

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 13

April 26, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Union Minister along with WHO representative participated in a virtual interactive session with Health Ministers of member states of WHO sharing measures being taken for containment of COVID-19 in India. He stressed “the crisis arising out of COVID-19 has been turned into an opportunity to strengthen the healthcare delivery system in the country”, details [here](#).
- MoHFW launched the COVID India Seva an interactive platform and direct channel of communication aimed at enabling transparent e-governance delivery in real-time and answering citizen queries swiftly, at scale, especially in crisis situations like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, details [here](#).
- Group of Ministers (GoM) continue to undertake detailed deliberation on the measures taken by the Centre and various States/UTs for prevention, containment and management of COVID-19, details [here](#).
- Ordinance was promulgated by the President of India to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to protect healthcare service personnel against violence during epidemics, ascertaining “zero tolerance to any form of violence against healthcare service and such acts of violence will now be cognizable and non-bailable offences”, details [here](#).
- WHO together with MoHFW is supporting districts to follow and further strengthen their contingency plans to combat COVID-19; including assessment of dedicated COVID-19 hospitals along with the adequacy of isolation beds/wards and other supplies, details [here](#).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India

26 917 Confirmed
826 Deaths
32 States/UTs

South-East Asia

41 073 Confirmed
1658 Deaths

Globally

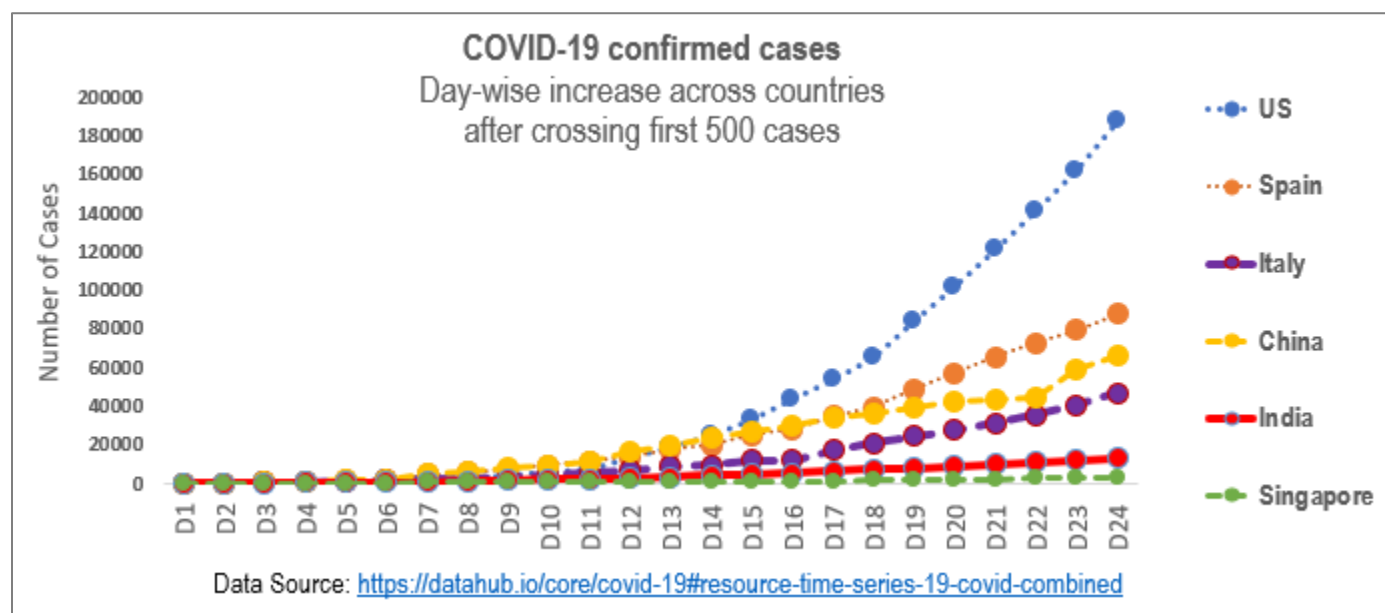
2 719 897 Confirmed
187 705 Deaths

WHO Classification

India - Clusters of cases

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 26 April 2020 (5:00PM), a total of 26 917 COVID-19 cases (111 foreign nationals) in 32 states/union territories, including 5913 cured/discharged, 1 migrated, 826 deaths. Active cases: 20 177, details [here](#).



