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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 in the country continues to improve and presently it is 41.61%. 60,490 patients have been cured/discharged so far.
- India is now testing an approximately 1.1 lakh samples per day for Covid-19.
- Union Health Secretary interacts with 5 States that are seeing upsurge in Covid-19 cases due to incoming migrants.
- 3274 Shramik Special trains carry over 44 lakh passengers to their home states; Trains running today facing no congestion.
- Tourism Ministry extends validity period of Approval/Classifications of Hotels & other accommodation units

UPDATES ON COVID-19 FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

India is now testing an approximate 1.1 lakh samples per day. Capacity has been increased by augmenting number of labs, shifts, RT-PCR machines and manpower. As of today, India has 612 total labs, 430 run by ICMR and 182 in the private sector to test the population for COVID-19 infection. Most States/UTs have been working with National Tuberculosis Elimination Program to deploy TrueNAT machines for COVID-19 testing. Indigenous manufacturers of RT-PCR-kits, VTM, swabs & RNA extraction kits have been identified and their production facilitated in the last few months.

Recovery rate in the country continues to improve and presently it is 41.61%. A total of 60,490 patients have so far recovered from COVID-19. The case fatality rate in the country is also showing a downward trend from 3.30% (as on 15th April) to around 2.87% at present which is amongst the lowest in the world. The global average for case fatality is presently around 6.45%. An analysis of case mortality per lakh population indicates that India has about 0.3 deaths per lakh population which is amongst the lowest

in the world against the statistics of 4.4 deaths per lakh population for the world. The relatively low death figures, both in terms of mortality per lakh population and case fatality rate, represent timely case identification and clinical management of the cases.



For details:

Health Secretary interacts with 5 States that are seeing upsurge in incoming returning migrant workers

Ms Preeti Sudan, Health Secretary held a high-level review meeting with the Chief Secretaries, Health Secretaries and NHM Directors of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. These states are witnessing a surge in COVID-19 cases since the last three weeks as lockdown rules have been eased and inter-state migration has been allowed. It was reiterated that States need to pay focused attention on assessing the existing the available health infrastructure in terms of quarantine centres, hospitals with ICU/Ventilator/oxygen beds etc., and to strengthen them looking at the need assessment for the next two months. Regarding non-COVID essential health services, States were reminded that immediate measures need to be taken to continue essential health programs for TB, Leprosy, COPD, Non-communicable diseases like hypertension, diabetes, treatment for injuries and trauma due to accidents need to be continued.

For details:

Indian Railways operationalises 3274 “Shramik Special” trains across the country and transports more than 44 lacs passengers to their home states

As on 25th May 2020, a total of 3274 “Shramik Special” trains have been operationalized from various states across the country. More than 44 lacs passengers have reached their home state by these “Shramik Special” trains. On 25.05.2020, 223 Shramik Specials were moving 2.8 lacs passengers. IRCTC distributed more than 74 lakh free meals and more than 1 crore water bottles to travelling migrants. It may be noted that trains running today are not facing any congestion.

For details:

Indian Railways operationalises 3060 “Shramik Special” trains till 25th May, 2020 (10:00 hrs) across the country and transports more than 40 lacs passengers to their home states through “Shramik Special” trains in 25 days.

As on 25th May 2020 (till 10:00 hrs), a total of 3060 “Shramik Special” trains have been operationalized from various states across the country. More than 40 lacs passengers have reached their destinations by these “Shramik Special” trains. The rail route congestion which was being witnessed on 23rd/24th May, 2020, is over. The congestion had occurred due to convergence of more than two third rail traffic on

routes to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and late clearance of the terminals due to health protocols etc that needed to be completed by State Authorities. The matter has resolved through active consultation with State Governments and also finding other feasible routes for the journey.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism extends validity period of Approval/Classifications of Hotels & other accommodation units till 30th June 2020

The Ministry of Tourism classifies hotels under the star rating system to conform to the expected standards for different classes of tourists. The classification/ certification is valid for period of five years. Considering the current situation, it has been decided that validity of approval or certifications of hotels and other accommodation units whose project approvals/reapprovals and classification/reclassification have expired/are likely to expire during the period (24.03.2020 to 29.6.2020) are deemed to be extended till 30.06.2020. Similarly, the Ministry has a scheme of approving Travel Agents, Tour Operators, Adventure Tour Operators, Domestic Tour Operators and Tourist Transport Operators etc. Due to postponement of inspection work and application scrutiny during the lockdown period from March 2020 onward in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Tourism has decided to allow six months' relaxation or extension to all categories of Tour Operators (Inbound, Domestic, Adventure) Travel Agents and Tourist Transport Operators for their approval with the Ministry of Tourism subject to certain conditions.

For details:

Telephone conversation between PM and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi

In a telephonic conversation with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Prime Minister Modi conveyed greetings on Eid-ul-Fitr to the Government and people of the UAE. The leaders expressed satisfaction about the effective cooperation between the two countries during the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Prime Minister Modi thanked the Crown Prince for the support extended to Indian citizens in UAE.

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone with H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Prime Minister Modi conveyed greetings on Eid-ul-Fitr to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the people of Bangladesh.

The leaders also discussed the COVID pandemic situation and the ongoing collaboration between the two countries in this regard. Prime Minister Modi reaffirmed India's support to Bangladesh in addressing these challenges.

For details:

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh speaks with Australian Defence Minister over phone on mitigating COVID-19

Shri Rajnath Singh today held a telephone conversation with Australian Minister of Defence Ms Linda Reynolds. The two Defence Ministers had discussions on their respective responses against the COVID-19 pandemic. Shri Rajnath Singh informed Ms Linda Reynolds on India's contribution to international efforts against COVID-19 and discussed areas of mutual cooperation in the global fight against the pandemic. They also agreed that India-Australia Strategic Partnership provides a good basis for both countries to work together alongwith other countries in this regard to deal with the post COVID-19 related challenges.

For details:

Proto-type test samples of PPE Coveralls are now being tested and certified by Nine authorized laboratories

The PPE Coveralls in India are manufactured keeping in view of the safety of the health professionals as the most important criteria. The proto-type test samples of PPE Coveralls are tested and certified by Nine (9) authorized laboratories as per the technical specifications prescribed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The test standards are in conformity with the WHO Guidelines for COVID-19, and tested in accordance with ISO 16603 Class 3 and above for 'Synthetic Blood Penetration Resistance Test'. The PPE is designed to be resistant to passage of any fluid or aerosol particle for complete protection of its user.

For details:

LG of Ladakh Sh. R K Mathur calls on Union Minister Dr.Jitendra Singh and discusses COVID situation & developmental activities in the UT

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Shri R K Mathur today called on Dr.Jitendra Singh and discussed COVID situation and other issues including revival of development activity in the newly created Union Territory. Dr.Jitendra Singh formally conveyed to the Lieutenant Governor, the Government's appreciation for the consistent diligence and effort with which the Union Territory administration had dealt with the COVID pandemic and also succeeded in containing it. He noted that it was Ladakh which had caused initial alarm for the entire country when suddenly a number of cases reported Corona positive from among the returnees, who were coming back from Iran pilgrimage, but it goes to the credit of the administration and the civil society that Ladakh is among the first to gradually come out from the Corona assault.

For details:

Government is exploring new financial lending institutions to support small-scale units – Shri Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways, Shri NitinGadkari has said that the government is exploring new financial lending institutions to support small-scale units in terms of financial support. Shri Gadkari said that government is working towards strengthening the NBFCs which will help small businesses to avail easy credit in the coming time..

For details:

REC Limited ties up with TajSATS to provide nutritious meals to frontline healthcare workers

REC Foundation, the CSR arm of REC Limited, has partnered with TajSATS (a joint venture of IHCL and SATS Ltd) to distribute specially-made nutritious meal packets for medical staff in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. Every day, 300 food packets are being delivered as a gesture of gratitude to the frontline healthcare warriors of New Delhi. Over 18,000 meals will be delivered in New Delhi through this initiative.

For details:

CSIR-IIIM & Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to develop RT-LAMP based test for Coronavirus
RT-LAMP a rapid, accurate and cost-effective test can be done with indigenous components and set up with minimal expertise and instrumentation

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: Chief Minister in a VC with MPs and MLAs in the state urged them to fully support the state in the fight against Covid, as more cases are emerging from among the returnees from other States and abroad. The postponed SSLC and Higher Secondary exams resumed in the state today adhering to strict Covid protective measures. Google has granted permission for the BevQ the virtual queue management app for liquor sale; liquor sales to resume this week. Meanwhile, three more Keralites have succumbed to Covid19 in the Gulf with the toll crossing 120. The state recorded its sixth Covid death and 49 new cases yesterday.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry reports two more Covid19 cases, total count rises to 34. Relief for Tamil Nadu fishermen, as annual trawling ban to be lifted 14 days in advance on May 31. Health Minister says that of the 118 persons who died after testing positive for Covid19 in the State, 84% had co-morbidities. In highest single-day spike, State reported 805 fresh cases yesterday. Total cases till yesterday: 17082, Active cases: 8230, Deaths: 118, Discharged: 8731. Active cases in Chennai are 5911.
- Karnataka: 100 new Covid cases & 17 discharges till 12pm today; Chitradurga 20, Yadagiri 14, Hassan 13, Belagavi 13, Davangere 11, Bidar 10, Bangalore 7, Vijayapura 5, two each in Udupi&Kolar and one each in Bellary, Koppala&Chikkaballapur. Total positive cases in the State rise to 2282. Active cases: 1514, Recovered: 722, Deaths: 44, Active cases 1433, Deaths 44. CM conducted review meeting related to higher education and directed maximum use of online platforms to teach students. Meanwhile Health Minister said a committee is being set up to examine the demands of Ayush doctors.
- Andhra Pradesh: State aims to bail farmers out of all hardships - extends financial support of Rs.13,500 to farmer under RythuBharosa. Domestic flights resume operations in AP, 79 passengers from Bengaluru arrived at Vijayawada. Institutional quarantine mandatory for flyers from six places. 48 new cases, one death reported with 55 discharged in the last 24 hours after testing 8148 samples. Total cases: 2719. Active: 759, Recovered: 1903, Deaths: 57. Cumulative +ve cases from other states 153 of which active are 47. Cumulative +ve cases from abroad are 111.
- Telangana: No clarity on full pay for government staffers this month. State yet to decide on Schools reopening date. Total positive cases in Telangana as on 26th May are 1920. Migrants tested positive till yesterday 159. 38 foreign returnees tested positive for Covid19.

- Punjab: Punjab Health Department has issued detailed advisory for maintaining of hygiene and sanitization of Barber shops/hair-cut saloons during the COVID-19 pandemic. The owners of the Barber shops/ Hair-cut saloons would have to ensure that any staff member who has symptoms of COVID-19 (Fever, Dry Cough, breathing difficulty etc.) is not engaged at work and stays at home on sick medical advice. Similarly no client having such symptoms should be attended.
- Haryana: Chief Minister has said that due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, the state government daily runs Special Shramik Trains from the various railway stations of the state to send the migrant workers from Haryana to their home states. He said that so far 2.90 lakh migrant labourers have been sent from Haryana to their home states through 77 Special Shramik Trains and 5,500 buses. In addition, a total of 11,534 persons have returned to Haryana from different states. He said that realizing the difficulties of these migrant labourers the Haryana government has made arrangements to send them to their home states free of cost.
- Himachal Pradesh: In order to stop the transmission of COVID-19, the Chief Minister has appealed to the residents of the state to follow the Quarantine Rules strictly. He also asked everyone to first verify the facts about any COVID related news circulating on social media, before forwarding it.
- Maharashtra: 2,436 new cases have been reported in Maharashtra, taking the tally of COVID-19 positive patients in the state to 52,667. While there are active 35,178 active cases in the state now; 15,786 patients have been discharged after full recovery till date. Hotspot Mumbai reported 1430 new cases. A heartening news is that the doubling rate in the slum cluster of Dharavi has gone up to 19 days from earlier 3 days, indicating that the containment strategy adopted by the government has been working.
- Gujarat: The total number of Covid 19 cases has reached to 14,468 after 405 fresh cases reported from 20 districts, as per latest report. Among the total active cases in the state, 109 patients are critical who are on ventilator system. Meanwhile, approximately 6.80 lakh workers are employed in more than 29,000 development works under the MNREGA scheme across the state amid the lockdown. The tribal dominant Dahod district is on the top in giving jobs to nearly 1.06 lakh people under MNREGA.
- Rajasthan: After 75 new Corona patients have been found in the state today, the number of COVID-19 infected persons has gone up to 7,376. Out of which, 1,844 persons are migrants who recently returned from other states. So far, the highest 1,844 cases have been reported in Jaipur, while 1,271 cases from Jodhpur and 505 cases have been reported from Udaipur so far. The State Government has given permission for operation of taxis and auto-rickshaws in a limited number in the Red Zone areas with effect from today. These are being operated only from the airport, railway stations and hospitals.
- Madhya Pradesh: 194 new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours. As a result, the number of people infected with the Corona virus has increased to 6,859.
- Chhattisgarh: 40 new corona virus cases have been reported in the state on Monday, taking the number of active cases to 220. Mungeli alone registered 30 of these new cases.
- Goa: One new case has been reported, taking the number of active cases to 48 out of the 67 confirmed cases reported so far.
- Assam: In Assam, institutional quarantine is mandatory for people coming from outside, no home quarantine is allowed as a preventive measure against COVID19, decided in State Council of Ministers meeting chaired by CM. Financial assistance of Rs. 2000 under 'Assam Care' to 3.6 lakh

people of Assam stranded outside for every month from April to June 2020, decision taken at the meeting of Council of Ministers chaired by Assam CM.

- Manipur: Three persons from Imphal West tested COVID19 positive in Manipur. Total number of cases rise to 39, and 35 active cases undergoing treatment.
- Mizoram: The Governor of Mizoram gave his assurance for help to the teachers and students from Rajasthan, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana stranded in Mizoram due to COVID19 after their meeting at Raj Bhavan.
- Nagaland: No immediate plan to re-open schools in Nagaland. Adequate arrangements are being made to ensure students continue learning through TVs & digital platforms. Nagaland Govt makes testing mandatory for all entering the state on first day of arrival.
- Sikkim: 79 Sikkimese people arrived at New Jalpaiguri Station by Special Shramik Train from Kerala. After arrival, they were taken back by Sikkim Nationalised Transport buses to their respective districts.

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As per a news, 2 Sivan bound trains took 9 instead of 2 days to reach from Surat & caused a child's death. #PIBFactCheck: This is factually incorrect. Trains reached in 2 days. Child was ill & returning after treatment. The cause of death can be known only after post-mortem.

This report is factually incorrect and misleading

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Claim: 10 people have lost their lives in trains due to hunger. #PIBFactcheck: #FakeNews. No such deaths due to hunger have been reported. Cause of death can't be determined without an autopsy conducted through proper legal procedure. Please refrain from spreading unverified news.

NO! No such deaths due to hunger have been reported

Can someone point me to a piece that credibly explains how trains (that were 50 days late) can get to the same time, and also feed the passengers leading to at least 10 deaths?!

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Request guard against misinformation and #Fake messages



Claim-@Rohini_sgh claims in @thewire_in that the Dhaman ventilators at #Ahmedabad Civil Hospital are substandard and were purchased #PIBFactCheck-#FakeNews According to Govt of Gujarat, the said ventilators were not purchased but donated & are based on required medical standards

PIB This story is factually incorrect

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Behind Ahmedabad's Ventilator Controversy, a Backstory of Connections to Top BJP Leaders

The firm, whose ventilators were developed in "10 days" and have proved ineffective on COVID patients, had as one of its promoters the business family that gifted Narendra Modi an expensive monogrammed suit in 2015.

23 hours ago | Rohini Singh

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May 22, 2020



Do's

- To maintain personal hygiene and physical distancing.
- To practice frequent hand washing. Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub. Wash hands even if they are visibly clean.
- To cover your nose and mouth with handkerchief/ tissue while sneezing and coughing.
- To throw used tissues into closed bins immediately after use.
- To maintain a safe distance from persons during interaction, especially with those having flu-like symptoms.
- To sneeze in the inner side of your elbow and not to cough into the palms of your hands.
- To take their temperature regularly and check for respiratory symptoms. To see a doctor if you feel unwell (fever, difficulty in breathing and coughing). While visiting doctor, wear a mask/cloth to cover your mouth and nose.

Don'ts

- Shake hands
- Have a close contact with anyone, if you're experiencing cough and fever.
- Touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Sneeze or cough into palms of your hands.
- Spit in public.
- Travel unnecessarily, particularly to any affected region.
- Participate in large gatherings, including sitting in group at canteens.
- Visit gyms, clubs and crowded places, etc.
- Spread rumours or panic.

SayNo2Panic

SayYes2Precaution

For any fever/flu-like signs/symptoms, please call State helpline number or 24x7 helpline number of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at 011-23978046.

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- 57,720 Covid-19 patients in the country have been cured so far, taking the recovery rate to 41.57%.
- Total number of confirmed cases is 1,38,845 and 77,103 are under active medical supervision.
- MHA issues SOPs for Indians moving into the country and those desirous to go abroad.
- India has significantly ramped up its domestic production capacity of PPEs and N95 masks.
- Health Minister says that about 30 lakh Covid-19 tests conducted so far.
- Government agencies have already procured 341.56 MT Wheat, which is more than the last year

UPDATES ON COVID-19 FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; RECOVERY RATE IMPROVES TO 41.57%

A total of 57,720 people has been cured so far. In the last 24 hours, 3280 patients were found cured. The total recovery rate is 41.57%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 1,38,845. The number of cases under active medical supervision is 77,103.

For details:

MHA issues SOPs for movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country, as well as, for those persons stranded in India who are desirous to travel abroad for urgent reasons

Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued a Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and for those persons stranded in India who are desirous to travel abroad for urgent reasons. This order is in supersession of MHA order, dated 05.05.2020, on the

same subject. These SOPs would also apply to passengers arriving through the land borders.

For details:

Ensuring quality of PPEs through stringent protocols

There are some reports in a section of the media expressing concern about the quality of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) coveralls. The products under reference have no relevance to the procurement being made by the Central Government. HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL), the procuring agency of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is procuring PPE coveralls from manufacturers/suppliers only after getting their coveralls tested and approved by one of the eight labs nominated by the Ministry of Textiles for testing the same.

India has significantly ramped up its domestic production capacity of PPEs and N95 masks, and the requirements of the States/UTs are being sufficiently met. Today, the country is producing more than 3 lakh PPEs and N95 masks per day. States/UTs as well as Central Institutions have been provided with around 111.08 lakh N-95 masks and around 74.48 lakh Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

For details:

Prices of N-95 Masks are getting reduced by the Importers/ Manufacturers/Suppliers of N-95 Masks after an Advisory issued by NPPA

The Government has notified N-95 Masks as an essential commodity under Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Thus, their hoarding, black-marketing is punishable offence. To keep check on their hoarding, black-marketing, NPPA had directed all States/ UTs to ensure sufficient availability of surgical and protective Masks, Hand Sanitizers and Gloves at prices not exceeding the Maximum Retail Price. The Government is striving to ensure uninterrupted supply of N-95 Masks in adequate quantity in the country. For this, the Government is procuring largest chunk of the N-95 Masks directly from the manufacturers/ importers/ suppliers at bulk rates. In order to ensure availability of N-95 Masks at affordable prices in the country, NPPA issued an Advisory on 21st May 2020 to all the manufacturers/ importers/ suppliers of the N-95 Masks to maintain parity in prices for non-government procurements and to make available the same at reasonable prices.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan Visits Dedicated Covid-19 Health Centre at ChaudharyBrahmPrakashAyurvedCharakSansthan, Najafgarh

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare visited the Dedicated COVID-19 Health Centre at ChaudharyBrahmPrakashAyurvedCharakSansthan, Najafgarh, New Delhi. Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated that “Ayurveda is a traditional medicinal knowledge source from India and there is huge potential in it. Its inherent strength in holistic healing and wellbeing is being put to good use in treatment of the COVID-19 patients at this DCHC. This knowledge and experience will surely prove beneficial to people all over the world, especially in combating the battle against COVID-19”. Mentioning about the India’s response to COVID-19, he said, “We have today 422 government laboratories and 177 private laboratory chains. The testing capacity has also been ramped up, and as on date, around 1,50,000 tests can be conducted every day. Yesterday itself, we have conducted 1,10,397 tests. Till yesterday, we have conducted 29,44,874 tests.”

For details:**Wheat procurement by government agencies surpasses last year figures**

Procurement of wheat by the government agencies surpassed last year's figures of 341.31Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) to touch 341.56LMT on 24.05.2020, surmounting all impediments created due to the spread of COVID-19 virus and the country wide lockdown. Wheat harvesting generally starts towards end of March and procurement commences in the first week of April every year. However, with the imposition of national lockdown with effect from midnight of 24.03.2020, all operations came to a standstill. The crop had ripened by then and was ready for harvesting. Considering this, Government of India gave relaxation to start agricultural and related activities during the lockdown period, and the procurement could start from 15.04.2020 in most of the procuring states. Haryana started little late on 20.04.2020.

For details:**Bihar Postal Circle of Department of Posts to deliver "ShahiLichi" and "Zardalu Mango" at doorsteps of people**

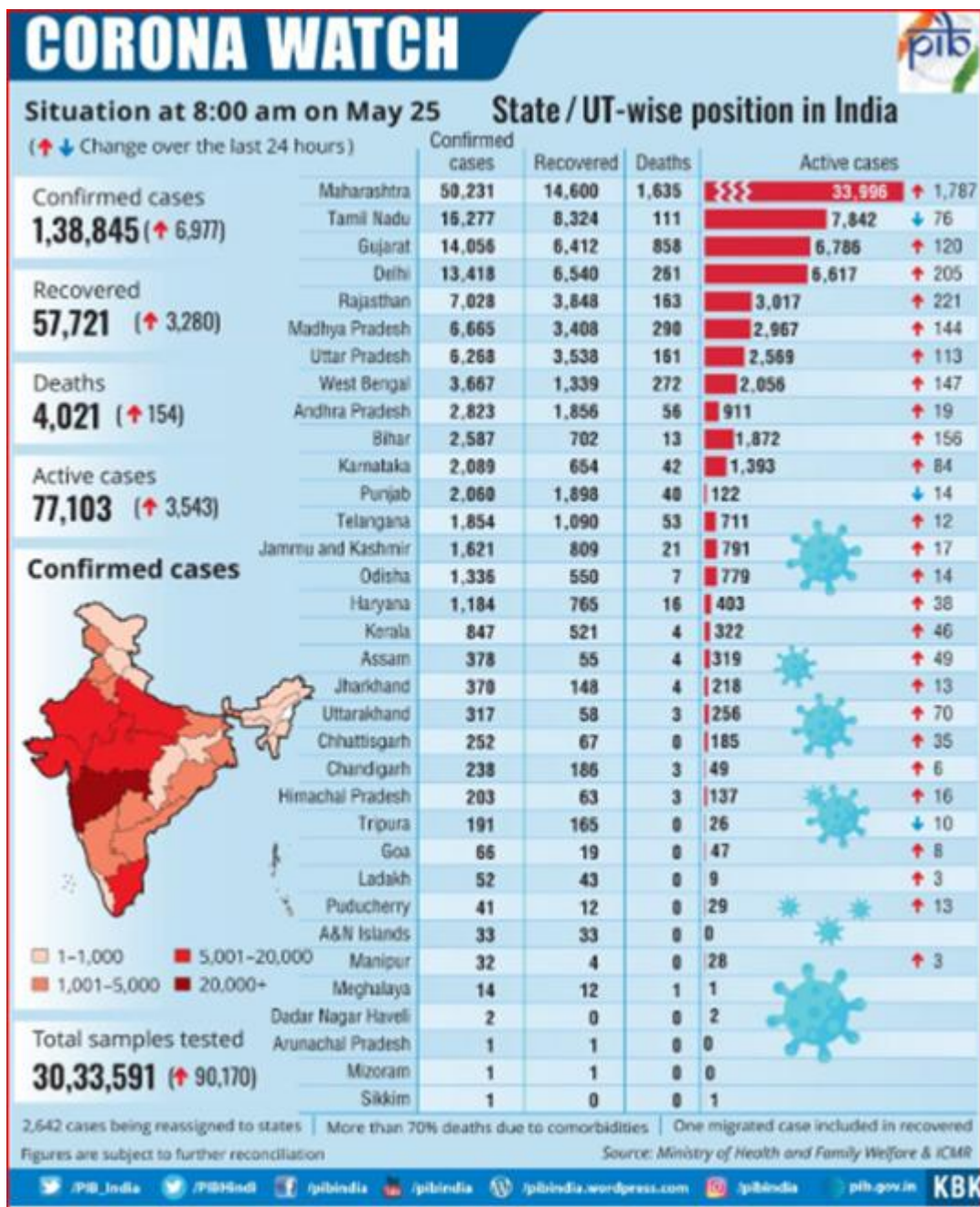
Because of lockdown to contain the spread of corona virus, Litchi & Mangoes cultivators have been finding it difficult to carry/transport their fruits to the markets for sale. Its supply amongst people has become big challenge and so to meet the demand of public and for giving market space directly to farmers to sell their fruits without any middlemen, the Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Bihar & Department of Posts, Govt of India have joined hands for this initiative.

For details:**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Punjab: Chief Minister has directed all Deputy Commissioners and District Police Chiefs to ensure that no migrant is forced to walk home to any other state in the country, or to remain hungry while in Punjab. Any migrant found walking on the road should be transported by bus by the police to the nearest place from where he can board a train or bus to his native State. Urging the migrants not to panic, the Chief Minister assured that the state government would make sure that every single migrant who is keen to return home is assisted by the State, with arrangements for their free travel and food.
- Haryana: Chief Minister said that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government daily runs Special Shramik Trains from the various railway stations of the state to help migrant labourers return to their home states. In the same series, five Special Shramik Trains departed from Haryana on 24.05.2020. Haryana Government has started sending labourers stranded in lockdown and labourers who were willing to return to their home states free of cost.
- Maharashtra: A total of 3,041 new COVID-19 cases and 58 deaths were reported in Maharashtra on Sunday. With this, the state has recorded 50,231 cases and 1,635 deaths so far. Mumbai reported 39 deaths and 1,725 new cases, while the slum cluster of Dharavi reported 27 new cases taking its tally of Covid positive cases to 1,541. Domestic commercial flight operations started from Mumbai this morning in a calibrated manner amid the easing of lockdown restrictions. 45

flights have been listed to be operated on Day 1, of which 10 flights would be on the otherwise busy Delhi- Mumbai route.

- Gujarat: With 394 fresh cases in the last 24 hours, Gujarat's novel coronavirus cases surpassed 14,000-mark taking the state's Covid-19 count to 14,063. Along with that, the death toll in the state increased to 858.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan on Monday reported 145 new Covid-19 positive cases taking the state's coronavirus tally to 7,173, the State Health Department said. At least 163 patients have succumbed to the deadly coronavirus infection so far. However, no deaths were reported in the state in the last 24 hours. More than a million locusts swarmed over Jaipur city today. More than half of Rajasthan's 33 districts are affected by invasion by these insects, which have destroyed crops spread over 5 lakh hectares of land.
- Madhya Pradesh: The total number of cases in Madhya Pradesh is 6,371. While 3,267 people have been cured, 281 deaths have been reported so far. Nearly half of the state's total cases are reported in Indore at 3,064, while 1,241 positive cases have been reported from Bhopal.
- Chhattisgarh: With 36 new COVID-19 cases -mostly migrant workers returning from other states - the number of positive cases in Chhattisgarh has mounted to 252. The number of active cases is 185, even as there are no fatalities reported from the state.
- Assam: All the passengers arriving at LGBI airport in Guwahati will be screened for COVID19. People from Assam will be segregated and sent to respective districts, said Assam Health Minister.
- Meghalaya: 139 returnees reached Meghalaya from Haryana. After being tested, depending on the results, they will either be sent for home quarantine or a Corona care centre. Pastoral centre Shillong currently hosts 22 returnees. Another person, who had travelled from Chennai along with the 14th case, tests COVID19 positive. The person was in isolation since the day of arrival, presently under institutional isolation and medical observation. Special trains from Rajasthan & Andhra will start tomorrow while trains from Delhi and Kerala will start day after tomorrow for stranded people of Meghalaya.
- Manipur: Revised SOP for air travellers to Manipur issued; screening at airport, testing as per assessment and quarantine made mandatory.
- Mizoram: Mizoram to start pooling method for RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 at Zoram Medical College lab. 100 swab samples will be tested for COVID19 everyday.
- Nagaland: Three COVID-19 cases, 2 males and 1 female, detected in Nagaland. All are returnees from Chennai. A group of 40 SSA teachers in Mon district helped set up a quarantine centre at ITI, Mon town in Nagaland.



