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Accelerated increase in lab infrastructure continues to drive the 'Test Track and Treat' strategy

More than 1.5 Cr COVID-19 samples tested so far

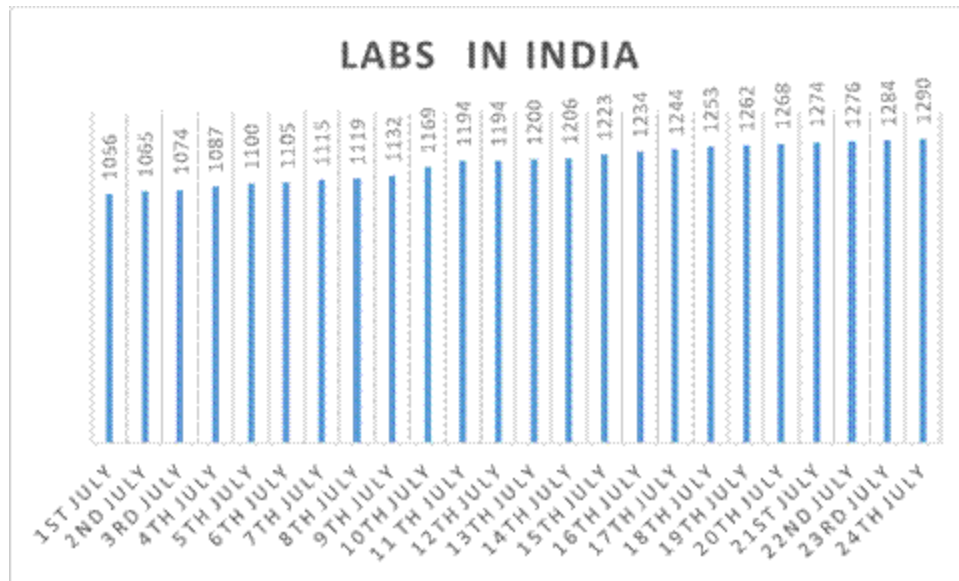
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More than 1.5 crore COVID samples (1,54,28,170) have been tested, till now. In the last 24 hours 3,52,801 samples have been tested for COVID-19 identification.

This translates to 11179.83 tests per million (TPM) for India, which has seen a steady increase since the adoption of this strategy.



The rise in TPM has been achieved with a steady rise in the number of labs (1290 so far), and efforts by the Centre and State/UT governments to facilitate wide-spread testing through an array of options.



The RT-PCR labs are the backbone of the latest testing strategy prescribed by ICMR. The number of labs in the public and private sectors are seeing a progressive enhancement. There are 897 labs in the government sector and 393 private labs. The details are as follows:

- **Real-Time RT PCR** based testing labs: 653 (Govt: 399 + Private: 254)
- **TrueNat** based testing labs: 530 (Govt: 466 + Private: 64)
- **CBNAAT** based testing labs: 107 (Govt: 32 + Private: 75)

For all authentic & updated information on COVID-19 related technical issues, guidelines & advisories please regularly visit: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/> and @MoHFW_INDIA.

Technical queries related to COVID-19 may be sent to technicalquery.covid19@gov.in and other queries on ncov2019@gov.in and @CovidIndiaSeva .

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