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO, together with heads of state, global leaders, private sector partners and other stakeholders launched the **Access To COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator**, a global collaboration to accelerate the development, production and equitable access to new COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines, details [here](#).
- WHO has seen a dramatic increase in the number of cyber-attacks directed at its staff, and email scams targeting the public. WHO has urged the **public to remain vigilant against fraudulent emails** and recommends using reliable sources to obtain information about COVID-19 and other health issues. details [here](#).

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) continues to work closely with MoHFW, on preparedness and response measures for COVID-19, including surveillance and contact tracing, laboratory diagnosis, risk communications and community engagement, hospital preparedness, infection prevention and control (IPC) and implementation of containment strategies.

- **Co-ordination and Partnership:** WCO hosted the Health Partners virtual meeting to facilitate consensus and draft implementation strategy to support the MHFW as 'One UN' through the Joint Response Plan.
- **Laboratory testing:** WHO is providing kits and reagents to COVID-19 testing laboratories through ICMR to partly meet their huge testing requirement. A total of 625 309 samples have been tested so far, details [here](#).
 - ICMR had clearly laid down the scope, purpose and usage of the rapid antibody tests. ICMR has always emphasized that the confirmatory test for diagnosis of COVID-19 infection is RT - PCR test of throat and/ or nasal swab, which detects virus at early stage, details [here](#).
 - ICMR expanded the testing strategy to pregnant women residing in clusters/containment area or in large migration gatherings/evacuees centre from hotspot districts presenting in labour or likely to deliver in next 5 days should be tested even if asymptomatic, details [here](#).
- **Surveillance:** SARI surveillance is being strengthened in states with support from WCO field staff. SMOs in the field are facilitating CIF filling and IHIP portal data entry along with following up on SARI/ILI surveillance.
- **Research:** ICMR had announced conducting a national sero-prevalence survey for Covid-19. WCO field teams are supporting states in the initial preparations for undertaking the proposed Survey.
 - India has joined the WHO Solidarity Trial for therapeutic treatment options for COVID 19. The trial has received clearance from the regulatory authority of India to move ahead with the trial.
- **Risk Communication:** WHO is supporting MoHFW on a Campaign to address the issue of stigma, in the society both against COVID positive cases and the medical community.
- **State Support:** WCO is supporting states through field teams and is now in the process of creating a pool for experts to be part of rapid response teams for special deployment.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- In light of the COVID-19 situation on consultation with States PM announced the extension of the national lockdown in India till 3rd May, details [here](#).
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare held a video conference with health functionaries and senior officials as well as field officers of WHO SEARO and Country Office on the containment measures for COVID-19 in India, details available [here](#).
- WHO officers working at national, state and district level providing technical coordination for the development of Micro-Plans for clusters and outbreak containment with States/UT officials and also helping them in devising a strategy for continued surveillance of districts, details available [here](#).
- WHO's is also supporting Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) to further strengthen the ongoing surveillance and response based on transmission scenarios & testing of cases, details available [here](#).
- A high-level Task Force has been formed to work on the frontiers of science related to drug testing and vaccines. Through the Task Force, the Government will further facilitate, keep track and monitor the progress of national and international efforts in vaccine development, details available [here](#).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India

