

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 33

September 14, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Health Minister shared India's COVID-19 response measures at the ministerial round table session during WHO Regional Committee Meeting ([Link](#))
- Principal Secretary to Prime Minister reviewed the COVID-19 preparedness and response status in India ([Link](#))
- MoHFW in a virtual conclave with private hospitals emphasized compliance of national clinical treatment protocols and best practices in COVID-19 management ([Link](#))
- Health Secretary reviewed COVID-19 management strategies in the eight North-East states ([Link](#))
- MoHFW asked States/ UTs to ensure seamless inter-state availability of medical oxygen for every hospitalized COVID-19 patient ([Link](#))
- MoHFW has advised States/UTs to mandatorily retest with RT-PCR, all those symptomatic individuals who tested negative with Rapid Antigen Tests ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

4 754 356 Confirmed Cases
78 586 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

5 475 657 Confirmed Cases
93 649 Total Deaths

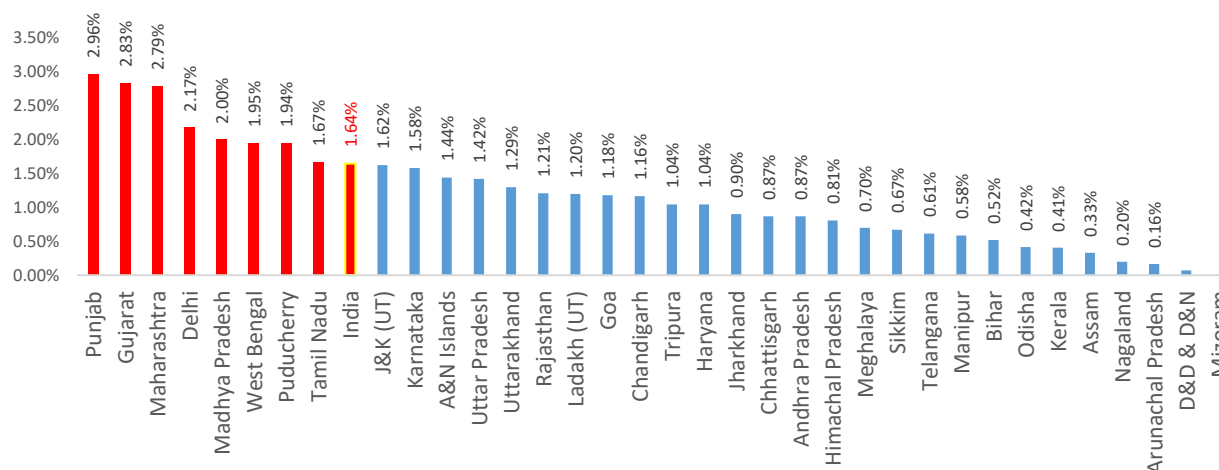
World

28,918,900 Confirmed Cases
922 252 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 14 September 2020, India confirmed 4,754,356 COVID-19 cases and 78,586 deaths. India's total recovered cases have crossed 3,700,000. Cumulative deaths 57 per 1 million population and so far India has had a low case fatality for COVID at about 1.64%, details [here](#).

Case Fatality - Ratio of COVID Deaths to Confirmed Cases



Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as on 14 September 2020

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO Director-General and President of the European Commission, co-hosted the inaugural meeting of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator Facilitation Council, details [here](#).
- Surveys by UNICEF and WHO reveal that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in major disruptions to health services that threaten to undo decades of hard-won progress, details [here](#).
- WHO is supporting a virtual launch of the first progress report of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (GAP), which was launched at the United Nations General Assembly earlier, details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

