PIB’S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

• 12,726 Covid-19 patients have been cured so far out of 46,433 confirmed cases, taking recovery rate to 27.41%.
• 3900 new cases and 195 deaths reported since yesterday.
• Group of Ministers holds in-depth deliberation on containment strategy and management aspects of COVID-19.
• There is adequate availability of PPEs, masks, ventilators, drugs and other essential equipment in the country.
• Under PradhanMantriGaribKalyanYojana, Crores of poor people have been provided relief so far.
• PM participates at the online Summit of NAM Contact Group, says we need to promote human welfare, and not focus on economic growth alone.
• No fee hike for students of IITs, NITs and IIITs for 2020-21; Dates for JEE Main announced.
• Janaushidhi Kendras accepting medicine orders on Whatsapp and email.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

So far, a total of 12,726 people have been cured. This takes our total recovery rate to 27.41%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 46,433. Since yesterday, an increase of 3,900 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. The total number of deaths reported so far is 1568 with 195 deaths reported since yesterday. As the highest increase so far in the number of confirmed cases and deaths has been reported in the last 24 hours, States/UTs are advised to effectively implement contact tracing, active case search and clinical management of cases.

For details:

GoM reviews current status, preparedness and actions for management of COVID-19
Group of Ministers had in-depth deliberation on containment strategy and management aspects of COVID-19, as well as the measures being taken by the Centre and various States. GoM was apprised that as of now, death rate is around 3.2% while recovery rate is more than 25%, which may be taken as a positive effect of the Lockdown, along with the cluster management & containment strategy. Genome sequencing of strains of the novel coronavirus isolated from patients in different parts of the country has been initiated. GoM was informed about the adequacy and availability of PPEs, masks, ventilators, drugs and other essential equipment against the requirement. Under PMGKP as on 4th May, 2020, 29.38 lakh MT food grains have been distributed to 58.77 crore beneficiaries as first month entitlement and 5.82 lakh MT to 11.63 crore beneficiaries as second month entitlement so far. 4.98 crore PMUY cylinders have been booked and 4.72 crore delivered during April-May, 2020. Financial sanction for 8.18 crore beneficiaries’ (Farmers) for Rs. 2000/- each, has been generated during 20-21. As support for Senior citizens, Widows and Divyang, first instalment of funds @ Rs. 500 per beneficiary has been released for all 2.812 crore accounts of eligible beneficiaries. 20.05 crore women Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan accounts are being credited @ Rs. 500 per account. 9.27 lakh members of EPFO had availed the facility of online withdrawal amounting to Rs. 2895 crores.

For details:

Prime Minister participates at the online Summit of NAM Contact Group

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the online Summit of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Contact Group held on the evening of May 4, 2020 to discuss response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

For details:

Intervention by the Prime Minister at Video Conference of NAM Contact Group in response to COVID-19

“Today, humanity faces its most serious crisis in many decades. At this time, the Non Aligned Movement can help promote global solidarity. NAM has often been the world’s moral voice. To retain this role, NAM must remain inclusive. We need international institutions that are more representative of today’s world. We need to promote human welfare, and not focus on economic growth alone. India has long championed such initiatives.”

For details:

Union HRD Minister interacts with students across the country through webinar

During the interaction, Union HRD Minister announced the dates of pending entrance examinations. He informed that the NEET will be held on 26th July, 2020. He further informed that JEE MAIN will be held on 18th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd July, 2020. He added that JEE(Advance) may be held in August. He said that the date of UGC NET 2020 and CBSE 12th Board examinations will be announced soon. There will be no fees increase for IIT, IIITs and NITs for the academic year 2020-21.

For details:

Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras accepting orders on WhatsApp and e-mail to facilitate medicine procurement during lockdown

At present there are over 6300 PMBJKs functioning in 726 districts of the country ensuring supply of quality medicines at affordable prices. These medicines are cheaper by about 50% to 90% on an average. In April 2020 around 52, crore Rupees worth of medicine have been supplied throughout the country.

For details:

**EPFO Releases Rs.764 Crores to Its Pensioners**

EPFO has 65 lakh pensioners under its pension scheme. All 135 field offices of EPFO processed pension payment for April, 2020 in advance to avoid inconvenience to pensioners on account of nationwide Covid-19 lockdown. EPFO officers and staff battled all odds to send Rs 764 crore to all Nodal Branches of pension disbursing banks throughout India. All Bank branches have been directed to ensure credit of pension in the accounts of pensioners on schedule.

For details:

**RakshaMantri reviews contribution of NCC in nation’s fight against COVID-19**

Shri Rajnath Singh today reviewed the contribution of National Cadet Corps (NCC) in preventing the spread of COVID-19 through a video conference. In his opening remarks the RakshaMantri said that country is passing through challenging times and the government has taken several effective measures under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to contain COVID-19. The NCC cadets have been engaged in logistics and Supply chain management duties, ensuring supply of essential food material, medicines, assisting in traffic duties, etc. Some of cadets have also made educational videos for social media, while others have made masks and distributed them locally.

For details:

**Dr. Jitendra Singh reviews DARPG’s COVID 19 Public Grievances Redressal Progress Report for the period March 30-May 4, 2020 with 28 States and 9 UTs**

In this period, DARPG’s national COVID 19 Public Grievances monitor (https://darpg.gov.in) had seen a disposal of 52,327 cases of which Central Ministries and Departments redressed 41,626 cases. The average Grievance Redressal time for Central Government’s COVID 19 Public Grievance cases stands at 1.45 days/ grievance.

For details:

**443 flights operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers**

443 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. Cargo transported till date is around 821.07 tons covering over 4,34,531 km. Helicopter services including Pawan Hans Ltd have been operating in J&K, Ladakh, Islands and North East region transporting critical medical cargo and patients. Pawan Hans till 3 May 2020 have carried 2.27 tons of cargo covering a distance of 7,729 kms.

For details:

**Thinking of an Import Substitution Policy: Shri Nitin Gadkari**
Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari today informed that a policy on imports substitution is being thought of in the wake of the new economic situation created by COVID-19 pandemic. He called upon various stake-holders to convert knowledge into wealth by improving quality through innovations and cutting down cost.

For details:

**Union Ministry of MSME Working on Agro MSME Policy: Shri Nitin Gadkari**

The Union Minister mentioned that there is need to focus on export enhancement as well as import substitution to replace foreign imports with domestic production. He added that industry should focus more on innovation, entrepreneurship, science and technology, research skill and experiences to convert the knowledge into wealth. The Minister recalled that Government of Japan has offered special package to its industries for taking out Japanese investments from China and move elsewhere. He opined that it is an opportunity for India which should be grabbed.

For details:

**Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal holds video conference with promoters of cold chain projects**

Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal emphasized on the need to leverage the collective strength of the Integrated Cold Chain network to cope up with the COVID-19 crisis that has posed a serious challenge to the existing supply chain of food products. They discussed issues such as piling stocks of frozen vegetables and processed dairy products not finding their traditional markets like restaurants, banquets, hotels etc. amidst the lockdown and further, the difficulty in exporting these products.

For details:

**COVID 19 crisis demonstrates how DST is rapidly evolving as architect of profound science: Prof. Ashutosh Sharma**

For details:

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administrator has directed senior officers to focus on BapuDham Colony, Sector 30-B and other containment zones. He also instructed Director Health Services to start a special drive for screening and testing suspect cases in the area. He advised the staff to use proper protective gears while going for field operations to reduce the risk of infection.
- Punjab: Department of Health and Family Welfare has issued an advisory for the special care of the elderly and the senior citizens in the wake of corona virus. The advisory is for the elderly citizens aged 60 or above due to their low immunity against corona virus and who suffer from chronic respiratory, heart, kidney and liver ailments. Expressing concern over the plight of tiny, micro, cottage and small industries amid the continued lockdown, Punjab Chief Minister has sought the Centre’s permission to allow these to operate by engaging labour from the family or the neighbourhood.
- Haryana: AYUSH Department, following the guidelines of Ministry of AYUSH is distributing medicines to help enhance the immunity of Corona Warriors.
Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister flagged off three trucks loaded with relief material containing food and essential commodities donated by Art of Living for free distribution. He said that this philanthropic act would also inspire other organizations to come forward and contribute for the society.

Kerala: State government tells High Court that it would appeal for relaxing Centre's quarantine instruction for expats from institutional to home quarantine. The first flight carrying Keralites stranded in the Gulf will reach Kerala on May 7. There will be 15 services to Kerala alone. Huge rush of Malayalees returning from neighbouring states being witnessed at the six entry points. Meantime, Kerala HC refuses to impose a stay on the new ordinance of the state government for salary deferment of employees. Total confirmed cases: 499, Active cases: 34, Discharged: 465, Total deaths: 4.

Tamil Nadu: Workers at Amma canteen, Aavin milk plant test positive. In Chennai, hundreds hit the roads after lockdown was partially relaxed on Monday. Chennai hospital beds full, asymptomatic and stable patients moved to care centres set up at private colleges and Chennai Trade Centre. Koyambedu market accounts for over 600 cases in the State. Total cases till yesterday : 3550, Active cases: 2107, Deaths: 31.

