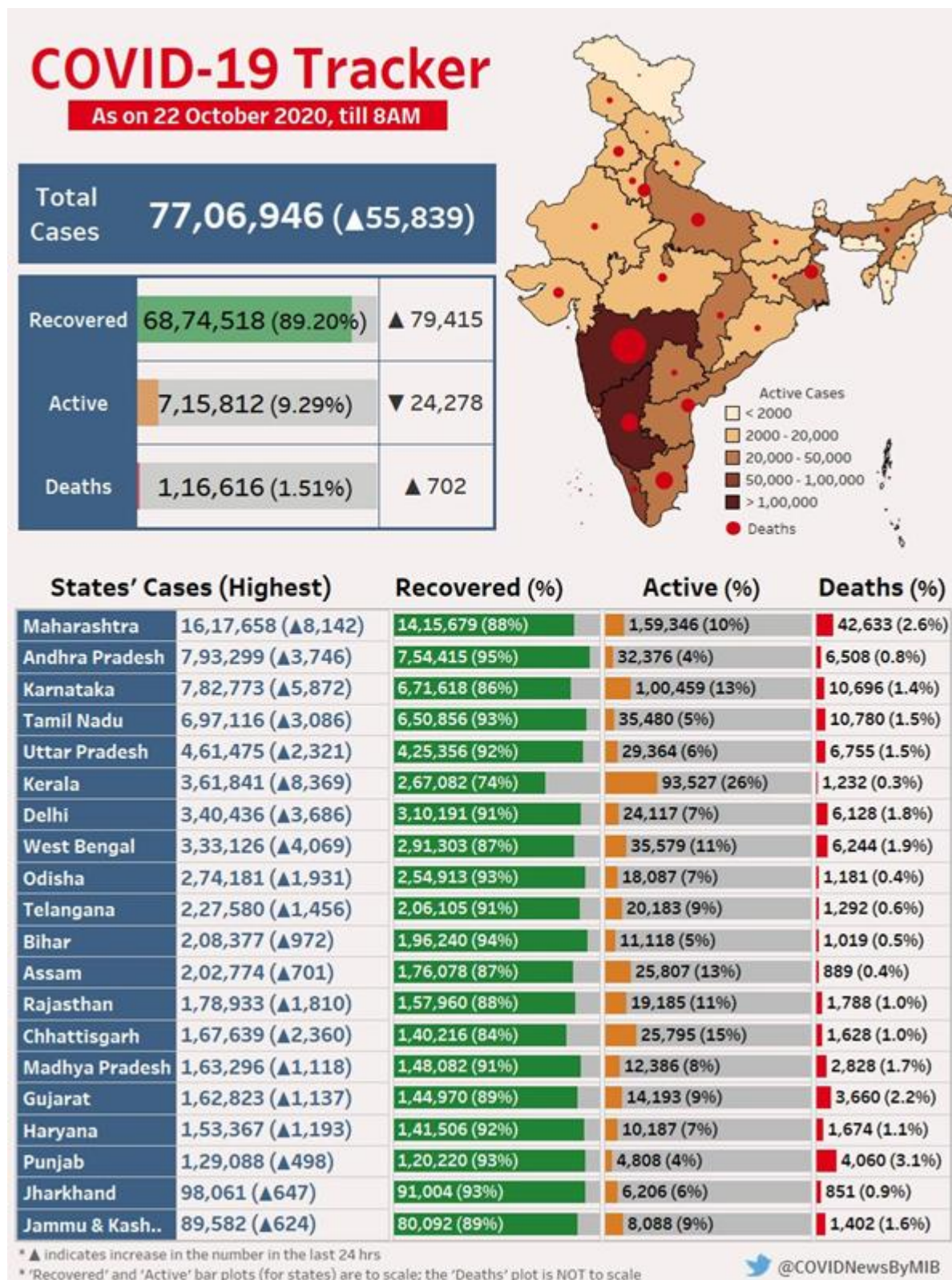
#IndiaFightsCorona

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

(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

**Active** (9.29%)**715812** (24278↓)**Discharged** (89.20%)**6874518** (79415↑)**Deaths** (1.51%)**116616** (702↑)





## India's Active Cases below 10% of Total Cases since the last three days, Daily Positivity Rate sustained below 5% over the past three days

India trend of steadily decreasing active cases continues unabated. The Active Cases have been sustained below 10% of the total cases for the last three days suggesting only 1 in 10 cases are active COVID19 patients across the country. Presently the active cases comprise merely **9.29%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **7,15,812**. Registering another milestone, the daily Positivity Rate has also been



maintained to less than 5% over the past three days. Today, the daily Positivity Rate is reported to be **3.8%**. The decrease in the daily positivity rate is simultaneously mapped by the falling active cases, which continue to be under 7.5L today (**7,15,812**). The total recovered cases are close to 69 lakhs (**68,74,518**). The difference between active cases and recovered cases is consistently increasing and stands at **61,58,706** today. **79,415 patients** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases are **55,839**. The national Recovery Rate has progressed to **89.20% .81%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra has contributed more than 23,000 to the single day recovery. **55,839** new confirmed cases were recorded during the last 24 hours. **78%** of these are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra and Kerala are still reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 8,000 cases each followed by Karnataka with more than 5,000 cases. **702** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 82%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. More than **25%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (180 deaths).

**For details :**

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches eco-friendly, efficient and DME fired “AditiUrjaSanch” Unit at CSIR-NCL, Pune**

The Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan yesterday inaugurated the DME fired “AditiUrjaSanch” unit along with the DME-LPG blended fuel cylinders and handed them over for common public and CSIR-NCL (National Chemical Laboratory) canteen use on a trial basis at CSIR-NCL premises virtually through video-conferencing. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, in his address said, “The launch of this burner will also provide a significant boost to the 'Make in India' campaign as all the manufacturers of cylinders, gas stoves, regulators, and gas hose are domestic. This kind of activity may bridge the gap between demand and supply, and it can ensure energy security for the nation.” The new Burner is fully designed and fabricated by NCL for DME, DME -LPG blended mixtures and LPG combustion.

**For details:**

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan virtually addresses World Bank- IMF annual meeting 2020**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare virtually addressed the World Bank-IMF annual meeting, yesterday. The theme of the meeting was “*Unleashing the South Asian Century through Human Capital for All*” and “*Investing in Covid-19 Vaccines and Primary Healthcare Delivery System*”. Emphasizing India’s role during the pandemic, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, “The inclusiveness of India’s response has led us to manage the pandemic currently. The COVID pandemic has created disruption in the normal life but has also provided a steep learning curve for all of us to be more resilient and prepared for the future.” These efforts have been a result of commitment from all stakeholders. “India has been following a pre-emptive, proactive, and graded response characterised by a “*Whole of Society, Whole of Government*” approach to manage the challenges posed by the global pandemic, he added. Lauding the support of private sector in India’s COVID-19 management, he stated, “Innovation, ability and agility of the private sector has supported the efforts to fight COVID in a big way. Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated that due to the unprecedented challenges faced by the world on account of the pandemic, India is making use of Information Technology in virtually every aspect of COVID management- AarogyaSetu app and ITIHAS, a cellular based tracking technology has been used for surveillance and identification of potential clusters, RT-PCR app for testing, facility app for managing information on

admitted patients, all integrated with a single COVID portal. The Union Health Minister spoke at length about India's preparedness to deal with pandemics and commitment to ensure affordable healthcare delivery to all.

**For details:**

**Graded relaxation in visa and travel restrictions**

In view of the situation arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India had taken a series of steps to curtail the inward and outward movement of international passengers since February, 2020. The Government has now decided to make a graded relaxation in visa and travel restrictions for more categories of foreign nationals and Indian nationals who wish to enter or leave India. Therefore, it has been decided to permit all OCI and PIO card holders and all other foreign nationals intending to visit India for any purpose, except on a Tourist Visa to enter by air or water routes through authorized airports and seaport immigration check posts. This includes flights operated under Vande Bharat Mission, Air Transport Bubble arrangements or by any non scheduled commercial flights as allowed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. All such travelers will, however have to strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare regarding quarantine and other health/COVID-19 matters.

**For details :**

**Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages for the financial year 2019-2020 for all eligible non-gazetted Railway employees**

About 11.58 lakh non-gazetted Railway employees have been granted bonus equivalent to 78 days wages for FY 2019-20. This Productivity linked bonus to railway employees has been estimated to be of Rs. 2081.68 crores. The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 21.10.2020 accepted the proposal of the Ministry of Railways for payment of Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages for the financial year 2019-2020 for all eligible non-gazetted Railway employees (excluding RPF/RPSF personnel).

**For details :**

**ECI constitutes committee to examine issues concerning expenditure limits**

Election Commission has constituted a committee comprising Sh. Harish Kumar, Ex. IRS and DG (Investigation), Sh. Umesh Sinha, Secretary General and DG (Expenditure) to examine the issues concerning expenditure limit for a candidate in view of increase in number of electors and rise in Cost Inflation Index and other factors. Considering the factor of COVID-19, the Ministry of Law & Justice on 19.10.2020 has notified an amendment in Rule 90 of Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 enhancing the existing expenditure limit by 10%. This increase of 10% will be applicable with immediate effect in ongoing elections. Expenditure limit for a candidate was last revised in 2014 vide notification dated 28.02.2014, while in respect of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana it was revised vide notification dated 10.10.2018. In last 6 years the limit was not increased despite increase in electorate from 834 million to 910 million in 2019 to 921 million now. Further, Cost Inflation Index during this period has increased from 220 to 280 in 2019 to 301 now.

**For details :**

**SAI to arrange for travel for trainees to return to various training centres, as training begins to resume across the country**

With an eye on the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, sporting activities are being resumed in SAI training centres across the country from November 1. In view of the prevailing Covid-19 situation and to protect athletes from exposure to the virus, the Sports Authority of India has decided to make transport arrangements for the athletes of NCOEs/SAI Training Centres who have to join their training facility. This is due to the sudden situation that had emerged in March this year when athletes had to be sent back home due to the coronavirus. It has been decided that athletes who have to travel beyond 500 km will be provided with an air ticket while those athletes who are stationed less than 500 km may travel by Train in 3rd AC. Further, in order to create a bio-bubble for resumption of training in SAI centres, it has been decided to provide accommodation to all coaches and support staff of the NCOEs/STCs. The regular and contractual staff will be provided accommodation at government cost.

**For details :**

**DrJitendra Singh presides over the 317th Executive Council meeting of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) as its new Chairman**

Union MoS (I/C) DoNER, MoS (PP) DrJitendra Singh yesterday presided over the 317<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) as its new Chairman. In his first Executive Council Meeting after taking over as Chairman, DrJitendra Singh made the important announcement that the Life Membership of IIPA will be thrown open w.e.f. 1st January 2021. He also called upon more number of serving officers to take up the membership of IIPA and noted that the government service rules do not forbid a serving official to become a member of IIPA. Appreciating the hard work of IIPA faculty and officials, DrJitendra Singh said, the best evidence of their commitment and diligence came out during the difficult times of COVID pandemic when IIPA established a digital classroom for conducting online classes and did not allow the curriculum to be disrupted. He said, it is not a small achievement that IIPA conducted as many as 14 online training programmes for officers from different services during the lockdown and post-lockdown period.

**For details :**

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Himachal Pradesh: Governor BandaruDattatraya yesterday unveiled a cut-out prepared by Shimla Police for social awareness of COVID-19 at Raj Bhavan. The Governor appreciated the initiative and said that during the Corona pandemic, the police personnel have done an excellent job in fighting COVID-19 as frontline warriors. He said that the fight against the Corona pandemic was yet not over. Therefore, we have to be cautious until its medicine was available, he added and urged the people to wear masks and make a habit of washing hands with soap, maintain physical distancing in public places and like a responsible citizen, follow these guidelines and be a participant in the victory over Corona. He called for cooperation in the Prime Minister's mass movement appeal against COVID-19.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra reported 8,142 new cases on Wednesday, even as 23,371 patients recovered from the viral infection, bringing down the number of active cases to 1.58 lakhs. Mumbai reported 1,609 new Covid cases and the number of active cases in the city now stand at 19,245. Meanwhile, Nagpur has become the first district in the state to start post Covid care centres in Primary Health Centres.

- Gujarat: The recovery rate in Gujarat has reached up to 89.03 per cent. The state recorded 1,137 new cases and 1,180 recoveries during the past 24 hours, taking the total number of active cases to 14,215. Out of these 75 patients are on ventilator support. The state has registered 3,663 Covid deaths till date.
- Rajasthan: For eight days in a row, Rajasthan has reported more recoveries than fresh Covid infections. The state reported 1,810 new cases against 2,865 recoveries. The maximum new cases, that is, 349 were reported from Jaipur, followed by Jodhpur with 303 cases and then Alwar with 178 new cases.
- Chhattisgarh: A three-member Central team is on a visit to Chhattisgarh to assess the facilities to deal with the Covid-19 situation. The team visited Government Medical College and Hospital, Raipur and also various District Hospitals and COVID Care Centres in Raipur and Durg districts and assessed the government's preparedness. Chhattisgarh has 25,795 active cases as on date.
- Kerala: State is facing a record fiscal deficit following the economic crisis triggered by the Covid pandemic. During the evaluation made for the first quarter of the current financial year, it was found that the state's fiscal deficit stood at 112.9 per cent which comes to the tune of 10,578 crores. It also pointed out that if financial assistance from the Centre including GST compensation is not received immediately, the state could plunge into a deep financial crisis in the coming days. Meanwhile, in a major setback to the state government, the two-member commission entrusted to probe the Sprinklr deal has found lapses in it. The report says former Principal Secretary to Chief Minister M.Sivasankar showed undue haste in finalizing the deal in which the details of Covid-19 patients were transferred to Sprinklr Inc.
- Tamil Nadu: The fatality rate of Covid-19 infection in the Union territory of Puducherry has crossed 2%, much higher than the national average of 1.6%. Metro trains and stations in Chennai are now being disinfected with aqueous-stabilised ozone instead of standard disinfectant to protect staff from harsh chemicals. The railways has announced festival special superfast train services between Gandhidham and Tirunelveli via Madgaon, Ernakulam Junction, Thiruvananthapuram Central and Nagercoil Town to facilitate convenient travel during the festive season. For the fourth consecutive day, Tamil Nadu reported less than 4,000 Covid-19 cases with 3,086 people testing positive for the virus on Wednesday. The State also reported 39 deaths.
- Karnataka: Karnataka conducted 1,08,241 Covid tests across 155 labs in a single day yesterday, So far 69,52,835 tests were conducted with a positivity rate of 5.42%. 947 patients out of 1,00,440 active cases i.e. 0.94% cases are being treated in ICU. State's case fatality rate stands at 1.49%, said Health And Family Welfare Minister Dr K Sudhakar in his tweet. Primary And Secondary Education Minister has directed the department to issue guidelines for online classes.
- Andhra Pradesh: State Educational Minister Adimulapu Suresh reiterated that schools will start from November 2 taking all precautions. He said classes for grades 1,3,5,7,9 would be conducted on one day and classes for 2,4,6,8,10 will be held on another day on odd-even basis. The minister said the teachers have been trained through DMHO to implement and monitor Covid appropriate behaviour and protocol in schools. He said medical staff will be available for each school and a doctor will be available at PHC. Meanwhile, as part of Covid-19 awareness programme, district administrations have been organizing rallies to check spread of coronavirus. Emphasis has been laid on the need to wear mask properly, maintaining social distance and washing of hands frequently as many times as possible.



- Telangana: 1456 new cases, 1717 recoveries & 5 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana; out of 1456 cases, 254 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,27,580; Active cases: 20,183; Deaths: 1292; Discharges :2,06,105. Former Telangana minister NayiniNarsimha Reddy passes away due to post-Covid complications. The former Minister was diagnosed with Covid-19 about 24 days ago from which he had fully recovered after a spell of hospitalisation.
- Assam: In Assam, 701 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 1664 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 202774, active 25807, discharged 176075 and 889 deaths.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 177 patients have recovered from COVID-19 in the State today. Total active cases 1870 and total recovered 6674.
- Nagaland: Nagaland's 8139 COVID-19 cases, 3613 are armed personnel, 2512 traced contacts, 1617 returnees and 397 frontline workers.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 49 more people tested positive for COVID-19, active cases 252 and total discharged 3328.

### FACT CHECK

The image shows a tweet from PIB Fact Check (@PIBFactCheck) dated 20h. The tweet text is: "Swasthya Avm Jan Kalyan Sansthan is falsely claiming to be one of the best apex healthcare Institutes established by the @MoHFW\_INDIA under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna(PMSSY)". Below the tweet, it says "There's NO such institution under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare".

Below the tweet is a screenshot of a website mockup. The website has a header with "#PIBFactCheck" and the PIB logo. The main heading reads "'Swasthiya Avm Jan Kalyan Sansthan' is **NOT** established by MoHFW". The website content includes the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare logo, the text "स्वास्थ्य एवं जन कल्याण संस्थान Swasthya Avm Jan Kalyan Sansthan", and a "Recruitment" button. A red stamp with stars is visible in the bottom right corner of the website mockup.

At the bottom of the tweet, there are 7 replies, 99 retweets, and 195 likes.

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Call the State helpline numbers or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7  
helpline number 1075 (Toll Free), Email at [ncov2019@gov.in](mailto:ncov2019@gov.in), [ncov2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncov2019@gmail.com)

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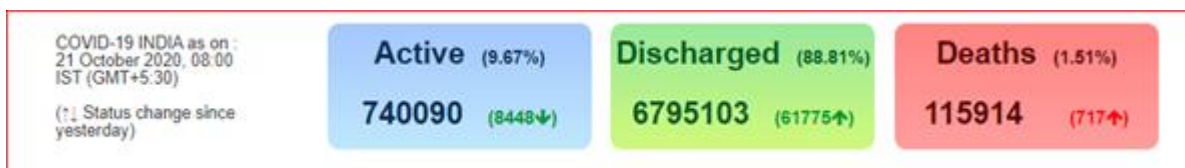


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- India sustains trend of maintaining the active cases below the 7.5 lakh mark for the 2nd successive day.
- 61,775 recoveries registered in the last 24 hours in the country whereas the new confirmed cases are only 54,044.
- National Case Fatality Rate has fallen to 1.51% today
- Prime Minister makes fervent appeal to all the citizens to not let their guard down and become complacent, in the country's ongoing fight against the Covid Pandemic
- National recovery rate reaches 88.81%

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# COVID-19 Tracker

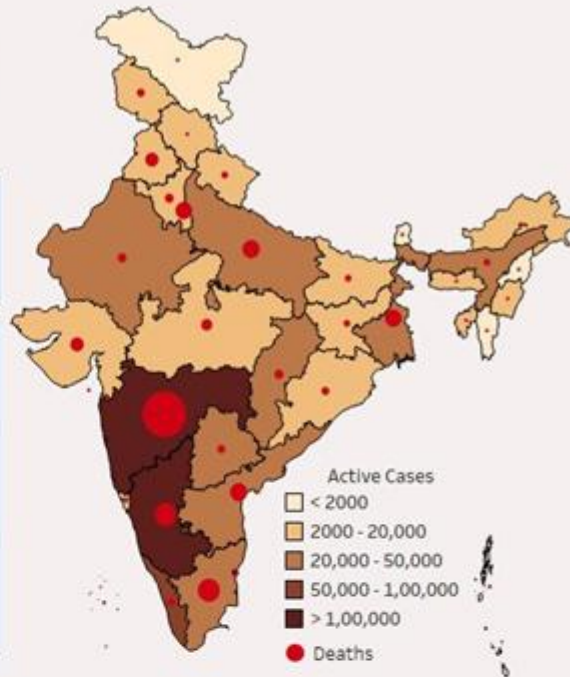
As on 21 October 2020, till 8AM

Total Cases **76,51,107 (▲54,044)**

Recovered **67,95,103 (88.81%) ▲ 61,775**

Active **7,40,090 (9.67%) ▼ 8,448**

Deaths **1,15,914 (1.51%) ▲ 717**



States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra 16,09,516 (▲8,151)	13,92,308 (87%)	1,74,755 (11%)	42,453 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh 7,89,553 (▲3,503)	7,49,676 (95%)	33,396 (4%)	6,481 (0.8%)
Karnataka 7,76,901 (▲6,297)	6,62,329 (85%)	1,03,964 (13%)	10,608 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu 6,94,030 (▲3,094)	6,46,555 (93%)	36,734 (5%)	10,741 (1.5%)
Uttar Pradesh 4,59,154 (▲2,289)	4,22,024 (92%)	30,416 (7%)	6,714 (1.5%)
Kerala 3,53,472 (▲6,591)	2,60,243 (74%)	92,023 (26%)	1,206 (0.3%)
Delhi 3,36,750 (▲3,579)	3,06,747 (91%)	23,922 (7%)	6,081 (1.8%)
West Bengal 3,29,057 (▲4,029)	2,87,707 (87%)	35,170 (11%)	6,180 (1.9%)
Odisha 2,72,250 (▲1,904)	2,52,197 (93%)	18,885 (7%)	1,168 (0.4%)
Telangana 2,26,124 (▲1,579)	2,04,388 (90%)	20,449 (9%)	1,287 (0.6%)
Bihar 2,07,405 (▲1,460)	1,95,046 (94%)	11,348 (5%)	1,011 (0.5%)
Assam 2,02,073 (▲666)	1,74,414 (86%)	26,775 (13%)	884 (0.4%)
Rajasthan 1,77,123 (▲1,897)	1,55,095 (88%)	20,254 (11%)	1,774 (1.0%)
Chhattisgarh 1,65,279 (▲2,507)	1,37,986 (83%)	25,709 (16%)	1,584 (1.0%)
Madhya Pradesh 1,62,178 (▲975)	1,46,860 (91%)	12,507 (8%)	2,811 (1.7%)
Gujarat 1,61,686 (▲1,126)	1,43,790 (89%)	14,245 (9%)	3,651 (2.3%)
Haryana 1,52,174 (▲940)	1,40,436 (92%)	10,078 (7%)	1,660 (1.1%)
Punjab 1,28,590 (▲487)	1,19,658 (93%)	4,895 (4%)	4,037 (3.1%)
Jharkhand 97,414 (▲572)	90,385 (93%)	6,180 (6%)	849 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash.. 88,958 (▲589)	79,437 (89%)	8,124 (9%)	1,397 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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**India sustains the continued trend of consistent decline in Active Cases; For the 2nd successive day, Active Cases below 7.5 lakh; 14 States/UTs have achieved Case Fatality Rate of less than 1%**



India has sustained its trend of maintaining the active cases below the 7.5 lakh mark for the 2<sup>nd</sup> successive day. **61,775** recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country whereas the new confirmed cases are only **54,044**. This is when **10,83,608** tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours in the country. The national Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has fallen to **1.51% today**. The Centre has advised States/UTs to aim at bringing down the CFR to below 1%. Presently 14 States/UTs are reporting Case Fatality Rate less than 1%. India's total recoveries stands at **67,95,103** today. Higher number of single day recoveries has resulted in continuous increase in the national recovery rate, which is fast approaching 89% (**88.81%**). **77%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Karnataka outnumbered Maharashtra in new recovered cases with more than 8,500 new recoveries. Maharashtra and Kerala both contribute more than 7,000 to the new recoveries. **54,044** new cases were registered in the last 24 hours in the country. **78%** of these are concentrated in ten States/UT. Maharashtra contributed more than 8,000 to the new cases. Karnataka and Kerala, both contributed more than 6,000. **717** deaths have been registered in the past 24 hours. **82%** of new deaths are reported from 10 States and UTs. **29%** of deaths reported yesterday are from Maharashtra with 213 deaths followed by Karnataka with 66 deaths.

**For details :**

### **Prime Minister's Special Address to the Nation**

In a televised address to the nation, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made a fervent appeal to all the citizens to not let their guard down and become complacent, in the country's ongoing fight against the Covid Pandemic. Shri Narendra Modi said despite the lockdown having been lifted it does not mean that the Corona Virus is wiped out. He appreciated the improvement in the situation all over the country and that economic activity is returning to normal and that people started moving out of their houses to fulfill the responsibilities. The Prime Minister noted that the recovery rate in the country has improved and the fatality rate is low. Shri Modi stated that for every 10 Lakh Citizens about 5500 were infected with corona, while in countries like the US and Brazil the figure is nearly 25000. He said that the death rate in India is 83 for every 10 Lakh Citizens, whereas in developed countries like the US, Brazil, Spain, Britain and many other countries it is about 600. The Prime Minister appreciated that in comparison to many developed nations, India is getting successful in protecting many lives of its citizens in the country. The Prime Minister mentioned the improvement of the Covid Infrastructure in the country. He said more than 90 Lakh beds are available for corona patients along with 12000 Quarantine centres across the country. He said over 2000 Corona Testing 2000 labs are functional all over the country, while the number of tests will soon cross 10 Crore. The Prime Minister lauded the efforts of the doctors, nurses and health workers who are selflessly serving such a large population, following the mantra of "Seva Parmo Dharma." he Prime Minister said efforts are on a war footing to save humanity and many countries including the country's scientists are working on the production of a vaccine. He said the work is going on various vaccines against corona and that some of these are in an advanced stage. The Prime Minister said the Government is also preparing a detailed road map to reach the vaccine to every single citizen as soon as it is readily available.

**For details :**

### **English rendering of PM's address to the nation**

**For details :**

**PM pays tributes to police personnel martyred in the line of duty on Police Commemoration Day**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi paid tributes to police personnel martyred in the line of duty on Police Commemoration Day. From preserving law and order to solving horrendous crimes, from assistance in disaster management to fighting COVID-19, our police personnel always give their best without hesitation. We are proud of their diligence and readiness to assist citizens", the Prime Minister said.

**For details :**

**Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and His Excellency Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone with His Excellency Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, earlier today. The two leaders reviewed important global developments including the progress of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing diversification of international value chains, the need to preserve a transparent, development-oriented and rules-based global trading order, and the important role of the World Trade Organisation. The two leaders agreed to remain in touch on the above issues, and to further accelerate bilateral cooperation in all areas.

**For details**

**Dr Harsh Vardhan launches CSIR partnered clinical trials website "CuRED" on Repurposed Drugs for Covid- 19**

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science & Technology, Health and Family Welfare and Earth Sciences, yesterday launched a website that gives comprehensive information about the numerous COVID-19 clinical trials that CSIR is engaged in partnership with Industry, other government departments and ministries. Called **CuRED** or **CSIR Ushered Repurposed Drugs**, the website provides information about the drugs, diagnostics and devices including the current stage of the trials, partnering institutions and their role in the trials and other details. The Minister lauded the efforts of CSIR for being at the forefront of the ongoing fight against COVID-19 and prioritizing clinical trials, generating data for their regulatory approval and helping launch drugs and diagnostics in the market. He commended the approach of using repurposed drugs and also, synthesizing COVID-19 drugs through new processes and transferring to Industry. CSIR is exploring multiple combination clinical trials of anti-virals with host-directed therapies for the potential treatment of COVID-19. CSIR is also working with the Ministry of AYUSH for clinical trials of AYUSH drugs and has undertaken safety & efficacy trials of AYUSH prophylactics and therapeutics based on individual plant-based compounds and in combination.

**For details :**

**High - Level review by AYUSH Ministry of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) activities of States and UTs against the backdrop of Covid-19**

Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha chaired a high level meeting to review the various impactful interventions which the Ministry made in the recent months and which have significantly contributed to the preventive steps and management of Covid-19. Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of AYUSH and Health Departments of different States and UTs took part in the meeting held through video conferencing yesterday. Shri Kotecha apprised the States/UTs about the recently released National Ayurveda and Yoga Protocol for Management of Covid-19, the need to expedite the

operationalization of AYUSH Health Wellness Centres approved under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) and the urgent need to improve the expenditure and fund flow at State/UT level under NAM. The need for the States/UTs to focus on early operationalization of AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres as per the target set under Ayushman Bharat was underlined. Secretary also highlighted the important steps taken by the Ministry of AYUSH in the context of Covid-19. He, however, cautioned that the Protocol should not lead to a false sense of security. He requested the active co-operation and participation of the states/UTs in implementation of the protocol to manage covid-19 pandemic effectively. He also explained that release of such a National Protocol was a landmark in the mainstreaming of Ayush Systems. The joint efforts and sharing of experiences, it was agreed by all, will lead to the potential of Ayush Systems being tapped on a nation-wide scale for fighting the pandemic.

#### **For details**

#### **Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has said that the safety and healthy life of Indians has been the top priority of the Modi government**

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has said that the safety and healthy life of Indians has been the top priority of the Modi government. In his tweets after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address to the nation, Shri Shah said "the Modi government considers that its ultimate duty is to save the lives of the citizens in this battle against the Corona virus. While addressing the Nation today, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has reiterated this resolve". Union Home Minister also said that "I request everyone to follow the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's appeal 'not to let their guard down, till a vaccine is developed' as a guiding motto and keep their family safe". He said "only a united and determined India can overcome this pandemic".

#### **For details :**

#### **Cabinet approves Productivity Linked Bonus and non-Productivity Linked Bonus for 2019-2020**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to pay Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for the year 2019-2020 to 16.97 lakh non-gazetted employees of commercial establishments like Railways, Posts, Defence, EPFO, ESIC, etc. will be benefitted and the financial implication would be Rs.2,791 crore. Non-PLB or ad-hoc Bonus is given to Non-Gazetted Central Government employees. 13.70 lakh employees would be benefitted and Rs.946 crore will be the financial implication for the same.

#### **For details :**

#### **The 6th India International Science Festival to be held in Virtual format from 22nd to 25th December, 2020**

The 6th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020 will be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan announced this at a review meeting in New Delhi yesterday. Addressing the participants, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said "IISF 2020 will be organized at virtual platform even at a much upscaled level than the earlier ones, this being the new normal. He said that besides promoting love and passion for science among young people and students by bringing science outside the labs, IISF 2020 must also reflect on the role of Indian Scientists and S& T innovations for not just Atmanirbhar Bharat but global welfare also. "It is time to make the world see the role of Indian Scientists to addressing global challenges and people's welfare", he said. The Minister further asked the participants to brainstorming and identify ways and means to highlight and role India has played in tackling Covid-19.

**For details :**

**Payroll data : EPFO adds 10.06 lakh net subscribers in August 2020**

The provisional payroll data published by EPFO on 20th October 2020 reveals that the subscriber base of EPFO increased by around 20 lakh during the first five months of FY21. Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown across the country had adversely affected the enrolments during the first quarter of the current financial year. However, the provisional payroll figures for the month of July and August 2020 are indicative of the slow dissipation of the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and gradual recovery to pre-Covid levels. During July 2020 around 7.49 lakh net new subscribers were added which is approximately 64% of the net additions made during the corresponding month of previous year i.e. July 2019. The enrolment recovery pattern has further improved in August 2020 where net new additions are roughly 93% of the net growth in membership recorded in August 2019. This is suggestive of return to normalcy regarding subscriber base growth for EPFO.

**For details :**

**IIT Kharagpur Technological Innovation will go on Impacting Lives in Rural India Comments Education Minister**

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has successfully validated 'COVIRAP,' the diagnostic machine evolved by the IIT Kharagpur researchers, for its efficacy in COVID-19 detection. Various commercial units have already approached the Institute for technology licensing to enable a rapid reach of this innovation to the common people across the State. After rigorous testing with the patient samples by an authorized ICMR laboratory, adhering to their strict guidelines, ICMR has now provided green signal to certification for this COVID-19 Diagnostic Test. This test has been designed to be fairly easy to conduct and it is quite affordable as well which may produce results in a custom-developed mobile phone application within an hour. Addressing a Virtual Press Conference today to announce this major development in the nation's fight against COVID-19, the Union Minister of Education Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said, "I am glad the researchers from IIT Kharagpur have achieved the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat through this medical technology innovation. This would go on impacting the lives of many in rural India as the device is portable and can be operated on a very low energy supply. Minimally trained rural youth can operate this device."

**For details:**

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan discusses implementation of Prime Minister's Jan Andolan with Madhya Pradesh**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today interacted with senior officials of Madhya Pradesh in the presence of district collectors of all districts and senior officials of the Union Health Ministry. Comparing the COVID trajectory of Madhya Pradesh with that of the country, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that "The recovery rate of India is currently around 89% while that of Madhya Pradesh is 90.55%. MP has a case fatality rate of 1.73% which is a little higher than the national average." Pointing to the steady decline in the number of cases, he reiterated his stand that the transmission of COVID could be brought under control if everybody followed COVID appropriate behaviour.

**For details:**

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**



- Maharashtra: The Maharashtra government has capped the prices of N-95, double and triple layer masks for suppliers and private hospitals in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The N-95 masks is to be supplied in the state in the price range of Rs 19 to Rs 49, while double and triple layer masks will be available at Rs 3 to Rs 4 per unit. For the second consecutive day, the state reported under 10,000 cases at 8,151. Mumbai reported 1,233 new cases. The total number of active cases in the state now stands at 1.74 lakhs.
- Rajasthan: For seven days in a row, the state has been reporting more recoveries than new infections, leading to decline of active cases to 20,254, the lowest in 22 days. On Tuesday, 2,522 persons recovered from Covid against 1,897 new infections. The tally of recovered cases rose to 1,55,095, while the overall tally touched 1,77,123, taking the recovery rate to 87.5%.
- Madhya Pradesh: After a period of more than two months, the daily Covid-19 Covid-19 positive cases in Madhya Pradesh have dipped below the 1,000 mark on Tuesday. A total of 975 people tested positive for the disease taking the total positive cases so far to 1,62,178.
- Chhattisgarh: With 2,507 new coronavirus cases and 50 more deaths, Chhattisgarh's case count rose to 1,65,279 and death toll to 1,584 on Tuesday. The number of people who have recovered increased to 1,37,986 after 378 people were discharged from various hospitals while 1,910 patients completed their home isolation during the day. The state now has 25,709 active cases.
- Arunachal Pradesh: The State registered one more casualty due to COVID-19 related complications, taking its death toll to 31. Arunachal registered recovery of as many as 255 COVID-19 patients as against the 135 fresh virus cases on the day. The recovery rate now stands at 80.09 per cent
- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 666 COVID-19 cases detected out of 38585 tests conducted with a positivity rate of 1.73%.
- Meghalaya: 105 individuals have recovered from coronavirus in the State today. Total active cases reached to 2020 out of them 98 are from BSF and Armed forces.
- Mizoram: Thirty new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases reached to 2310 while active cases stand at 145.
- Kerala: Covid related guidelines for campaigning for local body polls have been issued in the State: Only three including the candidate are allowed to be present while filing nominations; candidates should not accept garlands, bouquets, money garland or shawls; only five including the candidate should visit homes as part of the campaign; social media should be used for campaigning. The state government has issued order reducing the rate of Covid-19 testing in private sector laboratories. The State Cabinet which met today decided to withdraw the compulsory salary contribution to the CM's Distress Relief Fund for govt. employees and teachers.
- Tamil Nadu: With festival season in full swing, Tamil Nadu govt allows shops to stay open till 10 pm; the current lockdown with relaxations is coming to an end on October 31. With relaxations in lockdown norms drawing the migrant workers back to Coimbatore, the Health Department has made a 14-day quarantine mandatory for the returnees. The NPR exercise was indefinitely deferred due to the lockdown from March amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Owners urge CM Palaniswami to permit reopening of movie halls; they also urged to waive off entertainment tax, to help them cut losses due to the pandemic.
- Karnataka: Highcourt of Karnataka directed State government to issue specific rules for disposal of used masks. Covid-19 hospitals in Bengaluru see admissions dip by 40 per cent in last seven

days; however, ICUs in many of the hospitals are still full. Because of the lockdown majority of MSMEs in the State may shut if situation does not improve; lockdown hit 20 per cent of industries, and only less than 10 per cent of these have reopened.

