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Centre rushes High Level Teams to 4 States; contemplating for others too

Centre advises States/UTs to increase testing levels to track the undetected and missed out patients

High levels of Testing ensures falling Positivity Rate
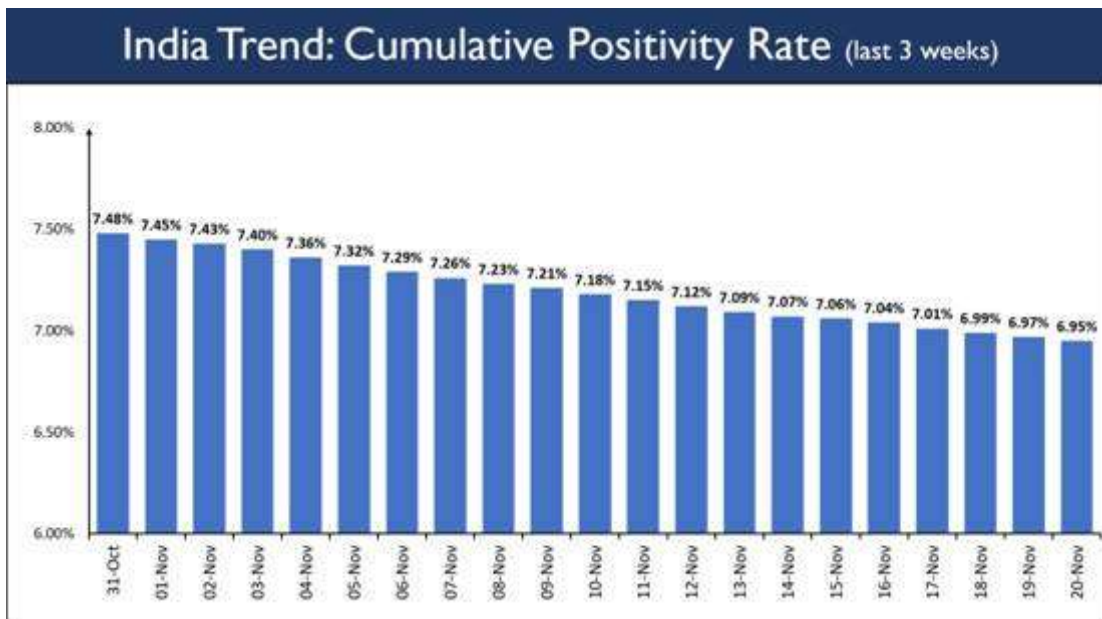
Active Caseload remains below 5% of Total Cases