16 116 Confirmed
519 Deaths
32 States/UTs

South-East Asia

27 319 Confirmed
1185 Deaths

Globally

2 241 359 Confirmed
152 551 Deaths

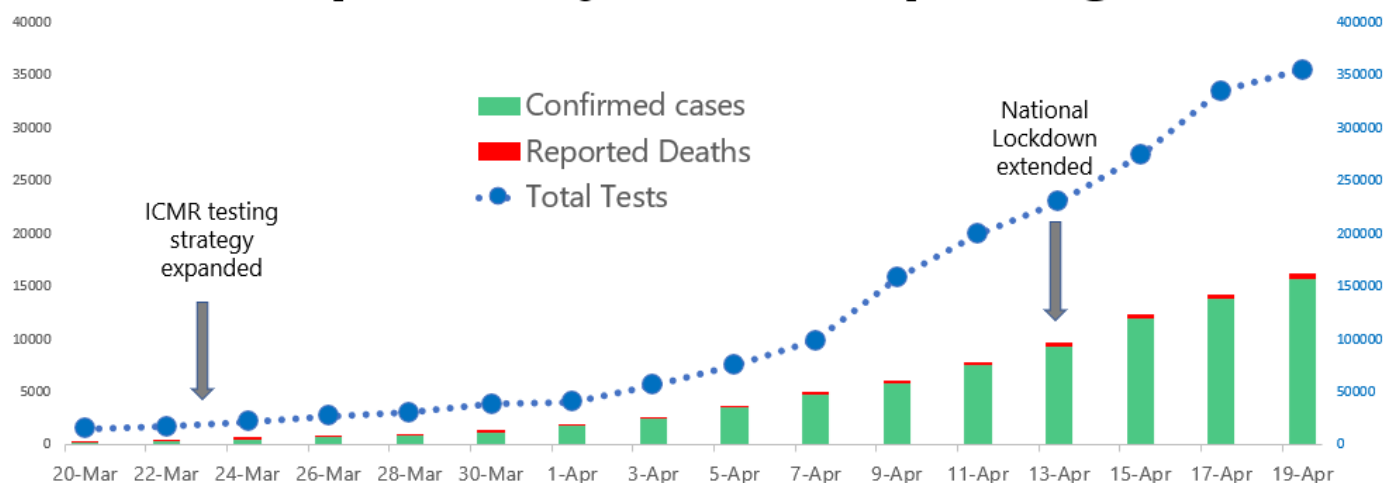
WHO Classification

India - Clusters of cases

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 19 April 2020 (5:00 PM), according to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), a total of 16 116 COVID-19 cases including (77 foreign nationals) in 32 states/union territories. These include 2301 who have been cured/discharged, 1 migrated and 519 deaths. Available [here](#).

Number of tests, cumulative cases and deaths reported by date of reporting



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO and Global Citizen featured inspiring and heartwarming stories from the frontlines of the COVID-19 response through livestreamed appearances curated in collaboration with Lady Gaga, Sir Elton John, Billie Eilish and others on major social media networks, streaming services, and major television networks worldwide, details available [here](#).
- WHO SEARO joined a meeting with WHO India and MoHFW under the leadership of the Union Minister with health functionaries and senior officials as well as field officers of the World Health Organization (WHO) on the containment measures for COVID-19 in India particularly institutionalizing field support, details available [here](#)

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- **Co-ordination and Partnership:** WCO continues to provide technical support to MoHFW through Joint Monitoring Group meetings and discussions of the Empowered Groups.
- **Hospital preparedness:** WHO field teams are supporting MoHFW state/district officials to review hospital preparedness by visiting dedicated COVID-19 hospitals as an emergency preparedness measure, details available [here](#).
- **Laboratory testing:** WHO is providing kits and reagents to COVID-19 testing laboratories through ICMR to partly meet their huge testing requirement.
- **Research:** ICMR is working on the “Phase II, Open Label, Randomized Controlled Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Convalescent Plasma to Limit COVID19 Associated Complications”, details [here](#). DG ICMR / Secretary DHR are planning to conduct a “COVID-19 sero-prevalence survey in 82 districts in 25 states” with WHO assistance in conducting the survey.
- **Community engagement:** WHO is supporting MOHFW and partners to undertake a survey to assess the situation of COVID-19 awareness in urban slums through a participatory survey.
- **Essential Service Continuation:** MoHFW supported by WHO released the guidance note on Enabling Delivery of Essential Health Services during the COVID 19 Outbreak, details available [here](#)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister interacted with all Chief Ministers to strategize ahead considering extension of lockdown for tackling COVID-19, details [here](#).
- PMO sanctioned INR 15,000 crores COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package; INR 7,774 crores for immediate response and rest medium term support (1-4 years), details available [here](#).
- WHO is supporting Government in assessment of 'Dedicated COVID-19 hospitals. As of now, Govt has set up more than 550 dedicated facilities with >1lakh isolation beds and >11,000 ICU beds have been set up, more [here](#).
- For capacity building of the frontline health workers, AIIMS, New Delhi has been commissioned by MoHFW for Webinars on COVID-19 together with WHO and partners. Details available [here](#).
- Ministry of Home Affairs ([MHA](#)) has directed all States/UTs to provide necessary Police Security to Doctors and Medical Staff undertaking surveillance, detection, quarantine and all activities against COVID-19.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India (12.4.20)