- Andhra Pradesh: State has embarked on awareness programme for containing corona spread which will continue till October 31. In this connection, a rally was flagged off by the Chief Secretary in Vijayawada today. A special drive for the next ten days will be conducted on Covid preparedness by the government. King George Hospital (KGH) Visakhapatnam and Andhra Medical College (AMC) have successfully completed the trial of 2-Deoxy-D-Glucose, a drug developed by the DRDO to treat coronavirus patients with moderate to severe symptoms as an adjunct therapy to reduce the impact of coronavirus and to hasten the recovery process. The drug has been administered to nine volunteers, in compliance with the protocols set up by the DRDO and the report has been sent to it for further evaluation.
- Telangana: 1579 new cases, 1811 recoveries & 5 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1579 cases, 256 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,26,124; Active cases: 20,449; Deaths: 1287; Discharges: 2,04,388.
- The State government, for the third time, postponed the ongoing UG and PG exams of various universities till Dasara (October 25). Govt of India has constituted a 5 member Inter Ministerial Central Team to have an on-the-spot assessment of the damages caused by the recent rainfall and consequential floods in Telangana. The team will commence its 2 day visit from October 22.

**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India

**"Be the change you wish to see in the world"  
– Mahatma Gandhi**

**Follow COVID Appropriate Behaviours and  
encourage others to do the same**

**WEAR A MASK**

**WASH YOUR HANDS**

**MAINTAIN DISTANCE**  
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**Badalkar Apna Vyavahar, Karein Corona Par Vaar**

For information related to COVID-19  
Call the State helpline numbers or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7 helpline number 1075 (Toll Free), Email at [ncov2019@gov.in](mailto:ncov2019@gov.in), [ncov2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncov2019@gmail.com)

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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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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).

- New Cases fall below 50,000 for the first time after nearly 3 months
- Active Cases less than 10% of Total Cases; Further slide in Active Cases- now below 7.5 lakh
- National Recovery Rate has further grown to 88.63%
- India is the only country with the highest recoveries and continues to have one of the lowest fatality rates (1.52%) globally
- Prime Minister says that a strong & vibrant scientific community and good scientific institutions have been India's greatest assets, especially during the last few months, while fighting COVID-19

#Unite2FightCorona

#IndiaFightsCorona

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

(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

**Active** (9.85%)**748538** (23517↓)**Discharged** (88.63%)**6733328** (69720↑)**Deaths** (1.52%)**115197** (587↑)

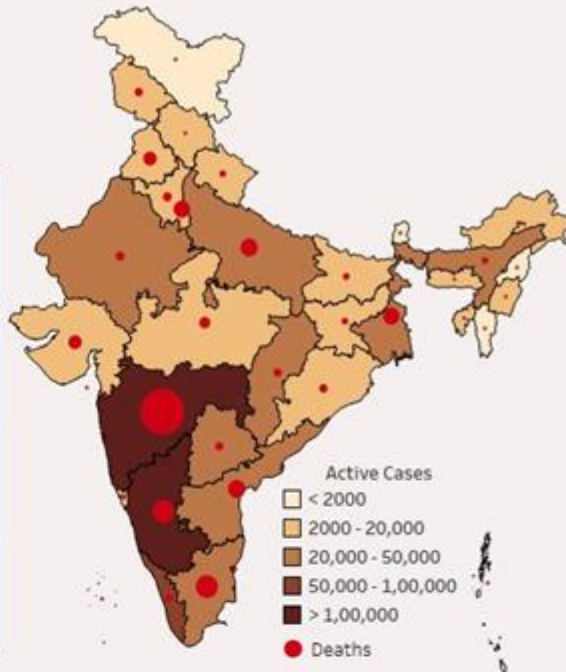


# COVID-19 Tracker

As on 20 October 2020, till 8AM

Total Cases **75,97,063 (▲46,790)**

Recovered	67,33,328 (88.63%)	▲ 69,720
Active	7,48,538 (9.85%)	▼ 23,517
Deaths	1,15,197 (1.52%)	▲ 587



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	16,01,365 (▲5,984)	<div><div>13,84,879 (86%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,74,246 (11%)</div></div>	<div><div>42,240 (2.6%)</div></div>
Andhra Pradesh	7,86,050 (▲2,918)	<div><div>7,44,532 (95%)</div></div>	<div><div>35,065 (4%)</div></div>	<div><div>6,453 (0.8%)</div></div>
Karnataka	7,70,604 (▲5,018)	<div><div>6,53,829 (85%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,06,233 (14%)</div></div>	<div><div>10,542 (1.4%)</div></div>
Tamil Nadu	6,90,936 (▲3,536)	<div><div>6,42,152 (93%)</div></div>	<div><div>38,093 (6%)</div></div>	<div><div>10,691 (1.5%)</div></div>
Uttar Pradesh	4,56,865 (▲1,719)	<div><div>4,18,685 (92%)</div></div>	<div><div>31,495 (7%)</div></div>	<div><div>6,685 (1.5%)</div></div>
Kerala	3,46,881 (▲5,022)	<div><div>2,52,868 (73%)</div></div>	<div><div>92,831 (27%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,182 (0.3%)</div></div>
Delhi	3,33,171 (▲2,154)	<div><div>3,04,561 (91%)</div></div>	<div><div>22,570 (7%)</div></div>	<div><div>6,040 (1.8%)</div></div>
West Bengal	3,25,028 (▲3,992)	<div><div>2,84,325 (87%)</div></div>	<div><div>34,584 (11%)</div></div>	<div><div>6,119 (1.9%)</div></div>
Odisha	2,70,346 (▲1,982)	<div><div>2,49,575 (92%)</div></div>	<div><div>19,619 (7%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,152 (0.4%)</div></div>
Telangana	2,24,545 (▲1,486)	<div><div>2,02,577 (90%)</div></div>	<div><div>20,686 (9%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,282 (0.6%)</div></div>
Bihar	2,05,945 (▲1,582)	<div><div>1,94,005 (94%)</div></div>	<div><div>10,937 (5%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,003 (0.5%)</div></div>
Assam	2,01,407 (▲698)	<div><div>1,73,213 (86%)</div></div>	<div><div>27,319 (14%)</div></div>	<div><div>875 (0.4%)</div></div>
Rajasthan	1,75,226 (▲1,960)	<div><div>1,52,573 (87%)</div></div>	<div><div>20,893 (12%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,760 (1.0%)</div></div>
Chhattisgarh	1,62,772 (▲2,376)	<div><div>1,35,259 (83%)</div></div>	<div><div>25,979 (16%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,534 (0.9%)</div></div>
Madhya Pradesh	1,61,203 (▲1,015)	<div><div>1,45,421 (90%)</div></div>	<div><div>12,996 (8%)</div></div>	<div><div>2,786 (1.7%)</div></div>
Gujarat	1,60,560 (▲996)	<div><div>1,42,662 (89%)</div></div>	<div><div>14,255 (9%)</div></div>	<div><div>3,643 (2.3%)</div></div>
Haryana	1,51,234 (▲1,201)	<div><div>1,39,511 (92%)</div></div>	<div><div>10,075 (7%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,648 (1.1%)</div></div>
Punjab	1,28,103 (▲473)	<div><div>1,18,767 (93%)</div></div>	<div><div>5,307 (4%)</div></div>	<div><div>4,029 (3.1%)</div></div>
Jharkhand	96,842 (▲490)	<div><div>89,780 (93%)</div></div>	<div><div>6,220 (6%)</div></div>	<div><div>842 (0.9%)</div></div>
Jammu & Kash..	88,369 (▲427)	<div><div>78,667 (89%)</div></div>	<div><div>8,314 (9%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,388 (1.6%)</div></div>

\* ▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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**India crosses Significant Milestones, New Cases fall below 50,000 for the first time after nearly 3 months, Active Cases less than 10% of Total Cases, Further slide in Active Cases; now below 7.5 lakh**

India has leaped across several significant milestones in its fight against COVID. The new confirmed cases in the last 24 hours have **fallen below 50,000 (46,790)** for the first time in nearly three months. The new cases were **47,703** on 28<sup>th</sup> July. In another achievement, the percentage active cases have **fallen**

**below 10%.** The total positive cases of the country today are **less than 7.5 lakh** (7,48,538) and comprise merely **9.85%** of the total cases. The slide in active cases is supplemented by an exponential rise in recoveries. The total recovered cases have crossed 67 lakhs (**67,33,328**). The difference between active cases and recovered cases is consistently increasing and stands at **59,84,790** today. **69,720 patients** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The national Recovery Rate has further grown to **88.63%.** **78%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra continues to lead with more than 15,000 single day recoveries followed by Karnataka with more than 8,000 recoveries. **75%** of the new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala contribute more than 5,000 to the new confirmed cases. **587** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 81%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. The deaths are below 600 for second consecutive day. Maharashtra has reported the maximum single day deaths (125 deaths). India is the only country with the highest recoveries and continues to have one of the lowest fatality rates globally. Today it stands at **1.52%.**

**For details :**

## **Evidence-based Impact of National Deworming Day in India, 14 States report reduction in worm prevalence; 9 show substantial reduction**

Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis (STH), also known as parasitic intestinal worm infection, is a significant public health concern mostly in low resource settings. These are known to have detrimental effects on children's physical growth and well being and can cause anemia and under-nutrition. Regular deworming as advised by the World Health Organization eliminates worm infestation among children and adolescents living in areas with high STH burden, thereby contributing to achieve better nutrition and health. Since its launch in 2015, the National Deworming Day (NDD), a flagship program of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is implemented as a biannual single day programme implemented through the platforms of schools and anganwadis. Albendazole tablet, approved by World Health Organization (WHO), is used for treatment of intestinal worms in children and adolescents as part of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) programmes globally. In the last round of deworming earlier this year in the country (which was halted due to the COVID pandemic), 11 crore children and adolescents were administered Albendazole tablet across 25 States/UTs.

**For details :**

### **Dr. Harsh Vardhan discusses implementation of Prime Minister's Jan Andolan in the upcoming Long Festive Season with Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat Sh. Nitinbhai Patel**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare interacted with Sh. Nitinbhai Patel, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Health and Medical Education, Gujarat in the presence of district collectors of all the districts and senior health officials of the State and the Union yesterday. Reminding everyone that the country is currently in the tenth month of the pandemic, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "Active cases are currently around 7,72,000 which has been less than 10 lakhs for close to a month. 55,722 cases were reported in the last 24 hours while 66,399 cases were discharged from care. Doubling time has been diluted to 86.3 days and the country will soon cross the figure of 10 crore cumulative

tests.” On the management of COVID in Gujarat, he noted, “From being one of the top affected states earlier, the state has shown remarkable stride to have a recovery rate of 90.57% comparable to the recovery rate of India (88.26%).” He congratulated the State for conducting 77,785 tests per million against the country’s figure of 68,901. Reiterating his statement that the coming winter and the long festive season pose a significant risk that could threaten the gains made against COVID-19, he said, “We should all be vigilant for the next three months. Prime Minister’s message of wearing a mask/face cover, maintaining a physical distance and frequent handwashing should reach the last citizen. Steps should be taken to monitor their non-compliance. Following COVID appropriate behaviour is simple.”

**For details:**

### **PM Modi delivers keynote address at Grand Challenges Annual Meeting 2020**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at Grand Challenges Annual Meeting 2020. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said the future will be shaped by societies that invest in science and innovation. He said the benefits of science and innovation can be reaped at the right time by investing in it well in advance, instead of having a short sighted approach. He said the journey to these innovations must be shaped by collaboration and public participation. He added science will never prosper in silos and the Grand Challenges Programme has understood this ethos well. The Prime Minister said the global pandemic has made us realise the importance of teamwork. He said the diseases do not have geographic boundaries and do not discriminate on the grounds of faith, race, gender or colour. He added these diseases also include several communicable and non-communicable diseases that are impacting people. He said a strong & vibrant scientific community and good scientific institutions in India have been India’s greatest assets, especially during the last few months, while fighting COVID-19. He added they have achieved wonders from containment to capacity building. The Prime Minister said COVID-19 death rate in India is very low in spite of the large population due to the people powered and people driven approach. He added today, there is a decline in the number of cases per day, decline in the growth rate of cases and has one of the highest recovery rates of 88 percent. The Prime Minister remarked India is now at the forefront of vaccine development for COVID. He announced more than 30 indigenous vaccines are being developed in our country and three of them are in an advanced stage. He said India is already working on putting a well-established Vaccine delivery system in place and this digitised network along with digital health ID will be used to ensure immunisation of our citizens.

**For details:**

### **Text of PM's keynote address at Grand Challenges Annual Meeting 2020**

**For details:**

### **9th Session of India-Oman Joint Commission Virtual Meeting held**

The 9th Session of the India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was held yesterday through the virtual platform. It was co-chaired by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and H.E. Mr. Qais bin Mohammed al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of the Sultanate of Oman. The meeting was attended by representatives of various government departments/ministries from both sides. During the meeting, both sides reviewed the recent developments in trade and investment ties and reaffirmed their commitment to expand the bilateral trade



and encourage businesses to invest in each other's country in order to realize the untapped potential in the commercial and economic relationship. The two sides also exchanged views on the unprecedented global health and economic situation arising due the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

**For details:**

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- **Arunachal Pradesh:** Arunachal COVID-19 active cases stand at 2833; 238 new positive cases reported yesterday, total recovered 10,780.
- **Assam:** 698 cases detected out of 34,956 tests conducted, with a positivity rate of 2 %, while 1,530 patients discharged in Assam. Total cases- 2,01,407. Recovered 85.99%, active cases 13.56%, tweeted State Health Minister.
- **Meghalaya:** COVID-19 total active cases now stand at 2,069, total BSF and Armed Forces 100, total others 1,969 & total recovered 6,392 in Meghalaya.
- **Mizoram:** 1. 27 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 2,280, active cases 129.
- **Nagaland:** Amid fear that COVID-19 transmission is shifting from local to community, Nagaland's tally inches towards 8000 mark. Total 7,953 cases on Monday.
- **Sikkim:** With two more deaths reported during last 24 hours, COVID -19 death toll in Sikkim has risen to 62.
- **Maharashtra :** The Maharashtra Health Minister Shri Rajesh Tope has said that all the private doctors have been given instructions to participate in the COVID Prevention Mission and visit the COVID Centres for at least two to three hours in a day. He has urged the private doctors to spare some time in COVID centres in Rural Areas, especially those that have witnessed high mortality rate in recent weeks. He has emphasized on the guidance of specialist doctors to reduce the mortality rate in the state. Maharashtra on Monday reported 5,984 cases and 15,069 recoveries, bringing down the number of active cases to 1.73 lakhs.
- **Gujarat :** The new cases of Covid19 in Gujarat dropped below 1 thousand mark for the first time in 90 days. Meanwhile, the Centre has appreciated the Covid19 management by the Gujarat government. In a meeting through video conferencing, the Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that from being one of the worst affected states earlier, Gujarat has shown remarkable improvement in recoveries and testing. The number of active cases in Gujarat is 14,277.
- **Rajasthan :** Rajasthan on Monday reported 12 more deaths due to Covid-19, taking the state's death toll to 1,760, while 1,960 fresh cases pushed the infection count to 1,75,266. According to a health bulletin, 1,52,573 people have so far been discharged after treatment, while the number of active cases stands at 20,893.
- **Chhattisgarh :** Chhattisgarh's COVID-19 count rose to 1.62 lakhs on Monday after 2,376 people were detected with the infection. Raipur district reported 196 new cases, taking its total count to 39,285, including 523 deaths, while Janjgir- Champa recorded 200 new cases, Bilaspur 195, Durg 191 and Raigarh 172, among others.



- **Kerala:** Covid fatality is on the rise in Ernakulam district. Today four more people succumbed to the virus, taking the state's total Covid death toll to 1186. Seventy police men in a camp in the district turned Covid positive today. A total of 5,022 new cases were reported in the state yesterday. Currently 92,731 patients are undergoing treatment and 2.77 lakh people under observation in various districts.
- **Tamil Nadu:** After a gap of nearly six months, the Regional Transport Offices (RTO) across the State resumed its functions on Monday; in the wake of the on-going pandemic, the Centre had extended validity of all transport documents, expired between February 1 and September 30, till December 31. IIT-Madras has announced flexibility in its course work and said that its students can choose half the courses and even study a semester in a foreign university. Manufacturers and exporters in Tirupur- the knitwear hub of the country- which was in a revival path after covid lock down, are now worried about exports because of a second wave of Covid-19 with Europe and other countries.
- **Karnataka:** After gap of seven months, first passenger train between Karnataka and TN to run on October 23. To mark the ongoing Navratri and Diwali festivals, the South Western Railway (SWR) will run five pairs of festival special trains from October 23 to December 2. Health Minister K Sudhakar held a meeting and took stock of disease spread in flood-hit districts; he interacted with Deputy Commissioners, ZP CEOs and health officers of Kalaburagi, Bagalakot, Koppal, Yadgir, Belagavi and Vijayapura, which have been hit by heavy rain and floods.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** The State is contemplating to reopen schools from November 2. It remains to be seen whether the schools would be opened on the scheduled date with the students being affected with coronavirus. DEO, Kurnool issued key directives of conducting tests to the students in all schools across the district in the backdrop of as many as 29 students of a school in Srisailem Sunnipenta in Kurnool district were infected with Covid. There has been a sharp drop in coronavirus cases in the state with less than 3,000 cases reported on Monday. As ICMR has warned of a possible second wave of the coronavirus, Health Minister Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas has asked the state health department to be extra vigilant and create awareness among the public about the three precautionary steps that need to be taken to stop the virus' spread.
- **Telangana:** 1486 new cases, 1891 recoveries & 7 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in Telangana ; out of 1486 cases, 235 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,24,545; Active cases: 21,098; Deaths: 1282; Discharges: 2,02,577. State Health Minister has directed health officials to ensure all walk-in patients with flu-like symptoms at Government healthcare facilities mandatorily undergo Covid-19 tests.

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**27% in April- August period and NOT Imports**



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While India shows "red eyes" to China at LAC and invites Quad navies to encircle "the Dragon" India's imports from China increase 27% between April-August.



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**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

  
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– Mahatma Gandhi**

**Follow COVID Appropriate Behaviours and encourage others to do the same**



**WEAR A MASK**



**WASH YOUR HANDS**



**MAINTAIN DISTANCE**



**Badalkar Apna Vyavahar, Karein Corona Par Vaar**

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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 19 OCT 2020 6:23PM by PIB Delhi



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

- India sustains trend of consistently low Active Cases, Active Caseload below 8 lakh for the third day
- National Positivity Rate sustained below 8% for 4th successive day
- 66,399 patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 55,722
- Prime Minister chairs meeting on the COVID-19 pandemic situation and vaccine delivery, distribution and administration
- Health Minister calls to honour the Prime Minister's call for Jan Andolan and religiously follow COVID appropriate behaviour
- Finance Minister says that better performance of CPSEs can help the economy in a big way to recover from the impact of COVID-19

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

(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

**Active** (10.23%)**772055** (11256↓)**Discharged** (88.26%)**6663608** (66399↑)**Deaths** (1.52%)**114610** (579↑)

# COVID-19 Tracker

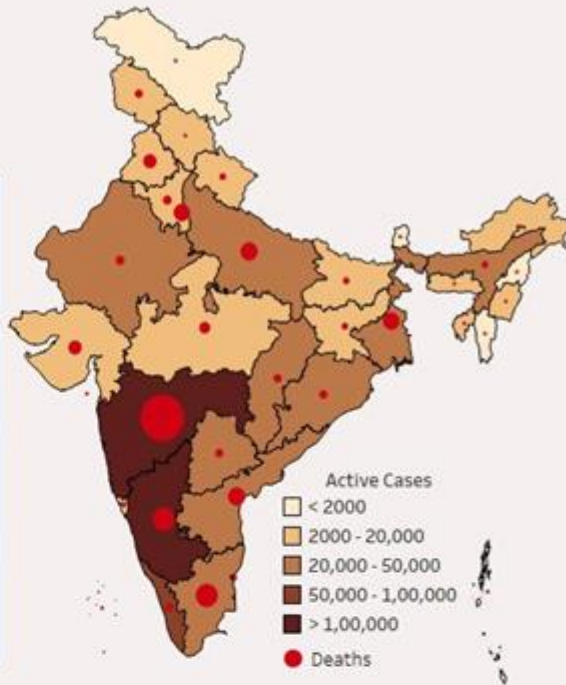
As on 19 October 2020, till 8AM

Total Cases **75,50,273 (▲55,722)**

Recovered **66,63,608 (88.26%) ▲ 66,399**

Active **7,72,055 (10.23%) ▼ 11,256**

Deaths **1,14,610 (1.52%) ▲ 579**



## States' Cases (Highest)

## Recovered (%)

## Active (%)

## Deaths (%)

Maharashtra	15,95,381 (▲9,060)	13,69,810 (86%)	1,83,456 (11%)	42,115 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh	7,83,132 (▲3,986)	7,40,229 (95%)	36,474 (5%)	6,429 (0.8%)
Karnataka	7,65,586 (▲7,012)	6,45,825 (84%)	1,09,283 (14%)	10,478 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu	6,87,400 (▲3,914)	6,37,637 (93%)	39,121 (6%)	10,642 (1.5%)
Uttar Pradesh	4,55,146 (▲2,486)	4,15,592 (91%)	32,896 (7%)	6,658 (1.5%)
Kerala	3,41,859 (▲7,631)	2,45,399 (72%)	95,299 (28%)	1,161 (0.3%)
Delhi	3,31,017 (▲3,299)	3,01,716 (91%)	23,292 (7%)	6,009 (1.8%)
West Bengal	3,21,036 (▲3,983)	2,81,053 (88%)	33,927 (11%)	6,056 (1.9%)
Odisha	2,68,364 (▲2,019)	2,46,837 (92%)	20,392 (8%)	1,135 (0.4%)
Telangana	2,23,059 (▲948)	2,00,686 (90%)	21,098 (9%)	1,275 (0.6%)
Bihar	2,04,363 (▲906)	1,92,783 (94%)	10,584 (5%)	996 (0.5%)
Assam	2,00,709 (▲318)	1,71,683 (86%)	28,158 (14%)	868 (0.4%)
Rajasthan	1,73,266 (▲1,985)	1,50,379 (87%)	21,139 (12%)	1,748 (1.0%)
Chhattisgarh	1,60,396 (▲1,894)	1,32,168 (82%)	26,750 (17%)	1,478 (0.9%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,60,188 (▲1,030)	1,44,134 (90%)	13,281 (8%)	2,773 (1.7%)
Gujarat	1,59,564 (▲1,091)	1,41,515 (89%)	14,414 (9%)	3,635 (2.3%)
Haryana	1,50,033 (▲952)	1,38,351 (92%)	10,042 (7%)	1,640 (1.1%)
Punjab	1,27,630 (▲476)	1,17,883 (92%)	5,735 (4%)	4,012 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	96,352 (▲385)	89,011 (92%)	6,502 (7%)	839 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash..	87,942 (▲578)	77,886 (89%)	8,677 (10%)	1,379 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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**India sustains trend of consistently low Active Cases, Active Caseload below 8 lakh for the third day, National Positivity Rate sustained below 8% for 4th successive day.**



India has crossed another milestone in its fight against COVID-19. The national cumulative Positivity Rate has **fallen under 8%**. This trend has been sustained without a break for four days. The cumulative Positivity Rate is **7.94%** now and is on a continuous decline. The total tests have crossed 9.5 crores today. The average Daily Positivity Rate is 6.13% for the third week of October. India continues to report a trend of steadily declining active cases. For the third day after the active cases dropped below the 8 lakh mark after a month and a half, the progressive decline continues. India's active caseload stands at **7,72,055** today. Presently the active cases comprise merely **10.23%** of the total positive cases of the country. The total recovered cases are more than 66 Lakhs (**66,63,608**) thereby enhancing the difference with respect to the active cases. **66,399** patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at **55,722**. The national Recovery Rate has progressed to **88.26%**. **79%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs viz. Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh. Maharashtra alone has contributed the maximum with more than 11,000 single day recovery followed by Kerala and Karnataka with more than 8,000 recoveries each. **55,722** new confirmed cases were recorded in last 24 hours. **81% of the new cases** are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra continues to be the State reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 9,000 cases followed by Kerala and Karnataka with more than 7,000 cases each. **579** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. After **90** days, the daily deaths recorded are below 600. Of these, **nearly 83%** are concentrated in ten State/UTs. More than **25%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (150 deaths).

**For details:**

**Prime Minister chairs meeting on the COVID-19 pandemic situation and vaccine delivery, distribution and administration**

PM Shri Narendra Modi, on Saturday reviewed the Covid-19 pandemic situation in the country and the preparedness of vaccine delivery, distribution, and administration. The meeting was attended by Union Health Minister, Shri Harsh Vardhan, Principal Secretary to PM, Member (Health) NITI Aayog, Principal Scientific Advisor, Senior Scientists, officers of PMO, and other Departments of Government of India. The Prime Minister noted the steady decline in the daily Covid cases and growth rate. Three vaccines are in advanced stages of development in India, out of which 2 are in Phase II and one is in Phase-III. Indian Scientists and Research Teams are collaborating and strengthening the research capacities in neighbouring countries viz., Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal and Sri Lanka. In an effort to help the global community, the Prime Minister further directed that we should not limit our efforts to our immediate neighbourhood but also reach out to the entire world in providing vaccines, medicines and IT platforms for vaccine delivery system. The Prime Minister further directed that keeping in view the geographical span and diversity of the country, the access to the vaccine should be ensured speedily. The Prime Minister stressed that every step in the logistics, delivery, and administration should be put in place rigorously. He further directed that we should make use of experience of successful conduct of elections and disaster management in the country. The Prime Minister said that in a similar manner vaccine delivery and administration systems should be put in place. This should involve the participation of States / UTs / District Level functionaries, civil society organisations, volunteers, citizens, and experts from all necessary domains.

**For details:**

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan extends best wishes of SharadNavratri to everyone during Sunday Samvaad-6**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare answered many inquisitive social media interactors on the sixth episode of *Sunday Samvaad*. Offering his heartfelt wishes for Navaratri, he exhorted his followers to honour the Prime Minister's call for *Jan Andolan* and religiously follow COVID appropriate behavior becoming its ambassador to others. Dr. Harsh Vardhan shared his views on the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Kerala. Noting that between January 30 & May 3, Kerala had reported just 499 cases and 2 deaths due to COVID-19, he regretted that Kerala was paying the price of gross negligence during the recent Onam festivities when State-wise unlocking of services, along with an increase in inter and intrastate travel for trade and tourism, led to the spreading of COVID-19 cases across various districts; "Epicurve of Kerala changed completely due to Onam festivities across the State, the daily new cases nearly doubled." The Minister said this ought to serve as a good lesson for all the state government which were being negligent in planning for the festival season. Dr Harsh Vardhan assured that as of yet, no mutation of coronavirus has been detected in India, which is either more transmission efficient or more pathogenic. The Minister shared that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already released the Phase II of the COVID Package to 33 States and Union Territories. The total amount released in the second package amounts to a total of INR 1352 Crores. This Phase II grant has been released in tranches during the months of August, September and October 2020.

**For details:****Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs a meeting on COVID Appropriate Behavior with Heads/Directors of Autonomous Institutions of DST and CSIR.**

Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan on Friday chaired a meeting with Heads/ Directors of Autonomous Institutions under the Department of Science & Technology and CSIR through video conferencing to review the activities taken under the "Jan Andolan" on COVID Appropriate Behaviour. Highlighting the importance of the coming months in the country's collective fight against the pandemic, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "We are now entering into the tenth month of our fight against COVID-19. It was on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January when we had our first meeting of the expert group. Since then, the journey has been relentless. But today, we can proudly say that we have created significant infrastructure for our fight against COVID." The Minister applauded the great work carried out by all scientists, even beyond their mandates, and said that today there are 9 vaccine candidates in the world which are in advanced stages. He expressed the hope that India will soon have indigenous production of Corona vaccine. Pointing out that the fight against COVID is not over yet, Dr. Harsh Vardhan cautioned people against complacency, carelessness and casual attitude towards combating COVID-19. He stated that "The next two and half months are going to be very crucial for us in our fight against corona because of the winter season and the festival season. It becomes responsibility of every citizen to not let our guard down and follow COVID appropriate behaviour to curb spread of the infection."

**For details:****Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman holds 4th review meeting on CAPEX of CPSEs**

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today held Video Conference with Secretaries of the Ministries of Petroleum & Natural Gas and M/o Coal, along with the CMDs of 14 CPSEs belonging to these Ministries, to review the capital expenditure (CAPEX) in this financial year.



This was 4th 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. In FY 2019-20, against the CAPEX target of Rs. 1,11,672 crore for these 14 CPSEs, the achievement was Rs. 1,16,323 crore i.e. 104%. FY 2019-20, H1 achievement was Rs. 43,097 crore (39%) and achievement of FY 2020-21, H1 is Rs. 37,423 crore (32%). CAPEX target for 2020-21 is Rs. 1,15,934 crore. While reviewing the performance of CPSEs, Smt. Sitharaman said that CAPEX by CPSEs is a critical driver of economic growth and need to be scaled up for the FYs 2020-21 & 2021-22. Smt. Sitharaman said that better performance of CPSEs can help the economy in a big way to recover from the impact of COVID-19.

**For details:**

**Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participates in 102nd meeting of the World Bank Development Committee Plenary**

Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Development Committee Plenary through video conferencing on Friday. In her intervention at this session, Smt. Sitharaman stated that COVID -19 Pandemic which started before our last meeting in April, continues to impact the developing and developed countries till date and the hard fought gains in reducing the level of poverty, achieved over a number of years, are at great risk of being lost. The Government of India has taken several measures to contain the spread of pandemic, and also to mitigate its social and economic impact. The Finance Minister shared that the Government has announced first stimulus of \$23 billion to provide direct cash transfers and food security measures to poor. This was followed by special economic package of \$ 271 Billion - equivalent to 10% of India's GDP - based on a clarion call by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for *Aatma Nirbhar Bharat* or Self-Reliant India. Measures have been announced to provide relief to the business, bring about major reforms in the labour sector by simplifying, amalgamating and rationalising 44 central labour laws, provide effective social protection to the migrant workers through National Portability of ration cards. Rural sector has been provided support by way of refinance support through NABARD, injection of additional liquidity of \$27.13 Billion in the farm sector and by way of increased allocation for National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Smt. Sitharaman also mentioned that Government has committed \$2.03 Billion for strengthening of Health infrastructure in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

**For details:**

**Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launches Rs. 10,000 crore NCDC Ayushman Sahakar Fund for creation of healthcare infrastructure by cooperatives**

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj and Food Processing Industries, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar today launched AYUSHMAN SAHAKAR, a unique scheme to assist cooperatives play an important role in creation of healthcare infrastructure in the country formulated by the apex autonomous development finance institution under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). Shri Tomar announced that NCDC would extend term loans to prospective cooperatives to the tune of

Rs.10,000 Crore in the coming years. He said that the ongoing pandemic has brought into focus the requirement of creation of more facilities. NCDC's scheme will be a step towards strengthening farmers welfare activities by the Central Government.

**For details:**

### **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi holds Haj 2021 review meeting**

Union Minister of Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today said here that Haj 2021 will depend on national-international Protocol Guidelines due to Pandemic Position. While chairing Haj 2021 review meeting in New Delhi, Shri Naqvi said that Haj 2021 is scheduled for June-July 2021, but the final decision regarding Haj 2021 will be taken in due course keeping in view necessary guidelines to be issued by the Saudi Arabia Government and the Government of India in view of Corona Pandemic to ensure health and well-being of the people. Shri Naqvi said that Haj Committee of India and other Indian agencies will formally announce Haj 2021 application process and other related preparations after a decision is taken by the Saudi Arabia Government on Haj 2021. Shri Naqvi said that the entire Haj process might witness a significant change in view of necessary guidelines. These include accommodation, transport, health and other facilities both in India and Saudi Arabia. Shri Naqvi said that health and well-being of the pilgrims is of the utmost priority for the Government due to Corona pandemic. The Indian agencies will ensure necessary arrangements in this regard. The Government of India and Haj Committee have started necessary preparations to ensure health and well-being of the pilgrims.

**For details:**

### **Milestone of 1.5 crore KCC sanctions with credit limit of Rs. 1.35 lakh crore achieved under Special KCC Saturation Drive for farmers**

As part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package, the Government has announced to cover 2.5 crore farmers under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme with a credit boost of Rs. 2 lakh crore through a special saturation drive. As a result of concerted and sustained efforts by the banks and other stakeholders in the direction of providing access to concessional credit by the farmers, including Fishermen and Dairy farmers, a major milestone target of covering more than 1.5 crore farmers under KCC, with sanctioned credit limit of Rs.1.35 lakh crore has been achieved.

### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Maharashtra: Mumbai Metro has resumed its services after being shut for nearly seven months. The Monorail Service has also begun. However, trains are running with a limited number of passengers to maintain social distancing and the number of services have been limited in the initial phase. The metro trains are plying on the entire route of the Ghatkopar-Versova line from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. Only 360 people are allowed on the metro train per service as against 1,350 people earlier and only 200 services of trains will run as against 400 services earlier. Health check-up kiosks have been set-up at all Entry points. Wearing of mask is mandatory while travelling.
- Gujarat: Gujarat Education Minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama on Monday said his department will seek everyone's opinion before taking a final decision on reopening schools in the state. Talking to

reporters in Gandhinagar, Chudasama indicated that schools cannot remain shut forever. Schools and colleges have been closed in the state since the outbreak of COVID-19. Many educational institutions are conducting online classes and exams to continue with the academic session.

