

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 45

December 7, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister holds all party meeting to discuss COVID-19 vaccination strategy ([Link](#))
- Prime Minister interacted with Institutes working on developing & manufacturing COVID-19 vaccine ([Link](#))
- Mission COVID Suraksha launched by the Government of India to accelerate Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development ([Link](#))
- Experts at NITI Aayog and Ministry of Science and Technology highlight how the Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy, 2020 can help country become future-ready & face situations like COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports highlights work done by Indian youth volunteers during COVID-19 while addressing BRICS Youth Summit ([Link](#))
- Minister of Health emphasizes that countries can no longer work in silos and global synergies must be created in view of post-COVID health collaboration ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

9 677 203 Confirmed Cases

140 573 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

11 071 129 Confirmed Cases

168 458 Total Deaths

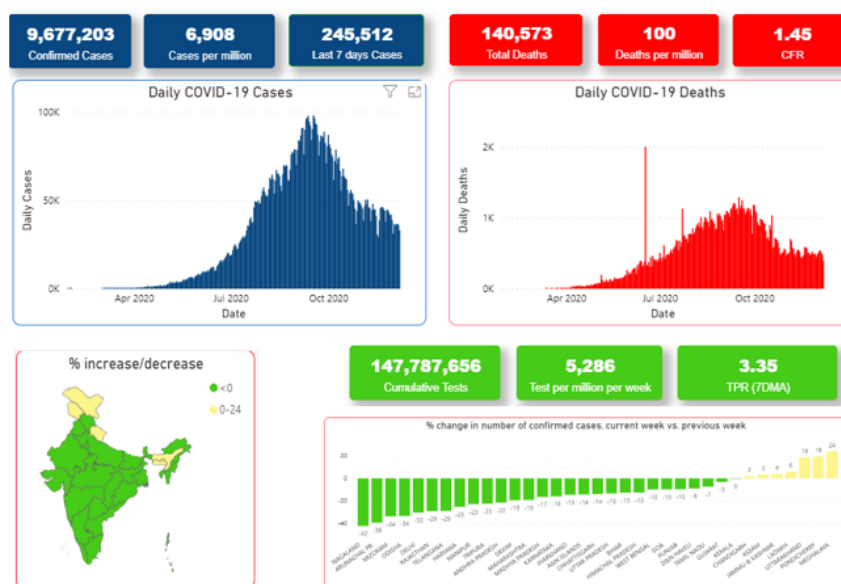
World

65 872 391 Confirmed Cases

1 523 656 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 7 December, India reported 9,677,203 confirmed cases. Past few days saw a slight increase in daily cases, which are now again declining. On 7 December 32,981 confirmed cases were reported and in the past week 245,512 cases have been reported. Cases per million is 6,908. Total deaths reported 140,573, details [here](#).



Source: MoHFW as reported on the WHO India Country Office Dashboard

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- Global equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines estimated to generate economic benefits of at least US\$ 153 billion in 2020–21, and US\$ 466 billion by 2025, in 10 major economies, according to new report by the Eurasia Group, details [here](#).
- WHO launches year-long campaign to help 100 million people quit tobacco, 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.

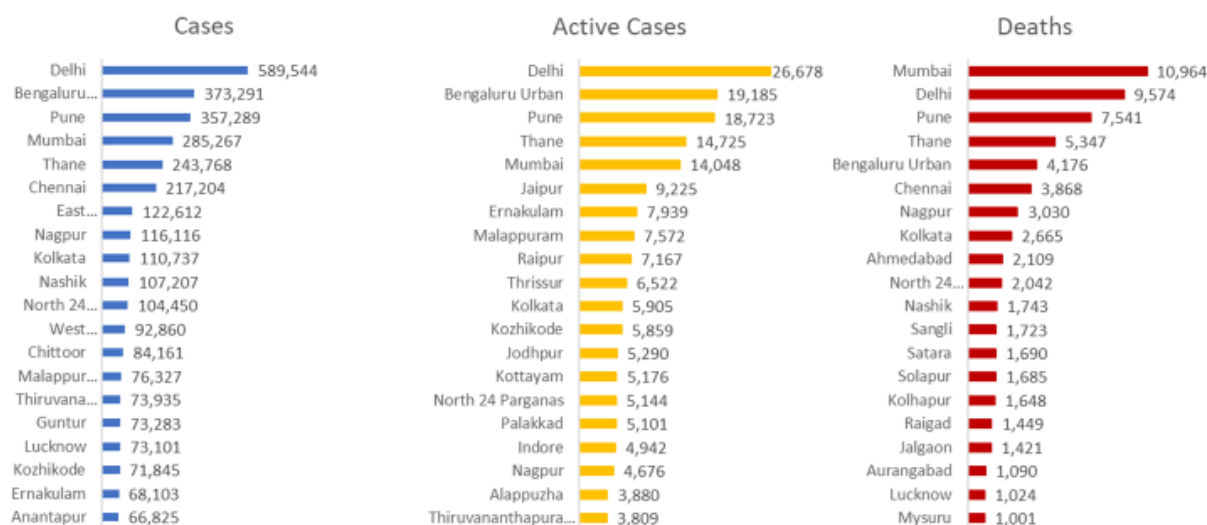
- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Puducherry**
- **Vaccine Preparation:** Series of trainings and capacity building workshops for vaccine roll-out has been conducted with WHO, UNICEF, UNDP partner together with MoHFW.
 - WCO is providing strategic technical support in **Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala** for preparing for COVID-19 vaccination
- **Contact Tracing, Containment:** Country office continues to provide technical support for COVID-19 containment activities in **Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh**.
 - In **Uttar Pradesh**, to identify ILI/SARI symptoms, a total of 3,00,33,652 houses have been covered and 122,754 symptomatic identified with the support of WHO field teams
- **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:** WCO developed risk communication package consisting of a video and few GIFs focusing on the need to follow COVID appropriate behaviors during the wedding season.
 - Supporting radio campaign on COVID appropriate behaviors across the country
- **Infection Prevention and Control and Hospital Preparedness:** Providing supportive supervision and on-the-job training to medical officers working in fever clinics in **Maharashtra**
- **Research and Development:** WCO is supporting 11 Unity Studies and 20 high-burden facilities on standardizing COVID and pregnancy care SCOPE Study.
- **Information and Planning:** WHO is supporting **Kerala, Telangana and Tamil Nadu** in preparation of database for health care workers for COVID-19 vaccination Supporting **Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana** in preparation of database for health care workers for COVID-19 vaccination
 - Supporting test run of Co-WIN software in Telangana in collaboration with UNDP
- **Laboratory testing:** India tested 14,77,87,656 cumulative samples and 8,01,081 samples were tested on 06 November, reported by [ICMR](#).
 - Total Operational Laboratories reporting to ICMR include Government labs: 1190 and Private labs:1136
 - WCO continues to review testing strategy, number of samples tested and test positivity rate in states and share feedback on strengthening testing strategy.

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SUB-NATIONAL BURDEN OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA

Top 20 districts with COVID burden



*Delhi included for comparison Data Source: MOHFW & State's bulletins, as of 06/12/2020

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. WHO Feasibility, Potential Value and Limitations of Establishing a Closely Monitored Challenge Model of Experimental COVID-19 Infection and Illness in Healthy Young Adult Volunteers [\[LINK\]](#)
2. WHO Guidance for implementing non pharmacological public health measures in populations in situations of vulnerability in the context of COVID-19 (PAHO- WHO, 1 December) [\[LINK\]](#)
3. Mask use in the context of COVID-19 [\[LINK\]](#)

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