

COVID-19 Deaths

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In news

According to an RTI, one in 5 people, who died in Delhi of Covid-19 between March and October, were suffering from both diabetes mellitus and hypertension

Key highlights

- Diabetes mellitus and hypertension were the most common comorbid conditions followed by pneumonia who died of Covid-19
- According to the RTI around 45% of people did not have any co-morbid conditions.
- In Delhi, Covid deaths are categorized such by a Death Audit Committee set up in April. Not all those who died and tested positive for Covid are categorized as Covid deaths.
- The committee takes a call on how deaths are categorized. Several countries across the world have reported higher mortality among men as compared to women.
- This trend is visible in Delhi as well.
- Of the 5,283 deaths for which data is available, two thirds, or 66 %, are male.
- The highest number of deaths – 2,697 – was seen in people between the ages of 51 and 70, data shows.
- Of those who succumbed to the disease, comorbidities were present in over half the people.
- The age group for which co-morbid conditions were the smallest fraction of the total deaths was 21 to 30.
- Of the 179 people belonging to this age group who died, only 36 percent had any comorbidity.
- It was highest in the 71 and above age group, where 60% of those who died had co-morbid conditions.

The data clearly show diabetes and hypertension are the two diseases, which are also very common in the population, forming the high-risk group.