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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).

- 54,440 persons have been cured of Covid-19 in the country, taking the Recovery rate to 41.28%.
- 6767 new cases reported since yesterday.
- Total number of active cases is 73,560, and confirmed cases 1,31,868.
- 2813 Shramik special trains have so far carried over 37 lakh passengers.
- Validity of fee payment and extension of time period for paying fees as mandated under certain rules of MV Rules extended.

UPDATES ON COVID-19 FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

A total of 54,440 people has been cured so far. In the last 24 hours, 2657 patients were found cured. The total recovery rate is 41.28%. Since yesterday, an increase of 6767 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. The total number of confirmed cases is now 1,31,868. The number of cases under active medical supervision is 73,560.

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan today visited Chaudhary Brahma Prakash Ayurved Charak Sansthan, Delhi which is functioning as a Dedicated COVID Health Centre to oversee the preparedness to manage COVID-19 cases. He visited the various facilities and wards and witnessed first-hand the treatment being provided to COVID-19 patients, through a holistic approach as per the directions of Ministry of AYUSH. The Dedicated COVID Health Centres are hospitals that shall offer care for all cases that have been clinically assigned as moderate. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued fresh guidelines for international arrivals.

For details:

Indian Railways has run 2813 Shramik Special trains, carrying over 37 lakh passengers, till 10 am of 24.05.2020

Indian Railways has run more than 2813 Shramik Special trains, carrying over 37 lakh passengers, till 10 am of 24.05.2020. Nearly 60 per cent trains originated from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Punjab and are majorly destined for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar(1301 for U.P. and 973 for Bihar). Most of the destinations in U.P are around Lucknow - Gorakhpur sector and in Bihar around Patna. Of 565 trains on run since yesterday, 266 were going to Bihar and 172 to Uttar Pradesh. Convergence of trains to these destinations caused congestion in the network. Further, increased time taken in de-boarding of passengers due to the various health and social distancing protocols at the stations is leading to congestion at terminals which further affects network congestion.

For details:

Notification for extension of validity of fee payment and extension of time period for paying fees as mandated under rule 32 and 81 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989

It has also come to the notice of the Government that citizens are facing difficulties in respect of various fees/late fees as mandated under rule 32 and 81 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989 due to lockdown in the country and closure of Government Transport Offices. There are cases where the fees have already been paid, for the service or renewal, however the process could not be completed due to lockdown. Further, there are issues where citizen is finding difficult to deposit fees due to closure of RTO offices. In order to facilitate citizens during COVID –19, MORTH has issued a statutory order prescribing that the fees paid on or after 1st February 2020 for the activity(s) including renewal and in case such activity(s) is not completed due to conditions for prevention of COVID-19 pandemic, the fees paid shall continue to remain valid.

For details:

MISSION SAGAR - INS KESARI AT PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS

As part of Mission Sagar, Indian Naval Ship Kesari entered Port Louis Mauritius on 23 May 2020. The Government of India is providing assistance to friendly foreign countries in dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic, and towards this Indian Naval Ship Kesari is carrying COVID related essential medicines and a special consignment of Ayurvedic medicines for the people of Mauritius.

For details:

Van Dhan for Jaan and Jahaan: The Story of Shahapur'sKatkari Tribe

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Ruling out any complacency despite Punjab posting the highest recovery rate of 90% in the country, Punjab Chief Minister said that all persons coming to the state, including via domestic flights, trains and buses, would have to undergo compulsory home quarantine for 14 days. Screening of those entering the state would be done at all state and district border entry points, as

well as railway stations and airports, and those found symptomatic would be sent into institutional quarantine, while the others would have to undergo mandatory 2-week home quarantine.

- Haryana: School Education Department has issued guidelines related to fees charged by private schools during COVID-19. The private schools are directed to only charge tuition fees on a monthly basis and other types of funds such as building funds, maintenance funds, entrance fees, computer fees, etc. be postponed due to COVID-19 situation. All private schools have also been directed not to increase tuition fees, charge transportation fees, change school uniforms and textbooks for the duration of the lockdown period.
- Himachal Pradesh: In view of the lockdown due to outbreak of Novel Corona Virus in the country as well as in the State, the private schools in Himachal Pradesh would be allowed to charge only tuition fee.
- Kerala: One more patient succumbed to Covid today: 53-year-old female cancer patient who recently returned from Dubai died at Kozhikode MC this afternoon. A 17 year old boy who returned from Chennai and who had tested positive, died today at Pariyaram MC, Kannur; however hospital authorities attributed the death to cerebral infection. Two Keralites succumbed to COVID-19 in Abu Dhabi taking the total toll of fatalities among Keralites in the Gulf Region to 105. Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has warned that with more Covid cases being reported daily, those under surveillance should not violate quarantine restrictions. She said the State has formulated elaborate plans to address the influx of expats and Keralites from other states. In the continuing surge, the state reported 62 Covid-19 cases yesterday. Total Covid deaths reached five so far.
- Tamil Nadu: Three more positive cases reported in Puducherry as active cases rise to 25 in the UT. TN CM says there is no community spread in the State; spike in cases in the densely populated containment zones in Chennai. Quoting an estimate prepared by the Finance Department CM says State likely to suffer Rs 35,000-cr. revenue loss due to the lockdown. Total cases till yesterday: 15,512, Active cases: 7915, Deaths: 103, Discharged: 7491. Active cases in Chennai are 5865.
- Karnataka: 97 new Covid cases reported & 26 discharged till 12pm today; Chikkaballapura 26, Udupi 18, Hassan 14, Mandya 15, Davangere 4, six each in Kalburgi and Yadagiri, Uttara Kannada 3, Tumkur 2, one each in Vijayapura, Kodagu&Dharwad. Total positive cases in the State rise to 2056. Active cases: 1378, Recovered: 634, Deaths: 42. Complete lockdown strictly enforced in the State today; only essential services allowed.
- Andhra Pradesh: Under 'ManaPalana - MeeSoochana' programme, State plans to take inputs from people in governance from Monday till Friday. Two people lost their lives due to sun stroke in Prakasam district with the severe surge in temperatures and prevailing heat wave conditions across the State. Meanwhile, RTC decides to operate AC buses and overnight services as summer temperatures hit record highs. 66 new cases, no death reported with 29 discharged in the last 24 hours after testing 11,357 samples. Total cases: 2627. Active: 764, Recovered: 1807, Deaths: 56. Of the 153 positive cases noticed among returnees from other states, 119 are active.
- Telangana: From May 1st onwards till date, the South Central Railway has run 196 Shramik special trains transporting over 2.40 lakh migrant workers from the state to their native destinations. Coming to the aid of migrant workers who wanted to return to their native towns, the Telangana government on Saturday organised a major operation to run 46 trains and help 50,000

workers reach their homes. Total positive cases in the State as on 24th May are 1813. Migrants tested positive till yesterday are 133. 4 foreign returnees has also tested positive for Covid19.

- Maharashtra: 2,608 new patients have been reported from the state, which takes the tally of COVID-19 positive patients to 47,190, out of which 32,201 are active patients. Hotspot Mumbai has reported 1,566 new cases, which takes the total COVID-19 cases reported from the city to 28,634.
- Gujarat: The COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Gujarat, especially in Ahmedabad. A total of 396 fresh cases have been reported from 19 districts, taking the total number of cases to 13,689. Ahmedabad reported 277 fresh cases. Over 3 lakh business establishments employing approximately 25 lakh people are operational in the state during lockdown 4.0, which has witnessed further relaxation of restrictions
- Rajasthan: The number of active patients of COVID 19 has gone up to 2,829 in the state. More than half of the total active patients are migrants returned from different states. The total number of reported cases in the state is 6,794. Meanwhile, 21 flights will resume operations from Jaipur to 13 different cities from tomorrow.
- Madhya Pradesh: 201 new cases have been reported, which takes the tally of COVID-19 positive cases to 6,371. The highest number of cases 2,933 has been reported in Indore. Left Wing Extremism affected Balaghat district has secured the first position in the state in terms of providing employment to rural job card holders under MNREGA. 1.23 lakh people have been provided with employment
- Chhattisgarh: A record 44 number of new cases have been reported, taking the number of active COVID-19 cases to 152. This also takes the state tally of coronavirus infection cases to 214.
- Goa: One new COVID-19 infection case has been reported, taking the tally of positive patients to 55, out of which 39 are active cases. Almost all new cases in Goa are of people coming from outside.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Secretary, General Administration says that only minimum staff on staggering pattern is working in the Secretariat. Says, women employees can avail child care leave, if necessary.
- Manipur: Three more persons have tested positive in the state. All are recent returnees. There are 28 active cases in the state now. Imphal Airport conducts SOP rehearsal ahead of restart of civil aviation traffic.
- Mizoram: Thermal & Optical Bi-Spectrum Camera installed yesterday at Lengpui Airport, Aizawl. Lengpui Airport has now become one of the 4 airports in India and the first among the North East states to have the advanced passenger thermal scanning system.
- Nagaland: Agriculture Deptt officials interacted with farmers in Mokokchung for giving them awareness on COVID-19 prevention & agricultural advisories related to COVID-19.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- 51,783 persons have been cured of covid-19, taking Recovery rate to 41.39%.
- With 6654 new cases reported since yesterday, total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases goes up to 1,25,101.
- Indian railways to operationalize 2600 more Shramik Special trains in next 10 days;
- More area under summer crops now than the corresponding period of last year.
- India Post delivers over 2000 tonnes of medicines and medical equipment to needy individuals and hospitals across the country.

UPDATES ON COVID-19 FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Union Health Secretary along with senior officers of the Health Ministry held a high level review meeting with the Pr. Health Secretaries, Urban Development Secretaries, Municipal Commissioners, Mission Directors (NHM) and other officials from the 11 municipal areas which have high case load of Covid-19. It was told that major challenge lies in those corporations having shorter doubling time, higher mortality rate and a higher confirmation rate than the national average. It was pointed out that testing needs to be stepped up in some municipal areas to ensure early detection of cases, timely clinical management and a reduction in fatality rate.

So far, a total of 51,783 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 3,250 patients were found cured. This takes the total recovery rate to 41.39%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 1,25,101. Since yesterday, an increase of 6654 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India.

For details:

Indian Railways to operationalise 2600 More Shramik Special Trains in next 10 days

In a constant endeavour to provide relief to migrants to reach home State, in a major decision, Ministry of Railways has decided to operationalise 2600 more Shramik Special Trains in next ten days across the country as per the needs of State Governments. This initiative is expected to benefit 36 lakh stranded passengers across the country. It may be noted that Indian Railways started running “Shramik Special” trains from 01 May 2020, to move migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places due to lockdown. These special trains are being run from point to point on the request of both the concerned State Governments. Indian Railways has run 2600 Shramik Special Trains in last 23 days. Around 36 lakhs stranded migrants have been transported till now to their home States.

For details:

Booking of tickets for 200 Trains which are being introduced wef 01st June, in full swing

Indian Railways will start operations of 200 daily passenger trains across the country from 1 June 2020 and booking of all these trains commenced from 21 May 2020. These special services shall be in addition to the existing Shramik special trains being run since 01st May and Special AC trains (30 trains) being run since 12th May 2020. Booking of tickets for these trains started from 21st May and as on 22nd May 2020 at 20:14 hours, all the 200 trains were available in system for booking and 652644 online tickets were booked for these trains having 1413277 passengers.

For details:

More areas under Summer Crops over last year, procurement too rises despite lockdown

The Sowing Area Coverage of Summer Crops of Rice, Pulses, Coarse Cereals and Oilseeds has been more this time compared to the corresponding period of last year. In Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2020-21, a total of 337.48 Lakh MT wheat arrived in FCI out of which 326.96 Lakh MT is purchased. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme during the lockdown period from 24.3.2020 till date, about **9.55 crore** farmer families have been benefitted and an amount of **Rs. 19100.77 crore** has been released so far.

For details:

India Post delivers over 2000 tonnes of medicines and medical equipment across the country

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Communications, Electronics and IT instructed the senior officers of India Post to work towards realising the vision of the Prime Minister for an AatmaNirbhar Bharat. The VC was conducted on first “Make in India” VC Solution developed by C-DOT. As such, it was also a first successful trial run of the VC solution. The Covid efforts of India Post include: More than 2000 tonnes of medicines and medical equipment being booked and delivered to needy individuals and hospitals across the country; Road Transport Network running more than 25000 Kms daily and carrying more than 75 tonnes of mails and parcels, being introduced to strengthen the supply chain; Around Rs.1500 Crore being disbursed at the door step using Aadhar enabled Payment System of India Post Payments Bank to around 85 lakh beneficiaries.

For details:

Telephone conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Mauritius

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with H.E. Pravind Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius. Prime Minister Jugnauth conveyed his condolences for the losses caused in India by Cyclone Amphan. He thanked PM for sending the Indian Naval Ship 'Kesari' to Mauritius as part of 'Operation Sagar', with a consignment of medicines and a 14-member medical team to help the Mauritian health authorities fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister recalled the special people-to-people ties between India and Mauritius and said that India is duty-bound to support its friends during this time of crisis.

For details:

Telephone Conversation between PM and President of Sri Lanka

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone today with H.E. Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka, regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its likely health and economic impacts in the region. Prime Minister assured the Sri Lankan President that India would continue to provide all possible support to Sri Lanka for mitigating the effects of the pandemic.

For details:

In less than 72 hours, more than 2,00,000 students downloaded the National Test Practice App

Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has informed that the National Test Abhyaas App launched by the National Testing Agency for students preparing for JEE (Mains) and NEET has become very popular among the students and within less than 72 hours of its launch, more than 2,00,000 students have downloaded this app. He also informed that more than 80 thousand students have also given mock tests for JEE (Mains) and NEET. He added that students give maximum mock test between 10 am and 12 noon.

For details:

Consultations ongoing to raise advertisement air time on community radios to 12 minutes per hour: Sh. Prakash Javadekar

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar has said that he was eager to raise air time for advertisements to 12 minutes from 7 minutes on Community Radios currently to bring them at par with TV channels. Addressing listeners of all Community Radio stations, the Minister exhorted people to keep up their fight against Coronavirus. He said that we will drive it away the way we have driven away other diseases. However, he highlighted that we have a new normal, one that consists of 4 steps viz, staying at home as much as possible, frequent washing of hands, wearing face mask in public and social distancing.

For details:

Monthly Production Report for April 2020

During the Covid-19 Lockdown period of April '20, the domestic crude oil production, production of natural gas and the refinery output went down.

For details:

Post-COVID India will emerge more confident and gain esteem in the world arena: Dr.Jitendra Singh

Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh has said that Post-COVID India will emerge more confident and gain esteem in the world arena. In an interview to a private TV channel, Dr Jitendra Singh said, notwithstanding all the apprehensions and anticipations at this hour of crisis, he is confident that six months later from today, the world will look up to India with respect and seek to engage with us. Not only this, he said, India will also emerge as a safe destination for business and trade.

For details:

Comfortable face mask designed by CeNS could encourage public to use it for long hours

A team of researchers at Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bangalore, has developed a cup-shaped design (patent filed) of the mask that helps to create enough space in front of the mouth while speaking. It has been transferred to a Bangalore based company for mass production.

For details:

Ajmer Smart City's war room instrumental in fight against Covid-19

AMC has set up Covid-19 War room at Nagar Nigam which is headed by the Senior Ajmer Administrative officials, Medical and Police officers to monitor the existing Covid-19 situation and take further action to reduce the spreading of Covid-19 among its citizens. War Room is also instrumental in planning and implementation of various innovative strategies in order to create awareness among its citizens for following Covid-19 precautionary steps issued by WHO and MHA

For details:

"HunarHaat" to restart from September 2020 with the theme of "Local to Global"

After a gap of about 5 months due to the Corona pandemic, "HunarHaat", which has become "Empowerment Exchange" of artisans and craftsmen from across the country, will restart from September 2020 with the theme of "Local to Global" and comparatively larger participation of artisans.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The UT Administrator again advised that the Administration must focus on BapuDham Colony area to ensure that the spread of infection is contained. Aggressive and intensive checking should be done, so that all cases could be detected early for medical treatment.
- Punjab: As part of the efforts to bring back people stranded abroad, the first evacuation flight from USA landed at the Mohali International Airport on 22.05.2020. As per the health department protocol, all the passengers were subjected to medical screening with strict compliance with the social distancing norms and nobody was found symptomatic. All the passengers were also impressed upon by the Health Department teams deployed at the airport to take all health related

precautions such as covering their face with masks, using hand sanitizers, washing hands as much as possible and observe social distancing guidelines.

- Haryana: Haryana Government has issued guidelines regarding seating capacity limits for taxis, cab aggregators, maxi cabs and auto rickshaws for the period of lockdown 4.0 in accordance with the guidelines issued by Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Taxi and cab aggregator will be allowed to ply with two passengers in addition to the driver. This means that there will be three persons in the vehicle. One pillion rider will be allowed on the two-wheelers and it shall be mandatory for both the persons to wear helmets, masks and gloves and the manually driven rickshaw shall carry not more than two passengers. All drivers and passengers are advised to install the AarogyaSetu application on mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the application.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister directed the officers to provide all protective equipment to the doctors, paramedical staff, police personnel and other staff dealing with the persons arriving in the State by trains from various parts of the country. Chief Minister also directed the Deputy Commissioners to create additional facilities for institutional quarantine in their respective districts keeping in view large number of people still expected to reach the State in coming days. Chief Minister said that home quarantine mechanism must also be made robust and effective so that persons in home quarantine remain isolated and help in breaking the cycle of the virus.
- Assam :Kalapahar hospital in Guwahati to be converted into fully functional COVID19 facility to work under GMCH with 20 doctors, 30 nurses, 25 grade 4 staff and 9 cleaners, Assam Health Minister said.
- Manipur: In Manipur, all bank and telecom related workers will be allowed to move freely without curfew passes. One more person tested COVID19 positive in Manipur. The patient returned to the state from Chennai on 13th May.
- Mizoram: Chief Minister said the cabinet has decided to withhold some portion of the salaries of employees which would be released after sometime due to COVID19 pandemic.
- Nagaland: Automatic disinfectant booths installed at Dimapur Railway Station. Facility donated by Nagaland Chamber of Commerce. Nagaland Govt directs DCs to take stringent action against persons/individuals issuing unwarranted directives on returnees entering their localities.
- Kerala: CM to convene an all-party meeting on Wednesday via video conferencing to discuss Covid crisis; will meet MLAs and MPs from the state on Thursday. Criticizing Central govt's plan to impose a calamity cess on GST above 5 per cent, State Finance Minister alleged that the Centre is trying to set new precedence to take away the powers of the state. Ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr tomorrow, a few relaxations allowed today and tomorrow; shops for essential commodities to stay open till 9pm today. Special squads deployed at all border check posts to check quality of fruits and vegetables being brought in. Six Vande Bharat flights to arrive today. Two more Keralites succumb to the Covid19 in the Gulf. At least 149 Keralites have lost their lives to the virus outside the state. In a single day biggest hike so far, 42 persons tested positive for Covid 19 yesterday, increasing the number of active cases in state to 216.
- Tamil Nadu: State extends dates for GST compliances in view of the pandemic by promulgating ordinance amending TN Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. Amma canteens served food to 6 lakh persons in 58 days. Salons, beauty parlours to open from May 24 across Tamil Nadu except in Chennai and containment zones. 786 new positive cases reported yesterday in the State. Total cases till now: 13,967, Active cases: 7524, Deaths: 94, Discharged: 7128. Active cases in Chennai are 5681.

- Karnataka : 196 new Covid cases reported till 12pm today which is the highest spike in a day; Gadag 15, Yadagiri 72, Bengaluru 4, Chikballapura 20, Kalaburgi 1, Raichur 39, Dakshina Kannada 3, Hassan 4, Mandya 28, Davanagere 3, Kolar 2, Belgavi 1, Uttar Kannada 2, Dharwad 1, Udupi 1. 2 deaths and one discharged today. Total positive cases in the State reach 1939. Active cases: 1297, Recovered: 598, Deaths: 42. Yesterday 116 who returned from Maharashtra tested positive. State to bear the cost of migrant workers' travel on Shramik Special trains up to May 31.
- Andhra Pradesh: Farmers stage protest in Nellore on the Mumbai National Highway, demanding support price for tobacco. 47 new cases, one death reported with 47 discharged in the last 24 hours after testing 9136 samples. Total cases: 2561. Active: 727, Recovered: 1778, Deaths: 56. Of the 153 positive cases noticed among returnees from other states, 127 are active. On average, 5,486 samples per million are being tested in the state.
- Telangana: State government, in coordination with South Central Railway, on Saturday will transport nearly 70,000 migrant workers to their respective States in Shramik Special trains. Accordingly, authorities have readied 41 special trains, which will be operated from 4 pm on Saturday till early hours on Sunday. Total positive cases in Telangana as on 23rd May are 1761. Migrants tested positive till yesterday 118.
- Maharashtra: 2940 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the state, taking the tally of positive cases in the state to 44,582. Hotspot Mumbai has alone reported 1751 new cases. With 63 COVID-19 patients dying, 27 of them in Mumbai, the death toll due to the pandemic in the state reached 1,517.
- Gujarat: 363 new cases have been reported from the state, while 392 patients have also been discharged on the same day in the state. The total number of cases in the state now stand at 13,273. The State Health Department said the rate of recovery in the state has improved to 44.3 per cent. With the number of cases in Ahmedabad on a rise, the civic administration has asked 42 private hospitals to provide 50 percent beds for the treatment of COVID-19.
- Rajasthan: 163 new cases have been reported till 2 p.m. today, taking the tally of positive cases in the state to 6657. While a total of 3695 patients have recovered, 3260 of them have been discharged so far. Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation has started operation of buses today on 55 important routes of state, providing great relief to the people.
- Madhya Pradesh: 189 new Corona patients have been found in the last 24 hours while 246 patients have returned home after recovering. The number of cases in Indore, the worst-hit district of MP, rose to 2,850 with 109 deaths. Bhopal now has 1,153 COVID-19 patients, Ujjain 504, Burhanpur 209 and Jabalpur has reported 194 cases.
- Chhattisgarh: With 40 new cases, the tally of positive cases in the state has gone up to 173. The sudden spike in cases is being seen as to have occurred because of the return of migrant workers, students and others to the state.
- Goa: Two new positive cases have been reported, taking the tally of COVID-19 cases in the state to 54. With the recovery of 9 patients in ESIC Hospital, the number of active cases in the state came down to 38.

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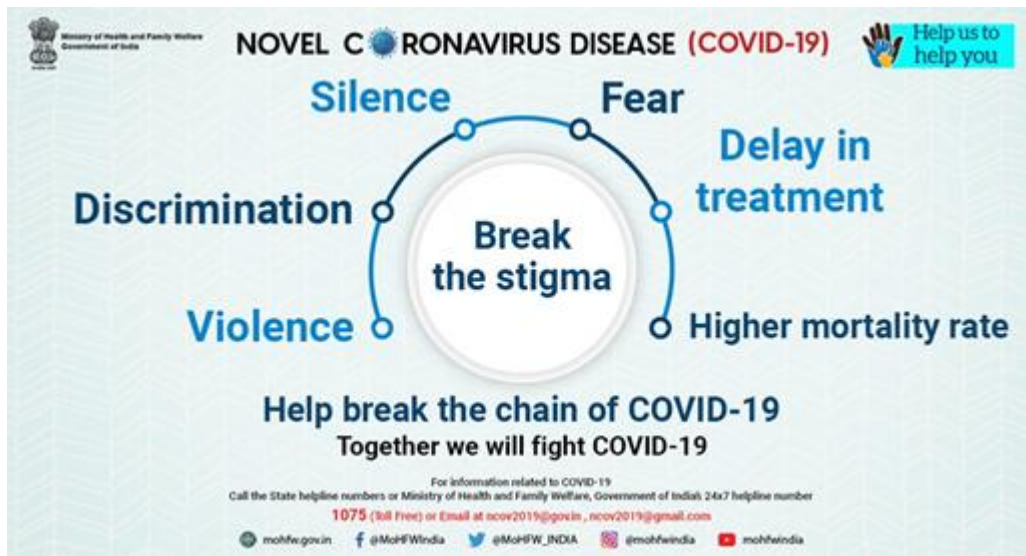
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THE WIRE SUPPORT

Behind Ahmedabad's Ventilator Controversy, a Backstory of Connections to Top BJP Leaders

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- 48,533 people have been cured of Covid-19 so far out of 1,18,447 cases, showing a recovery rate of 40.98%
- Since yesterday, an increase of 6088 Covid-19 cases noted in the country.
- MHA asks States/UTs to strictly implement the Ministry's guidelines.
- RBI announces nine additional measures to strengthen the economy; Cuts interest rates.
- CBDT issues tax refunds worth Rs 26,242 Crore to over 16.8 lakh assesses since 1st April to 21st May, 2020
- Indian Railways going to open reservation counters for booking of reserved tickets in a phased manner.
- Petroleum Minister pitches for making Aatmanirbhar Bharat a cornerstone in pipeline projects.

UPDATES ON COVID-19 FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; RECOVERY RATE IMPROVES TO 40.98%

Since yesterday, an increase of 6088 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. The total number of confirmed cases is now 1,18,447. The number of cases under active medical supervision is 66,330. So far, a total of 48,533 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 3234 patients were found cured. This takes our total recovery rate at 40.98%.

For details:

Violations of MHA Guidelines being reported at various places across the country.

Strict Implementation of all measures in Government guidelines is essential to contain the spread of COVID-19. However, violations in the implementation of MHA Guidelines are being reported at various places across the country. Taking note of this the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has written to all States/UTs and emphasised that the Ministry's guidelines should be strictly implemented, and all authorities in States/UTs should take necessary steps to ensure the same.

For details:

MHA relaxes Visa and Travel restrictions imposed in response to COVID -19, permitting certain categories of OCI cardholders stranded abroad, to come back to India

Ministry of Home Affairs has relaxed Visa and Travel restrictions imposed in response to COVID -19, permitting certain categories of Overseas Citizen Of India (OCI) cardholders, who are stranded abroad, to come to India. Following categories of OCI Cardholders stranded abroad, have been permitted to come to India: Minor children born to Indian nationals abroad and holding OCI cards; OCI cardholders who wish to come to India on account of family emergencies like death in family; Couples where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national and they have a permanent residence in India; University students who are OCI cardholders (not legally minors) but whose parents are Indian citizens living in India.

For details:

RBI announces nine additional measures for strengthening the Economy; Cuts interest rates

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das today announced yet another set of nine measures to smoothen the flow of finance and preserve financial stability in the turbulent and uncertain times ushered in by the COVID-19 pandemic. These include **Repo rate reduced by 40 basis points; Refinance Facility to SIDBI extended for another 90 days; Relaxation of Rules for Foreign Portfolio Investment under Voluntary Retention Route; Exporters can now Avail Bank Loans for Higher Period; Loan facility to EXIM Bank; More time for Importers to Pay for Imports; Extension of Regulatory Measures by another 3 Months; Provision to convert Interest on Working Capital into Interest Term Loan; Increase of Group Exposure Limit to Increase Fund Flow to Corporates. States have been allowed to borrow more from Consolidated Sinking Fund.** He said that GDP growth in 2020-21 is estimated to remain in negative territory, with some pick-up in growth impulses from H2: 2020-21 onwards.

For details:

Refunds amounting to Rs. 26,242 crore issued since 1st April, 2020

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued tax refunds worth Rs. 26,242 crore to 16,84,298 assesseees since 1st April, 2020 to 21st May, 2020. Income Tax refunds amounting to Rs. 14,632 crore have been issued to 15,81,906 assesseees and corporate tax refunds amounting to Rs. 11,610 crore have been issued to 1,02,392 assesseees during this period.

For details:

Indian Railways green lights re-opening of reservation counters & booking through Common Service Centers (CSCs) and Agents

Indian Railways is going to open reservation counters for booking of reserved tickets in a phased manner. Zonal Railways have been instructed to decide and notify opening of reservation counters as per local needs and conditions. These reservation counters will open from tomorrow in a phased manner, along with dissemination of information about their respective locations and timings as per the local needs and conditions. Indian Railways has also allowed booking of Reservation Tickets through the Common Service Centers and Ticketing agents w.e.f Friday.