Karnataka: 8 new cases confirmed today: Bangalore 3, Bagalkot 2 and one each in Bellary, Dakshin Kannada & Uttara Kannada each. One 62/F succumbed to Covid in Vijayapura today. Total cases till now 659, Deaths: 28, Discharged: 324.

Andhra Pradesh: State hikes liquor prices by another 50 per cent; reduces business hours; earlier prices were hiked by 25 percent. State re-opens Sub-Registrar Offices in all the orange and green zones; token system adopted to avoid crowding of people. 67 new Covid cases reported (14 of which from stranded Gujarat returnees), 65 discharged and one death reported in the last 24 hours. Total cases rise to 1717. Active cases: 1094, Recovered: 589, Deaths: 34. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (516), Guntur (351), Krishna (286).

Telangana: State to reduce the areas under containment zones after the third phase of the countrywide lockdown began on Monday with considerable relaxations. A Shramik Special Train carrying over 1,200 migrant workers to Khagaria in Bihar left from Hyderabad's Ghatkesar today morning at 3.05 am. This is the 2nd special train carrying workers leaving the city. Total Covid cases till now 1085, Active cases: 471, Recovered: 585, Deaths: 29.

Maharashtra: The number of COVID-19 cases in Maharashtra surged to 14,541 on Monday, with a record 1,567 cases added to the tally by the State Health Department, which said this was a result of clearing a backlog of cases over the past week. The State's death toll rose to 583 with 35 more deaths recorded on Monday. As per state authorities, Mumbai has recorded 9,310 cases and 361 deaths so far. Dharavi, Asia’s biggest slum, alone recorded 42 new cases, taking the tally to 632 cases. 20 people have died in Dharavi so far. Battered by the Covid 19 onslaught, the Maharashtra government has declared a freeze on all new capital works until March 2021. The government has ordered departments to withhold tenders for new purchases and approvals for new development projects. It has also frozen all new recruitment till further orders.

Gujarat: Gujarat’s Covid-19 infection rate continues to remain high with 376 cases and 29 deaths added as per last report. The State’s cumulative figures now are 5,804 cases and 319 fatalities, while the recovery numbers stand at 1,195, including 153 patients who were discharged on Monday.
• Rajasthan: 175 new coronavirus cases were reported as of 8:00 AM on May 5 in Rajasthan, according to data released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This brings the total reported cases of coronavirus in Rajasthan to 3,061. Among the total people infected as on date, 1,394 have recovered and 77 have passed away. The day after witnessing chaos outside liquor stores, Jaipur excise department has issued a fresh directive asking liquor shop owners to give coupons to customers so that they can turn up at the shops depending on the time slot being allowed through the coupon numbers and ensure social distancing.

• Madhya Pradesh: Number of Covid of positive cases in Madhya Pradesh has climbed to 2,952 with 165 deaths. 798 people have since recovered. Indore is the worst affected city followed by capital Bhopal. Ujjain has emerged as a new hotspot on account steep rise in mortality rate.

• Arunachal Pradesh: Govt issues list of contact numbers of Nodal Officers appointed to facilitate movement of stranded people back to their homes; set up website: covid19.itanagarsmartcity.in/index.php for any update and help regarding COVID19.

• Assam: Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweets that first batch of 124 Kota students quarantined at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati have been released after being tested negative for #COVID19.

• Manipur: CM chairs meeting of the Task Force of Agriculture and Horticulture Depts on ways to ensure self sufficiency of foodgrains in the state.

• Manipur: Govt decides to increase COVID19 testing capacity by training more manpower and procuring relevant equipment.

• Mizoram: 173 residents of Lawngtlai district returned from Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur states, have been put in designated quarantine facilities.

• Nagaland: Civil Secretariat and Directorates in Kohima&Dimapur to function with Deputy Secretary/Director level officers & above and with HoOs& immediate junior staff in districts. Revised guidelines allows inter-district movement of people within the state of Nagaland, plying of taxis & rickshaws under specified norms. Ban on passenger buses continues.

• Tripura: Govt has launched a new portal i.e. covid19.tripura.gov.in for registration of its citizens who are stranded in other states and are willing to return.

FACT CHECK
दावा: एक व्हाट्सएप मैसेज का दावा है कि कोरोना महामारी के कारण 17 मई 2020 तक लॉकडाउन की वजह से मोबाइल कंपनियों ने सभी मोबाइल युजर्स को प्री इंटरनेट देने का ऐलान किया है। PIBFactcheck: यह दावा बिलकुल झूठा है और दिया गया लिंक फ़र्ज़ी है। दूसरसंचार विभाग ने ऐसा कोई ऐलान नहीं किया है।

दूसरसंचार विभाग द्वारा ऐसा कोई ऐलान नहीं किया गया है। कृपया जालसाजों से दूर रहें।

Free Covid-19 Recharge offer फ्री इंटरनेट रिचार्ज़ उपलब्ध है

कोरोना महामारी के कारण 17 मई 2020 तक लॉकडाउन की वजह से मोबाइल कंपनियों ने सभी मोबाइल युजर्स को प्री इंटरनेट देने का ऐलान किया है ताकि आप 4% अपना काम कर सकें।

कृपया घर में रहकर कोरोना बायरस (COVID-19) को फैलने से रोकें।

नोट:- नीचे दे गई लिंक पर विकल्प करके अपनी फ़र्ज़ी कपास की तैयारी करें।

https://telecom.covid19offer.live

कृपया ध्यान दें: यह ऑफर केवल 17 मई 2020 तक ही समय सीमा है।
यह हमें कोविड-19 से ही नहीं झूठी व मनगढ़त खबरों से भी बचाना है!

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- 11,706 people have been cured of Covid-19, taking the recovery rate to 27.52% in the country.
- Total number of confirmed cases is 42,533; Increase of 2,553 cases noted since yesterday.
- 20 Central Health teams being sent to districts reporting maximum number of covid-19 cases in the country.
- Government to facilitate return of Indian nationals stranded abroad on compelling grounds in a phased manner.
- Civil Service (Prelim) Exam 2020 deferred.
- KVIC cautions the unscrupulous manufacturers for fraudulently selling PPE kits under its Khadi India brand

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

So far, a total of 11,706 people have been cured. This takes our total recovery rate to 27.52%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 42,533. Since yesterday, an increase of 2,553 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. Outcome ratio (Recovered vs. Death) for all closed cases, which indicates the clinical management status in the hospitals shws that there is an improvement in the country compared to that prior to 17th April, 2020 (Outcome ratio was 80:20) while as of today it is 90:10.

For details:

Central teams being deployed to districts with highest number of COVID19 cases
As many as twenty (20) Central Public Health Teams from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have been formed and are being sent to the 20 districts that are reporting the maximum number of COVID-19 cases in the country.

For details:

Government of India to facilitate return of Indian Nationals stranded abroad

Government of India will be facilitating the return of Indian nationals stranded abroad on compelling grounds in a phased manner. The travel would be arranged by aircraft and naval ships. The SOP has been prepared in this regard. Indian Embassies and High Commissions are preparing a list of distressed Indian citizens. This facility would be made available on payment-basis. Non-scheduled commercial flights would be arranged for air travel. The travel would begin in a phased manner from May 7. Medical screening of passengers would be done before taking the flight. Only asymptomatic passengers would be allowed to travel.

For details:

Blood donation saves lives, let's raise awareness for blood donation & ensure that the needy have timely & affordable access to safe and quality blood: Dr Harsh Vardhan

While talking about the present situation in the country the Union Minister added “During the difficult times of COVID-19 we are able to manage the critical supply of blood to the needy patients. He said he called the meeting of Red Cross officials to mobilise voluntary blood donation and helped them by arranging 30,000 passes for Red Cross Society workers and their vehicles engaged in promoting voluntary blood donation.”

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews preparedness and containment measures taken for the management of COVID-19 in Madhya Pradesh through Video Conferencing

Expressing the concern of high fatality rate due to COVID-19, Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated, “It is painful to know that in few districts the fatality rate is higher than the national average”. He exhorted that State also needs to focus on the non-affected districts by conducting search, surveillance and testing of SARI/Influenza Like Illness cases, as this may avoid the further spreading of cases in other areas. He advised that State needs to ensure that non-COVID-19 services are not hampered due to emphasis on COVID-19 management.

For details:

India Salutes Corona Warriors Indian Navy Salutes the Corona Warriors on Land, Air and High Seas

Indian Navy joined the entire nation to express gratitude and salute the Corona Warriors on Sunday. Expressing gratitude and appreciation of the entire nation - while representing the Indian Armed Forces - towards the determination and committed efforts of our Corona Warriors - the medical professionals, health workers, policemen, government staff and media, for their relentless efforts against Covid-19 on 03 May 20 through a number of activities on ground, in air and on water.

For details:

Raksha Mantri lauds Armed Forces for ‘Armed Forces Salutes Corona Warriors’ gestures
Shri Rajnath Singh has appreciated efforts of the Armed Forces for carrying out hundreds of activities at various locations across the country on ground, in water and air to Salute the Corona warriors who have been steadfastly fighting to stop the spread of the virus. Armed Forces paid rich tributes to India’s Corona Warriors on Sunday in a unique military way. From Srinagar to Thiruvananthapuram and Dibrugarh to Kachchh, the Army carried out various activities like laying wreath at the Police Memorials, honouring and felicitating health professions and emergency supply operatives. Visits to hospitals were carried out over hundreds of towns in all states from the local Army formations all over the Nation in small and big numbers by Army teams along with military bands which played patriotic tunes as a tribute to the Nation’s frontline warriors against Corona.