- Chhattisgarh: With 1,894 new COVID-19 cases and 39 more deaths, Chhattisgarh's count rose to 1,60,396 and toll to 1,478 on Sunday. The number of recovered patients increased to 1,32,168 after 305 people were discharged from various hospitals while 1,772 others completed their home isolation during the day. The state now has 26,750 active cases.
- Goa: The coronavirus infection count in Goa reached 40,587 on Sunday with the addition of 187 cases. The death toll in the state mounted to 544 after six patients succumbed to the infection. As 360 patients were discharged during the day, the recovery count of the coastal state climbed to 36,395. There are 3,648 active COVID-19 cases in the state at present.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 55 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday and 237 patients recovered with 2824 active cases.
- Assam: In Assam, 318 cases detected out of 13547 tests conducted, with a positivity rate of 2.35% and 599 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rises to 200709, active 28158, discharged 171680 and death 868.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 248 Patients have recovered from COVID-19 in the State today. Total active cases 2151 and total recovered 6282.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, total COVID-19 positive cases are 7816, security forces 3477, traced contacts 2353, returnees 1061 and 385 frontline workers.
- Kerala: With Covid-19 cases continuing to be on the higher side, the State's high-level expert committee has recommended the health department to scale up the daily testing to 1 lakh. The panel has also urged the government to replace the new software which was responsible for the recent slide in testing and go back to the old system. A total of 7,631 new Covid-19 cases were reported in the state yesterday. 95,200 patients are now undergoing treatment and 2.80 lakh people under observation. The present death toll is 1161.
- Tamil Nadu: For the first time since July 11, Tamil Nadu reported less than 4,000 new Covid-19 cases, with 3,914 cases and 56 deaths being recorded on Sunday, taking the tally to 6,87,400 and toll to 10,642. TN CM expresses concern over Telangana floods, contributes Rs 10 crore for relief work; Palaniswami also assured that the Tamil Nadu government is ready to render any other assistance as may be required by the Telangana government
- Karnataka: Eight of Karnataka Deputy CM GovindKarjol's family test Covid positive, son on ventilator; In a social media post, Karjol explained his inability to take up a long journey to physically monitor the flood situation in Bagalkote and Kalaburagi. Covid-hit farmers suffer loss as grains stored in underground stockyards decay due to rains in Gadag. Firms fleecing us on medical oxygen, say Karnataka private hospitals; The letter written to the Drugs Controller of the state Drugs Control Department also stated that the prices quoted by the manufacturers is higher than that fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.
- Andhra Pradesh: The intensity of coronavirus subsided further in Andhra Pradesh as recovery rate improved, while new cases and fatalities also came down as on Sunday. Andhra Pradesh reported an overall recovery of 7.4 lakh on Sunday. The death toll rose to 6429 with 23 fatalities reported. Kurnool reported the lowest of 55 new cases, but Krishna district reported 503 new cases in 24 hours after showing a declining trend last month. Twin Godavari districts, Guntur and Chittoor are also in the lead

with more than 400 new cases. The state has so far completed tests on 70 lakh samples at the rate of 1.32 lakh per million reporting an overall infection positivity rate of 11.08 per cent.

- Telangana: 948 new cases, 1896 recoveries & 4 deaths reported in the last 24 hours in the State; out of 948 cases, 212 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,23,059; Active cases: 21,098; Deaths: 1275; Discharges: 2,00,686. Death toll in Telangana floods rises to 70 of which 33 have lost their lives in the GHMC limits, Hyderabad and 37 in various districts across Telangana with three persons reported missing.

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**No directive has been given by NCPCR to expedite the adoption process**

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**NCPCR directive irks child rights bodies**  
Aish B | TNN | Updated: Oct 12, 2020, 12:54:57

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CHENNAI: The National Commission for

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States have been asked to restore children living in CCIs back home or put in foster care in 100 days

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Claim: An article by Business Standard claims that retrenched workers taking cash benefits from new reskilling fund may have to show proof of reskilling to govt

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
(COVID-19)



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– Mahatma Gandhi**

**Follow COVID Appropriate Behaviours and  
encourage others to do the same**



**Badalkar Apna Vyavahar, Karein Corona Par Vaar**

For information related to COVID-19

Call the State helpline numbers or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7 helpline number 1075 (Toll Free), Email at [ncov2019@gov.in](mailto:ncov2019@gov.in), [ncov2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncov2019@gmail.com)

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Posted On: 16 OCT 2020 6:20PM by PIB Delhi



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

- India continues to report one of the lowest deaths per million population which stands at 81 today
- 70,338 single day recoveries were registered in last 24 hours as against 63,371 new confirmed cases
- Presently active cases comprise merely 10.92% of the total positive cases of the country standing at 8,04,528.
- Higher number of recoveries take national Recovery Rate to 87.56%
- High Level Central teams rushed to Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal

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COVID-19 INDIA as on :  
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yesterday)

**Active** (10.92%)

**804528** (7882↓)

**Discharged** (87.56%)

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**Deaths** (1.52%)

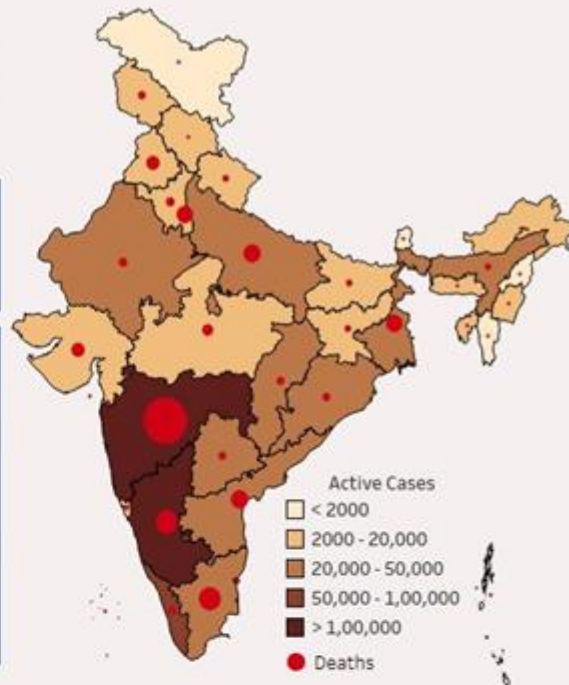
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# COVID-19 Tracker

As on 16 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** **73,70,468** (▲63,371)

Recovered	64,53,779 (87.56%)	▲ 70,338
Active	8,04,528 (10.92%)	▼ 7,862
Deaths	1,12,161 (1.52%)	▲ 895



## States' Cases (Highest)

## Recovered (%)

## Active (%)

## Deaths (%)

Maharashtra	15,64,615 (▲10,226)	13,30,483 (85%)	1,92,936 (12%)	41,196 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh	7,71,503 (▲4,038)	7,25,099 (94%)	40,047 (5%)	6,357 (0.8%)
Karnataka	7,43,848 (▲8,477)	6,20,008 (83%)	1,13,557 (15%)	10,283 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu	6,74,802 (▲4,410)	6,22,458 (92%)	41,872 (6%)	10,472 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	4,47,383 (▲2,672)	4,04,545 (90%)	36,295 (8%)	6,543 (1.5%)
Delhi	3,21,031 (▲3,483)	2,92,502 (91%)	22,605 (7%)	5,924 (1.8%)
Kerala	3,17,929 (▲7,789)	2,22,231 (70%)	94,609 (30%)	1,089 (0.3%)
West Bengal	3,09,417 (▲3,720)	2,71,563 (88%)	31,984 (10%)	5,870 (1.9%)
Odisha	2,62,011 (▲2,470)	2,38,535 (91%)	22,387 (9%)	1,089 (0.4%)
Telangana	2,19,224 (▲1,554)	1,94,653 (89%)	23,315 (11%)	1,256 (0.6%)
Bihar	2,01,196 (▲1,093)	1,89,186 (94%)	11,038 (5%)	972 (0.5%)
Assam	1,98,982 (▲769)	1,69,335 (85%)	28,804 (14%)	843 (0.4%)
Rajasthan	1,67,279 (▲2,039)	1,43,984 (86%)	21,587 (13%)	1,708 (1.0%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,56,584 (▲1,308)	1,39,717 (89%)	14,157 (9%)	2,710 (1.7%)
Gujarat	1,56,121 (▲1,185)	1,37,733 (88%)	14,782 (9%)	3,606 (2.3%)
Chhattisgarh	1,53,515 (▲2,819)	1,23,943 (81%)	28,187 (18%)	1,385 (0.9%)
Haryana	1,46,706 (▲1,199)	1,34,719 (92%)	10,364 (7%)	1,623 (1.1%)
Punjab	1,26,230 (▲470)	1,15,186 (91%)	7,090 (6%)	3,954 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	94,952 (▲583)	87,240 (92%)	6,892 (7%)	820 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash..	86,057 (▲648)	75,641 (88%)	9,058 (11%)	1,358 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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India continues to report one of the lowest deaths per million population in the world, Less than 1100 deaths reported for last 14 days, 22 States/UTs have Deaths per Million lower than the National Average

India continues to report one of the lowest deaths per million population which stands at **81** today. **Less than 1100 deaths** have been reported continuously since 2nd October. These results are boosted by **22 States/UTs** which had demonstrated better performance and are reporting even lower deaths per million compared to the national average. Case fatality rate has been on the downslide continuously. At the current figure of **1.52%**, it is the lowest since 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Maintaining the spree of registering more recoveries than the new confirmed cases, 70,338 single day recoveries were registered in last 24 hours as against 63,371 new confirmed cases. The total recovered cases stand at **64,53,779**. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has crossed 56 lakh (**56,49,251**). The recovered cases are **8 times** more than the active case now. The Active Cases are sliding continuously. Presently the active cases comprise merely **10.92%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **8,04,528**. Higher number of recoveries has aided the national Recovery Rate to further improve to **87.56%**. **78%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra alone has contributed the maximum with more than 13,000 single day recovery. **79% of the new cases** are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra continues to be the State reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 10,000 cases followed by Karnataka with more than 8,000 cases. **895** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 82%** are concentrated in ten State/UTs of Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha and Delhi. More than **37%** of new fatalities are reported are from Maharashtra (337 deaths). **13 States/UTs** are reporting deaths/million population more than the national average.

For details:

Centre rushes High Level Central teams to Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has deputed high level Central teams to Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. These States have been reporting a surge in the number of new COVID cases in the recent days. Each team comprises of a Jt. Secretary (nodal officer for the respective State), one public health expert to look after the public health aspects, one clinician to look after infection prevention practices, clinical management protocol being followed by the State. The teams will support the State efforts towards strengthening containment, surveillance, testing, infection prevention and control measures, and efficient clinical management of the positive cases.

For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs event on 'World Food Day' organized by FSSAI

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare today presided over an event to celebrate 'World Food Day'. The event was organized by FSSAI. This year's theme is *Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together*. Dr Harsh Vardhan stated that due to the unprecedented challenges faced by the world on account of the pandemic, there has been a renewed focus on food, nutrition, health, immunity and



sustainability. He added “FSSAI’s *Eat Right India* movement targets to promote safe and healthy food for everyone in an environmentally sustainable way. It is a part of its mandate to provide safe and wholesome food for all citizens. This will improve the food safety ecosystems and lift the hygiene and health of our citizens.” A key focus this year is elimination of **Trans Fats** from the food supply chain. A food toxin present in Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils (PHVOs) (e.g. vanaspati, shortening, margarine, etc.), baked and fried foods, Trans Fat is a major contributor to the rise in non-communicable diseases in India. Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated, “Trans fat is a modifiable risk factor for cardiovascular diseases (CVD). Eliminating CVD risk factor is especially relevant during COVID-19 as people with CVD are predisposed to have serious conditions having an impact on mortality.”

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan conveys Prime Minister's clarion call of building a Jan-Andolan against COVID to all the members of Indian Red Cross Society

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare in his capacity as Chairman joined the Annual General Meeting of Indian Red Cross Society and St. John’s Ambulance through video conference, yesterday. Thanking Hon’ble President of India and President of Indian Red Cross Society & St. John Ambulance (India) Sh. Ram Nath Kovind for his continued encouragement and support to IRCS, he noted, “This is for the first time that a meeting of this kind in IRCS has been organized virtually. However and as we all know, this is the ‘new normal’ of our life these days.” Congratulating all members of IRCS as it completes its 100 years of existence saving innumerable lives and improving the quality of life of a large section of people, he brought attention of the members to the present pandemic which is in its tenth month currently. He continued, “Almost every country is trying its best to minimize this impact in its own way. In India, the central government got into action much earlier and since then has launched a slew of measures to minimize the overall impact of the pandemic.” He said our collective efforts have helped save many lives. We will continue the momentum and protect our citizens from the virus.

For details:

PM releases commemorative coin of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released commemorative coins of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO today through video conferencing. He dedicated to the nation, 17 recently developed biofortified varieties of crops. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister greeted the people across the world who are constantly working to remove malnutrition. He said, our KisanSaathi - our Annadata, our Agricultural Scientist, our Anganwadi ASHA workers, are the basis of the movement against malnutrition. While they have filled the granary of India with their hard work, they are also helping the government in reaching the poorest of the poor. He added, due to all these efforts, India is fighting a strong fight against malnutrition even in this crisis of Corona.

For details:



### Text of PM's address at the release of Commemorative coin to mark 75 years of Food and Agriculture Organisation

For details:

### Raksha Mantri's Trophy for the Best and Second Best Command Hospitals Presented

The Raksha Mantri Trophy for the Best and Second Best Command Hospitals of the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for the year 2019 were presented by Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, on 16 Oct 2020. Command Hospital (Air Force) Bengaluru and Command Hospital (Eastern Command) Kolkata were judged as the Best and Second Best Command Hospital for the year 2019 respectively. Raksha Mantri, while complementing the two hospitals on their outstanding performance, acknowledged the commendable services being rendered by the AFMS, ranging from combat medical support to troops deployed in operational roles to state of the art healthcare services at mid-zonal, zonal and tertiary care hospitals of the AFMS.

For details

### Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends the Plenary Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee of the IMF

Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday attended the Plenary Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), the Ministerial-level committee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) through video-conference. The discussions at the meeting were based on IMF Managing Director's Global Policy Agenda titled "Catalyzing a Resilient Recovery". The members of the IMFC updated the committee on the actions and measures taken by member countries to combat COVID-19 and its adverse impacts. Smt. Sitharaman, in her intervention at the meeting, briefly outlined the measures under the *AtmaNirbhar Bharat* Package to foster a quick and more robust economic recovery in India. She mentioned that the V-shaped pattern of recovery is being seen in several high-frequency indicators including, manufacturing PMI that reached the highest level in last eight years in the month of September 2020, presenting a strong recovery prospect for the manufacturing sector. To stimulate consumer spending, measures worth \$10 billion have been announced recently.

For details:

### India Hosts Virtual Summit of Ministers of Justice of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

The Seventh Meeting of Ministers of Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States was hosted by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law & Justice, Communication and Electronics & Information Technology today. The Keynote address and Closing Remarks in the Justice Ministers' meeting were delivered by Shri Anoop Kumar Mendiratta, Secretary, Department of Legal

Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice. Addressing the august gathering of Ministers of Justice from SCO Member States, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology highlighted the initiatives taken by the Indian Government under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for providing affordable and easy access to justice for all. He mentioned during COVID19 pandemic, over 25 Lakh hearing through video conference have taken place at various courts of India, out of which 9,000 virtual hearings have taken place at the Supreme Court alone. He apprised the gathering of the high priority, the Government has given to frame business facilitating laws and rules, including Commercial Courts Act and Arbitration Laws with a view to make India a preferred destination for investment and business.

For details:

Culture Ministry issues guidelines for holding cultural events/activities in Virtual / Online mode under various scheme components of Central Sector Scheme 'Kala SanskritiVikasYojana' (KSVY)

The Covid outbreak has had a substantial impact on the Performing Arts & Cultural sector with in-person exhibitions, events, and performances either cancelled or postponed. However, there were intensive efforts by the Artists & the institutions of the Ministry of Culture to provide alternative or additional services through digital platforms with proper documentation of the events. Ministry of Culture (Performing Arts Bureau) implements many schemes under its Kala SanskritiVikasYojana (KSVY), where the grants are sanctioned/approved for holding programs/activities which involve large audience. While the performances with a limited audience have been recently allowed, in view of the prevailing conditions, the Ministry of Culture has formulated & devised the following guidelines to help artists/organizations who have already been sanctioned grant under various scheme components of 'Kala SanskritiVikasYojana' (KSVY) to conduct events on virtual mode. This will enable them to avail benefits under these schemes even if they are not able to stage programs in the physical format as before and will ensure continued financial assistance to tide over the present crisis.

For details :

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Punjab: Reminding the Sarpanches of their moral duty as Head of their village, the Chief Minister has asked them to maintain strict vigil on the health situation and encourage anyone showing Covid symptoms to undergo testing. He further asked the Sarpanches to ensure that the patients inflicted with Covid, as well as their contacts, are identified and kept in isolation, for which elaborate arrangements should be made.
- Haryana: In view of the upcoming festival season, Haryana Chief Secretary has directed the officers concerned that Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) regarding movement of people and possibility of congestion in shops should be issued at the earliest. The Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police have also been directed to ensure strict compliance of the COVID-19 guidelines such as wearing

of masks, maintaining social distancing and hand hygiene under the 'COVID Appropriate Behaviour Campaign'.

- Himachal Pradesh: Addressing the Annual General Meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society and St John Ambulance (India), Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatraya, who is the President of State Red Cross Society said that the State Red Cross Society in Himachal Pradesh did excellent work during the Corona pandemic and came forward to help the poor and the needy people. He expressed his gratitude towards Indian Red Cross Society for providing health relief material and other items like masks and sanitizers from time to time, which were made available to the people through the State Society.
- Arunachal Pradesh: One more person succumbed to COVID-19 in Arunachal Pradesh today, taking its death toll to 30. Meanwhile, the State during the past 24 hours recorded as many as 203 positive cases and also saw off 195 patients following their recovery from the virus. The 42-bedded Dedicated COVID-19 Hospital (DCH) at Chimpu in Arunachal Pradesh is being upgraded into a 152-bedded hospital. This was informed by State Health & Family Welfare Minister Alo Libang.
- Assam: Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that 1,263 patients were discharged yesterday. The total number of discharged patients is 6 times that of active patients. Total discharged patients 85.09%, & active patients 14.47%.
- Manipur: Mapping begins for localised lockdown; One more succumbs to COVID-19 in Manipur.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, COVID-19 total active cases are 2445, total BSF and Armed Forces 117, total Others 2,328, & total recovered 5,646.
- Mizoram: Nine more cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 2,229, active cases 108.
- Nagaland: Of Nagaland's COVID-19 positive total of 7,492, 3,395 are from security personnel, 2,134 are traced contacts, 1,586 returnees and 377 are frontline workers.
- Sikkim: With 41 new cases, Sikkim's COVID-19 count reaches 3500; active cases 312.
- Kerala: After 6-month-long break, devotees will throng the famous Lord Ayyappa temple from tomorrow onwards. Covid negative certificate obtained within 48 hours of Darshan will be mandatory for registration. 250 devotees who have booked for darshan via virtual queue portal of Kerala Police will be allowed to visit the temple per day. Meanwhile four more fatalities were reported today taking the state's Covid death toll to 1093. 7,789 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in the state yesterday. At present, there are 94,517 patients under treatment and 2.49 lakh people under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Over 12 lakh tonne paddy procured during Covid says Food Minister R. Kamaraj. The Minister said that it was the highest procurement, of which a total of 12.77 lakh tonnes were procured during the pandemic period, and Rs 2,416.05 crore disbursed to farmers. With heavy rush expected on trains and at railway stations during the festive season, the Railway Protection Force has issued guidelines to be followed by passengers to combat Covid: No entry on trains without mask and all passengers to adhere to Covid-19 norms on trains. Covid-19 death toll crosses 400 in Madurai; Tamil Nadu's first Covid fatality was recorded in the district on March 25.
- Karnataka: Following a few RT-PCR negative cases presenting typical Covid-19 symptoms, the health department in the state has directed all government and private hospitals to strictly follow a syndromic approach in treating such cases. In view of festival season, tourist places in Kodagu, Mysore and Mandya have been closed in order to control spread of infection. Highcourt of Karnataka has asked state government to conduct drive to ensure people wear mask. Railway ticket counters open today after over seven months.

- Andhra Pradesh: State decided to reduce school holidays to compensate loss of working days owing to Covid-19 pandemic. The State government has decided to reopen from November 2 and the education officials are also working to prepare a calendar for the current academic year as the working days are reduced by almost five months. The government is planning to reduce the festive holidays for students and also impose a limit on teachers availing leaves. The state government has drawn up a plan to have six working days a week. The Covid-19 tally jumped up by 4,000-odd cases on Thursday, taking the cumulative number of cases past the 7.71 lakh-mark. But with 5,622 recoveries, the active cases have come down to 40,047.
- Telangana: 1554 new cases, 1435 recoveries & 7 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1554 cases, 249 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,19,224; Active cases: 23,315; Deaths:1256; Discharges:1,94,653. Telangana government performed the best among the five southern States as per Covid-19 Performance Index developed by the FICCI, ASCI and FTCCI. The heavy rains and the resultant floods in the State had resulted in the death of 50 persons, including 11 from GHMC area, besides damaging standing crops to the tune of Rs 2,000 crore in the State.



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- India sets unprecedented record, Doubling Time nearly 73 Days
- Further slide in %Active Cases; now about 11% of Total Cases
- 81,514 new recoveries were added in the last 24 hours while 67,708 new confirmed cases were registered
- Prime Minister chairs review meeting of the research and vaccine deployment ecosystem against COVID-19
- Health Minister urges people to follow COVID appropriate behaviour
- AYUSH Sector set to add momentum to the Jan Andolan against Covid-19
- India is one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of generic medicines across the world: Shri Gowda

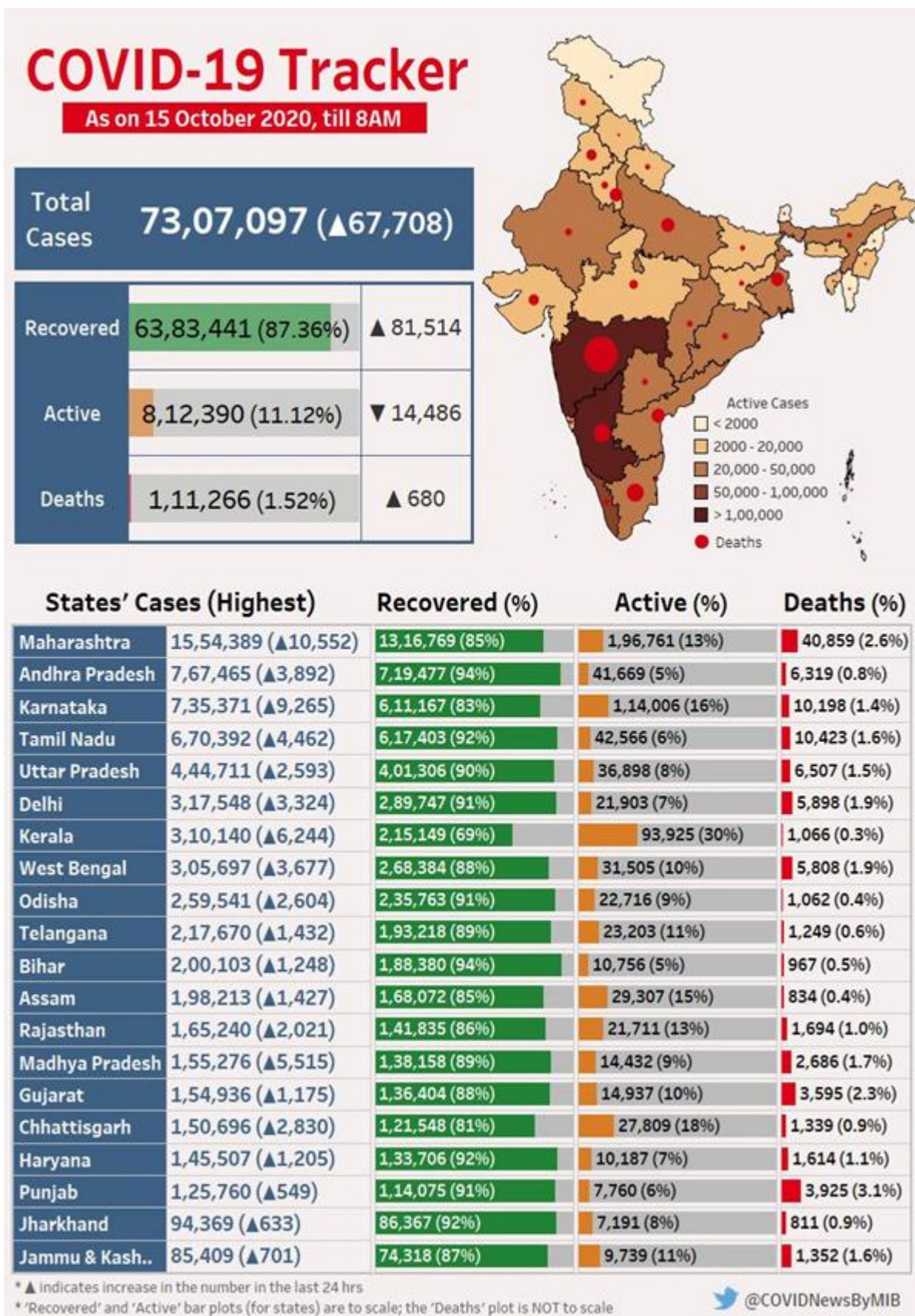
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**Active** (11.12%)**812390** (14486↓)**Discharged** (87.36%)**6383441** (81514↑)**Deaths** (1.52%)**111266** (680↑)



India sets unprecedented record, Doubling Time nearly 73 Days, Further slide in %Active Cases; now about 11% of Total Cases

India is reporting a progressively high increase in the recoveries and a persistent decline in the percentage active cases. It is now almost **73 days** (72.8 days). This indicates a substantial fall in the daily New Cases and the consequent increase in time taken to double the Total Cases. India has come a long way from registering a doubling rate of 25.5 days in mid-August to now registering a doubling rate of nearly 73 days. **81,514** new recoveries were added in the last 24 hour. With this, the total number of recoveries are nearly **64 Lakh (63,83,441)**. Higher number of single day recoveries is also reflected in the continuous increase in the national recovery rate, which has crossed 87% and now is **87.36%**. 10 States/UTs account for **79%** of the new recovered cases. Maharashtra has contributed more than 19,000 to the single day recoveries followed by Karnataka with more than 8,000 recoveries. Presently the active cases comprise **11.12%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **8,12,390**. They have been below the 9 lakh mark for a week now. **67,708** new confirmed cases were registered in the last 24 hours in the country. **77%** of new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra has the highest number with more than 10,000 cases followed by Karnataka with more than 9,000 cases. **680** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. These have been sustained below the 1000 mark since 12 days. Of these, **nearly 80%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. More than **23%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (158 deaths).

For details :

#### PM chairs review meeting of the research and vaccine deployment ecosystem against COVID-19

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took a review meeting of the research and vaccine deployment ecosystem against the COVID-19 pandemic including testing technologies, contact tracing, drugs and therapeutics etc. The meeting was attended by Union Health Minister Shri Harsh Vardhan; Member (Health), NITI Aayog; Principal Scientific Advisor; senior scientists; and other officials. The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts made by Indian vaccine developers and manufacturers to rise to the COVID-19 challenge, and committed to continue government facilitation and support for all such efforts. The Prime Minister stated that regulatory reform was a dynamic process, and experts in every current and emerging domain should be used by the regulator proactively, as many new approaches have emerged. The Prime Minister took stock of Health Ministry's comprehensive distribution and delivery mechanism for vaccines. This includes mechanisms for adequate procurement, and technologies for bulk-stockpiling, filling vials for distribution and ensuring effective delivery. The Prime Minister reiterated the country's resolve to provide cost effective, easily available and scalable solutions for testing, vaccine and medication, not only for India but for the entire world.

For details :

#### Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs Inter-ministerial Meeting to boost 'Whole of Government' approach for FSSAI's 'Vision 2050'



Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare today presided over an inter-ministerial meet with FSSAI and senior officials of various ministries to build a 'Whole of Government' approach to achieve 'Vision 2050' of the eat Right India Movement. The Union Minister took note of the fact the economic cost of food borne diseases in India is estimated to be a whopping \$15 billion. While Wasting (21%), Underweighting (36%), Stunting (38%) are common among children, with 50% of women and children suffering from anaemia; prevalence of Obesity has doubled in the decade (2005-2015) from 9.3% to 18.6% among males and from 12.6% to 20.7% among females with a corresponding rise in deaths due to NCDs. Thus, to move from Food Security to Nutrition Security, these line ministries are expected to come together to form a common platform to determine common goals and strategy and synergize their actions accordingly. Dr. Harsh Vardhan taking note on the alarming statistics said, “*Eat Right India*’ and *Fit India*’ Movement will prove to be game changers in the health sector of the country. The results will be visible for all of us in the coming ten years.”

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan holds a meeting on 'Jan Andolan' and COVID Appropriate Behaviour with Heads of all AIIMS and Central Government Hospitals

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan held a meeting through video conferencing to review the activities taken under the “Jan Andolan” on COVID Appropriate Behavior with the Heads of all AIIMS and Central Government Hospitals, yesterday. Highlighting the importance of the coming months in the country’s collective fight against the pandemic, Dr Harsh Vardhan said, “We are now entering into the tenth month of our fight against COVID-19. It was on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January when we had our first meeting of the expert group. Since then, the journey has been relentless. But today, we can proudly say that we have created significant infrastructure for our fight against COVID which includes over 90 lakh beds, over 12,000 quarantine centres and more than 1900 labs.” He expressed deep gratitude and salutations for the tireless and dedicated efforts by all warriors and expressed grief over the death of those warriors who sacrificed their life saving others. Urging people across the country to follow the clarion call of the Hon. Prime Minister as part of the ‘Jan Andolan’ launched on the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month, Health Minister urged people to follow COVID appropriate behavior. He said, “The virus has adversely affected the whole world. But simple precautionary measures are effective in preventing the corona virus to a large extent. Wearing mask/face cover especially in public spaces, and following hand and respiratory etiquettes are the cardinal principles of social vaccine.”

For details :

AYUSH Sector set to add momentum to the Jan Andolan against Covid-19, Nearly 2000 take the COVID-19 pledge

The Ministry of AYUSH has launched the *Jan Andolan Campaign* on COVID-19. This Andolan is regarding “Public Health Response to COVID-19: Campaign for COVID-Appropriate Behaviour” which has been launched by the Hon. Prime Minister through a tweet on the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month to encourage people across the country to adopt and encourage other to adopt COVID appropriate behaviours in view

of the upcoming festivals and winter season. The Ayush professionals work closely with the public, and hence the sector is gearing up to add momentum to this campaign. The Jan Andolan Campaign will be driven by people's participation. In the Ayush Sector, the practitioners and other Ayush professionals will act as catalysts for dissemination of relevant information throughout the country. The campaign emphasizes on "Unlock with Precautions". The three key messages which are being highlighted across the sector are - "Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, and Maintain Hand Hygiene". To make the campaign a success, partnerships are being formed among the Ministry's attached and subordinate offices and PSUs with private sector industry and academia. Ayush Directorates in States and UTs with Ayush dispensaries supported by the National Ayush Mission of Ministry of AYUSH under them, the States and UTs Ayush Directorates are important stakeholders, and will be a major network for this Ministry for spreading the instant behavioral change communication.

For details :

'Ayurveda for Covid-19' to be the main theme of 5th Ayurveda Day

Potential role of Ayurveda in the management of the Covid 19 pandemic will be the focus of this year's 'Ayurveda Day' observation. The Ayurveda Day is being observed every year from 2016, on the day of Dhanwantri Jayanti. This year it falls on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Objective of Ayurveda Day is to focus on strengths of Ayurveda and its unique treatment principles, to work towards reducing the burden of disease and related mortality by utilising the potential of Ayurveda, to tap into the potential of Ayurveda to contribute towards National Health Policy and National Health programmes, and to promote Ayurvedic principles of healing in society. Thus, Ayurveda Day is more an occasion of re-dedication to the profession and the society, than one of festivities or celebrations.

For details

India is one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of generic medicines across the world: Shri DV Sadananda Gowda

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri DV Sadananda Gowda has said India is one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of generic medicines across the world. During initial phase, he said, HCQ and Azithromycin was identified as one of medicines under treatment protocol for covid-19 in emergency cases. Referring to India supplying these medicines to more than 120 countries across the world, he underlined that India thereby earned the reputation of reliable supplier of medicines. Addressing the virtual Latin America & Caribbean session on 'Reimagining Distances', during LEADS 2020, organised by FICCI late last evening Shri Gowda said that Indian pharma sector can grow to \$ 65 billion industry by 2024.

For details :

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting through video conferencing

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting yesterday through video conferencing. Ministers and Governors of G20 countries had gathered to discuss the current global economic outlook and G20's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, along with other G20 Finance Track priorities for the year 2020. In the first session, the Finance Minister spoke on updates to the G20 Action Plan in response to COVID-19 which was endorsed by the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. Smt. Sitharaman emphasised that the updated commitments in the G20 Action Plan have to be kept relevant in the current policy context for the action points to remain effective as a policy response to COVID-19. Explaining the core guiding principles for the updation of the G20 Action Plan commitments, Smt. Sitharaman highlighted the need to balance the health and economic objectives in the recovery plans. Adding to this, the Finance Minister also spoke about the need to consider heterogeneity of policy responses among member countries, international spillovers from domestic policy actions and reforms required in the global regulatory regimes particularly with respect to the procyclicality of credit rating downgrades.

For details :

#### Telephone conversation between President of India and President of Turkmenistan

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, received a telephone call today (October 15, 2020) from His Excellency Mr Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the President of Turkmenistan. The leaders acknowledged the warm and cordial relations between the two countries underpinned by historical and civilizational links. They noted with satisfaction the sustained momentum of cooperation in diverse areas. The leaders agreed on the immense potential that exists in trade and economic spheres and noted the success of joint collaboration between Indian and Turkmen companies, particularly in the pharmaceutical sector.

For details :

#### Para-archer Ankit tests Covid positive, shifted by SAI authorities to hospital in Sonapat

Para-Archer Ankit, who is a part of the national camp underway at SAI NRC Sonapat, has tested positive for Covid-19. To ensure proper treatment and close monitoring of his vitals, he was shifted to the Bhagwan Dass Hospital in Sonapat on Wednesday. The Para-Archery camp had commenced on October 5th and all campers including eight archers had reported to the camp after submitting their negative Covid RT-PCR test reports. As per the SOPs set up for the camp, samples of all campers were taken on October 12th for re-testing where Ankit's report was found to be positive. He was immediately shifted to the isolation ward created above the medical centre at the SAI NRC Sonapat, before being moved to the hospital.