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The Union Government has rushed four high level teams to Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Manipur. The teams will visit the districts reporting high number of COVID cases and support the State efforts towards strengthening containment, surveillance, testing, infection prevention and control measures, and efficient clinical management of the positive cases. The Central teams shall also guide in effectively managing the challenges related to timely diagnosis and follow up. The Centre is also contemplating sending high level multidisciplinary teams to other States/UTs that are reporting a rise in the COVID-19 positive cases.
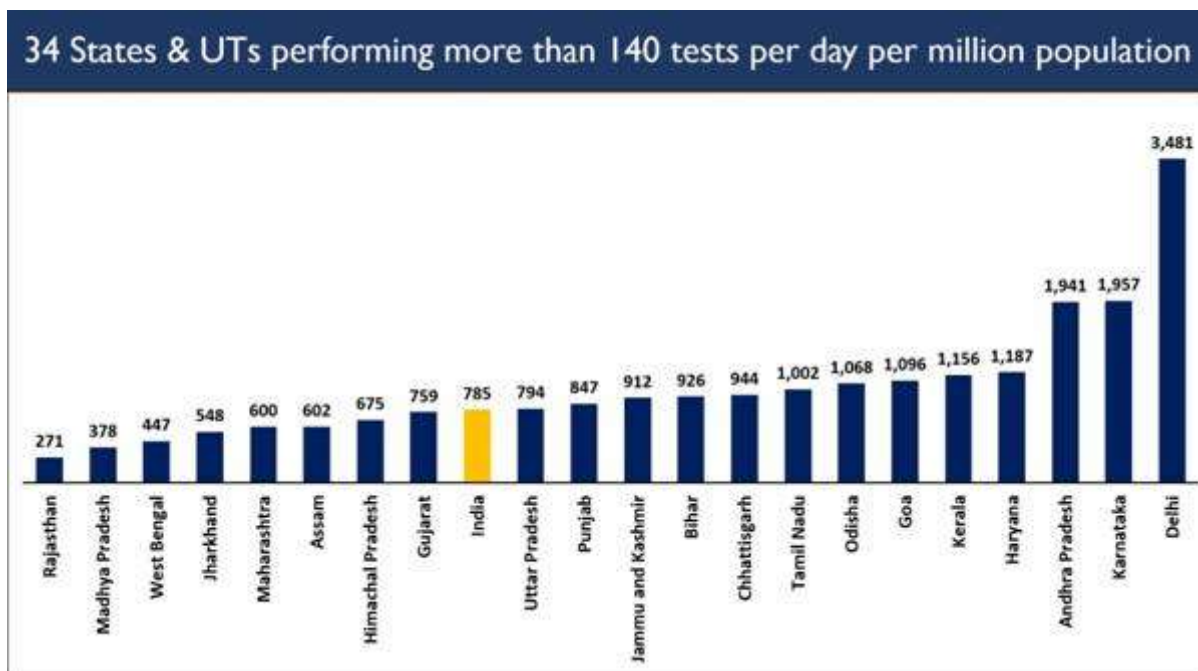
The Union Government has advised the State/UT governments to adopt aggressive and widespread testing to ensure that the missed out and undetected positive COVID-19 cases are promptly identified for timely and effective tracing, containment and subsequent treatment.

India has tested total of **12,95,91,786** samples, as on date. More than 10L tests (**10,83,397)** were conducted in the past 24 hours. High levels of widespread testing have ensured that the cumulative positivity rate is sustained at low levels and is presently following a downward trajectory. The cumulative national Positivity Rate stands at **6.95% today**, less than the 7% mark. Higher volumes of testing eventually lead to low Positivity rate.
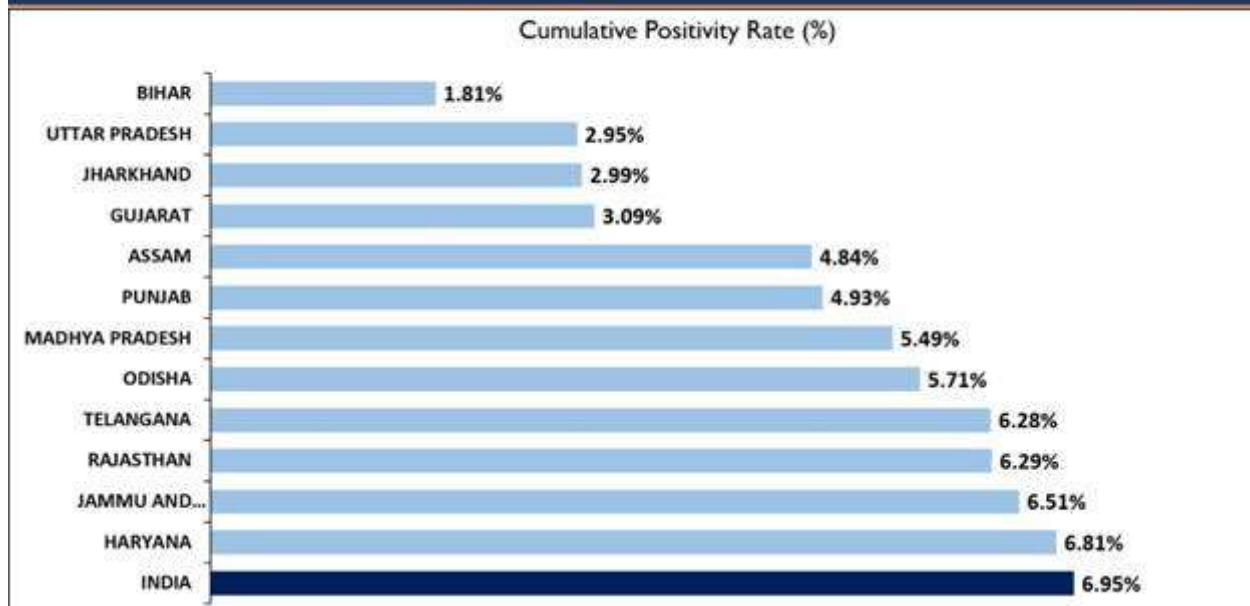
34 States/UTs are performing more than 140 Tests/Day/Million population, the figure advised by WHO in its Guidance Note on "Public Health Criteria to Adjust Public Health and Social Measures in the Context of COVID-19" for comprehensive surveillance for suspected cases.