For details:

RPF starts nation-wide efforts to identify and act against touting activity

As Indian Railways has started 15 pairs of AC Special trains on 12th May, 2020 and announced 100 pairs of additional trains w.e.f 01 June 2020, complaints had started to pour in regarding touts of e-tickets using multiple personal IDs and cornering reserved berths in these special trains. In view of the above, RPF has started concerted nationwide efforts to identify and act against these touts. Analysis of PRS data through PRABAL module clubbed with ground intelligence is being used to identify and bring them to book.

For details:

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan pitches for making Aatmanirbhar Bharat a cornerstone in pipeline projects

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday reviewed pipeline projects worth approx. Rs. 8000 Crore, under various stages of implementation by oil and gas companies. Pitching for Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Minister Pradhan called for complete indigenisation in these projects.

For details:

PM's address on the situation in the wake of Cyclone Amphan

For details:

India will share its best practices and experiences in conserving biodiversity with the rest of the world: Union Environment Minister

International Day for Biological Diversity 2020, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar today launched five key initiatives towards conservation of biodiversity. Stressing on this year's theme Shri Javadekar stressed that "OUR SOLUTIONS ARE IN NATURE" and therefore, protecting our nature is very important especially in the present context of COVID 19 as it shields us from various catastrophe including zoonotic diseases. The Environment minister laid emphasis on the need to limit our consumption and promote a sustainable lifestyle.

For details:

States should ensure distribution of food grains among beneficiaries, so that no one goes hungry: Shri Ram Vilas Paswan

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan held a review meeting with State/UTs Food & Public Distribution Ministers and Food Secretaries in a video conference today. Shri Paswan said they should ensure distribution of foodgrains so that no one goes hungry. The Minister emphasized that states like Odisha and West Bengal, affected by Cyclone 'Amphan', should also take care of those affected by the cyclone. The Minister said that FCI has become the lifeline of food distribution and food grains and pulses are being distributed across the country by road, rail and air. The Minister took stock of the distribution of food grains and pulses in the states and UTs.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan elected as Chair of Executive Board of WHO

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan has been elected as Chair of the Executive Board of World Health Organization for the year 2020-21. Accepting the Chair of the Executive Board, Dr Harsh Vardhan paid tribute to the lakhs of people who have lost their lives due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. He requested all dignitaries present on the occasion to give a standing ovation to all the frontline health workers and other COVID Warriors by saluting their dignity, determination and dedication.

For details:

Economic viability is crucial for higher educational institutions- Shri Nitin Gadkari

Shri Nitin Gadkari has said that economic viability is crucial for higher education institutions. These institutions need to reduce their operating cost without compromising on quality. He was addressing a meeting via video conferencing with the representatives of MIT ADT University on future of higher education. The Minister said that upgradation of universities is required, and value based education is the strength of the society. He further shared that our youth should understand their strengths and weaknesses and problems faced by them can be converted into opportunities. He added that enhancing capability of the youth is critical for the country at this stage.

For details:

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh discusses steps to expedite the Corona sample testing procedure in Jammu & Kashmir

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has discussed steps to expedite the Corona sample testing procedure in Jammu & Kashmir. In a meeting with senior officers of Jammu & Kashmir Health Department as well as Heads and faculty members of Government Medical Colleges and SKIMS, Dr Jitendra Singh emphasised the need to respond to the popular demand to make the Corona sample testing more time bound and to reassure the people offering their samples that they would not be subject to any unwarranted delay or inconvenience.

For details:

Japanese companies invited to invest in Indian Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices industry

A webinar on 'Medical Devices and API sector: Challenges & Emerging Opportunities' was held on 22nd May, 2020 at 11.30 am for business and trade collaboration between India and Japan in the post COVID-19 scenario. The webinar was organized by the Embassy of India, Tokyo in partnership with the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India.

For details:

RNA extraction kit Agappe Chitra Magna launched commercially for detection of COVID 19

Inexpensive, fast, and accurate testing for COVID-19 virus is the cornerstone of containing its spread and providing appropriate help to the infected. The Chitra Magna, an innovative RNA extraction kit developed by SCTIMST was transferred to Agappe Diagnostics in April 2020, and will now be available in the market as Agappe Chitra Magna RNA Isolation Kit. This product has been independently validated at National Institute of Virology for Covid19 RNA isolation.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: 2,345 new cases have been reported in Maharashtra, thereby taking the state tally of COVID-19 positive cases to 41,642. While 28,454 active cases exist in the state, 11,726 have also recovered. 1382 new cases have been reported from hotspot Mumbai taking the city total to 25,500. The Maharashtra Government has come out with three slabs on per day charges on treatment of COVID-19 patients in private and charitable hospitals and also decided to regulate rates for 80 per cent of the operational bed capacity in these medical facilities. Fresh guidelines issued by the State Government today said, the fee regulation decision applies to both isolation and non-isolation beds in private and charitable hospitals.
- Gujarat: With 371 new infections reported, the total number of COVID-19 cases rose to 12,910. The death toll in the state also jumped to 773. The rapid surge in COVID-19 cases continues in Ahmedabad. The city has reported 9,449 Corona virus cases so far, making it the second worst hit city after Mumbai.
- Rajasthan: 150 new cases of COVID-19 infection have been reported till 2 p.m. today, taking the tally of positive cases to 6,377. While 3562 patients have recovered, 3187 of them have been discharged from various hospitals across the state. Rajasthan Roadways buses will start plying from tomorrow on selected 55 routes, after a gap of 2 months.
- Madhya Pradesh: 248 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported, taking the state tally to 5,981. While 59 of these new infection cases are from hotspot Indore, 61 cases have been reported from Ujjain. Since April 1, more than 35.45 lakh labourers have been provided employment under MGNREGS during the Corona crisis. 42.2 per cent of them are women.
- Chhattisgarh: The total number of positive cases rose to 132 with the reporting of 17 new cases. Migrant workers stranded in other states due to the lockdown are now returning to Chhattisgarh. These returning migrants have to be in quarantine for 14 days at the centres set up in Gram Panchayats of various districts.
- Chandigarh: Deputy Commissioner, UT Chandigarh informed that essential items are being provided to the people confined in containment zones. He further mentioned that 69,088 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitute and needy persons in various parts of the city and 2,94,592 persons have downloaded Aarogya Setu App in UT, Chandigarh.

- Punjab: Gearing up for the next stage in the fight against corona virus, the Punjab Government has equipped nearly 22000 employees with various role-specific training modules on iGOT platform to fight COVID-19 pandemic. The course details and relevant instructions on registration and accessing online training module have been circulated to all Heads of the Departments, Deputy Commissioners & Managing Directors of Boards and Corporations in the state, with directions to all the state government employees to take role-specific iGOT training on <https://igot.gov.in/igot/>, an initiative by the Union Ministry of Personnel.
- Haryana: Women and Child Development Department aims to create awareness among 2375 children living in 82 Child Protection Institutions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and to engage them in constructive work during this period. Various online competitions are organized under the title 'Safe Rahona- Fight Corona'. All the District Child Protection Officers have been directed to take special care to follow social distancing norms, wear masks, clean hands repeatedly with soap or sanitizer to prevent COVID-19 and encourage children to do the same.
- Kerala: As the State Covid tally keeps rising with new cases being reported among returnees from affected States, Kerala Health Minister said monitoring systems of those under the observation of Covid19 will be made stricter. The Minister also said that those who are coming in domestic flights will also be quarantined for 14 days. There has been widespread violation of home quarantine and social distancing norms in many parts of the state today, prompting the Police to take action. Five Keralites who attended the funeral rites of a native of Kayamkulam, in Hyderabad have been confirmed of Covid19. Three flights from Gulf are to arrive later today. There was one death and 24 new positive cases in the state yesterday.
- Tamil Nadu and Puducherry: Covid cases rise to 19 in Puducherry after two more women test positive. State to allow auto-rickshaws to ply across Tamil Nadu from May 23 except in Chennai and containment zones. State govt. embarks on massive cost cutting measures in the wake of huge short fall in the revenue receipts due to the pandemic. With 776 new positive cases yesterday total tally reached 13,967 in Tamilnadu. Active cases: 7588, Deaths: 94, Discharged: 6282, Active cases in Chennai 5681.
- Karnataka: 105 new cases and 17 discharges in the State till 12pm today; with this total number of cases have gone up to 1710. Active cases now in the State is 1080 and 588 have recovered so far. Total Death toll till now is 41. Chief Minister held review meeting of primary and secondary schools and instructed to take all precautionary measures during upcoming 10th standard (SSLC) exams, which is scheduled to start from June 25, 2020.
- Andhra Pradesh: 147 passengers plus one infant arrived at Tirupati international airport today from Kuwait under Vande Bharat Mission. South Central Railways sets up 44 online reservation centers for issuing tickets in AP for train services commencing from June 1. State sanctions Rs. 1110 crore to MSMEs as part of restart package. 62 new cases, one death and 51 discharges reported in the last 24 hours. Total cases: 2514. Active: 728, Recovered: 1731, Deaths: 55. Of the 153 positive cases among returnees from other states, 128 are active.
- Telangana: Nine bodies including eight of migrants were found in a well near Warangal town in Telangana on Friday. The dead include six members of a migrant family from West Bengal, two workers from Bihar and a local resident. Over 3 lakh migrants applied online to the Telangana police and other authorities to allow them to go back to their native states. Total positive cases in Telangana as on 22nd May are 1699. Migrants tested positive till yesterday 99.

- Arunachal Pradesh; In Arunachal Pradesh, since April 2020, the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd has released a total of 44209 free LPG cylinders in the state. Arunachal State Transport Department declares all staff (driver and conductors) engaged in ferrying returnees from designated check points to quarantine centres as COVID19 Frontline Workers.
- Assam: In Assam, six persons from Tezpur quarantine centre tested COVID19 positive. Total positive cases rise to 222 now, State Health Minister said.
- Manipur: In Manipur, one more person tests positive who had returned from Delhi by road. Total active cases in the state are now 24. Manipur State Health Department has started open space collection of samples from the quarantine centres to hasten the process and to do away with dependence on the sole collection kiosk located at the district hospital.
- Mizoram: Supplies and equipment to fight against COVID19 arrived at Lengpui Airport, Aizawl today.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, around 100 persons stranded outside arrived in the state; all sent to quarantine centers. Nagaland Planning Minister appeals to people to warmly welcome returnees. Says obstruction may invite penal action.
- Sikkim: State Education Department mulling over conducting exams in Sikkim itself for students studying outside the State as CBSE announces remaining class XII board examinations from July 1, 2020. Quarantine centres and screening facilities enhanced by Sikkim State authorities as around 3000 stranded Sikkimese expected to reach in the next 3-4 days.

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Claim: The Gujarat Samachar shows figure of 8000 people per 1 lakh population being corona affected in India in headline today. **#PIBFactcheck: Factually incorrect.** Around 8.3 persons per 1 lakh population are corona affected as on today evening.

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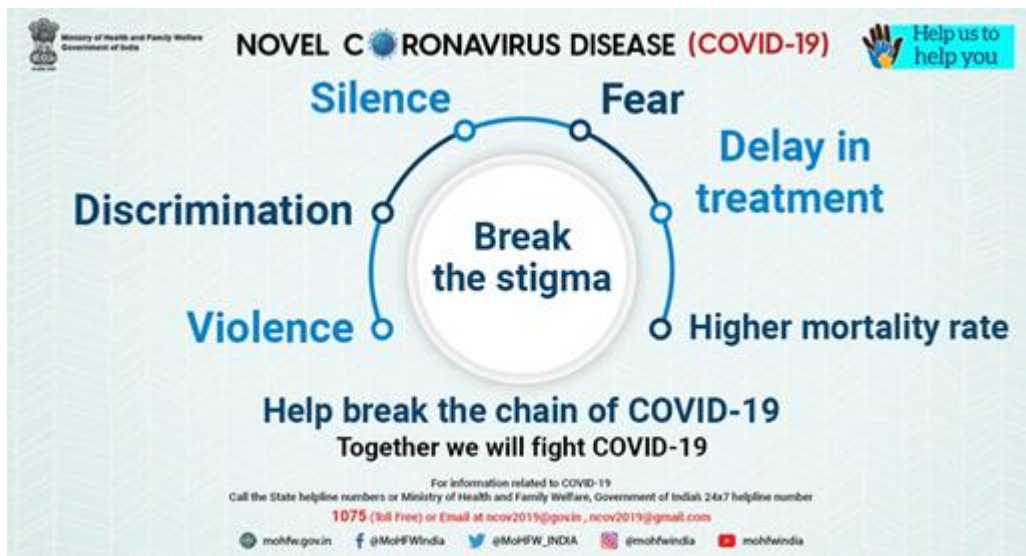
CORONA WATCH

સ્થિતિ અને સંકેતો

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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).

- 45,299 people have been cured of Covid-19 so far, taking the recovery rate of the country to 40.32%.
- Lockdown period has been gainfully utilized to ramp up health infrastructure.
- Guidelines issued for train services starting from 1st June
- MHA amends lockdown guidelines to facilitate domestic air travel.
- DOPT exempts pregnant women officials and persons with disabilities from attending offices.
- 6.8 Crore PMUY beneficiaries given free LPG cylinders so far under PMGKP.

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

A total of 45,299 patients are cured of COVID-19. A total of 3,002 COVID-19 patients are reported cured since last 24 hours. The recovery rate is improving continuously and is 40.32% presently. India currently has 63,624 active cases. Of the active cases, only approx. 2.94% of the cases are in ICU. The case mortality rate in India is 3.06%, which is much lesser in comparison to the global case mortality rate of 6.65%. An analysis of the deaths indicates 64% deaths in males & 36% in females. In terms of age distribution, 0.5% deaths are reported in less than 15 years age group, 2.5% in 15-30 years age group, 11.4% in 30-45 years age group, 35.1% in 45-60 years age group and 50.5% in people above 60 years. Further, 73% of the death cases had underlying co-morbidities.

For details:

COVID-19 Updates –II

The period of the lockdown has been gainfully utilized to ramp up the health infrastructure in the country. As on 21.05.2020, 26,15,920 samples have been tested and 103532 samples have been tested in the last 24 hours through 555 testing labs (391 in the government sector and 164 private labs).ICMR is conducting a community based sero-survey to estimate the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in Indian population.In collective efforts of Central as well as State Governments, as many as 3027 dedicated COVID Hospitals and COVID Health Centres along with 650930 COVID Care Centres have been identified. Additionally, more than 2.81 lakh isolation beds, more than 31,250 lakh ICU beds, and 109888 oxygen supported beds have already been identified in Dedicated COVID Hospitals and COVID Health Centres. Also, Government of India has supplied 65.0 lakh PPE coveralls and 101.07 lakh N95 masks to the States. Nearly 3 lakh PPE coveralls and 3 lakh N95 masks are now being manufactured per day by domestic producers, although they were not produced in the country earlier.

For details:

1 CRORE TREATMENTS PROVIDED UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AROGYA YOJANA

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (AB-PMJAY), the flagship health assurance scheme of the Government of India today marked 1 crore treatments. To mark this milestone, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the first edition of ArogyaDhara, a series of webinars created as an open platform for discussion on topical issues of public health.The Minister conveyed his best wishes and gratitude to all the States who have ensured the scheme delivers on its promise especially in the unprecedented times of COVID-19. “Government of India is making persistent efforts to expand testing and make treatment of COVID-19 available for free to all 53 crore beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat PMJAY, further strengthening Government of India’s resolve, scope and capability to move towards universal health coverage. Concerted efforts by every health worker and all empanelled hospitals have helped us achieve the 1 crore mark,” he said.

For details:

Guidelines for Train Services beginning on 1st June 2020

Indian Railways will start operations of 200 passenger services as listed in the annexure. These trains shall run from 1/6/2020 and booking of all these trains will commence from 10 am on 21/05/20. These special services shall be in addition to the existing Shramik special trains being run since 01st May and Special AC trains (30 trains) being run since 12th May 2020. Other regular Passenger services including all mail/express, passenger and suburban services shall remain cancelled until further advice.

For details:

MHA amends Lockdown Guidelines to facilitate Domestic Air Travel for Stranded Persons in India

Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), has amended the guidelines on lockdown measures to fight COVID-19, so as tofacilitate domestic air travel for stranded persons in India. Detailed guidelines for operation of airports and air travel of passengers would be issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation.

For details:

6.8 Crore free LPG cylinders distributed among the PMUY beneficiaries so far

As part of the economic response to COVID-19, the Government of India has launched a pro-poor scheme “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package” (PMGKP), Under this scheme, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is providing free of cost LPG cylinders to over 8 crore PMUY beneficiaries for 3 months w.e.f 1.4.20. During April, 2020, Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have delivered 453.02 lakh cylinders to PMUY beneficiaries under PMGKP. As on 20.5.20, OMCs have delivered total 679.92 cylinders to PMUY beneficiaries under the package. The beneficiaries were given funds in advance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in their accounts, so that there was no difficulty in availing this facility.

For details:

Government Trusts Industry Fully and Comprehensively: Finance Minister at Interaction with CII

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt Nirmala Sitharaman has stressed that the Government trusts industry fully and comprehensively. She urged industry to plan for engaging labour with a more professional approach and engage in skilling. “Mindsets in industry need to set examples in handling workers in a way that is acceptable to all,” stated the Finance Minister. On a question regarding the MSME sector, Smt Sitharaman stated that before Covid19 as well, clear handholding was announced for MSME and NBFCs to help enterprises in rural areas. She stated that credit availability for additional term loan and working capital loan was intended to reach all MSME, and hence the Government has provided a guarantee to banks to overcome hesitation in lending. “When Government provides full and partial guarantees with a special purpose vehicle post-lockdown, the banks hesitation has been addressed,” she said.

For details:

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar to talk to community radios in country tomorrow

In a unique outreach initiative, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar will talk to Community Radios in the country on 22nd May, 2020, at 7 PM. The talk will be simultaneously broadcast on all Community Radio stations of the country. The talk will be broadcast in two segments, one of each Hindi and English. Listeners can also tune in to FM Gold (100.1 MHz) to listen to the Minister, at 7:30 PM in Hindi and at 9:10 PM in English. The move comes as Government makes earnest efforts to reach all sections of the country for COVID related communication. There are around 290 Community Radio stations in the country. The talk is aimed at harnessing their power to reach the people in the remote corners of India.

For details:

MHRD has ensured safe shifting of stranded students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' informed that Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has, on 15th May, 2020, successfully completed the exercise of shifting of over 3000 students who were staying in 173 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in various parts of the country during the lockdown period. Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are co-educational residential schools

For details:

82 UG and 42 PG Non-Engineering MOOCs to be offered in the July 2020, Semester on SWAYAM

Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' informed that the Students enrolled in Universities and affiliated colleges may undertake SWAYAM courses and avail credits by completing these courses as per University Grants Commission (UGC)'s present regulations on credit framework for online learning courses. The Minister further said that in the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic scenario, Students, Teachers, Life-long learners, Senior Citizens and Homemakers may enrol and avail the benefits of SWAYAM courses to widen their horizon of learning.

For details:

HRD Minister releases three handbooks prepared by CBSE on Cybersecurity for students, 21st Century Skills and Principals' handbook

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has released three handbooks prepared by the Central Board of Secondary Education on measures taken by the Board to adopt value-based global standards of education, in New Delhi today. Releasing these three booklets, the Union Minister informed that the Handbook 'Cyber safety-A Handbook for Students of Secondary & Senior Secondary Schools' is prepared to create awareness about cyber security among the students from class IX to XII. He said that the booklet will be a perfect guide for teenagers who use internet and other digital platforms frequently may face variety of security risks.

For details:

DoPT exempts pregnant women officials and staff members from attending office

Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has exempted pregnant women officials and staff members from attending office. A circular to this effect has been issued and is expected to be followed by different Ministries/Departments as well as State/Union Territory governments. Pregnant women employees who are not already on maternity leave will also be exempted from attending office. Persons with disabilities are also to be given similar exemption from attending office. The latest circular issued by the DoPT also states that Government servants who have underlying Co-morbidities and were undergoing treatment for these ailments before the lockdown, may, as far as possible, be exempted upon production of medical prescription from treating physician as per the CGHS/CS (MA) Rules, as applicable.

For details:

Defence manufacturing adversely affected due to COVID-19, says Raksha Mantri

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has appreciated the role played by Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and other Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Nation's fight against global Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Raksha Mantri termed MSMEs backbone of Indian economy that accelerate GDP growth, earn valuable foreign exchange through exports and provide employment opportunities. Keeping MSMEs strong is one of the priorities of the Government. He said, "There are more than 8,000 MSMEs, tiered partners of many of our organisations - Ordnance factories, DPSUs and service organisations. They contribute more than 20 per cent of the total production of these organisations."

For details:

New calendar of examinations will be announced by UPSC after 5th June meeting

Union Public Service Commission held a special meeting to review the situation after the third phase of the nation-wide restrictions, due to COVID-19. Taking notice of the extension of several restrictions, the Commission decided that it will not be possible to resume examinations and interviews, for the present. The Commission, however, took note of the progressive relaxations being announced by the Central Government and various States and has decided to review the situation once more, after the fourth period of lockdown. With a view to giving some clarity to candidates of various examinations and interviews, which have been deferred over the last two months, the Commission will issue a revised schedule of examinations in its next meeting to be held on June 5, 2020.

For details:

Local to Global: Khadi Masks to Hit Foreign Markets

The widely popular Khadi face mask is set to go “global”. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) will now explore the possibility of exporting the Khadi cotton and silk face masks to foreign countries. The move comes days after the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s “Local to Global” call in wake of the “Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan”. Keeping in view the huge demand of face masks during the global Covid-19 pandemic, the KVIC has developed double layered and triple-layered Cotton as well as Silk face masks respectively. The KVIC has so far received orders to supply 8 lakh masks and has already supplied more than 6 lakh masks during Lockdown period. Apart from sale, over 7.5 lakh Khadi masks have been distributed free to the District Authorities by Khadi Institutions across the country.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: State government today informed the High Court that it has dropped out of the controversial deal with the US based big data company Sprinklr, for analysis of Covid data. It stated that all the data has been transferred to state owned Centre for Development of Imaging Technology (C-DIT). Two more Keralites in the Gulf region succumbed to Covid-19; one of them is a healthcare professional. Two other Malayalis lost their life in Mumbai. Three flights are scheduled to the state today as part of 2nd phase of Vande Bharat. Kerala’s Covid cases have increased tenfold from 16 to 161 in 12 days with the gulf repatriation.
- Tamil Nadu: MSME sector and Construction projects to be affected as migrant workers leave for home. Chengalpattu administration's map gives away details of coronavirus patients; Collector says that according to protocol, only the name has to be withheld. Tamil Nadu records 743 new cases, tally surpasses 13,000-mark. Active cases: 7219, Deaths: 87, Discharged: 5882. Active cases in Chennai are 5345 as on 20th May.
- Karnataka: 116 new cases and one death reported in the State till 12pm today; with this total number of cases has gone up to 1578. Today 14 patients were discharged and so far 570 have recovered. Total Death toll till now is 41. Active cases 966. The State currently has 22 units producing PPE Kits and 4 companies manufacturing ventilators. CM directs Chief Secretary to overview the activities of the special task force to oversee new investments on a weekly basis, since industrialists from China have evinced interest to invest in other countries.
- Andhra Pradesh: State begins bus services and issues guidelines for the operation of shops and establishments in urban areas following Centre’s guidelines. As many as 61,781 stranded people

belonging to other states facilitated to go back to their respective states. 45 new cases, one death reported with 41 discharged in the last 24 hours after testing 8092 samples. Total cases: 2452. Active: 718, Recovered: 1680, Deaths: 54. Of the 153 positive cases noticed among returnees from other states 128 are active.

- Telangana: Odd-even scheme for opening shops still a puzzle; rents huge concern for shop owners in Hyderabad. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) in coordination with the Health department has appointed nodal officers for monitoring and coordinating the inauguration of 45 BasthiDawakhanas. Total positive cases in Telangana as on 21st May are 1661. Migrants tested positive till yesterday 89.
- Chandigarh: The UT Chandigarh Administrator appealed to the Traders Associations, Market Associations and shop owners, who have recently been permitted to open their facilities to ensure that proper social distancing and hygiene practices are strictly followed by the customers. He also directed Director General of Police to ensure that there should be no relaxation in screening at the inter-state borders to prevent entry of people who might be carrying corona virus.
- Punjab: The Punjab Government has set up a Facilitation Centre at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, to help Punjabis coming back on the special flights from abroad return to their respective districts in the state where they will have remain in institutional quarantine. Elaborate arrangements have been made to quarantine these people in hotels in the concerned districts, and free quarantine facility would be given to those students or immigrants who cannot afford the cost of hotels. The S.A.S. Nagar District Administration (Punjab) in collaboration with the IMA, Mohali, has launched helpline for providing counselling and psychological support to the people in isolation and quarantine. The main aim of the initiative is to ensure that the people share their emotions, concerns such as feeling anxiety, depression and sadness with the leading doctors and field experts.
- Haryana: Haryana Government is committed to send willing migrant labourers to their home states. Chief Minister has directed every Deputy Commissioner to ensure that no migrant labourer or worker wishing to go to his/her home state should walk on foot. The entire expenditure of trains and buses being run to send migrant labourers to their home states is being borne by the Haryana Government. Free of cost arrangements are being made by the State Government to keep these migrant labourers in relief centres and to bring them to railway stations and bus stands.
- Himachal Pradesh: The migrants stranded in the lockdown would be provided five kilograms of rice and Kala Chana dal per person during the months of May and June, 2020 under Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme of the Government of India, who have no ration card under National Food Security Act or state schemes. They will have to submit the proforma to the shopkeeper signed by the representatives of Panhayati Raj Institutions, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor or gazetted officer. The proforma can be obtained from the office of district Controller or Inspector Food Supplies or from the fair price shops.
- Arunachal Pradesh: 209 Arunachalee students stranded in Karnataka reach Guwahati. They will be taken to Itanagar by road.
- Assam: Six patients discharged after testing COVID19 negative twice. Active cases stands at 130 in the State.
- Manipur: In Manipur, systematic sample collection from all returnees is on. Total 139 samples have been sent for testing in Ukhrul. Transgender Quarantine Centre opened at Government Ideal Blind School, Takyelpat is now ready to receive stranded transgenders coming from other states.

- Meghalaya: An amount of Rs 69 Crore has been spent on relief measures for COVID-19 to date and Rs 46 Crore has been spent towards improving health infrastructure and facilities in the last 2 months: Meghalaya CM.
- Mizoram: Villagers of Siahia District, Mizoram donate their home grown vegetables and hard procured forest products to the Kitchen Management Committees of quarantine facilities of Siahia Town.
- Nagaland: Western Sumi organizations decide to sponsor 200 returnees, quarantine center to be set up in Thabeku village.
- Maharashtra: 2250 new cases have been reported, thereby taking the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the state to 39,297. However, the number of active cases in the state stands at 27,581, as per latest report. Hotspot Mumbai has reported 1372 new cases taking the total reported cases to 23,935. In the wake of the rising number of cases in Mumbai, the BMC has directed civic officials to acquire at least 100 beds, including 10 in ICUs, of private nursing homes and small hospitals in all 24 wards of Mumbai.
- Gujarat: With 398 new cases and 30 deaths reported, the total number of Covid-19 cases in the state has risen to 12,539. Presently 6,571 patients are undergoing treatment for COVID-19 in the different hospitals across the state, out of which 47 patients are in critical condition. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has sought public support in the fight against COVID-19 by launching 'I am also a Corona Warrior' campaign. The week-long campaign which is aimed at making people aware about three basic rules to fight coronavirus such as children and elderly citizens should remain indoors, not venturing out without mask and always maintaining social distancing.
- Rajasthan: 83 people were tested positive for COVID 19 in the state today taking the total number of affected people to 6098. 3421 patients have recovered so far. The number of people under treatment is at 2527.
- Madhya Pradesh: 227 new cases have been reported, taking the tally of COVID-19 patients to 5875. The highest number of cases- 2774 have been reported in Indore district. The death toll from COVID-19 has also increased to 267 in Madhya Pradesh. The maximum number of 107 patients have died in Indore.
- Chhattisgarh: 14 new cases have been reported across different districts of the state taking the total reported cases to 115
- Goa: 4 new COVID-19 cases have been reported, which takes the tally of positive patients to 50. Two of these new patients arrived by Rajdhani Express on Sunday, one person by bus from Pune and the fourth patient is a coast guard personnel who arrived by a ship.

