

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- PM launched public campaign to promote COVID appropriate behavior and appeals citizens to unite in fight against COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Health Minister in the latest SAMVAAD meeting shared the role of Ayurveda in fight against COVID-19; ICMR's upcoming study on reinfection and country's COVID-19 vaccination plans ([Link](#))
- Home Minister appealed to public to unite for PM's public movement in fight against COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated International conference on "Mental Health: Looking Beyond COVID 19" ([Link](#))
- Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region lauds role of North-East States in relatively successful COVID-19 management ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health informed that a digital platform is being built to track COVID-19 vaccine administration and movement ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting releases SoP for film exhibition as cinema halls receive permission to open with 50% capacity ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Education has issued guidelines for reopening of schools ([Link](#))

### WHO Situation Update

#### India

**7 053 806 Confirmed Cases**  
**108 334 Total Deaths**

#### South East Asia Region

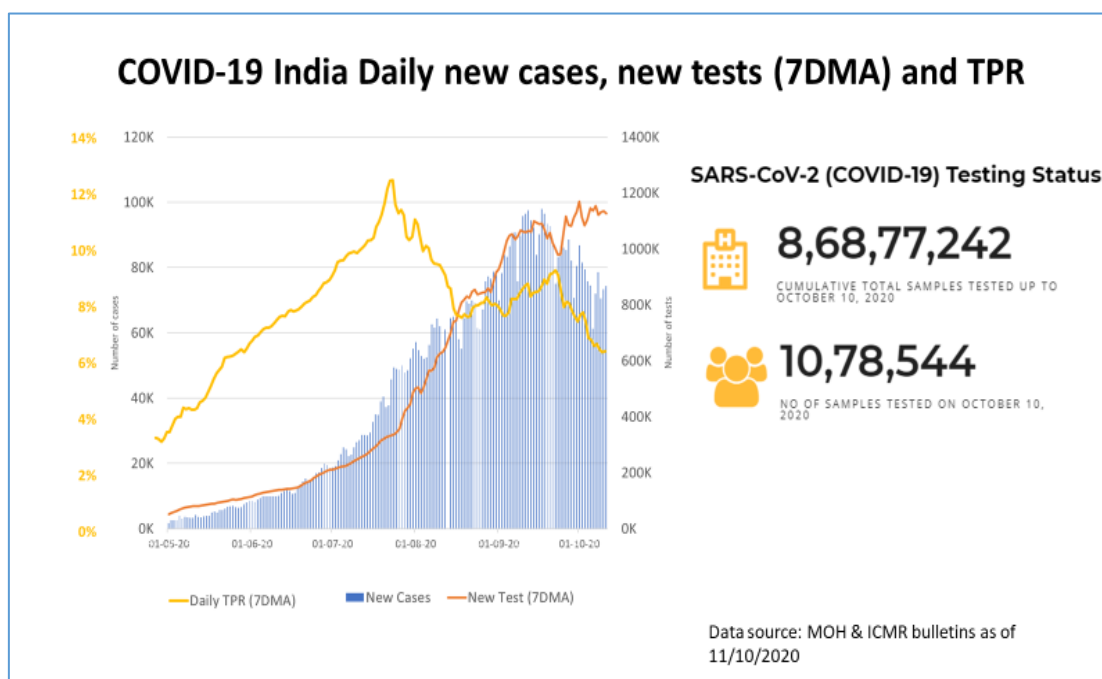
**7 911 036 Confirmed Cases**  
**126 917 Total Deaths**

#### World

**37 109 851 Confirmed Cases**  
**1 070 355 Deaths**

## INDIA SITUATION

As of 11 October 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has confirmed 7,053,806 COVID-19 cases and 108,334 deaths. India's 7 Day Moving Average (7DMA) for testing is more than one million and daily test positivity rate (7DMA) is 6.4%.



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## WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- World Mental Health Day, was celebrated globally on 10 October. WHO urged Member States for increased investment in mental health programmes, which have already suffered from years of chronic underfunding, is now more important than it has ever been, details [here](#).
- WHO report warns that the COVID-19 pandemic could worsen the global number of stillbirths. A 50 per cent reduction in health services due to the pandemic could cause nearly 200 000 additional stillbirths over a 12-month period in 117 low- and middle-income countries, 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.