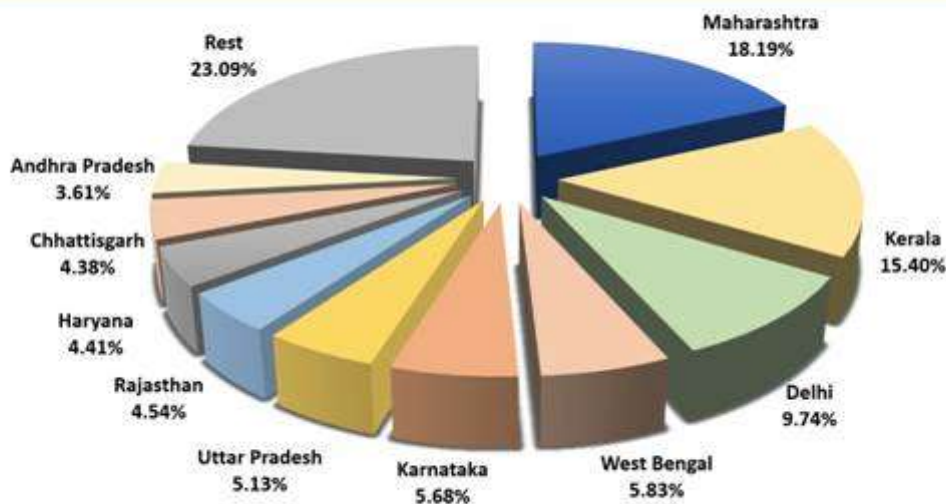**20 States/UTs** are reporting a cumulative Positivity rate lower than the national average (**6.95%**).

20 States & UTs have positivity rate less than the national average

Cumulative Positivity Rate (%)

State/UT	Positivity Rate
BIHAR	1.81%
UTTAR PRADESH	2.95%
JHARKHAND	2.99%
GUJARAT	3.09%
ASSAM	4.84%
PUNJAB	4.93%
MADHYA PRADESH	5.49%
ODISHA	5.71%
TELANGANA	6.28%
RAJASTHAN	6.29%
JAMMU AND...	6.51%
HARYANA	6.81%
INDIA	6.95%

In the last 24 hours, **45,882** persons were found to be infected with COVID. India's present active caseload of **4,43,794** comprises **4.93%** of India's Total Positive Cases, and has been sustained below the 5% mark.

