

# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## Coronavirus Update in India

<b>CONFIRMED CASES</b>	<b>9,463,294</b>
<b>ACTIVE CASES</b>	<b>434,912</b>
<b>RECOVERED</b>	<b>8,888,595</b>
<b>DEATHS</b>	<b>137,659</b>

Data accurate as of 30 Oct, 21:00 IST

## I. COVID-19 UPDATES IN INDIA

India added over 1 million new cases in November. The number of recovered cases increased by more than 1.5 million, while the number of deaths increased by over 15,000.

The Indian Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) published a new set of guidelines to curb the spread of the coronavirus. The new guidelines give the states and Union Territories the authority to impose local restrictions such as a night curfew in consultation with the central government. The guidelines, however, barred the states from closing their borders.

**Source:** [MHA Order with Guidelines on Surveillance- containment and caution dt 25.11.2020](#)

Trials for Russian COVID-19 vaccine Sputnik V begin in India. Pfizer in talks with Indian government to roll out vaccine.

Sources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine: Phase 2 & 3 Clinical Trials for Sputnik V Begin in India](#)
- [In talks with India on opportunity to roll out vaccine: Pfizer](#)

## II. INDIAN ECONOMY

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor stated that the Indian Economy recovery is, “Stronger than expected”

**Source:** [Economic recovery stronger than expected, need to be watchful of demand sustainability: RBI Governor Das](#)

India is working make the country a global hub for manmade fibre and technical textiles segments.

**Source:** [Centre working on major interventions to position India as global textiles hub: Secy](#)

India's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index reduced to 56.3 in November from 58.9 in October.

**Source:** [India's Manufacturing PMI Falls To Lowest In Three Months In November](#)

Unemployment rate drop in November, lowest since June.

**Source:** [Joblessness rate drops in both rural and urban India in November](#)

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## III. TRADE

Punjab and Haryana farmers protest against the new farm bills in Delhi.

**Source:** [What has brought India's farmers to the streets?](#)

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) was signed in November, becoming the world's largest trade agreement. India opted to exit the agreement.

**Source:** [What is RCEP? Why didn't India join the pact?](#)

Export and Trade Deficits declined in India in November.

**Source:** [India's trade deficit narrows to USD 9.96 bn, exports dip 9.07% in November 2020; Govt data](#)

Gujarat's textile sector experiencing an increased demand during festive season.

**Source:** [Textile sector in Gujarat witnessing heavy buying](#)

India to launch a scheme focused on man-made fibres (MMF) and technical textiles segment, according to textiles secretary Ravi Capoor.

**Source:** [India to soon launch scheme focused on MMF, tech textiles](#)

The Bureau of Indian Standard published Quality Control Orders (QCOs) relating to Footwear.

**Sources:**

- [Personal Protective Equipment – Footwear \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#)
- [Footwear Made From Leather and Other Materials \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#)
- [Footwear Made From All-Rubber and All Polymeric Material and Its Components \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#)

## IV. LABOUR, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL

Indian cities battle against poor air quality. Stubble burning worsens situation.

**Source:** [At Least 12 Indian Cities Endure 'Very Poor' Air Quality on Thursday; Several States Ban Firecrackers Ahead of Diwali](#)

The Ministry of Labour and Employment published "Draft of the Code on Social Security (Central) Rules, 2020". It provides social security for unorganised sector workers, gig workers and platform workers. The draft is open for feedback from stakeholders (deadline: 45 days from 13 November 2020)

**Source:** [Draft of the Code on Social Security\(Central\) Rules, 2020](#) (English version starts on page 112)

The Ministry of Labour and Employment published "Draft of The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code (Central) Rules, 2020" in which proposed changes include:

- Employers to pay inter-state migrant workers to travel to their home state once every 12 months
- Free annual health check-ups for workers above 45 y/o at a factory, dock, mine or construction site
- A toll-free helpline number to address issues of inter-state migrant workers

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- Measures to ensure safe workplaces for female employees

The draft is open for feedback from stakeholders (deadline: 45 days from 19 November 2020)

**Source:** [Draft of The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code\(Central\) Rules, 2020](#)  
(English version starts on page 70)