For details:

Firms Selling Fake PPE Kits Using Brand Name “Khadi”; KVIC Mulls Legal Action

It has come to the notice of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) that certain unscrupulous business firms are manufacturing and selling personal protective equipment (PPE) kits, fraudulently using its registered trademark logo of ‘Khadi India’. The KVIC clarifies that it has, so far, not launched any PPE kit in the market. It must be clarified that KVIC specifically uses double-twisted hand-spun, hand-woven Khadi fabric for its products and hence, the kits made of non-woven material like polyester and polypropylene are neither Khadi products nor KVIC approved products.

For details:

Empowered Group 6 Engages CSOs/NGOs/Industry/Intl Organisations in India’s fight against COVID-19

As the country faces an unprecedented challenge with the Covid-19 global pandemic affecting our nation, the Empowered Group 6 (EG 6) constituted by Government of India and chaired by CEO, NITI Aayog is playing a key role in galvanizing Civil Society Organisations, NGOs and development partners, Industry partners, and International Organisations to create synergies with the Government of India.

For details:

DRDO develops UV Disinfection Tower

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an Ultra Violet (UV) Disinfection Tower for rapid and chemical free disinfection of high infection prone areas. The equipment named UV blaster is a UV based area sanitiser designed and developed by Laser Science & Technology Centre (LASTEC), the Delhi based premier laboratory of DRDO.

For details:

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launches “The Saras Collection” on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal

Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, launched “The Saras Collection” on the Government e Marketplace (GeM) portaltoday. A unique initiative of GeM and the DeenDayalAntyodayaYojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, the Saras Collection showcases daily utility products made by rural self-help groups (SHGs) and aims to provide SHGs in rural areas with market access to Central and State Government buyers.
For details:

Government takes up immediate measures for livelihood and security of tribal gatherers and artisans in the backdrop of situation arising out of COVID-19

In light of the unprecedented hardship faced by the tribal artisans, Government is taking several immediate initiatives to provide support to the tribal gatherers and tribal artisans.

For details:

Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2020, scheduled on 31st May deferred

Taking notice of the extension of restrictions, the UPSC has decided that it will not be possible to resume examinations and interviews for the present. The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2020, scheduled to be held on May 31, 2020 therefore stands deferred.

For details:

PM Jan Aushadi Kendras are playing a vital role in COVID-19 Situation : MansukhMandaviya

Shri MansukhMandaviya, Minister of State (IC) for Chemicals & Fertilizers has said that Jan Aushadi Kendras are playing a vital role in COVID-19 situation as around 10 lakh persons per day are visiting 6000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras to source quality medicines at affordable prices. These Kendras are also selling Hydroxychloroquine.

For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan connects with Department of Science & Technology on COVID-19 preparations

Union Minister of Science & Technology, Health & Family Welfare and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan interacted with Heads of all Autonomous Institutions and Subordinate offices of Department of Science & Technology on the occasion of 50th DST Foundation Day about their S&T initiatives, particularly in relation to their endeavours for combating the COVID-19 outbreak. The Minister also launched “COVID KATHA”, a multimedia guide on COVID-19 on the occasion.

For details:

Cotton procurement through MSP operations continuing at 34 centres in Maharashtra; Total 36,500 quintals of Kapas equivalent to 6900 bales procured during lockdown period

Around 77.40 % of total Kapas produced in Maharashtra had already arrived in the markets and been sold till 25th March, 2020; Cotton Corporation of India procured. 91.90 lakh quintals of Kapas equivalent to 18.66 lakh bales of cotton valuing Rs.4995 crores from cotton farmers. Steps have been taken to clear the outstanding payment to the farmers for the procured Kapas. Out of total procurement value, a sum of Rs.4987 crores has already reached the farmers’

For details:

Local administrations in all parts of the country continue taking initiatives to help the public during the situation arising from COVID-19
Various initiatives include setting up control rooms for helping stranded people, tracing travel routes and contact persons of those in quarantine and those who crossed borders including lorry drivers, mitigating doubts; prescribing procedures for handling, treatment and disposal of bio-medical waste; and making arrangements for purchasing and selling of farm produce

For details:

Extension of the last date of Invitation of Nominations for Sardar Patel National Unity Award till 30th June, 2020

Government of India has instituted Sardar Patel National Unity Award as the highest civilian award in the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, for contribution in promoting unity and integrity of India. The award seeks to recognize the notable and inspiring contribution made by individuals or institutions or organizations in this field and reinforces the value of strong and united India.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism holds its 14th webinar ‘Bengal by the Himalayas’ on the rich heritage of Darjeeling under DekhoApnaDesh Webinar Series

For details:

National Gallery of Modern Art presents the virtual program "NGMA KE SANGRAH SE" to showcase the rarely seen and unseen artworks from its repository during lockdown

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: State issues new guidelines for extended lockdown. CM urges PM to allot special trains to bring back Keralites from other parts of the country. Permission given to 30,000 Malayalees to return from other states through e-pass system. 5 special trains for migrant workers to Patna cancelled as Bihar denied permission. West Bengal grants permission for 2 trains from Kerala. Total confirmed cases till yesterday: 499, Active cases: 95.

- Tamil Nadu: State to hike petrol and diesel prices by Rs 3.25 and Rs 2.50 per litre respectively. Chennai hospitals shifts stable Covid19 patients to quarantine centres as cases spiral. 114 Covid19 cases from Koyambedu cluster in Cuddalore, 39 in Villupuram. Total cases till yesterday: 3023, Active cases: 1611, Deaths: 30, Discharged: 1379. Highest number of cases reported from Chennai 1458.

- Karnataka: State extends free bus service for migrant workers for two more days. 28 new cases confirmed today: Davangere 21, two each in Kalburgi&Mandya and one each in Chikkaballapur, Haveri&Vijayapura. Today one death (56/M) reported in Kalburgi. Total cases till now: 642, Deaths: 26, Discharged: 304.

- Andhra Pradesh: State decides to convert the 108 ambulances to Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances for emergency situations. State releases Rs 3.84 crore to provide special kits to 19,584 sanitation workers rendering services in villages. 67 new Covid cases, 36 discharged and no deaths
reported in the last 24 hours. Total cases rise to 1650. Active Cases: 1062, Recovered: 524, Deaths: 33. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (491), Guntur (338), Krishna (278).

- Telangana: State cabinet to discuss tomorrow, issues related to easing of norms for some sectors as part of the Covid-19 lockdown exit plan. Stranded migrant workers hit Hyderabad streets, demanding to be sent back home. Two booked for fake news relating to the protest by migrant workers at Tolichowki yesterday in an attempt to trigger communal unrest. Total Covid cases till now 1082, Active cases: 508, Recovered: 545, Deaths: 29.

- Chandigarh: The designated containment area in the UT Chandigarh will be completely sealed with strict perimeter control and clear entry and exit points. Only movement of persons for maintaining supply of fruits and vegetables and for medical emergencies shall be allowed. There will be no unchecked influx of people and transport. There will be recording of details of people moving in and out of perimeter of containment area. There will be intensive screening of all residents within the containment area and testing of all suspected cases, as per protocol. No shops, offices, trade factories, dispensaries will be allowed to function within the containment area.

- Punjab: The Punjab Government completed a milestone in its fight against Covid, with the total number of RT-PCR tests crossing the 20,000 mark. The State has made use of innovative testing techniques such as use of mobile Sample collecting Kiosks, Pool testing etc. Pool testing has been started in the state to enhance the testing capacity. 5788 pooled samples have been tested as on 30th April, 2020. Punjab has taken the lead in registering the migrants residing within the State. A special online portal had been designed for this purpose. The State has successfully registered more than 6.44 Lakh migrants who are interested in returning to their home States.

- Haryana: Haryana Government is committed to ensure that all agricultural labourers and migrant labourers of other States of India who are stranded in Haryana reach their homes in a safe and systematic manner at the earliest. It has been decided that agricultural labourers of border states of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh will be sent to their homes in buses and those of Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh will be sent by special Shramik Trains from different stations in Haryana. Return of migrant labourers of the remaining states, being relatively lesser in numbers, shall be ensured through special trains from New Delhi.

- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has said due to the collective efforts of the State Government and active cooperation of people, Himachal Pradesh is poised to soon emerge as Corona Free State. He said it becomes all the more important that strict vigil must be maintained on each and every person visiting the State. He said that downloading of AarogyaSetu app must be mandatory for the people entering the State. He said that it would be the responsibility of the elected representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies to ensure that the person entering their village do not jump quarantine.

- Arunachal Pradesh: StateGovt issues detailed guidelines for public places and work places. CM urged the citizens to follow preventive measures against COVID19 until the vaccine is found.

- Assam: Health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma visits containment zones, quarantine centre in Bongaigaon district to assess the COVID19 situation in the district.