Ten States/UTs account for **78.2%** of the total active caseload. Maharashtra leads the tally with 18.19% of the share.
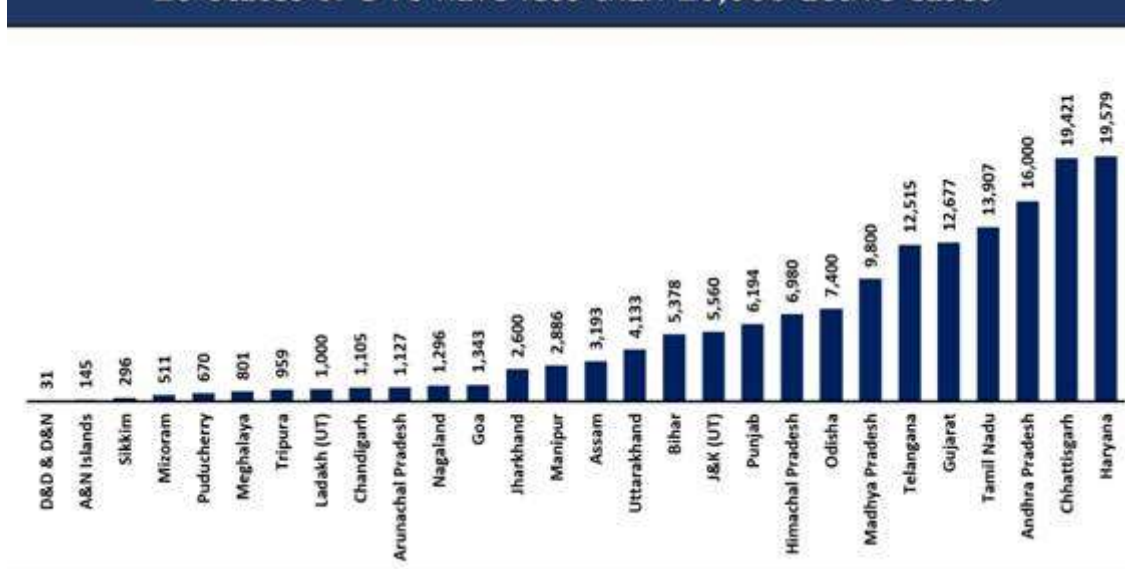
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State/UT	Share
Maharashtra	18.19%
Kerala	15.40%
Delhi	9.74%
West Bengal	5.83%
Karnataka	5.68%
Uttar Pradesh	5.13%
Rajasthan	4.54%
Haryana	4.41%
Chhattisgarh	4.38%
Andhra Pradesh	3.61%
Rest	23.09%

28 States/UTs have less than 20,000 active cases, as on date.

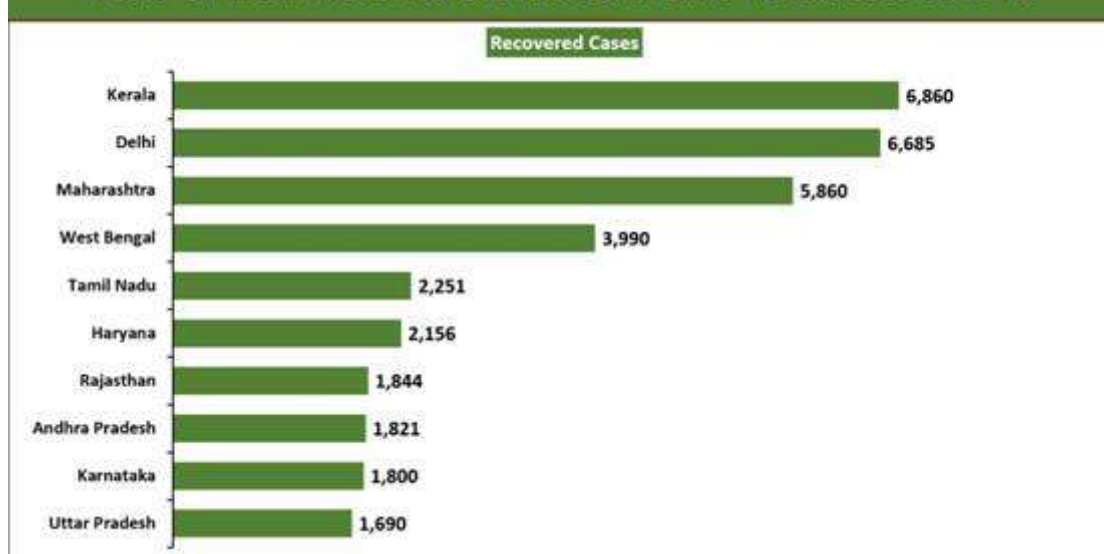## 28 States & UTs have less than 20,000 active cases

India has registered **44,807** new recoveries in the last 24 hours taking the total recovered cases to **84,28,409.** The Recovery Rate has improved to **93.60%** today**.** The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases is steadily increasing and presently stands at **79,84,615.**

78.02% of the new recovered cases is contributed by ten States/UTs.