For details :

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Maharashtra: As part of its 'Mission Begin Again', the Maharashtra Government today allowed reopening of libraries, higher education institutions that require research or lab work, Metro Rail Services, business exhibitions and weekly markets. In an order issued by the state government, all these activities will be allowed to reopen from Thursday in all places outside the containment zones.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat High Court will close its premises for the second time during the Covid-19 pandemic from October 16 to October 19 for complete sanitisation. The Registrar General of the high court issued a circular on Wednesday saying that antigen tests will also be conducted for the lawyers and staff during that period. The state's cumulative Covid-19 cases crossed 1.55 lakh on Wednesday as the number of patients discharged continue to exceed that of tested positive.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has decided to get a social audit of Covid-19 welfare programmes done with the help of non-government organisations, a first for the country. During the pandemic, especially during the lockdown, the Rajasthan government took initiatives to help the needy through schemes such as Rs 3,500 one-time financial assistance to meet daily requirements, paid in three instalments; free ration to the needy and social security pension among other measures.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, all the temples of Goddess Durga of the state will remain open during Navratra and devotees will be able to visit temples comfortably and easily. In view of the Corona infection, the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has appealed to the people of the state to perform Pooja at home as far as possible and not to assemble in crowds in the temples.
- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 139,868 COVID-19 tests performed and out of them 1427 cases detected positive. The total COVID-19 tally reached to 198213 in the state.
- Meghalaya: 176 individuals have recovered from coronavirus in the State today. Total active cases in Meghalaya reached to 2339. Out of them 122 are from BSF and Armed forces.
- Kerala: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Institute of Advanced Virology in Thiruvananthapuram today. The Institute will conduct research on various viruses, viral infections and review its clinical aspects. State Child Rights Commission has directed that the educational institutions in the state should allow 25 percent deduction in the fees this year considering the pandemic crisis. The Commission made it clear that the order will be applicable for government, CBSE and ICSE schools. Meanwhile, 6,244 new Covid-19 cases were reported in Kerala yesterday. Currently there are 93,837 patients undergoing treatment and 2.78 lakh people under observation. The present death toll is 1066.
- Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu continues to see a dip in Covid cases; for the third day in a row, new infections dipped marginally in the State, with 4,462 persons testing positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday. While 5,083 persons were discharged, the deaths of 52 more persons were registered. Chennai records only 2% of last year's dengue cases so far; the southwest monsoon, which is when dengue cases peak, is nearing its end in the city.  
 "Hospitals which may be busy with Covid-19 may not have treated cases accordingly or there may have been a lesser number of cases," said a senior GCC official.
- Karnataka: Candidates get Covid test done once in two days for the Karnataka bypolls. State Government on Wednesday released a set of guidelines to be followed this Dasara and Deepavali festival season in the light of the pandemic: cracker sale from Nov 1 to 17; small crowds for Dasara. Doctors in Karnataka have begun to come across patients with co-infections – Covid-19 along with another disease, making it difficult to detect the second one and plan treatment for both conditions. These conditions include malaria, typhoid, tuberculosis, dengue, H1N1 and bacterial pneumonia.
- Andhra Pradesh: Cinema halls and multiplex screens remained shut in Andhra Pradesh though the Centre permitted them to reopen to half capacity from today under Unlock 5.0. Film exhibitors made it



clear that they could not resume shows given the various constraints, primarily the steep maintenance costs and lack of new movies for screening as film shootings did not happen for more than five months now due to the coronavirus-induced lockdown. Moreover, each theatre has to spend at least Rs 4 lakh for implementing Covid-19 rules as per the SOPs issued by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, coupled with other expenses. Meanwhile, TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy was diagnosed with corona.

- Telangana: 1432 new cases, 1949 recoveries & 8 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1432 cases, 244 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,17,670; Active cases: 23,203; Deaths: 1249; Discharges: 1,93,218. To support the on-going efforts of the government to fight Covid-19, the Apollo Hospitals on Thursday said it is prepared to administer 10 lakh Covid-19 vaccines on a daily basis. Whenever the Union government makes a vaccine available, the Apollo Hospitals will leverage its robust pan-India web of 19 medicine supply hubs with cold chain facilities and use its 70 hospitals, over 400 clinics, 500 corporate health centres and nearly 4,000 pharmacies along with their digital platform to administer the vaccine.

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The image is a screenshot of a tweet from the official Twitter account of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) Fact Check (@PIBFactCheck). The tweet, posted 14 hours ago, addresses a claim from NDTV that a mob attacked a Tanishq store in Gandhidham, Gujarat. The tweet states that this claim is fake and that no such incident has taken place in any Tanishq store. Below the tweet is an infographic with a red header that reads 'SOURCES: MOB ATTACKS TANISHQ STORE IN GUJARAT'. The infographic is divided into two columns: 'Claim' and '#PIBFactCheck'. The 'Claim' column states 'Mob attacked a Tanishq store in Gandhidham, Gujarat'. The '#PIBFactCheck' column states 'No such incident has taken place in any Tanishq store'. At the bottom of the infographic, there is a blue bar with the text 'To check if any Central Govt. related Policy/Schemes is a Fact or not.' and contact information for PIB Fact Check, including a phone number (8799711259) and email address (pibfactcheck@gmail.com).

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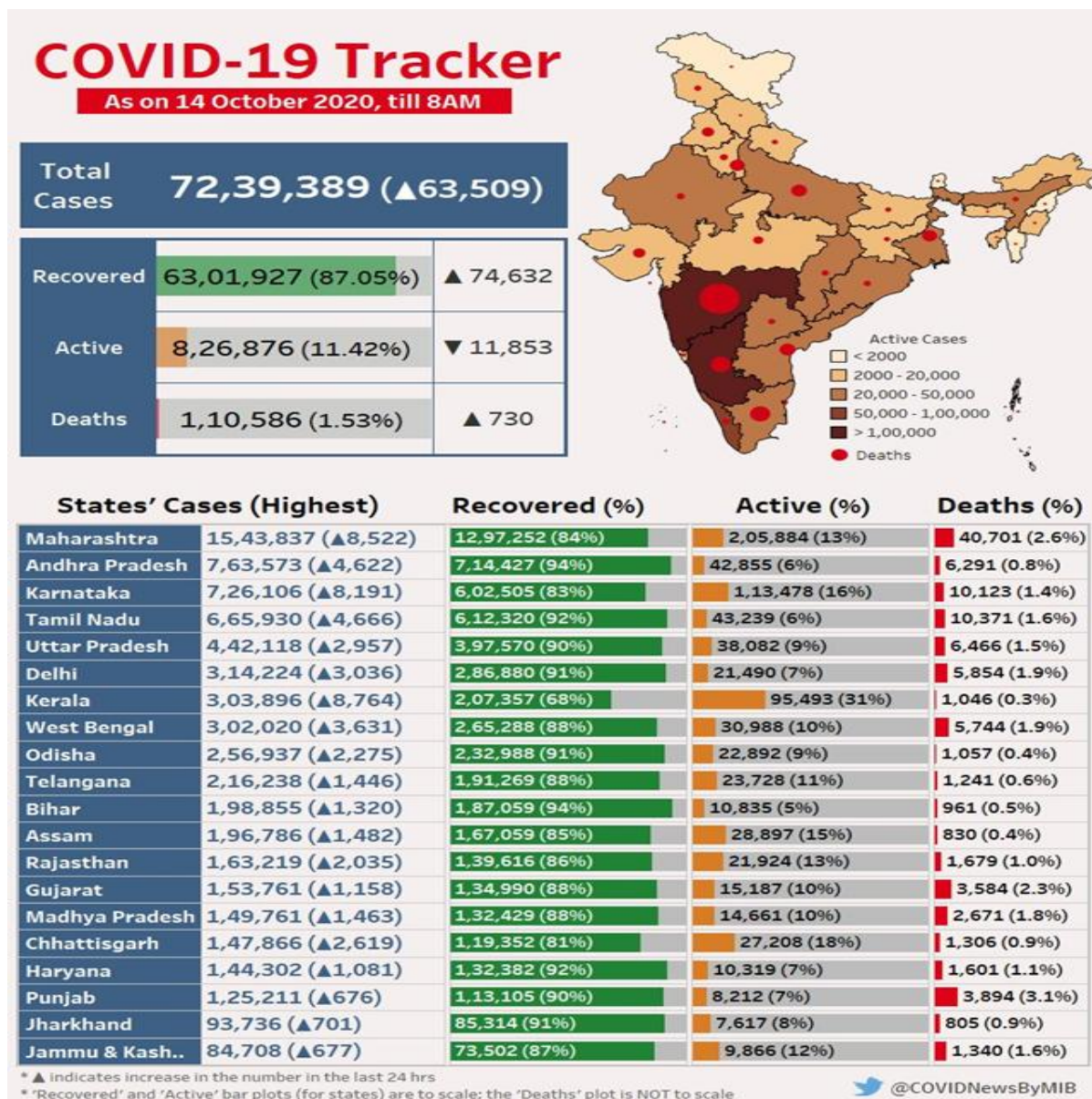
*(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).*

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COVID-19 INDIA as on : 14 October 2020, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30) (↑↓ Status change since yesterday)	<b>Active</b> (11.42%) <b>826876</b> (11853↓)	<b>Discharged</b> (87.05%) <b>6301927</b> (74632↑)	<b>Deaths</b> (1.53%) <b>110586</b> (730↑)
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### **India crosses a New Landmark in Testing, Total Tests cross a Record of 9 cr; 20 States/UTs report Positivity Rate less than National Average**

India has demonstrated an exponential increase in the number of COVID-19 cumulative tests since Jan 2020. It has crossed the landmark of **9 crore total tests today**. With **11,45,015** tests conducted in the last 24 hours, the cumulative tests now stand at **9,00,90,122**. More than 15 lakh samples can be tested every day. With 1935 testing labs in the country including 1112 Government laboratories and 823 Private laboratories, the daily testing capacity has got a substantial boost. Very high countrywide testing on a sustained basis has also resulted in bringing down the national positivity rate. **20 States/UTs** have positivity rate less than the national average. The cumulative Positivity Rate is **8.04%** and is on a continuous decline. India is registering new recoveries more than the new cases consistently in the recent days. As a result, the active cases are steadily declining and stand at **8,26,876** as of today and comprise only **11.42%** of the total positive cases of the country. **74,632** COVID cases have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at **63,509**. Higher number of recoveries has aided the national Recovery Rate to further improve to **87.05%**. The total recovered cases stand at **63,01,927**. The gap between



Recovered cases and Active cases is **54,75,051**. With increasing number of recoveries, this gap is continuously widening. **79%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Delhi. Maharashtra continues to contribute the maximum with more than 15,000 single day recoveries. **63,509** new confirmed cases were recorded in the last 24 hours. **77% of the new cases** are from 10 States and UTs. Kerala has outnumbered Maharashtra with the highest number of new reported cases. Top three contributing states viz. Kerala, Maharashtra and Karnataka reported more than 8,000 cases followed by Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, both contributing more than 4,000 cases each. **730** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 80%** are concentrated in ten States/UT. More than **25%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (187 deaths).

For details:

### **Twenty States allowed to mobilize Rs.68,825 crore**

Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has granted permission to 20 States to raise an additional amount of Rs.68,825 crore through open market borrowings. Additional borrowing permission has been granted @ 0.50 % of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to those States who have opted for Option- 1 out of the two options suggested by the Ministry of Finance to meet the shortfall arising out of GST implementation. In the meeting of GST Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, these two options were put forward. Twenty States have given their preferences for Option-1. Eight States are yet to exercise an option. The Department of Expenditure, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020, had provided additional borrowing limit of upto 2% of GSDP to the States. The final instalment of 0.5% out of this 2% limit was linked to carrying out at least three out of four reforms stipulated by the Government of India. However, in case of States who have exercised Option-1, to meet the shortfall arising out of GST implementation, the condition of carrying out the reforms to avail the final instalment of 0.5% of GSDP has been waived. Thus, the 20 States, who have exercised Option-1, have become eligible to raise an amount of Rs 68,825 crore through open market borrowings. Action on the special borrowing window is being taken separately.

For details:

### **Envoys of Switzerland, Malta and Botswana present letter of credence through Video Conference**

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, accepted credentials from Ambassador / High Commissioners of Switzerland, Malta and Botswana today in a virtual ceremony. Those who presented their credentials were: H.E. Dr. Ralf Heckner, Ambassador of Switzerland, H.E. Mr. Reuben Gauci, High Commissioner of Malta, H.E. Mr. Gilbert Shimane Mangole, High Commissioner of Botswana. Speaking on the occasion, President Kovind conveyed his good wishes to the envoys on their appointment. President Kovind remarked that the Covid-19 pandemic has underscored the need for greater global cooperation to ensure our collective health and economic well-being. He further expressed his optimism that the international community will soon find a solution to the pandemic and will emerge stronger and more resilient from the crisis.

For details:

### **Ministry of Railways approves 196 pairs of “Festival Special” services**

To clear the festive rush, Ministry of Railways has approved 196 pairs (392 trains) of “Festival Special” services over Indian Railways to be operated from 20th October 2020 and 30th November 2020. The fare for these Festival Special services shall be that applicable for special trains. The list of the trains is attached in the link given below.

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**Paddy Procurement for MSP operation during Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21 gains good momentum**

The Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21 has already commenced and Government continues to procure Kharif 2020-21 crops at its MSP from farmers as per its existing MSP Schemes as was done in previous seasons. Paddy Procurement for KMS 2020-21 has gained a good momentum with increase in the quantum of procurement in the procuring States. Food Corporation of India along with other govt agencies has, upto 12.10.2020, procured over 48.53 LMT Paddy with a total MSP value of ₹ 9164.30 Crores benefitting more than 4.16 Lac farmers. Upto 12.10.2020, the Government through its Nodal Agencies has procured 630.06 MT of Moong and Urad having MSP value of Rs. 4.53 Crores benefitting 554 farmers in Tamil Nadu Maharashtra and Haryana.

For details:

**Railway Protection Force issues guidelines for travellers as the festive season approaches**

Railway Protection Force has issued guidelines for travellers as the festive season is approaching. The general public is counselled to desist from certain acts or omission while being in railway stations, trains or other railway area. Since these acts or omissions are likely to aid in the spread of corona virus, they will tantamount to interference with passenger amenities provided by the railway administration, wilful omission or neglect endangering or causing to be endangered the safety of any person or rash and negligent act or omission likely to endanger the safety of any person travelling or being upon any railway and may be punished with imprisonment and/or fine.

For details:

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Himachal Pradesh: The Transport Minister said that the state government has decided to operate interstate bus services of Himachal Road Transport Corporation from 14th October, 2020. Interstate bus services would ply on 25 routes in the first phase, in which Chandigarh, Pathankot, Baddi, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Ambala, Haridwar, etc. have been included. Only non-AC buses would ply on inter-state routes and night bus service has also been included in it. He said that soon interstate bus services would be operational for other states as well.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, 193 more people tested positive for COVID-19, 170 patients discharged and four deaths yesterday. 11 of the total 28 COVID-19 related deaths in the State have been registered in the month of October alone.
- Assam: In Assam, 1482 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 1020 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 196786, total discharged patients 167056, active 28897 and death 830.

- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 133 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 in the State today. Total active cases 2367 and total recovered 5406.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 123 more people tested positive for COVID-19.
- Kerala: Kerala has revised the guidelines for discharge of Covid-19 patients. As per the revised guidelines, patients will be divided into various categories for discharge, depending on the severity of the infection. Asymptomatic patients should be subjected to Rapid Antigen Test on the tenth day after testing positive for the first time. They can be discharged if tested negative. If they test positive, then Rapid Antigen Test should be done on alternate days and will be discharged once they test negative. Health Minister said the new discharge guidelines have been formulated in the wake of surge in Covid cases in the state. Patients in all categories will have to undergo 7-day quarantine and take rest. 8,764 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in Kerala yesterday. Currently, 95,407 patients are undergoing treatment and 2.82 lakh people under observation. Present Covid death toll in the state is 1,046.
- Tamil Nadu: TN Chief Secretary K Shanmugam gets three months extension in view of Covid-19 situation; he was scheduled to retire on October 31 but now his term has been extended till January 31, 2021; this is the second extension for Mr Shanmugam. The State government on Tuesday informed the Madras High Court that an e-registration system was to be introduced soon, replacing the present e-pass system, within and outside the State. The court also directed the State to seek clarification from the Centre within three days, on inter and intrastate movement. For the second consecutive day, Tamil Nadu reported less than 5,000 Covid-19 cases yesterday. On Tuesday, the State reported 4,666 cases and 57 deaths taking the tally to 6,65,930 and toll to 10,371.
- Karnataka: Highcourt has asked state government how will Covid-19 norms will be enforced during upcoming festival season; the Highcourt has also directed the state to file an affidavit on bed availability for covid patients. Movie theatres in the State to resume screening of films from tomorrow. Minister Dr.K.Sudhakar said that Health and Medical Education Departments are integral to each other and needs better coordination and synergy. He added that all issues will be sorted out as suggested by the Chief Minister. In Karnataka total Covid-19 recoveries crossed 6 lakh mark yesterday; since 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1.17 lakh recovered.
- Andhra Pradesh: Film exhibitors from 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh met in Vijayawada today and finally decided not to open theatres from tomorrow. The exhibitors felt that it would cost an additional Rs 10 lakh each to open theatres and that it would be difficult to maintain theatres with 50 per cent occupancy. Exhibitors have appealed to the government to lift fixed electricity charges. Seven months since the first Covid infection was reported in AP, the overall tally has increased to 7,63,573 as on Tuesday. The death toll went up to 6,291. So far, 7,14,427 patients have recovered from the disease. In total, Andhra Pradesh has tested 67 lakh samples for Covid until now.
- Telangana: 1446 new cases, 1918 recoveries & 8 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1446 cases, 252 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,16,238; Active cases: 23,728; Deaths: 1241; Discharges :1,91,269. Hyderabad witnessed the highest rainfall ever on Tuesday according to the Indian Meteorological Department. Several localities in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation limits received very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall leading to waterlogging on several roads and low-lying areas in the city.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra has 12.5 lakh faulty RT-PCR test kits in circulation which will be replaced soon says the State Health Minister Shri Rajesh Tope. Confirming that these kits were purchased by the government from a private company, Tope said tests done using these kits have

revealed inaccurate results, a fact that was pointed out by the National Institute of Virology, Pune. The Minister said the government has stopped the supply of these kits with immediate effect and action will be taken against the company. The state reported 8,522 new Covid cases on Tuesday, while recoveries totaled 15,356, bringing down the active cases to 2,05,415.

· Gujarat: The number of active cases in Gujarat has fallen below 10% for the first time at 9.9%. A total of 1,375 patients were discharged during the past 24 hours bringing down the number of active cases to 15,209. The state conducted 50,933 tests on Tuesday, taking the total tests beyond 51.14 lakhs. Meanwhile, the Gujarat Government has decided to reopen the Statue of Unity in Narmada district from October 17th.

· Rajasthan: Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra on Tuesday appealed to people who have recovered from COVID-19 infection to donate plasma so that the lives of critical patients can be saved. He said the process of donating plasma was very simple and the blood of the person donating the plasma was not taken. He said that more than one lakh people have recovered from coronavirus infection in the state, and they should come forward to donate plasma. The number of active cases in Rajasthan is 21,924.

· Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh has seen a decline of 37% in fresh Covid-19 cases in the past three weeks even as the state's recovery rate has gone up to 88.4%. The state has 14,661 active cases as on date.

· Chhattisgarh: In Chhattisgarh, an Intensive Community Survey Campaign to control the spread of Corona infection concluded on October 12th. Under this door to door survey, symptomatic patients of Covid-19 were identified in rural and urban areas of the state. 56 lakh houses were surveyed under the campaign. More than one lakh seven thousand people were tested identifying over 6,000 positive cases.

· Goa: Even as the Goa government has allowed re-opening of cinema halls from Thursday as per the Centre's guidelines, theatre owners in the state have said the facilities will not open until new films are available for release.





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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 13 OCT 2020 6:16PM by PIB Delhi



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- India continues to be among the countries with lowest per million cases & per million deaths, and high testing
- With 10,73,014 tests in last 24 hours, cumulative number of tests conducted stand at 8.89 Cr
- 55,342 new cases registered in last 24 hours in the country- For last five weeks, there is a continuous decline in the average daily new cases
- National recovery rate is at present 86.78%
- Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs 21st meeting of Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19
- Health Ministry's telemedicine service, eSanjeevani, completes 5 lakh tele-consultations

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

(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

**Active** (11.69%)**838729** (23124↓)**Discharged** (86.78%)**6227295** (77760↑)**Deaths** (1.53%)**109856** (706↑)

# COVID-19 Tracker

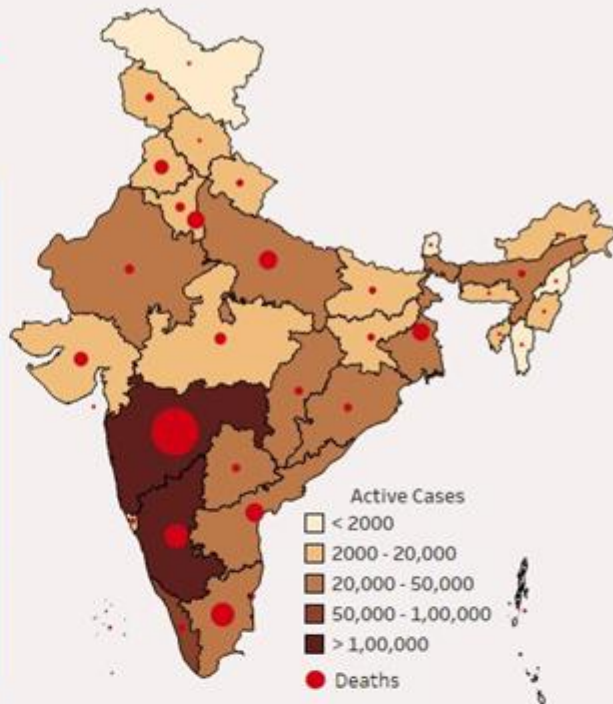
As on 13 October 2020, till 8AM

Total Cases **71,75,880 (▲55,342)**

Recovered **62,27,295 (86.78%) ▲ 77,760**

Active **8,38,729 (11.69%) ▼ 23,124**

Deaths **1,09,856 (1.53%) ▲ 706**



States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra 15,35,315 (▲7,089)	12,81,896 (83%)	2,12,905 (14%)	40,514 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh 7,58,951 (▲3,224)	7,08,712 (93%)	43,983 (6%)	6,256 (0.8%)
Karnataka 7,17,915 (▲7,606)	5,92,084 (82%)	1,15,795 (16%)	10,036 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu 6,61,264 (▲4,879)	6,07,203 (92%)	43,747 (7%)	10,314 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh 4,39,161 (▲2,182)	3,93,908 (90%)	38,815 (9%)	6,438 (1.5%)
Delhi 3,11,188 (▲1,849)	2,84,844 (92%)	20,535 (7%)	5,809 (1.9%)
West Bengal 2,98,389 (▲3,583)	2,62,103 (88%)	30,604 (10%)	5,682 (1.9%)
Kerala 2,95,132 (▲5,930)	1,99,634 (68%)	94,473 (32%)	1,025 (0.3%)
Odisha 2,54,662 (▲2,423)	2,30,192 (90%)	23,430 (9%)	1,040 (0.4%)
Telangana 2,14,792 (▲1,708)	1,89,351 (88%)	24,208 (11%)	1,233 (0.6%)
Bihar 1,97,535 (▲1,004)	1,85,911 (94%)	10,669 (5%)	955 (0.5%)
Assam 1,95,304 (▲1,521)	1,66,039 (85%)	28,439 (15%)	826 (0.4%)
Rajasthan 1,61,184 (▲2,132)	1,37,848 (86%)	21,671 (13%)	1,665 (1.0%)
Gujarat 1,52,603 (▲1,169)	1,33,615 (88%)	15,414 (10%)	3,574 (2.3%)
Madhya Pradesh 1,48,298 (▲1,478)	1,30,721 (88%)	14,932 (10%)	2,645 (1.8%)
Chhattisgarh 1,45,247 (▲2,875)	1,16,540 (80%)	27,421 (19%)	1,286 (0.9%)
Haryana 1,43,221 (▲1,066)	1,31,228 (92%)	10,401 (7%)	1,592 (1.1%)
Punjab 1,24,535 (▲562)	1,12,099 (90%)	8,576 (7%)	3,860 (3.1%)
Jharkhand 93,035 (▲510)	84,461 (91%)	7,776 (8%)	798 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash.. 84,031 (▲398)	72,706 (87%)	9,992 (12%)	1,333 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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**India continues to be among the countries with lowest per million cases & per million deaths, and high testing, Sustains trend of consistent low level of Active Cases, 55,342 New Cases in the last 24 hours**



India has sustained its global position of being the country with one of the lowest cases per million and reported deaths per million. While the global figure for cases/million is 4,794, India is clocking 5,199. UK, Russia, South Africa, USA and Brazil are reporting higher number. The deaths/million in India are 79, while the world average is 138. In the matter of total tests conducted, India is one of the topmost countries. With 10,73,014 tests in last 24 hour, the cumulative number of tests conducted stand at 8.89 Cr (**8,89,45,107**). **55,342** new cases have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country. From last five weeks, there is a continuous decline in the average daily new cases. The weekly average of daily new cases fell from 92,830 cases in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September to 70,114 cases in 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. India continues to report a trend of steadily decreasing active cases. Presently the active cases comprise merely **11.69%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **8,38,729**. The active cases have been below the 9 lakh mark for the fifth consecutive day. **76%** of new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Karnataka has overtaken Maharashtra with the highest number of new reported cases. Both still are contributing more than 7,000 new cases. The States which are reporting spurt in cases are Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh. **77,760** new recoveries were added in the last 24 hour. With this, the total number of recoveries has crossed **62 Lakh (62,27,295)**. Higher number of single day recoveries is also reflected in the continuous increase in the national recovery rate, which is at present **86.78%**. **78%** of the new recovered cases are in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra contributes more than 15,000 to the single day recovery followed by Karnataka with more than 12,000 recoveries. The number of fatalities due to **COVID-19** has been lower than 1000 mark for ten successive days. **706** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 79%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. More than **23%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (165 deaths).

**For details:**

#### **Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs 21st meeting of Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare chaired the 21th meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 by a video-conference, today. He was joined by Dr S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs and Sh. Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of Civil Aviation. Sh. Mansukh Lal Mandaviya, Minister of State, Shipping (Independent Charge), Chemicals and Fertilizers, Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare and Dr. Vinod K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog joined virtually. Dr. Harsh Vardhan informed his colleagues of the sturdy public health response mounted by India in its fight against the pandemic and the encouraging results so far. He said, "With 62,27,295 recovered cases, India has the highest recovery rate of 86.78% in the world. Fatality Rate of 1.53% is the lowest in the world and we are reporting the three-days Doubling Time has been successfully raised to 74.9 days." "A total of 1927 labs at present have led to an upsurge in testing. India's testing capacity has been hiked to 1.5 million tests per day. Close to 11 lakh samples were tested in the last 24 hours," he added. The Health Minister reiterated his concern and appeal to everyone regarding observance of COVID appropriate behaviour during the forthcoming festival season and the winter months, when the likelihood of an increase in the disease is high. "The Hon. Prime Minister has launched the countrywide **Jan Andolan** to encourage people to adopt and encourage COVID appropriate behaviours to curb spread of the diseases while celebrating the festivals", he stated.



**For details:****Health Ministry's telemedicine service, eSanjeevani, completes 5 lakh tele-consultations; eSanjeevani OPD now hosts 216 online OPDs**

eSanjeevani, Ministry of Health's telemedicine initiative, is rapidly gaining popularity amongst patients and doctors. It has recorded 5 lakh teleconsultations in a short span of time. The last one lakh consultations were completed in a record time of 17 days. As a digital modality of healthcare services delivery, eSanjeevani is gradually shaping into a parallel stream for the Indian healthcare delivery system with the number of teleconsultations per day on the platform touching 8,000 mark in the last few days. At present 26 States are using eSanjeevani's two variants of telemedicine namely - doctor to doctor (eSanjeevaniAB-HWC) and patient to doctor (eSanjeevaniOPD). eSanjeevani AB-HWC was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in November 2019 and it is to be implemented at 1,55,000 Health and Wellness Centres in conjunction with identified Medical College hospitals under Govt. of India's Ayushman Bharat Scheme in 'Hub & Spoke' model by December 2022. eSanjeevaniAB-HWC is functional at around 4,000 Health and Wellness Centres and onboarding of an equal number of HWCs is underway. At present, eSanjeevaniOPD is hosting 26 general OPDs and 190 speciality and super-speciality OPDs. Around 20,000 doctors and health-workers across the country have been trained on both the variants of eSanjeevani. The top ten States which have registered highest consultations through eSanjeevani and eSanjeevaniOPD platforms are Tamil Nadu (169977), Uttar Pradesh (134992), Himachal Pradesh (39326), Kerala (39300), Andhra Pradesh (31365), Uttarakhand (16442), Madhya Pradesh (14965), Gujarat (10839), Karnataka (9498), Maharashtra (7895).

**For details:****Regional Raw Drug Repository for AYUSH Systems launched at Chennai today**

Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Union Minister for AYUSH inaugurated the Regional Raw Drug Repository (RRDR) for ASU&H Medicine (Southern Plateau Region) at National Institute of Siddha today through a virtual event. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary Ministry of AYUSH presided over the program. RRDRs are important components of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission, which plays an important role in medicinal plants cultivation. As a step in this direction, Ministry of AYUSH, through the National Medicinal Plants Board, initiated establishment of National Raw Drug Repository and Regional Raw Drug Repositories. NMPB have identified National Institute of Siddha as the lead Institute with the Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Chennai and the Siddha Central Research Institute, Chennai as the Collaborating Institutes. This RRDR would play a stellar role in collection, documentation, and authentication of raw drugs collected from the agro-climatic region, that is, the Southern Plateau Region.

**For details:****SAI and NRAI to jointly take responsibility to ensure national shooting camp goes ahead in a secure bio-bubble**

The National Shooting Camp for core Olympic shooters will be taking place at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range as announced last week for a period of two months (October 15-December 17). In order to maintain a secure bio-bubble whereby the athletes can train safely and to prevent a coronavirus outbreak, the responsibility of maintaining the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be shared by the Sports Authority of India and the National Rifle Association of India. Responsibility for maintaining the shooting range lies with the Administrator, Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range. To maintain safety, zoning of premises by nature of risk category to minimize the contact between campers and range personnel has been planned into Green, Orange, Yellow and Red Zones. The NRAI will make boarding and lodging arrangements at a hotel nearby the venue, for which SAI will provide support as per existing norms. From the hotel to the entry to the shooting range, it will be the responsibility of the NRAI to maintain the SOP in order to keep a secure bio-bubble. NRAI has formulated the quarantine process wherein shooters/coaches coming from outside the Delhi-NCR will be quarantined at the hotel for the duration of 7 days.

**For details:**

**RTI disposal rate during COVID period was higher as compared to the same period during last year: Dr. Jitendra Singh**

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said today that the RTI (Right to Information) cases recorded higher disposal rate during the COVID period of last 6 months compared to the same period during last year. Briefing on the completion of 15 years of the RTI Act, which came into force on 12 October 2005, Dr Jitendra Singh quoted figures to state that in the last financial year of 2019-20 during the period between March to September 76.49% of RTI cases were disposed of. During the financial year of 2020-21, during the same period of March to September, the disposal rate went up to as much as 93.98 %. Going by the whole numbers, he said, during the same period in last year 8962 cases were disposed of, out of total 11716 registered cases. This year, 8015 cases were disposed of out of the total of 8528.

**For details:**

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Punjab: Punjab Government has decided to reopen schools and coaching institutions in a graded manner after 15.10.2020 subject to some conditions. On-line/distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching and be encouraged. Apart from this, students of only classes 9th to 12th are permitted to attend schools/institutions with the parental consent of each student and without making attendance compulsory.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has urged the people of the State to be the part of “Mask Up Campaign” of Government of India by using face mask while going out of their homes to avoid spread of the Covid-19 virus and protect themselves and their family from this virus. He further urged the people of the State to stay safe by taking some simple precautions, such as physical distancing, wearing ace mask, keeping rooms well ventilated, avoiding crowds, cleaning their hands etc.

- Kerala: Following talks held by District Collector with trade bodies, traders in Kozhikode have called off their proposed shut down protest on Thursday against closing of shops in the name of Covid containment measures. They allege that containment zones are being declared arbitrarily and unscientifically. The AC high-speed boats of Waterways department which had been suspended following the outbreak of Covid-19 are now back in service following opening up of tourist destinations in the state. Meanwhile, 5,930 new Covid-19 cases were reported in Kerala yesterday, after lesser number of samples was tested. Currently 94,388 patients are undergoing treatment and 2.81 lakh people under observation across the state. The official death toll is 1025.
- Tamil Nadu: Tourists to be tested for Covid-19 as Puducherry sees influx amid easing of restrictions; medical teams will be stationed on Beach Road for testing the tourists. Tamil Nadu clocks investments worth over Rs 41k crore; till September the State had garnered investments worth Rs 31,464 crore through 42 pacts. Fresh cases in Tamil Nadu dropped below the 5,000 mark for the first time in 83 days on Monday when the state recorded 4,879 cases, which took the case tally to 6,61,264 cases. The 62 deaths recorded took the cumulative toll to 10,314. Active cases too dipped marginally to 43,747.
- Karnataka: State government cites Covid surge, urges SEC to put off Gram Panchayat polls. Tumakuru hospital gets oxygen plant: the designated Covid hospital in Tumakuru district finally has its own liquid oxygen plant that will ensure supply of the life-saving gas to ICU patients. New Health Minister Dr.K. Sudhakar along with Social Welfare Minister B Sriramulu met Chief Minister and discussed about control of covid in the state.
- Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister promises to give Rs 5 lakh to the families of the deceased journalists due to coronavirus. Special beds have been set up for those journalists taking treatment for Covid-19. In a major development Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) retracted its earlier decision of allowing limited pilgrims for Navaratri Brahmotsavams scheduled from October 16 to 24 and decided to conduct Navaratri Brahmotsavams in Ekantham (loneliness). Meanwhile, the State registered record low coronavirus cases as on Monday with as many as 3224 new cases reported taking the total tally to 7,56,056 cases and 32 fatalities.
- Telangana: 1708 new cases, 2009 recoveries & 5 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1708 cases, 277 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,14,792; Active cases: 24,208; Deaths: 1233; Discharges :1,89, 351. Shortage of manpower may be a cause of worry for the Health Department, which on Monday gave orders to resume all non-Covid services across government hospitals in Telangana. In a majority of the hospitals, the shortage is being seen in three departments - General Medicine, Anaesthesia and Pulmonology.
- Assam: In Assam, 1,457 patients are discharged yesterday, State Health Minister tweeted that total discharged patients 1,66,036 & active patients 28,439.
- Mizoram: 18 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 2,202, active cases 156.
- Nagaland: With 221 new cases, Nagaland's COVID positive cases reach 7,240. Active cases are 1,493 while 5,754 persons have recovered.
- Sikkim: Sikkim records 57th COVID death and seven new cases.