- Meghalaya: CM held a review meeting with Doctors of Civil Hospital, Shillong to gear up with necessary preparedness as stranded persons in other States will start returning home from May 5.

- Manipur: CM says that taking the advantage of being in green zone, Govt has started plantation of fruits bearing plants at Luwangsangbam hills.
- Mizoram: Govt issued an ordinance with regard to compulsory use of mask and maintain social distancing at any public places in the state, failing which will be an offence.
- Nagaland: Principal Secretary says 16,526 persons stranded outside have been provided financial assistance of Rs 6.47 crore till now.
- Sikkim: Governor handed over a consignment of face mask and sanitisers to the General Secretary of Press Club of Sikkim, for the use of frontline media persons in the fight against COVID19.
- Tripura: State Govt to send back 33,000 migrant workers to their respective States largely by train.
- Maharashtra: Recorded 678 new coronavirus cases, taking the overall count to 12,974 and deaths to 548. Infections shot up in Mumbai with 441 new cases and 21 deaths. Total cases in Mumbai alone touched 8,800. With 10,223 positive cases, the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, accounts for 80% of all positive cases in the state.
- Gujarat: The number of reported positive cases in Gujarat has climbed to 5,428 and the death toll is 290, which is the second highest in the country after Maharashtra. However, 1,042 people have so far recovered from the viral infection.
- Rajasthan: The COVID-19 cases in Jaipur crossed the 1,000-mark today as it registered 12 new cases taking its tally to 1,005 while the state crossed the 3,000 mark registering a total tally of 3,009. Overall, 75 deaths have been reported in the state so far with Jaipur alone accounting for 45.
- MP: With Ujjain becoming a new Covid 19 hotspot in Madhya Pradesh, CM has ordered to send a special team of doctors immediately to control the situation. Ujjain has only 150 positive cases but witnessed 30 deaths, recording the highest mortality rate in the state. Indore, with 1,568 reported cases, continues to be the worst affected city.
- Goa: Nearly 90 per cent of the migrant workers stranded in Goa ever since the lockdown from March 24, want to return to their native places, says the State Executive Committee based on Panchayat level data collection. Migrant workers from neighbouring Karnataka top the list followed by those from UP and Bihar.

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PIB’S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

• 10,632 persons have been cured of Covid-19 in the country so far, taking recovery rate to 26.59%.
• Since yesterday, 2644 new cases reported, taking the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases to 39,980.
• At a meeting with Finance Minister and officials, Prime Minister discusses strategies and interventions to support MSMEs and Farmers, enhance liquidity and strengthen credit flows.
• Railways clarifies that it is only accepting passengers brought and facilitated by State Governments

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

So far, a total of 10,632 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 682 patients were found cured. This takes our total recovery rate to 26.59%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 39,980. Since yesterday, an increase of 2644 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. Dr Harsh Vardhan has urged the people of India to observe the extended period of lockdown 3.0 (till May 17, 2020) in letter and spirit and treat it as an effective intervention to cut down the chain of transmission of COVID-19. He urged the countrymen not to ostracize the doctors treating COVID-19 patients and to not stigmatize the patients who have won the battle against COVID-19.

For details:

Prime Minister holds a detailed meeting to discuss financial sector, structural and welfare measures to spur growth in India
Prime Minister held a meeting to discuss strategies to discuss interventions in the financial sector as well structural reforms to spur growth and welfare in the current context. At a meeting with Finance Minister and officials, PM discussed strategies and interventions to support MSMEs and farmers, enhance liquidity and strengthen credit flows. PM also discussed ways and means to ensure financial stability in the wake of COVID-19 and measures taken to enable businesses to recover quickly from the impacts. Dwelling on the issue of welfare of workers and the common man, PM pointed out the need to generate gainful employment opportunities by helping businesses overcome difficulties due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.

For details:

**Railways only accepting passengers BROUGHT and FACILITATED by State Governments.**

It is clarified that few Special trains which are being run for migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places, are being operated on request of state governments only. All other passenger train services remain suspended. Railways is only accepting passengers brought and facilitated by State Governments.

For details:

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan visits Lady Harding Medical College Hospital to review status of COVID-19 management**

While commending the frontline caregivers and other healthcare personnel for the resilience, hard work, dedication and commitment shown by them in dealing with COVID-19, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "The recovery rate of COVID-19 patients has steadily increased which shows that more and more of these patients are getting better and going back to their homes. Till now around 10,000 COVID patients have recovered and have joined their normal life. Majority of patients in other hospitals are also on road to recovery. It reflects the quality of care provided by our frontline health workers in India. I congratulate them for their success."

For details:

**INDIA SALUTES CORONA WARRIORS**

India has been successfully fighting Corona Virus with the help of COVID Warriors. IAF has been contributing towards the national effort to contain Corona by supporting mobility of men and material both at International and Domestic level. More than 600 tons of medical supplies and large number of people have been airlifted including Doctors, Para-medics and equipment for setting up COVID testing labs. As a gratitude to all the Corona Warriors in India, IAF along with sister services is planning to salute these brave warriors of India in its own unique way. The planned fly past of the aircraft of the Indian Air Force is to salute the brave COVID warriors who have been tirelessly and selflessly working during these unprecedented times of corona virus pandemic.

For details:

**Union Home Minister salutes the Corona Warriors for their unmatched Contribution and Sacrifice in fighting the COVID-19 epidemic**
ShriAmitShah said in a tweet, “India salutes its heroic Corona warriors. I assure you that the Modi government and the entire country stands beside you. We have to free the Nation from Corona by turning the challenges into opportunities and set an example for the world by creating a healthy, prosperous and strong India. Jai Hind!”

For details:

**HRD Minister releases alternative academic calendar for classes 9th and 10th**

Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that this Calendar provides guidelines to teachers on the use of various technological tools and social media tools available for imparting education in fun-filled, interesting ways, which can be used by learner, parents and teachers even while at home. However, it has taken into account, the varying levels of access to such tools-Mobile, Radio, Television, SMS and various social media.

For details:

**Judicial Member, Lokpal of India, Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi died fighting COVID-19**

On Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 at approximately 8:45 PM, Judicial Member, Lokpal of India, Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi passed away at AIIMS, New Delhi. He was infected with Corona virus and was admitted to AIIMS on 2nd April, 2020 after having breathing problems.

For details:

**During COVID-19 lockdown JanaushadhiKendras achieved a record sales turnover of 52 crore rupees in April 2020**

In spite of problems in procurement & logistics due to COVID-19 lockdown, Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Jan AushadhiKendras –PMBJAKachieved a record sales turnover of 52 crore rupees in the month of April 2020, compared to 42 crore rupees in March 2020. It was 17 crore in April 2019.

For details:

**All Stakeholders Must Adopt an Integrated Approach to Come over the Crisis: ShriNitinGadkari**

ShriGadkarihas called upon the industry that it is needed to be ensured by industries that necessary preventive measures are taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. He emphasized on usage of PPE (Masks, sanitizer etc.) and advised to maintain social distancing norms during business operations. The Union Minister mentioned that there is need to focus on export enhancement as well as import substitution to replace foreign imports with domestic production.

For details:

**MHA Control Room to be utilised for resolving complaints/issues of Drivers and Transporters on passage of goods carriers including empty trucks**

In order to ensure faster resolution of the complaints/issues of the drivers / transporters on passage of goods carriers including empty trucks for inter-state movement across the country during Lockdown, Union Government has decided to utilise the Control Room of Ministry of
Home Affairs where officers of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways are also being deputed for this purpose. MHA Helpline Number 1930 and NHAI Helpline number 1033 may be used to seek assistance.

For details:

430 flights operated under Lifeline Udan

430 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. 252 of these flights have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. Cargo transported till date is around 795.86 tons. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 4,21,790 km. Helicopter services including Pawan Hans Ltd have been operating in J&K, Ladakh, Islands and North East region transporting critical medical cargo and patients. Pawan Hans till 2 May 2020 have carried 2.27 tons of cargo covering a distance of 7,729 kms.

For details:

Post- COVID situation provides an opportunity for India to boost its economy with the support of vast Bamboo resources: Dr Jitendra Singh

Dr Jitendra Singh said that Bamboo is vital to India's Post- COVID economy and will provide an opportunity for India to emerge as an economic power with the support of its Bamboo resources.

For details:

Government asks states to speed up procurement of Minor Forest Produce to support Tribals in the backdrop of situation created by Covid 19

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has advised all states to speed up procurement operations for Minor Forest Produce to support the Tribals especially in the backdrop of situation created by Covid 19 and also keeping in view that it is now peak season for gathering of MFP.

For details:

Employees of EPFO contribute Rs 2.5 crore to PM CARES fund

For details:

NMCG & NIUA organized IDEAthon on ‘The Future of River Management’

National Mission for Clean Ganga under the Ministry of Jal Shakti and National Institute of Urban Affairs organized an IDEAthon on ‘The future of River Management’ to explore how the COVID-19 crisis can shape River Management strategies for the future. Dealing with the COVID-19 crisis has been a challenge for most countries across the globe which has witnessed some sort of lockdown in most of the places. While the general narrative around this crisis has been that of anxiety and concern, the crisis has also thrown up some positive developments.