8 447 Confirmed

273 Deaths

31 States/UTs

South-East Asia (11.4.20)

14 161 Confirmed

617 Deaths

Globally (11.4.20)

1 610 909 Confirmed

99 690 Deaths

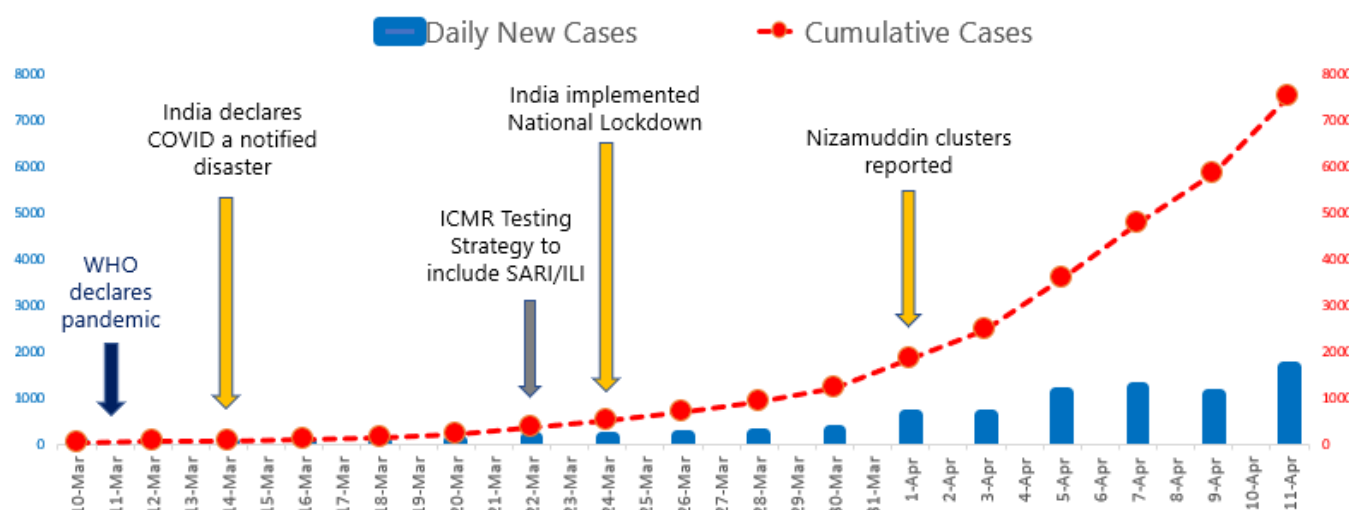
WHO Transmission Classification

India - Clusters of cases

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 12 April 2020 (17:00 PM), according to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), a total of 8447 COVID-19 cases have been reported in 31 states/union territories. These include 765 who have been cured, discharged or migrated and 273 deaths. Available [here](#).

New and Cumulative Cases by Date of Reporting



Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- WHO has listed the first two diagnostic tests for emergency use during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase access to quality-assured, accurate tests for the disease supplied by the United Nations and other procurement agencies supporting the COVID-19 response. For more information, please see [here](#).
- WHO and partners launched a new story book that aims to help children understand and come to terms with COVID-19 as a collaboration of more than 50 organizations. Download the book [here](#).

