

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 27

August 2, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- PM launched High Throughput COVID testing facilities at Kolkata, Mumbai and Noida, these hi-tech state-of-the-art testing facilities will boost the testing capacity by almost 10,000 daily tests ([Link](#))
- MoHFW announced the successful completion of first Pan India 1000 **Genome sequencing of SARS- CoV-2** and launched a network of five dedicated COVID-19 Biorepositories established by Department of Biotechnology in record time ([Link](#))
- Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19 agreed to the proposal of MoHFW to **allow the export of made-in-India ventilators** ([Link](#))
- Department of Science and Technology (DST), has selected Bangalore based startup Acculi Labs to develop a COVID risk assessment profile armed with 'Lyfas' a **clinical-grade, non-invasive, digital functional biomarker smartphone tool** for screening, early detection, root cause analysis, acute event risk assessment, prognosis, and home monitoring of chronic diseases repurposed to Lyfas COVID score ([Link](#))

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India

1 695 988 Confirmed Cases

36 511 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

2 072 194 Confirmed Cases

44 900 Total Deaths

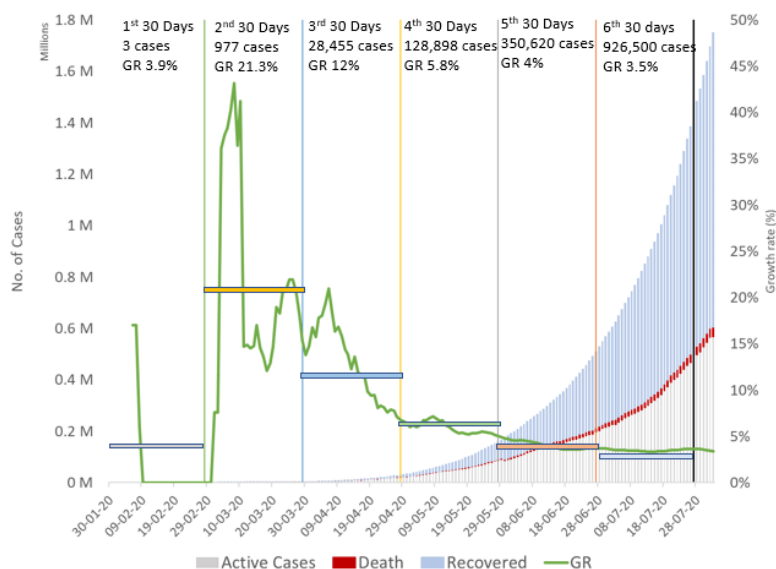
World

17 396 943 Confirmed Cases

675 060 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 2 August 2020, 08:00 IST there were 567,730 Active Cases 1,145,629 Cured/Discharged, 1 Migrated and 37,364 Deaths in India. India's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) is its lowest at 2.15% since 1st Lockdown; Total recoveries nearly 11 lakh; and more than 36,500 recovered in last 24 hours details [here](#).



India COVID-19 month-wise cases with growth rate*

*average compound growth rate for the period

Data source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
As of 02/08/2020

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- 4th meeting of the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) Emergency Committee regarding COVID-19 was convened by the **WHO Director-General declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 continues to constitute a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC)**; recommendations from the Emergency Committee highlight the need for response efforts to continue over the long term, details [here](#).
- IHR Committee advised **countries to support these research efforts**, including through funding, and to join in efforts to allow equitable allocation of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines by engaging in the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator among other initiatives, details [here](#).
- This **World Breastfeeding Week**, WHO and UNICEF are calling on governments to protect and promote women's access to skilled breastfeeding counselling, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and find innovative solutions to ensure that access to these essential services is not disrupted, 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.

