

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 29

August 17, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister saluted country's valiant efforts in fight against COVID-19 in his Independence Day address to the nation and announced the National Digital Health Mission ([Link](#))
- India sets a new landmark, exceeds 3 crore tests total, while Tests Per Million (TPM) continue to rise, stand at 21,769 today ([Link](#))
- Expert group on vaccine administration for COVID-19 deliberated on strategy to ensure COVID-19 vaccines' availability and its delivery mechanism in the country ([Link](#))
- Union government has distributed more than 30 million N95 masks, 12.8 million PPEs as part of strengthening states' COVID-19 response ([Link](#))
- Health Minister lauded contribution of states in popularizing the tele-medicine platform "eSanjeevani" in country ([Link](#))
- As part of Make in India initiative, country exported 2.3 million PPE kits in July ([Link](#))

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India

2 589 682 Confirmed Cases

49 980 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

3 040 168 Confirmed Cases

59 875 Total Deaths

World

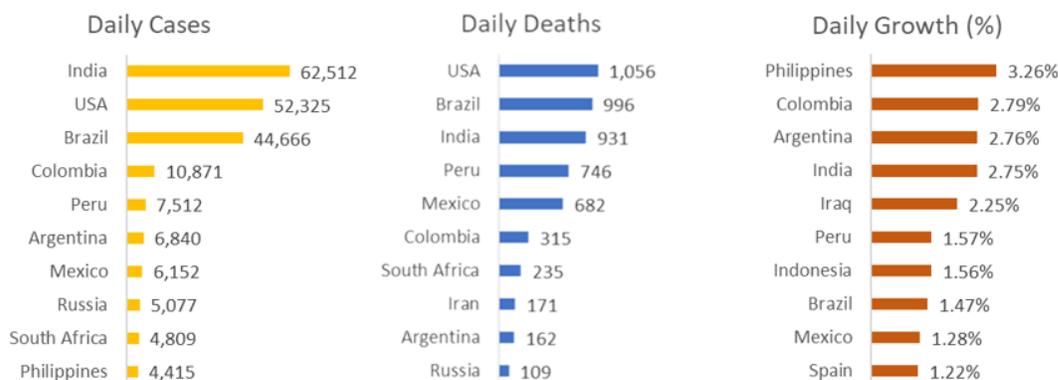
21 294 845 Confirmed Cases

761 779 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 17 August 2020, 08:00 IST there were 676,900 Active Cases 1,919,842 Cured/Discharged, and 50,921 Deaths in India. India's testing capacity has significantly grown from one lab at Pune in early January 2020 to 1470 today, including 969 labs in the government sector and 501 private labs, details [here](#).

Daily cases, deaths & growth rate* in countries (All variable 7 day's moving averages)



Note: only top 10 countries are shown.

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

Source: WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard

Last updated: 17/08/2020, 07:00 AM IST

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO HQ daily situation reports will be replaced by a “COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update” which will focus on analysis and interpretation of the evolving epidemiological situation, details [here](#).
 - All quantitative data will continue to be updated daily on the global COVID-19 dashboard, covid19.who.int. Important narrative updates will appear on the “Rolling updates” pages.
 - Operational updates will continue to be shared through the “Weekly Operational Update on COVID-19”.
- The International Narcotics Control Board, World Health Organization, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime have released a statement calling on governments to ensure that the procurement and supply of controlled medicines in countries meet the needs of patients, both those who have COVID-19 and those who require internationally controlled medicines for other medical conditions, details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

