

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to launch high throughput COVID-19 testing facilities on 27th July via video conferencing to ramp up testing capacity in the country and help in strengthening early detection and treatment ([Link](#))
- Health Minister shared India's novel COVID-19 containment strategy at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization health minister's digital meet ([Link](#))
- CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology developed a cost-effective process to synthesize Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient for Favipiravir in the country ([Link](#))
- 'e-ICU' video-consultation program of AIIMS Delhi to strengthen COVID-19 response of ICU doctors has covered 43 institutions across 11 states ([Link](#))
- Compendium of state level actions and inputs from field offices on the COVID preparedness and responses now publicly available ([Link](#))

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India

1 336 861 Confirmed Cases

31 358 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

1 678 994 Confirmed Cases

37 050 Total Deaths

World

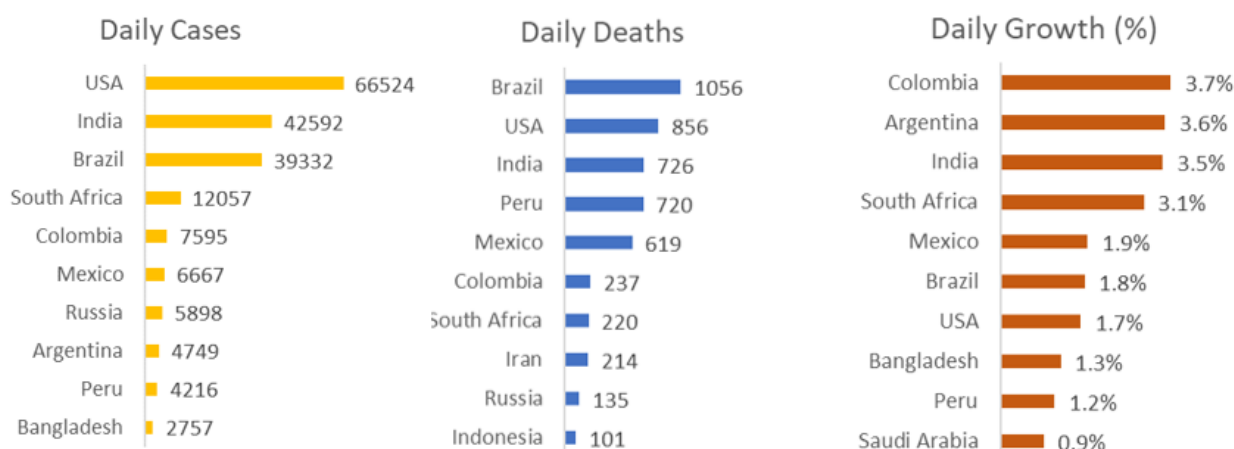
15 581 009 Confirmed Cases

635 173 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 26 July 2020, 08:00 IST there were 467,882 Active Cases, 885,576 Cured/Discharged, 1 Migrated and 32,063 Deaths in India. This is the highest ever recovery registers in a single day with over 36,000 patients discharges. With a new high recovery rate of 64% details [here](#)

Daily cases, deaths & growth rate in Top 10 countries based on 7 day moving averages



Note: only top 10 countries are shown, data as of 25th July 2020

* Growth rate has been shown only for countries with > 100,000 cases

Data source: WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard

Data last updated: 26/07/2020, 9:30 IST

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO released a set of practical steps for implementing the prescriptions of the **WHO Manifesto for a healthy recovery from COVID-19** with the aim to create a healthier, fairer and greener world while investing to maintain and resuscitate the economy hit by the effects of the pandemic, details [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Law Lab initiative**- a joint project of UNDP, WHO, UNAIDS and the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University was launched to gather and share legal documents from over 190 countries across the world to help states establish and implement strong legal frameworks to manage the pandemic, details [here](#).
- WHO has provided Four Early Investigation Protocols (rebranded the **WHO Unity Studies**) designed to rapidly and systematically collect and share data in a format that facilitates aggregation, tabulation and analysis across different settings globally, 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.