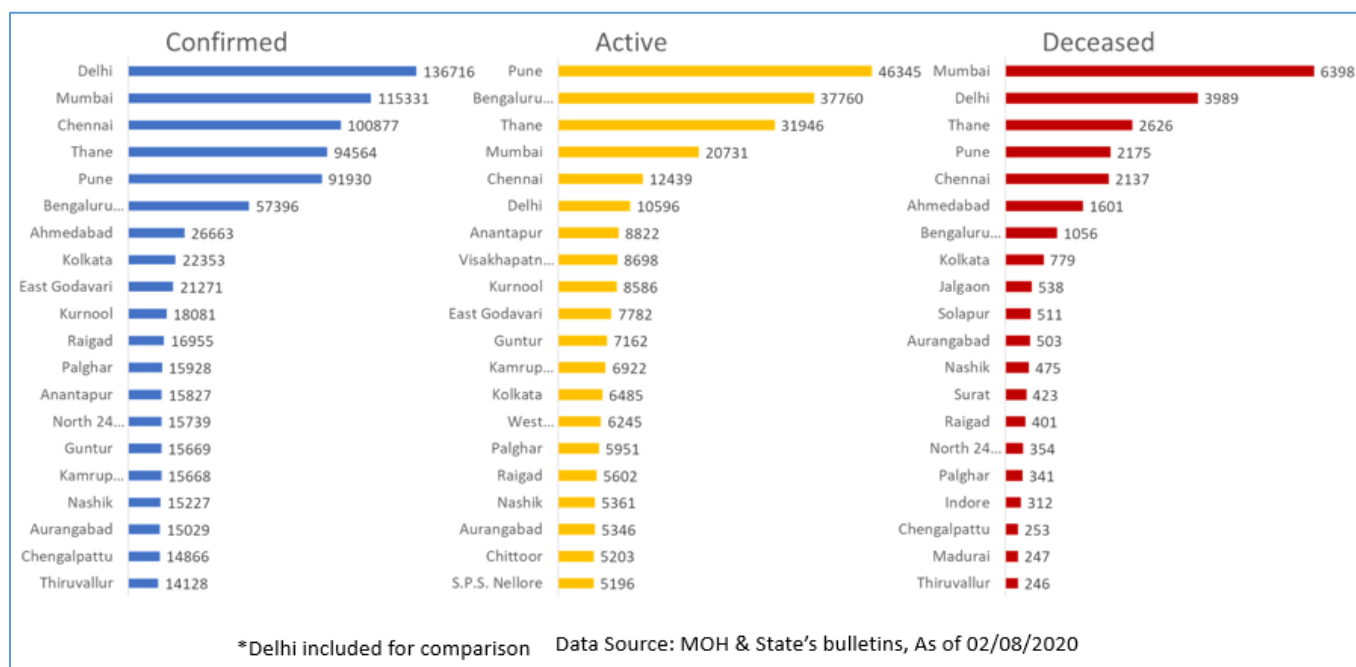
- **Co-ordination:** WCO continues to provide technical advice to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) and support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC.
- **State Updates:** Across states, WCO continues to provide technical support to state and districts to train frontline workers (ASHAs/ANMs) on IPC, contact tracing, screening of high-risk population, ILI/SARI surveillance and addressing mental health issues. Key updates include:
 - **Vadodara** Municipal Corporation (VMC), Gujarat, in collaboration with WCO, UNICEF and Indian Institute of Public Health to conduct operational research for estimation of COVID-19 prevalence
 - In **Kerala**, WCO is part of the newly set-up district program management and support unit that will focus on proper management of admission of patients and bed/ICU availability for high burden districts - Trivandrum, Ernakulam, Kozhikode, Malappuram and Kannur.
 - WCO continues to participate in the review meetings led by the state officials in **Delhi** on monitoring COVID related activities in the containment zones
- **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC):** WCO is supporting district level orientations in medical colleges on IPC in Healthcare Facilities and introduction of WHO IPC Monitoring Tool. This week, first workshop in Vijayanagar Institute of Medical sciences, Ballari was conducted.
- **WHO Solidarity trial** to help find an effective treatment for COVID-19, is underway in India. WHO India is providing technical and operational support for the implementation of Trial. These include provision of oversight, facilitating regulatory approvals, developing training modules, undertaking clinical trial site trainings, facilitating adverse event reporting among others.
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 1,98,21,831 samples to date with 4,63,172 samples tested on 1 August 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 TWENTY CITIES/DISTRICT



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO **Water, sanitation, hygiene**, and waste management for SARS-CoV-2 ([Link](#))
2. WHO **target product profiles** for COVID-19 therapeutics ([Link](#))
3. WHO interim guidance on **Considerations for implementing mass treatment, active case- finding and population-based surveys** for neglected tropical diseases in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic ([Link](#))
4. MoHFW **Guidelines for international arrivals** (in supersession of guidelines issued on the subject dated 24th May 2020) (to be operational from 00.01 Hrs, 8th August 2020) ([Link](#))
5. MoHFW COVID-19 Pandemic and **Tobacco Use** in India ([Link](#))

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