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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).

- India has only 7.9 cases per lakh population compared to the world figure of 62.3
- Recovery rate improves to 39.6%, as 42,298 Covid-19 patients are cured
- Union Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval for allocation of foodgrains from Central Pool to approximately 8 crore migrants / stranded migrants; Also approves various components of Aatmanirbhar Bharat package to support Indian economy in fight against Covid-19.
- More than 23.5 lacs passengers transported to their home states through Shramik Special trains in 20 days; 200 time-tabled trains to be run from 1st June.
- MHA grants exemption from lockdown measures to conduct Board examinations for Class X and XII.

COVID-19 Updates from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: India has only 7.9 cases/ lakh population compared to the world figure of 62.3 cases/ lakh; Recovery rate improves to 39.6 %

India has been relatively able to decelerate the pace of COVID-19 and the impact can be seen in the data of COVID-19 cases. Compared to the global scale, where there are 62.3 cases per lakh, India still has only 7.9 cases/ lakh population. Similarly, for mortality per lakh population, while the global average rate is 4.2, India's figure is pegged at 0.2. The relatively low death figures represent timely case identification and clinical management of the cases. More than 39.6 % of the confirmed cases have recovered bringing the total to 42,298 recoveries, as of today. This is a reminder that the disease is curable and the clinical management protocols adopted by India are effective.

For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan participates in NAM Health Ministers' meeting

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare participated in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Health Ministers' meeting through video conference. The NAM Summit is being organized at a time when the international community has been faced with a pandemic which has disrupted lives and livelihood of millions of people around the world. NAM expressed its concern at the global threat posed by COVID-19 and resolved to fight it with proper preparedness, prevention, resilience-building, and greater national, regional and international collaboration

For details:

Cabinet approves modifications in the existing Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Sovereign portfolio guarantee of up to 20% of first loss for purchase of Bonds or Commercial Papers (CPs) with a rating of AA and below (including unrated paper with original/ initial maturity of up to one year) issued by NBFCs/ MFCs/Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) through an extension of the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS).

For details:

Cabinet approves Scheme for formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises

The Union Cabinet has given its approval to a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme - "Scheme for Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (FME)" for the Unorganized Sector on All India basis with an outlay of Rs.10,000 crore. The expenditure will be shared by GOI and the States in ratio of 60:40.

For details:

Cabinet approves extension of Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana

The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the extension of Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) up to 31st March, 2023 for further period of three years beyond 31st March, 2020. PMVVY is a social security scheme for senior citizens intended to give an assured minimum pension to them based on an assured return on the purchase price / subscription amount. It has also allowed initially an assured rate of return of 7.40 % per annum for the year 2020-21 per annum and thereafter to be reset every year.

For details:

Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

The Union Cabinet has given its approval for implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) - a scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India under two components namely, Central Sector Scheme (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) at a total estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crore comprising of (i) Central share of Rs. 9,407 crore, (ii) State share of Rs. 4,880 crore and (iii) Beneficiaries' share of Rs. 5,763 crore. The Scheme will be implemented during a period of 5 years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

For details:

Cabinet approves AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package for allocation of foodgrains to the migrants / stranded migrants

The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for allocation of foodgrains from Central Pool to approximately 8 crore migrants / stranded migrants @ 5 kg per person per month (May and June, 2020) for two months free of cost. It would entail an estimated food subsidy of about Rs.2,982.27crore. Further the expenditure towards intra-state transportation and handling charges and dealer's margin / additional dealer margin will account for about 127.25 crore which will borne fully by Central Government. The allocation will ease the hardships faced by migrant / stranded migrants due to economic disruption caused by COVID-19.

For details:

Cabinet approves Special Liquidity Scheme for NBFCs/HFCs to address their Liquidity Stress

The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the proposal of the Ministry of Finance to launch a new Special Liquidity Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) to improve liquidity position of the NBFCs/HFCs. The direct financial implication for the Government is Rs. 5 crore, which may be the equity contribution to the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). Beyond that, there is no financial implication for the Government until the Guarantee involved is invoked. However, on invocation, the extent of Government liability would be equal to the amount of default subject to the Guarantee ceiling. The ceiling of aggregate guarantee has been set at Rs. 30,000 crore, to be extended by the amount required as per the need.

For details:

Cabinet approves additional funding of up to Rupees three lakh crore through introduction of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme

The Union Cabinet has given the approval to enable additional funding of up to Rs. three lakh crore to eligible MSMEs and interested MUDRA borrowers by way of "Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme." Under the Scheme, 100% guarantee coverage to be provided by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC) for additional funding of up to Rs. three lakh crore to eligible MSMEs and interested MUDRA. borrowers, in the form of a Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) facility. For this purpose, corpus of Rs. 41,600 crore shall be provided by Government of India spread over the current and the next three financial years.

For details:

Prime Minister interacts with the One Croreth Beneficiary of Ayushman Bharat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed his happiness as the number of the beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat has crossed one crore. In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said it would make every Indian proud that the number has crossed 1 crore. He said, "In less than two years, this initiative has had a positive impact on so many lives. I congratulate all the beneficiaries and their families. I also pray for their good health."

For details:

Indian Railways transports more than 23.5 lacs passengers to their home states through “Shramik Special” trains in 20 days

As on 20th May 2020 (till 10:00 hrs), a total of 1773 “Shramik Special” trains have been operationalized from various states across the country. More than 23.5 lacs passengers have reached their home state by these “Shramik Special” trains. Yesterday i.e. 19th May 2020, with record a total of 205 “Shramik Special” trains have been operationalized from various states across the country with more than 2.5 lacs passengers. These 1773 trains were originated from various states like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh UT, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Puducherry UT, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal.

For details:

Indian Railways to introduce 200 Time Tabled Daily New trains from June 1, 2020; number of Shramik Trains to be doubled

Indian Railways plans to double the number of Shramik Trains to bring more relief to Migrants. In addition to these Shramik Special trains, Indian Railways is going to start 200 new Time Tabled trains from June 1, 2020. The routes and schedule of these trains will be intimated soon. The booking will be ONLY online and shall commence in a few days. .

For details:

In interest of large number of students, conduct of 10th and 12th Board Examinations exempted from Lockdown Measures: Shri Amit Shah

Taking into consideration the academic interest of large number of students, it has been decided to grant exemption to conduct Board Examinations for Classes 10th and 12th from the lockdown measures, tweeted Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah. As opening of schools had been prohibited under the guidelines on lockdown measures, the annual board examinations being conducted by State Education Boards/ CBSE/ ICSE etc. for classes 10th and 12th had been suspended. Requests were received from State Governments and CBSE for conducting the Board examinations. Considering this the Union Ministry for Home Affairs (MHA) has written to all States/UTs detailing the conditions to be followed for conducting the examinations.

For details:

Lower rate of EPF subscription 10% with EPFO notified placing higher liquidity in the hands of employees and employers during COVID -19 pandemic

The reduction in statutory rate of contributions from 12% to 10% for wage months May, 2020, June, 2020 and July, 2020 for all class of establishments covered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 announced on 13.05.2020 by the Central Govt. as part of Aatma-Nirbhar Bharat package has been. The above reduction of rate of contribution is not applicable to establishments like Central and State Public Sector enterprises or any other establishment owned or controlled by or under control of the Central Govt. or State Govt. These establishments shall continue to contribute 12% of basic wages and dearness allowances.

For details:

HRD Minister launches AI-powered mobile app for mock tests for JEE Main, NEET 2020

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched a new mobile app called the 'National Test Abhyas'. The App has been developed by NTA to enable candidates to take mock tests for upcoming exams such as JEE Main, NEET under the NTA's purview. The app has been launched to facilitate candidates' access to high quality mock tests in the safety and comfort of their homes since there was a demand for making up the loss to students due to closure of educational institutions and NTA's Test-Practice Centers (TPCs) due to the continuing lockdown.

For details:

MSME Minister bats for technology upgradation and attracting foreign investment to combat post COVID scenario

Shri Nitin Gadkari has called upon the MSME sector to consider technology upgradation and to look for foreign investment to forge ahead in the post-COVID scenario. He said the relief package announced by the Prime Minister for MSME sector should be utilised by the medium and small scale industry to jump back into action. He informed that by this 31st March, nearly 6 lakh MSMEs were restructured, and this number will be added by another 25 lakh by 31st December this year. The Fund of Funds worth Rs 10 thousand crore will be strengthened to Rs 50 thousand crore by adding other funds.

For details:

Meeting of the Fifteenth Finance Commission with its High Level Group on Health Sector

A High Level Group (HLG) on Health Sector was constituted by the Fifteenth Finance Commission in May, 2018, headed by Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS and including eminent professionals from the Health Sector. The Group submitted its final report in August, 2019 and some of its' key recommendations were incorporated in the first report of the 15th Finance Commission for the year 2020-21. The 15th Finance Commission according the highest priority to the Health Sector, has now decided to reconvene this HLG in the light of recent developments due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

For details:

Northeast model of Corona management

An article has been written by Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C) Dr Jitendra Singh on Corona Management.

For details:

Coir Geo textiles gets nod for Rural Road Construction

Coir Geo textiles, a permeable fabric, natural, strong, highly durable, resistant to rots, moulds and moisture, free from any microbial attack, has finally been accepted as a good material for rural road construction. Coir Geo textiles will be used for construction of rural roads under the PMGSY-III. Speaking about the development, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of MSME and Road Transport & Highways, who has been behind the move to explore alternative usage of coir fibre, has said, "This is a

very significant development as we have now been successful in deploying coir geo textile in road construction. The decision will give a big boost to the coir industry especially in these difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic."

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: With 200th Train leaving from Amritsar on 19.05.2020, Punjab Government has facilitated return of more than 2,50,000 migrant workers to their home states. Maximum trains are going to U.P., followed by Bihar and Jharkhand. Punjab government is also sending trains to Chattisgarh, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister had assured all migrants working in the state, ever since the crisis broke out, of all assistance and cooperation to whosoever wants to go back to their home state.
- Haryana: Haryana Government has issued guidelines regarding seating capacity limits of passenger vehicles for the period of lockdown 4.0 in accordance with the guidelines issued by Union Ministry of Home Affairs. The movement within a containment zone shall be strictly regulated and allowed only for emergency and essential goods/ services vehicles. Wearing of face cover is compulsory. Social distancing shall be followed by all persons at all times. Haryana Government, while complying with the consolidated guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the opening of government offices in the fourth phase of the lockdown implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19, has decided to reopen the State Government offices located in Haryana as well as at Chandigarh with 100 percent attendance of Group A and B employees and 50 percent attendance of Group-C and D employees.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has urged the Chief Ministers of Haryana and Punjab to coordinate for starting a common train for evacuation of people belonging to Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab stranded in Northern Eastern States of India. He said that since the movement by road from Northern Eastern States to Himachal Pradesh is not feasible, the States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh should make joint efforts to run a common train to evacuate the people of these States. Thus, the matter should thus be jointly taken up with India Railways for providing train to evacuate the people of these States from the Northern Eastern States.
- Arunachal Pradesh: StateGovt is procuring four more TRUE-NAT machines for COVID19 testing.
- Assam: CM chaired a Special State Level Bankers Committee meeting with banking officials in Guwahati to strengthen lending and banking to achieve PM's vision of AatmaNirbhar Bharat.
- Manipur: StateGovt decides to expand COVID19 testing not only to symptomatic persons but also to all the returnees to the State. Number of tests done is 2743 with positivity percentage of 0.32%.
- Nagaland: State Cabinet moots making Ganeshnagar, NE's first Special Economic Zone (SEZ), located in Dimapur as main quarantine center. It can accommodate more than 6000 people.
- Sikkim: District Collector, East Sikkim accompanied by officials of the District Task Force visits the additional screening centre being established for the returnees at RangpoGoli ground in the State.
- Tripura: Shramik Special Train carrying 1584 passengers left for Prayagraj from Agartala. Proper screening of the passengers was done before boarding the train. Free food and water was also provided.

- Kerala: Centre gives permission to Kerala for conducting school exams. Exam centers should not be in containment zones and students must be provided transportation. State decides to postpone the SSLC and Plus two examinations which were to start on May 26. Kerala High Court refuses to direct the Centre to ensure that COVID testing is done for all NRIs before they return to India. KSTRC resumes intra district services with strict conditions. Barber shops, beauty parlours, digital studios and jeweller shops opened today after a gap of nearly two months. Six flights to arrive later today from the Gulf and Russia. Two NRKs succumbed to Covid19 in Oman. The state reported 12 more cases yesterday, all of which were imported case of infection.
- Tamil Nadu: Lockdown relief of Rs 2000 for TN handloom weavers who are not members of welfare board; already ordered disbursal of Rs 2,000 in two instalments to the 1,03,343 handloom weavers who are members of the welfare board. Directorate of Matriculation Schools warns private schools in Tamil Nadu not to hold exams for lower classes. State revises the discharge policy for Covid19 patients and has issued comprehensive guidelines for the management of the pandemic. Total cases till yesterday: 12,448, Active cases: 7466, Deaths: 84, Discharged: 4895. Active cases in Chennai are 5691.
- Karnataka : 63 new cases reported in the State till 12pm today; Hassan 21, Bidar 10, Mandya 8, Kalburgi 7, Udupi 6, four each in Bengaluru&Tumkur and one each in Yadagiri, Uttara Kannada & Dakshina Kannada. With this total number of cases has gone up to 1458. Today 10 patients recovered and were discharged and so far 553 have recovered. Total Death toll till now is 40. Active cases 864. Today Chief minister directed rural development and pachayati raj department to create more job opportunities in rural area to help migrant workers under MNEGRA scheme.
- Andhra Pradesh: A total of 156 passengers arrived at the Gannavaram Airport from the UK today morning and were taken to their hometowns on special buses after Covid tests. A total of 13 aircraft are expected to arrive as part of the Vande Bharat Mission State has reportedly decided to run RTC buses from tomorrow and started online booking for those registered on Spandana portal. State will only allow RTC buses for migrant labourers, students and vacationers trapped elsewhere in the first phase. 68 new cases, one death reported with 43 discharged in the last 24 hours. Total cases: 2407. Active: 715, Recovered: 1639, Deaths: 53. Among the 153 positive cases noticed among returnees from other states, 128 are active.
- Telangana: Day one of 'odd-even' plan in Hyderabad did not go as planned. While GHMC could not mark the shops in half of the city, lack of enforcement by the authorities marred the hopes of implementation of the new norm. Shops adjacent to each other remained open while social distancing also went for a toss. Between May 7 and 19, the police have booked 16,264 cases against those who failed to wear masks while stepping out of their house in Telangana. Total positive cases till yesterday 1634.
- Maharashtra: The count of COVID-19 cases has reached 37,158 with the reporting of 2,100 new cases, as per latest update. In hotspot Mumbai alone, 1411 new cases have been reported. With this, the tally of coronavirus cases in Mumbai rose to 22,563. Maharashtra Police has informed that the total number of COVID-19 positive cases among police personnel now stand at 1388. Under the Vande Bharat Mission, 1972 citizens have returned to Mumbai and the state government has taken stringent measures to quarantine them. Of these, 822 people are from Mumbai, 1025 belong to rest of Maharashtra and 125 are from other states.
- Gujarat: A total of 395 COVID-19 cases have been reported from 21 districts, as per the latest report, taking the total number of cases to 12,141. The death toll in the state rose to 719. As many

as 6,379 patients have recovered from COVID- 19 in the state. The state government today refuted the allegation of poor performance of low-cost Dhaman 1 ventilators in the treatment of Covid 19; the Principal Secretary of Health department Dr JayantiRavi today clarified that the low-cost ventilators have passed the safety and performance trials performed over artificial lungs at the NABL approved EQDC lab.

- Rajasthan:107 new cases have been reported till 2 p.m. today. The highest number of new cases are from Dungarpur. It takes the tally of COVID-19 patients in the state to 5952. While 3373 patients have recovered till date, 2939 patients have been discharged from various hospitals across the state.
- Madhya Pradesh:229 positive cases have been reported, as per the latest update, which takes the tally of coronavirus infected patients to 5465. 72 of the new cases have been reported from hotspot Indore, while second highest, that is, 42 cases have been reported from Burhanpur district. 2630 recoveries have been reported till date, while 2577 active cases exist in the state.
- Chhattisgarh:101 confirmed cases have been reported in the state till date, while 59 patients have also been cured and no COVID-19 related deaths have occurred till date.
- Goa: 8 new cases have taken the tally of COVID-19 patients to 39. While 109 people who have entered the state from other states have been kept under home quarantine, 373 people are under institutional quarantine.

PIB FACTCHECK



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So you have come home after a quick trip to get groceries, and now wondering how to protect your family?

Here is what the @WHO says you should do #COVID19
 #IndiaFightsCOVID19

QUESTION

What are the recommended practices once back home after outdoor activities?

ANSWER

Washing hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand gel, should be performed before touching surfaces, items, pets, and people within the household environment.

While outside, people should always follow physical distancing measures, perform hand hygiene, follow good respiratory hygiene by covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and avoid crowded places.



*Source: World Health Organisation

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Replying to @1115FactCheck

Do you clean food items bought from market to remove #COVID19 virus?

No need, says @WHO, the virus does not spread through food or packaging

How should I clean food items from the grocery store, for example fruit, vegetables or packaged items?

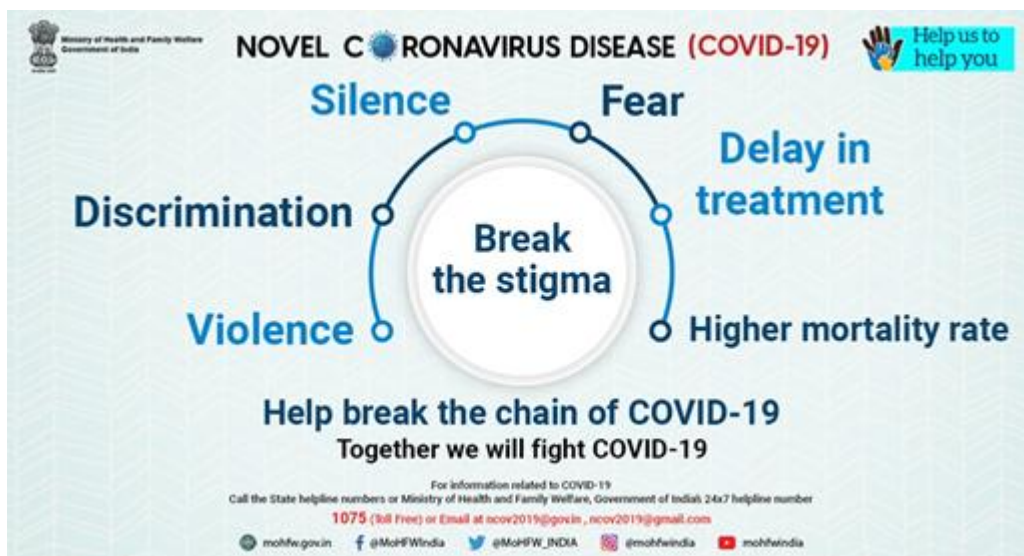


There is no evidence to date of viruses that cause respiratory illnesses being transmitted via food or food packaging. Coronaviruses cannot multiply in food, they need an animal or human host to multiply.

The COVID-19 virus is generally thought to be spread from person to person through respiratory droplets.

*Source: World Health Organisation

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- 39,174 patients cured of COVID-19, showing a recovery rate of 38.73%. The recovery rate is improving continuously.
- India currently has 58,802 active cases.
- India has about 0.2 deaths per lakh population compared to about 4.1 deaths/lakh population for the world
- MHA to States: Mitigate the distress of migrant workers- Run more Buses, ensure their Smooth Transition across States and inter-State borders.
- MHA issues revised SOPs on movement of stranded workers by trains.

India has about 0.2 deaths/lakh population compared to approx. 4.1 deaths/lakh for the world; So far, more than 24 lakh samples have been tested

During last 24 hours, a total of 2,350 COVID-19 patients have been cured. Thus, so far, a total of 39,174 patients have been cured of COVID-19. This means a recovery rate of 38.73% amongst COVID-19 patients. The recovery rate is improving continuously. India currently has 58,802 active cases. These are all under active medical supervision. Of the active cases, only approx. 2.9% of the cases are in ICU. In terms of case mortality per lakh population, India has so far about 0.2 deaths per lakh population vis-a-vis approx. 4.1 deaths per lakh population for the world as a whole.

A record number of 1,08,233 samples were tested yesterday in the country. So far a total of 24,25,742 samples have been tested. From one laboratory conducting COVID-19 test in January, India has very rapidly increased its testing capacity by adding over 385 government laboratories and 158 private laboratories for testing in the country.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued revised testing guidelines for COVID-19. In addition to earlier criteria, the testing strategy has been widened to include frontline workers involved in containment and mitigation of COVID-19, all hospitalized patients who develop ILI symptoms and all symptomatic ILI among returnees and migrants within 7 days of illness. It has issued guidelines on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in workplace settings to deal if suspect or confirmed case of COVID-19 is detected in these settings. The Ministry has also issued guidelines for Dental Professionals in COVID-19 pandemic situation as the Dentists, auxiliaries as well as patients are at high risk of cross-infection.

For details:

Proactive coordination among States and Railways essential to run more trains for smooth transport of Migrant Workers; District Authorities must give their requirements to Railways

In a communication to the States, Union Ministry of Home Affairs has noted that fear of COVID-19 infection and apprehension of loss of livelihood are the main driving factors for the movement of stranded workers towards their homes. In order to mitigate the distress of migrant workers, the communication stresses on a number of measures that may be taken by the State governments, proactively in coordination with the Centre. These include Run more Buses, ensure their Smooth Transition across States and inter-State borders; Create en-route Rest Places with basic amenities for people on foot, till they are guided to bus/rail stations; Dispel rumours, give clarity on train/bus departures: MHA to States

For details:

Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on Movement of Stranded Workers by Trains

In continuation of the revised consolidated guidelines on lockdown measures dt. 17.05.2020, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued revised Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on movement of stranded workers by trains.

For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan participates in the 73rd World Health Assembly through VC

Highlighting the timely, graded and pro-active measures taken by India towards COVID-19 management, the Health Minister said that India took all necessary steps well in time, including surveillance at points of entry, evacuation of nationals stranded overseas, massive community surveillance through robust disease surveillance network, strengthening of health infrastructure, capacity building of over two million frontline human resources, risk communication and community involvement. I think we did our best and we did well. We are learning and we are confident of doing better in the months to come.

For details:

As advised by Union HRD Minister, NTA gives one last opportunity for submission of Online Application Form for JEE (Main) 2020

In view of the Representations received from various Indian students who were scheduled to join colleges abroad but are now keen to pursue their studies in the country due to the changed circumstances arising out of COVID -19, and would thus like to appear in the JEE (Main) 2020, Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' advised NTA to give one last opportunity to fill the form of JEE (Main) 2020. This is also applicable to other students who have not been able to complete the application process or submit online Application Form for JEE (Main) 2020 due to one reason or another.

For details:

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh lauds the Army medical COVID related assistance for Northeast and Jammu & Kashmir

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has lauded the Army medical COVID related assistance for Northeast and Jammu & Kashmir, and appreciated the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for responding to step in at the early stage of pandemic, in order to supplement the diagnostic and treatment facilities in the initial phase of preparedness.

For details:

MoHUA announces results of Star rating of garbage free cities

Shri Hardeep S, Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, has informed that for the assessment year 2019-2020, a total of six cities have been certified as 5-Star (Ambikapur, Rajkot, Surat, Mysuru, Indore and Navi Mumbai), 65 cities as 3-Star and 70 cities as 1-Star. **In the light of the COVID crisis**, MoHUA has issued detailed guidelines to all States and cities on special cleaning of public places and collection and disposal of bio-medical waste from quarantined households. MoHUA, in the first week of April, also **revised its hugely popular citizen grievance redressal platform, Swachhata App** in order to enable citizens to get their COVID-related issues also redressed by their respective ULBs.

For details:

Mother Dairy contributing in stabilizing dairy supply chain in Vidarbha and Marathwada Region amid Lockdown

With the country fighting Covid-19 pandemic and under lockdown, availability of essentials like food and health services to the masses is crucial. While for the consumers it is important that their supplies are maintained; for farmers too, it is imperative that the value chain starting with them is up and running to market their produce even under restrictions. Taking the initiative further in this context, Mother Dairy, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board, contributed in stabilizing the dairy supply chain in Vidarbha and Marathwada Region amid Lockdown. Located in Civil Lines area of Nagpur city, Mother Dairy is extending all possible support to farmers and procuring an average milk volume of 2.55 lakh litres per day in Vidarbha and Marathwada region.

For details:

Ministry of Culture's Development of Museums and Cultural Spaces hosts a webinar on 'Revitalising Museums and Cultural Spaces' on the International Museum Day.

The Covid-19 pandemic will have significant economic and social repercussions for the cultural and creative industries. Organised for leading Indian and global cultural institutions, creative businesses, startups, policy makers and media, experts in the webinar discussed the way forward for the culture and creative industry.

For details:

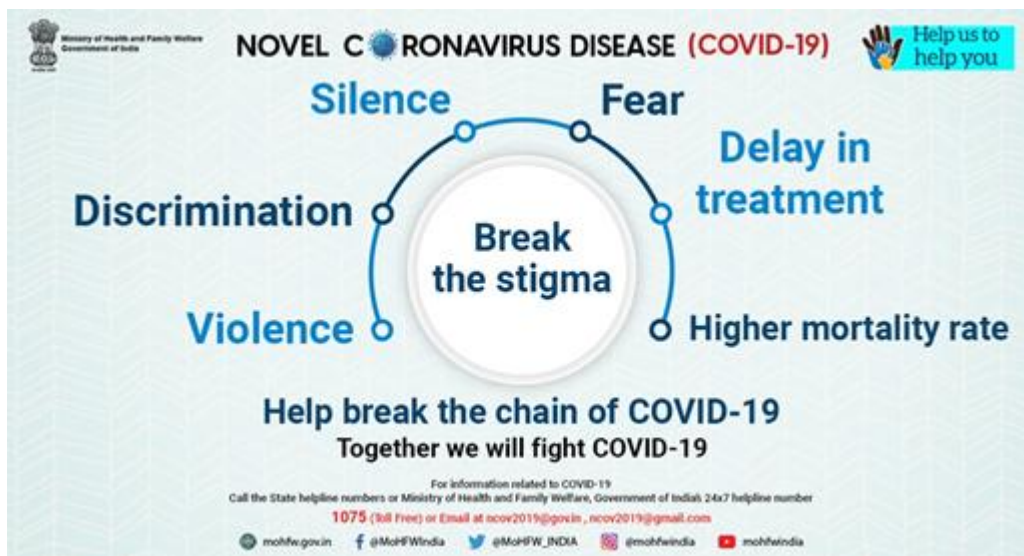
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- Chandigarh: Due to lockdown, some of the migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons are stranded at Chandigarh. For smooth movement of these persons, the Chandigarh Administration has made elaborate arrangements to ensure comfortable and safe journey of the

stranded persons. On 18.05.2020, the following stranded persons were sent: a) Shramik Special Train with 1296 persons at 05.00 PM for Amethi, Uttar Pradesh; b) 10 persons to Murshidabad in West Bengal through Shramik Special Train from Sirhind, Punjab. From Chandigarh to Sirhind, Punjab their journey was arranged through Special CTU Bus.

