



New Delhi crematoriums overrun amid COVID surge

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Authorities in New Delhi added makeshift platforms to crematoriums as they struggled to cope with the influx of coronavirus victims.

1-1. In a country ravaged by COVID-19, _____

1-2. Rows, upon rows of bodies burning on makeshift platforms _____

2. In New Delhi, India, _____

3. So overwhelmed by the mounting death toll, _____

Ambulance driver: “Earlier very few bodies of COVID-19 victims used to come here for cremation, but now, we have to wait for two hours. We have been sitting here for over three hours.”

4. Across New Delhi more and more people are turning to makeshift facilities, _____

5. Mourners have turned to parking lots and parks _____

Biden: With regard to India, I spoke at length with Modi. Prime Minister.

6. Amid the deepening crisis, _____

Biden: I think we'll be in a position to be able to share, to share vaccines, as well as know-how, with other countries who are in real need. That's the hope and expectation. And I might add when we were in a bind to the very beginning, India helped us.”

7-1. As of Tuesday, India's coronavirus death toll _____

7-2. with another 2,771 fatalities _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **ravage:** to destroy something or damage it very badly; A town, country, or economy that has been ravaged is one that has been damaged so much that it is almost completely destroyed.

- *The camerawork makes the ravaged streets of New Orleans look exquisite.*
- *For two decades the country has been ravaged by civil war and foreign intervention.*

□ **grim:** unpleasant and make you feel upset and worried; If you say that something is grim, you think that it is very bad, ugly, or depressing.

- *The future looks pretty grim.*
- *the grim reality of unemployment*

□ **depth:** the great importance or seriousness of a situation; The depth of a situation is its extent and seriousness.

- *The country's leadership had underestimated the depth of the crisis.*
- *These latest figures have confirmed the depth of the economic recession.*

□ **makeshift:** made using whatever is available and therefore not very good; Makeshift things are temporary and usually of poor quality, but they are used because there is nothing better available.

- *...a makeshift coffee table.*
- *...the cardboard boxes and makeshift shelters of the homeless.*

□ **platform:** a structure for people to stand on that has been built so that it is higher than the ground

- *Some of these flood shelters are on raised platforms, which have allowed helicopters to land amid the continuing floods.*
- *They found a spot on a rocky platform where they could pitch their tents.*

□ **cremation:** the act of burning a dead body, or a part of a funeral ceremony in which this is done

- *My dad's cremation was a sad affair.*
- *Many people choose cremation rather than burial.*

□ **overrun:** to be present in a place in such large amounts or numbers that it is dangerous or unpleasant; If you say that a place is overrun with or by things that you consider undesirable, you mean that there are a large number of them there.

- *The flower beds were overrun with grasses.*

• *The Hotel has been ordered to close because it is overrun by mice and rats.*

□ **come to this**: A set phrase used when something has reached a certain point

• *We'll have to sell the house—I never thought it would come to this.*

• *Did you think our workplace would come to this and have surveillance cameras everywhere?*

□ **wait in line**: to stand in line with other people waiting; When people stand in line or wait in line, they stand one behind the other in a line, waiting their turn for something.

• *We will wait in line to check in two hours before we're set to board.*

• *We need to wait in line for the tickets.*

□ **undertake**: to commit oneself to and begin (an enterprise or responsibility); take on

• *She undertook the arduous task of monitoring the elections.*

• *The court will undertake a serious examination of the case.*

□ **mass burial**: burial of multiple bodies in a mass grave

• *The remains of the victims were interred in a mass burial.*

• *Mass burial sites were dug to bury the victims.*

□ **at length**: in great detail; for a long period of time

• *My father always lectures me at length about the dangers of living in the city.*

• *He described the history of his village at length.*



□ **Modi**: Narendra Damodardas Modi, prime minister of India

□ **in a bind**: In a particularly difficult or awkward situation, especially one that is not easy to resolve or escape.

• *You will get yourself in a bind putting everything on credit.*

• *The President is in a terrible bind here.*

□ **death toll**: the number of deaths resulting from some particular cause such as an accident or a battle or a natural disaster

• *A lack of preparation for the disaster contributed to the high death toll.*

• *This is a list of accidents and disasters by death toll.*

□ **bleak**: without any reasons to feel happy or hopeful; If a situation is bleak, it is bad, and seems unlikely to improve.

• *The immediate outlook remains bleak.*

• *Many predicted a bleak future.*

□ **milestone**: an event or achievement that marks an important stage in a process; A milestone is an important event in the history or development of something or someone.

• *Starting school is a milestone for both children and parents.*

• *This film was a milestone in the history of cinema.*

□ **fatality**: a death caused by an accident, war, violence, or disease

• *As well as the 13 fatalities, 17 people were injured.*

• *Drunk driving fatalities have declined more than 10 percent over the past 10 years.*

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