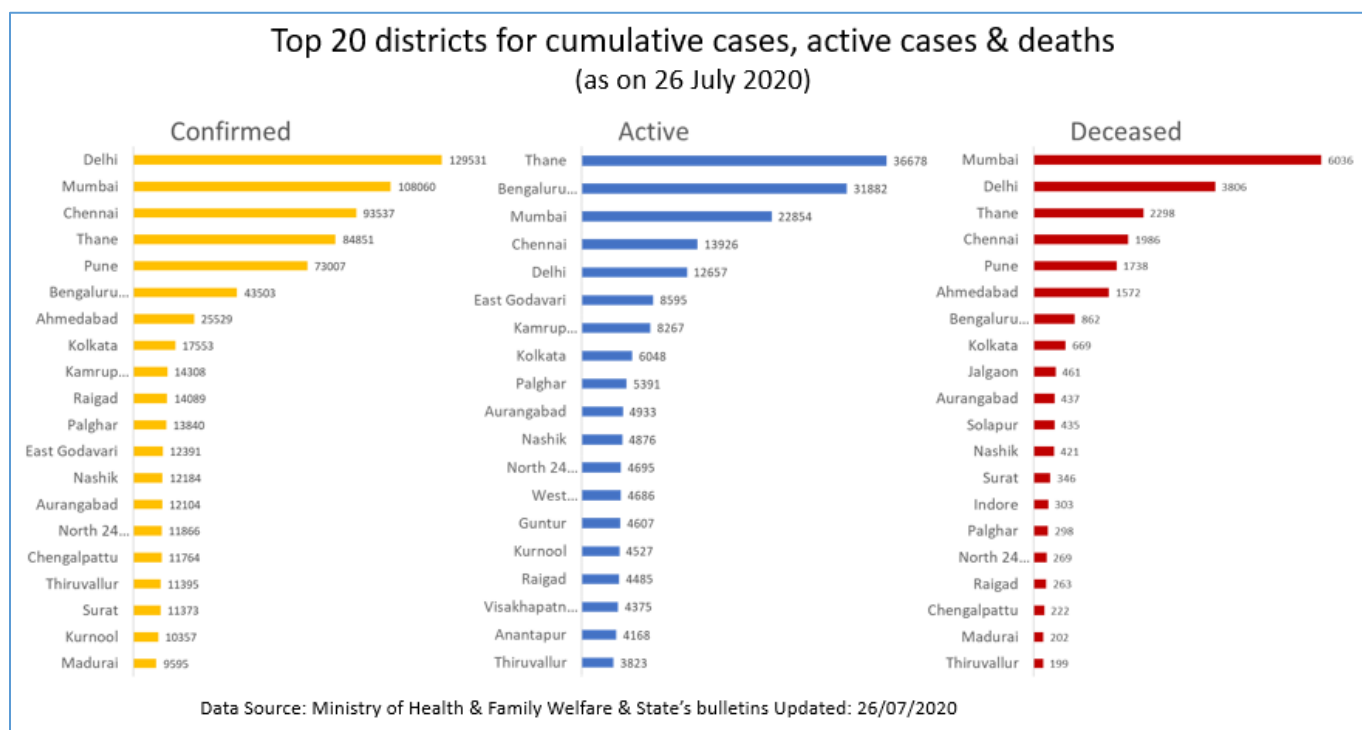
- **Co-ordination:** WCO continues to provide technical advice to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group). WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC.
- **Risk Communications:** WCO is supporting MoHFW and NITI to amplify the evidence-based messaging around 15 appropriate COVID behaviours and workplace adjustments.
- **State Updates:** Across states, WCO continues to provide technical support to state and districts to train frontline workers (ASHAs/ANMs) on IPC, contact survey, screening of high-risk population, ILI/SARI surveillance and addressing mental health. Key highlights include: -
 - Delhi continues to report a decreasing trend of cases. COVID Seroprevalence study was conducted by NCDC, samples collected from 27 June to 10 July 2020 by COVID Kavach ELISA in all 11 districts and 23.48% found positive with adjusted rate of 22.86%; 77.14% population remains susceptible. Emphasis on non-pharmacological (NPI) and IPC interventions needs to be sustained in Delhi.
 - WCO supported Bihar with block-level epidemiological cases analysis to undertake strategic revisions. State faces dual burden with of floods and COVID cases.
 - In Assam WHO facilitated reorientation training for all District Drug store pharmacists of all the Districts on Nikshay Aashaadha.
- **Essential Services:** WCO field teams have initiated support for essential health services through the India Hypertension Control Initiative and Routine Immunization through NPSP field team. Health workers and population level compliance to NPI and IPC is being monitored and encouraged at all levels.
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 162,91,331 samples to date with 4,42,263 samples tested on 25th July alone, details [here](#). WCO and ICMR are working on preparing technical guidance on one-gene target testing for COVID-19 and its limitations.

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ACTIVE CASES IN TOP TEN CITIES/DISTRICT



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO Guidance for conducting a country COVID-19 intra-action review (IAR) ([Link](#))
2. WHO Practical actions in cities to strengthen preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond ([Link](#))
3. WHO Draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines ([Link](#))
4. MoHFW Advisory on COVID Appropriate behaviors ([Link](#))
5. MoHFW Video Patients, their families and health care providers stand together to counter stigma and discrimination associated with COVID19 ([Link](#))
6. MoHFW Document on Caring for Health Care Warriors Mental Health Support During COVID-19 ([link](#))
7. ICMR Guidance to States and UTs for District wise login credentials for rapid antigen testing for COVID 19 ([Link](#))

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