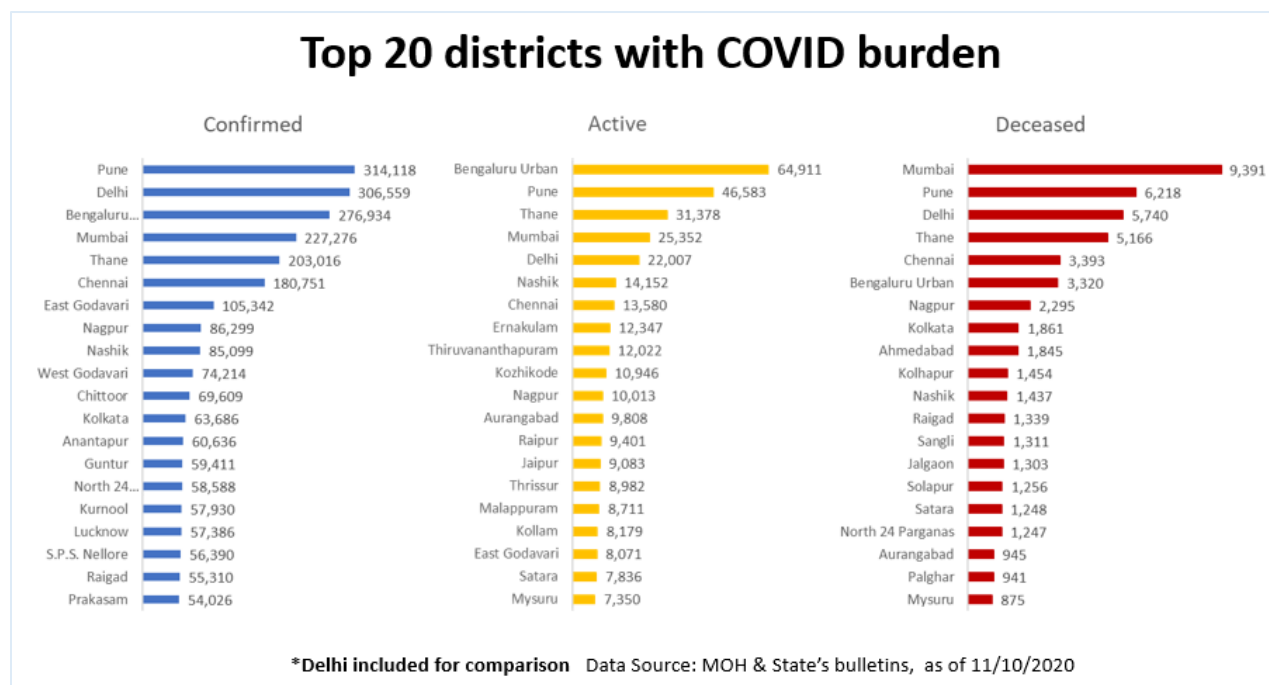
- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana**
  - WCO personnel continue to be deployed to support SHOC room at the EMR Division and NCDC
- **Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Containment:** WCO continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities.
  - In **Chattisgarh**, WCO supported capacity building workshops for house to house survey campaign- '*Corona Sadhan Samudayik Survey Abhiyan*'
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WCO facilitated virtual consultation on **World Mental Health day** advocating prioritization of mental health efforts and investment during COVID-19; chaired by Joint Secretary (EA), MoHFW and Deputy Director General (Mental Health and International Health)
- **Infection Prevention and Control and case management:** WCO trained health workers on IPC in several states - 29 districts of **Telangana, Karnataka and Telangana, West Bengal, and Maharashtra**
- **Research and Innovation:** Three vaccines in India are in Phase 2 / 3 clinical trials– Bharat Biotech, Zydus Cadila and Serum Institute of India (with AstraZeneca)
  - Consultation meetings have been initiated with Drug Controller General India (DCGI) to discuss regulatory oversight of vaccines for supply of COVID 19 vaccines to United Nations agencies with all levels of WHO and Prequalification team at WHO HQ.
  - WHO is working closely with GoI and DCGI on an agreement to enable India to act as 'National Regulatory Authority (NRA) of Reference' and allow exports of vaccines to other countries to happen in a seamless manner
- **Laboratory testing:** Overall, India has tested 8,68,77,242 cumulative total samples up to October 12, 2020 with 10,78,544 samples tested on 04.10.20, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support ICMR for supplies and kits as needed.
  - The Indian institute under the Department of Biotechnology, Translational Health Science & Technology Institute has been recognized by CEPI as one of the global networks of laboratories for centralized assessment of COVID 19 vaccines; total 6 labs globally identified for the purpose

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## SUB-NATIONAL BURDEN OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA



## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

- WHO COVID-19 Target product profiles for priority diagnostics to support COVID-19 response ([Link](#))
- World Health Organization, United for Global Mental Health and the World Federation for Mental Health, Joint Statement ([link](#))
- Ministry for Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Guidelines this week.
  - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 during festivities ([Link](#))
  - SOP on preventive measures to be followed in Entertainment Parks and similar places to contain spread of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
  - Environmental and Social Management Framework for India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness ([Link](#))

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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