

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

## Situation Update Report – 31

September 1, 2020

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Health Minister chaired 20th meeting of Group of Ministers on COVID-19 to review current status of country's COVID-19 response ([Link](#))
- Cabinet secretary reviewed COVID-19 management and response strategy in 10 States/UTs with high case fatality ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Home Affairs issued new guidelines for opening up of more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones as part of Unlock 4, effective September 1, 2020 ([Link](#))
- Under Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) for migrant workers returning to villages, 24 crore mandays employment has been provided and Rs. 18,862 crore has been spent so far in the pursuit of objectives of the Abhiyaan ([Link](#))

### WHO Situation Update

#### India

**3 691 166 Confirmed Cases**

**65 081 Total Deaths**

#### South East Asia Region

**4 157 798 Confirmed Cases**

**76 385 Total Deaths**

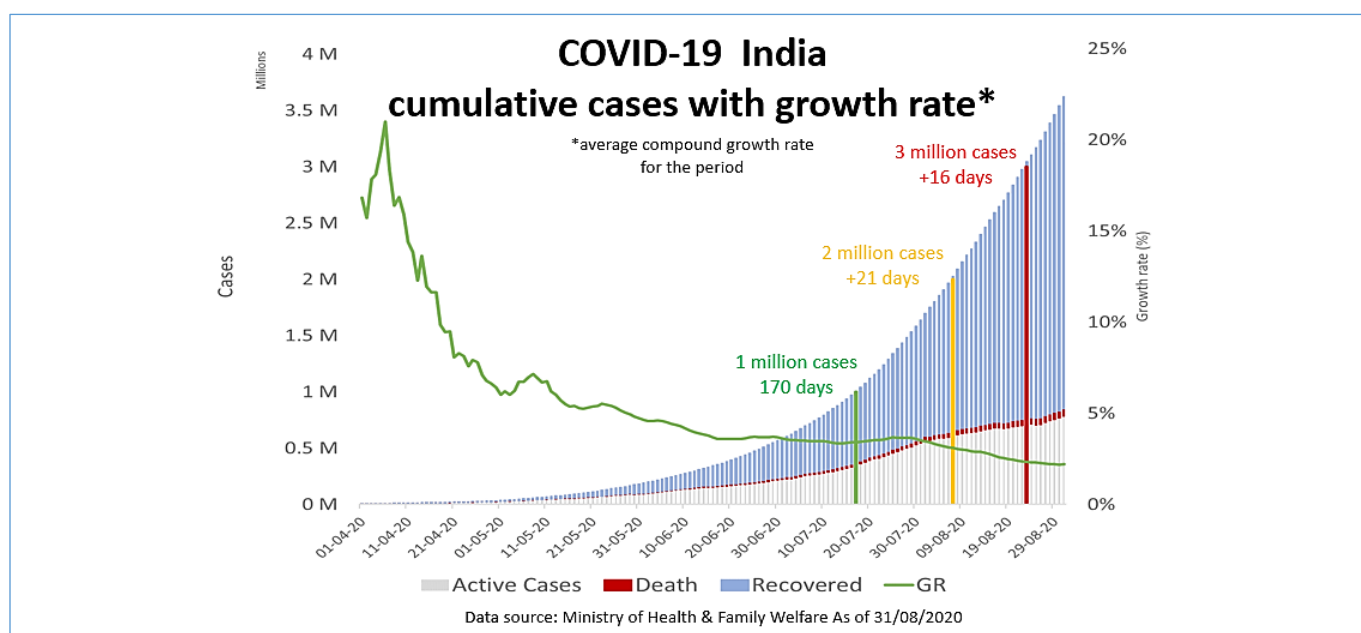
#### World

**25 118 689 Confirmed Cases**

**844 312 Deaths**

## INDIA SITUATION

As on 1 September 2020, 08:00 IST there were 785,996 Active Cases 2,839,882 recovered, and 65,288 Deaths in India. India has registered **65,081** recoveries in the last 24 hours. The number of recovered patients has overtaken the active cases by **3.61** times. India has more than **2,000,000** recovered people than the active cases. details [here](#).



