

Coronavirus Update in **India**

CONFIRMED CASES	19,157,197
ACTIVE CASES	3,263,815
RECOVERED	25,673,250
DEATHS	211,839
TESTED	288,337,385
VACCINATED	154,989,635

As of 30 April 2021

I. COVID-19 UPDATES IN INDIA

India faces a crisis as the number of Covid cases and deaths rise leading to a prolonged shortage of hospital beds and medical supplies.

Source: [India coronavirus: New record deaths as virus engulfs India](#)

Several regions in India including Maharashtra and Delhi extended their lockdown amid rising Covid cases.

Source: [Maharashtra extends lockdown till May 15](#)

[Delhi Lockdown Extended By A Week As Daily Covid Cases Still Above 25,000](#)

India's Supreme Court urge Central Government to consider complete lockdown to curb Covid-19.

Source: [Urge Centre, states to seriously consider lockdown to curb spread of Covid: Supreme Court](#)

II. INDIAN ECONOMY

Survey indicates Indian manufacturing is returning to normal.

Source: [Early results show manufacturing companies turning around](#)

Covid second wave threatens India's 12.5% projected GDP growth for 2021.

Source: [India's Double-Digit Growth Forecast in Peril](#)

Indian Centre Government encourages states to ramp up investments.

Source: [Step up investment, Centre tells states, rules out funds squeeze](#)

Indian textiles MSMEs facing capacity uncertainty during the second wave of Covid in India.

Source: [Textile MSMEs see uncertainty in production capacity ahead after recovering to near pre-Covid levels](#)

The unemployment rate in India increased in April 2021.

Source: [Unemployment rate likely to be 8% compared to 6.5% in March in India: CMIE](#)

III. TRADE

India Trade Deficit increase to \$15.24 billion in April 2021.

Source: [India's Foreign Trade Weakens In April Amid Second Wave Of Covid-19](#)

Garment industry suffer amid second Covid wave

Source: [Indian Garment Makers hit hard by second covid wave](#)

Gujarat Spinners Association assured to supply yarn to garment makers in Tiruppur.

Source: [Gujarat to the rescue of Tiruppur garment units](#)

Cotton export rose in 2020 in India despite Covid restrictions

Source: [India's cotton exports surge despite COVID-19 hurdles in 2020](#)

Indian apparel exporters seek co-operate with global man-made fibre (MMF) suppliers to address supply shortfall in the country.

Source: [Indian apparel industry eyes collaboration with global suppliers of man-made fibre](#)

IV. LABOUR, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL

TEXPROCIL stressed the importance of eradicating child labour in any form of employment across the value chain.

Source: [CSR of Indian Textile Industry: Saying no to child labour](#)

National Institute of Fashion Technology to introduce technical textiles as an academic subject

Source: [India's NIFT to introduce technical textiles as an academic subject](#)

Indian migrant workers return to their villages as Covid overwhelms Indian cities

Source: [India's Migrants Flee to Their Villages as Covid-19 Prompts New Lockdown](#)

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has relaxed environmental norms in several industries.

Source: [Environment ministry eases norms for industry expansion](#)

The United States and India launched a new high-level "U.S.-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership.

Source: [U.S.-India Joint Statement on Launching the U.S.-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership](#)

Coronavirus Update in **Sri Lanka**

CONFIRMED CASES	111,753
ACTIVE CASES	13,209
RECOVERED	97,848
DEATHS	696

Data as on 30 April.

I. COVID-19 UPDATES IN SRI LANKA

[Sri Lanka issues new tough guidelines amid spike in Covid-19 cases.](#)

Source: [Sri Lanka to continue with Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine: Govt spokesman](#)

II. SRI LANKAN ECONOMY

Sri Lanka experiencing the worst economic recession in 73 years

Source: [Sri Lanka declares worst economic downturn in 73 years](#)

III. LABOUR, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL

Sri Lanka banned the import of palm oil

Source: [Sri Lanka bans palm oil imports with immediate effect; asks plantations to uproot trees](#)

Sri Lanka filed \$17.38 million maritime pollution claim tanker that burnt in September 2020

Source: [Sri Lanka Files \\$17.38M Pollution Claim to Fire-Damaged Tanker's Owner](#)

Sri Lankan launched a program to plant 2 million trees under "Surakumata Parisaraya"

Source: [Sri Lanka launches campaign to plant two million trees to protect environment](#)