

India's virus caseload tops 3 million as disease moves south

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India's coronavirus caseload topped 3 million on Sunday, with the

country leading the world in new infections as the disease marched through impoverished rural areas in the north and the wealthier but older populations of the south.

Health authorities reported 69,239 new cases and 912 deaths, bringing the total to 3,044,940.

Cases have leveled off in India's two [largest cities](#), with serological surveys showing widespread prevalence among the residents of the capital, New Delhi, and financial center Mumbai.

New hot spots continue to feed surges in cases in [rural areas](#) of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar states in India's north, and in the southern states of Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

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A devotee carries an idol of elephant-headed Hindu god Ganesha to take home for worship during reimposed weekend lockdown to prevent the spread of coronavirus in Jammu, India Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020. (AP Photo/Channi Anand)



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