- Punjab: Chief Minister launched a telemedicine programme, as part of a groundbreaking partnership forged between Christian Medical College Ludhiana and IMAS Healthcare Private Limited, the official facilitator of physician-to-physician video consultations for Cleveland Clinic (USA) in India on a host of medical problems, including Covid-19. The Punjab Government has decided to relax the restrictions imposed on the plying of Public Transport in the state. From Wednesday onwards, State Transport Undertaking buses will be allowed to ply on select routes from point to point between Major cities and District Headquarter with 50% occupancy of its full capacity. These buses will embark from bus Stands only, where all the passengers will be screened before they are allowed to board the buses. It would be ensured that all the passengers are maintaining social distancing in the Public Transport, all are wearing masks and their hands are sanitized with sanitizer provided by the drivers.
- Haryana: State Government has decided to provide superior quality PPE kits, N-95 masks and hand sanitizers to private doctors as per their requirement at government rates. Apart from this, if a private doctor is infected with COVID-19, then his treatment would also be carried out at government expense. After Corona, investment in health services, public health, disease research, etc. would also be increased in the State. Haryana Government has decided to allow the government schools to open their administrative offices to carry out urgent and unavoidable administrative functions while ensuring strict compliance of norms issued by MoHFW for the containment of COVID-19. It is pertinent to mention here that the State Government had already allowed the private schools of Haryana to open their administrative offices.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has urged the Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers D.V. Sadananda Gowda for allotting one Bulk Drug Park for the State. He said that the Union Government has announced a beneficial scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Material/Drug Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in the country.
- Kerala: KSRTC to begin services in all districts from tomorrow. In Kannur, Police stopped nearly 100 migrants from trying to walk to Uttar Pradesh through the railway tracks. In Perambra, Kozhikode scuffle broke out between protesting migrant workers and Police. Seven expatriates showing Covid symptoms who reached Kerala last night from Gulf have been hospitalized. Four more flights will bring home more than 700 people stranded in Gulf countries. Expats and non-resident Keralites returned to the state made up almost all of the 29 cases reported yesterday.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry to allow opening of liquor shops; Aadhar card made must for buying liquor. Large number of stranded Tamil Nadu migrant labourers returning from Maharashtra are testing positive for Covid. Hair salons in rural Tamil Nadu allowed to be re-opened from today. Class 10 board exams in Tamil Nadu rescheduled, to be held from June 15 to June 25. Total cases till yesterday: 11,760, Active cases: 7270, Deaths: 81, Active cases in Chennai is 5460.
- Karnataka: Karnataka records highest daily spike with 127 cases and three deaths. Total cases till now 1373; Active: 802, Recovered: 530, Deaths: 40. Non-resident Kannadigas irked as state bans entry of people from Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat; 50% of cases in last one from people returning from other States. Karnataka seeks Center's nod for intercity special trains.

- Andhra Pradesh: CM says that State should focus on restarting the economy without losing sight of COVID-19 preventive measures. State records highest recovery rate at 53.44 per cent, higher than nation's average of 32.9 per cent. 57 new cases, two deaths reported with 69 discharged in the last 24 hours after testing 9739 samples; 150 cases from returnees from other States. Total cases: 2339. Active: 691, Recovered: 1596, Deaths: 52.
- Telangana: With lockdown restrictions eased in Telangana, RTC buses have started plying from Secunderabad to various districts from today. State allows resumption of services of domestic helps in all zones, including GHMC limits. Total cases till yesterday 1,592; Hyderabad continues to be a concern for authorities as 26 new cases reported yesterday. 5,000 hospital beds to be Covid-ready in the State.
- Assam: Health Minister held a discussion with Deputy Commissioners and Superintendent of Police in Barpeta district for operation of a regional screening centre and augmenting output in COVID19 testing and patient care.
- Manipur: In Manipur, a 64 year old lady and her 23 year old daughter who returned from New Delhi tested COVID19 positive. Out of the total 9 cases in the state, 2 have recovered and rest are undergoing treatment.
- Mizoram: NSS volunteers of Government Kolasib College in Mizoram distribute 150 handmade masks to vegetable sellers and police personnel in Kolasib. Aizawl police arrested a person for posting false information on social media about an active COVID19 case in Mizoram.
- Nagaland: Muslims in Nagaland observing holy month of Ramzan at their homes and making plans to celebrate Eid at home due to lockdown. Dimapur village councils agree to use of quarantine centers identified by Govt in their localities.
- Sikkim: Around 1054 stranded Sikkimese from Bangalore were evacuated by the Govt of Sikkim in coordination with Govt of Karnataka.
- Maharashtra: 2033 new COVID-19 cases were reported in the state, thereby taking the tally of positive cases to 35,058. While 25,392 active cases are there in the state presently, 8437 patients have also recovered till date, as per the latest report. Maharashtra Government has decided to provide food grains to 3.08 crore Above Poverty Line Orange Card holders at subsidized rates of five kilogram per person for May and June. Amidst the present situation of COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government has begun distribution of foodgrains from 52,422 ration shops in the state.
- Gujarat: 366 new COVID-19 cases and 35 deaths were reported in the state taking the total number of the reported cases to 11,746. Out of these 4,804 have recovered. The state now has 6,248 active cases, 38 of whom are on the ventilator. Meanwhile, shops, offices, transport and markets reopened in the non-containment zones after a gap of more than fifty days on the odd-even basis.
- Rajasthan: 250 new COVID-19 cases have been reported till 2 p.m. today, which takes the total number of positive patients in the state to 5757. The number of patients recovered till date stand at 3232.
- Madhya Pradesh: 259 new COVID-19 cases were reported taking the tally of positive cases in the state to 5,326. There are 2549 active cases in the state as per latest report.
- Goa: 9 more new COVID-19 cases have been reported, which takes the tally of coronavirus infected patients to 31.

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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).

- India currently has 56,316 active Covid-19 cases, while 36,824 people have been cured so far, indicating a recovery rate of 38.29%.
- Health Ministry has issued new guidelines to States for categorization of red/orange/green zones. States asked to categorize districts/ municipal corporations, or any other administrative unit as red/orange/green zone as per their field assessment, based on multifactorial analysis on the combination of the parameters shared by MoHFW
- Lockdown extended upto 31st May; States to decide various zones and activities to be allowed there; Certain activities to remain prohibited throughout the country.
- MHA to States: Can't dilute the restrictions imposed in its guidelines.
- Dates of remaining CBSE exams of classes X and XII announced

COVID-19 updates from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

India currently has 56,316 cases under active cases. So far, a total of 36,824 people have been cured of COVID-19. In last 24 hours a total of 2,715 patients are reported cured. We have presently a recovery rate of 38.29%. In terms of confirmed cases per lakh population, India has so far about 7.1 cases per lakh population vis a vis approx. 60 cases per lakh population for the world as a whole.

Union Ministry of Health has issued new guidelines on 17.05.20 to the States for categorization of red/orange/green zones. As per these guidelines states have been asked to categorize districts/ municipal corporations, or if warranted subdivision/ ward or any other administrative unit as red/orange/green zone as per their field assessment. This has to be done based on multifactorial analysis on the combination of

the parameters shared by MoHFW, which are namely, total active cases, active cases per lakh population, doubling rate(calculated over 7 days period), case fatality rate, testing ratio and test confirmation rate.States have been asked to meticulously delineate the containment and buffer zones. States have been told to ensure stringent implementation of the containment plans in these containment zones. Further, around each containment zone, a Buffer zone has to be delineated so as to ensure that infection does not spread to the adjoining areas. In buffer zones, extensive surveillance for cases through monitoring ILI/SARI cases in health facilities has to be coordinated.

For details:

Extension of Lockdown up to May 31, 2020; States to decide various Zones and Activities to be allowed in these Zones; Certain activities to remain prohibited throughout the Country

Lockdown measures in place since March 24, 2020 have helped considerably in containing the spread of COVID-19. It has therefore been decided to further extend the lockdown till May 31, 2020. Under the new guidelines, States/UTs will now delineate Red, Green and Orange zones taking into consideration the parameters shared by the Health Ministry. The zones can be a district, or a municipal corporation/ municipality or even smaller administrative units such as sub-divisions, etc, as decided by States and UTs. Within the red and orange zones, containment and buffer zones will be demarcated by the local authorities, after taking into consideration the Health Ministry guidelines. Within the containment zones, only essential activities shall be allowed. A limited number of activities will continue to remain prohibited throughout the country. Night Curfew shall continue to remain in force on the movement of individuals, for all non-essential activities, between 7 pm and 7 am.

For details:

Lockdown 4.0 - States/UTs cannot dilute restrictions imposed in MHA guidelines, can only make them stricter based on local level assessment and Health Ministry Guidelines: MHA

Union Ministry of Home Affairs, on 17.05.2020, issued the revised guidelines regarding lockdown restrictions, to contain COVID-19. As the lockdown was extended up to 31.05.2020, widespread relaxations were given in the restrictions. MHA has reiterated to the States/UTs that despite widespread relaxations given in lockdown restrictions under revised guidelines, States/UTs cannot dilute the restrictions imposed in MHA guidelines. They may prohibit certain other activities or impose restrictions, as deemed necessary on the basis of ground level analysis of the situation.

For details:

Union HRD Minister announces dates of remaining CBSE examinations for class X and XII

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' announced the dates of remaining examinations of CBSE Class X and XII in New Delhi today. The Minister said that the examinations of Class X will be conducted for the students of North East Delhi only, while the exams of class XII will be held for students across the country including North-east Delhi. All examinations will be between 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

For details:

“One nation, one digital platform” and “one class one channel” will ensure reach of quality education to farthest corners of the country: HRD Minister

Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman announced several initiatives to boost education sector, on 17th May in New Delhi. HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said that the "One nation, one digital platform" and "one class one channel" will ensure that quality education material will reach the students present in farthest areas of the country. He said that the initiatives will boost the access and equity in education and improve the gross enrolment ratio in the times to come. He also said that due consideration is being given to the Divyang children also and the measures will usher in a new paradigm in the creation of New India.

For details:

New economic reforms offer a unique opportunity to India's Space and Atomic capabilities to realize their full potential: Dr Jitendra Singh

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has said that the 20 Lakh Crore economic package announced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the wake of COVID pandemic, will, among other things, promote affordable cancer treatment using medical Isotopes and envisages to establish an exclusive reactor in PPP (Public-Private-Participation) mode, under the aegis of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).

For details:

TDB approves technologies to augment India's efforts to combat COVID 19

Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), is proactively supporting the efforts of the scientists, technologists, entrepreneurs, and industrialists towards preventing and containing the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic by providing financial support for commercialization of these technologies. In addition, TDB is also scouting for novel solutions for supporting the country's efforts in tackling the health care emergency that the world is facing. In the last few weeks, TDB, through its evaluation process, has processed a large number of applications under various domains. Till date, TDB has approved six projects towards commercialization, which include thermal scanners, medical devices, masks, and diagnostic kits.

For details:

Vice President Shri Naidu calls for new ways of living with learning from corona lessons

Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has underlined the need to adopt new ways of living in corona times and suggested a 12 point framework for this new normal to deal with the virus, learning from the lessons so far taught by the corona pandemic. He stressed on the need for new attitudes towards life and humanity amidst indications of the virus likely to stay for longer than earlier expected.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism organises 20th webinar titled 'Uttarakhand Simply Heaven' under "Dekho Apna Desh" webinar series

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: The Punjab Government has advised private schools not to increase any school fees in 2020-21 over those charged in 2019-20. In this regard, a letter has been written to the Management/ Principals of all the Private Un-Aided Schools of the State. Amid a decline in the daily count of new cases over the past four days, Punjab Chief Minister announced replacement of

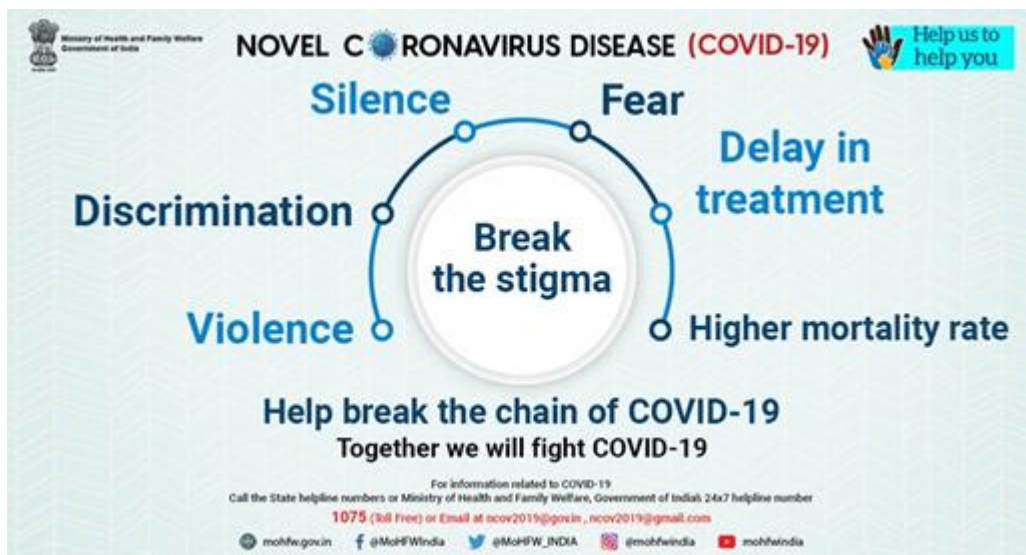
the strict curfew with a lockdown till May 31 in the state, while indicating resumption of limited public transport and maximum possible relaxations in the non-containment zones from May 18.

- Haryana: Haryana Chief Minister while welcoming the final tranche of Centre's Rs. 20 lakh crore economic package, announced by the Union Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, expressed his special gratitude towards Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi for increasing borrowing limits of states from 3 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product to 5 percent in 2020-21, thereby giving extra resources to the State Government. This decision would certainly give a major boost to the efforts made by Haryana Government and help in expeditiously achieving the targets envisaged for various sectors that have been impacted due to COVID-19.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has hailed the announcements made under the Tranche V under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. While welcoming the decision of increasing the budgetary allocation under MGNREGA for the year 2020-21 by Rs. 40,000 crore from the existing provisions of Rs. 61,000 Crore, he said that this would go a long way in providing more assured employment to the people besides strengthening the rural economy. The Chief Minister also welcomed the decision of the Union Government for enhancing borrowings limit of the States from the existing 3 percent to 5 percent of the GSDP. He said that this would help the State in creating its own resources.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra reported a new single day high of 2,347 Covid-19 positive cases, taking state's tally to 33,053. While 24,161 active cases are there in the state presently, 7688 patients have also recovered till date, as per the latest report. The BEST Employees Action Committee has gone on agitation protesting insufficient facilities for its drivers, ferrying essential services workforce. The BEST administration has claimed that this agitation will not affect road transport as the state transport buses are still plying. Meanwhile, the APMC market in Navi Mumbai reopened today, after it had to be closed last Monday owing to spike in COVID-19 positive cases.
- Gujarat: 391 new COVID-19 cases were reported taking the tally of positive patients to 11,379. The total number of recovered patients till date to 4499. While COVID-19 cases in the state are constantly increasing, the recovery rate has also improved and gone up to 39.53 percent in the state. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani held a high-level meeting with the District Collectors, Municipal Commissioners, DDO, and various senior officials to obtain a detailed status of containment zones and non-containment zones in the state.
- Rajasthan: 173 new COVID-19 cases have been reported till 2 p.m. today, which takes the total number of positive patients in the state to 5375. Dungarpur has reported 64 of the new cases as on today. The number of patients recovered till date stand at 3072, while 2718 patients have been discharged till date.
- Madhya Pradesh: 187 new COVID-19 cases were reported taking the tally of positive cases in the state to 4977. The number total number of recovered patients till date to 2403. There are 2326 active cases in the state as per latest report.
- Goa: 9 new cases of COVID-19 were reported yesterday, taking the number of active COVID-19 cases in Goa to 22. Eight of these new COVID-19 patients had travelled to Goa by road from Maharashtra, while one came by road from Karnataka. All the patients are being treated at ESI Hospital.
- Chhattisgarh: 19 more cases were reported in Chhattisgarh taking the total number of Covid positive cases in the state to 86. The state has reported no Covid related death.

- Kerala: Lockdown norms relaxed: short distance bus services and auto rickshaws to be operated within districts except in red zones. Inter- district transportation would require a pass from the authorities. BEVCO beverage outlets, special counters at bars, and beer and wine parlors will open in the state from Wednesday; tokens to purchase liquor will be issued through a mobile app. Remaining SSLC and +2 state board examinations to be conducted in June. The first special train from Kottayam for migrant workers will leave for West Bengal this evening. Two flights from Abu Dhabi and Doha will arrive in the evening. As of now there are 101 Covid positive cases and 23 hot spots in the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Government says that State will not face the impact of cyclone 'Amphan' but it is constantly monitoring the situation along with the India Meteorological Department. State's Covid tally crossed 11,000 on Sunday, with the State reporting 639 new infections and four deaths. The fresh cases included 81 returnees from other parts of the country. The overall case count reached 11,224, of which 6,971 were active cases of which 6750 was in Chennai.
- Karnataka: 84 new cases reported till 12pm today. Total tally reaches 1231; Deaths 37; Recovered 521; Active cases 672. State announces relaxation in lockdown norms : All KSRTC and BMTC buses to ply from tomorrow with 30% capacity, auto and cabs will also be allowed with two passengers, salons to open and parks will open from 7 to 9 in the morning and 5 to 7 in the evening. Restrictions for malls and public gathering, and night curfew to continue.
- Andhra Pradesh: State extends lockdown till May 31 following Centre's guidelines; strict measures in red zones. First installment of Rs 904.89 crore package to aid MSMEs to be released on May 22nd. 52 new cases, no death reported with 94 discharged in the last 24 hours. Of the 150 positive cases noticed among returnees from other states 125 are active and 2 patients discharged after getting well. Total cases: 2282. Active: 705, Recovered: 1527, Deaths: 50. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (615), Guntur (417), Krishna (382).
- Telangana: All services to resume at govt. hospitals; Gandhi Hospital, Chest Hospital will continue to function as nodal Covid-19 centres. Seven more migrants test positive for Covid-19 in Mancherla district and two Mumbai returnees infected in Rajanna-Sircilla today. A total of 9 migrants tested positive today. Total positive cases till yesterday were 1551.
- Arunachal Pradesh: State Transport busses starts plying from today for inter district travel only. Only fifty percent buses will be on road.
- Assam: In Assam, one returnee from Mumbai who was COVID19 cancer patient died; two more people test positive at Golaghat; total cases at 104, active cases 58 and 3 deaths.
- Manipur: In Manipur, 1208 persons are in Government quarantine centre and 4165 number of persons are in Community quarantine centres.
- Meghalaya: Second retest of the lone COVID19 positive case in Meghalaya was done and the test has come out negative. The patient can be declared as recovered, said CM Conrad Sangma.
- Mizoram: 131 incidents of violation of lockdown /Curfew have been reported across Mizoram so far. 19 FIRs have been registered and 87 people arrested.
- Nagaland: Govt orders 14 days institutional quarantine and thereafter 14 days mandatory home quarantine for all persons entering the State from 18th May onwards. Dimapur DC requisitioned 5 more quarantine centers. The centers are Iddgah Madrassa, Jain Bhawan, Hindu Mandir community hall, Gurudwara Lodge & DurgaMandir Lodge.
- Sikkim: Chief Secretary chaired the State Task Force meeting to review the progress of evacuation of Sikkimese people from various parts of the country.

- Tripura: Shramik Special train reached Agartala from Chennai with stranded citizens. Another train is expected to reach Agartala from Bangalore today.

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- 90,927 Covid-19 cases reported in the country so far, of which 34,109 persons have been cured, showing a recovery rate of 37.5%. 2,872 deaths had occurred.
- In the last 24 hours, 4,987 new confirmed cases have been added.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan says that physical distancing and behavior etiquettes are potent social vaccines for battling Covid-19.
- Finance Minister announces Government reforms and enablers across seven sectors, under final tranche of AatmanirbharBharat Abhiyan
- NDMA develops an online dashboard to facilitate seamless movement of migrant workers across the states.
- AatmaNirbhar Bharat scheme to provide free food grains to migrants begins.
- Railway ready to run Shramik special trains from all connected districts.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan: Physical distancing and behavior etiquettes are potent ‘social vaccines’ for battling COVID-19; “Our recovery rate has improved at 37.5%, and more than 22 lakh tests have been conducted”

As the country reaches the exit of Lockdown 3.0, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health & Family Welfare has stated “While the doubling time in the past 14 days was 11.5, it has improved to 13.6 in the last three days”. He added that the fatality rate has fallen to 3.1% and the recovery rate has improved to 37.5%. He also added that (as of yesterday) there are 3.1% active COVID-19 patients in ICU, 0.45% on ventilators and 2.7% on oxygen support. As on 17th May 2020, a total of 90,927 cases have been reported from the country in which 34,109 persons have been cured and 2,872 deaths had occurred. In the last 24 hours, 4,987 new confirmed cases have been added.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated that while India sees a return to a New Normal, following simple hygiene measures like washing hands with soap frequently for at least twenty seconds or using alcohol based sanitizers; not spitting in public; sanitizing one’s workplace, regularly touched surfaces like table tops;

always using face covers in public places to ensure other's safety along with oneself and ensuring proper respiratory hygiene, are a must. He said that physical distancing is the most potent social vaccine available to us and hence it was advisable to ensure 'Do GazkiDoori' while interacting with others and to limit social gatherings by opting virtual gatherings.

For details:

Finance Minister announces Government Reforms and Enablers across Seven Sectors under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan

Announcing the 5th and last Tranche of measures towards Government Reforms and Enablers, Smt. Sitharaman today detailed seven measures for providing employment, support to businesses, Ease of Doing Business, and State Governments as well sectors such as Education and Health. These include Rs 40,000 crore increase in allocation for MGNREGS to provide employment boost; Increased investments in Public Health and other health reforms to prepare India for future pandemics; Technology Driven Education with Equity post-COVID; Further enhancement of Ease of Doing Business through IBC related measures; Decriminalisation of Companies Act defaults; Ease of Doing Business for Corporates; and Public Sector Enterprise Policy for a New, Self-reliant India. She also announced increase in borrowing limits of States from 3% to 5% for 2020-21 only & promoting State level reforms.

For details:

Presentation of details of 5th Tranche announced by Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19

For details:

Today's Announcements by FM to greatly boost our Rural Economy and Infrastructure, as well as provide Employment to crores of Poor people and Migrant Workers: Home Minister

Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah, thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for today's economic package announcements. He said, "Today's announcements by Modi government will go a long way in realising the idea of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. These steps will prove to be a game changer for health, education and business sectors, which would provide employment to crores of poor."

For details:

Finance Minister announces new horizons of growth; structural reforms across Eight Sectors paving way for AatmaNirbhar Bharat

The Finance Minister on Saturday announced policy reforms to fast track investment in an effort towards *AatmaNirbhar Bharat*: There will be fast tracking of investment clearance through Empowered Group of Secretaries; Project Development Cell will be constituted in each Ministry to prepare investible projects, coordinate with investors and Central/State Governments; There will be ranking of States on investment attractiveness to compete for new investment; Incentive schemes for promotion of new champion sectors will be launched in sectors such as solar PV manufacturing; advanced cell battery storage etc. **The Finance Minister also announced the following structural reforms in the eight sectors of Coal, Minerals, Defence production, Civil Aviation, Power Sector, Social Infrastructure, Space and Atomic energy.**

For details:

Union Home Minister lauds the slew of Structural Reform Measures announced by the Union Finance Minister

Lauding the slew of structural reform measures, announced by the Union Finance Minister on Saturday, Union Home Minister, ShriAmit Shah said, "I thank PM ShriNarendraModi and FM Smt. NirmalaSitharaman for today's landmark decisions which would surely boost our economy and further our efforts towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat". PM Modi's mantra of 'Reform, Perform and Transform' is the key to India's phenomenal growth in the last 6 years, he added.

For details:

AatmaNirbhar Bharat scheme to provide free food grains to migrant labour kicks off

Under AatmaNirbhar Bharat package, Government of India has decided that food grains will be provided free of cost at the rate of 5 Kg per month for two months i.e. May and June 2020, to about 8 Crore migrant labour who are not covered under NFSA or State scheme PDS cards. The total estimated cost of about Rs. 3500 Crore for implementation of this scheme will be fully borne by Government of India. All India Allocation of food grains under this scheme is 8 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT).Delivery of food grains under this scheme has already started by Food Corporation of India (FCI).

For details:

Relief package announced by Union Government for different sectors and new MSME definition will give huge boost to industry: ShriGadkari

Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways ShriNitinGadkari has said that the relief package announced by the Union Government for different stakeholders/sectors including MSME, labour, agriculture etc. and the new definition of MSMEs will give huge boost to industry. He called for exploring the rating of MSMEs and asked the participants to give suggestions for effective implementation of Fund of Funds announced as part of the package for MSMEs.

For details:

National Migrant Information System (NMIS) - a central online repository on Migrant Workers - developed by NDMA to facilitate their seamless movement across States

In order to capture the information regarding movement of migrants and facilitate the smooth movement of stranded persons across States, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has developed an online Dashboard - National Migrant Information System (NMIS).The online portal would maintain a central repository on migrant workers and help in speedy inter-State communication/co-ordination to facilitate their smooth movement to native places. It has additional advantages like contact tracing, which may be useful in overall COVID-19 response work.

For details:

In order to ensure safer and quicker transportation of migrants , Indian Railways ready to run Shramik Special trains from all the districts connected by Railways in the country.

Indian Railways is ready to run Shramik Special trains from all the districts connected by Railways in the country. Minister of Railways has asked the district collectors of the country to prepare a list of stranded labourers and destination, and apply it to Railways through State nodal officer. Indian Railways has got the capacity to run almost 300 Shramik special trains a day, however, less than half are being presently utilised.

For details:

OP SAMUDRA SETU PHASE 2 - INS JALASHWA BRINGS HOME 588 INDIANS FROM MALDIVES

INS Jalashwa, deployed for Op SamudraSetu, entered Kochi harbour today morning concluding her second voyage to bring back Indians from Male, Maldives. The ship disembarked 588 Indian citizens including 70 women (06 expectant mothers) and 21 children at the Samudrika Cruise Terminal, of Cochin Port Trust.

For details:

Union Minister DrJitendra Singh discusses COVID follow up with Chief Secretaries and senior officers of the eight States of the North East

In a one-hour long video conference meeting, representatives from the governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura provided their inputs regarding the current scenario with regard to the movements of migrant labourers and others from different parts of the country, the impact of Prime Minister's 20 lakh crore economic package and assessment about the relaxations to be given in the days to come.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: 200 MT pulses provided under PMGKY for May and June month already delivered to two godowns. NAFED to provide extra food grains to the State soon for non ration card holders.
- Assam: A nine year old boy from ward no.3 of Jorhat district who came from Delhi, tested COVID19 positive. Total cases 96, active case 51, recovered 41, deaths 2. Tweeted Assam Health Minister.
- Manipur: Govt extends lockdown till 31st May with exemptions to agriculture, MSMEs and MNREGA works. Also stops issuing fresh permits to people entering the state by road until existing backlog of testing is complete.
- Meghalaya: Total 163 people from Meghalaya who were studying or working in Gujarat have arrived in Guwahati railway station.
- Mizoram: 36 residents of Serchhip District in Mizoram stranded in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry reached the State and being quarantined at Eklavya Residential School Hostel.
- Nagaland: 134 citizens of Nagaland who were stranded in Manipur reach home in 6 buses. Section of public and colleges object to use of educational institutions as quarantine centers.
- Sikkim: State Project Director, Education department, BhimThatal said that laptops with pre-loaded educational contents are being sent to the students in remote places who are deprived of

online education classes during lockdown.