### **FACT CHECK**



हुए इस नवरात्र पर केंद्र सरकार बेरोजगारों को देगी घर बैठे रोजगार का मौका।

#PIBFactCheck:- यह दावा फर्जी है। केंद्र सरकार द्वारा ऐसी कोई घोषणा नहीं की गई है।

**केंद्र सरकार द्वारा रोजगार को लेकर ऐसी कोई घोषणा नहीं की गई है।**

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**Frequently wash your hands with soap**

**Wear your mask properly**

**Maintain safe distance**

**No Carelessness until there is a cure**

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- India continues to report a trend of steadily decreasing active cases.
- Presently the active cases comprise merely 12.10% of the total positive cases of the country, standing at 8,61,853
- India reporting high number of recoveries, total recovered cases are close to 61.5 lakhs
- 71,559 patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases are 66,732
- National Recovery Rate has progressed to 86.36%
- Finance Minister announces measures of Rs 73,000 crore to stimulate consumer spending before end of this Financial Year in fight against COVID-19

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COVID-19 INDIA as on :  
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yesterday)

**Active** (12.10%)

**861853** (5643↓)

**Discharged** (86.36%)

**6149535** (71559↑)

**Deaths** (1.53%)

**109150** (816↑)

# COVID-19 Tracker

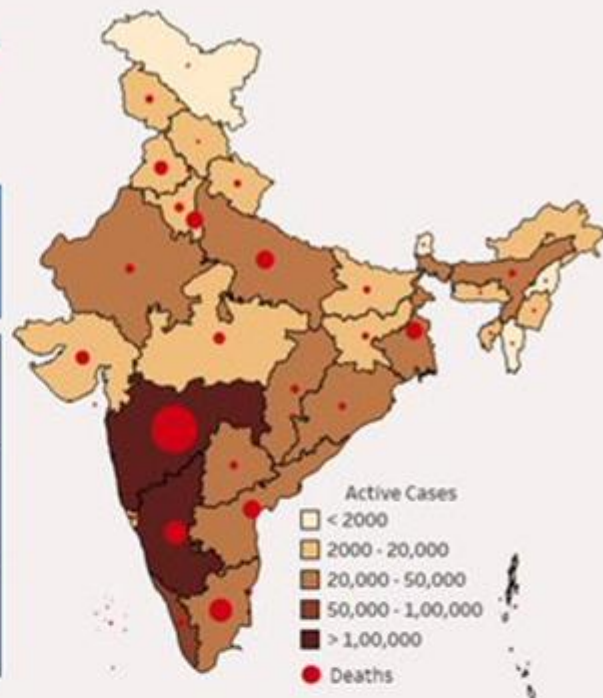
As on 12 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** 71,20,538 (▲66,732)

**Recovered** 61,49,535 (86.4%) ▲ 71,559

**Active** 8,61,853 (12.1%) ▼ 5,643

**Deaths** 1,09,150 (1.5%) ▲ 816



States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	15,28,226 (▲10,792)	<div><div>12,66,240 (83%)</div></div>	<div><div>2,21,637 (15%)</div><div>40,349 (2.6%)</div></div>
Andhra Pradesh	7,55,727 (▲5,210)	<div><div>7,03,208 (93%)</div></div>	<div><div>46,295 (6%)</div><div>6,224 (0.8%)</div></div>
Karnataka	7,10,309 (▲9,523)	<div><div>5,80,054 (82%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,20,289 (17%)</div><div>9,966 (1.4%)</div></div>
Tamil Nadu	6,56,385 (▲5,015)	<div><div>6,02,038 (92%)</div></div>	<div><div>44,095 (7%)</div><div>10,252 (1.6%)</div></div>
Uttar Pradesh	4,36,979 (▲3,267)	<div><div>3,90,566 (89%)</div></div>	<div><div>40,019 (9%)</div><div>6,394 (1.5%)</div></div>
Delhi	3,09,339 (▲2,780)	<div><div>2,81,869 (91%)</div></div>	<div><div>21,701 (7%)</div><div>5,769 (1.9%)</div></div>
West Bengal	2,94,806 (▲3,612)	<div><div>2,58,948 (88%)</div></div>	<div><div>30,236 (10%)</div><div>5,622 (1.9%)</div></div>
Kerala	2,89,202 (▲9,347)	<div><div>1,91,798 (66%)</div></div>	<div><div>96,401 (33%)</div><div>1,003 (0.3%)</div></div>
Odisha	2,52,239 (▲2,546)	<div><div>2,27,615 (90%)</div></div>	<div><div>23,602 (9%)</div><div>1,022 (0.4%)</div></div>
Telangana	2,13,084 (▲1,021)	<div><div>1,87,342 (88%)</div></div>	<div><div>24,514 (12%)</div><div>1,228 (0.6%)</div></div>
Bihar	1,96,531 (▲1,032)	<div><div>1,84,541 (94%)</div></div>	<div><div>11,044 (6%)</div><div>946 (0.5%)</div></div>
Assam	1,93,783 (▲396)	<div><div>1,64,582 (85%)</div></div>	<div><div>28,385 (15%)</div><div>816 (0.4%)</div></div>
Rajasthan	1,59,052 (▲2,144)	<div><div>1,35,990 (86%)</div></div>	<div><div>21,412 (13%)</div><div>1,650 (1.0%)</div></div>
Gujarat	1,51,434 (▲1,181)	<div><div>1,32,173 (87%)</div></div>	<div><div>15,695 (10%)</div><div>3,566 (2.4%)</div></div>
Madhya Pradesh	1,46,820 (▲1,575)	<div><div>1,29,019 (88%)</div></div>	<div><div>15,177 (10%)</div><div>2,624 (1.8%)</div></div>
Chhattisgarh	1,42,372 (▲2,114)	<div><div>1,13,771 (80%)</div></div>	<div><div>27,348 (19%)</div><div>1,253 (0.9%)</div></div>
Haryana	1,42,155 (▲1,065)	<div><div>1,30,003 (91%)</div></div>	<div><div>10,573 (7%)</div><div>1,579 (1.1%)</div></div>
Punjab	1,23,973 (▲656)	<div><div>1,10,865 (89%)</div></div>	<div><div>9,275 (7%)</div><div>3,833 (3.1%)</div></div>
Jharkhand	92,525 (▲574)	<div><div>83,571 (90%)</div></div>	<div><div>8,167 (9%)</div><div>787 (0.9%)</div></div>
Jammu & Kash..	83,633 (▲569)	<div><div>71,845 (86%)</div></div>	<div><div>10,466 (13%)</div><div>1,322 (1.6%)</div></div>

\* ▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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**India sustains trend of steadily declining Active Cases, Active caseload only 12.10% of Total Positive Cases, Active caseload below 9 lakh for the fourth consecutive day**

India continues to report a trend of steadily decreasing active cases. For the fourth day after the active cases dropped below the 9L mark after a month, the decline continues unabated. Presently the active cases comprise merely **12.10%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **8,61,853**. India is also reporting high number of recoveries. The total recovered cases are close to 61.5 lakhs (**61,49,535**). The difference between active cases and recovered cases is consistently increasing and stands at **52,87,682** today. **71,559 patients** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases are **66,732**. The national Recovery Rate has progressed to **86.36%**. **77%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra and Karnataka contribute more than 10,000 to the single day recovery. **66,732** new confirmed cases were recorded in last 24 hours. **81%** of these are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra is still reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 10,000 cases followed by Karnataka and Kerala with more than 9,000 cases each. **816** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 85%** are concentrated in ten States/UTs. More than **37%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (309 deaths).

**For details:**

**Dr Harsh Vardhan shares his Personal Cell Number to alleviate problems of his constituents during Sunday Samvaad-5**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare responded to a volley of questions fielded by his social media interactors on the fifth episode of *Sunday Samvaad*. Sternly squashing rumours and removing popular misconceptions regarding COVID, the Health Minister gave detailed information on the role of Ayurveda in the fight against COVID, ICMR's upcoming study on cases of reinfection, the selection criteria for vaccination and other critical information regarding the much touted COVID Vaccine. Upon learning on the various difficulties faced by his constituents in Chandni Chowk, Delhi, he shared his contact details in the public platform as a response and assured that all issues faced by people in his constituency would be resolved on priority. Warning people to stay away from large congregations and diligently follow the guidelines issued by the government regarding precautions to be taken, Dr. Harsh Vardhan requested people to celebrate upcoming festivals at home, with their loved ones, instead of going out to fairs and pandals. Reminding people that fighting against COVID is the foremost Dharma, he explained that his Dharma as the Health Minister of the country is to mitigate the virus and prevent deaths at any cost. Dr Harsh Vardhan shared the possibility of increased novel coronavirus transmission during winters as it is a respiratory virus and the transmission of respiratory viruses is known to increase during the colder weather. Adhering to the Covid appropriate behaviours of wearing masks/face covers, especially when in public places, regularly washing of hands and maintaining of respiratory etiquette will help us to contain the spread of the diseases, he reiterated firmly.

**For details:**

**Finance Minister announces measures of Rs 73,000 crore to stimulate consumer spending before end of this Financial Year in fight against COVID-19**

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today announced measures of Rs 73,000 crore to stimulate consumer spending in the economy in an effort to fight the slowdown due to COVID-19 pandemic following lockdown. While announcing the demand stimulus package, Smt. Sitharaman said, "Indications are that savings of government and organised sector employees



have increased and we want to incentivise such people to boost demand for the benefit of the less fortunate.” The Finance Minister further said that if demand goes up based on the stimulus measures announced today, it will have an impact on those people who have been affected by COVID-19 and are desperately looking for demand to keep their business going. The Finance Minister said that the Government does not want to burden the common citizen with future inflation and also not put the Government debt on an unsustainable path. The proposals presented today by the Finance Minister are designed to stimulate spending in a fiscally prudent manner as some of the proposals are for advancing or front-loading of expenditure with offsetting changes later while others are directly linked to increase in GDP. The incentives include cash payment and leave encashment in lieu of one LTC during 2018-21 according to entitlement; Special Festival Advance Scheme revived as a one-time measure for both Gazetted and non-Gazetted employees; Special interest free 50-year loans to States for capital expenditure for Rs. 12,000 crore; and Additional budget of Rs. 25,000 crore, in addition to Rs. 4.13 lakh crore given in Union Budget 2020, for Capital Expenditure

**For details:**

### **PM launches physical distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched physical distribution of property cards under SVAMITVA scheme through video conferencing and interacted with the beneficiaries of the scheme on Sunday. Prime Minister wished the beneficiaries of ‘SVAMITVA Scheme’ who have got property cards of their houses and said now the beneficiaries will have a right, a legal document of owning their houses. The scheme is going to bring historical changes to the villages in the country. He added the country has taken another major step towards an AtmaNirbhar Bharat, as the scheme helps in making rural India self-reliant. He said one lakh beneficiaries from Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been handed over the legal papers of their houses and promised to give such property cards to every household in the next three - four years in every village of the country. Prime Minister said ‘SVAMITVA Scheme’ will help in strengthening the Panchayati Raj system for which efforts are underway for the past 6 years. He listed the initiatives taken for strengthening the Gram Panchayats in the past 6 years and said SVAMITVA Scheme will make village management easier for our gram panchayats, in a systematic way like municipalities and municipal corporations. He said in the last 6 years, continuous efforts were made to remove chronic shortages in the villages.

**For details:**

### **Text of PM’s address at the launch of physical distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme**

**For details:**

### **Vice President tests negative for COVID-19, expected to resume normal activities soon**

The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has tested negative for COVID-19 today. He has been under home-quarantine after he was diagnosed with COVID-19 on 29th September, 2020. As per today’s RT-PCR test conducted by a medical team from AIIMS, both the Vice President and his wife, Smt. Usha Naidu have tested negative for COVID-19. Shri Naidu is in good health and is expected to resume normal activities soon as per doctors’ advice. He thanked all those who prayed for his well-being.

**For details:**

**About 32 crore mandays employment has been provided and more than Rs.31,500 crore spent so far under GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan**

GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan (GKRA) launched to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages and similarly affected citizens in rural area, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, is taking action on mission mode to provide employment to migrant workers who have returned to their native villages of 6 states. The Abhiyaan is empowering villagers with livelihood opportunities in 116 districts of these states. By the 15th week, a total of about 32 crore mandays employment has been provided and Rs.31577 crore spent so far in the pursuit of objectives of the Abhiyaan. A large number of structures have been created

**For details:**

**More than 52,000 eligible voters opt for postal ballots in 71 constituencies for Phase-1 of General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Bihar 2020**

More than fifty two thousand electors belonging to Senior Citizen (above 80 years of age) and PwD categories, have opted to exercise the facility to vote through postal ballots in the forthcoming phase 1 of General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Bihar 2020. These electors will be provided postal ballots on pre-informed date(s) by the Returning Officers with proper security and videography arrangements to ensure secrecy, safety, and transparency in the process. This is the first time that postal ballot facility is being extended to both the categories in Bihar elections. Booth Level Officers of 71 Assembly Constituencies in Bihar have reached out to more than four lakh such electors. Remaining electors intend to visit the booth on the poll day for voting. In subsequent two phases of elections in Bihar and in bye-elections in all other States, this exercise will continue so that electoral process becomes more accessible, inclusive and SAFE for these categories during the period of COVID-19. BLOs will visit approximately 12 lakh such electors' homes in Bihar in the next two phases for this purpose.

**For details:**

**Shri Gangwar addresses BRICS Ministerial Summit; Calls for framing workplace safety mechanisms**

Shri SantoshGangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour& Employment has called for suitable global action especially by BRICS towards effecting a balance between labour and employer which will generate growth and create more jobs & greater labour welfare. Speaking at a BRICS Ministerial virtual meet on Friday, Shri Gangwar said safety, health, welfare and improved working conditions are essential for wellbeing of the workers. A healthy workforce, he said, in the country would be more productive and contribute to economic growth. BRICS Labour& Employment Ministers' Virtual Meeting was held under Russian Presidency to discuss various issues including approaches to creating a safe work culture in BRICS countries. Director General ILO, Mr Guy Ryder, Representatives from Workers and Employers Organisations also attended. Minister underlined that the aspects of occupational safety and health measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 have also acquired significance.

**For details:**

**Export of essential agri commodities for the period April-September, 2020 increases by 43.4% as compared to the same period last year**

The consistent and concerted efforts of the Government to boost agricultural exports are bearing fruit as despite of the on-going Covid-19 crisis, the export of essential agri commodities for the cumulative period of April-September, 2020 has increased by 43.4% to Rs 53626.6 crore as compared to Rs 37397.3 crore in the same period last year. Major commodity groups which have recorded positive export growth during April-Sept, 2020-21 vis-à-vis April-Sept, 2019-20 are Groundnut (35%), Refined Sugar (104%), wheat (206%), Basmati Rice (13%) and Non-Basmati Rice (105%) etc. Furthermore, balance of trade during April-September 2020 has been significantly positive at Rs 9002 Crore as against trade deficit of Rs. 2133 during the same period in 2019. On month to month basis (MoM), India's agricultural export of essential agricultural commodities during September, 2020 has been of Rs 9296 crore against export of Rs 5114 crore during September, 2019, showing an increase of 81.7%.

**For details:****INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Maharashtra: Maharashtra School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad has announced that schools will not reopen before Diwali, as the Coronavirus cases continue to rise in the state. State Higher and Technical Education Minister Uday Samant also said his department does not intend to reopen colleges until the COVID-19 situation is under control. Maharashtra on Sunday, reported 10,792 new Covid cases taking the total number of active cases to 2.21 lakhs.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat government has, announced the Standard Operating Procedure for the upcoming festivities which include Navratri that begins October 17. The SOP has ruled out commercial or traditional street Garbas in the state for the current year owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be for the first time in the recent history of Gujarat that there will be no garba during the Navratri, which is its essential element and which the state government has branded as the 'Longest Dance Festival of the World'.
- Rajasthan: With more Covid-19 patients getting admitted to hospitals complaining breathlessness and requiring oxygen support, the state government is setting up 38 oxygen generation plants in hospitals attached to government medical colleges and district hospitals. The number of active Covid cases in Rajasthan is 21,412.
- Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh on Sunday saw 1,575 fresh coronavirus cases which pushed its total caseload to 1,46,820, while 25 deaths took the toll to 2,624. Of the new cases, Indore accounted for 429, Bhopal 256, Jabalpur 103 and Gwalior 45.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh government has also issued guidelines regarding the upcoming Navratri and Dussehra festivals in the wake of spread of COVID infection. Besides, authorities in the tribal Bastar Division have appealed to the devotees not to be physically present during the various rituals of the famous Bastar Dussehra. For Ravan Dahan, not more than 50 people can be present, even as the height of the effigies has been capped at 10 feet.
- Kerala: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said that reopening of schools cannot be done at this juncture in the state. Declaring Kerala as the first state in the public education sector to become completely digital, he said the government's aim is to make good education accessible to the poor.

Meanwhile, the State Health Department today decided to permit bystanders for patients in Covid hospitals. The Government has decided to increase Covid-19 testing in the state. It has also asked the authorities concerned to install Covid 19 testing kiosks in public places. Covid-19 was confirmed in 9,347 persons in Kerala yesterday. The official death toll has breached 1000 and touched 1003. At present there are 96,316 patients undergoing treatment and around 2.84 lakh people under observation in various districts.

- Tamil Nadu: Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Monday signed 14 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) entailing investments to the tune of Rs 10,055 crore with potential to generate employment for over 7,000 people. In a major boost to rural economy, as many as 4,741 people were provided Rs 3.77 crore as Covid-19 special relief assistance under the Tamil Nadu Rural Rejuvenation Scheme in Coimbatore district.
- Karnataka: Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Monday re-allocated the health and family welfare portfolio to Dr K. Sudhakar, the medical education minister, for better coordination between the two crucial departments in fighting Covid; B. Sriramulu, who previously held the health portfolio, has been allocated the social welfare department. Meanwhile public sector transport KSRTC chairman said after corona and lockdown, the corporation has suffered loss to the tune of Rs 1600cr. Covid-19 positivity rate in Bengaluru increases after two months; State task force member says this can be attributed to better contact tracing.
- Andhra Pradesh: Recovery rate in Andhra Pradesh, for the first time, reached 93.05 per cent. Only 6.13 per cent cases, or 46,295 of the total cases reported so far, are active. The death rate continued to stay at 0.83 per cent. Also, for the first time in more than three months, the daily positivity rate of the tests came down to 6.90 per cent as 75,517 samples were tested. The overall positivity rate of the 65,69,616 samples tested so far remained at 11.50 per cent. West Godavari reported the highest number of new cases and Chittoor and East Godavari followed it with more than 700 new cases each. Prakasam reported the highest number of new deaths.
- Telangana: 1021 new cases, 2214 recoveries & 6 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1021 cases, 228 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,13,084; Active cases: 24,514; Deaths: 1228; Discharges :1,87,342. Schools in Telangana likely to reopen on November 1, parents worried; scared for their kids' safety, they ask govt to cancel academic year. Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has directed officials as well as people to remain vigilant and cautious in the wake of a heavy rainfall warning across the State for the next two days.
- Assam: In Assam during the last 24 hours 1227 COVID-19 patients were discharged after recovery. Total discharge patients in the state reached to 164579. While 28385 active COVID-19 cases are there in the state.
- Nagaland: With the detection of 70 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, Nagaland crossed the 7000 mark with a total of 7019 Covid positive cases. A total of 49 recoveries were also reported on Sunday.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, total active case is 2355 and recovered 5142.

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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).

- Active caseload below 9 lakh for the first time after a month
- New Recoveries exceed the new Confirmed Cases for the 3rd consecutive week
- 78,365 have recovered in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 70,496
- Recovery Rate further improves to 85.52%
- Prime Minister says that in the post-Covid world, India showed resilience and emerged as a land of solutions to overcome various kinds of problems

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COVID-19 INDIA as on :  
09 October 2020, 08:00  
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(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

**Active** (12.94%)**893592** (8833↓)**Discharged** (85.52%)**5906069** (78365↑)**Deaths** (1.54%)**106490** (964↑)



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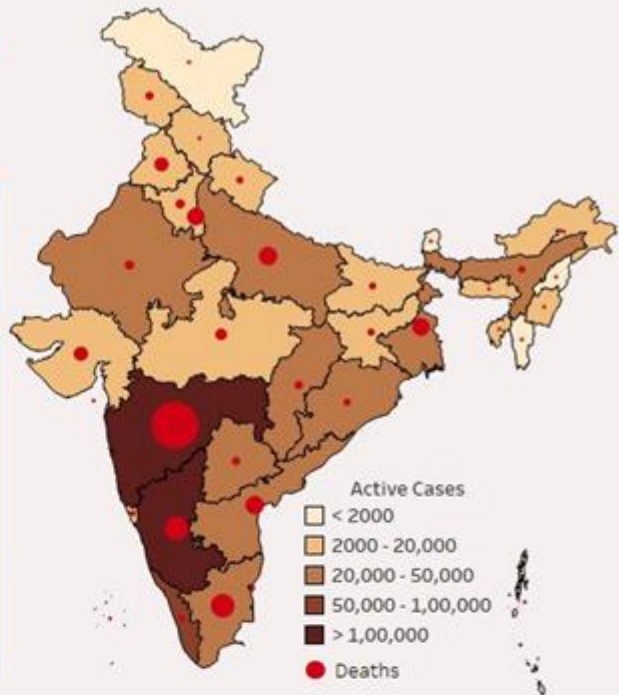
As on 9 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** **69,06,151 (▲70,496)**

**Recovered** **59,06,069 (85.5%) ▲ 78,365**

**Active** **8,93,592 (12.9%) ▼ 8,833**

**Deaths** **1,06,490 (1.5%) ▲ 964**



	States' Cases (Highest)	Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	14,93,884 (▲13,395)	12,12,016 (81%)	2,42,438 (16%)	39,430 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh	7,39,719 (▲5,292)	6,84,930 (93%)	48,661 (7%)	6,128 (0.8%)
Karnataka	6,79,356 (▲10,704)	5,52,519 (81%)	1,17,162 (17%)	9,675 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu	6,40,943 (▲5,088)	5,86,454 (91%)	44,437 (7%)	10,052 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	4,27,459 (▲3,133)	3,78,662 (89%)	42,552 (10%)	6,245 (1.5%)
Delhi	3,00,833 (▲2,726)	2,72,948 (91%)	22,232 (7%)	5,653 (1.9%)
West Bengal	2,84,030 (▲3,526)	2,49,737 (88%)	28,854 (10%)	5,439 (1.9%)
Kerala	2,58,850 (▲5,445)	1,67,256 (65%)	90,664 (35%)	930 (0.4%)
Odisha	2,44,142 (▲3,144)	2,16,984 (89%)	26,184 (11%)	974 (0.4%)
Telangana	2,08,535 (▲1,891)	1,80,953 (87%)	26,374 (13%)	1,208 (0.6%)
Bihar	1,93,072 (▲1,087)	1,80,696 (94%)	11,447 (6%)	929 (0.5%)
Assam	1,91,397 (▲1,188)	1,59,836 (84%)	30,767 (16%)	794 (0.4%)
Rajasthan	1,52,605 (▲2,138)	1,29,618 (85%)	21,382 (14%)	1,605 (1.1%)
Gujarat	1,47,789 (▲1,116)	1,27,786 (86%)	16,465 (11%)	3,538 (2.4%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,42,022 (▲1,715)	1,22,687 (86%)	16,788 (12%)	2,547 (1.8%)
Haryana	1,38,682 (▲1,284)	1,26,267 (91%)	10,867 (8%)	1,548 (1.1%)
Chhattisgarh	1,34,612 (▲2,873)	1,06,027 (79%)	27,427 (20%)	1,158 (0.9%)
Punjab	1,21,716 (▲856)	1,07,200 (88%)	10,775 (9%)	3,741 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	90,486 (▲784)	80,439 (89%)	9,272 (10%)	775 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash..	81,793 (▲696)	69,020 (84%)	11,482 (14%)	1,291 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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India on a steady trajectory of continuously declining Active Cases; Active caseload below 9 lakh for the first time after a month; New Recoveries exceed the new Confirmed Cases for the 3rd consecutive week

India continues to report a trend of steadily dipping active cases. After a month, for the first time, active cases fall below the 9 lakh mark. India registered **8.93 lakh** active cases today after registering **8.97 lakh** on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Presently the active cases stand at **8,93,592** and comprise merely **12.94%** of the total positive cases of the country demonstrating a steady falling percentage of the total cases. The declining trend of the percentage active cases is commensurately supported by rising percentage of recovered cases. The total recovered cases stand at **59,06,069**. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has crossed **50 lakh (50,12,477)**. With increasing number of recoveries, this gap is continuously widening. Higher number of recoveries has aided the national Recovery Rate to further improve to **85.52%**. **78,365** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at **70,496.75%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh. Maharashtra alone has contributed the maximum with more than 15,000 single day recovery. **78% of the new cases** are from reported 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra continues to be the State reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 13,000 cases followed by Karnataka with more than 10,000 cases. **964** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 82%** are concentrated in ten States/UT. More than **37%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (358 deaths).

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#### PM greets Indian Foreign Service officers on IFS Day

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has greeted the Indian Foreign Service officers on IFS Day. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "On IFS day, greetings to all Indian Foreign Service officers. Their work towards Serving the Nation, furthering national interests globally are commendable. Their efforts during Vande Bharat Mission and other COVID related help to our citizens and other nations is noteworthy."

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#### In a landmark event, PM to launch physical distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme on 11th October

In a historic move set to transform rural India and empower millions of Indians, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will launch the physical distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme on 11th October, via video conferencing. The launch will enable around one lakh property holders to download their Property Cards through the SMS link delivered on their mobile phones. This would be followed by physical distribution of the Property Cards by the respective State governments. These beneficiaries are from 763 villages across six States including 346 from Uttar Pradesh, 221 from Haryana, 100 from Maharashtra, 44 from Madhya Pradesh, 50 from Uttarakhand and 2 from Karnataka. Beneficiaries from all these states except Maharashtra will receive the physical copies of the Property Cards within one day - Maharashtra has a system of recovering the nominal cost of

Property Card, so it will take a month's time. The move will pave the way for using property as a financial asset by villagers for taking loans and other financial benefits. Also, this is the first time ever that such a large-scale exercise involving the most modern means of technology is being carried out to benefit millions of rural property owners. Prime Minister will also be interacting with some of the beneficiaries during the event. Union Minister for Panchayati Raj will be present on the occasion. The programme will commence from 11 AM.

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### **PM delivers Keynote address at Invest India Conference in Canada**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at Invest India Conference in Canada through video conference yesterday. The Prime Minister said India is undisputedly the only country shining in all their investment parameters like having political stability, investment and business friendly policies, transparency in governance, skilled talent pool and a large market. He said there is an opportunity for everyone including Institutional Investors, manufacturers, supporters of innovation ecosystems and infrastructure companies. The Prime Minister said in the post-Covid world, India showed resilience and emerged as a land of solutions to overcome various kinds of problems related to manufacturing, supply chains, etc. He added, despite disrupted logistics, money was directly delivered into bank accounts of over 400 million farmers, women, poor and needy people within a matter of days. He listed various initiatives taken by the Government to overcome the disruption owing to the pandemic and stressed that this shows the strength of governance structures and systems that have been built over the last few years. The Prime Minister said while the entire country was in a stringent lockdown, India was providing medicine to around 150 countries and played the role of the pharmacy to the world. He added during March-June of this year, agricultural exports rose by 23%. He said before the pandemic, India hardly manufactured PPE kits but today not only does India manufacture millions of PPE kits every month, it exports them too. He committed to ramping up production and helping the entire world in vaccine production for Covid-19.

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### **Prime Minister's key note address at Invest India Conference in Canada**

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### **ECI Relaxes Public Notice Time Period for Registration of Political Parties**

Election Commission of India has given a relaxation and has reduced the notice period from 30 days to 7 days for the parties who have published their public notice on or before 07.10.2020. For all parties, including those which have already published their Public Notice in less than 7 days prior to 07.10.2020, objection, if any, can be submitted latest by 5.30 PM on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 or by the end of the originally provided 30 days period, whichever is earlier. Since ECI announced General Elections for the Legislative Assembly of Bihar, 2020 on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, it has been brought to

the notice of the Commission that in view of prevailing restrictions on account of Covid -19, there was dislocation and delay in moving applications for registration, which in turn led to delay in registration as a Political Party. Therefore, after considering all aspects of the matter, Commission relaxed the Public Notice Time period. This relaxation will remain in force till 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, the last date of nomination for Phase 3 of the General Election to the Legislative Assembly of State of Bihar.

For details:

Satisfied with arrangements, Indian archers looking to find momentum after returning to practice post lockdown

Sporting facilities have been opened across the country, with special emphasis on India's Olympic hopefuls after being shut due to the lockdown imposed by the coronavirus. India's men's and women's recurve archers have been training at Pune's Army Sports Institute. The camp for the Archery team commenced on August 25 and the archers are very happy to be back training again.

For details:

MORTH constructs 3951 km roads in first six months of 2020-21; achieves a rate of 21.60 km per day despite COVID-19 difficulties

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has successfully completed construction of road length of 3951 km during the first six months of this fiscal year (April-Sept period). It has achieved a construction pace of 21.60 km per day despite COVID-19 difficulties. The Ministry has set an ambitious target of constructing 11,000 km road length during this fiscal year.

For details:

Union Labour Minister addresses first meeting of Expert Group on Labour Bureau Surveys

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment addressed the first meeting of the Expert Group on Labour Bureau surveys yesterday. The expert group consisting of eminent economists, statisticians and Government functionaries, has been constituted for a period of three years for providing technical guidance to Labour Bureau with respect to surveys on migration, professional bodies, domestic workers and other surveys. While expressing deep concern over the difficulties faced by migrant workers in these pandemic times, he called upon the need for having reliable data on these workers and the issues being faced by them especially in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The database will enable the Government to devise pragmatic solutions to improve their conditions and plan employment opportunities for them.

For details:



### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Kerala: The sudden drop of Covid-19 positivity rate from 14% to 8% has led to debates in the state health sector. Health experts are of the view that a conclusion can be reached only after a week's observation of the Covid positive figures. The state government is also of the opinion the sudden dip in the positivity rate after being high for a prolonged period need not be taken seriously as it may be a single day phenomenon. It has given directions to all districts to keep the positivity rate below 10%. Meanwhile, three more fatalities were reported today in the state taking the death toll to 933. A day after reporting over 10,000 new Covid cases, the state saw a small dip in the daily-COVID tally yesterday with 5445 cases and 7003 recoveries, the highest single day figure so far. At present, there are 90,579 patients undergoing treatment and 2.71 lakh people under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Out of around two lakh migrant workers, who left for their natives in different parts of the country after the outbreak of the pandemic and the subsequent closure of industries, 47,000 have returned to the Coimbatore district in the past one month. People in the Belur village of Salem announced that they have imposed self-lockdown in their locality here on Thursday due to the increasing spread of Covid-19 infection. The Tamil Nadu e-governance agency (TNeGA) on Friday expressed its keenness to develop the first voice user interface (VUI) by the government in Tamil to help residents fill up forms to avail government services.
- Karnataka: Bangalore urban sees highest single day surge with 5121 cases being reported yesterday. Active cases dip in 12 districts and continue to rise in most other districts. Opposition leader Siddaramiah wrote a letter to Education Minister S Suresh Kumar and urged not to open schools till the Covid situation comes to control. Meanwhile Karnataka State Commission For Protection of Child Rights has written letter to department of primary education recommending that no examination should be conducted this academic year due to Covid.
- Andhra Pradesh: Spreading the three key messages of wearing mask, following physical distancing and maintaining hand hygiene several offices of government and PSUs undertake pledge to adhere with the norms to prevent virus spread. TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu in a statement emphasized on taking preventive measures and the need to make more serious efforts by the state in order to save the lives of people as there is a threat of second Covid wave. YSR Congress party MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy from Tirupathi has been re-infected with coronavirus for a second time in the last one-and-a-half months.
- Telangana: 1891 new cases, 1878 recoveries & 7 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1891 cases, 285 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,08,535; Active cases: 26,374; Deaths: 1208; Discharges: 1,80,953. In a significant step, organ transplantations will be done free of cost in government hospitals. These critical procedures will now be brought under the Aarogyasri health scheme.
- Maharashtra: In a unique association, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and Google have collaborated to mark Containment Zones in the city on the Google Maps. The availability of this information on Google Maps will further make access easy for the Mumbaikars while on the move with just one click. With the awareness campaign on Covid-19 taking the shape of a Jan Andolan, the drivers of the iconic black and yellow taxis too have become part of this movement. Informative pamphlets have been pasted in the taxis to make people aware about the do's and don'ts to prevent Covid-19 infection.

- **Gujarat:** In Gujarat, the State Government has decided to permit private laboratories to conduct Rapid Antibody Tests. According to notification issued, the Chief Health Officers in districts or Municipal Corporations will grant permission to private laboratories, which fulfills certain conditions. Gujarat government has also decided to permit private laboratories to conduct ELISA and CLIA antibody tests. Gujarat has 16,487 active Covid cases.
- **Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, as per the fresh set of COVID-19 guidelines, issued by the Union Home Ministry, the State Government has also relaxed the restriction on gathering of more than 100 people at political rallies. However, it will be mandatory for the organizers to enforce appropriate physical distancing.
- **Chhattisgarh:** The Chhattisgarh Government has abolished the obligation of Quarantine for persons coming to Chhattisgarh from other states. The state government has also decided not to open schools at present, in the wake of the prevailing situation due to spread of coronavirus in the state. The decision was taken at a meeting of the state cabinet held on Thursday. The cabinet has also decided that the major event to be held to mark the foundation day of Chhattisgarh on November 1 every year will not be held this year.
- **Assam:** In Assam, 1188 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 2198 patient discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 191397, active 30767 and death 794.
- **Meghalaya:** In Meghalaya, total active case 2369 and recovered 4832.
- **Nagaland:** In Nagaland, 21 more people tested positive for COVID-19

### FACT CHECK



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 .@UGC\_INDIA has released a list of 24 self- styled, unrecognised institutions functioning in contravention of the UGC act. These universities are fake and are not empowered to confer any degree.

Check the list here: [ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/395808...](https://ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/395808...)