For details:
Kerala: Armed forces salute & thank Covid19 warriors in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi. Railways will operate four more trains today from Kerala for stranded migrant labourers. The trains will depart from Thrissur, Kannur and Ernakulam. Meanwhile, five more Keralites have lost their lives to Covid19 in the US and the Gulf. Total confirmed cases till yesterday: 499, Active cases: 96, Discharged: 400, Total deaths: 4.

Tamil Nadu: Armed forces shower flower petals over Covid hospitals in Chennai. State government to relax the lockdown in non-containment areas in all zones from Monday; economic activities to resume. 25 persons, including two children, test positive for Covid19 in Villupuram. JIPMER, Puducherry quarantines 44 healthcare workers after cancer patient tests positive for COVID-19. Total cases in TN till yesterday: 2757, Active cases: 1384, Deaths: 29, Discharged: 1341. Highest number of cases reported from Chennai 1257.

Karnataka: Today 5 new cases confirmed. Total cases 606. Kalburgi 3 and Bagalkot 2. So far 25 deaths and 282 people cured and discharged. State government announces free transportation for migrant workers after facing flak for high fares.

Andhra Pradesh: State to conduct Covid19 tests on one person from each family in red zones, amid an increase in the number of cases. The College Ethics Committee of Guntur Medical College gives green signal to Plasma Therapy treatment. The committee will send a report to ICMR for its response. 58 fresh cases in last 24 hours; 30 out of 58 from Kurnool district. Total positive cases rise to 1583, Active cases: 1062, Discharged: 488, Deceased: 33, Total tests done: 1,14,937. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (466), Guntur (319), Krishna (266).

Telangana: Expressing gratitude of the Defence forces to the Covid frontline 'warriors', an Indian Air Force helicopter showered flower petals over the state-run Gandhi Hospital. Environmentalists warn that the significant improvement in air and water quality, which Hyderabad has witnessed since the lockdown, may cease to continue if we are not mindful. Migrants from North India walk miles for food & essentials. Total cases till yesterday 1061, Active cases 533, Recovered 499, Total Deaths 29.

Arunachal Pradesh: Indian Air Force salutes frontline health workers in the battle against Coronavirus with a fly-past in Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.

Assam: In order to deal with the economic situation amid Coronavirus outbreak, Assam Govt has constituted an 8 member Task Force for revitalisation of the economy of the State.

Manipur: FCI moves 29000 MT of foodgrain from Punjab and Haryana to Manipur.

Mizoram: Supply Department and IOC provides gas cylinders to 324 families at Mamit District villages in the State amid lockdown.

Nagaland: Mokokchung citizens in Nagaland come together to make 2 lakh face masks under the campaign 'Masks for All' which is initiated by District Task Force on COVID-19.

Tripura: CM in a tweet termed the IAF fly-past & showering flower petals as a remarkable effort by IAF for saluting the Corona Fighters in a battle against COVID19.

Chandigarh: The lockdown period in UT will be extended by two weeks i.e. upto 17th May, 2020. The curfew in the city will be lifted on midnight of 3rd May. The containment
zone in the city will be restricted to the pockets identified and notified by Administration. There will be Intensive Screening and Testing of all cases within the containment pockets as per protocol.

- Punjab: Shops in Punjab will open in the green and orange zones, across districts, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There would be no relaxations in red and containment zones. Health and Family Welfare Department, Punjab has issued fresh advisory on maintaining hygiene and sanitization by the plying goods vehicles and their drivers/workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Haryana: To facilitate the stranded persons and migrant workers for interstate movement (both inward and outward) in Haryana, the State Government has launched a web page https://edisha.gov.in/eForms/MigrantService for online registration of the migrant workers who wish to return to their home states. Haryana Government has directed all District Education Officers, District Elementary Education Officers, District Project Coordinators, Block Education Officers, Block Elementary Education Officers to provide information on distribution of books through mutual exchange being undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines have been issued to Education Officer, School Head / In-Charge and SMC President and Members in this regard.

- Himachal Pradesh: The State Government has decided to continue the curfew in the entire State in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic but the relaxation in the curfew would be increased by one hour from the existing four hours to five hours from 4th May, 2020 onwards. To revive the economy in the State in the wake of corona pandemic, 120 days assured employment would be provided to the urban population under a new MukhyaMantriShahariRojgar Guarantee Yojna. For this, if required, adequate training would be provided for their skill upgradation.

- Maharashtra: A total of 790 cases were recorded in a day in Maharashtra taking its tally of positive cases to 12,296. The death toll at 521 is also the highest in the country. The corresponding figures for Mumbai are 322 deaths and 8,359 patients. The number of coronavirus cases rose to 360 in Maharashtra’s Nashik district after 27 more people tested positive for the viral disease, the district administration said today. Out of these Malegaon accounts for 324 cases. Mumbai witnessed a spectacular fly-past carried out by Indian Air Force jets in the honour of thousands of ‘Covid-19 warriors’. The display was part of a nationwide exercise to express gratitude toward lakhs of ‘corona warriors’ in the frontline of fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

- Gujarat: State reported 333 new cases, taking its tally till now to 5,054. It also witnessed 26 deaths, which is maximum in a day till now. While Ahmedabad reported 250 of the 333 new coronavirus positive cases, Vadodara and Surat reported 17 cases each.

- Madhya Pradesh: 127 new coronavirus cases were reported in MP. This brings the total reported cases of coronavirus in MP to 2,846. Among the total people infected as on date, 624 have recovered and 151 have passed away.

- Rajasthan: 104 new cases were reported in Rajasthan, according to data released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This brings the total reported cases of in Rajasthan to 2,770. Among the total people infected as on date, 1,121 have recovered and 65 have passed away.
Chhattisgarh: CM Bhupesh Baghel has written to PM Modi requesting inclusion of policemen, local bodies officers & employees of district administration in insurance scheme under PM's Welfare Package, on the lines of health workers.

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PIB’S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

• Recovery rate of Covid-19 cases in the country improves to 26.65%, with 9950 people having been cured out of 37,336 confirmed cases.
• 2293 new Covidcases reported since yesterday.
• Nationwide Lockdown extended by two more weeks with effect from May 4; Considerable relaxations granted in Green and Orange zones.
• All passenger train services to remain cancelled till 17th May, 2020. Shramik Special trains to run for movement of migrant workers and other stranded persons
• Prime Minister holds meetingsto discuss ways to boost agriculture sector and reforms in the education sector.
• Shri Piyush Goyal appeals to other countries for collaborative efforts against the outspread of Covid-19.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

So far, a total of 9950 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 1061 patients were found cured. This takes our total recovery rate to 26.65%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 37,336. Since yesterday, an increase of 2293 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. Additional guidelines on rational use of Personal Protective Equipment were issued yesterday by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

For details:

Extension of Lockdown for a further period of Two Weeks with effect from May 4, 2020

After a comprehensive review, and in view of the Lockdown measures having led to significant gains in the COVID-19 situation in the country, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India issued an Order under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, today, to further extend the Lockdown for a further period of
2 weeks with effect from May 4, 2020. MHA also issued new guidelines to regulate different activities in this period, based on the risk profiling of the districts of the country into Red (hotspot), Green and Orange Zones. The guidelines have permitted considerable relaxations in the districts falling in the Green and Orange Zones.

For details:

Clarification regarding Movement of Persons and Vehicles in Orange Zones during Two Weeks Lockdown

In the Orange Zones, in addition to the activities prohibited throughout the country, inter-district and intra-district plying of buses remains prohibited. Two other activities have been allowed with restrictions:

- Taxis and cab aggregators are permitted, with one driver and two passengers only.
- Inter-district movement of individuals and vehicles is allowed, only for permitted activities, with maximum two passengers, besides the driver, in four wheeler vehicles.

For details:

Extended Cancellation of passenger train services

In continuation of the measures taken in the wake of COVID-19, it has been decided that the cancellation of all passenger train services on Indian Railways shall be extended till 17th May, 2020. However, movement of migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places shall be carried out by Shramik Special trains, as required by the State Governments, in terms of the guidelines issued by MHA. Freight and Parcel train operations shall continue, as at present.

For details:

PM Modi holds meeting to discuss ways to boost agriculture sector

PM ShriNarendraModi held a meeting today to deliberate on the issues and reforms required in Agriculture sector. Special emphasis was given on reforms in agriculture marketing, management of marketable surplus, access of farmers to institutional credit and freeing agriculture sector of various restrictions with appropriate backing of statute.

For details:

PM Modi holds a review meeting to discuss education Sector

PM ShriNarendraModi held a meeting to deliberate on the issues and reforms required in education sector including National Education Policy. Special emphasis was given on the use of technology in the education sector and enhancing learning and adapting by the use of technology such as on-line classes, education portal and class-wise broadcast on dedicated education channels. The focus was on bringing uniformity in education providing universal access to quality education, improving the quality of elementary education, through a new national curriculum framework that focuses on multi-linguistic, 21st century skills, integration of sport and art, environmental issues etc.