With 6,860 persons recovering from COVID, Kerala saw the most number of recoveries followed by Delhi with 6,685 daily recoveries. Maharashtra reported 5,860 new recoveries.

78% of new recovered cases in the 10 States & UTs

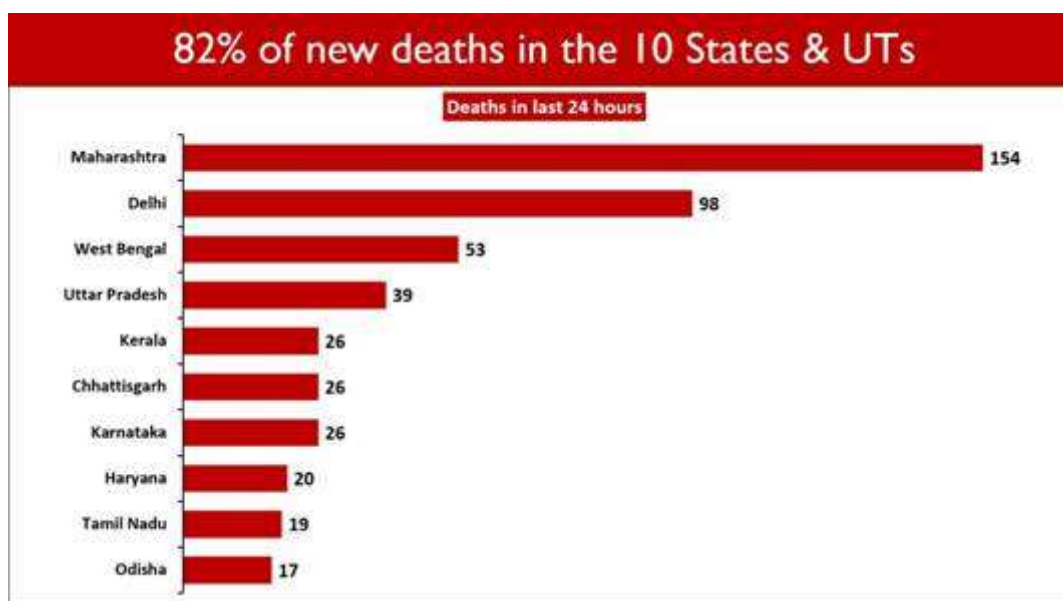Ten States/UTs have contributed **77.20%** of the new cases.

Delhi reported 7,546 cases in the last 24 hours. Kerala recorded 5,722 new cases while Maharashtra reported 5,535 daily cases yesterday.

77% of new cases in the 10 States & UTs

Cases in last 24 hours

State	Cases
Delhi	7,546
Kerala	5,722
Maharashtra	5,535
West Bengal	3,620
Rajasthan	2,549
Uttar Pradesh	2,532
Haryana	2,212
Chhattisgarh	2,149
Karnataka	1,849
Tamil Nadu	1,707

81.85% of the **584** case fatalities that have been reported in the past 24 hours are from Ten States/UTs.

26.32% of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra which reported 154 deaths. Delhi also saw a fatality count of 93 while West Bengal reported 53 new deaths.

82% of new deaths in the 10 States & UTs

Deaths in last 24 hours

State	Deaths
Maharashtra	154
Delhi	98
West Bengal	53
Uttar Pradesh	39
Kerala	26
Chhattisgarh	26
Karnataka	26
Haryana	20
Tamil Nadu	19
Odisha	17

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