

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 21

June 21, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

Maharashtra government and Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) have shown encouraging results, actively ‘**chasing the virus**’ and aggressively doing targeted tracing of COVID suspects, details [here](#).

Centre lauded the best practices from Karnataka for COVID-19 management which includes the comprehensive **contact tracing** of covering more than 1.5 crore households; mandatory “**Seva Sindhu**” portal and ‘**Quarantine Watch App**’ is to assist the field, details [here](#).

Health Minister launched India’s First **Mobile I-LAB** (Infectious Disease Diagnostic Lab) for COVID-19 testing to be deployed in remote and inaccessible areas of the country, details [here](#).

Government of India and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed a \$750 million “**COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Programme**” to mitigate impacts of the pandemic on poor and vulnerable households, details [here](#).

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India

410,461 Confirmed Cases

13,254 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

580,533 Confirmed Cases

17,213 Total Deaths

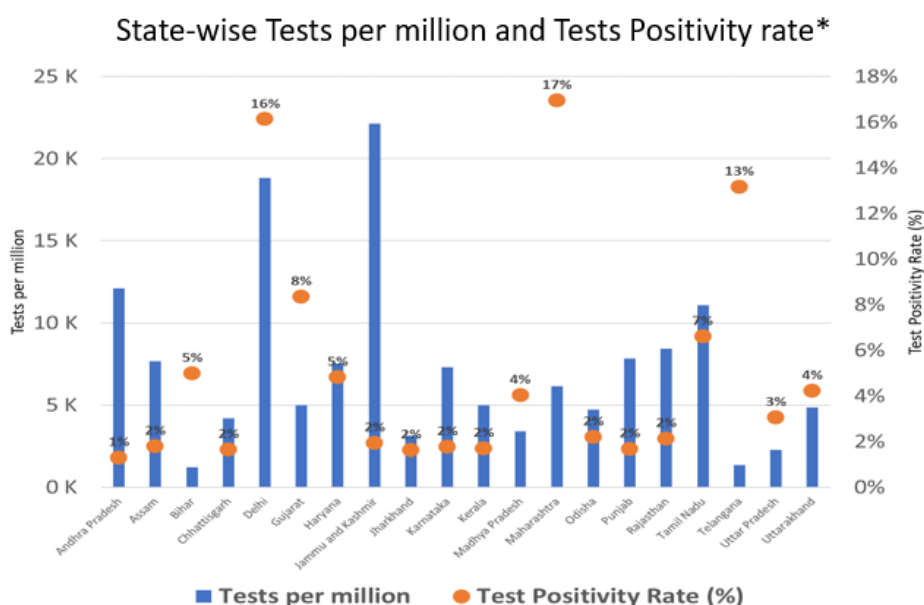
World

8, 708,008 Confirmed Cases

461,715 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 21 June 2020, 08:00 IST there were 169,451 Active Cases, 227,755 Cured/ Discharged, 1 Migrated and 13,254 Deaths in India, details [here](#). During the last 24 hours, a total of 13,925 COVID-19 patients have been cured, recovery rate has further improved to 55.49% amongst COVID-19 patients.



*Only states with population of > 10 million are shown
Source: ICMR & State’s bulletins Data last updated: 2020/6/21, 8 AM

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO welcomes initial clinical trial results from the United Kingdom that show dexamethasone, can be lifesaving for patients who are critically ill with COVID-19. treatment was shown to reduce mortality by about one third, and for patients who only require oxygen, mortality was cut by about one fifth, details [here](#).
- Data shows that hydroxychloroquine does not result in the reduction of mortality of hospitalized COVID-19 patients, when compared with standard of care. The hydroxychloroquine arm of the Solidarity Trial, which seeks to find an effective COVID19 treatment, is being stopped based on evidence from the Solidarity Trial, the UK's Recovery trial and a Cochrane review of other evidence on hydroxychloroquine, details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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