For details:

New guidelines for hearing of cases by CAT in Green, Orange & Red Zones
Shri Piyush Goyal tells Foreign Missions that India is open to mutually benefitting collaborations with interested countries as far as the reciprocity in the deal is maintained

Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal has said that India is open to mutually benefitting collaborations with interested countries as far as the reciprocity in the deal is maintained. Interacting with foreign missions in New Delhi, he welcomed the interested countries who are planning to do business with India. He advised that this is the best time to connect digitally for the planning of a road map for bilateral (or multilateral) agreements. The Minister appealed to other countries for the collaborative efforts against the outspread of Coronavirus pandemic.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews preparedness for AES in Bihar through Video Conferencing

Assuring all support of the Centre to Bihar for AES management, Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorted all to ensure that the cases of AES are not neglected and eclipsed during the time of COVID outbrak.

To improve safety and operational efficiencies, backend warriors of Indian Railways execute long pending major maintenance works during this lockdown

Backend warriors of Indian Railways have successfully executed long pending Maintenance works like Yard remodelling, Renewal of Scissors Crossover, Repairs of Bridges during this lockdown. Apart from ensuring supply chains all essential commodities running through parcel trains and freight trains, Indian Railways executed these long pending maintenance works during this lockdown period when passenger services were suspended due to COVID-19.

Frontline warriors salute Corona Warriors and VOW to continue supporting the fight

A press conference was conducted in Delhi today wherein Gen Bipin Rawat, CDS accompanied by Gen MM Naravane, Chief of Army Staff, Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of Naval Staff, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, Chief of Air Staff addressed the media to acknowledge the efforts of the Corona Warriors and vowed to continue the support of front-line warriors to them in the coming days.

Indian Coast Guard joins the nation to thank COVID-19 Warriors

The ICG is also actively taking part in the ‘India Thanks COVID-19 Warriors’ initiative by illuminating ships and showering petals at hospitals treating Corona patients. Ships will appreciate the efforts of the COVID-19 Warriors by illuminating the ships on May 03, 2020 at 25 locations covering the entire coastline of the country including the remote sites and far flung island territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep and Minicoy islands. In addition, ICG helicopters will also shower petals on COVID-19 hospitals at five locations.
Phone call between Prime Minister and H.E. Gen(ret) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with H.E. Gen(ret) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of Thailand. The two leaders shared information on the steps being taken in their respective countries to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic.

For details:

422 flights operated under Lifeline Udan to deliver essential medical cargo to people across the country

422 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. 244 of these flights have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. Cargo transported till date is around 790.22 tons. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 4,13,538 km. ‘LifelineUdan’ flights are being operated by MoCA to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India’s war against COVID-19.

For details:

Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce of 49 items in view of circumstances arising out of Covid 19

In a crucial announcement affecting the livelihoods of tribal gatherers, the Government has revised the Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) of 49 items.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- **Chandigarh**: A portal for registration of stranded migrants, students, tourists etc has been developed by Chandigarh Administration. It is accessible from website of Chandigarh Administration [http://Chandigarh.gov.in](http://Chandigarh.gov.in) or can be accessed on the link [http://admser.chd.nic.in/migrant](http://admser.chd.nic.in/migrant). A stranded person has to fill in the basic details and submit after giving OTP received on his mobile. Alternatively, for the convenience of persons who are unable to do it themselves, the facility has been provided through Call Centre of Administration available on helpline number 1800-180-2067 where the details can be provided telephonically (from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm) daily. 50,500 eligible families have already been distributed wheat and pulses under PMGKAY, thereby achieving the target of 80% of the eligible population so far in UT, Chandigarh.

- **Punjab**: In a bid to check the further spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Punjab Government has sought technological support and expertise from Israel. “Invest Punjab”, in this regard, had coordinated a special Webinar with Embassy of Israel in India, which was focused on the technological advancements behind Israel’s COVID-19 outbreak management. Punjab Government advises Petrol Pump Managers/Operators to deploy only essential staff at a particular time and plan the shifts with an objective to avoid clustering of staff.

- **Haryana**: Haryana Government along with the department of Urban Local Bodies and Health Department are ensuring to provide essential services to the citizens in all the 87 Municipalities of the State during the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic. All the municipalities are ensuring
100 percent door-to-door lifting of waste and the staff involved in this activity has been instructed to follow social distancing strictly. To facilitate industrial units in Haryana in reviving their operations and retaining their employees in times of financial duress brought in by reduced economic activity because of COVID-19 Pandemic, Haryana Government has formulated "Haryana MSME revival Interest Benefit Scheme". This will help in providing financial assistance to the MSME units so that they could pay the wages to their employees including permanent/contractual staff and workers and meet other essential expenditure.

- **Himachal Pradesh**: Chief Minister launched MadhuyastidiKashay (Kada), a proprietary Ayurvedic medicine prepared by the State Aryuveda Department to enhance immunity of the people in the wake of corona pandemic. The Ayurvedic product would help in boosting immunity and it would be provided free of cost to all the corona warriors like doctors, paramedical staff, police, senior citizens and all corona survivors of the State. While holding a video conference with all the Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and Chief Medical Officers of the State, Chief Minister said that a special campaign would be launched on the lines of Active Case Finding Campaign to medically examine the people entering Himachal Pradesh from other States and these persons would be kept in home quarantine.

- **Kerala**: State decides not to open liquor shops in the state now as customers could throng the outlets leaving lockdown protocols haywire. There will be no bus service in Green zones. Covid zones in the state to be restructured as per Centre's directive. 5 more non-stop special trains - bound for Ranchi, Bhubaneswar and Patna - to operate today from Kerala to transport migrant labourers. 3 more Keralites lost their lives to Covid19 in the Gulf, with death toll in abroad crossing 70. Total confirmed cases is 497 with active cases at 102.

- **Tamil Nadu**: Chennai remains Tamil Nadu’s hotspot, with 176 new cases yesterday while State's Covid-19 count stands at 2,526. State government appoints senior IAS officer J. Radhakrishnan as Special Nodal Officer to focus efforts on Chennai. Man undergoing treatment for blood cancer at Chennai's MMC tests positive for Covid19. Metrowater tests show prevalence of viral RNA in sewage collected from Chennai. There are 1183 active cases with 1082 cases in Chennai.

- **Karnataka**: Today 9 new cases confirmed till now. 2 each in Tumkur&Vijayapura, one each in Belagavi, Bengaluru, Chikkaballapur, Bidar, Bagalkot. Today three deaths; one each in Davangere, Bidar and Bengaluru 255 people discharged. Total cases 598. 255 people discharged in the State with death toll at 25.

- **Andhra Pradesh**: State adds two new labs for Covid testing, one each in Srikakulam&Prakasam districts; total labs in the state is now 10. Stranded fishermen who have reached Andhra from Gujarat will be tested and only those who tests negative will be sent home. 62 new cases and 38 discharged in the last 24 hours. Total cases rise to 1525. Active Cases: 1051, Recovered: 441, Deaths: 33. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (436), Guntur (308), Krishna (258), Nellore (90), Chittoor (80).

- **Telangana**: State asks for direct financial assistance from Centre for the rescue of Small & Medium Enterprises which is among the worst affected. The homeward flight of migrant workers, when the various industries are being slowly opened with the easing of the lockdown norms, has put the State Govt in a fix. Total reported cases till now 1044, Active cases 552, Recovered 464 and Deaths 28.

- **Arunachal Pradesh**: CM informs that 1 tonne of PPEs, VTM kits & medicines to fight against COVID19 for the State has reached Guwahati via AirIndia cargo flight from Delhi.
• **Assam**: CM Sarbananda Sonowal thanks media for their selfless service to the society by risking their lives in covering COVID19 outbreak.

• **Manipur**: CRPF field Battalions so far distributed Protection Gears (Gloves, Masks & PPEs) to 15,840 people; Sanitizer, soaps and other sanitary items to 9,187 people and food items, ration and condiments to 8,430 people.

• **Meghalaya**: IAF Helicopters will be showering flower petals on Civil Hospital to express their gratitude towards Corona Warriors tomorrow at 10:30 am.

• **Mizoram**: CM holds review meeting with council of ministers stressing on measures being implemented by the State Govt during the COVID19 crisis.

• **Nagaland**: Health Minister inaugurates TrueNat Machine for preliminary screening of COVID-19 samples at District Hospital Mokokchung.

• **Sikkim**: CM said State to get its own Independent BSNL Control Centre to help connect remote areas and systematic development.

• **Tripura**: Total COVID19 cases in the State stands at 4; 2 discharged, 2 active cases.

• **Maharashtra**: Maharashtra reported a record 1,003 new cases in a single day with Mumbai alone registering 741. Maharashtra also recorded the highest 26 deaths in a day taking the overall toll to 485. Total number of positive cases in Maharashtra now stand at 11,506. Total number of reported cases in Mumbai is 7,625. In a significant move, the Maharashtra government has announced that the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MJPJAY), the insurance scheme for the poor, will now cover all people with ration card and domicile certificate in the state. In all, 1,000 treatments at a cost of Rs 1.5 lakh per year are covered in 900 empanelled hospitals in the state.

• **Gujarat**: With 302 more persons testing positive in Gujarat, the number of Covid-19 patients in the state has climbed to 4,721. Out of these 735 have recovered while 236 have passed away. The increasing number of cases has brought nine districts in Gujarat under the Red Zone, including Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Gandhinagar.

