

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 39

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister cautioned against complacency, callousness and appealed to citizens to not let guard down against COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Health Minister reviews COVID-19 response preparedness in Uttar Pradesh and reiterates that the coming three months of festivities and winters will be crucial in determining COVID-19 trajectory in the country ([Link](#))
- Health Minister discusses implementation of Prime Minister's Jan Andolan against COVID-19 with senior officials of Madhya Pradesh ([Link](#)) and Gujarat ([Link](#))
- Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centers to resume sporting activities from November in light of the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics ([Link](#))
- Health Minister addresses the World Bank-IMF annual meeting and highlights the importance of preparedness has been taught by COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health launches website that gives comprehensive information about the numerous COVID-19 clinical trials led by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and partners ([Link](#))

### WHO Situation Update

#### India

**7 946 429 Confirmed Cases**  
**119 502 Total Deaths**

#### South East Asia Region

**8 969 707 Confirmed Cases**  
**140 827 Total Deaths**

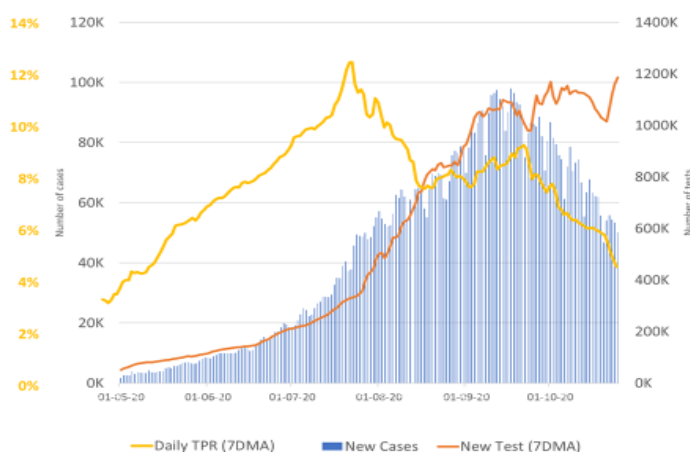
#### World

**43 341 451 Confirmed Cases**  
**1 157 509 Deaths**

## INDIA SITUATION

As of 25 October 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has confirmed 7,864,811 COVID-19 cases and 118,534 deaths. Since the past six weeks, India is showing a decreasing trend in daily cases. Compared to the last highest daily cases (97,894) on 17 September, India has reported 50,129 cases on 25 October (decrease of around 50%). India's 7 Day Moving Average (7DMA) daily test positivity rate is 4.6 %.

### COVID-19 India Daily new cases, new tests (7DMA) and TPR



### SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Testing Status

**Cumulative Samples tested:**  
**102,523,469**

**Samples tested on 24<sup>th</sup> October:**  
**1,140,905**

Data source: MOH & ICMR bulletins as of 25/10/2020

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## WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

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- WHO and the Wikimedia Foundation, announced today a collaboration to expand the public's access to the latest and most reliable information about COVID-19, details [here](#).
- At the 26 Polio IHR Emergency Committee meeting, discussions were held to address COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing spread of cVDPV2 in order to restart progress toward global polio eradication, details [here](#).
- COVID-19 is putting at risk the progress made in the global TB programme, as countries are reallocating human, financial and other resources from TB to COVID-19 response ([Link](#))
- WHO invites independent film-makers, production companies, NGOs, communities, students, and film schools from around the world to submit films to the 2nd Health for All Film Festival ([Link](#))

## WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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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, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana and Puducherry**
- **Surveillance, Contact Tracing, Containment:** WHO Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Chandigarh UT, Punjab, Karnataka, Bihar, Telangana and Puducherry and Uttar Pradesh**. WCO continues to provide supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing and identify containment zones
  - WCO supported **Rajasthan** to issue clinical management guidelines for COVID-19 (adults and children) and is assisting to establish post-COVID care clinics in all districts
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WCO and UNICEF jointly facilitated meeting with faith leaders in **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** to promote caution during upcoming festive season
- **Infection Prevention and Control and Hospital Preparedness:** In **Telangana**, WCO completed IPC training for doctors and health workers at urban and primary health centres in all 33 districts
  - WCO continues to support COVID-19 hospital assessments in **Karnataka and Telangana** at the district level
- **Essential Health Service:** Efforts to strengthen VPD surveillance and immunization are underway in **Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh**
  - WCO is providing strategic technical support in **Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Telangana, Karnataka, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh** for COVID-19 vaccination
  - WCO facilitated ToT for Routine immunization for Front line health workers in Salem, **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Information and Planning:** WCO continues to provide technical inputs for case fatality ratio analysis and death audit in **Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Puducherry**
- **Laboratory testing:** India tested 10,34,62,778 cumulative samples by 28 October and 9,39,309 samples were tested on 19 October, reported by [ICMR](#). WCO continues to support ICMR for supplies and kits as needed.

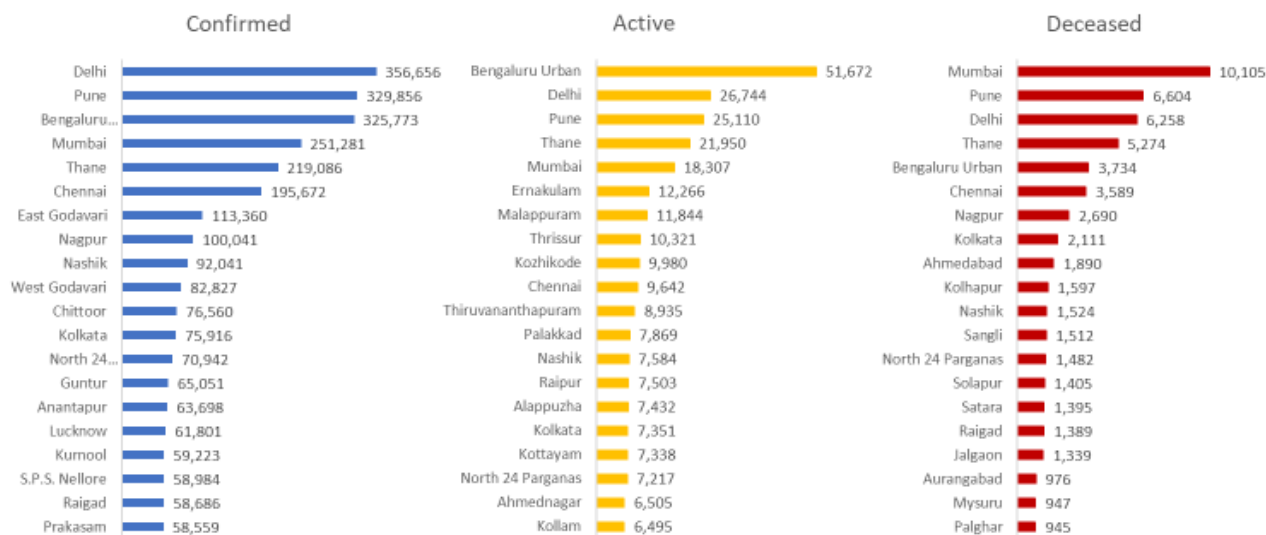
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## SUB-NATIONAL BURDEN OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA

### Top 20 districts with COVID burden



\*Delhi included for comparison Data Source: MOH & State's bulletins, as of 25/10/2020

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW Guidelines for management of co-infection of COVID-19 with other seasonal epidemic prone diseases ([Link](#))
2. ICMR issued advisory on CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) technology-based SARS-CoV-2 test ([Link](#))
3. WHO Interim Guidance: Assessment tool for laboratories implementing SARS-CoV-2 testing ([Link](#))
4. WHO Interim Guidance: Considerations in the investigation of cases and clusters of COVID-19 ([Link](#))

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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