

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 24

July 12, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the country and appreciated the concerted efforts made in Delhi by the Centre, State and local authorities ([Link](#))
- Through 'Test, Trace, Treat' strategy, India has operationalized more than 1100 COVID testing labs and tested more than 10 million samples ([Link](#))
- On the occasion of World Population Day, the Union Health Minister (HM) stressed the need of providing reproductive health services during COVID-19 pandemic ([Link](#))
- The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has allowed restricted emergency use of Itolizumab in moderate to severe COVID-19 patients ([Link](#))
- AIIMS, Delhi has initiated Tele-Consultation guidance for doctors in states on COVID-19 clinical management ([Link](#))

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India

849 553 Confirmed Cases

22 674 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

1 130 247 Confirmed Cases

28 640 Total Deaths

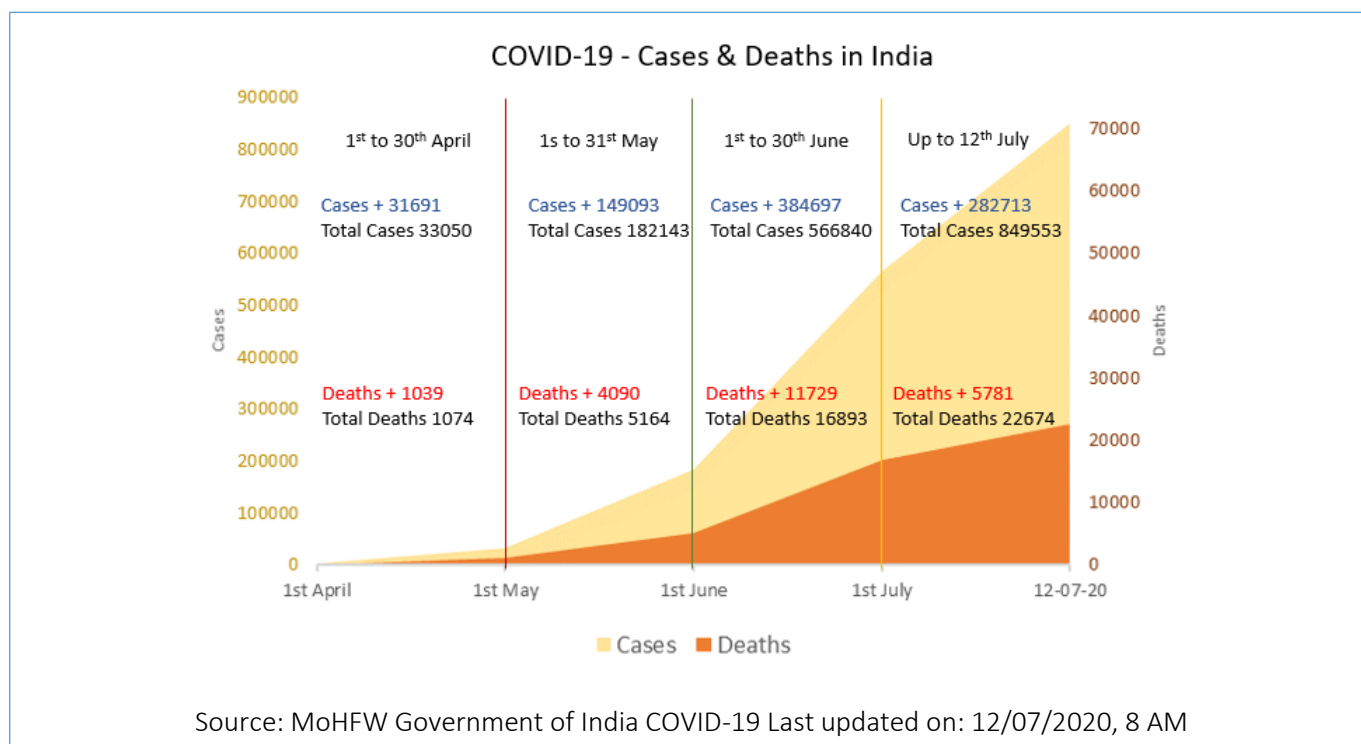
World

12 552 765 Confirmed Cases

561 617 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 12 July 2020, 08:00 IST there were 292,258 Active Cases, 534,629 Cured/Discharged, 1 Migrated and 22,674 Deaths in India. Collective and focused efforts of containment and management of COVID-19 by center and the States/UTs have led to rise in recovered cases among COVID-19 patients (figure below) details [here](#).



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO acknowledges 'evidence emerging' of airborne spread of COVID-19, details [here](#).
- WHO Director-General announced the establishment of the Independent panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPR) to evaluate the world's response to the COVID-19 pandemic., details [here](#).
- WHO encourages Member States to invest in and build longer-term health emergency preparedness during the COVID-19 pandemic, details [here](#).
- WHO experts travel to China to work together with their Chinese counterparts to prepare scientific plans for identifying the zoonotic source of the SARS-COV-2 virus, details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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