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- **Co-ordination and Partnership:** WHO is leading the Joint Response Plan (JRP) as well as participating in National Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) meeting with MoHFW.
- **Hospital preparedness:** WHO field teams are supporting MoHFW state/district officials to review hospital preparedness by conducting a survey of over 160 district hospitals and to set up dedicated COVID-19 hospitals as an emergency preparedness measure.
- **Laboratory testing:** A total of 1,79,374 samples from 1,64,773 individuals have been tested as on 11 April 2020. Details available [here](#). WHO is supplying kits and reagents to COVID-19 testing laboratories to partly meet their huge testing requirement.
- **Research:** WHO is working with the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI-ICMR) for India to join WHO SOLIDARITY trial
- **Community engagement:** WHO is supporting MOHFW, UNICEF and partners to establish an Interfaith Corona Coalition to engage religious community in action against COVID-19
- **Capacity Building:** MoHFW, WHO and partner supported capacity building is being prioritized.
 - **Training Resources:** GoI launched 'Integrated Govt. Online training' (iGOT) portal for frontline health workers for conducting training and awareness materials for the same.
 - **COVID Academy:** This online training and resource platform was launched to keep the civil society, NGOs and private sector informed about the most updated information on COVID-19.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a joint meeting of the [Empowered Groups](#) (04 April) constituted for planning and ensuring implementation of COVID-19 response activities in the country.
- ICMR to collaborate in the global [WHO Solidarity Trial](#) – an international randomized trial of treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalized patients.
- MoHFW issued an [order](#) for insurance cover for all health workers for a period of 90 days through 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19'.
- Government of India launched a mobile app [ArogyaSetu](#) (02 April) through a public-private partnership to enable people to assess their risk of COVID infection (in line with privacy and data security parameters).
- WHO Country office for India is working closely with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to strengthen COVID-19 Special Surveillance System (S3) through the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP).

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 5 April 2020 (18:00 PM), according to MoHFW, a total of 3577 COVID-19 cases, (including 65 foreign nationals) have been reported in 29 states/union territories. These include 274 who have been cured/discharged, 1 who has migrated and 83 deaths. Available [here](#).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India (5.4.2020)

3 577 Confirmed

83 Deaths

29 States/UTs

South-East Asia (4.4.2020)

6 528 Confirmed

267 Deaths

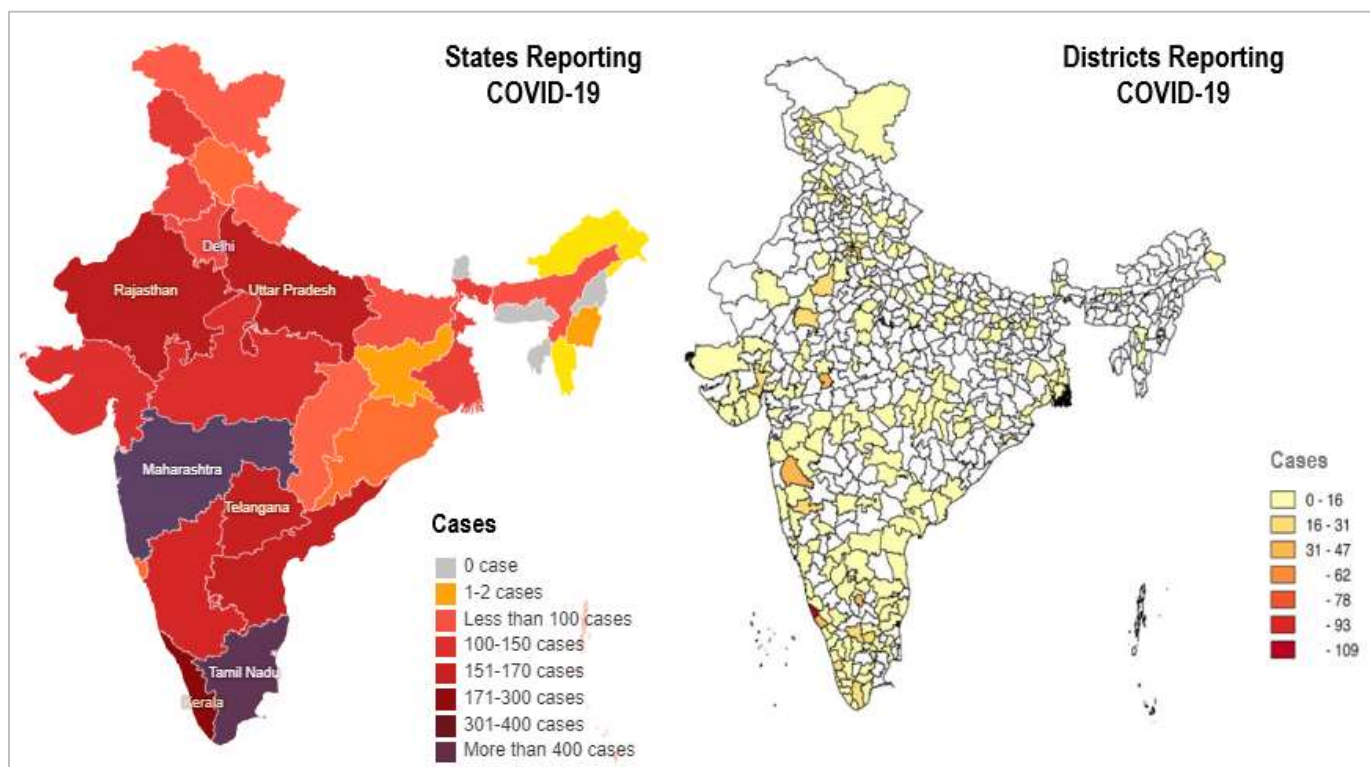
Globally (4.4.2020)