• **Rajasthan**: State’s tally of the coronavirus climbed to 2678 after 12 new cases were reported from across the state on Saturday morning. Out of these 1,116 people have recovered while 65 have lost their battles against the deadly infection.

• **Madhya Pradesh**: With 90 new cases, the corona count in Madhya Pradesh has reached 2,719. Out of these 524 have been cured while 145 have passed away.

• **Chhattisgarh**: Chhattisgarh as on date has only 7 active Covid 19 cases. Out of 43 cases reported so far, 36 have been cured.

• **Goa**: Goa, which reported only 7 cases in all, has no active Covid-19 patient at present.

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Claim: Govt has started a scheme named Rashtriya Sikshit Berojgar Yojana to provide relief package of Rs 50000 to all ration card holders

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There is no scheme called PM Mask Yojana under Central Government. #PIBFactCheck
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PIB’S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 01 MAY 2020 7:00PM by PIB Delhi

(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

- So far, out of 35,043 confirmed Covid-19 cases in the country, 8,888 people have been cured, taking recovery rate to 25.37%.
- Since yesterday, an increase of 1,993 has been noted in COVID-19 cases.
- All the districts of the country have been divided into green, orange and red zones.
- Prime Minister holds a series of meetings to discuss ways to boost various sectors.
- MHA allows movement of migrant workers, pilgrims and other stranded persons through special trains.
- Railways start Shramik Special Trains to move the stranded persons.
- MHA asks States/UTs to ensure free movement of trucks/goods carriers so as to maintain supply chain of Goods and Services in the country.
- FCI moves 60 Lakh tonnes Food grains during April’20, which is more than double their monthly average.

Updates on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

So far, a total of 8,888 people have been cured. This takes our total recovery rate to 25.37%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 35,043. Since yesterday, an increase of 1,993 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. State/UTs and district administration through focused efforts are required to ensure that the districts where cases have come up i.e. red and orange zones can break the chain of transmission through effective and stringent containment measures.

For details,

PM Modi holds a review meeting to discuss Civil Aviation Sector
PM Narendra Modi held a comprehensive meeting to review the strategies that could help in making India’s Civil Aviation sector more efficient. It was decided that the Indian Air Space should be effectively used in such a manner that the flying time is reduced benefitting the traveling public and also helping the airlines to save costs in close co-operation with the Department of Military Affairs. For generation of more revenue as well as to bring in more efficiency at the airports, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has been asked to expedite the process of handing over of 6 more airports on PPP basis, by commencing the tender process within three months.

For details,

**PM Modi holds a meeting to review Power Sector**

PM Narendra Modi today held a detailed meeting on the Power Sector & took stock of the impact of COVID-19. He also discussed various long-term reforms for enhancing sustainability, resilience, and efficiency of the sector. The discussions included measures regarding ease of doing business; propagation of renewables; flexibility in supply of coal; role of public-private partnerships; and boosting investment in the power sector. PM underlined the significance of the power sector in propelling the economy. The need for effective enforcement of contracts for attracting private investments was discussed.

For details,

**PM Modi holds a meeting to discuss ways to boost Defence & Aerospace Sector**

PM Narendra Modi held a detailed meeting to deliberate the potential reforms to ensure a robust and self-reliant defence industry in India that caters to short and long term needs of the armed forces and initiatives to give a boost to the economy in the backdrop of COVID-19. The discussions involved reforming of the functioning of the Ordnance factories, streamlining procurement procedures, focused resource allocation, encouraging R&D/innovation, attracting investment in critical defence technologies and promotion of exports.

For details,

**PM Modi holds a meeting to discuss ways to boost Coal & Mining sector**

PM Narendra Modi held a detailed meeting to deliberate the potential economic reforms in Mines and Coal Sectors to give a boost to the economy in the backdrop of COVID-19. The discussions involved ensuring easy & abundant availability of mineral resources from domestic sources, upscaling exploration, attracting investment and modern technology, to generate large scale employment through transparent and efficient processes. Auctioning of additional blocks, encouraging wider participation in auctions, increasing the production of mineral resources, reducing the cost of mining and cost of transporting, increasing ease of doing business while also reducing carbon footprint with environmentally sustainable development also formed important part of the discussions.

For details,

**Special Trains to be operated for Movement of Stranded Persons across the Country, due to Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID-19**

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MHA has issued an order to allow the movement of migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons, stranded at different places across the country, by special trains to be operated by Ministry of Railways (MoR).

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**Railways start Shramik Special Trains to move migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places due to lockdown.**

As per the guideline issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, it has been decided to run “Shramik Special” trains from “Labour Day” today, to move migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places due to lock down. These special trains will be run from point to point on the request of both the concerned State Governments as per the standard protocols for sending and receiving such stranded persons. The Railways and State Governments shall appoint senior officials as Nodal Officers for coordination and smooth operation of these “Shramik Specials”.

For details,

**MHA to States/UTs: Ensure Free Movement of Trucks/Goods Carriers; Essential to Maintain Supply Chain of Goods and Services in the country**

Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has re-iterated to all States/UTs that, as per the consolidated revised guidelines on lockdown measures, no separate passes are required for through traffic of trucks and goods carriers, including empty trucks etc. In the communication, it has been stressed that this free movement is essential for maintaining the supply chain of goods and services across the country during the lockdown period.

For details,

**FCI moves 60 Lakh Tonnes food grains during April 2020, more than double the monthly average of 30 LMT**

Food Corporation of India moved 60 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) food grains in the month of April 2020 surpassing the highest ever single month movement of 38 LMT achieved during March 2014 by 57%. This is more than two times the normal monthly average of about 30 LMT.

For details,

**200 new mandis from 7 States integrated with the e-NAM platform for marketing of Agricultural produce**

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has stated that by May 2020 there will be around one thousand Mandis joining the e-NAM platform for marketing of Agricultural produce. He was speaking at a function in Krishi Bhawan today where 200 new mandis were added to the e-NAM platform from 7 States. The Minister also witnessed via video conference live trading between mandis from Kurnool and Hubli in groundnuts and maize.

For details,

**Shri Piyush Goyal calls upon the Indian Missions abroad to play an important role in making India a preferred destination**
Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal has called upon the Indian Missions abroad to play an important role in identification of opportunities for Indian business and export, existing in their countries, and making India a preferred destination, a reliable destination for investment. He was speaking to 131 missions from different geographies last evening through Video conferencing, along with the External Affairs Minister Shri S. Jaishankar. Shri Goyal said that all should work to convert this COVID-19 situation into an opportunity by coming up with new reforms to improve our industries.

For details,

**Railways Minister holds meeting with captains of logistics industry to transform freight operations.**

Highlighting the key role that Railways is playing during COVID crisis, the minister said that Railways looks upon the COVID crisis with great deal of concern and sympathy and during this period, Railways has acted as a lifeline for the nation by carrying essential goods across the country. Not only that “We also utilized this time for completion of some of our long pending works like increasing connectivity to the main lines, carrying out long pending maintenance works, dismantling/repairing damaged bridges and Improving our existing infrastructural facilities”, said Shri Goyal.

For details,

**Procuring medical equipments on priority; Emphasis on Make in India**

For details,

**National Testing Agency extends / revises dates for submission of online application forms for various examinations**

In view of the hardships faced by the parents and the students due to COVID-19 epidemic, Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ advised National Testing Agency (NTA) to extend / revise the dates for submission of online application forms for various examinations. Accordingly, the National Testing Agency has further extended/ revised the dates of submission of Online Application Forms for various Examinations.

For details,

**EPFO makes filing of ECR easier for business**

In the current scenario of lockdown announced by the Govt. to control the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and other disruptions, the businesses and enterprises are not able to function normally and are facing liquidity / cash crunch to pay their statutory dues even though they are retaining the employees on their rolls. Keeping in view the above situation and to further ease the compliance procedure under EPF & MP Act, 1952, the filing of monthly Electronic-Challan cum Return (ECR) is separated from Payment of the statutory contributions reported in the ECR. The ECR can now onwards be filed by an employer without the need of simultaneous payment of contributions and contributions may be paid later by the employer after filing the ECR.

For details,

**AYURAKSHA—Corona Se Jung— Delhi Police Ke Sang launched by All India Institute of Ayurveda**
The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under Ministry of AYUSH and Delhi Police organised AYURAKSHA programme for Delhi Police personal at New Delhi today. The joint programme titled AYURAKSHA “Corona Se Jung- Delhi Police Ke Sang” aims to fight against corona through simple and time tested Ayurveda immunity boosting measures. These measures are as per the advisory issued by the Ministry of AYUSH.

For details,

**Dr. Jitendra Singh hands over 4900 Protective Kits prepared by KendriyaBhandar for the use of medical and police personnel**

DrJitendra Singh applauded the selfless service of the medical fraternity and the police force and handed over 4900 protective kits put together by KendriyaBhandar, comprising of sanitizer, hand wash etc. for the use of medical and police personnel as a token gesture of appreciation for their work. The kits were handed over to the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Delhi Police today in a small event.

For details,

**415 flights operated under Lifeline Udan to support India’s fight against Covid-19**

15 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. Cargo transported till date is around 779.86 tons. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 4,07,139 km. Pawan Hans have carried 2.0 tons of cargo covering a distance of 7,257kms Hans till 29th April 2020.