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## WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- As per WHO global pulse survey, 90% of countries report disruptions to essential health services since COVID-19 pandemic. WHO Director-General reiterated "COVID-19 should be a lesson to all countries that health is not an 'either-or' equation. We must better prepare for emergencies but also keep investing in health systems that fully respond to people's needs throughout the life course, details [here](#).
- WHO's DG together with World Federation's President launched the 2020 World Mental Health Day Campaign Educational Material "Mental Health for All: Greater Investment - Greater Access" details [here](#).
- 172 economies are now engaged in discussions to potentially participate in COVAX, a global initiative aimed at working with vaccine manufacturers to provide countries worldwide equitable access to safe and effective vaccines, once they are licensed and approved, 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 and support to MoHFW, EMR Division and NCDC.
  - The UNCT is in the process of develop the socio-economic response framework which includes an pillar on protection of health systems and services.
- **Essential Health Services:** Field teams across all states continue to support resumption of essential health services such as routine immunization (RI), AFP and VPD surveillance, activities for measles rubella (MR) elimination, TB detection and treatment, Hypertension Control and NTD activities
  - WCO is supporting MoHFW to undertake 'Regional Review Meetings on SRHR' for all States/UTs with the aim to ensure continuation of essential services and safeguarding programs during the pandemic
- **Training:** WHO SCOPE initiative is ongoing with 20 institutions participating in the orientation training last week. This is to standardize reporting and management of COVID-19 and pregnancy outcome.
- **Research:** Solidarity Trial and the study on isolation of SARS-CoV-2 in tears at MAMC Delhi are ongoing.
  - 11 protocols undergoing review under the WHO Unity Protocol studies on risk of transmission in India
  - Four research protocols reviewed on proposed collaborative studies with National institutes:
    - All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS-Delhi) - study on COVID/Dengue co-infection
    - National Institute of Mental Health And Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS-Bangalore) - violence
    - International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS- Mumbai) -migration and spread of Covid-19
    - UNICEF India- 'prevalence of antigen against Covid-19' in Baroda.
- **Risk communication:** Under the National Stigma and Discrimination Alliance, a national webinar (28 August) on Mental health and Psychosocial well being of the Health care workers was technically supported by WCO , UNICEF and NIMHANS. The event was attended by over 170 participants from 24 states
  - WCO is working with the Youth Foundation for better engagement of youth in the CIVID-19 response
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 4,33,24,834 samples to date with 10,16,920 samples tested on 1.09.20, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support procurement, supplies and diagnostic kits.

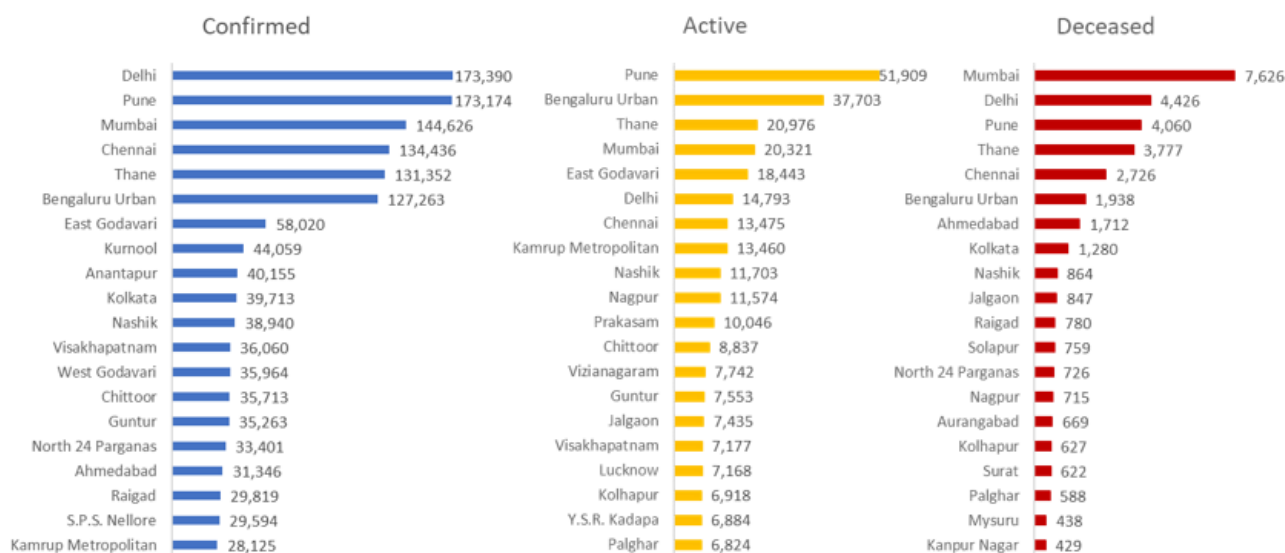
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## DAILY GROWTH OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA

### Top 20 districts\* for cumulative cases, active cases & deaths



\*Delhi included for comparison

Data Source: MOH & State's bulletins, as of 31/08/2020

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO technical package (SCORE- Survey, Count, Optimize, Review, Enable) to help countries improve health data for COVID-19 response and beyond ([Link](#))
2. Public health criteria to adjust public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19- Annex to Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
3. MoHFW Guidance note on bi-directional TB-COVID-19 screening and screening of TB among ILI/SARI cases ([Link](#))
4. MoHFW Clinical guidance on diabetes management at COVID-19 management facility ([Link](#))

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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