- Chandigarh: Due to lockdown, some of the migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons are stranded in Chandigarh. For smooth movement of these persons, the Chandigarh Administration has made elaborate arrangements to ensure their comfortable and safe journey back home. Yesterday i.e. 16.05.2020, a total of 166 persons from UT of Ladakh were medically screened and sent by 07 special buses to Leh. Previously on 13.05.2020, a total of 242 stranded persons were sent to Ladakh.
- Punjab: Amid a decline in the daily count of new cases over the past four days, Punjab Chief Minister has announced replacement of the strict curfew with a lockdown till May 31 in the state, while indicating resumption of limited public transport and maximum possible relaxations in the non-containment zones from May 18. The details of all relaxations would be announced by Monday, taking into account the new guidelines of the Centre for Lockdown 4.0. Chief Minister has congratulated the girl students of ITIs of the state for making 10 lakh masks.
- Haryana: Chief Minister has expressed his special gratitude towards Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for including several welfare schemes for the benefit of small shopkeepers, farmers and labourers, agriculture sector, infrastructural up gradation of the Mandis and ensuring 'roof above all' while announcing a mega economic package of Rs 20 lakh crore. The Chief Minister said that the mega economic package announced by the Central Government at the time of the global COVID Pandemic will definitely benefit the MSMEs in Haryana and would further strengthen Prime Minister's vision of 'Make in India'. This will increase the self-sufficiency of MSMEs and also increase the export opportunities.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has urged the Panchayat Pradhans to give their wholehearted support to the State Government to sensitize the people of their respective areas regarding COVID-19 and also ensure that the people who had arrived from other parts of the country do not jump home quarantine. CM said that collective efforts were required to tackle the situation. He said that Pradhans must educate people regarding importance of home quarantine.
- Kerala: State Finance Minister while welcoming the announcement of Centre raising the borrowing limit of States, said that the stipulations put forward has to be either withdrawn or discussed with states. He demanded that the state should be allowed to borrow 5% of its income from Union Budget as the increase in borrowing limit will only cover half of the revenue loss of the State. He also said that GST arrears should be cleared completely and the wages under MNREGA under should reach the workers in advance. More than 580 Indian citizens stranded in Maldives reached Kochi today under "Operation Samudra Setu". 568 of them are from Kerala. Two flights from the Gulf are to arrive late this evening. 11 more Covid-19 cases were confirmed in the state yesterday taking the number of active cases to 87.
- Tamil Nadu: Lockdown extended in T.N. till May 31, public transport to resume in 25 districts; curbs to continue in 12 other districts, including Chennai. Two Chennai ration shop employees test Covid positive in Nagapattinam, tally in the district reaches 50. Total cases reported till yesterday : 10,585, Active cases: 6970, Deaths: 74, Discharged: 3538. Active cases in Chennai is 5939.
- Karnataka: CM says that the announcements made today under Aatmanirbhar Bharat will benefit the State and will also enhance employment opportunities. The policy changes in mineral sectors will complement the State's Mineral Policy and mining activities can be carried out without much hurdles, he said. 54 new Covid cases reported till 12pm today; Mandya 22, Kalburgi 10, Hassan 6, Dharwad 4, Yadagiri 3, two each in Dakshin Kannada & Shimoga, Kolar 3, One each in Udipi

and Vijayapura. Total positive cases in the State reach 1146. Active cases: 611, Recovered: 497, Deaths: 37.

- Andhra Pradesh: State to provide cost-free travel facility to migrant workers of neighbouring states. Circular issued on evacuation of migrant workers, with instructions to police not to resort to lathi-charge. Petition filed in AP High Court against salary cut, demanding payment of entire salary from March to government employees and suspension of GO in this regard. 25 new cases, one death reported with 103 discharged in the last 24 hours. Total cases: 2230. Active: 747, Recovered: 1433, Deaths: 50. Active cases among returnees from other states are 127. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (611), Guntur (417) & Krishna (367).
- Telangana: 168 Indian passengers returned to Hyderabad from Chicago (USA), on an Air India special flight which landed at 4.45am on Sunday as part of Vande Bharat Mission. Covid-19 graph soars to 1,509 in Telangana continuing with the upward surge as seen throughout this week. 52 migrant workers who have returned to Telangana in the recent past have been tested for the virus so far.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 16 MAY 2020 7:09PM by PIB Delhi



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

- 30,150 people have been cured of Covid-19 out of 85,940 confirmed cases, taking recovery rate to 35.09%.
- Since yesterday, increase of 3970 cases has been noted.
- 4th tranche of measures announced by Finance Minister today focuses on policy reforms in 8 sectors, including defence, coal, mines, space and atomic energy.
- 3rd tranche of measures announced by FM yesterday to strengthen infrastructure logistics, capacity building, governance & administrative reforms for agriculture,
- \$1 Billionsupportfrom World bankto India for protecting poorest from Covid-19.
- States asked to ensure that workers don't have to walk back home, and perform journey in buses and Shramik special trains.
- Over 6.28 Crore PMUY beneficiaries have got free LPG cylinders so far.
- More than 14 lakh stranded people use Shramik Trains to reach their home states.

Health Secretary interacts with 30 COVID-19 high case load municipal areas; Reviews measures for Covid-19 containment and management; Recovery rate increases to 35.09%

These 30 municipal areas are from the following States/UTs: Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Odisha. The measures taken by the officials and the staff of the municipal corporations for the management of COVID-19 cases were reviewed. So far, a total of 30,150 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 2233 patients were found cured. This takes the total recovery rate to 35.09 %. The total number of confirmed cases is now 85,940. Since yesterday, an increase of 3970 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India.

For details:

Presentation of details of 4th Tranche announced by Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19

For details:

Finance Minister announces measures to strengthen Agriculture Infrastructure Logistics, Capacity Building, Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Processing Sectors

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday announced the 3rd Tranche of measures to strengthen Infrastructure Logistics, Capacity Building, Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Processing Sectors. These include Rs 1 lakh crore Agri Infrastructure Fund for farm-gate infrastructure for farmers; Rs 10,000 crore scheme for formalisation of Micro Food Enterprises; Rs 20,000 crore for Fishermen through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana; National Animal Disease Control Programme; Setting up of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund of Rs. 15,000 crore; Promotion of Herbal Cultivation with an outlay of Rs 4,000 crore; Beekeeping initiatives worth Rs 500 crore; Measures for Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture Sector; Amendments to Essential Commodities Act to enable better price realisation for farmers; Agriculture Marketing Reforms to provide marketing choices to farmers; Agriculture Produce Price and Quality Assurance.

For details:

\$1 Billion from World Bank to Protect India's Poorest from COVID-19

The Government of India and the World Bank have signed a \$750 million of \$1 billion proposed for Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Programme to support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households, severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. **This takes the total commitment from the Bank towards emergency COVID-19 response in India to \$2 billion.** A \$1 billion support was announced last month towards immediate support to India's health sector.

For details:

Union Power Ministry writes to States/UTs extending Rs 90,000 crore package under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

The letter sent to States/UTs mentions that REC and PFC shall immediately extend loans to DISCOMs which have headroom for further borrowing within the working capital limits prescribed under UDAY. Further, the DISCOMs that do not have headroom under UDAY working capital limits but have receivables from the State Government in the form of electricity dues and subsidy not disbursed will also be eligible for these loans to the extent of receivables from the State Government.

For details:

Modi Government's faith – India's welfare only through Farmers' Welfare; when Farmers are Empowered, Country would become Self-reliant: Shri Amit Shah

Shri Amit Shah has said, "Modi Government believes that India's welfare lies in the welfare of its farmers. This unprecedented assistance given to farmers shows PM Modi's foresight to make the country self-sufficient by empowering the farmers." According to Shri Shah, PM Modi's sensitivity towards farmers, even in adverse circumstances, is exemplary for the whole world.

For details:**ShriMansukhMandaviya welcomes the slew of measures announced under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19**

ShriMandaviya has said that the details announced by the finance Minister in three tranches so far, will go a long way in ameliorating the Indian economy and its citizens, who are bravely fighting the Covid-19 pandemic.

For details:**MHA to States/UTs: Ensure Migrant Workers do not have to walk back home, and perform the journey only in buses & 'Shramik' Special Trains being run by the Government specifically for this purpose**

MHA has again written to all States/UTs to ensure that these migrant workers do not have to walk back home. The communication states that Ministry of Railways is running more than 100 'Shramik' special trains per day and is ready to arrange additional trains, as per requirement. People need to be made aware about these arrangements and counseled by State/UT governments to not travel on foot, when they can travel in buses/trains being specially run by the government to facilitate their journey.

For details:**Over 6.28 Crore free cylinders availed by PMUY beneficiaries so far, under the PMGKY;Rs 8432 Crore transferred in the bank account of PMUY beneficiaries**

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas ShriDharmendra Pradhan today interacted with PMUY beneficiaries, Gas distributors and OMC Officers, through the webinar. He said that PMUYhas just completed four years of its successful journey. The Minister said in the initial days itself of the crisis, the Modi Government announced Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyanYojana, which included free gas cylinders for 3 months to the PMUY beneficiaries. More than Rs 8432crorehas been transferred in advance in their accounts. So far, over 6.28 Crore PMUY beneficiaries have got the free cylinders. PMUY beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the government for taking care of them in this time of unprecedented crisis.

For details:**More than 1.4 million stranded people transported back to their home State till midnight 15th May, i.e in 15 days**

As on midnight of 15th May,2020, a total of 1074 "Shramik Special" trains have been operationalized from various states across the country. More than 1.4 million stranded people have been transported back to their home State in last 15 days. It is to be noted that more than 2 lakh person are being transported per day during last 3 days. In days to come it is expected to be scaled upto 3 lakh passengers per day. These 1074 Shramik Special trains have originated from various States

For details:**Free food grains to 8 crore migrant labourers and their families to be provided under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan**

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswanhas said that to mitigate plight of migrants during this precarious COVID-19 situation and also ensure availability of food grains to them and their families, 8 LMT of food grains has been allocated to States / UTs and the

Government of India will bear the entire cost on account of such distribution including transportation within the State, dealers' margin etc. He said that 23 states/UTs will be part of One Nation One Card scheme by August 2020.

For details:

Effective Implementation of RERA can Restore Trust Between Buyer and Seller: Hardeep S Puri

Shri Hardeep S Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs has said that one of the principal objectives of RERA is to help restore the trust between a buyer and the seller and this trust can only be restored by the true and effective implementation of RERA. **Speaking on the challenges due to the present COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the real estate sector, the minister observed that** Covid-19 has had a debilitating effect on the real estate sector, which has become a cause for project delays. During the initial period of the lockdown, construction activities had been barred. After reviewing the situation, the Government has put in place certain measures to allow for construction activities effective from 20 April, 2020, he added.

For details:

OP SAMUDRA SETU PHASE 2 - INS JALASHWA DEPARTS MALE WITH INDIAN NATIONALS EMBARKED

Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa completed embarkation of 588 Indian citizens on 15 May 20, at the port of Male, Maldives as part of Operation SamudraSetu - the Indian Navy's contribution to India's national effort to bring home our citizens from foreign shores by sea. Her manifest of 588 includes six expectant mothers and 21 children. The ship cast off today morning from Male for Kochi.

For details:

HRD Minister e-Launches seven titles on "Psycho-Social Impact of Pandemic & Lockdown and How to Cope With"

HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has e-Launched print as well as e-editions of the set of seven titles on "Psycho-Social impact of pandemic & lockdown and how to Cope With" under the corona studies series published by NBT India. Speaking on the occasion Union Minister said that "To counter these formidable circumstances that the world is facing these days, NBT has brought out these remarkable and unparalleled set of books, and I hope that these books serve as guides to mental well-being of people at large",

For details:

Scientists develop mobile indoor disinfection sprayer to combat COVID-19

These sprayers are also equipped with mopping features and extendable arms to reach hidden area and clean comprehensively. This technology will have relevance even beyond the current COVID-19 crisis

For details:

CSIR collaborates with Intel India and IIIT-Hyderabad to develop diagnostic solutions and risk stratification strategies to combat COVID-19

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: Two more persons related to Aloo godam case in Guwahati tested COVID19 positive. Total case rise to 91, tweeted Assam Health Minister.
- Manipur: RIMS and JNIMS hospitals in Manipur have installed TRUENAT machines to enhance capacity for COVID testing, condition of two active cases in the state are stable. Close contacts of the two are under observation.
- Mizoram: Churches in Mizoram accept State Government's request to use church halls as quarantine facilities, to provide food for the whole institutional quarantine period from their own funds.
- Nagaland: Naga girl dies in Bengaluru after being admitted to hospital. Samples sent for testing & result awaited. Dimapur DC orders ban on sale of gutka & tobacco products, spitting in public places amid Coronavirus outbreak.
- Sikkim: Food & Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department monitors the overcharging of food materials in shops following complaints by the locals.
- Kerala: Health Minister says the third phase of Covid transmission is more dangerous and a small careless mistake may lead to considerable increase in the number of COVID-19 patients. As the number of Covid cases are proliferating in the state, experts opined that there could be possible attack from a new strain of Coronavirus that might have undergone genetic mutation; the dip in temperature due to heavy rains could also increase the transmission rate. It was from a single patient who came from Chennai that the disease spread to 15 persons. The state witnessed 16 more cases yesterday. Wayanad continues to be a cause for concern with highest number of 19 cases. One Panchayat in the district has completely been closed. Meanwhile, three more flights will be coming tonight from the Gulf in Vande Bharat 2.0. Kerala has also given NOC to Delhi government for the train from Delhi bringing Keralites back home.
- Tamil Nadu: Over 12,000 centres to be set up for Class X board exams, to ensure personal distancing at the exam halls, only 10 students will be permitted in each hall, says State Education Minister. Liquor shops reopen across Tamil Nadu — except in Chennai, Tiruvallur and containment zones following a Supreme Court stay on the Madras HC order directing closure of Tasmac outlets during the lockdown. State's tally of Covid cases breached 10,000-mark on Friday with 434 persons testing positive for the disease; Active cases: 7435, Deaths: 71, Discharged: 2240; Active cases in Chennai is 5637.
- Karnataka: CM today held meeting with unaided educational institutions and asked them to pay full wages to teaching staff during lockdown period. Meanwhile Industry Minister requested industries to start in full swing adjusting to the new norms. 23 new cases reported till 12pm today; Bangalore 14, Hassan 3 and One each in Mandya, Bagalkot, Udupi, Davangere, Dharwad and Bellari. Total positive cases in the State reach 1079. Active cases: 548, Recovered: 494, Deaths: 36.
- Andhra Pradesh: State decides to set up a Special Enforcement Bureau (Liquor and Sand) to curb illegal transport and manufacture of liquor and illegal transport of sand. With no permission from the government, the APSRTC has deferred the bus services from Hyderabad to various places in Andhra. State distributes Essential commodities and other items to families living in Red Zone areas. 48 fresh cases, one death reported with 101 discharged in the last 24 hours after testing 9628 samples. 150 positive cases noticed among returnees from other states. Total cases: 2205. Active: 803, Recovered: 1353, Deaths: 49. (Odisha:10, Maharashtra:101, Gujarat:26, Karnataka:1, West

Bengal:1, Rajasthan:11). Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (608), Guntur (413) & Krishna (367).

- Telangana: As part of the repatriation exercise to airlift stranded Indian citizens abroad under the Vande Bharat Mission, an Air India flight from Newark (USA) via Delhi landed at the Hyderabad International Airport on Saturday with 121 passengers. Total cases in Telangana as on 15th May, is 1454. Total Recovered cases 959, Active 461 and Deaths 34.
- Maharashtra: 1576 new cases of COVID-19 reported in the state, thereby taking the number of infected patients to 29,100. Presently there are 21,467 active cases in the state as per the latest update. Maharashtra government has set up committees at the state level and district levels under the leadership of the Chief Secretary and Collectors respectively, to coordinate with government as well as private hospitals regarding corona virus infection and treatment. They will also look after the social security of health workers.
- Gujarat:340 cases of COVID-19 were reported taking the number of positive cases in the state to 9931. 261 of the confirmed cases were reported from Ahmedabad. In Surat, over 2000 power loom units have started operations. Traders are hopeful of reopening the market during Lockdown 4.
- Rajasthan:177 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported till 2 p.m. today. 122 of these positive cases are in Jaipur, while 21 are located at Dungarpur. While this takes the tally of positive cases in the state to 4924, the numbers of recovered patients stand at 2785 and 2480 patients have been discharged till date.
- Madhya Pradesh:169 new cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Madhya Pradesh taking the tally of positive patients to 4,595, as per latest report. 69 of the new cases were reported from hotspot Indore. While 112 patients recovered yesterday, there are 2073 active cases as per the latest data. 3.12 lakh migrant labourers have returned to the state from different states so far. Out of these, 86 thousand labourers have returned through 72 trains while remaining two lakh 26 thousand labourers have come through buses and other mode of transport.
- Goa: 154 Goan seafarers who have returned to the state, have been quarantined in 4 hotels at Vasco-da-Gama. Meanwhile, All eight Covid-19 patients admitted to the ESI hospital in Margao are reported to be responding well to treatment according to, a health official said.

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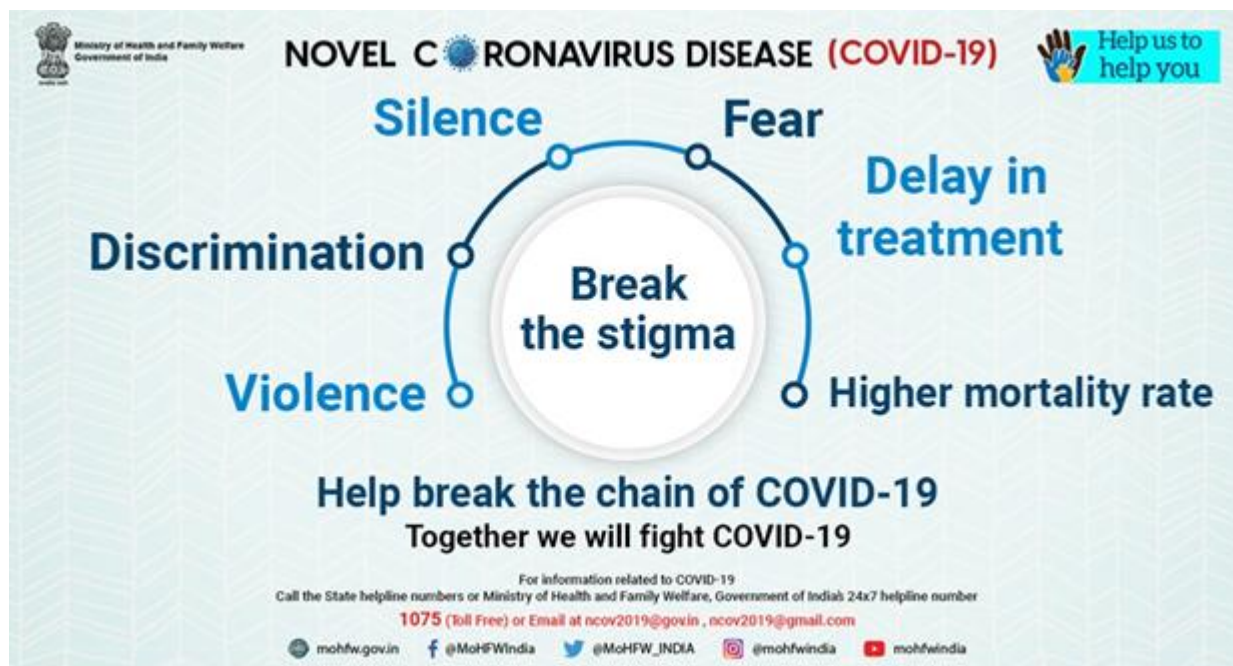
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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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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).

- GoM on Covid-19 holds in-depth deliberations on containment strategy and management aspects of pandemic.
- Number of COVID-19 positive cases stands at 81,970, with 2,649 deaths. 27,920 people have been cured so far, taking recovery rate to 34.06%.
- Doubling Rate has improved from 3.4 days in the pre-lockdown week to 12.9 days in the last week.
- Finance Minister announces details of 3rd tranche under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to support Indian economy in fight against Covid-19
- Rashtrapati Bhavan to support Self-reliant India Movement through greater flow of resources towards Covid-19 relief measures.
- Interest subvention on working capital loans for dairy sector introduced.
- More than 1000 Shramik Special trains have taken over 12 Lakh people to their home states; Over 2 Lakh people moved in a day

15th meeting of GoM on COVID-19 held; reviews current status, preparedness and actions for management of COVID-19

The 15th meeting of the high level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 was held at Nirman Bhawan, here today, under the chairmanship of Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare. GoM 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. In India, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases stand at 81,970 with 2,649 deaths and the fatality rate pegged at 3.23%. So far, a total of 27,920 people have been cured. And if seen in the last 24 hours, 1,685 patients were found cured. This takes the total recovery rate at 34.06%. It was also highlighted that the impact of lockdown was seen on the Doubling Rate which improved from 3.4 days in the pre-lockdown week to 12.9 days in the last week.

For details:

Presentation of details of 3rd Tranche by Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19

For details:

Finance Minister announces short term and long-term measures for supporting the poor, including migrants, farmers, tiny businesses and street vendors

Announcing the 2nd Tranche of measures to ameliorate the hardships faced specifically by migrant labours, street vendors, migrant urban poor, small traders self-employed people, small farmers and housing, Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday in her press conference detailed the short term and long-term measures for supporting the poor, including migrants, farmers, tiny businesses and street vendors. These include: Free food grains supply to Migrants for 2 months; Technology system to be used enabling Migrants to access PDS(Ration) from any Fair Price Shops in India by March,2021-One Nation one Ration Card; Scheme for Affordable Rental Housing Complexes for Migrant Workers and Urban Poor to be launched; 2% Interest Subvention for 12 months for Shishu MUDRA loanes- Relief of Rs. 1500 crore; Rs 5000 crore Credit facility for Street Vendors; Rs70,000 crore boost to housing sector and middle income group through extension of Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme for MIG under PMAY(Urban); Rs 6,000 crore for Creating employment using CAMPA funds; Rs 30,000 crore Additional Emergency Working Capital for farmers through NABARD; Rs 2 lakh crore concessional credit boost to 2.5 crore farmers under Kisan Credit Card Scheme

For details:

Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans for Dairy sector due to lockdown

To offset the economic impact of Covid-19 on Dairy Sector, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has introduced a new scheme "Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans for Dairy sector" for Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities for implementation during 2020-21. In order to meet the working Capital needs of the Cooperatives and Farmer owned milk producer companies, Interest subvention will be given on working capital loan taken from scheduled Commercial Banks/R.R.Bs/Cooperative Banks/Financial Institutions between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021 by Cooperatives/FPOs for conversion of milk into conserved commodities and other milk products.

For details:

Rashtrapati Bhavan sets an Example by reducing Expenditure

As a part of steps to make more resources available for Covid-19 relief measures, the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, after contributing one month's salary to the PM-CARES Fund in March, has decided to forego 30 percent of his salary for a year. The President has given instructions to the Rashtrapati Bhavan to set an example by economising the expenditure, making optimal usage of resources, and dovetailing the saved money to combat Covid-19 and mitigate the people's economic plight.

For details:

Prime Minister's interaction with Mr. Bill Gates

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-chair Mr. Bill Gates via video conference. The dignitaries discussed the global response to COVID-19, and the importance of global coordination on scientific innovation and R&D to combat the pandemic. Some of

the ideas that the dignitaries explored in this context included drawing upon India's unique model of last-mile health service delivery in rural areas, dissemination of the effective contact-tracing mobile app developed by Government of India, and above all by leveraging India's massive pharmaceutical capacity to scale-up the production of vaccines and therapeutics upon their discovery.

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and her Excellency Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark

Prime Minister had a telephone conversation today with Her Excellency Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark. The leaders compared notes on the steps taken in the two countries to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister appreciated Denmark's success in lifting the lockdown restrictions without causing an increase in infections. It was agreed that Indian and Danish experts would remain in touch to learn from each other's experience. Both leaders discussed the ways in which both countries could work together in the post-COVID world.

For details:

INDIA'S FOREIGN TRADE: April 2020

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April 2020 are estimated to be USD 27.96 billion, exhibiting a negative growth of (-) 36.65 per cent over the same period last year. Overall imports in April 2020 are estimated to be USD 27.80 billion, exhibiting a negative growth of (-) 47.36 per cent over the same period last year.

For details:

India calls upon the G-20 nations to ensure access to essential medicines, treatments and vaccines at affordable prices

India has called upon the G-20 nations to ensure access to essential medicines, treatments and vaccines at affordable prices. In his Interventions during the 2nd G20 Virtual Trade & Investment Ministers Meeting, held through Video-conferencing, the Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal asked the G20 members to first focus on immediate and concrete actions that can ease the distress being faced by people all over the world due to Corona pandemic. The Minister said that widely regarded as the 'Pharmacy of the World', India is also proactively partnering in global efforts to develop vaccines and effective treatment for this disease.

For details:

From 4 trains a day to 145 trains a day, Indian Railways ramps up its mission of "Back Home" in a big way through Shramik Specials

Starting from just 4 trains on 1st May 2020, Indian Railways managed to operationalise more than 1000 such Shramik Special trains in less than 15 days. In a remarkable achievement on 14th May 2020, a total 145 "Shramik Special" trains were operationalized from various states carrying more than 2.10 lacs passengers back to their home States. This is for the first time that on a single day, passenger count on Shramik trains crossed the 2 lacs mark. Till now more than 12 lacs passengers have reached their home states by these "Shramik Special" trains.

For details:

Relief to establishments covered under EPF and MP Act, 1952 from levy of penalty for delayed deposit of dues during lockdown

Due to prolonged lockdown announced by the Govt. to control the spread of COVID-19 and other disruptions due to pandemic, establishments covered under EPF & MP Act, 1952 are distressed and unable to function normally and pay the statutory contributions in time. Considering the difficulty faced by the establishments in timely deposit of contributions or administrative charges due for any period during lockdown, the EPFO has decided that such delays due to operational or economic reasons shall not be treated as default and penal damages should not be levied for such delay.

For details:

CBSE provides an opportunity to all the failed students of class 9th and 11th to appear in a school-based test again

In view of the unprecedented circumstances of Covid-19 Union Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriya 'Nishank' advised CBSE to provide an opportunity to all students, who have failed in 9th and 11th to take online/offline tests. Accordingly, CBSE has issued a notification regarding this.

For details:

38 new mandis integrated with eNAM

38 additional mandis were integrated with the eNAM platform today, thus achieving milestone of integration of 415 mandis as per the planned target. 38 Mandis integrated are in Madhya Pradesh (19), Telangana (10), Maharashtra (4) and One (1) each from Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala & J&K. With the overall success of 585 mandis in Phase 1 and further expanding its wings to integrate 415 new mandis in Phase 2, the e-NAM platform now has a total number of 1000 mandis across 18 States & 3 UTs.

For details:

Raksha Mantri commissions Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Sachet' and two interceptor boats

Shri Rajnath Singh commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sachet and two interceptor boats (IBs) C-450 and C-451 in Goa via video conference today. The ICGS Sachet, the first in the series of five offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) has been designed & built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) and is fitted with state-of-the-art navigation and communication equipment. Commending ICG and GSL for this initiative of commissioning through digital means, Shri Rajnath Singh said, "The commissioning of these ships is an important milestone in India's coastal capability building process. Also, despite challenges like COVID-19, it is also a great example of our commitment and determination for the safety and security of the country. The rising power of 'our sea guard', ICG and Indian shipbuilding industry is a matter of pride for the country."

For details:

Gujarat to pilot sensor-based service delivery monitoring system in rural drinking water sector under Jal Jeevan Mission

Gujarat is all set to implement sensor-based service delivery monitoring system in rural drinking water sector under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The pilot is already underway in two districts of the state so as to monitor the functionality of water supply i.e. potable water in adequate quantity and of prescribed quality being provided to every rural household on regularly on long-term basis. Owing to the current situation of CoVid-19 pandemic, water has to be made available for all, for which Government of India has issued advisory to states to take up works related to water supply on priority.

For details:

Shri Arjun Munda launches 'Goal' programme of M/o Tribal Affairs for Digital Skilling of Tribal Youth across India in partnership with Facebook

The GOAL programme is designed to provide mentorship to tribal youth through digital mode. The digitally enabled program envisages to act as a catalyst to explore hidden talents of the tribal youth, which will help in their personal development as well as contribute to all-round upliftment of their society.

For details:

NIPERs playing proactive role in Fight against COVID-19

A large number of multi-faceted research proposals have been submitted by various National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs), towards the containment, identification and treatment of COVID-19 to relevant agencies for approval. The key themes of these proposals include design of protease targeting COVID-19 antiviral agents (NIPER-Mohali), computationally guided drug-repurposing using the FDA approved drug-database (NIPER-Mohali and Raebareli), analysis of pro-drug to drug conversion of Remdesvir (NIPER, Mohali), adjuvant-therapy based nasal spray for ailing patients (NIPER-Hyderabad), quantum-dot based and conductivity based biosensor development for rapid COVID-19 (NIPER-Ahmedabad) testing, and an interesting study about the control of strokes incidence during Covid-19.

