

# Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- National Task Force on COVID-19 strategizes testing, treatment, and surveillance for COVID-19 in view of the new virus strain from UK ([Link](#))
- Central Government gears up for roll out of COVID-19 vaccine with dry run for vaccine administration scheduled in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, and Punjab ([Link](#))
- Ministry of Health issued Standard Operating Procedure for Epidemiological Surveillance and Response in the context of new variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus detected in United Kingdom ([Link](#))
- Member, NITI Aayog asks citizens to not panic about the mutant coronavirus found in the UK as no such mutation has been found in the country so far ([Link](#))
- Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology emphasizes that serosurvey will be helpful in prioritizing candidates for vaccination ([Link](#))

### WHO Situation Update

#### India

**10 207 871 Confirmed Cases**

**147 901 Total Deaths**

#### South East Asia Region

**11 842 422 Confirmed Cases**

**180 737 Total Deaths**

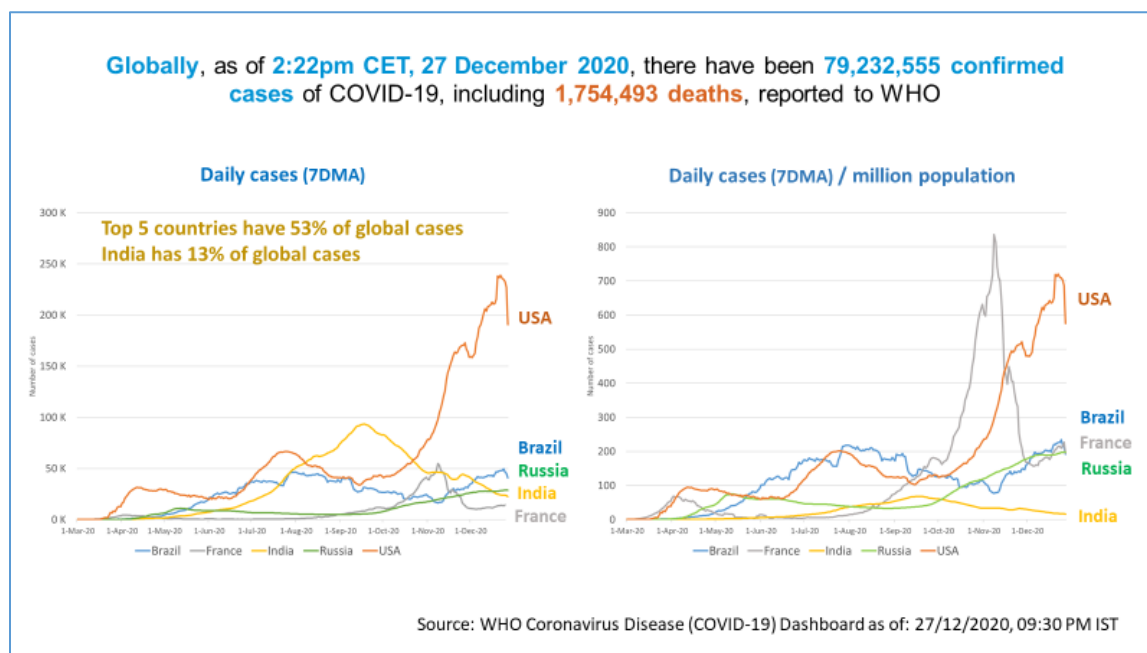
#### World

**79 231 893 Confirmed Cases**

**1 754 574 Deaths**

## INDIA SITUATION

As of 28 December India, reported 10,207,871 confirmed cases. Daily cases have been declining, with 20,021 confirmed cases reported on 28 December 2020. Cases per million is 7,286 and a total of 147,901 deaths have been reported, details [here](#).



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## WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

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- WHO issues its first emergency use validation for a COVID-19 vaccine and emphasizes need for equitable global access, details [here](#).
- WHO issued guideline on ensuring balanced national policies for access and safe use of controlled medicines, details [here](#).
- WHO released Joint statement calling for urgent country scale-up of access to optimal HIV treatment for infants and children living with HIV, details [here](#).