Students and Public at large are hereby informed that presently following 24 self-styled, unrecognised institutions are functioning in contravention of the UGC Act, which have been declared as fake universities and these are not empowered to confer any degree:

**Delhi**

1. Commercial University Ltd, Daryaganj, Delhi
2. United Nations University, Delhi
3. Vocational University, Delhi
4. ADR-Centric Juridical University, ADR House, 81, Gopala Tower, 23, Rajendra Place, New Delhi - 110 008
5. Indian Institution of Science and Engineering, New Delhi
6. Vivekananda Open University for Self-employment, India, Bangar Sewastan, CD Complex, Enclave, Opp. GTR Depot, New Delhi - 110 025
7. Adityanish Vaidya-university (Ayurved University), 351-352, Phase-1, Block-1, B-1, Sector-10, Rohini, Delhi - 110 085

**Karnataka**

8. Badagere Narhar World Open University Education Society, Gohat, Bangalore, Karnataka

**Kerala**

9. St. John's University, Kottayam, Kerala

**Maharashtra**

10. Raja Aravind University, Nagpur

**West Bengal**

11. Indian Institute of Alternative Medicine, 80, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata - 700 029
12. Institute of Alternative Medicine and Research, B-6, Diamond Harbor Road Business Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Thakurpukur, Kolkata - 700 063

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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 08 OCT 2020 6:25PM by PIB Delhi

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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).*

- 35 States/UTs performing more than 140 Tests/day/million population
- 22 States/UTs report Positivity Rate less than National Average
- 83,011 single day recoveries registered in last 24 hours as against 78,524 new confirmed cases
- Active Cases are less than 10 lakh for the 17th day in a row
- Prime Minister launches public movement and appeals everyone to unite in fight against corona

COVID-19 INDIA as on :  
08 October 2020, 08:00  
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(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

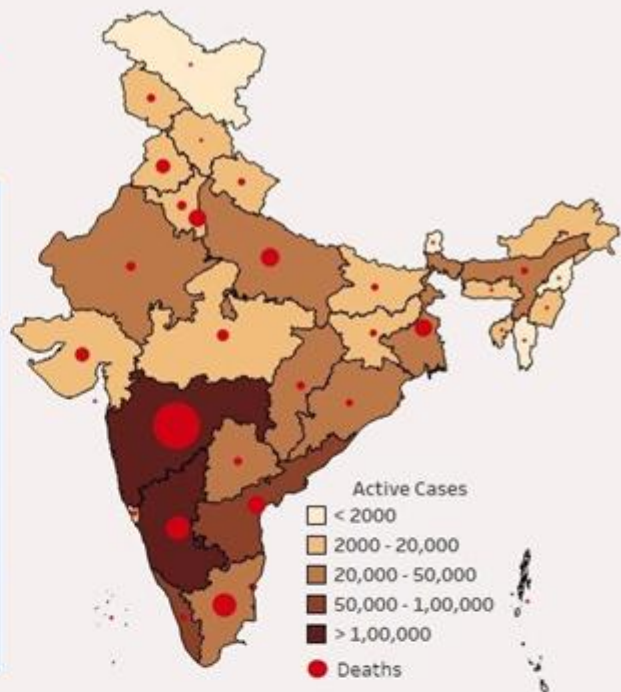
**Active** (13.20%)**902425** (5458↓)**Discharged** (85.25%)**5827704** (83011↑)**Deaths** (1.54%)**105526** (971↑)

# COVID-19 Tracker

As on 7 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** 67,57,131 (▲72,049)

Recovered	57,44,693 (85.0%)	▲ 82,203
Active	9,07,883 (13.4%)	▼ 11,140
Deaths	1,04,555 (1.5%)	▲ 986



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	14,65,911 (▲12,258)	<div><div></div></div> 11,79,726 (80%)	<div><div></div></div> 2,47,468 (17%)	<div><div></div></div> 38,717 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh	7,29,307 (▲5,795)	<div><div></div></div> 6,72,479 (92%)	<div><div></div></div> 50,776 (7%)	<div><div></div></div> 6,052 (0.8%)
Karnataka	6,57,705 (▲9,993)	<div><div></div></div> 5,33,074 (81%)	<div><div></div></div> 1,15,170 (18%)	<div><div></div></div> 9,461 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu	6,30,408 (▲5,017)	<div><div></div></div> 5,75,212 (91%)	<div><div></div></div> 45,279 (7%)	<div><div></div></div> 9,917 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	4,20,937 (▲3,500)	<div><div></div></div> 3,70,753 (88%)	<div><div></div></div> 44,031 (10%)	<div><div></div></div> 6,153 (1.5%)
Delhi	2,95,236 (▲2,676)	<div><div></div></div> 2,66,935 (90%)	<div><div></div></div> 22,720 (8%)	<div><div></div></div> 5,581 (1.9%)
West Bengal	2,77,049 (▲3,370)	<div><div></div></div> 2,43,743 (88%)	<div><div></div></div> 27,988 (10%)	<div><div></div></div> 5,318 (1.9%)
Kerala	2,42,799 (▲7,871)	<div><div></div></div> 1,54,092 (63%)	<div><div></div></div> 87,823 (36%)	<div><div></div></div> 884 (0.4%)
Odisha	2,38,003 (▲2,673)	<div><div></div></div> 2,10,217 (88%)	<div><div></div></div> 26,846 (11%)	<div><div></div></div> 940 (0.4%)
Telangana	2,04,748 (▲2,154)	<div><div></div></div> 1,77,008 (86%)	<div><div></div></div> 26,551 (13%)	<div><div></div></div> 1,189 (0.6%)
Bihar	1,90,740 (▲1,298)	<div><div></div></div> 1,78,395 (94%)	<div><div></div></div> 11,420 (6%)	<div><div></div></div> 925 (0.5%)
Assam	1,88,902 (▲1,184)	<div><div></div></div> 1,55,077 (82%)	<div><div></div></div> 33,047 (17%)	<div><div></div></div> 778 (0.4%)
Rajasthan	1,48,316 (▲2,121)	<div><div></div></div> 1,25,448 (85%)	<div><div></div></div> 21,294 (14%)	<div><div></div></div> 1,574 (1.1%)
Gujarat	1,45,200 (▲1,335)	<div><div></div></div> 1,25,111 (86%)	<div><div></div></div> 16,570 (11%)	<div><div></div></div> 3,519 (2.4%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,38,668 (▲1,570)	<div><div></div></div> 1,18,039 (85%)	<div><div></div></div> 18,141 (13%)	<div><div></div></div> 2,488 (1.8%)
Haryana	1,36,115 (▲1,206)	<div><div></div></div> 1,23,286 (91%)	<div><div></div></div> 11,320 (8%)	<div><div></div></div> 1,509 (1.1%)
Chhattisgarh	1,28,893 (▲2,888)	<div><div></div></div> 1,00,551 (78%)	<div><div></div></div> 27,238 (21%)	<div><div></div></div> 1,104 (0.9%)
Punjab	1,20,016 (▲832)	<div><div></div></div> 1,04,355 (87%)	<div><div></div></div> 11,982 (10%)	<div><div></div></div> 3,679 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	88,873 (▲847)	<div><div></div></div> 78,089 (88%)	<div><div></div></div> 10,027 (11%)	<div><div></div></div> 757 (0.9%)
Jammu & Kash..	80,476 (▲738)	<div><div></div></div> 65,496 (81%)	<div><div></div></div> 13,712 (17%)	<div><div></div></div> 1,268 (1.6%)

\* ▲ Indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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35 States/UTs performing more than 140 Tests/day/million population, 22 States/UTs report Positivity Rate less than National Average; For the 17th Day, number of Active Cases below 1 million

India has performed remarkably on fulfilling WHO's advise of 140 tests/day/ million population. **35 States/UTs** have exceeded the advised number of tests. The national average of tests per day per million population stands at **865**. Nearly 12 lakh tests were conducted in the last 24 hours in the country. With **11,94,321** tests conducted in the last 24 hours, the cumulative tests have crossed 8.34 crore (**8,34,65,975**). **7 States/UTs** have reported positivity rate less than 5%. **22 States/UTs** have positivity rate less than the national average. The cumulative Positivity Rate is **8.19%** and is on a continuous decline. Maintaining the spree of registering more recoveries than the new confirmed cases, **83,011** single day recoveries were registered in last 24 hours as against **78,524** new confirmed cases. The total recovered cases stand at **58,27,704**. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has crossed **49 lakh (49,25,279)**. The Active Cases are less than 10 lakh for the 17<sup>th</sup> day in a row. Presently the active cases comprise merely **13.20%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **9,02,425**. Higher number of recoveries has aided the national Recovery Rate to further improve to **85.25%**. **75%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra alone has contributed the maximum with more than 16,000 single day recovery. **78,524** new confirmed cases were recorded in last 24 hours. **79% of the new cases** are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra continues to be the State reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 14,000 cases followed by Karnataka with nearly 11,000 cases. **971** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 82%** are concentrated in ten State/UTs. More than **36%** of new fatalities are reported are from Maharashtra (355 deaths).

For details:

#### **PM launches public movement and appeals everyone to unite in fight against corona**

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched a public movement today and appealed everyone to unite in the fight against corona. In a tweet, the Prime Minister appealed everyone to unite in the fight against Corona. Reiterating the key message of "wear a mask, wash hands, follow social distancing and practice do gajkidoori", the Prime Minister said together we will succeed and win against the Covid-19. The campaign is being launched with the aim to encourage People's Participation. Under the campaign, a COVID-19 Pledge will be taken by all. A Concerted Action Plan will be implemented by Central Government Ministries/ Departments and State Governments/ Union Territories which includes: Region- specific targeted communication in high case-load districts, Simple and easily understandable messages to reach every citizen, Dissemination throughout the country using all media platforms, Banners and Posters at public places; involving Frontline workers and Targeting Beneficiaries of Government Schemes, Hoardings/ wall paintings/ electronic display boards in government premises, Involvement of Local and National influencers to drive home the message, Running mobile vans for regular awareness generation, Audio messages; pamphlets/ brochures on awareness, Seeking support of Local Cable Operators for running COVID messages and Coordinated media campaign across platforms for effective outreach and impact.

For details:

#### **All India Institute of Ayurveda signs MoU with Amity University for Ayurveda Research**



Continuing with the policy of Ministry of AYUSH of forging partnerships for promoting and developing the AYUSH Systems of Healthcare, the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi under the Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Amity University yesterday. The MoU focuses on promoting research in Ayurvedic Sciences. The MoU by AIIA is with the Amity Institute of Indian System of Medicine, which was established in 2018 by the Amity University in recognition of the growing importance of the Indian System of Medicine. The MoU envisages collaboration Quality and standardization of Ayurvedic drugs as well as in Ph.D. programmes in natural product chemistry and pharmacy. Studies in Pharmaceutics, Pharmacodynamics and Pharmacokinetics have also been identified as potential areas of collaboration. The MoU will also lead to joint projects and publications.

For details:

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah appealed to everyone to join PM Modi's public movement in the fight against Covid-19

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah appealed to everyone to join Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's public movement in the fight against Covid-19. In his tweets, Shri Amit Shah said, "A global pandemic like Covid-19 can be fought only when all the countrymen come together. Let us all unite to fight against Covid-19 by joining this mass movement started by PM Modi and play an important role in making India Covid-19 free by making everyone aware of this pandemic." He added that "There are only three mantras to protect ourselves from COVID-19: wearing a mask, practicing two meters of social distancing and washing hands frequently. Follow these three safety mantras of PM Modi to not only keep yourself safe but also to keep your family, friends and colleagues safe from COVID-19"

For details:

ESIC decides for Prompt payment of Permanent Disablement Benefit and Dependent Benefit to beneficiaries

Keeping in view the COVID-19 epidemic, ESIC has issued directions to all Regions and Sub-region Heads to disburse the Permanent disablement benefit and dependent benefits to the Insured persons(IPs) and their dependents every month. All regions and Sub-regions have been constantly disbursing the monthly payments for PDB & DB to Insured Persons and their dependents without fail during entire COVID-19 period besides conduct of regular Medical Board to access the loss in earning capacity of Insured Persons. In Rajasthan, a Medical Board was arranged at Model Hospital, Jaipur for 48 ESIC Insured Person suffering from Occupational Diseases like silicosis/byssinosis working at Pindawada Distt. Sirohi, Rajasthan. Prior to that, another medical board was also arranged to examine Insured Persons suffering from Occupational Diseases. It is worth mentioning that all the 48 Insured Persons were first tested for COVID-19 test before conducting medical board. As per Medical Boards decision, Permanent disablement benefit was started to 85 beneficiaries found to be suffering from Occupational Diseases. Besides it, Dependent Benefit payment to dependents of six deceased Insured Persons who died due to silicosis/byssinosis has also been started in this month.

For details:



### Shri PiyushGoyal says Trade & economy most important pillars of India- European Union partnership

Union Railways and Commerce & Industry Minister Shri PiyushGoyalhas said that Trade & economy is one of the most important pillars of India- European Union (EU) partnership. Addressing the Diplomatic & Industry Leadership Session on EU-India Collaborative Economic Growth yesterday, he said that we are also hopeful of working with EU towards a FTA, possibly starting with a Preferential Trade Agreement for an early harvest to get faster outcomes. Shri Goyal said that to combat the COVID crisis, India & Europe worked together whether it was for adequate supply of medicines to different European countries or other goods required to battle coronavirus. He said that through the lockdown, our Information Technology sector continued to serve businesses in Europe, without any interruption. On the Covid-19, Shri Goyal said that when it came to addressing the problem in India, we moved swiftly into lockdown so that we could save lives & as we were able to prepare ourselves to fight COVID. “We started unlock process from June. As we move from protecting lives to saving lives & livelihoods, we have evolved as per the emergent situation. We can see benefits of that in having one of the highest recovery rates in the world & one of the lowest fatality rate. We have one of the highest recovery rates in the world.

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### Despite Covid, NHAI awards 60% more length of projects during first half of FY 2020-21 as compared to same period last year

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has awarded projects for a total cumulative length of 1330 km in the current Financial Year. The Authority reports that projects awarded so far in first half of the current Financial Year are 1.6 times higher of 828 km awarded in FY 19-20 and 3.5 times higher of 373 km awarded in FY18-19 during the same period. For the awarded projects, NHAI has already completed at least 80 to 90 percent of the land acquisition, actioned utilities shifting and has obtained required clearances from various forest and environment authorities. As per an NHAI statement, during April to September 2020, it awarded a total of 40 projects covering 1330 km length. Capital cost of these 40 projects is Rs. 47,289 crore, which includes cost of civil work, land acquisition, and other pre- construction activities. NHAI has set a target of awarding 4500 km of projects during current Financial Year and is likely to exceed the target. In March 2020, NHAI disbursed Rs. 10,000 crore through online payments and ensured that no payments remain pending due to closure of office during the lock down. In the first quarter of current Financial Year, NHAI disbursed more than Rs. 15,000 crore to the vendors.

For details:

### Skilling, re-skilling, up-skilling and industry-connect skilling necessary for achieving the vision of USD 5 trillion economy and a self-reliant India, says Dr. MahendraNathPandey

**Dr. MahendraNathPandey, Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship**, on behalf of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri NarendraModi and his own behalf yesterday congratulated PHD Chamber on its 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. He praised the dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister and appreciated the extensive measures undertaken in tough COVID-times. DrPandey said that

Skill India is a concept that has been making a footprint, both in and outside India. He said that all our ecosystem of education and skill departments in every state and district came together to contribute with their innovative ideas during the last 7 months of the COVID pandemic. He opined for skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling, skill training centres, industry connect skilling and industry demand skilling are important for achieving the vision of a USD 5 trillion economy and making India self-reliant, going forward.

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For details:

#### Shri ThaawarchandGehlot Virtually Inaugurates International Conference on "Mental Health: Looking Beyond COVID 19"

Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Shri ThaawarchandGehlot inaugurated the virtual "International conference on Mental Health: Looking Beyond COVID 19" through video conferencing today. Prof. Craig Jeffrey, Director, Australia-India Institute co-chaired the conference. Delivering inaugural address, Shri ThaawarchandGehlot drew the attention of rising trend of mental health concerns across the globe. He also apprised about the recent initiatives of the Govt of India such as setting up of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh & KIRAN mental health rehabilitation helpline for addressing mental health issues.

For details:

### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Assam: In Assam, 2,561 patients have been discharged yesterday, hence taking the discharge percent to 82.87%. Total discharged patients 1,57,635 & active patients 31,786.
- Mizoram: Two more COVID-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 2,150, active cases 231.
- Nagaland: With 53 new cases, Nagaland's COVID-19 total reaches 6,715. Recovered cases are 5,444 and active cases 1,142.
- Sikkim: Two more COVID-19 death and 18 new cases detected in Sikkim. The active COVID-19 cases in Sikkim stand at 590. So far, 2534 persons have been discharged in Sikkim after recovering from

### Coronavirus.

- Kerala: With daily Covid-19 cases crossing 10,000 and test positivity rate almost touching 15 percent, the Kerala government has decided not to open bars and beer & wine parlours for the time being. As it stands, private bars offer only counter sales, that too till 5pm. In the meeting convened by CM, Health Secretary said that nearly 90 percent were infected through contacts and the recent surge in Covid cases was a consequence of relaxed social distancing norms during Onam, and argued that opening of bars would further intensify the spread. Crossing 10,000 single day cases for the first time, Kerala confirmed 10,606 cases yesterday. At the same time, 6,161 patients recovered from the disease. Both were the highest single-day figures so far. At present, there are 92,161 patients undergoing treatment and 2.67 lakh people are under observation across the state. The death toll is 906.
- Tamil Nadu: A day after second asymptomatic Covid-19 patient succumbed at the Covid Care Centre (CCC) at Codissia Trade Fair Complex in Coimbatore, which triggered a section of in-patients to stir against poor treatment facilities, the district administration announced its plan to equip a few beds with oxygen supply at the facility. Covid-19 cases dip in Cuddalore in September; District Collector said an effective surveillance system, an increase in fever camps and early identification and treatment has helped bring down the cases. Tamil Nadu reported 5,447 fresh cases of Covid-19 and 67 associated deaths on Wednesday. This took the State's infection tally to 6,35,855 and toll to 9,984.
- Karnataka: Today Chief Minister called meeting of 11 District Deputy commissioners, CEOs, DHOs and SP's to discuss on Covid control measures. Meanwhile Education Department decided to continue online education Samveda series 2 from October 12, in which lessons will taught for 5,6,7 class students, said Education Minister Suresh Kumar. Karnataka recorded the highest single-day Covid cases on Wednesday with 10,947 positives, which brought the tally to 6,68,652. Active cases now stand at 1,16,153. Meanwhile, 113 new Covid deaths were reported, bringing the toll to 9,574.
- Andhra Pradesh: So far 1,838 units of plasma have been collected from 1,475 people in the State and 1,385 people have been treated with plasma therapy. The highest number of plasma was donated by 322 people in Guntur district and 302 people were treated. The total count of positive cases in the state has risen to 7,34,427 while active cases are 49,513. A total of 66,769 samples have been tested in the state in the past 24 hours. 6,349 more persons recovered taking the total recoveries to 6,78,828. The death toll has gone up to 6,086 with addition of 34 more deaths yesterday.
- Telangana: 1896 new cases, 2067 recoveries & 12 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1896 cases, 294 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,06,644; Active cases: 26,368; Deaths: 1201; Discharges: 1,79,075. The Telangana government on Wednesday issued guidelines under Unlock 5.0, but no decision has been taken on reopening of schools and cinemas. The state government issued guidelines permitting Business to Business (B2B) exhibitions from October 15.

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# PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- India scales another peak with Recovery Rate leaping past 85%
- Recovered Cases exceed Active Cases by more than 48 lakhs
- 18 States/UTs report Recovery Rate more than National Average
- 82,203 recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country while the number of new confirmed cases stands at 72,049

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

(↑↓ Status change since  
yesterday)

**Active** (13.44%)**907883** (11140↓)**Discharged** (85.02%)**5744693** (82203↑)**Deaths** (1.55%)**104555** (986↑)

# COVID-19 Tracker

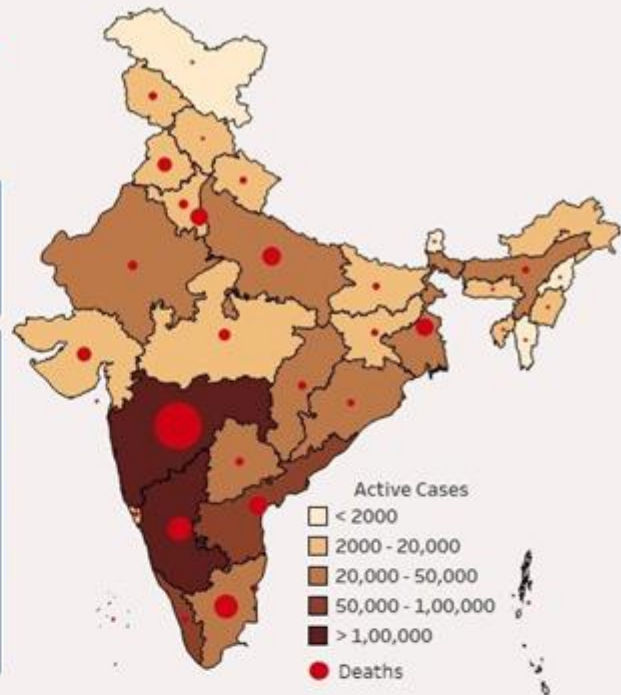
As on 7 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** **67,57,131** (▲72,049)

**Recovered** **57,44,693** (85.0%) ▲ 82,203

**Active** **9,07,883** (13.4%) ▼ 11,140

**Deaths** **1,04,555** (1.5%) ▲ 986



States' Cases (Highest)		Recovered (%)	Active (%)	Deaths (%)
Maharashtra	14,65,911 (▲12,258)	<div><div>11,79,726 (80%)</div></div>	<div><div>2,47,468 (17%)</div></div>	<div><div>38,717 (2.6%)</div></div>
Andhra Pradesh	7,29,307 (▲5,795)	<div><div>6,72,479 (92%)</div></div>	<div><div>50,776 (7%)</div></div>	<div><div>6,052 (0.8%)</div></div>
Karnataka	6,57,705 (▲9,993)	<div><div>5,33,074 (81%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,15,170 (18%)</div></div>	<div><div>9,461 (1.4%)</div></div>
Tamil Nadu	6,30,408 (▲5,017)	<div><div>5,75,212 (91%)</div></div>	<div><div>45,279 (7%)</div></div>	<div><div>9,917 (1.6%)</div></div>
Uttar Pradesh	4,20,937 (▲3,500)	<div><div>3,70,753 (88%)</div></div>	<div><div>44,031 (10%)</div></div>	<div><div>6,153 (1.5%)</div></div>
Delhi	2,95,236 (▲2,676)	<div><div>2,66,935 (90%)</div></div>	<div><div>22,720 (8%)</div></div>	<div><div>5,581 (1.9%)</div></div>
West Bengal	2,77,049 (▲3,370)	<div><div>2,43,743 (88%)</div></div>	<div><div>27,988 (10%)</div></div>	<div><div>5,318 (1.9%)</div></div>
Kerala	2,42,799 (▲7,871)	<div><div>1,54,092 (63%)</div></div>	<div><div>87,823 (36%)</div></div>	<div><div>884 (0.4%)</div></div>
Odisha	2,38,003 (▲2,673)	<div><div>2,10,217 (88%)</div></div>	<div><div>26,846 (11%)</div></div>	<div><div>940 (0.4%)</div></div>
Telangana	2,04,748 (▲2,154)	<div><div>1,77,008 (86%)</div></div>	<div><div>26,551 (13%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,189 (0.6%)</div></div>
Bihar	1,90,740 (▲1,298)	<div><div>1,78,395 (94%)</div></div>	<div><div>11,420 (6%)</div></div>	<div><div>925 (0.5%)</div></div>
Assam	1,88,902 (▲1,184)	<div><div>1,55,077 (82%)</div></div>	<div><div>33,047 (17%)</div></div>	<div><div>778 (0.4%)</div></div>
Rajasthan	1,48,316 (▲2,121)	<div><div>1,25,448 (85%)</div></div>	<div><div>21,294 (14%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,574 (1.1%)</div></div>
Gujarat	1,45,200 (▲1,335)	<div><div>1,25,111 (86%)</div></div>	<div><div>16,570 (11%)</div></div>	<div><div>3,519 (2.4%)</div></div>
Madhya Pradesh	1,38,668 (▲1,570)	<div><div>1,18,039 (85%)</div></div>	<div><div>18,141 (13%)</div></div>	<div><div>2,488 (1.8%)</div></div>
Haryana	1,36,115 (▲1,206)	<div><div>1,23,286 (91%)</div></div>	<div><div>11,320 (8%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,509 (1.1%)</div></div>
Chhattisgarh	1,28,893 (▲2,888)	<div><div>1,00,551 (78%)</div></div>	<div><div>27,238 (21%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,104 (0.9%)</div></div>
Punjab	1,20,016 (▲832)	<div><div>1,04,355 (87%)</div></div>	<div><div>11,982 (10%)</div></div>	<div><div>3,679 (3.1%)</div></div>
Jharkhand	88,873 (▲847)	<div><div>78,089 (88%)</div></div>	<div><div>10,027 (11%)</div></div>	<div><div>757 (0.9%)</div></div>
Jammu & Kash..	80,476 (▲738)	<div><div>65,496 (81%)</div></div>	<div><div>13,712 (17%)</div></div>	<div><div>1,268 (1.6%)</div></div>

\* ▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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India scales another peak with Recovery Rate leaping past 85%, Recovered Cases exceed Active Cases by more than 48 lakhs, 18 States/UTs report Recovery Rate more than National Average

India has crossed a significant milestone. The national recovery rate has jumped past 85% today with the continuous streak of high number of recovered cases being reported in the past few weeks. The recovered cases have exceeded the new confirmed again during the past 24 hours. **82,203** recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country while the number of new confirmed cases stands at **72,049**. The total number of recoveries has touched **57,44,693**. This has bolstered and sustained India's global position at the country with the maximum number of recoveries. The sustained high levels of recoveries have led to further widening of the gap between active and recovered cases. Recovered cases exceed the active cases (9,07,883) by more than 48 lakh (**48,36,810**). The recovered cases are **6.32 times** the active cases ensuring that the recoveries are consistently rising. The active caseload of the country has further slid to **13.44%** of the total positive cases and is consistently declining. Matching the rise in the national figure, **18 States/UTs** have Recovery Rate more than the national average. **75%** of the new recovered cases are being reported from ten States, viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Delhi. Maharashtra is topping the list with nearly 17,000 recoveries while Karnataka contribute more than 10,000 to the single day recoveries. A total of **72,049** new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours in the country. **10 States/UTs** account for **78%** of the new confirmed cases. Maharashtra continues to lead this tally. It has contributed more than 12,000 followed by Karnataka with nearly 10,000 cases. **986** deaths have been reported across the country in the past 24 hours. **10 States/UTs** account for **83%** of the deaths in the last 24 hours due to COVID. Of the new fatalities, Maharashtra reported more than 37% of deaths with 370 deaths followed by Karnataka with 91 deaths.

For details:

[Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally inaugurates Super Speciality Block at Shyam Shah Government Medical College, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh](#)

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare along with Sh. Aswini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Sh. Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh digitally inaugurated the Super Speciality Block (SSB) at the Shyam Shah Government Medical College, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. The 200-bedded Super Speciality Block is built with an investment of Rs 150 crores under the Pradhan Mantri SwasthyaSurakshaYojana (PMSSY) of Government of India. It has departments of Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nephrology, Urology, Cardiology, CTVS, Neonatology and Pulmonary Medicine. There will be six modular Operation Theaters, 200 Super Specialty Beds, 30 ICU Beds and eight ventilators in the SSB. This facility will have a training capacity of 14 Post Graduate students. Dr Harsh Vardhan also urged people to follow COVID appropriate behaviour. He reminded people about the Social Vaccine of wearing masks/face covers while in public, following hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, and maintaining physical distancing or Do GazkiDoori to curb spread of the infection.

For details:

[Digital platform is being built to track COVID-19 vaccine administration and movement: Health Secretary; National Clinical Management protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for Management of COVID-19 to be used in addition to Standard Advisory and COVID appropriate behaviours: Secretary, AYUSH](#)



Health Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Rajesh Bhushan in a media briefing on latest updates, preparedness and actions taken on COVID-19, at the National Media Centre in New Delhi yesterday mentioned that there is a gradual decline in daily new cases being reported in the country. He said that daily positivity rate is declining when compared to the previous week and that the new recoveries have exceeded the new cases reported in recent days. Secretary, AYUSH Ministry, Shri Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha spoke about the ‘ ‘National Clinical Management Protocol’ based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19, released by Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan yesterday. He mentioned that the protocol has been brought out considering the Ayurveda literature and clinical experience, empirical evidences and biological plausibility and also emerging trends of ongoing clinical studies.

For details :

Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and HE Mr Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone today with His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation. Prime Minister conveyed his warm greetings and best wishes to the Russian President on the occasion of his birthday. Prime Minister recalled his long association and friendship with His Excellency Putin, and appreciated the personal role that the latter has played in nurturing the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two nations. Both leaders agreed to remain in touch over the coming days, including on the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister expressed his keenness to welcome President Putin in India, as soon as possible after the normalisation of the public health situation.

For details:

API integration between PM SVANidhi and SBI portal launched – to ease process of receiving and processing loan applications

As a part of Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, Shri DurgaShanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs launched the Application Programming Interface (API) integration between the PM SVANidhi Portal and the State Bank of India portal. This integration will facilitate seamless flow of data between the two portals i.e. PM SVANidhi Portal and SBI's eMudra Portal in a secure environment and expedite the loan sanctioning and disbursement process, which will benefit the street vendors seeking working capital loan under the Scheme. The Ministry is implementing PM SVANidhi Scheme since June 01, 2020, for providing affordable working capital loan to street vendors to resume their livelihoods that have been adversely affected due to Covid-19 lockdown. This scheme targets to benefit over 50 lakh Street Vendors who had been vending on or before 24 March, 2020, in urban areas including those from surrounding peri-urban/ rural areas. As on October 6, 2020, over 20.50 lakh loan applications have been received under the PM SVANidhi Scheme.

For details:

Second Reservation Charts to be issued 30 minutes before the scheduled train departure time, as was done before the lockdown

Indian Railways has decided to restore earlier system of preparation of second reservation charts w.e.f. 10.10.2020. As per established pre COVID period instructions, the first reservation chart was prepared at least 4 hours before scheduled departure of train. Second reservation charts were prepared between 30 minutes to 5 minutes before scheduled/rescheduled time of departure of trains. Cancellation of already booked tickets was also permitted during this period as per provisions of Refund Rules. Due to pandemic, instructions were issued to shift the time of preparation of second reservation chart to 2 hours before scheduled/ rescheduled time of departure of trains. As per request of Zonal Railways for ensuring convenience of rail passengers, the matter has been examined and it has been decided that the second reservation chart shall be prepared at least 30 minutes before scheduled/rescheduled time of departure of train. Accordingly, ticket booking facility, both online and on PRS ticket counters, shall be available, before preparation of second chart. CRIS has been issued necessary modifications in the software accordingly so as to restore this provision w.e.f. 10.10.2020.

For details :

#### Declaration of Results of National Startup Awards 2020

Congratulating the winners, the Railways and Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal said that the Startup awards will generate excitement and enthusiasm among the young entrepreneurs in taking their innovative ideas to the higher level. He said these are not only the recognition and celebration of the new Eco-system but will also encourage the startup fraternity to aim for the sky. The Minister said that startups are going to play important role in many strategic sectors. He said that new technologies will help in the economic development and take the fruits of development and growth to the last man in the pyramid. He called upon the startups to enlist themselves in the Government e-market place (GEM) so that they can offer their services to the Government Departments and large number of customers. He said that it is nice to see that people in the country are now becoming job creators rather than job seekers. He said that State Governments are also facilitating and incentivising the entrepreneurs and this positive approach augurs well for their expansion and growth. He said the COVID-19 should not be seen as a challenge but as an opportunity and those who are coping up with this challenge and fight with focused approach with ideas, innovations and good execution, will reap the dividends.

For details :

#### Training for Indian hockey teams underway; captains, coach confident about reaching full momentum shortly

The Indian men's and women's hockey teams, both of which are based out of the Netaji Subhash Southern Centre in Bengaluru, have resumed their training after practice had been halted due to the nationwide lockdown imposed by the coronavirus. The players are hopeful of returning to their best soon and are satisfied with the safety measures adopted at the centre. Six players including captain Manpreet Singh on their arrival at the camp after taking a break were found to be COVID positive. They were provided all assistance and proper care at the SAI centre and empanelled hospital and are now back at training. Proactive steps have been taken at the SAI centre to prevent further outbreak, where athletes are tested at arrival during their quarantine phase. Both the men's and women's hockey teams have qualified for the Olympics.

For details :

Dr.Jitendra Singh said, despite COVID-19, procurement of Wheat was 15 percent higher than the last year

Union Minister DrJitendra Singh today said the Modi Government ensured higher crop procurement during COVID pandemic, which is an indication of the sensitivity with which Prime Minister NarendraModi and the team led by him are committed to respond to the needs of farmer community during crisis times.Interacting with farmers, Panchayat representatives and local activists of peripheral areas of Basohli and Reasi, DrJitendra Singh cited figures to state that despite COVID-19, the procurement of Wheat was 15 percent higher than the last year and about 390 lakh tonnes of wheat was procured throughout the country. He said, despite lockdown measures in place, the Centre has ensured procurement from the doorsteps of farmers.

For details :

DEPwD, M/oSJ&E in Association with University of Melbourne, Australia to Organize International Conference on ‘Mental Health – Looking Beyond COVID 19’ Tomorrow

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with University of Melbourne, Australia is organizing an International Conference on ‘Mental Health – Looking beyond COVID 19’ tomorrow (8<sup>th</sup> October, 2020) through video conferencing. The Conference will be inaugurated by Dr.ThaaawarchandGehlot, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and co-chaired by Prof. Craig Jeffrey, Director, Australia-India Institute. The Australian High Commissioner at New Delhi will also participate in the Conference.

For details :

Securing Fiscal Sustainability:Options for Navigating COVID-19 Crisis

Shri N.K. Singh, Chairman of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission’s addressed the commonwealth Finance Minister’s Meeting 2020. He said “The fiscal architecture of any economy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century inevitably rests on three pillars: the pillar of fiscal rules, the pillar of financial management process and the pillar of fiscal institutions. In a certain sense, we will soon enter the third phase of fiscal rules and policies. The first phase covered these rules by stipulating norms relating to fiscal deficit targets consistent with macroeconomic stability. The original fiscal responsibilities and management legislations in most countries concentrated on rules pertaining to fiscal deficits. In the second phase, we recognized that fiscal management must be guided by principles of equity, efficiency and transparency. These rules must be applied to all levels of government including subnational levels and budgetary institutions as well as management practices. The question of raising the quality and efficiency of public spending remains a continuing challenge. Equally, the availability of credible data across levels of government remains elusive. The classic questions of raising the quality and efficiency of public spending is a continuing challenge. The strain on public finances during theCOVID-19 crisis especially highlights the importance of reprioritizing expenditure. How quickly can expenditures be reprioritized for financing health, skill inculcation and infrastructure, accentuates the importance of ensuring public financial management policies. These policies encompass processes and systems.”

