

**India's Fight against COVID-19**  
**Social and Health Initiatives taken by the Government of**  
**India**  
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### **Timeline**

- 8th Jan: India's first mission meeting
- 17th Jan: India begins screening all passengers from China
- 25th Jan: PM's Principal Secretary chairs review meet
- 29th Jan: Exports of N95 masks and PPE prohibited
- 30th Jan: 6 labs identified for testing, 1st case in India
- 31st Jan: 6 quarantine centres established
- 1st Feb: India begins evacuations
- 3rd Feb: GoM constituted to tackle situation; Travel advisory against China
- 7th Feb: Just 3 cases, but 139,539 people screened, tracking of 7,000 people
- 22nd Feb: Singapore travel advisory issued
- 24th Feb: Four more countries added to screening list
- 26th Feb: Advisory issued to avoid travel to South Korea, Iran & Italy
- 3rd Mar: Just 6 confirmed cases, universal screening started
- 4th Mar: PM Modi tweets on no Holi gatherings
- 7th Mar: PM reviews status, new travel guidelines
- 12th Mar: Cases below 100, PM tweets on situation's urgency
- 14th Mar: 52 labs ready to test
- 18th Mar: Less than 175 cases, compulsory quarantine instituted
- 19th Mar: At less than 200 cases, PM address nation, calls for #JanataCurfew
- All international flights stopped from 22nd Mar, Economic Task force set up
- 21st Mar: 75 districts on lockdown
- 22nd Mar: All train, metro and inter-state bus services suspended
- India capable of performing 50,000 tests/week
- 23rd Mar: Domestic flights stopped, cases still below 500
- 24th Mar: PM Modi calls for 21-day lockdown under NDMA
- GST relief measures announced, Exports of respirators banned
- 25th Mar: India enforces biggest country-wide lockdown in the world
- 26th Mar: Cases below 650, massive Gareeb Kalyan Yojana worth Rs 1.7 lakh crore announced. Free foodgrains to 80 crore people, DBT to farmers/senior

citizens, women, Divyang, wage hike to MNREGA workers and cylinders to poor

- 27th Mar: Cases under 900, RBI announces massive relief to masses and businesses. Reduces repo rate and 3 months moratorium to all term loan instalments and working capital interest given
- 9th April: COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness package of Rs 15,000 rolled out
- 4th April: PM Modi announces extension of lockdown till May 3 to prevent further spread
- 17th April: RBI announces measures to bring massive relief to MSMEs with Rs. 1 lakh crore support, promote disbursement of loans and capital for sectoral growth
- 20th April: India forms high-level task force to find vaccine to defeat COVID-19
- 22nd April: Centre brings ordinance entailing stringent punishment in cases of attacks against Doctors and Healthcare personnel

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**Health Initiative Taken by the Government of India**