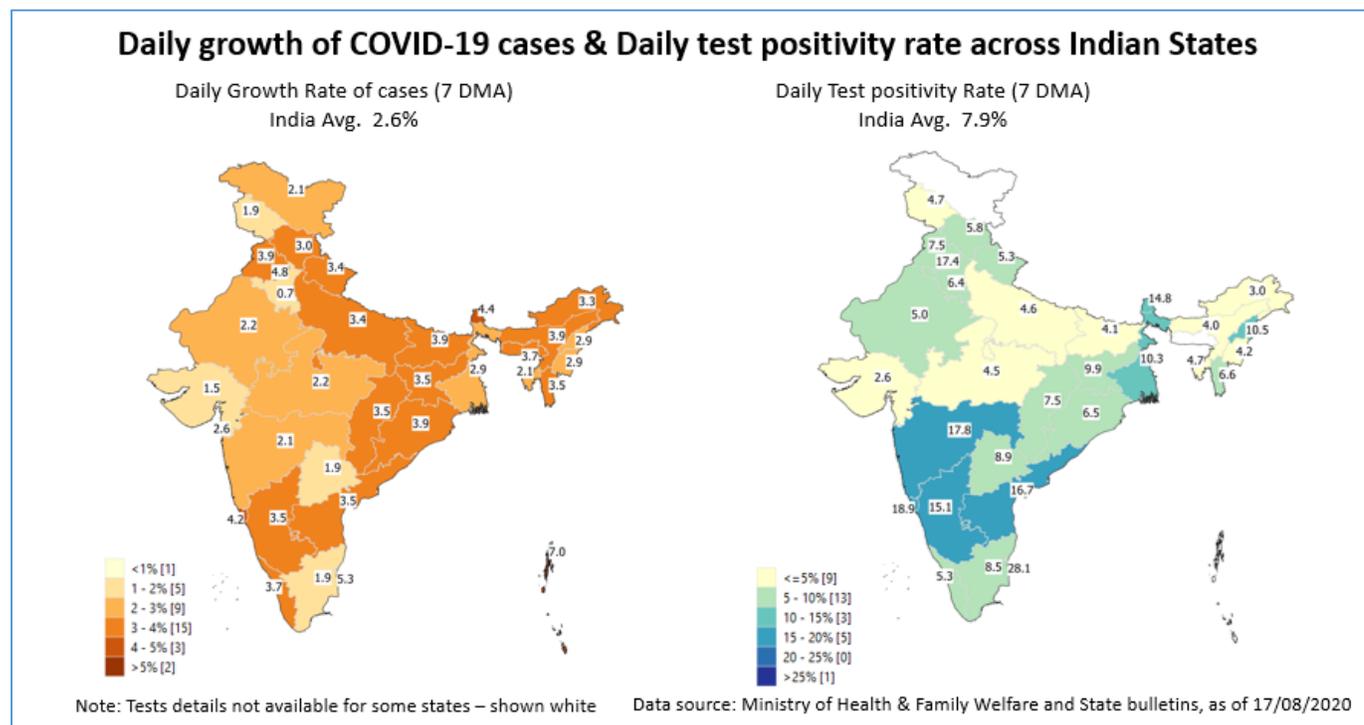
WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, on preparedness and response measures including epidemiological assessment, surveillance, testing, case management, containment and research activities for COVID-19 at the national, state and district level.

- **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.
- **Research and Vaccine Development:** WCO India supported finalization of 11 Unity protocols in coordination with premier medical institutes across India. All the 11 protocols have already been technically cleared by WHO-HQ reviewers and one is under consideration. A snapshot of the Unity protocols submitted from India:
 - Risk of transmission to HCW-Case Control Study (4 protocols)
 - Risk of Household transmission (4 protocols)
 - Risk of transmission to HCW-Cohort (2 protocols)
 - Sero-epidemiology stratified to urban, rural, tribal and metro populations (1 protocol)
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WCO supported drafting of the ‘Safety and Security guidelines for COVID-19 quarantine and isolation facilities’, jointly with UNICEF and UNRC.
- **WHO Solidarity trial** to help find an effective treatment for COVID-19, is underway in India.
 - Number of study sites registered with Drugs Controller General (India): 26
 - Number of sites recruiting subjects in the trial: 23
 - Total subjects already enrolled in the trial till 12 August: 670
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 3,00,41,400 samples to date with 7,31,697 samples tested on 16 Aug, reported by [ICMR](#). There are 969 labs in the government sector and 501 private labs. Details [here](#),
 - Real-Time RT PCR based testing labs: 754 (Govt: 450 + Private: 304)
 - TrueNat based testing labs: 599 (Govt: 485 + Private: 114)
 - CBNAAT based testing labs: 117 (Govt: 34 + Private: 83)

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DAILY GROWTH OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO published Emergency Global Supply Chain System (COVID-19) catalogue, which lists all medical devices, including PPE, medical equipment, medical consumables, single use devices, laboratory and test-related devices that may be requested through the COVID-19 Supply Portal ([Link](#))
2. MoHFW Extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers fighting COY ID-1 9 for a further period of 90 days beyond the original period ([Link](#))
3. 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](#))

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