

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 47

December 21, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Health Minister chairs 22nd meeting of group of ministers on COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology emphasizes that sero-survey will be helpful in prioritizing candidates for vaccination ([Link](#))
- Union Health Minister emphasizes that the nation has effectively repurposed capacities from multiple research disciplines across a wide range of public and private institutions to efficiently fight COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Government of India and New Development Bank sign a loan agreement for \$1 billion to support India's economic recovery from COVID-19 ([Link](#))
- Member, NITI Aayog calls for building on standard principles of addressing Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) and making it specific to the requirements of the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine ([Link](#))
- India's recovery rate is now one of the highest in the world after crossing 95% ([Link](#))

WHO Situation Update

India

10 055 560 Confirmed Cases

145 810 Total Deaths

South East Asia Region

11 610 444 Confirmed Cases

176 826 Total Deaths

World

75 129 306 Confirmed Cases

1 680 794 Deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As of 21 December India, reported 10,055,560 confirmed cases. Daily cases are declining, with less than thirty thousand cases reported since last few days- 24,337 cases reported, cases per million is 7,178, total deaths reported 145,810, details [here](#).

10,055,560

Confirmed Cases

7,178

Cases per million

171,460

Last 7 days Cases

145,810

Total Deaths

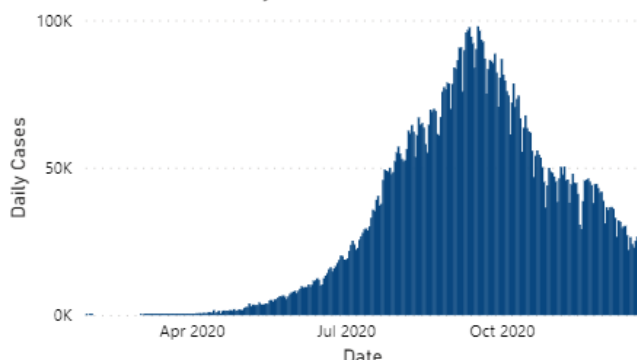
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Deaths per million

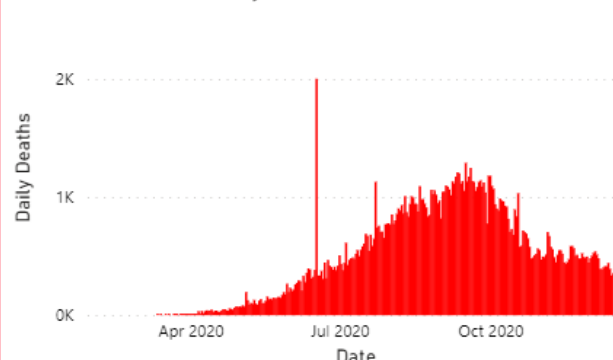
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Daily COVID-19 Cases



Daily COVID-19 Deaths



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

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO and YouTube have partnered on [public service announcement](#) (PSA) to help battle COVID-19 fatigue as we head into the holiday season, details [here](#).
- To mark the end of the [Year of the Nurse and Midwife](#), WHO unveiled the [2020 List of 100+ Outstanding Women Nurses and Midwives](#), featuring the achievements and contributions of nurses and midwives from 43 countries and across 6 global regions, details [here](#).
- The Behavioral Insights Unit of the WHO released a [meeting report](#) of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on the special session on acceptance and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines, 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.

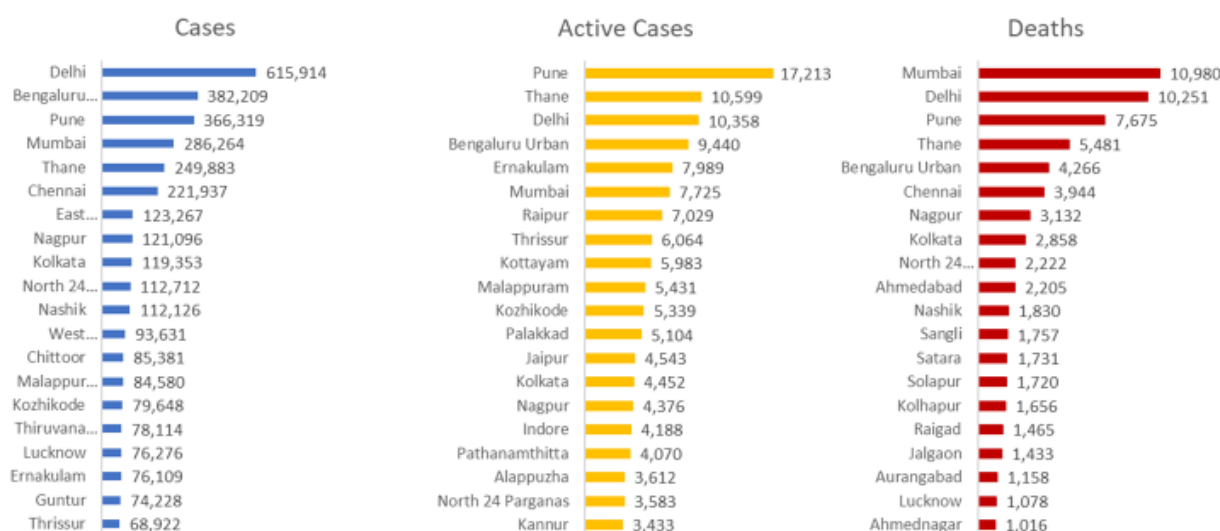
- **Coordination:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through JMG (Joint Monitoring Group) at the national level and through task force/control rooms at the state and district level. WCO personnel continue to be deployed with MoHFW to support SHOC room at NCDC
- **Readiness for COVID19 vaccination:** WCO is supporting MOHFW and states in preparation and roll out of COVID19 vaccination including supporting MoHFW in drafting the operational guidelines for COVID vaccination and technical inputs to the communications strategy.
 - WHO supported MOHFW in planning for end-to-end dry run for COVID vaccination. On the request of Ministry WCO SOP for dry run was drafted and is under review.
 - WCO has been requested to support dry run in Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat.
 - WCO has been also requested to draft vaccination preparedness checklist, draft shared with the MOHFW.
 - WCO is also supporting trainings in States and providing daily update to MOHFW on formation of task forces and medical college training for vaccine roll-out.
 - WCO has supported development of training module for different categories of health workers including two training videos on vaccination sessions. WCO supported national level TOT on 9 and 10 December
 - WCO is modifying the AEFI capturing software SafeVac to directly capture any adverse events following COVID vaccination with Covid Vaccine Intelligence Network (CoWIN) for managing adverse events following covid19 vaccination
 - WCO is supporting MOHFW in developing communications guidelines for COVID vaccination along with UNICEF.
 - WCO is facilitating ToT roll out of COVID vaccination in **Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana**
- **Laboratory testing:** To date, India has tested more than 162,098,329 samples. This includes both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.29% while daily tests continues to remain high around 1 million tests per day. On 20 December 900,134 tests were done, details [ICMR](#).

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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 20/12/2020

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MHA Standard Operating Procedure for Passenger Movement post-Disembarkation ([LINK](#))
2. MoHFW Travel Advisory for UK Variant Strain ([LINK](#))
3. COVAX COVID-19 vaccine candidates; plans global rollout starting Q1 2021 ([LINK](#))
4. WHO Baseline report for Decade of Healthy Ageing ([LINK](#))

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