- **Current positive cases and mortality rate**

**TOTAL Confirmed cases-** 26,496

**Total active cases:** 19,732

**Recovered-**5,804

**Death-**824

**Death rate-**3.10%

**Comparison with global figures (As on 26 April, 9 am)**

**France**

Total- 1,61,488, Recovered- 44,594, Death-22,614

Death rate- 14%

**UK**

Total -1,48,377, Death- 20,139

Death Rate-13.5%

**Italy**

Total- 1,95,351, Recovered- 63,120, Death- 26,384

Death rate -13.5%

**Spain**

Total -2,23,759, Recovered -95,708, Death- 22,902

Death rate- 10.2%

**China**

Total -82,827, Recovered- 77,394, Death- 4,632

Death rate-5.59%

### **USA**

Total-9,60,896, Recovered-1,18,162, Death-54,265

Death rate-5.64%

### **Canada**

Total- 44,354, Recovered- 16,425, Death- 2,465

Death rate-5.5%

### **Germany**

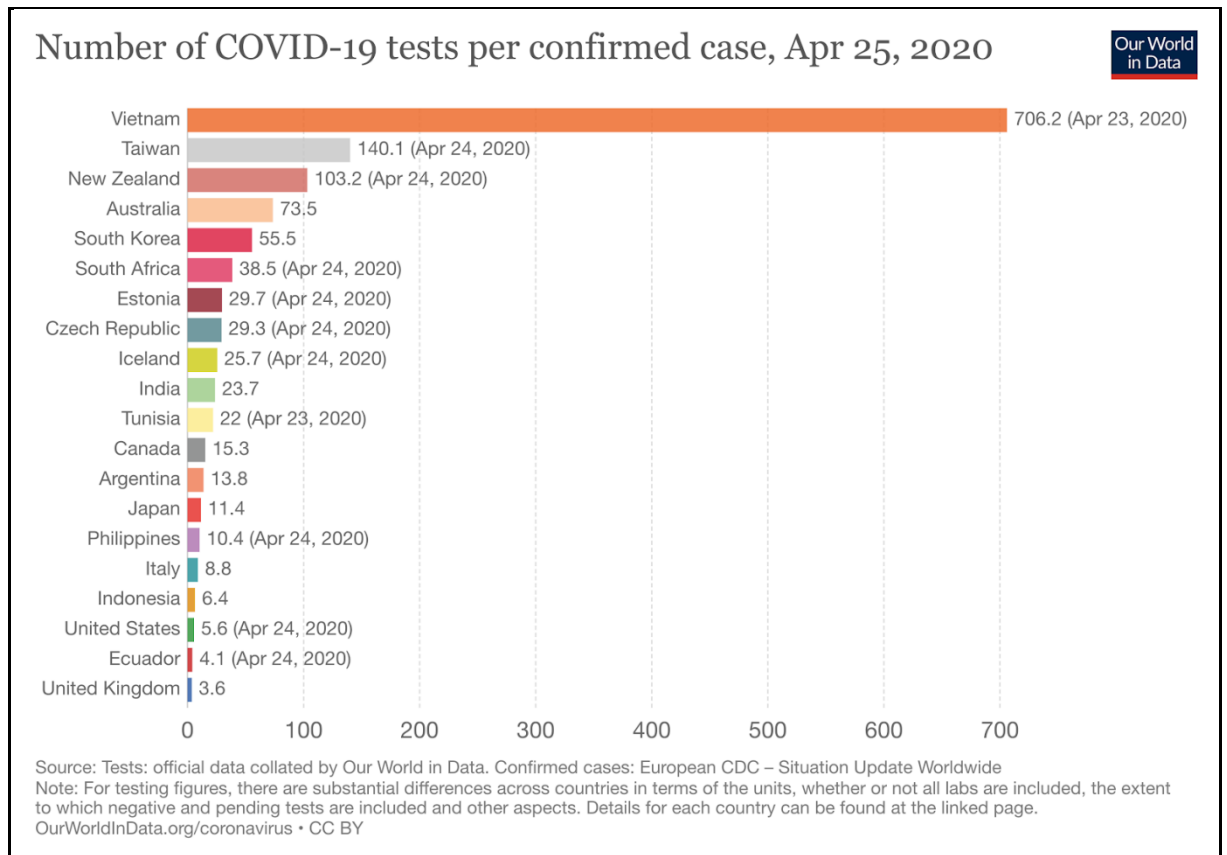
Total- 1,56,513, Recovered-1,09,800, Death-5,877

Death Rate -3.75%

### **Testing**

**625,309 tests have been performed till 9 am on 26th April.**

While addressing the Union Health Ministry press briefing on 16 April, Dr Gangakhedkar said "If we see globally then in Japan, to find one positive case, 11.7 persons are tested. In Italy that number is 6.7, in the US it's 5.3 and in the UK it's 3.4. Here in India, we do 24 tests for one positive case."



Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/number-of-covid-19-tests-per-confirmed-case>

### Comparative growth rate at the benchmark of 8,000-16,000

India has taken 8 days for the number of positive Corona cases to grow from 8,000 to 16,000. At the same benchmark, doubling of cases took just 4 days in Italy, UK, France and only 2 days in US.

