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After US, India 2nd nation to record 1 crore Covid-19 cases

Last 1 Million Infections In 29 Days

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New Delhi: India on Friday became the second country in the world, after the US, to register one crore (10 million) confirmed Covid-19 cases even as the pandemic continued to recede in the country.

It took 29 days for cases in India to increase from nine million to 10 million, making it the slowest rise since the first million cases. Even average daily deaths during these 29 days were the lowest after the first one million. India's Covid numbers have been falling for three months now, ever since the caseload crossed five million on September 15.

The case count crossed the grim milestone of 1 crore

Rise In Cases	Days Taken	Avg Daily Deaths	LAST 1M CASES
1 to 1m	168	152	Worst-Hit States
1m to 2m	21	763	> Kerala: 1.4L cases, 764 deaths; Maha: 1.2L, 2,143;
2m to 3m	16	948	Worst-Hit Metros
3m to 4m	13	984	> Delhi: 96k cases, 2,141 deaths; Kolkata: 53k, 991; Mumbai: 30k, 376
4m to 5m	11	1,133	> Since 5m mark, steady fall in case count, deaths
5m to 6m	12	1,124	
6m to 7m	13	985	
7m to 8m	18	679	
8m to 9m	22	529	
9m to 10m	29	447	

after 27,022 fresh infections took the tally to 1,00,04,893 on Friday night. The US has recorded over 1.7 crore cases till now while Brazil is in third place with a count of over 71 lakh. Both countries have recorded a much higher number of cases and deaths than India in the past few days.

Deaths per million in India stand at 104, the second lowest among the world's 20 worst-hit countries. Only In-

donesia, which is currently at number 20 in total caseload, has had fewer deaths per million at 71.

In terms of daily cases, India hit its peak almost exactly three months ago on September 17, when 98,795 fresh infections were recorded in a single day. In these three months, cases have surged for a few weeks at a stretch in some states such as Delhi but the overall trend has been of

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Vax needed after recovery too: Govt

The health ministry has advised even those who have recovered from Covid-19 should be vaccinated, adding that this would help in developing a strong immune response against the disease. Getting vaccinated will be voluntary, the ministry said, and beneficiaries will have to register themselves. P 20

a steady decline.

Some of the most dramatic decreases in cases were seen in the southern states, which, along with Maharashtra, were a major contributor to India's Covid surge from July to October. When India's caseload hit 9 million on November 19, the southern cases had a 37% share in the total tally. In the last one million cases, the south's share had dropped to 27% despite numbers in Kerala continuing to remain relatively high.