For details,

**Microwave steriliser to disintegrate novel Coronavirus developed**

Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune, a deemed university supported by Defence Research and Development Organisation has developed a microwave steriliser named as ‘ATULYA’ to disintegrate (COVID-19). The virus gets disintegrated by differential heating in the range of 56°C to 60°C Celsius temperatures.

For details,

**Ministry of Tourism organises 12th webinar of "DekhoApnaDesh" series on ‘Celebrating the Incredible Indian Women in Responsible Tourism’**

The 12th session of Ministry of Tourism’s DekhoApnaDesh on 30th April 2020, titled, ‘Celebrating the Incredible Indian Women in Responsible Tourism’ presented some powerful and personal stories of a few incredible women in India, who offer an alternative imagination of travel.

For details,

**G20 Digital Ministers Summit calls for coordinated global Digital response to fight the pandemic**

G20 Digital Economy Task Force COVID-19 Ministerial Statement calls for a coordinated global Digital response to fight the pandemic, adopting measures to strengthen Communication infrastructure and network connectivity, Non-personal data exchange in a secured manner, use of Digital Solutions for Healthcare, cyber secured world and measures to strengthen resilience of businesses. An Extraordinary Virtual G20 Digital Economy Ministers meeting was convened to discuss the challenges posed by the
outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and to forge a global coordinated response harnessing Digital Technologies. India was represented by Union Minister for Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics &IT Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.

For details,

**Shri NitinGadkari Says Ayush Sector Has Immense Potential and Can Play an Important Role in India Becoming an Economic Super Power**

Shri Nitin Gadkari has said that AYUSH practices of India has a big potential to help India become an economic superpower as the alternative methods of treatment and cure which has been prevalent in India for centuries is gaining increasing popularity. He called for greater research and innovation which will so help in further growth of the AYUSH sector. Shri Gadkari was speaking while launching AYUSH Entrepreneurship Development programme.

For details,

**Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing an “online” convocation of IIPA amid lockdown**

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressed an “online” Convocation amid lockdown as chief guest, when the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) concluded its 45th Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA), attended by 45 senior Group ‘A’ officers from the All India and Central Services as well as senior Officers from all wings of the Armed Forces.

For details,

**CSIR identifies top 25 drugs/drug candidates for repurposing**

CSIR has been leading the fight against Covid19 epidemic on multiple fronts, with major emphasis on repurposed drugs as they can be quickly deployed for treatment as opposed to new drugs which need almost a decade of development. Towards providing drugs for Coronavirus patients in India, CSIR has identified the top 25 drugs/drug candidates for repurposing.

For details,

**Visakhapatnam Smart City Operations Centre functions round the clock for Covid-19 management**

Operations Centre carries out tracking, monitoring and awareness generation activities

For details,

**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Chandigarh: Two exclusive buses are being provided for sale of groceries in BapuDham Colony and Sector 30-B, Chandigarh, the areas which have been sealed by the police. The local people have been directed to make the purchases by maintaining social distancing. 47,800 eligible
families have been distributed wheat and pulses under PMGKAY, thereby achieving the target of 75% so far in UT, Chandigarh.

- Punjab: For the Punjabis who are struck outside India and want to return to the state, the Government of Punjab has given an online link for filling such information on #COVIDHELP dashboard. Any interested person can log on to ‘www.covidhelp.punjab.gov.in’ and click on data form. Those who have already informed the local administration of the districts to which they belong need not refill the form. Punjab Government has resumed construction work on the prestigious Shahpurkandi dam project, after due assessment on the ground with respect to labour availability at the site and Covid-19 safety precautions.

- Haryana: More than 33.80 Lac persons have already downloaded AarogyaSetu App in Haryana. More than 550 Mobile Health Teams have already been formed to check health status regarding SARI, ILI etc. Door to door survey is going on to check the status of health in all districts including containment zones. An Order has been issued under Food and Safety Act, 2006 regarding ban on consumption/ sale of Pan Masala, Gutka, Chewing-Bubble gum etc. Instructions have been issued regarding ban on smoking in public places and ban on consumption of Khaini etc. at public place.

- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has urged the people who have recently returned to Himachal Pradesh from other States of the country to strictly follow home quarantine as this would not only be beneficial for them but also for their family and society as well. The State Government had also asked the representatives of PRIs and Urban Local Bodies to keep a close vigil on persons who have returned from other States and persuade them to strictly follow the norms of home quarantine.

- Maharashtra: Maharashtra has become the first state in the country to cross the 10,000 mark of Covid 19 positive cases. With 583 new infection reported, the state’s overall tally now is 10,498. The state reported 27 more deaths, taking the toll to 459. A total of 1,773 people have since recovered. In the revised list of classification of districts into red, orange and green zones, Maharashtra has 14 districts placed in the red zone. Out of the remaining districts 16 are in Orange and 6 in green zone.

- Gujarat: With 313 more persons testing positive in Gujarat, 249 of them in Ahmedabad alone, the number of Covid-19 patients in the state has climbed to 4,395. Out of these 613 have recovered while 214 have passed away. Against the backdrop of Corona virus outbreak, the Gujarat Government did not hold any event in celebration of 60 years of the state formation today. In a video message, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani urged people to take a pledge that they will wear masks, practice physical distancing and wash hands regularly.

- Rajasthan: With 118 more positive cases the tally of Covid Positive cases in Rajasthan has reached 2,584. Out of theses 836 people have recovered while 58 have lost their battles against the deadly infection. 8 districts of Rajasthan have been placed in red zone, while 19 are in Orange and 6 in green zones.

- Madhya Pradesh: With the addition of 99 new cases in the 24 hour cycle, the number of Covid positive cases in Madhya Pradesh has reached 2,660. Out of these 482 have been cured while 137 have passed away.

- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh as on date has only 4 active Covid 19 cases. Out of 38 cases reported so far, 34 have been cured.

- Goa: Goa, which reported only 7 cases in all has no active Covid 19 patient at present.
Kerala: The first train for ferrying stranded migrant labourers from Kerala will leave on Friday for Odisha. 5 more trains will run tomorrow. Kannur & Kottayam in Kerala find place in the new list of red zones released by the Centre today; only two districts in red zone in the state. Lockdown norms after May 3 to be based on Centre's instructions. Relaxations have come into force from today for mechanized fishing. 3 more Keralites, 2 in the Gulf and one nurse in UK succumb to Covid-19 with the toll abroad nearing 70.

Tamil Nadu: Chennai now has 31 more containment zones taking total to 233, Royapuram tops list with 56. Two relatives of the 64/F female Covid-19 patient from Cuddalore test positive in JIPMER, Puducherry. Total cases till yesterday: 2323, Active cases: 1035, Deaths: 27, Discharged: 1258. Max cases from Chennai 906.


Andhra Pradesh: State begins distribution of Rs 1421.20 crore to 58.22 lakh people under YSR Pension Kanuka scheme by geo-tagging of photos of beneficiaries instead of using biometrics. 60 new cases, 82 discharged and 2 deaths (1 each in Kurnool & Nellore) reported in the last 24 hours. Total cases rise to 1463. Active Cases: 1027, Recovered: 403, Deaths: 33. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (411), Guntur (306), Krishna (246).

Telangana: Migrant labourers from IIT Hyderabad, who protested few days back against poor wages, were sent back to Jharkhand by a special train from Lingampally. It was the first train that carried migrants following special request by State govt. State's estimated 2.3 million MSMEs, barring those in essential sector like healthcare & food processing, are staring at dire straits because of lockdown. No. of positive cases till now 1038, Active cases 568, recovered 442, Total Deaths 28.

Arunachal Pradesh: 27 buses bring back over 300 people, who were stranded in Itanagar due to lockdown to their respective districts by the state govt.

Assam: 3 more patients in Assam, one from Golaghat and 2 from Morigaon discharged; one patient from Nagaland at Guwahati also being discharged. Only 9 active cases as on date tweets Assam Health Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Manipur: CM informs that out of Rs11.33 crores donated to CM's COVID Relief Fund, Rs. 7.07 crore have already been deposited into beneficiary accounts.

Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, inter-district movement of private vehicles between one green zone district to another is allowed on obtaining valid pass issued by the respective DC or any authorized officer. All protocols for screening at entry and exit points shall be strictly adhered to. CM, Conrad Sangma tweeted that 2 positive cases who were hospitalized at Civil Hospital, Shillong have tested negative in two consecutive tests done after 14 days of isolation. They are now categorized as recovered.

Nagaland: Chief Secretary reiterates that all educational institutions to remain shut till further orders, thanked DDK & AIR for agreeing to carry school lessons in their programmes.

Sikkim: Govt bans entry of Livestock (Including Processed Meat), Poultry & Its Products (Processed Meat) and Sea Food of any kind and form into the State until further order.

Tripura: In Tripura, as part of PMGKY, 3314 farmers got benefit under PM KISAN in Damchera Block area.
FACTCHECK

**Claim:** News portal Greater Kashmir claims Center has shifted service matters of employees of J&K and Ladakh to Chandigarh CAT#PIBFactcheck: CAT bench will continue sittings in J&K to dispose off service matters of Central Government employees.
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