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### DrJitendra Singh lauds the role of N-E States for better Corona Management

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, DrJitendra Singh has lauded the North Eastern States for better COVID management, which has earned the respective State governments as well as the civil society the appreciation from all quarters. The countrywide surveys conducted by impartial agencies have also testified this, he said. The DoNER Minister made these observations when the Health Minister of Meghalaya A L Hek called on him to discuss the various COVID related issues.

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### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Kerala: The Cabinet meeting held today has decided to form a Farmers' Welfare Board in the State. It also entrusted cooperative societies to procure paddy. Meanwhile State Electricity Minister M.M. Mani was tested positive for Covid-19 today. He is the fourth Minister in the state to test positive for the virus. The popular destination Munnar in Idukki district has banned the entry of tourist following an increase in the number of Covid cases in the area. A total of 7,871 new active Covid-19 cases were confirmed in the state yesterday. Presently there are 87,738 patients undergoing treatment and 2.33 lakh people are under observation in the State. The Covid death toll is 884.
- Tamil Nadu: No reopening of schools for now, student health is our priority, says TN Education Minister. Tamil Nadu makes e-pass mandatory to enter Valparai hill town from outside Coimbatore district; the state government has been restricting visitors to hill stations in the State with e-passes continuing to be mandatory for travel to The Nilgiris. AIADMK MLA from Chidambaram assembly constituency, K.A. Pandian, tested positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday; he was admitted to a private hospital in Chennai. With 5,017 fresh infections, Tamil Nadu sees marginal dip in daily count yesterday; State reported 71 deaths; 5,548 persons discharged; 1,306 test positive in Chennai.
- Karnataka: High court seeks data on district wise beds and other medical facilities availability for Covid patients from the State government. State government reduces fine amount for not wearing mask; in cities it has been to Rs 250 from earlier Rs 1000 and in rural areas reduced to Rs100 from earlier Rs500. Government makes Covid19 test must for tourists in Kodagu. Schools and Pre-University colleges in the State to remain closed this month. Bangalore urban witnessed highest single day spike of 5012 cases yesterday.
- Andhra Pradesh: APSRTC cargo services revenue has been increasing steadily much to the relief of the cash-strapped State-run road transport corporation. Tirupati region netted an income of Rs 58.58 lakh through its cargo services in September against just Rs 1.67 lakh in April during lockdown, revealing phenomenal increase in revenue through cargo services. The state has registered 5795 new Covid cases, increasing the state's tally to 7.29 lakh, even as 6046 more recoveries outnumbered new cases yesterday. 33 more patients succumbed to the virus with the state-wide toll going up to 6052. However, recoveries outnumbered infections and total recoveries stood at 6.72 lakh. Corona cases continue to rise in Prakasam district. Another 452 cases have been reported recently, bringing the total number of positive cases across the district to 52,742.
- Telangana: 2154 new cases, 2239 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2154 cases, 303 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,04,748; Active cases: 26,551; Deaths: 1189;



Discharges:1,77,008. In a significant decision aimed at helping farmers not having favourable market conditions, Telangana government has decided to purchase entire paddy and cotton cultivated in the 'vaanakalam' (rainy season).

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, directed that Health Administration should focus on economically weaker sections, so that there is no outbreak of corona in those areas, which are generally congested and crowded. He also directed the doctors' Committees to review the situation on daily basis and recommend remedial measures accordingly.
- Haryana: In view of the upcoming festive season, Haryana Chief Secretary has directed the officers concerned to ensure successful implementation of the 'COVID Appropriate Behaviour' campaign in order to spread awareness among masses for the containment of COVID-19 infection. The Chief Secretary said that Sarpanch, Panch, Village Secretary, ASHA workers, and Anganwadi workers can play an important role in spreading awareness among the people living in rural areas, therefore active participation of all of them should be ensured.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra Industries Minister Subhash Desai has assured business fraternity in the state that the supply of industrial oxygen will soon be normalized. This comes a month after the state government ordered that 80 percent of the oxygen produced in the state be allocated for the treatment of COVID patients. 132 police personnel tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours & 4 died, taking total positive cases to 24,386 in the force. The total no. of active cases in the state stands at 2.47 lakh and total no. of deaths is 38,717.
- Gujarat: The recovery rate in Gujarat has reached 86.16 percent, with no. of active cases being 16,597. The death toll in last day was 10.
- Rajasthan: A total of 2,121 new cases were reported on Tuesday, out of which maximum were from Jaipur district (469 cases), followed by Jodhpur (292 cases) and then Alwar (196 cases). 15 deaths have been reported in the last day, while no. of active cases is now 21,294.
- Madhya Pradesh: The recovery rate has further improved and reached up to more than 83 per cent in Madhya Pradesh. In a district-wise review of Corona infection, the highest 425 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Indore district followed by 299 cases in Bhopal, 141 in Jabalpur and 70 in Gwalior. The no. of active cases is now 18,141.
- Chhattisgarh: An awareness campaign has been initiated in several districts to break the chain of corona infection, by encouraging people to take necessary precautions to prevent corona infection. Public Address System, door-to-door campaigns and social media are being used, messages are being sent in both Hindi and the local dialect Chhattisgarhi. People are being encouraged to fill an online form taking oath that they will use masks. The no. of active cases in the state is now 27,238.
- Goa: In addition to treatment of patients, drug therapy, nutrition, etc., patients also require assistance in numerous things. For catering to it, Patient Handling Services has commenced at ESI Hospital, thereby making Goa the first state to start a service for safe patient handling. The no. of active cases in the state is now 4,720.
- Assam: In Assam, 1184 more people tested positive for COVID-19 cases and 1586 patient discharged yesterday. Total cases 188902, active 33047 and 778 death.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, 115 COVID-19 patient discharged today. Total active cases 2371 and total recovered 4606.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, 20 more people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. Total cases 2148 and active 261

- Nagaland: In Nagaland, total of 6662 COVID-19 confirmed cases, armed forces account for 3141, traced contacts 1634, returnees 1530 & frontline workers 357.

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- Active caseload only 13.75% of Total Positive Cases
- 74% of the New Recovered Cases concentrated in 10 States/UTs
- New Recoveries exceed the new Confirmed Cases in 25 States/UTs
- 75,787 have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases were 61,267
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan releases National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19
- Shri Prakash Javadekar releases SOP for film exhibition

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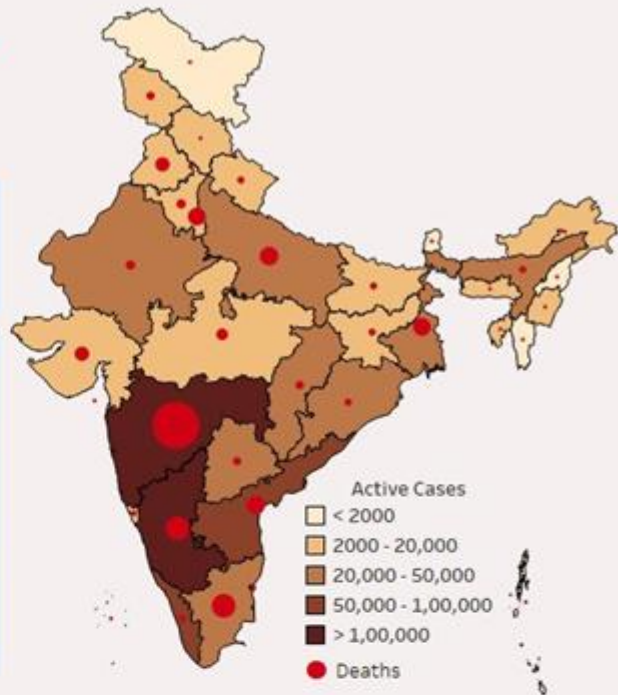
As on 6 October 2020, till 8AM

**Total Cases** 66,85,082 (▲61,267)

**Recovered** 56,62,490 (84.7%) ▲75,787

**Active** 9,19,023 (13.7%) ▼15,404

**Deaths** 1,03,569 (1.5%) ▲884



## States' Cases (Highest)

## Recovered (%)

## Active (%)

## Deaths (%)

Maharashtra	14,53,653 (▲10,244)	11,62,585 (80%)	2,52,721 (17%)	38,347 (2.6%)
Andhra Pradesh	7,23,512 (▲4,256)	6,66,433 (92%)	51,060 (7%)	6,019 (0.8%)
Karnataka	6,47,712 (▲7,051)	5,22,846 (81%)	1,15,496 (18%)	9,370 (1.4%)
Tamil Nadu	6,25,391 (▲5,395)	5,69,664 (91%)	45,881 (7%)	9,846 (1.6%)
Uttar Pradesh	4,17,437 (▲2,971)	3,66,321 (88%)	45,024 (11%)	6,092 (1.5%)
Delhi	2,92,560 (▲1,947)	2,63,938 (90%)	23,080 (8%)	5,542 (1.9%)
West Bengal	2,73,679 (▲3,348)	2,40,707 (88%)	27,717 (10%)	5,255 (1.9%)
Odisha	2,35,330 (▲2,617)	2,06,400 (88%)	28,006 (12%)	924 (0.4%)
Kerala	2,34,928 (▲5,042)	1,49,111 (63%)	84,958 (36%)	859 (0.4%)
Telangana	2,02,594 (▲1,983)	1,74,769 (86%)	26,644 (13%)	1,181 (0.6%)
Bihar	1,89,442 (▲1,274)	1,76,995 (93%)	11,523 (6%)	924 (0.5%)
Assam	1,87,718 (▲1,518)	1,53,491 (82%)	33,467 (18%)	760 (0.4%)
Rajasthan	1,46,195 (▲2,165)	1,23,421 (84%)	21,215 (15%)	1,559 (1.1%)
Gujarat	1,43,865 (▲1,327)	1,23,638 (86%)	16,718 (12%)	3,509 (2.4%)
Madhya Pradesh	1,37,098 (▲1,460)	1,15,878 (85%)	18,757 (14%)	2,463 (1.8%)
Haryana	1,34,909 (▲1,031)	1,21,596 (90%)	11,822 (9%)	1,491 (1.1%)
Chhattisgarh	1,26,005 (▲2,681)	97,067 (77%)	27,857 (22%)	1,081 (0.9%)
Punjab	1,19,184 (▲1,027)	1,02,648 (86%)	12,895 (11%)	3,641 (3.1%)
Jharkhand	88,026 (▲816)	76,843 (87%)	10,436 (12%)	747 (0.8%)
Jammu & Kash..	79,738 (▲632)	63,790 (80%)	14,696 (18%)	1,252 (1.6%)

\* ▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

\* 'Recovered' and 'Active' bar plots (for states) are to scale; the 'Deaths' plot is NOT to scale

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India on a steady trajectory of dipping %Active Cases, Active caseload only 13.75% of Total Positive Cases, 74% of the New Recovered Cases concentrated in 10 States/UTs, New Recoveries exceed the new Confirmed Cases in 25 States/UTs

India continues to report a trend of steadily declining active cases as a percentage of the total positive cases. Presently the active cases comprise merely **13.75%** of the total positive cases of the country standing at **9,19,023**. The declining trend of the percentage active cases is commensurately supported by rising percentage of recovered cases. The total recovered cases stand at **56,62,490**. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases has crossed **47 lakh (47,43,467)**. With increasing number of recoveries, this gap is continuously widening. Higher number of recoveries has aided the national Recovery Rate to further improve to **84.70%**. **75,787** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at **61,267**. The new recoveries have exceeded the new confirmed cases in 25 States/UTs. **74%** of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs viz. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Delhi, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. Maharashtra alone has contributed the maximum with nearly 13,000 single day recovery. **61,267** new confirmed cases were recorded in last 24 hours. **75% of the new cases** are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra continues to be the State reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 10,000 cases followed by Karnataka with more than 7,000 cases. **884** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 hours. Of these, **nearly 80%** are concentrated in ten State/UTs of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh. More than **29%** of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra (263 deaths).

For details:

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan releases National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare today released National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for management of COVID-19 in the virtual presence of Sh. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge). Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and Dr. V. K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog also joined virtually. An Interdisciplinary Committee for integration of Ayurveda and Yoga Interventions in the 'National Clinical Management Protocol: COVID-19', chaired by Dr V M Katoch, former Director General ICMR and a group of experts with domain knowledge had formulated the report and submitted recommendations based on acceptable experimental and clinical data. Hailing the achievement on the part of Ministry of AYUSH that the advisories for boosting the immunity of the people have become highly popular, Dr. Harsh Vardhan noted, "Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji has emphasized following AYUSH advisories for management of COVID-19 crisis. This protocol dealing with preventive and prophylactic measures is a significant step in not only in management of COVID but also in making traditional knowledge relevant to solving problems of the modern time". He expressed satisfaction with the inclusion of easily available and common Ayurvedic herbs and formulations like Guduchi, Ashwagandha, AYUSH-64 in treating mild and asymptomatic COVID cases.

For details:

**Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs 5th Special Session of the WHO Executive Board**

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare presided over the fifth special session of Bureau of the Executive Board as Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO), virtually yesterday. Observer participants and senior officials of WHO Headquarters were also

present. The agenda of the meet included focus on the measures necessary to ensure the full and effective implementation of the terms of resolution WHA 73.1 on COVID-19 response. The resolution WHA 73.1 titled "COVID-19 response" was co-sponsored by more than 130 countries and calls for the intensification of efforts to control the pandemic and for equitable access to and fair distribution of all essential health technologies and products to combat the virus. Recollecting the global crisis the pandemic has unleashed, he said: "Today there are compelling circumstances that have forced us all to meet virtually. Governments, industry and philanthropy must pool resources to pay for the risk, the research, manufacturing and distribution, but with the condition that the rewards should be available to everyone, regardless of where they have been developed. Dr Harsh Vardhan urged WHO members to work with the global community of partners for the efficient, effective and responsive discharge of public health obligations.

For details:

#### DBT-THSTI recognized as a Global Bioassay Laboratory to assess COVID 19 Vaccine by CEPI

Translational Health Science And Technology Institute (THSTI), an autonomous institute of the Department of Biotechnology, has now been recognized by Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness for Innovation (CEPI) as one of the Global network of Laboratories for centralized assessment of COVID 19 Vaccines. The CEPI network will initially involve six labs, one each in Canada, Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Bangladesh and India. Under the CEPI Global network the Laboratory will use the same reagents and follow a common set of protocols to measure the immune response of multiple vaccine candidates under development and trial. This will greatly harmonize the Vaccine trial process and allow different vaccine candidates to be compared and speed up the selection of the most effective candidate.

For details:

#### Prime Minister inaugurates RAISE 2020 - a Mega Virtual Summit on Artificial Intelligence

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated RAISE 2020, a Mega Virtual Summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI) yesterday. RAISE 2020 is a global meeting of minds to exchange ideas and chart a course for using AI for social transformation, inclusion and empowerment in areas like Healthcare, Agriculture, Education and Smart Mobility, among other sectors. The Prime Minister praised the organizers for encouraging discussion on Artificial Intelligence. He said Technology has transformed our workplaces and has improved connectivity. He hoped the merger between social responsibility and AI would enrich AI with human touch. He said the teamwork of AI with humans can do wonders for our planet. He pointed that India has led the world in knowledge & learning and will continue to digitally excel and delight the world. Shri Modi said India has experienced how technology helps in improving transparency and service delivery. The Prime Minister stressed how the world's largest unique identity system - Aadhaar along with the world's most innovative digital payments system - UPI has enabled providing access to digital services, including financial services, like Direct Cash Transfers to the poor and marginalised. During the pandemic, it has enabled in reaching out to people with help, at the earliest and in the most efficient manner. The Prime Minister wished India to become a global hub for Artificial Intelligence and hoped many more Indians would start working on this in the times to come. He said the approach towards this goal is powered by core principles of: Teamwork, Trust, Collaboration, Responsibility and Inclusivity.



For details:

Text of PM's address at the inauguration of 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020' Summit

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke with H.E. Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel yesterday. Prime Minister Modi conveyed warm greetings on the Jewish New Year and the Jewish festival of Sukkot to Prime Minister Netanyahu and the people of Israel. The leaders positively assessed the progress in bilateral cooperation in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, especially in the fields of research, field trials of diagnostic tools and vaccine development. They agreed on the importance of close cooperation in these important areas not only for the benefit of the people of the two countries but also for the greater good of humanity. They also reviewed ongoing cooperation in the areas of water and agriculture, health, trade, and start-up and innovation, and discussed further deepening of these ties.

For details:

Shri Prakash Javadekar releases SOP for film exhibition; Cinema halls allowed to open with 50% seating

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar released the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for film exhibition today. The SOP on preventive measures for Exhibition of Films has been prepared in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Releasing the SOP, the Minister said that as per decision of Ministry of Home Affairs, cinema halls will reopen from 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and to that end Ministry of I&B has prepared this SOP. The highlights of the guiding principles include the general principles which have been given by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare including thermal screening of all visitors/ staffs, adequate physical distancing, use of face covers/ masks, frequent hand washing, provision of hand sanitizers etc. and respiratory etiquettes specifically with regard to the exhibition of films. The Ministry has formulated the general SOPs taking into consideration international practices notified in the sector including physical distancing, entry and exit with designated queue markers, sanitization, safety of staff, contact minimization. The seating arrangements shall be restricted to 50 percent of the seating capacity. Multiplex show timings shall be staggered, so as to not have overlap of show timings. Temperature setting shall be in the range of 24°-30°c. The Guiding principle and SOP may be used by all States and other stake holders and State Governments while resuming Exhibition of Films.

For details:

Recommendations of the 42nd GST Council Meeting

The 42nd GST Council met under the Chairmanship of Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman through video conferencing yesterday. The meeting was also attended by Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Thakur besides Finance Ministers of States & UTs and senior officers of the Ministry of Finance & States/ UTs. The recommendations made by the GST Council include: Levy of Compensation Cess to be extended beyond the transition period of five years i.e. beyond June, 2022, for such period as may be required to meet the revenue gap. Further details to be worked out, Centre has decided yesterday to release compensation of ₹ 20,000 crore



to States towards loss of revenue during 2020-21 and an amount of about ₹ 25,000 crore towards IGST of 2017-18 by next week, **Enhancement in features of return filing**. With a view to further **enhance Ease of Doing Business and improve the compliance experience**, the Council has approved the future roadmap for return filing under GST.

For details:

Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education issues SOP/Guidelines for reopening of schools

Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has issued SOP/Guidelines for reopening of schools yesterday. Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' announced regarding SOP/Guidelines of DoSEL for reopening of schools through his tweet. SOP/Guidelines of Department of School Education & Literacy for reopening of schools includes: As per para -1 of MHA order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30.09.2020 for reopening, States/UT Governments may take a decision in respect of reopening of schools and coaching institutions after 15.10.2020 in a graded manner in consultation with the respective schools/institutions management and based on local situation, Part I refers to the health and safety aspects for reopening schools. These are based on the prevailing instructions of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with regard to health and safety protocols, and maybe implemented by adopting/adapting in accordance with the local situation in all States/UTs. Part II refers to learning with physical/social distancing and the academic aspects related to the delivery of education, such as, curriculum transactions, instructional load, timetables, assessment, etc. These are advisory in nature. States & UTs may use these in the manner deemed fit to prepare their own guidelines.

For details:

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- **Maharashtra:** Even as the industry has welcomed reopening of restaurants, eateries and bars in Maharashtra since October 5th, there has been a lukewarm response. Only 25-30% of 14,000 odd restaurants in Mumbai opened their shutters citing lack of demand, difficulty in staff transportation and accommodation etc. As against the State guideline of permitting restaurants to open with 50% capacity, the BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation has fixed the capacity at 33% for the month of August. On Monday, the state reported 10,244 new cases and 12,982 recoveries.
- **Gujarat:** The Covid tally in Gujarat rose to 1.44 lakh with the addition of 1,327 new cases on Monday, while 1,405 patients were discharged following recovery. Surat reported 276 new cases, the highest for a district in Gujarat, followed by Ahmedabad (187). The state has achieved a recovery rate of 85.94 per cent.
- **Rajasthan:** Congress legislator from Rajasthan's Sahara constituency in Bhilwara, Kailash Trivedi, died of post-Covid-19 complications at a private hospital in Gurugram on Tuesday morning. The Rajasthan government had moved him to the hospital five days ago by an air ambulance. He was 65. Total of 1,559 people have succumbed to Corona virus infection in the state till date, while 21,215 are under treatment.
- **Chhattisgarh:** With 2,681 new COVID-19 cases and 36 more deaths, Chhattisgarh's total count rose to 1,26,005 and the toll to 1,081 on Monday. Raipur district, which is hardest hit by the pandemic and placed at the top of the list of coronavirus cases in the state, reported 270 new cases, taking its total count to 35,467. The district has witnessed 455 deaths so far.

- **Goa:** In Goa, the distribution of Covid-19 kits for asymptomatic patients opting for home isolation will begin from today. Three weeks ago, health minister Vishwajit Rane had announced that the kits would be given within a week through the primary health centres. The kits will contain disposal masks, a N-95 mask, pulse oximeter, digital thermometer, and medicines, including vitamins.
- **Kerala:** Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that the lapses in exercising caution resulted in Covid transmission in the state. If number of patients increase, death rate also will go up and all have to work carefully to avoid this. Criticizing the statement of IMA that the state health department has been infested with worms, Chief Minister said those who claim to be experts should not try to create misunderstanding in the state. The expert panel appointed by the government has submitted the guidelines to be followed by devotees while visiting Sabarimala during the Covid pandemic. 5,042 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in Kerala yesterday. There are 84,873 patients undergoing treatment and 2.58 lakh people under observation in various districts. The Covid death toll has reached 859.
- **Tamil Nadu:** Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and three of his Cabinet colleagues called on Governor Banwarilal Purohit at the Raj Bhavan on Monday to discuss the Covid-19 situation, the Bill providing horizontal reservation for NEET-qualified government school students in medical admission and the bifurcation of Anna University. Teachers who have been taking online classes for X, XI and XII students have urged the school education department to immediately release the reduced syllabus; they said the timely declaration of the revised syllabus would help students to prepare for examinations in advance.
- **Karnataka:** In view of rising Covid cases Chief Minister has called a meeting of Ministers, Members of Parliament tomorrow; CM has also called a meeting of the district commissioners and SP's on Thursday. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhar requested health department to give suggestions on re-opening of schools after Oct 15. State government on Monday issued order prohibiting health workers engaged in Covid-19 duty on going to strike. Highcourt asked BBMP on providing public toilets in Bangalore.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** Visakhapatnam King George Hospital (KGH) has embarked on a historic journey of the trial for coronavirus vaccine, Covishield. Two volunteers were administered the Covishield vaccine on the first day, under strict guidelines issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and as per the protocols laid down by the Oxford University, Serum India Limited and the ICMR. People with co-morbidities and those who have tested positive for Covid, are not eligible for vaccine trials. After more than two-and-half months, the daily Covid-19 count was less than 5,000 cases in the State on Monday. The last time the State recorded less than 5,000 cases was on July 21, when 4,944 of the total 37,000 samples, tested positive. However, the Covid toll crossed the 6,000-mark with 38 more fatalities in the State.
- **Telangana:** 1983 new cases, 2381 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1983 cases, 292 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,02,594; Active cases: 26,644; Deaths: 1181; Discharges :1,74, 769. The State Election Commission on Monday announced that polls to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the remaining urban local bodies in the state would be conducted with ballot papers. State election commissioner C ParthaSarathi said a decision was taken after considering the Covid-19 pandemic, detailed deliberation, available time and opinions expressed by the political parties.
- **Arunachal:** 235 new positive cases of COVID-19 detected yesterday. Total active cases reached around 3000 in the state. One more patient lost his life yesterday and total death toll touches to 19.
- **Manipur:** 250 new Covid19 positive cases reported in the state. One more person succumbed to the disease taking the toll to 75. Recovery rate in the state is 77 percent.

- Meghalaya: Total Active COVID-19 Cases in the state reached to 2217. Out of them 123 are from BSF and Armed forces. So far 4491 persons have been recovered.
- Mizoram: Eight new Covid-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases reached to 2128 in the state. Out of them 291 cases are active.
- Nagaland: Of Nagaland's 42 fresh COVID-19 cases detected on Monday, 30 were from Dimapur, 8 from Mon and 4 from Kohima.

### FACT CHECK

**PIB Fact Check** @PIBFactCheck

Claim: It is claimed in a #WhatsApp message that government is providing free internet to all the students so that they can give online exams and complete their education amid #COVID19 pandemic.

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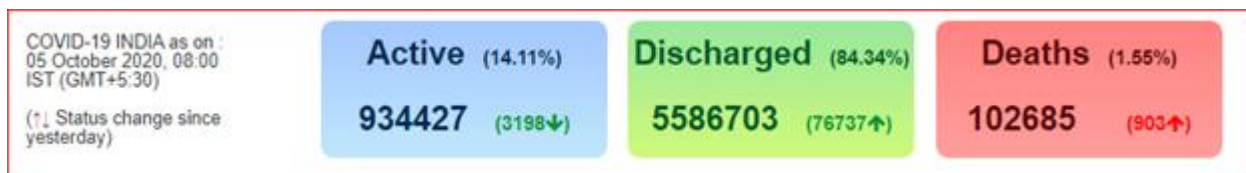
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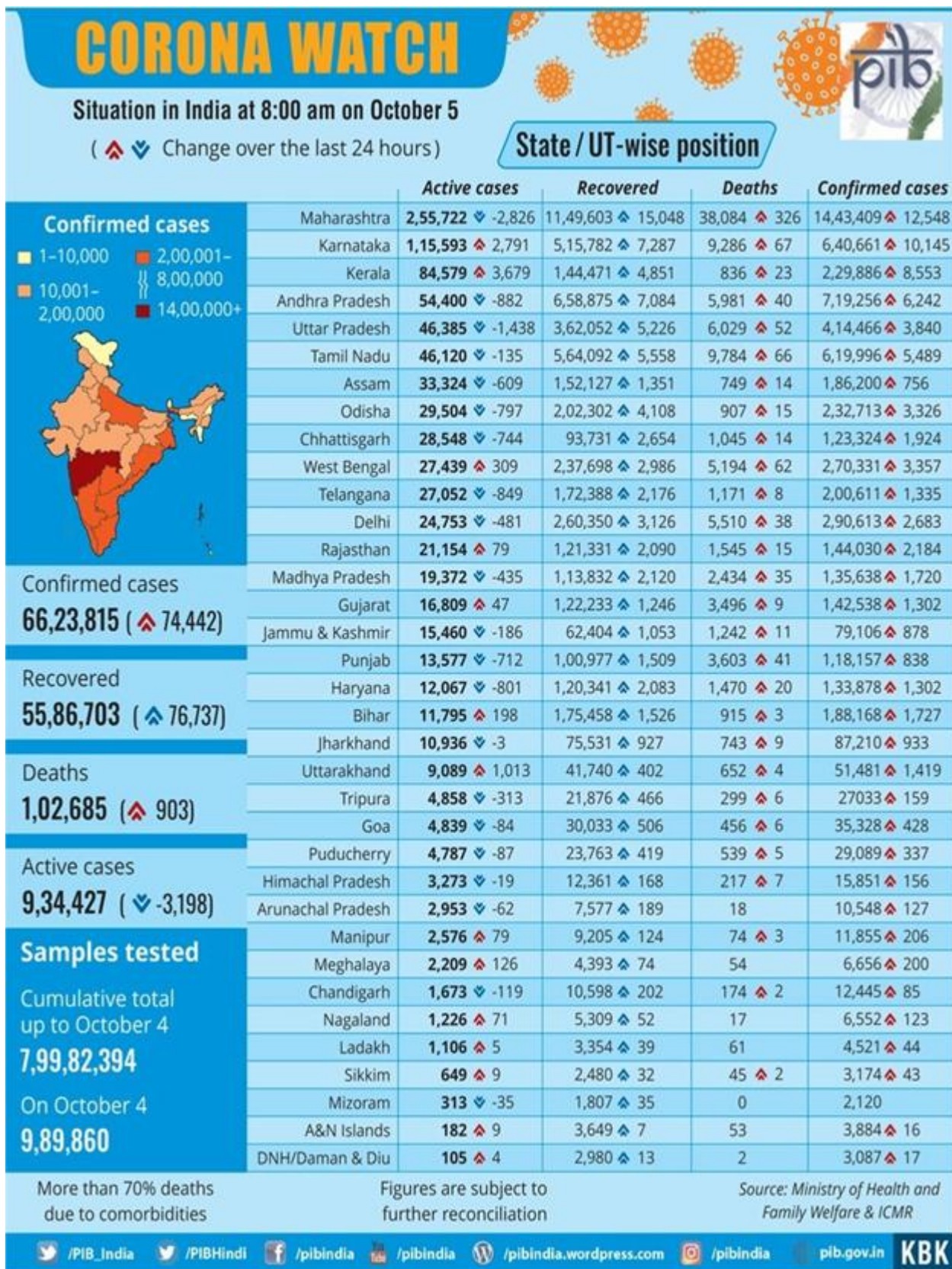
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- Active Cases continue to be less than 10 lakh for Two Unbroken Weeks
- 76,737 recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 74,442
- National recovery rate is currently at 84.34%
- Active cases in India are 9,34,427
- Health Ministry is currently preparing a format in which States will submit lists of priority population groups to receive vaccine
- Ayush Grid, the emerging IT-backbone for AYUSH Sector, to integrate operationally with the National Digital Health Mission





India crosses a Significant Milestone, Active Cases continue to be less than 10 lakh for Two Unbroken Weeks

India has crossed a landmark milestone. The active cases have been maintained below the 10 lakh mark for 14 days unabated. For two straight weeks today, the active cases are less than 1 million (10 lakhs). **76,737** recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country whereas the new confirmed cases stand at **74,442**. The new recoveries have exceeded the new cases in the recent days. India's total recoveries stands at **55,86,703** today. The higher number of single day recoveries has resulted in sustained increase in the national recovery rate, currently pegged at **84.34%**. **75%** of new recovered cases are recorded in 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra alone has contributed more than 15,000 to the new recovered cases followed by Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh with more than 7,000 cases each. The active cases in India are **9,34,427**. As on date, the active cases contribute only **14.11%** to the positive caseload of the country. This is following a progressively downward trend. 10 States/UTs **account for 77%** of the active cases. A total of **74,442 new** confirmed cases have been reported in the last 24 hours in the country. **78%** of the new cases are concentrated in ten States/UT. Maharashtra has reported more than 12,000 of the new cases. Karnataka contributed more than 10,000. 903 deaths have been registered in the past 24 hours. **82%** of new fatalities are reported from 10 States and UTs. **36%** of deaths reported yesterday are from Maharashtra with 326 deaths followed by Karnataka with 67 deaths.

For details:

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan digitally inaugurates Super Speciality Block of MotilalNehru Medical College, Prayagraj as a dedicated COVID Hospital**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare along with Sh. Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh digitally inaugurated the Super Specialty Block (SSB) at Motilal Nehru Medical College, Prayagraj. The 220-bedded facility has been dedicated as a COVID Hospital to the nation. The Union Health Minister also digitally inaugurated first high throughput COBAS 6800 machine in Uttar Pradesh, installed by ICMR to pursue its regionally balanced COVID Testing strategy. The Super Specialty Block is built with an investment of Rs 150 crores under the Pradhan Mantri SwasthyaSurakshaYojana. It has departments of Neurology, Neurosurgery, Nephrology, Urology, Plastic surgery, Endocrinology, Surgical Oncology, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery.. Launching the COBAS 6800 high throughput machine, Dr Harsh Vardhan stated "The COBAS 6800, a fully automated, high end machine for performing real time PCR testing for COVID-19 will provide quality, high-volume testing with a high throughput of around 1200 samples in 24 hours. COBAS 6800 can also detect other pathogens like Viral Hepatitis B & C, HIV, MTb (both Rifampicin and Isoniazide resistance), Papilloma, Cytomegalovirus, Chlamydia, Neisserreia etc." It can be operated remotely with limited human intervention, he added.

For details:

**Dr Harsh Vardhan interacts with social media users during Sunday Samvaad-4**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare responded to questions posed by his social media interactors on the fourth episode of *Sunday Samvaad*. He explained related topics like the use of Plasma Therapy in COVID, the eradication of TB by 2025 in light of the COVID pandemic and the opening up of India's schools. On the questions of prioritising the distribution of vaccines, Dr. Harsh Vardhan answered that the Health Ministry is currently preparing a format in which States will submit lists of priority population groups to receive vaccine, especially health



workers engaged in the management of COVID19. The list of frontline health workers will include both government as well as private sector doctors, nurses, paramedics, sanitary staff, ASHA workers, surveillance officers and many other occupational categories who are involved in tracing, testing and treatment of patients. This exercise is targeted to be completed by the end of this October and the States are being closely guided to also submit details about cold chain facilities and other related infrastructure which will be required down to the block level. He further informed that the Government is also keeping an eye on immunity data with regard to COVID-19 disease while finalizing these plans. Stating that adverse events developing after vaccination are common, Dr Harsh Vardhan said that adverse events after vaccination include local reactions such as pain at the injection site, mild fever and redness, anxiety-related such as palpitations, syncope or fainting and that these events are transient, self-limiting and do not affect the protective response of the vaccine. In a related question, he detailed on the ethical concerns of *Human Challenge Experiments*, “India is not planning to venture into such trials until the method is proven to have an established benefit as per global experience.”

For details:

Ayush Grid, the emerging IT-backbone for AYUSH Sector, to integrate operationally with the National Digital Health Mission

The operational integration of Ayush Grid, the emerging IT backbone for AYUSH Sector with the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM), was endorsed at a high level meeting chaired by Vd. Rajesh Kotech Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH recently. The Ayush Grid team and the NDHM have already held several rounds of discussions in the matter and reached understanding on the modalities involved. This integration will be immensely beneficial to the public for availing varied options for their health needs. The integration will also accelerate the mainstreaming of Ayush disciplines of healthcare. Secretary (AYUSH) also reviewed the current status of IT initiatives undertaken under the Ayush Grid project. It was observed that in the last two years Ayush Grid project succeeded in bridging the digital gap in the Ayush Sector and also in implementing various critical healthcare IT projects. Digitalization of the entire Ayush Sector will lead to its transformation in fields of health care delivery at all levels, including research, education, various health programmes and drug regulations. This will be beneficial for all stakeholders of Ayush including citizens of the country and in turn will help to achieve various national and global goals in healthcare.

