

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 34

September 21, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Health Minister made a statement at the parliament regarding COVID-19 pandemic and steps taken for its management in country ([Link](#))
- India's first indigenously developed CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) COVID-19 test, was approved for use in country ([Link](#))
- Minister of Commerce & Industry reviewed status of COVID-19 management including oxygen availability and usage in 12 states with high case load ([Link](#))
- Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions reviewed COVID-19 situation in Jammu and Kashmir and announced daily monitoring of COVID-19 situation by Central government ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Women and Child Development shared details of endeavors undertaken by Anganwadi workers and helpers to ensure continuous nutritional support to beneficiaries during the lockdown ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Civil Aviation allowed RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 at the entry airport on pilot basis to facilitate the transfer of international passengers ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

5 400 619 Confirmed Cases

86,752 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

6 073 462 Confirmed Cases

101 700 Total Deaths

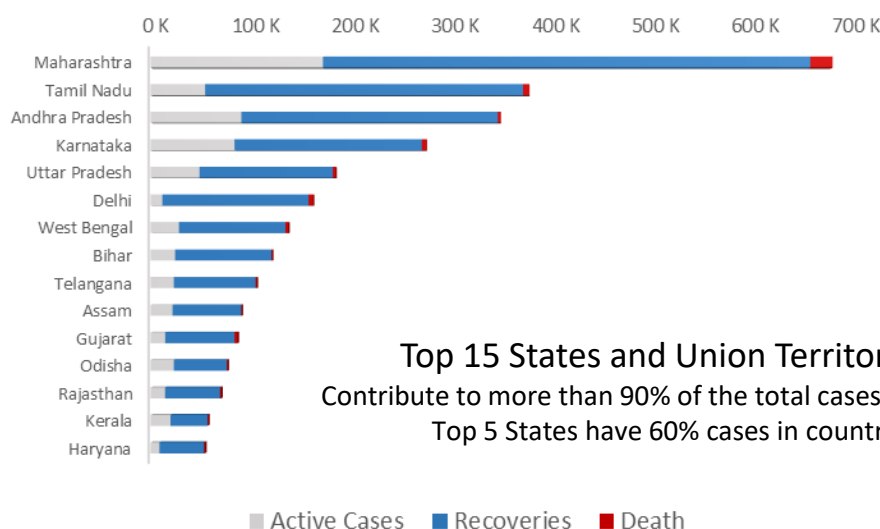
World

30 675 675 Confirmed Cases

954 417 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 21 September 2020, India confirmed 5,400,619 total cases and 86,752 deaths. **86,961** new cases were reported in the last 24 hours alone, 90% of the new confirmed cases are concentrated in 15 States/UTs., Maharashtra has alone contributed more than 20,000 and Andhra Pradesh has contributed more than 8,000 cases details [here](#).



Top 15 States and Union Territories
Contribute to more than 90% of the total cases in country
Top 5 States have 60% cases in country

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as on 21 September 2020

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- On World Patient Safety Day, WHO reminded governments that they have a legal and moral responsibility to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of health workers. The Organization's health worker charter called on all Member States and relevant stakeholders to take steps, details [here](#).
- 64 higher income economies have joined the COVAX Facility, a global initiative that brings together governments and manufacturers to ensure eventual COVID-19 vaccines reach those in greatest need, whoever they are and wherever they live, details [here](#).
- WHO and UNICEF have entered a new Strategic Collaborative Framework to accelerate joint public health efforts with a special focus on most marginalized and vulnerable populations 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.

