

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Coronavirus Update in India

CONFIRMED CASES	6,310,264
ACTIVE CASES	940,641
RECOVERED	5,270,015
DEATHS	98,708

Data as on 30 Sept, 20:00 IST

I. COVID-19 UPDATES IN INDIA

India added over a million new cases in September. The number of recovered cases increased by around 250,000, while the number of death increased by 34,062. Over 75 million people have been tested for coronavirus in India as of 30 September.

From 15 October 2020, India will enter the fifth stage of its reopening (Unlock 5.0). The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has published guidelines in this regard which include further relaxations from the previous lockdown rules, such as reopening of cinemas and schools. Indoor gatherings, however, will still be limited to 200 people or 50% capacity.

Source: [MHA Order Guidelines Unlock 5](#)

II. INDIAN ECONOMY

Indian Parliament passes new farmers bills.

[Government Press Release](#)

Indian Parliament passes three new labour codes.

[Government Press Release](#)

The Indian government in, "Last stages of finalising the textile policy," - Textiles Secretary Ravi Kapoor.
[Govt to soon unveil new National Textile Policy: Secretary](#)

The Indian Central government approved the creation of the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) to promote technical textiles, according to Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani.

[Centre Approves Creation of National Technical Textiles Mission](#)

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) issued the Business Reforms Action Plan 2019, detailing state-wide ranking on the ease of doing business in India.

[DPIT Ease of Doing Business Website](#)

[State Reforms Action Plan, 2020-21](#)

[Implementation Guide for State Reforms Action Plan, 2020-21](#)

III. TRADE & REGULATIONS

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The Central Government is working on setting up a Single Window System for clearances and approvals of the industry in the country.

[Single Window System](#)

The Indian government extended the date of implementation of Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 (QCO).

[Extension of date of implementation of Toys \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#)

[Toys \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#)

[BIS Safety of Toys Certification](#)

Reserve Bank of India published a report, Resolution Framework for COVID-19 Related Stress and has recommended loan structuring for 26 sectors, including textiles and consumer durable goods.

[Covid-19: Kamath committee identifies 26 sectors for loan restructuring](#)

One Product One District Programme in India to be rolled out soon.

[One Product One District: Govt's new programme to take the 'special' product of every district globally](#)

IV. MIGRANT WORKERS AND SOCIAL ASPECTS

Demand for jobs under government-sponsored Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has gone down from 62 million in June to 31.4 million in August.

[Decline in demand for MGNREGS jobs](#)

More than 10 million migrant workers returned home on foot during the lockdown, according to Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways V K Singh

[Over 1 crore migrant labourers returned to home states on foot during Mar-Jun: Govt](#)

Central government scheme provides an insurance cover of EUR 57,000 to healthcare workers who work in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients.

[New Healthcare Scheme for Covid-19 Victims](#)

India elected as a member of the UN's Commission on Status of Women, the principal global body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women

[India beats China, becomes a member of UN's ECOSOC body](#)

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution recognising COVID-19 as one of the greatest challenges in history.

[Omnibus Resolution - Comprehensive and Coordinated Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Hailing WHO, India backs UN's Covid-19 resolution](#)