

# FEBRUARY 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

## Coronavirus Update in India

CONFIRMED CASES	11,112,056
ACTIVE CASES	165,716
RECOVERED	10,785,568
DEATHS	157,194

Data as on 28 Feb

### I. COVID-19 UPDATES IN INDIA

India began vaccination drive for the general public above the age of 60 or above 45 and with existing illnesses from 1 March.

**Source:** [Paid shots from March 1 as India expands Covid-19 vaccine drive](#)

India warns of worsening COVID-19 situation as a few cities saw upsurge in number of cases.

**Source:** [Coronavirus News: India warns of worsening situation, vaccinations to expand](#)

### II. INDIAN ECONOMY

India's premier think tank, NITI Aayog, published draft National Policy on Migrant Workers

**Source:** [What is NITI Aayog's draft national policy on migrant workers?](#)

India published draft Blue Economy Policy. Invites suggestions.

**Source:** [India's Blue Policy a Draft Policy Framework](#)

Farmers protest continues in India. Parts of Delhi remains closed.

**Source:** [Farmers' protest: Key Delhi borders remain closed, traffic diverted](#)

Fuel prices increase in India as OPEC cuts down production.

**Source:** [Fuel prices set to shoot up as OPEC+ extends output cut](#)

Work from Home increases women's participation in the workforce.

**Source:** [Work from home helps married women return to work](#)

Indian government roll out new regulations for social media platforms.

**Source:** [India's new rules for Facebook, WhatsApp and other social media platforms explained in five points](#)

Maharashtra, West Bengal lead the way for India's economic recovery.

**Source:** [State Recovery Tracker: Maharashtra, West Bengal and Rajasthan lead economic recovery among major states](#)

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## III. TRADE

The WTO launched a Trade and Environmental Sustainability joint initiative group, to be a forum to discuss carbon border taxes.

**Source:** [WTO launches trade sustainability group, carbon tax likely on agenda](#)

India seeks to become self-reliant in the silk sector.

**Source:** [India looking to become self-reliant in silk sector in next two years: Union textile minister Smriti Irani](#)

## IV. LABOUR, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL

EU committed to proposed Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Law in June 2021.

**Source:** [European Union: The EU's Proposed Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Law – What You Need To Know](#)

The German Federal Cabinet adopt the supply chain act.

**Source:** [Federal Cabinet adopts Due Diligence Act](#)

Circular economy could solve India's waste management issue.

**Source:** [Towards circular economy: What to do with legacy waste in India](#)

Indian Prime Minister received CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award. Urged behaviour change to fight climate change.

**Source:** [Most powerful way to fight climate change is to change our behaviour, says PM Modi at CERAWeek event](#)

ILO published the Global Wage Report 2020-21; the report looks at recent trends in wages, the global economic and labour market context, and the impact that the pandemic has had on wages.

**Source:** [Global Wage Report 2020-21](#)

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## Coronavirus Update in **Sri Lanka**

CONFIRMED CASES	85,150
ACTIVE CASES	2,888
RECOVERED	81,769
DEATHS	493

Data as on 8 March, 12:00 IST

### I. COVID-19 UPDATES IN SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka opens its borders to travellers, no quarantine needed.

**Source:** [Sri Lanka is now open to travellers — no quarantine, but no mingling with locals too](#)

### II. SRI LANKAN ECONOMY

Sri Lanka GDP continues to grow.

**Source:** [Sri Lanka GDP to grow 3.0-3.5-pct in the first quarter](#)

### III. TRADE

Sri Lanka sets up new fabric processing park to increase share of locally-sourced raw materials.

**Source:** [Sri Lanka eyes post-Covid exports with new textile park](#)

### IV. LABOUR, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL

Sri Lanka presented a plan to develop a container terminal of Colombo port with Indian and Japanese investors.

**Source:** [Sri Lanka offers to develop new port terminal with India, Japan amid differences](#)