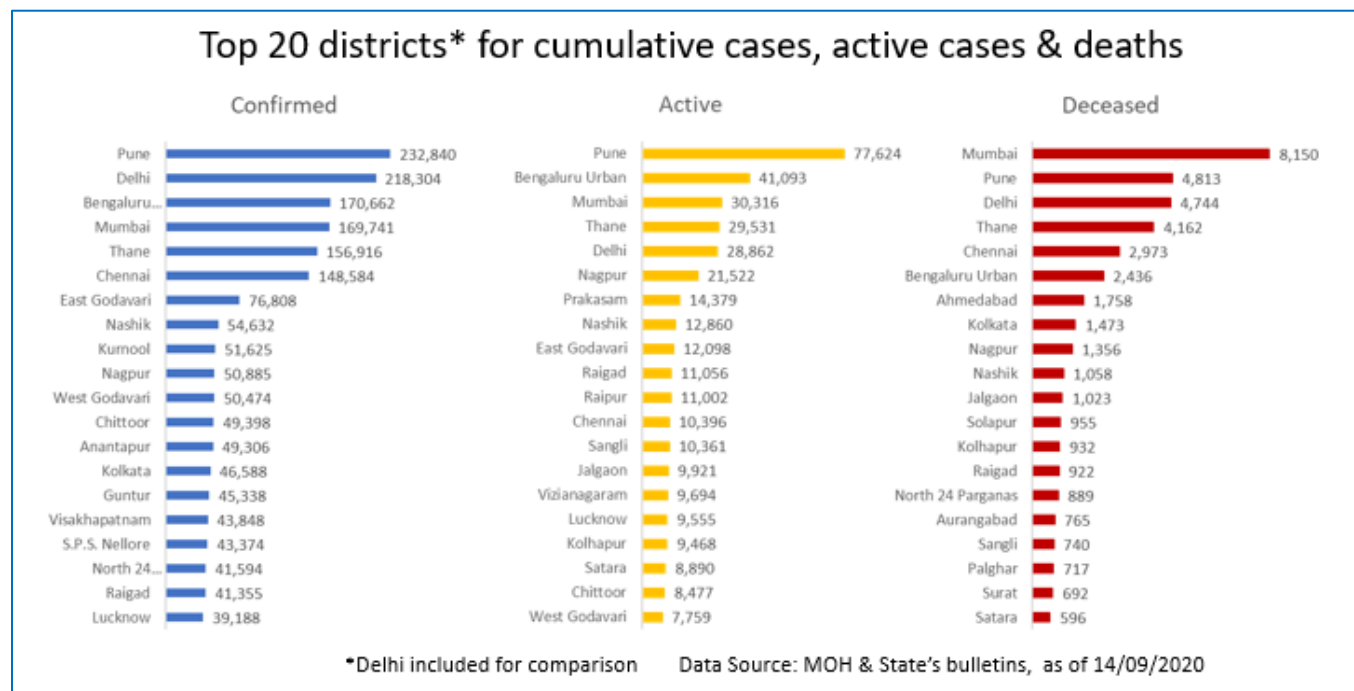
WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, on preparedness and response measures including epidemiological assessment, surveillance, testing, case management, containment and research activities for COVID-19 at the national, state and district level.

- **Co-ordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in **Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Kerala**
- **Surveillance and Response:** WCO teams across states continue to provide technical support to states through high level advocacy, and knowledge sharing particularly in emerging and high-burden states.
 - In **Andhra Pradesh**, WCO continues to support accelerated implementation of SARI Surveillance, including review meeting of district collectors led by Commissioner Health for strengthening surveillance
 - In **Kerala**, WCO continues to assist to implement the revised COVID-19 control strategy with focus on seamless hospital admission and case management
 - In **Maharashtra**, WCO is supporting DHO/MOH in assessing training needs and providing supportive supervision through visits to containment zones and fever clinics
- **Data collection and analysis:** WCO teams continue supporting data analysis and death audit in Bihar, Puducherry and Gujarat, and conducting sero-survey in Gujarat, West Bengal, Karnataka and Kerala
- **Infection prevention and control:** WCO is supporting hospital assessment and training on IPC in **Chhattisgarh, Karnataka Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh**
- **Essential Services:** WCO participated in the Quarterly National Review meeting led by MoHFW to review implementation of activities focused on Non-Communicable Diseases, including India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI). WCO also conducted trainings in **Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Telangana** for effective management of hypertension and diabetes
- **Risk Communication:** Consultation was organized to capture the impact of COVID-19 on Youth. The panelists included officials from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, mental health expert from AIIMS, New Delhi and a youth champion. The event had about 4,200 viewers.
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 5,83,12,273 samples to date with 10,72,845 samples tested on 1.09.20, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support ICMR for supplies and kits as needed.

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DAILY GROWTH OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO Guidelines -Antigen-detection in the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection using rapid immunoassays ([Link](#))
2. WHO Interim guidance on Diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2 ([Link](#))
3. WHO Updated considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
4. MoHFW released the following technical documents for COVID-19 response during the week:
 - a. EMR Division Post COVID management protocol ([Link](#))
 - b. Revised SOP on preventive measures to be followed while conducting examinations to contain spread of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
 - c. SOP for partial reopening of Schools for students of 9 th to 12th classes on a voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers: In the context of COVID-19 ([Link](#))

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