

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- PM calls for observing restraint during the festival season considering the pandemic ([Link](#))
- Health Minister exhorts Delhi to implement Prime Minister's Jan Andolan to reduce the momentum of COVID-19 by the end of the year ([Link](#))
- Health Minister reviews COVID-19 preparedness in Karnataka to ensure compliance to COVID appropriate behavior ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Culture issues SOPs for re-opening museums, art galleries, and exhibitions delineating preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- UGC issues guidelines for re-opening universities and colleges post lockdown ([Link](#))
- Goa postal division launches Special Cover and special cancellation regarding COVID-19 and mental health ([Link](#))
- Member, Health, NITI Aayog calls for "Mask-wali Diwali, Mask-wali Christmas and Mask-wali Eid" to avoid surge during festive season ([Link](#))
- Six women led startups win the MyGov-UN Women organized 'Shri Shakti Challenge' aimed to encourage female led startups develop innovative solutions against COVID19 ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

8 229 313 Confirmed Cases

122 607 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

9 641 945 Confirmed Cases

149 326 Total Deaths

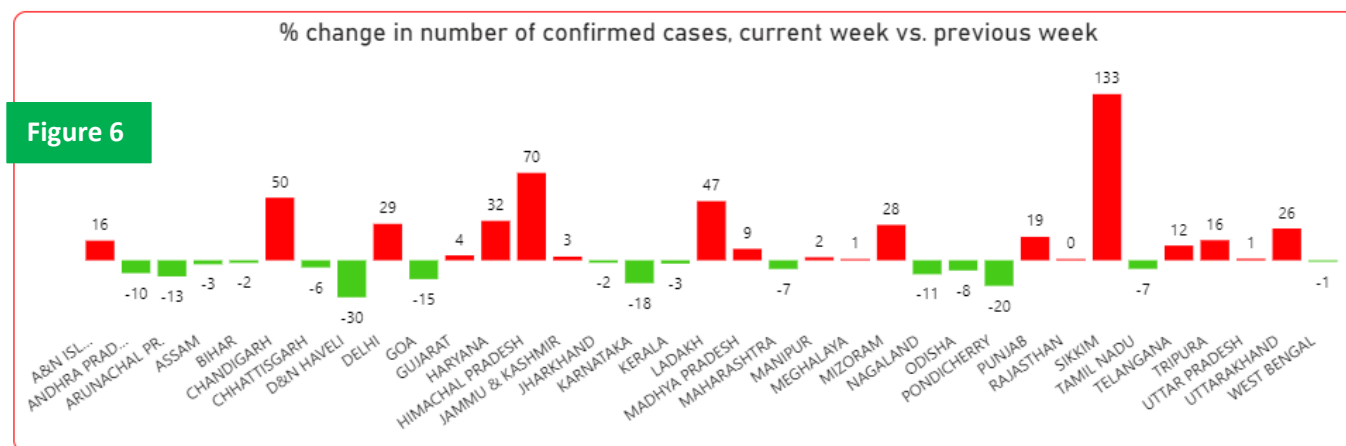
World

49 727 316 Confirmed Cases

1 248 373 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 08 November 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has confirmed 8,229,313 COVID-19 cases and 122,607 deaths. Till date, India has tested more than 110 million samples. Compared to previous weeks, multiple states/UTs, namely, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya,



Source: WHO Dashboard as of 08 November 2020 reported by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- The resumed 73rd World Health Assembly (WHA73) opened to the tune of the classic hit song “We are Family” by Sister Sledge, and the launch of a Universal Health and Preparedness Review and the need to “reimagine” global leadership and “forge a new era of cooperation” reflecting the lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic, details [here](#).
- HIV Prevention Trials Network study (HPTN 084) on the safety and efficacy of the long-acting injectable antiretroviral drug cabotegravir (CAB LA), for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in HIV-uninfected women, was stopped early by the trial Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB), 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.