For details:

NIPER-Guwahati designs innovative 3D products to fight COVID-19

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research - Guwahati has come out with two products of help in the fight against the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19. The first product is a 3D-printed hands-free object that could be used to help open or close doors, windows, drawers (both vertical and horizontal), and refrigerator handle, or press elevator buttons, and laptop/desktop keyboards, including turning the switch buttons on/off. The second product is a 3D-printed antimicrobial face-shield to control the spread of novel coronavirus.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism brings centuries old crafts of Mysuru through webinar titled 'Mysuru: Craft Caravan of Karnataka' under "DekhoApnaDesh" series

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: To facilitate the much-needed industrial revival in the state, and responding to concerns expressed by various industry associations, Punjab Chief Minister has allowed tiny/cottage industries in non-containment mixed use areas of Ludhiana to immediately resume operations, in order to support the opening of bigger industries that are dependent on the small ones for components etc. Punjab Education Minister while giving a big relief to parents of the state, said that those schools which are imparting online education will be allowed to charge only tuition fee for lockdown period and admission fees, uniform or any other charges in any form will not be charged from the students. He added that the school managements should also refrain themselves from increasing the fee or any other charges during academic session 2020-21 in view of the nationwide disaster.
- Haryana: Chief Minister has thanked the Union Finance Minister, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman for announcing the second tranche of the special COVID package and said that this economic package would benefit the migrants and the farmers of Haryana in a big way. He said that the various other announcements made by the Union Finance Minister today ranging from MSME and Non-Banking Finance Companies to real estate and power distribution and the salaried would infuse new vigour in the economy and benefit various economic sectors. The Haryana Government continues to send migrant labourers keen to return to their home states. Haryana Chief Minister has directed all the officers of all the District Administrations that it is not only necessary to send migrant labourers to their home states but it is also necessary to ensure that they do not face any kind of trouble during their journey.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister gave a clarion call to the Pradhans of Gram Panchayats and other elected representatives of grass root level democratic institutions to come forward to ensure effective management and execution of home quarantine facilities in the State to check spread of corona pandemic in their respective areas. Chief Minister urged the Panchayatpradhans to give their wholehearted cooperation in effectively implementing the 'Nigah' programme launched by the State Government. He said that this programme envisages to keep a vigil on those under home quarantine so that they do not jump quarantine.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra reported high number of 1602 new CoronaVirus cases taking the tally of positive cases in the state to 27,524. There are 20,441 active cases in the state while 6,059 people have recovered, as per latest data. Amidst reports of likely extension of lockdown in Covid hotspot cities of Maharashtra, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray today held a meeting with NCP chief Sharad Pawar and discussed wide ranging issues concerning the state.
- Gujarat: The number of Covid 19 cases in the state rose to 9,592 now, with the addition of 324 fresh cases from 13 districts yesterday. As many as 191 patients have been discharged after full recovery from covid-19 yesterday, while 20 deaths were also reported. Meanwhile, infrastructure development work has resumed in the state amid lockdown. Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel said 300 infrastructure projects worth 9,000 crore rupees, for the construction of roads and buildings, have started. CM Vijay Rupani has announced the Aatmanirbhar Gujarat Sahay Yojana, under which 1 lakh rupees guarantee free loans will be given to the small traders, shopkeepers, and self-employed people at a concessional interest rate of 2 percent.
- Rajasthan: 55 people tested positive for COVID-19 in the state today, taking the number of active patients to 1,881. In all, 2,646 patients have recovered so far. Today, 29 cases have been reported from Kota, 11 from Jaipur and nine persons tested positive in Udaipur. Udaipur has emerged a new hotspot for COVID-19 where the number of the active cases has gone up to 313. Total 125

persons have lost their lives due to Corona infection so far. The number of infected persons has suddenly increased in the last four days after the movement of migrants in the state.

- **Madhya Pradesh:** In Madhya Pradesh, with the reporting of 253 new cases, the total number of corona infected cases has risen to 4,426. While 2,171 people have been cured, the condition of 2,018 people is stable so far. Also, 237 people have died due to the infection in the state till date.
- **Goa:** A seafarer who returned to Goa after completing 14 days quarantine at Mumbai has tested positive in Goa on Thursday night, taking Goa's tally of active COVID-19 positive cases to eight. Stung by the new positive cases of COVID-19 recorded over the last two days, Goa is now seeking curb on inflow of people through railways.
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** Rajiv Gandhi University and its affiliate colleges in Arunachal Pradesh set to resume classes from 29 June, as per academic calendar for the 2020-21 session released by the university.
- **Assam:** Health Minister held a VC with Deputy Commissioners and Superintendent of Police to discuss the new SOPs of lockdown and to ensure strict vigil on those observing home quarantine.
- **Manipur:** A COVID-19 positive patient has now been lodged at an isolation ward of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences.
- **Mizoram:** Border security management team, Kolasib Mizoram, distributed essential commodities like rice, pulses, salt, onion, soyabean, edible oil to 10 village task forces for further distribution to needy people in bordering villages.
- **Nagaland:** In Nagaland, 873 samples out of 891 sent for COVID19 testing returns negative. Results of 18 awaited.
- **Kerala:** Statewide vigil heightened following the sudden spurt of Covid-19 positive cases, with the influx of returnees. The first special train from New Delhi reached the state capital this morning. Seven passengers with fever symptoms have been hospitalized in Kozhikode and Thiruvananthapuram. Centre tells Kerala HC that 14-day institutional quarantine period is mandatory for Indians returning from foreign countries; rejects State's request for 7 days. West Bengal government allots 28 train services to evacuate the migrant workers stranded in Kerala. Three more die of Covid-19 in the Gulf, taking the number of NRKs who succumbed to the virus past 120.
- **Tamil Nadu:** SC stays Madras HC order asking TN government to close liquor shops. State prepares master plan to revive economy; also indicates that it is awaiting its share in the stimulus plan announced by Centre. Robots now at the service of COVID-19 patients at Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai; to deliver food and medicine to Covid patients. Covid-19 cases in Puducherry rise to 12 as three more including minor girl test positive. Total cases in TN till yesterday : 9674, Active cases: 7365, Deaths: 66, Discharged: 2240. Active cases in Chennai is 5637.
- **Karnataka:** CM announces Rs 3,000 ex gratia for 42500 Asha workers. State approves APMC Amendment Act which will allow farmers to sell their produce directly and help them in getting remunerative prices for their produce. Air India special flight from San Francisco lands in Bangalore with 109 passengers. 20 people who returned to Mangaluru in repatriation flight from Dubai test positive for Covid-19. 45 new cases reported till 12pm today; Bangalore 14, Dakshin Kannada 16, Udupi 5, Bidar & Hassan 3 each, Chitradurga 2, and Bagalkot & Kolar one each. Total positive cases in the State reach 1032. Active cases: 520, Recovered: 476, Deaths: 35
- **Andhra Pradesh:** State releases first instalment of Rs. 5,500 under PM Kisan scheme, benefiting around 49 lakh eligible farmers; CM assures farmers of providing minimum support price for all

crops. All the patients affected by the styrene gas leak from the LG Polymers plant in Visakhapatnam on May 7 recover completely. 57 Covid-19 fresh cases reported; 60 discharged and no death reported in the last 24 hours after testing 9038 samples. Total cases rise to 2157. Active cases: 857, Recovered: 1252, Deaths: 48. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (599), Guntur (404), Krishna (360), Chittoor (165), Nellore (140), Anantapur (122).

- Telangana :University of Hyderabad and CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology collaborated with VinsBioproducts Ltd on Friday, to develop antibody fragment-based immunotherapy for immediate treatment for Covid-19 pandemic. Migrant workers from Odisha on their way to native place in private bus abandoned on road in Hyderabad by travel agency.Total cases in Telangana 1414 as on yesterday.Recovered 952, Active 428, Deaths 34. As on date 42 migrants have been tested positive.

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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).

- 78,003 Covid-19 cases reported so far of which 26,235 have been cured, showing a recovery rate of 33.6%; 2,549 deaths occurred.
- 3,722 new cases added in last 24 hours.
- Doubling time for last three days has slowed to nearly 14 days.
- COBAS 6800, a sophisticated machine for testing of Covid-19 cases, installed.
- Finance Minister announces details of Tranche 2 under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to support Indian economy in fight against Covid-19.
- PM CARES Fund Trust allocates Rs 3100 Crore for fight against COVID-19: Rs 2000 Crore for purchasing ventilators, Rs 1000 Crore for Migrants' relief and Rs 100 Crore for vaccine development.
- 800 "Shramik Special" Trains take more than 10 lakh passengers to their home states in less than 15 days.

Dr Harsh Vardhan dedicates COBAS 6800 testing machine to the nation; Doubling time for last three days slows down to nearly 14 days

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health & Family Welfare visited the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and dedicated the COBAS 6800 testing machine to the nation. This is the first such testing machine that has been procured by the Government for testing of COVID-19

cases. COBAS 6800 is a sophisticated machine enabled with robotics that minimizes the chance of contamination as well as the risk of infection to the health care workers since it can be operated remotely with limited human intervention.

Dr Vardhan said that today marks an important milestone as we have tested nearly 20 lakh tests for COVID-19 mark at more than 500 laboratories. He added that it is a heartening news that today, the last three days' doubling time has slowed down to 13.9 days, while the doubling time in the past 14 days was 11.1. He added that the fatality rate is 3.2% and the recovery rate has further improved and today stands at 33.6% (it was 32.83% yesterday). He also added that (as of yesterday) there are 3.0% active COVID-19 patients in ICU, 0.39% on ventilators and 2.7% on oxygen support. Today, there are 14 States/UTs that have not reported any cases of COVID-19 in last 24 hrs. As on 14th May 2020, a total of 78,003 cases have been reported from the country in which 26,235 persons have been cured and 2,549 deaths had occurred. In the last 24 hours, 3,722 new confirmed cases have been added.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623782>

PM CARES Fund Trust Allocates Rs. 3100 Crore for Fight against COVID-19

PM CARES (Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations) Fund Trust has decided to allocate Rs. 3100 Crore for fight against COVID-19. Out of this, a sum of approximately Rs.2000 crore will be earmarked for the purchase of ventilators, Rs. 1000 crores will be used for care of migrant labourers and Rs.100 crores will be given to support vaccine development. 50000 'Made-in-India' ventilators will be purchased from PM CARES Fund at a cost of approximately **Rs. 2000 Crores**. These ventilators will be provided to government run COVID hospitals in all States/UTs, for better treatment of the critical COVID-19 cases. **Rs. 1000 Crore** from PM CARES Fund would be provided to the State Governments/UTs to place it at the disposal of the District Collectors/Municipal Commissioners for strengthening their efforts in providing accommodation facilities, making food arrangements, providing medical treatment and making transportation arrangements of the migrants. To support the COVID-19 vaccine designers and developers, an amount of Rs. 100 Crore will be given as a helping hand to catalyse vaccine development, which will be utilized under the supervision of Principal Scientific Advisor.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623649>

Presentation of details of Tranche 2 by Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623840>

Government committed to uphold and protect interest of homebuyers while ensuring ease of doing business in real estate sector

The Government is committed to uphold and protect the interest of homebuyers while ensuring ease of doing business in the real estate sector. Subsequent to the announcement made by the Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman's yesterday, in order to protect the interest of homebuyers, Central Government has issued an advisory to all States / UTs and their Real Estate Regulatory Authorities to automatically extend registration of all real estate projects registered under RERA by 6 months and further upto 3 months, if required in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. MoHUA has issued an advisory to all States / UTs and their respective Real Estate Regulatory Authorities to consider the current pandemic of COVID-19 as "force majeure" being a natural calamity. This measure will safeguard the interest of homebuyers to get them the delivery of their flats/homes although with the delay of few months but it will definitely ensure the completion of the projects.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623663>

Reduction in rate of Tax Deduction at Source & Tax Collection at Source

In order to provide more funds at the disposal of the taxpayers for dealing with the economic situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic, the rates of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) for the non-salaried specified payments made to residents has been reduced by 25% for the period from 14th May, 2020 to 31st March, 2021. Further, the rate of Tax Collection at Source (TCS) for the specified receipts has also been reduced by 25% for the period from 14th May, 2020 to 31st March, 2021

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623745>

Indian Railways crosses the milestone of transporting a total of more than one million passengers(10 lacs) to their home states through "Shramik Special" trains in less than 15 days

As on 14th May 2020, a total of 800 "Shramik Special" trains have been operationalized from various states across the country. More than 10 Lacs passengers have reached their home State. Trains are being run by Railways only after concurrence is given both by the State which is sending the passengers and the State which is receiving them. These 800 trains were terminated in various states like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623773>

Indian Railways will start issuing limited waiting lists tickets for different classes for Special Trains being introduced from 12.05.2020

Indian Railways has decided that there shall be no RAC (Reservation against cancellation) in special trains restored wef 12.05.2020. Also, it has been decided that waiting list tickets shall be issued subject to maximum limits. With respect to Special Trains, other rules concerning waiting list shall be applicable. No Tatkal/Premium Tatkal Quotas shall be defined. Senior Citizen Quota, Ladies Quota and Quota for Divyangjans(HP) shall be defined as per extant instructions. The above changes shall be made applicable for the trains starting on 22nd May, 2020 i.e. booking for which shall commence from 15th May, 2020.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623803>

Dr Harsh Vardhan participates in the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare participated in the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting through Video Conference, today. The theme of the meeting was- Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 response.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623845>

Union HRD Minister interacts with the teachers across the country through webinar

Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' today gave a message of 'Acharya Devo Bhava' while interacting with teachers across the country through webinar. The Minister expressed his gratitude to all the teachers for spreading awareness relating to COVID-19 among the students and society at large. The Minister made two big announcements during this webinar. In response to a question, he said that the examination date of NET will be announced very soon. He also announced that teachers who have completed the recruitment process of Navodaya Vidyalaya will get appointment after lockdown. He appealed to all the teachers to perform their duties and ensure academic welfare of students even in the lockdown situation.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623822>

Procurement of Pulses and Oilseeds continues during lockdown

Over 277 LMT wheat arrives during Rabi Season 2020-21, nearly 269 LMT purchased. More than Rs. 18,500 crore disbursed to about 9.25 crore farmer families under PM-KISAN during lockdown

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623602>

Patenting of Innovative Low Cost PPE developed by Indian Navy Paves way for Rapid Mass Production

In a major step towards rapid mass production of the Medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) developed by the Indian Navy, a patent has been successfully filed by the Intellectual Property Facilitation Cell (IPFC) of Min of Defence, in association with National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), an enterprise under Min of Science & Technology.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623776>

OP Samudrasetu- INS Jalashwa Returns to Maldives for Phase 2

Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa has returned to Male, Maldives to begin Phase 2 of Operation SamudraSetu - repatriation of Indian Nationals from foreign shores by sea. The ship will enter Male port in the early hours of 15 May 20 and begin embarkation of Indian citizens who have already registered with the Indian Embassy in Maldives. On her second trip, INS Jalashwa is planned to embark 700 Indian citizens and will depart for Kochi by the night of 15 May.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623776>

KVIC comes forward to hand-hold local production

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has geared up to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call to become "vocal for local" and further making it "global". To boost the local production, KVIC has decided that at least one unit each pertaining to manufacture of N95 masks, ventilators or its accessories, PPE Kits for medical staff, sanitizers/liquid hand wash, thermal scanner and agarbatti and soap will be set up in each district. This is in order to meet the growing demand due to prevailing Covid-19 situation in the country.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623603>

DST supports assistive tools, technologies and techniques to combat challenges faced by Divyangjan& Elderly during COVID-19

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1623600>

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: Maharashtra has reported the single-day highest 1,495 new Covid-19 cases and 54 deaths, taking the overall case count to 25,922 and the number of fatalities to 975. With 66 new COVID-19 cases reported in Dharavi of Mumbai yesterday, the area tally of positive cases has surged to 1,028. Industries Minister Subhash Desai informed that 65,000 industries have been granted permission to resume operations in state, of which 35,000 industries have already started production activities, with over 9 lakh employees reporting for work. Meanwhile, the buses of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation have ferried nearly 73,000 migrant labourers in the last five days, upto their respective state borders. 42,000 migrants have left for their home states taking the Shramik Express train services.
- Gujarat: 364 positive cases have been reported in Gujarat taking the tally of Covid patients in the state to 9,267. Yesterday, 292 of all the positive cases were reported from Ahmedabad alone. Gujarat government has formed an expert committee to recommend economic revival measures to the state post lockdown. The committee has been asked to submit its interim report within two weeks and a final report within one month. CMO Secretary Ashwini Kumar said the committee will make estimates of sectoral economic loss incurred to each sector due to Covid 19 and will give sector-specific recommendations.
- Rajasthan: 66 new Covid-19 positive cases have been reported in Rajasthan which takes the number of Covid-19 cases to 4,394. While 2,575 patients have recovered so far, 122 deaths have also been reported till date from the state. 28 of these women have recovered after treatment and returned home with their babies. Rajasthan Government has allowed reopening of shops and commercial establishments in six key categories. These include eateries, sweet shops, dhabas on the highways, hardware shops, building material, electric and electronics and automobile shops. The eateries and sweet shops are open only for take away or home delivery.
- Madhya Pradesh: With 187 persons tested positive for coronavirus in the last 24 hours in the state, the overall tally rose to 4,173. The good sign is that, out of the total 884 patients in the capital Bhopal, 531 have been cured so far, which is remarkable 60 percent. Similarly, 45 percent of patients in Indore, 48 percent in Ujjain, 57 percent in Khargaoan, 46 percent in Dhar and 48 percent patients in Khandwa have been cured so far. This is more than the national average.
- Goa: Goa's Covid 19 tally doubled overnight to 14, as seven new positive cases were reported and all among those who entered the state by road after the lockdown restrictions were partially eased. The seven patients are undergoing treatment at the dedicated Covid-19 facility in South Goa from Thursday morning.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Chief Secretary called upon people to cooperate with officials who are managing Quarantine centres across state, all preventive and protective measures will remain same despite relaxation in lockdown.
- Assam: In Assam, 7 patients and attendants who came from Mumbai and now in quarantine tested COVID19 positive. Positive cases 86, discharged 39, active 44 and 2 deaths, State Health Minister tweeted.

- Manipur: Honorarium for Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers & Mini Anganwadi workers in Manipur will be increased from Rs.3,000 per month to Rs.4,500 , Rs.2,250 to Rs. 3,500 & Rs.1,500 to Rs.2,250 respectively.
- Meghalaya: An All Party Meeting was convened by Meghalaya Assembly Speaker, Metbah Lyngdoh. Govt and Opposition reaffirmed their resolve to fight COVID19 effectively.
- Mizoram: CM called a consultation meeting with representatives of NGOs, Churches, political parties, Village and Local Councils and local/village level task forces to discuss about Lockdown and the State's plan amidst COVID19 pandemic.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, phase II of movement of locally stranded persons concludes. 64 migrant workers being housed in 4 relief camps. Another 720 daily wagers & poor people are in provided food.
- Sikkim: State Pollution Control Board directed all healthcare facilities to strictly implement the guidelines for handling, treatment and disposal of waste generated during treatment and quarantine of COVID19 patients.
- Chandigarh: Due to lockdown, some of the migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons are stranded in Chandigarh. For smooth movement of these persons, the Chandigarh Administration has made elaborate arrangements to ensure their comfortable and safe journey. Two Holding Centres have been set up at ISBT-43. At Holding Centres, the persons are medically examined and they are required to carry the medical certificate throughout the journey. At Holding Centre they are provided packed lunch packet and at Railway Station they are provided packed dinner with water bottle before boarding in assigned coaches.
- Punjab: Punjab government has been facilitating return of migrants to their native states. Till now more than 90 trains have left from Punjab taking 1,10,000 migrants to their states. State government has spent more than Rs 6 crore to fund movement of these migrants till now. The food shops especially halwai shops which remained closed in the lockdown in last 50 days due to COVID 19 have been asked to destroy whole of the old, stale and putrefied food material. Also the packaged food stuff where the expiry date has crossed has also been ordered to be destroyed.
- Haryana: Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal has expressed hope that about 50 thousand MSME units in the State would get a benefit of approximately Rs. 3000 crore after the announcement made by Union Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman for earmarking an amount of Rs. 3 lakh crore as collateral-free loan for MSMEs. Similarly, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman has also announced sub-ordinate loan of Rs. 20000 crore for stressed MSMEs, which will also benefit around 3000 units in Haryana, he added. The Haryana government has decided to start special bus services on selected routes from May 15, 2020 to facilitate the people stranded within the state due to lockdown. The buses will ply only in Haryana but the special bus service will not be started in areas severely affected with COVID-19.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has hailed the Rs 20 lakh crore economic package announced for the Nation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that it has also been decided to sell the products manufactured in India through various institutions to bring self-sufficiency in the economy of the state. He said that this would give a boost to the production of the country and the state.

- Kerala: 3 MPs and 2 MLAs of Congress have been asked to go on a 14-day quarantine on suspicion that a person tested positive for Covid-19 had come in contact with them. They were protesting at the border check post in Walayar over restricting entry of Keralites. Over 400 people including police officials, RDO, journalists have been quarantined. All the Police officials in Mananthavady Police station in Wayanad have been quarantined after three police officers of the station tested positive. Covid cases got a spike in the state yesterday with 10 fresh cases taking the tally to 41. One Malayalee nurse has lost her life to COVID-19 in Kuwait. Over 120 Keralites have succumbed to Covid abroad.
- Tamil Nadu: Regarding Class X Board Exams, Government will issue statement on transportation of students on May 19, says Education Minister. Select 30-bed PHCs to be designated as Covid care centres in the State. Tamil Nadu's Covid tally past 9,000-mark with 509 new cases yesterday. Total cases till now: 9227, Active cases: 6984, Deaths: 64, Discharged: 2176. Active cases in Chennai are 5262.
- Karnataka : 22 new cases reported till 12pm today: Bangalore 5, four each in Bidar, Mandya and Gadag, Davangere 3 and one each in Bagalkot & Belagavi. Today one person died in Kalburgi. Two succumbed to Covid today:, 80 year old women in Dakshin Kannada and 60 year old men in Bangalore. Total cases till now 981. Death toll rise to 35 and 456 people discharged till now.
- Andhra Pradesh: State further eases lockdown, extends time for grocery stores, issues directives permitting shops to open from 10 am to 5 pm except in containment and buffer zones. State, contemplating to bring back stranded people in Hyderabad through special busses run by RTC. 36 fresh cases reported (besides another 32 cases related to migrants belonging to Maharashtra, Odisha and Bengal); 50 discharged and one death reported in the last 24 hours after testing 9256 samples. Total cases rise to 2100. Active cases: 860, Recovered: 1192, Deaths: 48. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (591), Guntur (404) & Krishna (351).
- Telangana: Two more evacuation flights with 312 evacuees from the Philippines and the US landed at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport on Thursday. Total no of positive cases 1367 till yesterday; Recovered 939, Active cases 394, Deaths 34.

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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).

- Prime Minister gives a clarion call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat; Announces special package of Rs 20 Lakh crore.
- Finance Minister announces measures for relief and credit support related to businesses, especially MSMEs to support Indian Economy's fight against COVID-19.
- 74,281 confirmed Covid-19 cases reported so far in the country of which 24,386 have been cured and 2415 deaths had occurred.
- 3,525 new Covid-19 cases reported in last 24 hours.
- Over 18.5 lakh tests for Covid-19 done so far.
- Only indigenous products will be sold at CAPF canteens and stores from 1st June.
- 8503 Indians have been flown back to India in 43 inbound flights under Vande Bharat Mission in 6 days.
- 642 "Shramik Special" trains operationalized so far.

PM gives a clarion call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat; PM announces special economic package of Rs 20 lakh crore

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on Tuesday. Recalling those who have died battling the pandemic, Prime Minister said that the crisis that has emerged due to COVID-19 is unprecedented, but in this battle, we not only need to protect ourselves but also have to keep moving forward. He said that in order to fulfill the dream of making the 21st century India's, the way forward is through ensuring that the country becomes self-reliant. He said that a self-reliant India will stand on five pillars viz. Economy, Infrastructure, System, based on 21st century technology driven arrangements; Vibrant Demography, and Demand. Prime Minister announced a special economic package and gave a clarion call for *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*. He noted that this package, taken together with earlier announcements by the government during COVID crisis and decisions taken by RBI, is to the tune of Rs 20 lakh crore, which is equivalent to almost 10% of India's GDP. He said that the package will provide a much needed boost towards achieving 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

For details:

English Rendering of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Address to the Nation on 12.5.2020

For details:

Finance Minister announce measures for relief and credit support related to businesses, especially MSMEs to support Indian Economy's fight against COVID-19



Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today announced measures focused on **Getting back to work** i.e., enabling employees and employers, businesses, especially Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, to get back to production and workers back to gainful employment. Efforts to strengthen Non-Banking Finance Institutions (NBFCs), Housing Finance Companies (HFCs), Micro Finance Sector and Power Sector were also unfolded. Other than this, the tax relief to business, relief from contractual commitments to contractors in public procurement and compliance relief to real estate sector were also covered.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan engages with Punjab to review preparedness and containment measures taken for COVID-19 management

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare held a meeting, through video conference, with Health Minister of Punjab. Dr Harsh Vardhan stated that as on 13th May 2020, a total of 74,281 cases have been reported from the country in which 24,386 persons have been cured and 2,415 deaths had occurred. In the last 24 hours, 3,525 new confirmed cases have been added. While the doubling time in the past 14 days was 11, it has improved to 12.6 in the last three days. He added that the fatality rate is 3.2% and the recovery rate is pegged at 32.8%. He also added that (as of yesterday) there

are 2.75% active COVID-19 patients in ICU, 0.37% on ventilators and 1.89% on oxygen support. Cumulatively, 18,56,477 tests have been done so far for COVID-19, whereas, 94708 samples were tested yesterday. Dr Harsh Vardhan said that Punjab has done well in operationalising the Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centers. These could be further used for screening of people with diabetes, hypertension and three common cancers (oral, breast and cervix), and for extension of comprehensive primary healthcare services to the community at large.

For details:

From 1st June 2020, only Indigenous Products will be sold at the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) canteens and stores across the country.

Ministry of Home Affairs has decided that all the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) canteens and stores across the country will now sell only indigenous products, from June 01, 2020. The total purchase value would be around Rs. 2800 crore. With this decision, 50 lakh family members of about 10 lakh CAPF personnel will use indigenous products. The Home Minister also appealed to the people of the country, "You should use the products made in the country as much as possible and encourage others to do the same. This is not the time to be lagging behind, but to turn the crisis into an opportunity."

For details:

ShriNitinGadkari welcomes PM's economic package for MSME, village and cottage industry sector; says, it will take this sector to new heights

Minister for MSMEs and Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari has welcomed the Prime Minister's relief package worth Rs 20 lakh crore. He said, through this historical package, the Prime Minister has fulfilled the expectations and aspirations of the MSME, village and cottage industry sector. Shri Gadkari said, with abundant resources, superior technology and raw materials, India can soon become self-reliant in all sectors.

For details:

8503 Indians return from abroad in 43 flights under Vande Bharat Mission since 7th May 2020

8503 Indians have been flown back to India in 43 inbound flights operated by Air India and Air India Express under Vande Bharat Mission in 6 days beginning from 7th May 2020. Government of India started Vande Bharat Mission - one of the largest initiatives to repatriate nationals back to India, on 7th May 2020. Air India along with its subsidiary Air India Express are operating a total of 64 flights (42 by Air India & 24 by AI Express) to 12 countries viz. USA, UK Bangladesh, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Philippines, UAE and Malaysia to repatriate 14,800 Indians back in the first phase.

For details:

Indian Railways operate 642 "Shramik Special" trains till 13th May, 2020 across the country.

As on 13th May 2020, a total of 642 "Shramik Special" trains have been operationalized from various states across the country. These 642 trains were terminated in various states like Andhra Pradesh (3 Trains), Bihar (169 Trains), Chattisgarh (6 Trains), Himachal Pradesh (1 Train), Jammu & Kashmir (3 Trains), Jharkhand (40 Trains), Karnataka (1 Train), Madhya Pradesh (53 Trains), Maharashtra (3 Trains), Manipur (1 Train), Mizoram (1 Train), Odisha (38 Trains), Rajasthan (8 Trains), Tamil Nadu (1 Train), Telangana (1 Train), Tripura (1 Train), Uttar Pradesh (301 Trains), Uttarakhand (4 Trains), West Bengal (7 Trains).

For details:

FCI distributes about 160 LMT foodgrains to States/UTs during lockdown

FCI is having sufficient stocks to cater to the requirement of the nation. As on 1st May, 2020, the stock position was 642.7 Lakh MT, out of which rice was 285.03 Lakh MT and wheat was 357.7 Lakh MT. Till 12.05.2020, 159.36 Lakh MT foodgrains have been issued under various schemes. State Governments have lifted 60.87 Lakh MT foodgrains under NFSA, which is equivalent to almost one and half month's requirement. Further, 79.74 Lakh MT has been lifted for distribution under PMGKAY against total allocation of 120 Lakh MT, which is equal to two month allocation.