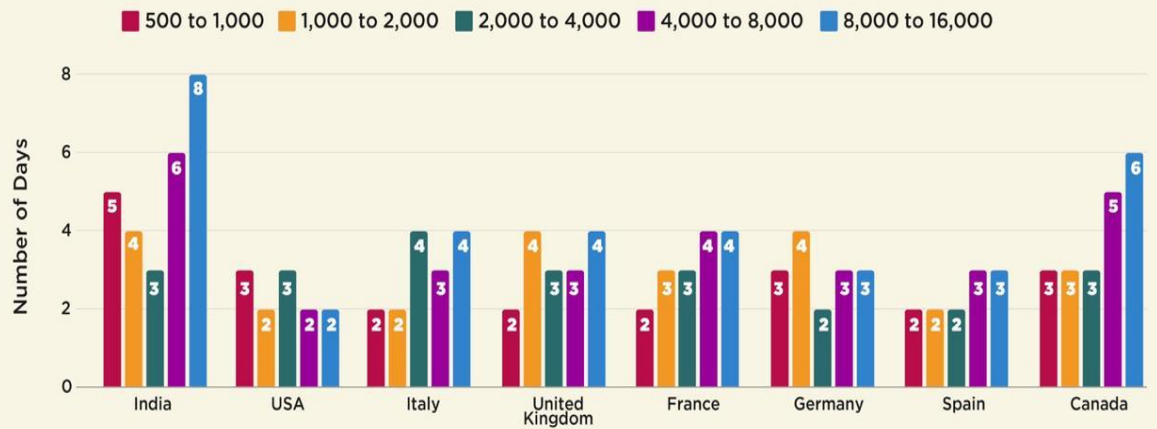
The growth in India is the lowest amongst majorly hit countries

Source:

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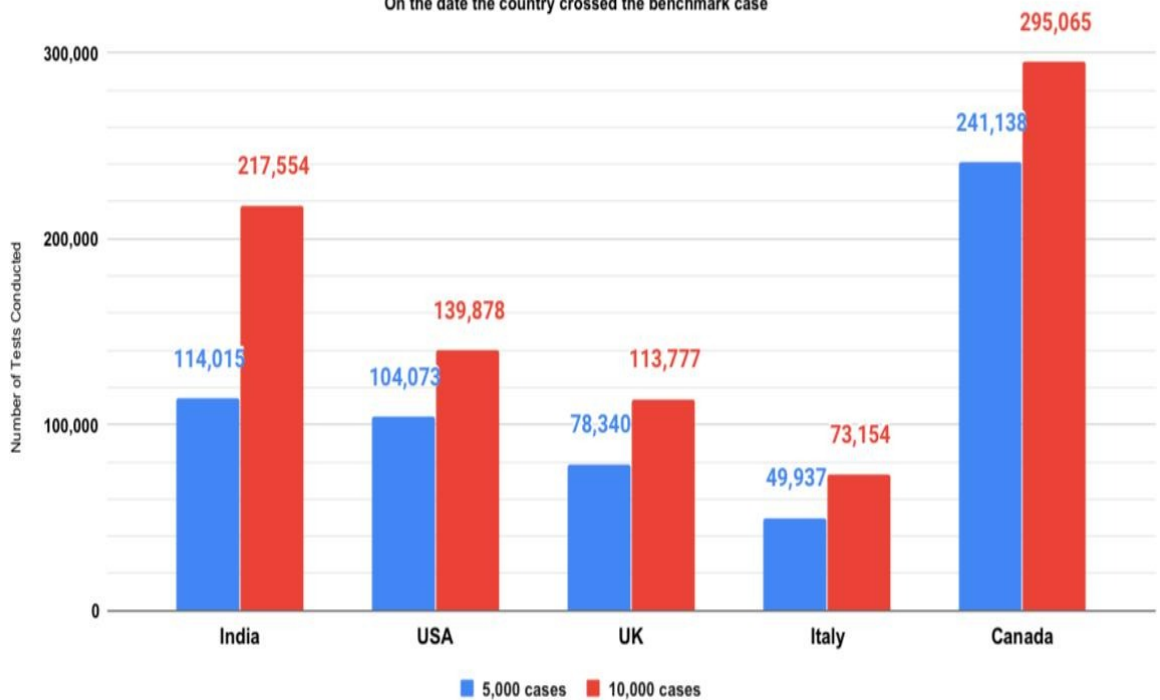
## NUMBER OF DAYS TO DOUBLE