1 051 635 Confirmed

56 985 Deaths

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

Globally - Very High



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

- World Bank's Global Board of Executive Directors approved a fast-track [\\$1 billion India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project](#) to help India prevent, detect, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen its public health preparedness.
- WHO EURO has given a fast track approval for the use of the Xpert® Xpress SARS-CoV-2 cartridge (Cepheid, Sunnyvale, United States of America) to be included for COVID testing. More information [here](#).
- WHO South-East Asia Regional Director Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh held a virtual meeting with Health Ministers of the Region calling for a stronger whole-of-society approach. More information [here](#).

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- **Co-ordination and Partnership:** WHO is leading the Joint Response Plan (JRP) of UN agencies and partners in line with GoI [Preliminary Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\)](#). The joint plan will be expanded to include two broad sections – Union and State level activities to support COVID-19 response.
- **Surveillance:** MoHFW issued a circular to all states/UTs to seek support of WHO NPSP team in rapid scale-up of implementation of IHIP/IDSP. NCDC requested WHO team to support states/UTs in enhancing data collection by applying revised case investigation form.
- **Testing:** In addition to previous targeted testing [strategy](#), ICMR has issued [advisory](#) to start rapid antibody based blood test for COVID-19 (4 April 2020) as a strategy for containment zone and large migration gatherings/evacuees centres for cases of Influenza Like Illness (ILI). Locating of testing sites [here](#).
- **COVID Hospital Preparedness:** WHO NPSP, TB, NTD and CVHO field teams are supporting MoHFW state/district officials to assess functionality of more than 150 district hospitals dedicated for COVID-19.
- **Capacity Building in states/UTs and districts:** MoHFW with support of WHO conducted orientation on COVID-19 preparedness, response and containment for officials in all states and UTs. The same has been conducted in 723 out of 755 (96%) districts across India.
- **Training Resources:** MoHFW released guidance to states on all aspects of COVID-19 management including WHO supported training materials, available [here](#). MoHFW has designated NHSRC to facilitate cascading of training for frontline health workers on their role in COVID-19. MoHFW has requested WHO India to assist with adaptation of the content prepared for FLWs for other HR that may be mobilized for COVID-19 management.

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- **Note:** PM Modi called for public participation and light candles or diyas, torches or mobile flashlights, for 9 minutes at 9:00pm on the 5th April to show solidarity and collective resolve.

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