## 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. 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.
  - MoHFW released operational guidelines for COVID vaccination, WHO worked closely with MOHFW in the development of the guidelines together with partners.
  - MOHFW plans for end-to-end dry run for COVID vaccination underway. WCO has been requested to support dry run in **Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Gujarat to start with.**
  - WCO has been also requested to draft vaccination preparedness checklist, which has been shared with the MoHFW for review.
  - WCO is tracking trainings in states and providing daily update to MoHFW
  - WCO modified 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
- **Essential Health Services:** WHO completed the training of National Adolescent Health Councillors in 7 States to provide psycho-social services to adolescents and young people during the pandemic.
- **Risk Communication:** WHO supported Radio Programming across several States in India to encourage public participation in COVID appropriate behaviours.
- **Laboratory testing:** India has tested more than 168 million samples. This includes both, RTPCR and Rapid Antigen. India's current test positivity rate (7DMA) is 2.30%. Test positivity rate has remained less than 5% for the last two months. India has strengthened its daily testing capacity, with 715,397 tests done on 28 December, details [ICMR](#).

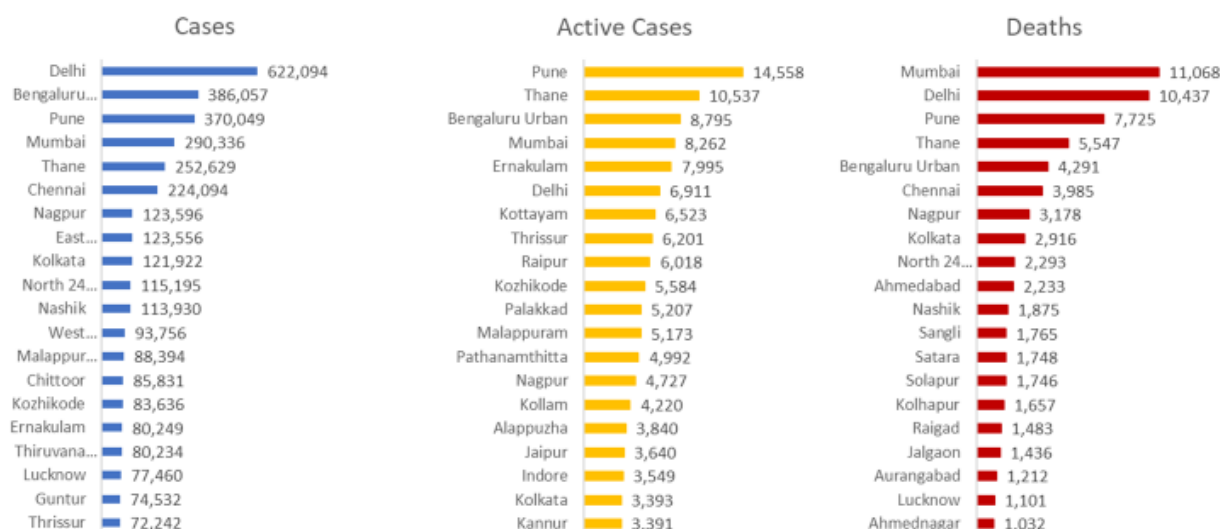
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## SUB-NATIONAL BURDEN OF COVID-19 ACROSS INDIA

### Top 20 districts with COVID burden



\*Delhi included for comparison Data Source: MoHFW & State's bulletins, as of 27/12/2020

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES THIS WEEK

1. MoHFW COVID-19 Communications Strategy ([LINK](#))
2. MoHFW COVID-19 Vaccines Operational Guidelines ([LINK](#))
3. MoHFW Guidelines for domestic travel (air/train/inter-state bus travel) ([LINK](#))
4. MoHFW Guidelines for international arrivals ([LINK](#))
5. WHO Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and considerations during severe shortages ([LINK](#))

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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