

COVID-19: India tests more than 6 lakh in 24 hours for second day in a row

By TIOL News Service

NEW DELHI, AUG 05, 2020 : INDIA has continued testing more than 6 lakh COVID-19 samples for the second consecutive day. The resolve of Union and State/UT Governments to follow aggressive testing as the first important step in the early detection and treatment/home isolation of COVID-19 positive cases has resulted in India rapidly increasing the number of tests done per day.

The graded and evolving response resulted in a testing strategy that steadily widened the testing network in the country. With 6,19,652 tests conducted in last 24 hours, the cumulative testing as on date has reached 2,14,84,402. The Tests Per Million has seen a sharp increase to 15568.

To keep up with the comprehensive "TEST, TRACK and TREAT" strategy, the testing lab network in the country is being continuously strengthened. The lab network as on today consists of 1366 labs in the country with 920 labs in the government sector and 446 private labs. These include:

• Real-Time RT PCR based testing labs: 696 (Govt: 421 + Private: 275)

• TrueNat based testing labs: 561 (Govt: 467 + Private: 94)

• CBNAAT based testing labs: 109 (Govt: 32 + Private: 77)

^