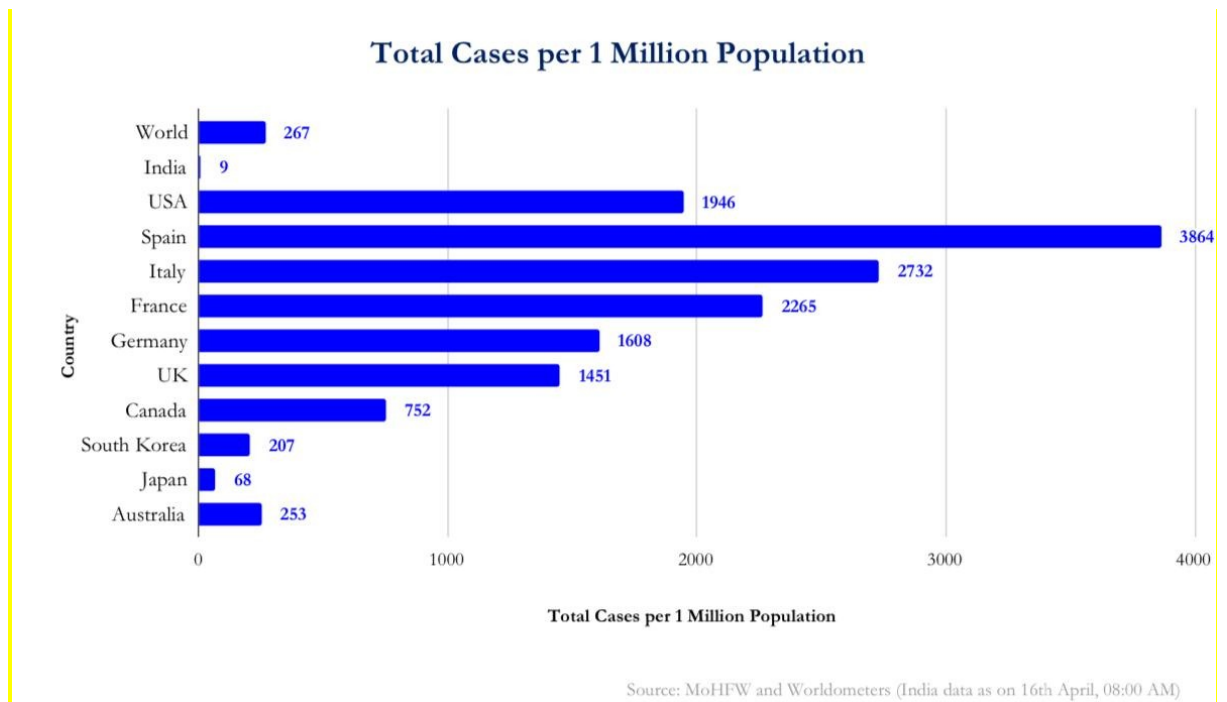


Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & Worldometers

## Number of Tests Conducted

On the date the country crossed the benchmark case





### **Labs and hospitals (Health-infra preparedness)**

3,773 specialized hospitals for COVID-19

367 functional testing labs

### **PPEs, N95 masks**

PPE - Over 27 lakh distributed

Over 1.64 crore ordered, delivery underway

**N95 masks** - Over 22.31 lakh distributed

Over 2.29 crore ordered, delivery underway

(Data till 17 April)

Source: <https://twitter.com/BJP4India/status/1251922763939528716>

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### **Till 24 April**

339 districts of India are completely Corona free and no new cases have been reported from 80 districts of 23 states in the last 14 days.



The current doubling rate stands at approximately 9 days.

### **Constitution of Vaccine Task Force**

Modi govt has formed a high level task force to develop a vaccine for COVID-19. It will further enable and speed up international efforts in this direction. We wish the Vaccine Task Force all the best and hope they succeed in their endeavour to save humanity from this virus.