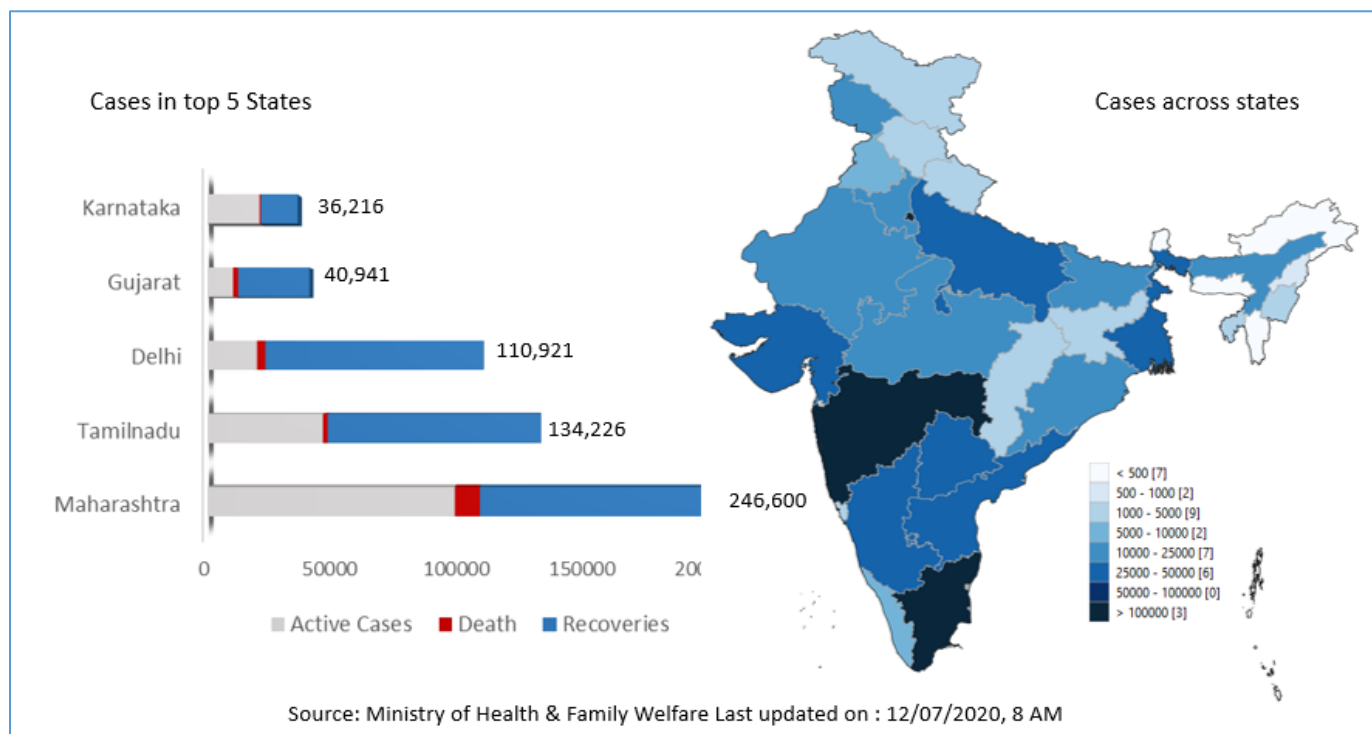
- **Co-ordination:** WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC and provide technical advice to MoHFW through JMG (joint monitoring).
- **WHO Solidarity Trial:** Chirayu Hospital, Karnataka in India has the top recruiting sites under the global trial supported by WHO.
- **State Updates:** Highlights from high-burden states
 - **Delhi:** WCO is supporting state in conducting a survey on ILI/SARI in containment zone and capacity building of doctors, nurses, sanitation workers etc on COVID-19 and IPC at 10,000 bedded Jumbo facility. Order has been issued regarding adoption of Test-Track-Treat strategy and Delhi Govt dispensaries and polyclinics will do rapid antigen detection test from 9 am to 12 pm on weekdays.
 - **Karnataka:** WCO field officers participated in review meeting chaired by Chief Minister on COVID-19 response and shared suggestions, provided follow up support to Government in preparation of SOPs and Guidelines for the field.
 - **Maharashtra:** WHO field team is involved in the programmatic review and supporting Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for monitoring of containment zones, review of contact tracing data and supervision of IPC practices in the fever clinics. Data analysis support to health post staff through on job training and technical support to Municipal Corporation officials to develop lab algorithm for rapid COVID Ag testing is ongoing.
 - **Gujarat:** Support to Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation for analysis of death audits and analysis of household transmission in view of high mortality rate of the area.
 - **Uttar Pradesh:** Applying lessons from Polio Surveillance, WCO is supporting house-to-house surveillance covering nearly 11lakh households to supplement efforts made by ASHA workers and increasing accuracy in case detection and in addition promoting hygiene and positive behaviour.
- **Laboratory testing:** WHO continues to support ICMR in increasing the testing capacity of the country supplementing with 5.4lakh PCR kits. Overall, India has tested 1,15,87,153 samples with test rate of 8,449 tests per million population and test positivity rate (cumulative) of 7.3%, day-wise test positivity is 10.2% of samples tested, details [here](#).

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STATEWISE COVID CASES – FOCUS ON TOP 5 STATES



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO guidance on maintaining safe and adequate blood supply during the pandemic. ([link](#))
2. WHO scientific brief on Transmission of SARS-CoV-2: implications for infection prevention precautions ([link](#))
3. WHO Report from the WHO Advisory Group on Human Challenge Studies – draft for public comments ([link](#))
4. MoHFW Mental Health in the times of COVID-19 Pandemic Guidance for General Medical and Specialized Mental Health Care Settings ([link](#))

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