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Modi leads India out of lockdown and into a Covid apocalypse

After relatively low infection rates, the country's crushing second wave is being blamed on its crowd-loving prime minister



Funeral pyres burn across Delhi and across India, which is still two weeks from the peak of its new wave

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Narendra Modi could not hide his delight as he

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As Modi's followers massed, however, the health authorities recorded another grim milestone: India had hit 230,000 new coronavirus infections in 24 hours, an unenviable world record.

By yesterday the daily figure had topped 340,000, another global high. Hospitals are turning away the sick because there are not enough beds, [oxygen](#) or staff to treat them. It is likely to get much worse.



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