For details:

IIT Kharagpur Rolls Out Telemedicine for Corona Care from Home

With the passage of time and vaccines still not available, the pressure on the healthcare system is only expected to go up while the healthcare workers continue to remain vulnerable to the infection. To address this issue, the researchers at IIT Kharagpur's Department of Computer Science & Engineering have developed a telemedicine system, **iMediX**. The system integrates homecare with healthcare services from the hospital. Considering the emergent needs due to the pandemic, the system facilitates critical health care support to the patients at their doorsteps through remote consultation by a physician. The system is accessible by any standard internet browser and also from a mobile device. In this system, a patient signs up to get an account by providing his/her Email ID or Mobile number. The hospital administration processes the request and assigns a doctor. The doctor



after logging in sets an appointment date and time for the patient and the system communicates the information to the patient by Email and SMS. On the day of visit, the doctor consults the patient using video conferencing and advises the patient by writing a prescription, which is sent by Email to the patient. The patient can also download the prescription from his or her account.

For details:

### **Scientific Data sharing given highest attention by our government: Prof. Ashutosh Sharma**

Secretary Department of Science and Technology Prof. Ashutosh Sharma underlined the increasing attention given by India to sharing of scientific data as was evident from India's National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (INDSAP) and an open government data portal, at the Science & Technology Ministerial Roundtable, organized in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Science Technology and Society (STS) Forum. The online Science & Technology Ministerial Roundtable organised on 3rd October 2020 saw the participation of S&T heads from about 50 countries around the world and explored the opportunities arising from international collaborations in science and technology to address the challenges posed by COVID 19. Prof. Sharma, represented India at the Ministers' Roundtable, highlighted India's major initiatives in S&T collaboration, social sciences & open science. He said that vaccines for coronavirus are in advanced phases of trial, and India has the capacity to supply the vaccine to a major part of humanity. The forum community highlighted critical role of S&T in fighting the current pandemic situation and agreed that strong international collaboration in the field of science & technology, cutting edge science, and open science were the most important tools to solve the current crisis and prepare for the upcoming crisis of the future.

For details:

### **Prime Minister dedicates to the Nation the Atal Tunnel**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the World's longest Highway tunnel – Atal Tunnel at its south portal in Manali, on Saturday. The 9.02 Km long tunnel connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley throughout the year. Earlier the valley was cut off for about 6 months each year owing to heavy snowfall. The Tunnel is built with ultra-modern specifications in the PirPanjal range of Himalayas at an altitude of 3000 Mtrs (10,000 Feet) from the Mean Sea Level (MSL). The tunnel reduces the road distance by 46 Kms between Manali and Leh and the time by about 4 to 5 hours. Prime Minister Shri Modi travelled in the tunnel from the South Portal to the North Portal and also visited the emergency egress tunnel that was built into the main tunnel itself. He also witnessed a pictorial exhibition on “The Making of Atal Tunnel” on the occasion. In his address, the Prime Minister termed the day as historic as it only fructifies the vision of the former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee but also the decades old wish and dream of crores of people from the region. He said Atal Tunnel is going to be a lifeline for a large part of Himachal Pradesh as well as the new Union Territory of Leh-Ladakh and would reduce the distance between Manali and Keylong by 3-4 hours. He said farmers, horticulturalists and youth will now also have easy access to the capital of Delhi and other markets.

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Text of PM's address at the inauguration of Atal Tunnel in Rohtang, Himachal Pradesh

For details:

**PM addresses international webinar on textile traditions organized by ICCR**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed an international webinar on textile traditions organized by ICCR on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said in the textile sector one can see our history, diversity and immense opportunity. The Prime Minister said this Program is organized in the context of Gandhiji's 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations. Mahatma Gandhi saw a close link between the textile sector and social empowerment and converted the simple Charkha into a key symbol of India's independence movement. The Charkha wove us together as one nation. The Prime Minister said the Textiles sector is a key sector that will help in building an AatmaNirbhar Bharat or self-reliant India. He said the Government is particularly focusing on Skills upgradation, Financial assistance and Integrating the sector with latest technology. He said to assist our weavers in continuing to make world class products, we want to learn global best practices and also our best practices. The exchange of ideas and sharing of best practices in this webinar will create new avenues for collaboration. The Prime Minister said world over, the textile sector employs many women. Thus, a vibrant textile sector will add strength to efforts of women empowerment.

For details:

Text of PM's message on Indian Textile Traditions at webinar organised by ICCR and UPID

For details:

**Prime Minister delivers inaugural address at VAIBHAV 2020 Summit**

“The need of the hour is to ensure more youngsters develop interest in Science. For that we must get well-versed with science of history and history of science”, said Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi on Friday while inaugurating the VaishvikBhartiyaVaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit, a global virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian Researchers and Academicians. “VAIBHAV Summit 2020 celebrates Science and Innovation from India and World. I would call it a true sangam or confluence of great minds, through this gathering we sit to form our long lasting association for empowering India and our planet”, he said. Shri Narendra Modi said, Government of India has taken numerous measures to boost scientific research and innovation as science is at the core of its efforts towards socio-economic change. Prime Minister referred to India's immense efforts towards development of vaccines and executing the vaccination programme. He said, the long break in vaccine production is broken. In 2014 four new vaccines were introduced into our immunization programme. Shri Narendra Modi referred to the National Education Policy 2020 which was brought in after three decades and after nation-wide detailed consultations and deliberations. The policy aims to boost curiosity towards science and gives much needed boost to Scientific Research. It provides open and broadbased environment to nurture young talent.

For details:

Text of PM's address at VaishvikBhartiyaVaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit 2020

For details:

Vice President calls for reviving the Gandhian ideals to address social, political, economic & environmental problems faced by the world

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu called for reviving the Gandhian ideals in a world that is increasingly raven with the social, political, economic as well as environmental problems on Friday. He said that the world today needs a healing touch and that is what Gandhian ideals can give us. The Vice President made these remarks while delivering the valedictory address through a pre-recorded video at the International Webinar on “Gandhi and the World” organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). Highlighting the timelessness and relevance of Gandhian values, the Vice President said that they acquire greater relevance in a world that is facing new challenges. Talking about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Shri Naidu said that when the world experienced a similar challenge in 1918 during the Spanish Flu, Gandhiji spoke about the need to understand the pain of all people, especially the poor and the underprivileged. Calling for empathy and not sympathy towards poor, the Vice President called for extending a helping hand to the needy and mitigate their hardship during these testing times. He also drew attention to Gandhi Ji’s advice to follow the norms that needed to be maintained to protect oneself from the global health challenge at that time.

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry inaugurates Phoolbagan Metro Station

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry inaugurated Phoolbagan Metro station of East-West Metro on 4th October, 2020. Shri Piyush Goyal also flagged off the first train from the newly inaugurated Phoolbagan station through video link. In his address, congratulating all for taking extra initiative to complete the work of Phoolbagan station in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic, Shri Goyal said that this extension of services from Salt Lake Stadium to Phoolbagan (a stretch of 1.665 kms) will be a great help for the commuters more so because of its proximity to Sealdah station. Terming this as a gift for Durga Puja, he also said that Metro provides the safest, cleanest and fastest transportation system in Kolkata.

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal addresses 74th annual session of Hindustan Chamber of Commerce

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways Shri Piyush Goyal virtually addressed 74th annual session of Hindustan Chamber of Commerce on Saturday. He said that the initiatives that the Chamber has been taking clearly show the goodwill they have been able to generate. Chambers have played a very important role in highlighting to the Government areas of concern, the problems on the ground & in coming up with the innovative solutions to solve the problems of business while also maintaining the sanctity of fight against the COVID. Shri Goyal said that we are all working together to re-frame & re-imagine our businesses, re-engineer the way Govt works & change policies, laws & procedures to make them contemporary. The Minister said that this has been a period where the true resilience of Indian businesses has been put to test. He said that we have not only become one of the largest manufacturers of PPEs, masks, ventilators & medicines across the world, but are also exporting them. Even during the strictest lockdown period, our exports did not stop, showing to the world that India is a reliable partner. The world now looks towards India as a trusted, reliable partner in the global supply chain.

For details:

Despite Covid-19 Fear, Khadi India's Flagship CP Outlet Records sale of Rs 1.02 crore on Gandhi Jayanti

The soaring spirit of Khadi lovers got better of the Covid-19 fear this Gandhi Jayanti with the Khadi sales figure crossing the Rs 1 crore mark at Delhi's flagship Khadi India outlet in Connaught Place. On Friday (October 2), the overall sales of Khadi was recorded at Rs 1,02,19,496, which is significantly high given the prevailing Corona pandemic situation.

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Union Minister DrJitendra Singh addresses the Global Conference on Integrative Healthcare and Communication at New Delhi

Addressing the Global Conference on Integrated Healthcare and Communication, in which experts from different countries participated on Saturday, Union Minister DrJitendra Singh said, COVID has shifted the medical fraternity's attention to integrated healthcare and now Physicians across the world are looking for optimum synergism among different streams of medical management. DrJitendra Singh said, during the COVID pandemic, several Allopathic Medical professionals who were hitherto skeptical about other systems of Medicine, started showing interest in immunity-building drugs and resistance boosters from Ayurveda and Homeopathy. If every adversity is accompanied with a virtue, he said, as far as medical fraternity is concerned, the pandemic had prompted all the different streams of medical practice to come together and find an optimum meeting point. DrJitendra Singh recalled that ever since NarendraModi took over as Prime Minister of India, he has brought to the centre stage the virtues of indigenous system of medical management.

For details:

SAI issues SOP for "Graduated Return to Play" (GRTP) for high-performance athletes who test positive for COVID-19

Keeping the health and fitness of every athlete in mind, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has issued guidelines (SOP) for high-performance athletes who are training at SAI centres and tested positive for COVID 19 virus. Under the new guidelines, termed "Graduated Return to Play" (GRTP), all SAI officials and centres have been asked to monitor the progression of athletes who have tested positive for COVID-19 virus and are undergoing training in SAI facilities. Under the new guidelines, all SAI officials have been given strict instructions and added responsibilities with regards to training athletes who test positive for COVID 19 virus. SAI is also identifying medical and paramedical experts to designate at each Centre to ensure clinical assessment of COVID-19 infection on the athletes and implementation of the guidelines stated within the SOP. Further, coaches have been instructed to plan a physical activity at 50% of normal intensity and volume for an otherwise healthy patient with a self-limiting course of COVID-19 who has been asymptomatic for 7 days.

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**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Kerala: Concerns grow as four districts record over 10,000 Covid-19 cases in 15 days in Kerala; Thiruvananthapuram, Malappuram, Kozhikode & Ernakulam witness consistent surge in daily tally. With the government showing no sign of conciliation in the suspension of staff-members of the Government Medical College Hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, the medical fraternity has decided to intensify their



protests. The State on Sunday recorded 4,851 recoveries, the highest single-day figures till date, even as Covid transmission remained unabated with 8,553 fresh cases being reported.

- **Tamil Nadu:** With the allegations cropping up over the recent death of ten Covid-19 patients at ESI Hospital in Coimbatore reportedly due to the shortage of oxygen supply, the hospital Dean, A Nirmala, cleared the air and said that the mortality occurred only due to virus severity. Government doctors in the State have revived their demand for a pay hike on par with that of Central government doctors. Over 50,000 candidates appeared for the civil services prelims exam in over 300 centres across the State on Sunday; the exam was originally scheduled for May 31, but was postponed due to the pandemic.
- **Karnataka:** With 4340 new Covid cases in Bangalore the number of positive cases crossed have 2.5 lakh mark in the city. Karnataka reported over 10,000 new Covid-19 cases yesterday third time in a week. The number of Covid-19 patients currently under treatment is at its highest in Karnataka with 1,15,574 Covid-19-positive persons in hospitals or home isolation. The erstwhile Mysuru royal family has decided to celebrate the ensuing Navaratri festivities at the palace without the participation or presence of family members, visitors and the media, in view of rapid surge in Covid-19 cases in Mysuru.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** AP releases Unlock 5.0 guidelines in line with the Central government's guidelines. Permits theatres to open from October 15, with 50 per cent seats and approves opening of entertainment parks, swimming pools for players to practice. Students will be allowed into the school with the permission of their parents and mostly give preference to online classes. Meanwhile, the coronavirus cases in Andhra Pradesh have seen a decline from the last couple of weeks. A paper published in the journal Science stated that 'Covid alert tracking system' set up by the State Disaster Management Authority helped the government as this highly developed system was capable of keeping a tab of 25,000 people at a time.
- **Telangana:** 1335 new cases, 2176 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 1335 cases, 291 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 2,00,611; Active cases: 27,052; Deaths: 1171; Discharges :1,72, 388. Hyderabad-based vaccines manufacturer Bharat Biotech has announced its novel Coronavirus vaccine Covaxin approved for human trials, will use adjuvant Alhydroxiqum-II to boost immune response and longer lasting immunity. The technology is being used under this licensing agreement with Kansas-based ViroVax.
- **Maharashtra:** In Maharashtra, more than 4 lakh restaurants, bars, and hotels have been permitted to reopen after over 6 months, with 50 per cent capacity. They are required to mandatorily follow all Covid related guidelines. Out of nearly 4 lakh bars and restaurants – about 14,000 in Mumbai alone, nearly 30-40% have decided to open, while others want to wait and watch for a week. Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope on Sunday said the COVID-19 recovery rate in the state has improved and the fatality rate dropped due to changing protocol in treatment. He said the state reported nearly 14,000 fresh cases on Saturday, while over 19,000 patients recovered from the disease.
- **Gujarat:** It was a day of several lowest scores for Gujarat in context of Covid-19 – after 187 days or more than six months, the daily death toll reached in single digit at nine. The daily tally of 1,302 cases was the lowest in 26 days. At 56,800 tests, it was the lowest daily testing for Covid-19 in the state in 49 days. On the other hand, the number of active cases in Gujarat reached all-time high at 16,836.
- **Rajasthan:** Jaipur city has reported over 400 cases daily for the past seven days in a row and is witnessing the worst Covid-19 outbreak. On Sunday, 421 people tested positive for the virus. Breaching 23,000 mark, the city's overall tally reached 23,179 cases. In the past seven days, the city has reported 2,965 cases, accounting for 13% of the total cases reported since first person was found infected in the city in March.

- **Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, the number of COVID-19 cases in the state climbed up to more than 1.35 lakhs after 1,720 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours. With 35 patients succumbing to the infection, the death toll rose to 2,434. There are now 19 thousand 372 active cases in Madhya Pradesh. Additional chief secretary health, Mohammed Suleman informed that the state government is aiming to test at least 30 thousand per day but Challenge is that people are not readily volunteering for testing and do not report to fever clinics for tests.
- **Chhattisgarh:** In Chhattisgarh, "Corona Intensive Community Survey Campaign" is going on. Under this campaign, a door-to-door survey is being conducted to identify patients with symptoms of corona infection in rural and urban areas of the state by October 12. The objective of this campaign is to identify Corona patients as soon as possible by conducting intensive community survey in urban and rural areas.
- **Assam:** In Assam, 1,351 patients were discharged yesterday. Total Discharged Patients are 1,52,124 & active patients are 33,324.
- **Manipur:** 206 new COVID-19 positive cases reported in Manipur. Three more persons succumb to the disease taking the toll to 74. Recovery rate in the state is 77 percent.
- **Meghalaya;** Meghalaya COVID-19 total active cases 2209, total BSF and Armed Forces 127, total others 2,082 & total recovered 4,393.
- **Mizoram:** No new case of Corona detected in Mizoram, total cases 2,120, active cases 313. Mizoram registered a recovery rate of more than 85 percent, which is higher than country or world's recovery rate, a health official said.
- **Nagaland:** Security forces continue to lead the COVID-19 table at 47% with 3,101 cases out of total 6,552 in Nagaland. Returnees & traced contacts comprise 24% each while frontline workers make up 5% of the total. Another 123 new cases detected in Nagaland. Total reaches 6,552, recoveries are 5,258 and active cases 1,221.
- **Sikkim:** Two more COVID deaths take Sikkim's toll to 45. Sikkim's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 reached 3,093 with 43 new cases of novel coronavirus reported in the last 24 hours. There are now 649 active cases in the State.

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- 85,376 recoveries registered in the last 24 hours in the country
- India's total recoveries stand at 52,73,201 today
- National recovery rate is currently at 83.53%
- Active cases in India are 9,40,705
- MHA issues new Guidelines for Re-opening, Strict enforcement of lockdown in Containment Zones till 31st October 2020
- About 30 crore mandays employment provided and more than Rs 27,000 crore spent so far in the pursuit of objectives of the GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan

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**Active** (14.90%)**940705** (264↑)**Discharged** (83.53%)**5273201** (85376↑)**Deaths** (1.56%)**98678** (1181↑)



India sustains trend of consistent low level of Active Cases, For the 10th successive day, Active Cases below 10 lakh mark, India's total Recoveries nearly 53 lakh, The last 10 lakh recoveries added in just 12 days



India has sustained its trend of maintaining the active cases below the 10 lakh mark. For the 10<sup>th</sup> successive day, the active cases are less than 1 million (10 lakhs). With a very high number of COVID patients recovering every single day, India's steady trend of posting high level of daily recoveries also continues. **85,376 recoveries** have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country. India's total recoveries stands at **52,73,201** today. Higher number of single day recoveries have resulted in continuous increase in the national recovery rate, which is currently pegged at **83.53%**. The rise in total recovered cases has been steep. The last 10 lakh recoveries were added in just 12 days. **77%** of the total recovered cases are recorded in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra has contributed the highest number to the total recovered cases followed by Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The active cases in India are **9,40,705**. India reported **9.4 lakh** active cases earlier on **11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**. **76%** of the active cases are in 10 States/UTs. As on date, the active cases contribute only **14.90%** to the positive caseload of the country. A total of **86,821 new** confirmed cases have been reported in the last 24 hours in the country. **76%** of the new cases are concentrated in ten states. Maharashtra contributed more than 18,000 to the new cases. Karnataka and Kerala, both contributed more than 8,000. 1,181 deaths have been registered in the past 24 hours. **82%** of new deaths are reported from 10 States and UTs. **40%** of deaths reported yesterday are from Maharashtra with 481 deaths followed by Karnataka with 87 deaths.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches Decade of Healthy Ageing (2020-2030) on International Day for Older Persons

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare restated commitment of the Government to healthy ageing today on the occasion of International Day for Older Persons. Every year, 1st October is celebrated as the International Day of Older Persons, as declared by United Nations, to recognize, enable and expand the contributions of older people in their families, communities and societies at large and to raise awareness towards issues of ageing. Dr. Harsh Vardhan spoke of the National Programme for the Health Care for the Elderly which is aimed to deliver comprehensive, affordable and quality geriatric care services at primary and secondary levels; "outpatient services from district hospital to health & wellness centres, minimum 10 bedded geriatric wards at all district hospitals, rehabilitation services down to CHC and HWC level and developing mechanisms for providing home based care to needy elderly." The Union Health Minister also stated that as 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 is the launch year of Decade of Healthy Ageing (2020-2030), many activities will be undertaken throughout the year, aimed at mainstreaming issues related to elderly and to deliberate upon ways to ensure better and effective delivery of services, making full use of convergence mechanisms. Dr. Harsh Vardhan also spoke on the emergence of COVID-19 as a public health challenge which has caused an upheaval across the country and the world. The UN theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2020 is "Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?". Considering the higher risks faced by elderly during the outbreak of pandemics such as COVID-19, Government has responded to address their concerns by recognising them as vulnerable population category for COVID efforts, issuing advisories, raising awareness of their special needs, encouraging State Governments to develop need-based models for delivery of medications and home-based care to the elderly.

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### MHA issues new Guidelines for Re-opening, Strict enforcement of lockdown in Containment Zones till 31st October 2020

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued new guidelines yesterday, for opening up of more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones. In these guidelines, which will come into effect from today, the process of re-opening of activities has been extended further. The new guidelines are based on feedback received from States and UTs, and extensive consultations held with related Central Ministries and Departments. **Activities permitted from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, in areas outside the Containment Zones include:** Cinemas/ theatres/ multiplexes will be permitted to open with upto 50% of their seating capacity, for which, SOP will be issued by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Business to Business (B2B) Exhibitions will be permitted to open, for which, SOP will be issued by the Department of Commerce, Swimming pools being used for training of sportspersons will be permitted to open, for which the SOPs will be issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Entertainment parks and similar places will be permitted to open, for which the SOP will be issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). For re-opening of schools and coaching institutions, State/ UT Governments have been given the flexibility to take a decision after 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, in a graded manner. The decision shall be taken in consultation with the respective school/ institution management, Social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions and other based on their assessment of the situation. Social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions and other congregations have already been permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons, outside Containment Zones only. Now State/ UT Governments have been given the flexibility to permit such gatherings beyond the limit of 100 persons, outside Containment Zones, after 15<sup>th</sup> October 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. National Directives for COVID-19 management shall continue to be followed throughout the country, with a view to ensure social distancing. The use of *AarogyaSetu* mobile application will continue to be encouraged.

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### GST taxpayers get relief in implementation of e-invoice

The Government had in December 2019 prescribed that the GST Taxpayers having aggregate annual turnover more than Rs. 100 crore in any preceding Financial Year will be required to issue e-invoice for all the Business to Business (B2B) supplies, w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. In March 2020, the date of implementation of e-invoice was extended to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Keeping in view the hardships faced by the taxpayers due to COVID-19 lockdown, in July 2020, it was further prescribed that the taxpayers having aggregate turnover of Rs. 500 crore and above only would be required to issue e-invoice w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. It has been reported that even after more than 9 months of the first notification in this regard, some of these taxpayers having aggregate turnover of Rs. 500 crore and above are still not ready. Accordingly, as a last chance, in the initial phase of implementation of e-invoice, **it has been decided that the invoices issued by such taxpayers during October 2020 without following the manner prescribed under rule 48(4), shall be deemed to be valid and the**

**penalty leviable under section 122 of the CGST Act, 2017**, for such non-adherence to provisions, shall stand waived if the Invoice Reference Number (IRN) for such invoices is obtained from the Invoice Reference Portal (IRP) within 30 days of date of invoice.

For details :

About 30 crore mandays employment provided and more than Rs 27,000 crore spent so far in the pursuit of objectives of the GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan

GaribKalyanRojgarAbhiyaan (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 now empowering villagers with livelihood opportunities in 116 districts of these states. By the 13th week, a total of about 30 crore mandays employment has been provided and Rs 27,003 crore has been spent so far in the pursuit of objectives of the Abhiyaan. A large number of structures have been created including 1,14,344 water conservation structures, 3,65,075 rural houses, 27,446 cattle shed, 19,527 farm ponds, and 10,446 Community Sanitary Complex. 6727 works have been taken up through District Mineral Funds, 1,662 Gram Panchayat have been provided internet connectivity, a total of 17,508 works related to solid and liquid waste management undertaken, and 54,455 candidates have been provided skill training through KrishiVigyan Kendras (KVKs) during the Abhiyaan.

For details :

Prime Minister Shri NarendraModi appeals to all Village Sarpanchs& Gram Pradhans to continue their efforts towards effective implementation of JalJeevan Mission in villages to provide tap water to every home, especially poor communities

Prime Minister Shri NarendraModi reached out to all Sarpanchs/ Gram Pradhans of the country through a letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 for more effective implementation of the JalJeevan Mission (JJM). The goal of the Mission - HarGharJal can be fully realized with the help of all Sarpanch/ Pradhan/ village community leaders as they play a pivotal role in its implementation. Prime Minister mentioned how the contribution made by people for this missions' success is creating history. Through this mission, the issue of water supply will not only be addressed, but will also help in tackling water-borne diseases like cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, encephalitis, typhoid, etc. Also, when the livestock is provided with safe and clean water, it not only improves their health but plays a critical role in improving their productivity, thus enhancing income of families. Prime Minister appealed to people and Gram Panchayats to make JalJeevan Mission a people's movement. Shri Modi has hoped that all possible steps will be taken by the Sarpanch in the village to keep every member in the Gram Panchayat safe from Corona virus by maintaining the physical distance of six feet and compulsory use of masks. The Prime Minister wished everyone good health and safety.

For details :

Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches CSIR Technologies for rural development under the joint initiative of IIT Delhi, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, VijnanaBharti and CSIR

The Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan yesterday launched CSIR Technologies for rural development under a joint initiative of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) and VijnanaBharti (VIBHA). The event was organized through online platform on the occasion of CSIR-NISTADS 40<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. Minister also released CSIR-NISTADS e-Compendium and e-Coffee Table Book, on the occasion. A tripartite MoU to this effect was signed by the three parties on 28th July 2020 at CSIR to work jointly for post-COVID fast track

action plan to create livelihood opportunities in rural areas, particularly for the people who have returned to their native villages in the lockdown period. Dr. Harsh Vardhan expressed his confidence that “the agencies known for its knowledge, grassroot presence and technical competency, like IIT Delhi, VIBHA and their joining hands with CSIR can prove to be very useful for deployment of indigenously developed technologies by CSIR in rural areas”.

For details :

**Shri ThaawarchandGehlot e-launches “Ambedkar Social Innovation & Incubation Mission under Venture Capital fund for SCs(ASIIM)”**

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri ThaawarchandGehlote-launched the “Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIM) under Venture Capital Fund for SCs” through Video Conferencing yesterday. It will promote innovation and enterprise among SC students studying in higher educational institutions. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Gehlot said under ASIIM initiative, 1,000 SC youth would be identified in the next 4 years with start-up ideas through the Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) in various higher educational institutions. They will be funded @ Rs. 30 lakhs in 3 years as equity funding so that they can translate their start-up ideas into commercial ventures. Successful ventures would further qualify for venture funding of up to Rs. 5 Crore from the Venture Capital Fund for SCs. The Minister said that this initiative under VCF-SC will promote innovation in the SC youth and would help them to become job-givers from job-seekers; and would further give fillip to the ‘Stand Up India’ initiative of the Prime Minister PM Shri NarendraModi. The ASIIM initiative will be implemented by the Venture Capital Fund for SCs (VCF-SCs) which was set up in 2016 with the Fund size of Rs. 500 Cr. Since its inception, VCF-SC has sanctioned financial assistance to 118 companies to the tune of Rs. 444.14 crore.

For details :

**Union Minister DrJitendra Singh inaugurates 23 Roads and Bridges projects in Kathua, Doda, Udhampur and Reasi Districts**

The Union Minister of State (I/C), Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, DrJitendra Singh yesterday unveiled 23 roads and bridges projects in Kathua, Doda, Udhampur and Reasi districts in the Jammu region. He said, the projects costing about Rs. 73 Crore and having length of 111 kilometers will benefit more than 35,000 people in the region. 23 Projects included 15 roads built under PMGSY for all weather connectivity and 8 bridges for better connectivity to the people. While e-inaugurating these projects, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that despite serious challenges posed by the Covid19 pandemic in the last few months, barring few all the projects were completed within stipulated timeframe. He emphasised that despite challenges posed by pandemic, the country had not compromised with the pace of development and particularly the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. He was informed that 1150 kilometers of roads built in this fiscal till date in comparison to 800 kilometers last year.

For details :

**Closing ceremony of the 3rd RashtriyaPoshanMaah held**

The closing ceremony of the 3rd RashtriyaPoshanMaah which was celebrated from 7th - 30th September this year was held today through virtual mode. Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, being the nodal Ministry for POSHAN Abhiyaan, coordinated



the celebration of the PoshanMaah in convergence with partner Ministries and departments, at National, States/UTs, Districts, and grass root level. Identification of Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM) Children and their management and plantation of PoshanVaatikas- Nutri gardens, were undertaken as focus activities during the PoshanMaah, along with awareness generation regarding importance of early breast feeding, need for good nutrition during first 1000 days of life, measures for reducing anaemia in young women and children etc. Addressing the webinar organized to mark the occasion, Union Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Sushri Debasree Chaudhuri appreciated the celebration of the PoshanMaah while observing adherence to Covid-19 guidelines. She said that while the Covid pandemic has posed many challenges to promoting maternal and child nutrition, growth monitoring and detection of malnutrition, frontline workers have not only risen to the occasion to provide essential services but also observed PoshanMaah 2020.

For details :

Best time to invest in Pharma& Medical device sector in India; likely to grow to 65-billion-dollar industry by 2024: Shri Gowda

Union minister For Chemicals and Fertilizers , Shri Gowda has said that this is the best time to invest in Pharma& Medical device sector in India as It is likely to grow in to 65-billion-dollar industry by 2024 to 120 billion dollars by 2030. He said, business friendly reforms carried out by Government have helped India to emerge as one of the best investment destinations among emerging economies. Implementation of policies to promote financial inclusion and to check corruption and easing of compliance of labour laws & regulations has made India the best destination for investment. In 2018-19, India attracted FDI inflows of 73 billion dollar, up 18 % from previous year.

For details :

Tamil Nadu and Arunachal Pradesh integrated today with existing national portability cluster under One Nation One Ration Card Scheme

Two more States, Tamil Nadu and Arunachal Pradesh have been integrated today with existing national portability cluster of 26 States/UTs under One Nation One Ration Card. The necessary preparatory activities to integrate these States with the national cluster i.e. upgradation of ePoS software, integration with central IM-PDS and Annavitran portals, availability of ration cards/beneficiaries data in Central Repository, requisite testing of national portability transactions, etc. have already been completed in these two States. With this, a total of **28 States/UTs** are now seamlessly connected with each other under the One Nation One Ration Card plan. Migratory PDS beneficiaries in these 28 States/UTs can access their subsidised foodgrains at the same Scale and Central Issue Prices from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice w.e.f. **1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**.

For details :

₹ 95,480 crore gross GST revenue collected in September

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of September, 2020 is ₹ 95,480 crore of which CGST is ₹ 17,741 crore, SGST is ₹ 23,131 crore, IGST is ₹ 47,484 crore (including ₹ 22,442 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹ 7,124 crore (including ₹ 788 crore collected on import of goods). The revenues for the month are 4% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year.

During the month, the revenues from import of goods were 102% and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) were 105 % of the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

For details :

#### AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package – Progress So Far

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, announced the Special economic and comprehensive package of Rs. 20 lakh crore - equivalent to 10% of India's GDP – to fight COVID-19 pandemic in India. He gave a clarion call for AatmaNirbhar Bharat or Self-Reliant India Movement. He also outlined five pillars of AatmaNirbhar Bharat – Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand. Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman laid down the details of the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package in a string of press conferences from 13<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The Ministries of Finance & Corporate Affairs have immediately started implementation of the announcements related to the Economic Package under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package (ANBP). Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today reviewed the progress pertaining to Ministries of Finance & Corporate Affairs.

For details :

#### **INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Kerala: The State government has decided to field more gazetted officers, with special executive magistrate powers, to take stern measures for countering the rampant Covid-19 spread. Officers from departments other than the police, local bodies and health are being deployed. To be known as 'Sector Magistrate and COVID Sentinel', these officers will be assigned to panchayats and municipalities with a high number of cases. Meanwhile, more containment measures have been adopted in Ernakulam district, which witnessed over 1000 daily cases. With one more fatality in Kannur today, the Covid death toll has touched 743. The daily count of Covid-19 patients soared past 8000 as Kerala recorded 8830 cases yesterday. 67,061 people are currently undergoing treatment and a total of 2.40 lakh people are under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Covid-19 data from T.N., A.P. may provide insights into epidemiology and transmission dynamics for low-resource regions; researchers who published the paper in the journal 'Science' used surveillance, contact-tracing data to study transmission and epidemiology. Hindu Munnani founder Rama Gopalan dies of Covid. TN's tally of Covid-19 cases moved closer to the six-lakh mark on Wednesday, as 5,659 persons tested positive for the infection; State recorded 67 deaths; with 1,295 cases, Chennai's tally increases to 1,67,376.
- Karnataka: In an effort to curb the spread of Covid 19, the State government has decided to impose Rs 1000 fine for those who do not cover their mouth and nose with mask; currently the penalty is Rs200. In nearly seven months after recording its first Covid case, State reached the six lakh mark and hit 6,01,767 positive cases on Wednesday. Department of primary and secondary education department has decided not to allow high school and pre-university course students to visit their school or college campus till October 15.
- Andhra Pradesh: The state cabinet meet scheduled for today has been postponed to Oct 8. One of the reasons for the postponement of the cabinet is, Endowments Minister Vellampalli Srinivas was tested

positive for corona after participating in the recent TirumalaBrahmotsavams. The total number of samples tested in the State crossed the 58 lakh-mark. The recoveries, on the brighter side, continue to be more than the new cases, bringing down the active cases to less than 59,000. East Godavari district authorities have de-notified 17 private hospitals in the district allowing for treating non-Covid cases.

- Telangana: 2214 new cases, 2474 recoveries & 08 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2214 cases, 305 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,93,600; Active cases: 29,326; Deaths: 1127; Discharges :1,60,933. Telangana plans to use AI-driven drones in farming: A novel experiment to test the efficacy of drones using artificial intelligence to identify crops, pests and later spray pesticides or fertilizer, began in Karimnagar district.
- Maharashtra: The Maharashtra government on Wednesday said that the lockdown imposed to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) disease has been extended till October 31. However, hotels, food courts, restaurants and bars will be allowed to operate from October 5<sup>th</sup>, with 50% capacity. Mumbai's famed Dabbawalas, who provide tiffin service to several working people have now been permitted to travel by local trains.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat Government has directed private schools in the state to cut annual school fees by 25% for the 2020-21 academic year, in view of Covid pandemic. The move will benefit nearly 30 lakh parents of school going children at 20,000 schools in the state.
- Rajasthan: 2,173 new COVID-19 cases were reported in Rajasthan during the past 24 hours taking the case count past 1.35 lakhs. Highest number of cases on Wednesday were from Jaipur (408 cases), followed by Jodhpur (336 cases) and then Bikaner (139 cases). 1,953 people were discharged after recovery. The total number of active Covid cases in the state now stands at 20,581.
- Madhya Pradesh: Online classes have started in government colleges related to the Higher Education Department from today. On the other hand, State election officials have asked political parties to ensure that they follow the guidelines issued by the Commission regarding COVID-19 during the election process. This apart, the state government has made it mandatory for all nursing homes and private hospitals to display the prescribed rates of treatment of COVID-19 at their reception counter.
- Chhattisgarh: 2,947 new positive cases have been identified on Wednesday, which takes the state COVID-19 tally to 1, 13,602. There are 30,927 active cases in the state at present. With the discharge of 2,836 patients around the state on Wednesday, the total recoveries in the state now stand at 81,718
- Assam: In Assam, 3590 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and 1616 patients discharged yesterday. Total cases rise to 180811, active 34496, total discharged 145615 and death 697.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, 38 more people tested positive for COVID-19 and discharged 2290 patients. Active cases are 627 and total death 39.

### **FACT CHECK**



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