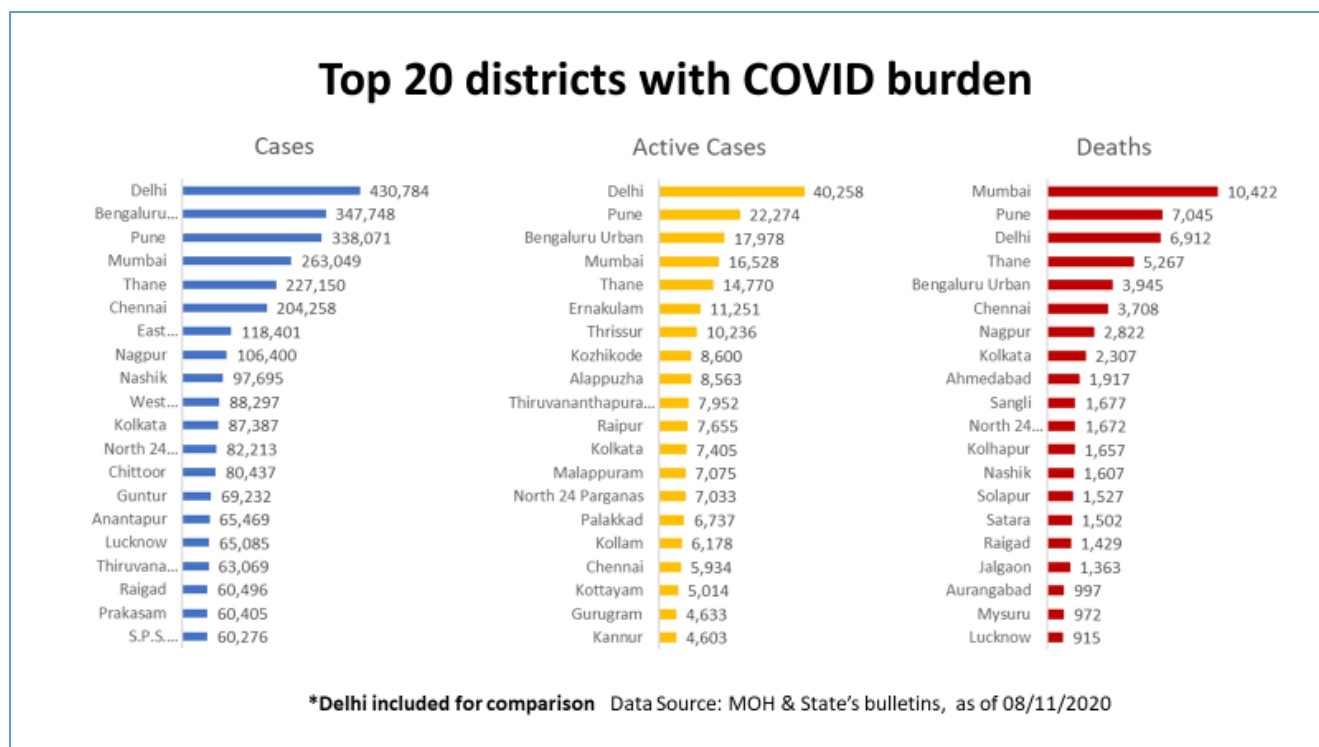
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 - WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at NCDC
 - In Odisha, COVID review meeting was held chaired by Chief Minister and review led by Additional Chief Secretary regarding laboratory testing, wherein WCO supported.
 - WHO participated in series of meetings chaired by Health Minister, **Karnataka** regarding COVID-19 vaccine introduction preparedness, and overall review
- **Risk communication and Community Engagement:** WCO continues to support Intra-Action Review (IAR) of trained officers from IIPH, Gandhinagar and IIM, Ahmedabad in **Gujarat**, and is working closely with Principal Secretary, Health for its documentation
 - Supporting **Karnataka and Telangana** for communication campaign to improve COVID appropriate behavior
 - Continue to facilitate training of volunteers of Sevadals of Sri Sathya Sai Seva organizations on COVID-19 appropriate behaviors in **Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh** in collaboration with UNICEF
 - WCO and UNICEF jointly facilitated meeting with faith leaders in **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Karnataka** to promote caution during upcoming festive season
- **Contact Tracing, Containment and Surveillance:** Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities and supportive supervision to monitor contact tracing; identify containment zones and sharing regular feedback with government health officials on regular basis.
- **Laboratory testing:** India tested 12,56,98,525 cumulative samples by 12 October and 8,61,706 samples were tested on 15 November, reported by [ICMR](#).

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SUB-NATIONAL BURDEN OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA



ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW Guidelines for International Arrivals (in supersession of guidelines issued on the subject dated 2nd August 2020) ([LINK](#))
2. WHO Statement to the resumed 73rd World Health Assembly by the Chair of the Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2005) during the COVID-19 Response ([LINK](#))
3. World Health Assembly chart on course for COVID-19 response and global health priorities ([LINK](#))
4. WHO-ICMRA joint statement on the need for improved global regulatory alignment on COVID-19 medicines and vaccines ([LINK](#))

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