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**[ New Delhi, INDIA ]** Ashfaque Ahmed (42), a healthcare worker in personal protective equipment (PPE) collects a nasal swab sample from locals for Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT), along the river Yamuna, on September 27, 2020 in New Delhi, India. He is one of the many thousand anonymous health workers who have been out in the field collecting samples through sun, rain and cold. He has taken around 30,000 samples during the last five months individually with record 1,101 tests on a single day.

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