### **Other innovation efforts**

- IIT Delhi comes out with rapid RTPCR probe kit. ICMR approved 6. MyLabs low cost RTPCR kit under production 7. IGIB, New Delhi rapid low cost paper strip test in approval stage
- SCSIMST, Thiruvananthapuram's Chitra Gene lamp test into production.
- South Korea's 5D Biosensor starts antibody test kit production in Gurugram which gives result in 15 minutes. 25K kits delivered to Haryana. 5L order processed.
- Stand alone shops in cities & market places in rural areas allowed to operate
- Sri Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology under DST, Government of India comes out with Covid-19 testing instrument which gives result in 2 hours, 30 samples at a go and low cost
- A rapid test kit manufacturer based out of Mumbai supplying ICMR, BMC, Gujarat Government with capacity of 1.5 Lakh kits every third day, Promises 90 Lakh kits in 45 days.

## **India's Fight against COVID-19**

### **Social Initiatives taken by the Government of India**

Modi government swung into action the very next day China reported first case of CoronaVirus on 7th Jan. Its proactive measures to combat the COVID-19 menace have not let the spread of the deadly virus go out of hand in India yet.

- Throughout the lockdown, various public engagement and awareness campaigns have been undertaken, with PM Modi directly interacting and communicating with public personalities and common people. These include:
  - Stay Home Stay Safe campaign
  - Urging people to feed the poor and needy
  - Use of Aarogya Setu app
  - Wearing face covers
  - Respect and thank Corona Warriors

- **On April 20, India formed a high level task force to develop a vaccine to defeat COVID-19.**

“India has formed a high level task force to develop a vaccine for COVID-19. It will also coordinate with global community on vaccine development & will be co-chaired by a Member of Niti AAYOG, and Principal Scientific Adviser to the GoI, Professor K Vijay Raghavan.

### **Modi government brings safety net for Corona Warriors. Attacks against the life saviours will not be tolerated.**

Ordinance promulgated to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act entailing stringent punishment for attacks on healthcare personnel, provisions of the act are;

1. Offence made cognizable and non-bailable
2. Commission or abetment of such acts of violence shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of three months to five years, and with fine of Rs.50,000/- to Rs.2,00,000/-. In case of causing grievous hurt, imprisonment shall be for a term six months to seven years and with fine of Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs.5,00,000/-.

3. The offender shall also be liable to pay compensation to the victim and twice the fair market value for damage of property.
4. Offences shall be investigated by an officer of the rank of Inspector within a period of 30 days, and trial has to be completed in one year.
5. The Central Government has been given a concurrent role with the State Governments to take any measures that may be needed to prevent the outbreak of an epidemic or the spread thereof.

Source: <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=202493>

#### **Efforts by BJP to provide relief at organisational level**

- Total organisational districts covered - 921
- Total Mandal Covered - 14,540
- Total food packets distributed - 9.5 crore+
- Ration kits distributed - 2.1 crore +
- Face covers distributed - 2.24 crore+
- Number of donations to PM-CARES fund - 30.90 lakh+
- Karyakartas on the ground - 32.17 lakh+
- Karyakartas appointed for sick/elderly - 2 lakh+
- Audio/Video conferencing - 4 lakh+

#### **Efforts by RSS to provide relief at organisational level**

- Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh COVID-19 seva till 24 April 2020:
- Places served : 55,725
- Dedicated Volunteers : 3,00,809
- Ration kit donated to Families : 33,75,664
- Meal packets distribution : 2,16,82,540
- Migrant workers helped in different ways : 3,76,234
- Blood Donation : 13,562

## Innovation

National Innovation Foundation (NIF) invites citizens to participate in fight against COVID-19.

# National Innovation Foundation Challenge COVID-19 Competition (C3)

**Have an innovative idea to help  
India fight COVID-19?**

**Ideas/Innovations should pertain to the following**

- Reduce transmission of Coronavirus
- Supplement the government's efforts to slow down or eliminate the spread further
- Smooth delivery of essentials to the needy
- Sanitizing more interesting and effective
- Gainful engagement of people at home

**Modi government will help scale up your innovations and give full incubation support to useful ideas! Share.**



Details of ideas and innovations may be sent to [campaign@nifindia.org](mailto:campaign@nifindia.org) & [nif.org.in/challenge-covid-19-competition](http://nif.org.in/challenge-covid-19-competition) with complete details of the creator

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