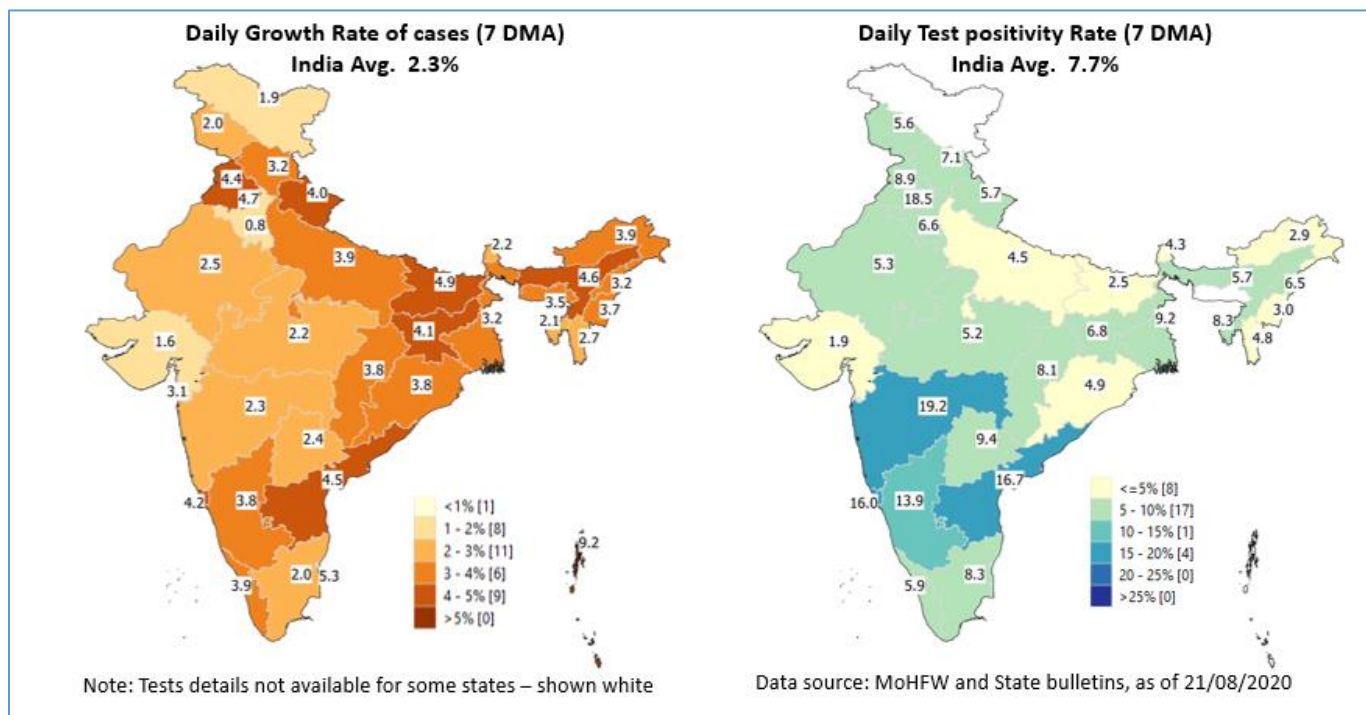
- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level.
 - In **Odisha**, WCO participated in review meeting chaired by Chief Minister on COVID-19 response. Analysis of COVID case burden, deaths and facility availability was shared with Additional Chief Secretary, and Special Secretary Health to support the response plan.
- **Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Containment:** 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.
- **Information and Planning:** WCO participated in meetings led by Principal Secretary, **Bihar** regarding COVID-19 sero-survey. Implementation of second round of Intensive Public Health Survey was done in **Jharkhand**.
 - WCO continues to support **Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland** for COVID-19 data management and review.
 - WCO facilitated sero-survey training in Alipurduar, **West Bengal**, in 8 districts surveys has been completed.
 - WHO continues to provide support for data analysis and death audit in select states.
- **Infection Prevention and Control:** WCO is supporting training and re-orientation of doctors and other health workers on IPC in **Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Telangana**.
- **Essential Services:** WCO is supporting polio SNID preparedness in **Delhi, Punjab, Bihar and Jharkhand**.
 - WCO supported Regional Reviews for Family Planning for North and North East states (conducted from 1 - 11 September 2020) wherein integrated SRH approach were emphasized.
 - Total 15 states have been reviewed and SRH Factsheets were developed for providing evidence-based, data-driven support for the review meetings.
- **Risk Communication:** WCO is supporting Dastak Campaign launched by Chief Minister, **Uttar Pradesh** for communicable diseases & JE. In **Assam and Delhi** WCO is supporting RI and JE campaign in **Meghalaya**
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 63,600,000 samples to date with 12,06,806 samples tested on 21.09.20, 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 Considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19; Annex to Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
2. MoHFW released the following technical documents for COVID-19 response during the week:
 - o Revised SOP on preventive measures to be followed while conducting examinations to contain spread of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
 - o SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in skill or entrepreneurship training institutions, higher educational institutions conducting doctoral courses and post graduate studies in technical & professional programs requiring laboratory /experimental work ([Link](#))

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