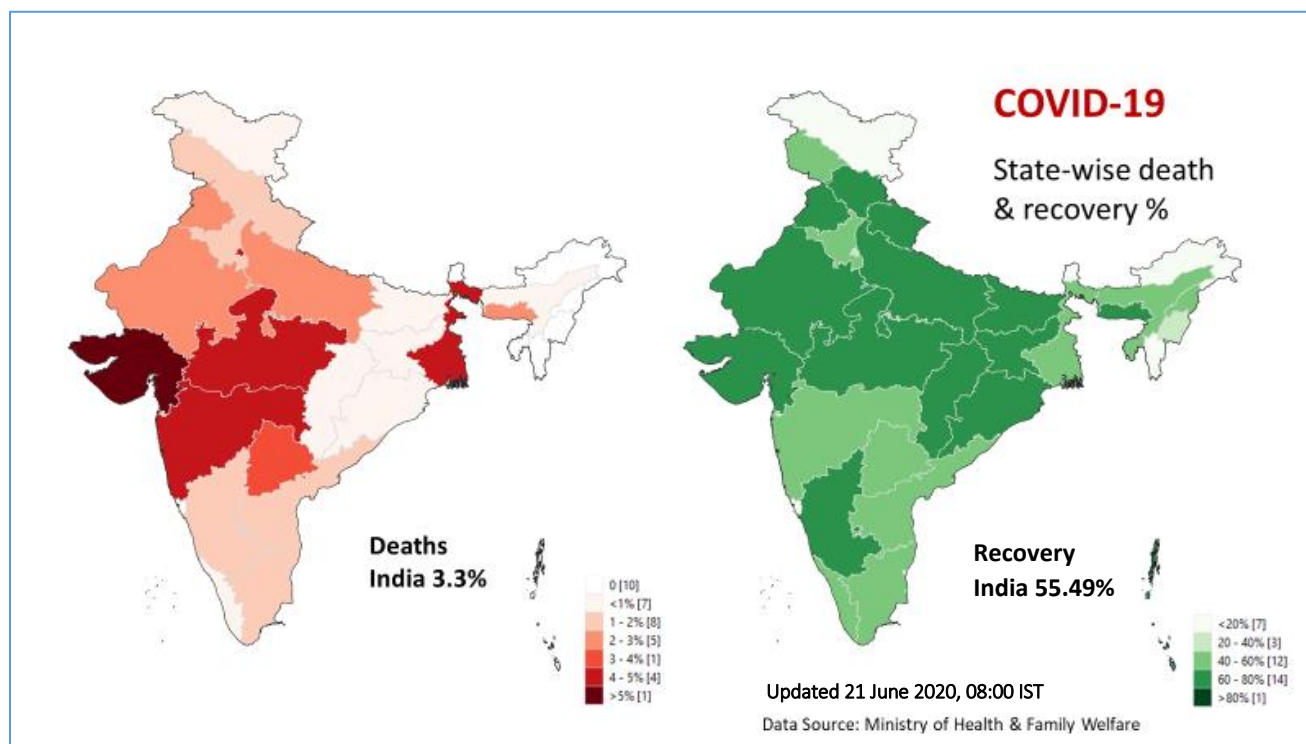
- **Co-ordination:** WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC. WCO continues to provide technical advice to MoHFW through JMG (joint monitoring). WCO and ICMR are jointly hosting a webinar on ethics review of bio-medical projects during a pandemic.
- **RCCE:** NITI Aayog has set up a “dashboard” on COVID appropriate behaviour for all sectors as part of the post lockdown phase, WHO is part of the committee that is leading this effort. Series of webinars on stigma and discrimination during COVID-19 were jointly organized by WHO, UNICEF, Ministry of health and Civil Society.
- **State Updates:**
 - **North:** Delhi State has withdrawn its earlier order declaring nursing homes with 10-49 beds as COVID nursing homes, as well as mandatory institutional quarantine measures. WHO is supporting state in **House to House Survey in Containment Zones of the Districts with the help of ‘Assess KaroNa app’**.
 - **South:** With resumption of essential services, WCO is supporting to build capacity of state counterparts to address AFP, MR and DPT surveillance and submitted a comprehensive improvement plan on for the TB programme.
 - **North-East region:** WCO continues to support states for deployment of the added Truenat™ CoV machines in the districts to enhance testing in hard-to-reach areas.
 - **West:** Mumbai has requested WHO’s support to expand Sero-survey in additional select Districts. Municipality has also installed a jumbo oxygen tank at National Sport Complex (NSCI) Worli, a makeshift COVID hospital facility.
- **Surveillance:** In the Sentinel Surveillance Volume 2 on COVID-19 released last week by the Kerala Government, the Health Minister and the Principal secretary have duly acknowledged WHO support.
 - WHO supported graphical illustration of data from COVID-19 cases in India with age, gender and geographical distribution is now publicly available on NCDC India website, details [here](#).
- **Data:** Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, MoHFW and WHO organized a webinar on correct use Medical Certification of Cause of Death in the context of COVID-19 deaths, attended by over 500 clinicians.
- **Laboratory testing:** WHO continues to support ICMR in increasing the testing capacity of the country. ICMR has tested a total of 68,07,226 samples and in the last 24 hours 1,90,730, details [here](#).

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STATEWISE DEATH AND RECOVERY RATES



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO Criteria for releasing COVID-19 patients from isolation – scientific brief available [here](#).
2. WHO Addressing Violence Against Children, Women and Older People During The Covid-19 Pandemic- [here](#).
3. WHO Emergency Global Supply Chain System (COVID-19) Catalogue – available [here](#).
4. WHO Feasibility, Potential Value and Limitations of Establishing a Closely Monitored Challenge Model of Experimental COVID-19 Infection and Illness in Healthy Young Adult Volunteers FINAL REPORT – DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – available [here](#).
5. MoHFW An Illustrative Guide on COVID Appropriate Behaviors - available [here](#).
6. MoHFW Advisory for managing Health care workers in COVID and Non-COVID hospital – available [here](#).
7. MoHFW Guide to address stigma associated with COVID-19 – available [here](#).

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