For details:

Various steps taken by the FCI to ensure availability of food grains across the country

For details:

Mission Sagar: INS Kesari Hands Over Food Provisions to Maldives

As part of 'Mission Sagar', Indian Naval Ship Kesari entered Port of Male, Maldives on 12 May 2020. The Government of India is providing assistance to friendly foreign countries and towards this INS Kesari is carrying 580 tons of food provisions for the people of Maldives.

For details:

Modi Government is committed to the well being of its employees & their grievances are being addressed judiciously: Dr.Jitendra Singh

In a unique initiative during COVID pandemic, Union Minister DrJitendra Singh today interacted with staff and officials up to the level of Section Officers the departments of DoPT, DARPG and DoPPW through Interactive Video Conferencing. Dr. Singh said that Modi Government is committed to the well-being of its employees and always showed concern for their welfare with a great degree of sensitivity. He said that during the COVID crisis, a very healthy system of Work from Home order is being followed with only 33 percent presence of staff in offices and this is a great testimony of the work friendly environment.

For details:

ShriNitinGadkari emphasizes on Agro, Fishing and Forest MSMEs for manufacturing products using local raw material

The Minister re-iterated new Green Express Highways provide an opportunity for industry to make future investments in industrial clusters, logistics parks equipped with state-of-art technology. He opined that there is need to work on decentralization of industries and focus on rural, tribal and backward areas of the country.

For details:

Tribal Affairs Minister holds video conference with States/UTs on "Tribal livelihoods and safety"

Addressing the participants, Shri Arjun Munda congratulated the States for supporting the tribal livelihood by stepping up procurement of Minor Forest Produce at the revised MSP. Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda also reviewed the working of Prime Minister's VandhanYojana in the States. He said that value addition is required to connect tribal produce to the Global market which is a long-

term vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Shri Arjun Munda reviewed the arrangements being made by States for the tribal migrants and students who are returning home in the wake of situation created by COVID-19.

For details:

Dr. Jitendra Singh reviews arrangements in J&K and Ladakh regarding Covid 19 and the resumption of regular train services to Jammu

Dr Jitendra Singh interacted with the Deputy Commissioners of all Districts of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to discuss the latest COVID 19 situation, the arrival of stranded persons in the two UTs and the arrangements made by the administration for the passengers arriving through the Shramik Special trains, besides the resumption of regular train services to Jammu from Wednesday.

For details:

Haryana gears up to provide tap connections to all rural households by December, 2022

The State provided 1.05 lakh tap connections during 2019-20 under the JalJeevan Mission. Now the State Government is planning 100% coverage by December, 2022, ahead of the national goal by 2024-25. By doing so, Haryana will be among the leading states to accomplish the ambitious target of providing tap connection to each rural household. Dashboard of Public Health Engineering Department has been recently launched by Chief Minister. During this testing time of CoVid-19 pandemic, such attempts to provide household tap connections in rural areas will definitely improve the ease of living especially the women and girls, reducing their drudgery, making them safe and lead a dignified life.

For details:

J&K to provide tap water to every household by December 2022

During the current year, State is planning for 100% coverage of all 5,000 villages of 3 districts i.e. Gandharbal, Srinagar and Raishi. Presenting their action plan to the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation yesterday for achieving the goal of every household with tap water supply under the JJM, UT officials said there are 18.17 lakh households in the UT, out of which 5.75 lakhs are already provided with Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs). Out of the remaining households, J&K plans to provide 1.76 lakh households by 2020-21.

For details:

Transformation of manufacturing companies post COVID-19, Research be brought closer to Industry and collaborations in overcoming COVID 19 challenge

A day-long digital conference on 'Rebooting the Economy through Science, Technology, and Research Translations' (RESTART), organised on the occasion of National Technology Day, highlighted the importance of transformation of manufacturing companies post-COVID 19 pandemic, collaborations and that Research should be brought closer to the Industry in overcoming the present challenge.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism organises 18th webinar titled 'Odisha-India's Best kept secret' under "Dekho Apna Desh" series

For details:

Bhagalpur Smart City uses innovative technological initiatives to fight COVID19

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: MoS External Affairs V. Muraleedharan says 36 services are chartered to Kerala in the second phase of Vande Bharat Mission. The Minister also said that no private airlines had approached promising to repatriate NRIs at a lower cost than Air India or free of cost. Two flights from the Gulf to reach Kochi tonight. State decides to impose an additional tax of 10-35% on liquor as a special cess to raise money for Covid control measures. Liquor sales to begin after the third phase of lockdown ends on May 17. One more Keralite succumbed to Covid-19 in the UK.
- Tamil Nadu: Factory worker tests positive for Covid-19 in Puducherry as active cases rise to four. High Court directs TN government to file a status report on PPE supply to non-medical frontline workers. Industry bodies seek amendments to labour laws in the State complaining of obstacles to operating under a restricted environment. Over 1,100 passengers arriving on special trains in TN to undergo RT-PCR tests. Besides Chennai, cases surge in Chengalpattu & Tiruvallur with the emergence of Koyambedu cluster. Total cases till now: 8718, Active cases: 6520, Deaths: 61, Discharged: 2134. Active cases in Chennai are 4882.
- Karnataka: 26 new cases reported till 12pm today: Bidar 11, Hassan 4, two each in Uttara Kannada, Kalburgi, Vijayapura & Davangere and one each in Bangalore, Dakshin Kannada, Bellari. Today one person died in Kalburgi. Total cases till now 951. So far 32 people died, and 442 people discharged. State planning to announce second covid relief package for unorganized sector.
- Andhra Pradesh: State to begin public transport bus services from May 18 amid exemptions. State conducts 2.1 lakh Covid-19 tests so far. Two more testing labs to be set up in private colleges in Vizianagaram and West Godavari districts soon. 48 fresh cases (8 cases of migrants) reported; 86 discharged and one death reported in the last 24 hours. Total cases rise to 2137. Active cases: 948, Recovered: 1142, Deaths: 47. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (591), Guntur (399), Krishna (349), Chittoor (142), Anantapur (118), Nellore (111).
- Telangana: State government launches an online "outpatient department" (OPD) service, e-Sanjivani. The service was earlier started in a limited way on an experimental basis, and has now been made fully operational. Total number of positive cases till yesterday evening 1326, Discharged 822, Active cases 472, Deaths 32.
- Arunachal Pradesh: State gets its 2nd COVID19 testing centre at Naharlagun. Test will be carried out by TRUENAT machines, capable of screening 20 samples per day.
- Assam: One COVID19 patient after testing negative successively has been discharged from MMGH today. Total recovered patients now stands at 39, Assam Health Minister tweeted. 163 students from Delhi and 24 cancer patients from Chennai have reached Guwahati today. They will be put into mandatory 14 day quarantine process.
- Manipur: 1141 stranded Manipuris reached Jiribam Railway station from Chennai by a special train today. They will be kept into compulsory 14 days quarantine at designated institutional & community centres. Only officials and inmates allowed to enter quarantine centres.

- Mizoram: State issues SOPs for return of permanent residents of the state stranded outside due to COVID19 outbreak.
- Nagaland: StateGovt to bear expenses for return of stranded people by trains. Empowered Committee on COVID19 formulated a detailed plan.
- Meghalaya:Kohima District Administration has facilitated relocation of 4221 stranded local citizens to home districts. 332 residents of Kiphre district reach home.
- Sikkim: Department of Rural Development has resumed works under MGNREGA, PMAY and PMGSY across the State which creates job opportunities for rural labour and some relief during lockdown period.
- Tripura:The second bus carrying residents of Tripura who were stranded in Pune, has started for Agartala.
- Maharashtra: 1026 new cases of COVID- 19, along with 339 recoveries and 53 deaths have been reported in Maharashtra. This takes the total number of COVID-19 cases in the state to 24,427. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Government has asked for 20 companies of the Central Armed Police Forces from the Centre, as reinforcement for the fatigued state police forces. CM UddhavThackeray had mentioned about this during his video link meeting with the Prime Minister on Monday.
- Gujarat: The total number of Covid-19 cases at Gujarat stand at 8903, with 362 new cases reported as per the latest update from the Health Department. Also, 24 deaths were reported yesterday. Industrial activities have been resumed in more than 135 municipal areas of the state employing nearly 8 lakh workers. Nearly, 3 lakh migrant workers have left Gujarat for their home states.
- Rajasthan: The number of Covid-19 patients has crossed 4000 in Rajasthan. As per updates by the Health Department of Rajasthan at 2 p.m. today, the total number of COVID-19 cases in the state stand at 4173, with 152 new cases reported today. 49 new cases have been reported at Jaipur, 22 from Udaipur, 28 from Jalore and 24 from Pali. Rajasthan CM has said that quarantine will be the state's top agenda to save the villages from Covid-19 infection and 25 thousand tests will be done every day in the state.
- Madhya Pradesh: 201 new positive cases have been reported in Madhya Pradesh taking the state tally to 3986. As per this update, 81 cases have been reported from Indore, 30 from Bhopal, 27 from Ujjain and 20 from Khandwa. 535 out of 864 patients have been discharged after recovery till now. E-Sanjeevani portal for online health check-ups has been started by the State Government. eSanjeevani is an integrated telemedicine project piloted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and implemented by the state governments.

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- So far, 70,756 Covid-19 cases have been reported in the country, out of which 22,455 have cured, showing 31.74% recovery rate. 2293 deaths have occurred.
- 3604 new confirmed cases reported in last 24 hours.
- Doubling time, which was 10.9 in the past 14 days, has improved to 12.2 in last 3 days.
- Prime Minister discusses with the Chief Ministers, the road ahead in India's fight against Covid-19; PM says that the effort now should be to stop the spread of the COVID-19 to rural areas.
- 542 "Shramik Special" trains operationalized from various states by today morning.
- Indian Railways restores passenger train services with 8 trains today
- 6037 Indians flown back home under Vande Bharat Mission in last 5 days.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan engages with Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh to review preparedness and containment measures taken for COVID-19 management

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare held a high level meeting today with Lieutenant Governors of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, and Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. He said that in view of the surge of returning migrant labourers, States/UTs need to focus on more effective surveillance, contact tracing, adequate testing and timely treatment of all the returnees. This also includes the ones that shall be returning from abroad.

As on 12th May 2020, a total of 70,756 cases have been reported from the country in which 22,455 persons have been cured and 2,293 deaths had occurred. In the last 24 hours, 3,604 new confirmed cases have been added and 1538 patients were found cured. While the doubling time in the past 14 days was

10.9, it has improved to 12.2 in the last three days, he noted. He added that the fatality rate is 3.2% and recovery rate is pegged at 31.74%. It was reiterated to the States that attention needs to be accorded to provisioning of non-COVID essential health services.

For details:

Prime Minister interacts with the Chief Ministers of all the states and UTs

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the Chief Ministers of all the States and UTs in the country on Monday to discuss the road ahead in India's fight against COVID-19. He said that we have a twofold challenge – to reduce the transmission rate of the disease, and to increase public activity gradually, while adhering to all the guidelines. Prime Minister further said now the effort should be to stop the spread of the COVID-19 to rural areas. PM said that the Post-COVID era also brings opportunities that India must leverage. We must understand that the World has fundamentally changed post COVID-19. Now the World will be Pre-Corona, Post-Corona just like the case of the World Wars. And this would entail significant changes in how we function. He said the new way of life would be on the principle of “Jan Se lekar Jag Tak”, from an individual to the whole of humanity. He said we must all plan for the new reality.

For details:

Indian Railways operate 542 “Shramik Special” trains till 12th May, 2020 (09:30 hrs) across the country

As on 12th May 2020, a total of 542 “Shramik Special” trains have been operationalized from various states across the country, in which 448 trains had reached its destination and 94 trains are in transit. These 448 trains terminated in various states like Andhra Pradesh (1 Train), Bihar (117 Trains), Chattisgarh (1 Train), Himachal Pradesh (1 Train), Jharkhand (27 Trains), Karnataka (1 Train), Madhya Pradesh (38 Trains), Maharashtra (3 Trains), Odisha (29 Trains), Rajasthan (4 Trains), Tamil Nadu (1 Train), Telangana (2 Trains), Uttar Pradesh (221 Trains), West Bengal (2 Trains). In these Shramik Special Trains, proper screening of passengers is ensured before boarding the train. During the journey, passengers are given free meals and water.

For details:

Restoration of passenger train services started in a graded manner

Indian Railways began restoration of passenger train services with 8 trains today. Starting in a graded manner, these trains would run from New Delhi, Mumbai, Howrah, Ahmedabad, Patna and Bangalore. Train No. 02442 New Delhi to Bilaspur Special train started its journey today from New Delhi Railway Station as a first special train to be restored after the suspension of passenger train services due to COVID 19. Total 03 Special trains shall depart from New Delhi today with more than 3400 passengers, while total 05 special trains will depart from other cities towards New Delhi. These special train service shall be in addition to the Shramik specials run by Indian Railways.

For details:

6037 Indians return from abroad in 31 flights under Vande Bharat Mission since 7th May 2020

Government of India started Vande Bharat Mission - one of the largest initiatives to repatriate nationals back to India, on 7th May 2020. Under this mission, Ministry of Civil Aviation is coordinating with Ministry of External Affairs and state Governments for bringing Indians back to their homeland. Air

India along with its subsidiary Air India Express are operating a total of 64 flights (42 by Air India & 24 by AI Express) to 12 countries viz. USA, UK Bangladesh, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Philippines, UAE and Malaysia to repatriate 14,800 Indians back in the first phase.

For details:

PM expresses gratitude to Nurses on International Nurses Day

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed gratitude to Nurses on the occasion of International Nurses Day. "International Day of the Nurse is a special day to express gratitude to the phenomenal nurses working round the clock to keep our planet healthy. Presently, they are doing great work towards defeating COVID-19. We are extremely grateful to the nurses and their families," the Prime Minister said.

For details:

International Nurses Day observed

On the occasion of the International Nurses Day, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare presided over the celebrations through video conference. This year is also significant as World Health Organization (WHO) has declared it as the 'Year of the Nurse and the Midwife'. Appreciating the work and selfless dedication of the nursing professionals, and calling them the strong and pivotal pillars of the healthcare delivery system, Dr Harsh Vardhan, said, "The depth of your work and sincerity cannot be defined adequately, such is your commitment. Thank you all for your kindness, dedication & healing touch and always putting patients first, no matter how grueling the day." He also expressed gratitude for their stellar and continuous work during the ongoing pandemic.

For details:

Government extends last date for receipt of nominations for the Gandhi Peace Prize 2020 upto 15.6.2020

For details:

Dr. Jitendra Singh addresses Indo-Bangladesh "Virtual Conference" organised by ASSOCHAM

Union DoNER Minister of State (I/C) Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that new paradigms will emerge post-COVID, with a potential for new breakthroughs in economy, trade, scientific research and several other diverse areas.

For details:

Technology Centres Now Manufacturing Critical Parts of Real Time Quantitative Micro PCR System

Technology Centres, Bhubaneswar, Jamshedpur and Kolkata of the Ministry of MSME are now manufacturing critical parts of Real Time Quantitative Micro PCR System for AMTZ, Vishakhapatnam. This machine can give COVID 19 test results in less than 1 hour (normal test result takes minimum 24 hours) and has been designed by a private MSME enterprise.

For details:

CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru develop BiPAP Non Invasive Ventilator “SwasthVayu” in 36 Days for COVID -19

The system has been certified for safety and performance by NABL accredited agencies and undergone stringent biomedical tests. BiPAP Non-Invasive ventilator is a microcontroller-based precise closed-loop adaptive control system which can help to alleviate the fear of the virus spread.

For details:

Ministry of MSME Launches CHAMPIONS Portal

Union Ministry of MSME has launched CHAMPIONS portal www.Champions.gov.in, a Technology driven Control Room-Cum-Management Information System. The system utilising modern ICT tools is aimed at assisting Indian MSMEs march into big league as National and Global CHAMPIONS.

For details:

BPPI Contributes Rs.25 Lakh to PMCARES fund

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administrator has expressed satisfaction at the work of the Administration in arranging special “Shramik Trains” for movement of migrants. He expressed happiness that the passengers were provided with adequate food and water and the entire expenses were borne by the Administration including the cost of rail tickets.
- Punjab: Punjab Government had dispatched 13 Punjab Roadways buses to bring back 336 Punjabis stranded in Delhi for over a month, including the people currently staying in Gurudwara Majnu Ka Tilla. All people coming back to Punjab are to undergo compulsory quarantine as per health protocols on COVID-19. The Government agencies and private Traders have procured 1,50,918 metric tonnes of wheat in Punjab on 26th day of procurement. The Government agencies procured 1,50,771 MT of wheat 147 MT has been procured by the private traders (arhtyas).
- Haryana: While empathizing with the distress of the migrant labourers and workers stranded in the state due to the peculiar conditions created by the global pandemic, COVID-19, the Haryana government has continued the work of sending eager migrant workers to their home states. Yesterday, 1,208 agricultural migrant labourers from Rewari and 1,188 migrant labourers from Ambala Cantonment left by Special Shramik Trains with their families.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister has said that the State Government would not cut down capital expenditure, but at the same time the Government would adopt austerity measures by curbing unproductive and wasteful expenditure. He said that the State Government has started Mukhya Mantri Shahri Ajivika Guarantee Yojna in the State to provide 120 days of assured unskilled employment to every household in urban areas.
- Kerala: Kerala government issues detailed guidelines for hassle-free entry to the state by road and rail. Those coming without a pass will be in mandatory institutional quarantine. Kerala HC has asked the State govt to immediately bring clarity into the quarantine of expats who will return to the state after observing contradictions between the guidelines issued by the Centre and State. Five Keralites have died of Covid-19 in the Gulf today. Four rescue flights to come to the state tonight

from Gulf. The second ship from Maldives is to bring 202 stranded Indians to Kochi this evening. As of now there are 27 active Covid-19 cases under treatment and 34 hot spots in the state.

- Tamil Nadu: Special train carrying 1,140 migrants for Bihar to leave today from Tirunelveli. Kumbakonam market sealed after a driver tests Covid-19 positive. State is currently mulling plans to identify private assets to set up hospitals exclusively to treat Covid-19. Govt. earmarks Rs 219 crore for free rations for June to all card holders. Trial for plasma therapy begins at Madras Medical College. Total cases till now: 8002, Active cases: 5895, Deaths: 53, Discharged: 2051. Active cases in Chennai are 4371.
- Karnataka: 42 new cases reported today. In Hassan district which is in green zone, first time 5 cases were reported. Today's cases till now: Bagalkot 15, Dharwad 9, Hassan 5, Bangalore 3, two each in Yadagiri, Bidar & Dakshin Kannada and One each in Chikkaballapur, Mandya, Bellary & Kalburgi. Total cases 904, Deaths 31 and 426 people discharged so far. Today Chief minister held a meeting with finance department officials regarding state financial condition during Covid crisis.
- Andhra Pradesh: State files affidavit in High Court over shifting of capital to Visakhapatnam. SCERT submits 58-page report to Andhra Pradesh government favouring introduction of English medium in public schools. 33 fresh cases reported; 58 discharged and one death reported in the last 24 hours after testing 10,730 samples. Total cases rise to 2051. Active cases: 949, Recovered: 1056, Deaths: 46. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (584), Guntur (387), Krishna (346), Chittoor (131), Anantapur (115), Nellore (111).
- Telangana: The fourth 'Vande Bharat Mission' flight to Hyderabad from UK landed at the city's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in the wee hours of Tuesday with 331 passengers on board. Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) is planning to reduce the seating capacity of buses to ensure physical distance once the lockdown is lifted. Total positive cases till yesterday 1275, Active cases 444, Discharged 801, Deaths 30.
- Maharashtra: The total number of Covid 19 positive cases till date stand at 23,401. In Mumbai, the count stood at 14,355, exactly two months after the first case was reported. COVID-19 infection among police personnel in the state is increasing - 106 officers and 901 constables having contracted the virus so far. Covid cases in Nagpur have touched 300, with two more cases reported today. The Orange City has so far reported four deaths due to coronavirus infection.
- Gujarat: 347 new positive cases and 20 deaths have been reported as per the latest data from the state's health department. Now, the state tally stands at 8,541 and 513 COVID-19 related deaths have occurred in Gujarat till date. Of these new positive cases, 268 are in Ahmedabad, 29 in Vadodara, 19 are in Surat and 10 are in Gandhinagar.
- Rajasthan: The total number of positive cases reported today (till 2 p.m.) stand at 68, out of which 32 cases are from Udaipur. Maximum patients are in Jaipur and Jodhpur, while Udaipur has now come to occupy the third position. Doubling rate of cases now stands at 18 days in Rajasthan, which also has posted an encouraging recovery rate of 60. The state has reported 3,988 Covid-19 positive cases so far, of which 1,551 are active cases and 2,059 patients have been discharged.
- Madhya Pradesh: With 171 new positive cases reported yesterday, the number of COVID-19 cases in the state stand at 3,785. 30 of the new cases have been reported from Bhopal, while 81 are from Indore.
- Goa: Goa is hoping to see some more relaxations, especially with regard to interstate public transport, as Chief Minister Pramod Sawant suggested restricted lifting of curbs post May 17, when

the third phase of the lockdown ends. There are no active Covid cases in Goa.

- Arunachal Pradesh: Health Minister inaugurates 2nd COVID19 test centre at Naharlagun; test will be carried out by TRUENAT.
- Assam: CM on International Nurses Day said constant and dedicated efforts of the nurses in tackling COVID19 at the frontline have made them the backbone in our fight against Coronavirus.
- Manipur: Govt orders opening of Centralized Screening Centres in each district for managing returnees. Strict 14 day quarantine in official centres for all asymptomatic persons. Persons with flu like symptoms will be put in isolation ward and monitored.
- Mizoram: Chief Minister said that the state Govt will ensure the safety of stranded Mizos, requested to cooperate with government's various undertakings.
- Nagaland: Around 746 vehicles penalized on first day of odd-even rule in Dimapur; Rs 1.41 lakh collected as fine.
- Sikkim: Black Cat Division GOC Major General, R C Tiwari called on the Sikkim Governor and appraised him about precautionary measures and safety protocols being followed by Army which has ensured zero COVID19 positive cases among the personnel of armed forces in Sikkim.

FACT CHECK



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Claim: A so-called 3-week, 5-phase "roadmap", purportedly made by the Government, to ease #COVID19India restrictions is being circulated on Whatsapp. #PIBFactCheck: #Fake news. This roadmap is not made by our Government, but by that of some other country



No! This roadmap has NOT been planned by Indian Government

Forwarded

Government's roadmap to ease Covid-19 restrictions will be set out in 5 phases. These phases will be on 3 week review process, the current phases would commence on the following dates:

Phase 1 - 18th May
Phase 2 - 8th June
Phase 3 - 29th June
Phase 4 - 20th July
Phase 5 - 10th August

If coronavirus cases begin to increase, we will revert to the restrictions set out in the previous stage.



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नहीं! भारत सरकार द्वारा ऐसी कोई भी योजना नहीं चलाई जा रही है
कृपया जालसाजों से सावधान रहें

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Claim: MHA has declared Guwahati (& 6 other districts) as Red Zone. #FactCheck: #FakeNews@MoHFW_INDIA and not @HMOIndia, categorises districts under zones in relation to #Covid-19. Assam has no Red Zone District as of now. @guwahatiplus @NewsLiveGhy @PIBFactCheck @PIB_India

Zone." The state government has not issued an official statement yet though.
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#Assam #COVID19 #Coronavirus
#lockdown





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Claim: News Portal Dailyexcelsior.com reports J&K students "stranded" in Delhi due to #Lockdown were told to arrange buses for themselves by college administration#PIBFactCheck: Incorrect. University admin has not asked students to leave/arrange their own transport

 **This News Report is False & Baseless**



Amid lockdown, stuck J&K students in Delhi told to arrange buses

By Daily Excelsior - 11/05/2020

FAKE NEWS



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Myth: @TheAsianAgeNews reports Centre is "mulling" a religion-based mapping to identify #COVID19India hotspots

Reality: The claim is incorrect. Spokesperson

@MoHFW_INDIA has termed it irresponsible

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No! Centre is NOT mulling a religious based mapping of hotspots across India

COVID-19 'Step to help understand pattern of the spread of the virus'

Govt mulls religion-based mapping

VIRRAM SHARMA
HYDRABAD, MAY 5

As the deadly novel coronavirus continues to spread rapidly, the Centre is mulling a religion-based mapping to identify hotspots across the country and "understand" the origin and pattern of the spread of the virus community-wise.

The "communal mapping", as some refer to it, appears to be aimed at getting a clearer picture of the approximate number of people belonging to different communities who have contracted the virus, have more chances of getting infected due to living in clusters and the likelihood of them spreading the virus to adjoining localities.

The Centre feels that a data bank of community-wise Covid-19 numbers will help its containment measures and in tackling future pandemics in the country.

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MOVE COMES at a time when BJP leaders have openly blamed Muslims for the rise in coronavirus cases across the country.

Though officially no decision has been taken as for whether or not to go ahead with the proposal, it is unclear if the exercise has already begun unofficially.

"In the near future, if coronavirus cases multiply, like it happened in the US or other parts of the world, religion-based mapping will tell us which community has more chances of spreading the virus further and, accordingly, strict containment measures can be taken in localities or clusters across the country," sources, privy to discussions, said.

This move comes at a

Wakf boards distributed 751 or 752 Hajj tickets

New Delhi: The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah has distributed 751 or 752 Hajj tickets to the Wakf boards across the country. The Ministry said that the tickets are for the Hajj season 1442 AH, which will start in the month of Dhu al-Hijja, 1442 AH, which corresponds to the month of December 2020.

time when the government has been spotting a rise in coronavirus cases in the country since Tablighi Jamaat in Delhi emerged as a super-spreader. Though there have been cases of other religious groups and even foreigners emerging as super-spreaders, including in Punjab, pressure has been focused against Muslims and they have been targeted. There have been several instances of Muslims being attacked, even denied medical care.

If undertaken, the mapping, sources said, will take into account the

geography of the area or state, the density of people and their socio-economic and religious activities, their daily routines and the approximate number of members in the families.

"For all this to happen, state governments will have to cooperate. There is also some amount of skepticism as to how the people will receive this idea, if and when approved, as there are chances of this backfiring on the government," sources said, adding that the government is aware of the criticism that could come its way. There is a perception in some quarters that state governments are not giving out the correct figures of Covid-19 cases.

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The proposal to have a religion-based mapping was mooted after citing the examples of Agra in Uttar Pradesh, some pockets in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Delhi which are witnessing increasing number of Covid-19 cases. "There are several reports before the Centre which suggest that the virus is active among scores of people residing in colonies or clusters and they are sitting on a time bomb. It is here that, along with other inputs, religion-based mapping will come in handy for taking adequate containment measures. But that is only in a scenario when the number of cases shoot up," another official said.

Sources said that this data bank will also come handy for tackling pandemics in the future. "Coronavirus has taught us a lesson and now is the time to prepare ourselves with enough data on the origin and pattern of the spread of the virus," they added.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 11 MAY 2020 6:15PM by PIB Delhi



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

- So far, 20,917 people have been cured out of 67,152 confirmed Covid-19 cases, taking country's recovery rate to 31.15%.
- Since yesterday, increase of 4,213 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 cases.
- MHA asks states to ensure smooth movement of medical professionals and para-medical staff, and opening of all private clinics, nursing homes and labs.
- States asked to cooperate with Railways in running more 'Shramik Special' Trains without any hindrance to facilitate faster movement of stranded Migrant Workers. 468 "Shramik Special" trains have been operationalized from various states so far
- Railways to partially restart passenger train operations from tomorrow.

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

So far, a total of 20,917 people have been cured. This takes total recovery rate to 31.15%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 67,152. Since yesterday, an increase of 4,213 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. Appreciating the work of the various medical professionals, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has said that the country is proud of the medical practitioners for the resilience shown by them in dealing with COVID-19, especially in the last three months. He again appealed to the nation that the doctors and healthcare workers should not be ostracised or targeted; instead they should be lauded for their efforts in helping the public at large. He said that doctors, nurses, healthcare workers deserve our respect, support and cooperation to keep the fight against COVID-19.

For details:

Robust indigenous IgG ELISA test for antibody detection developed by ICMR-NIV, Pune will play a critical role in surveillance for COVID-19: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Virology (NIV) at Pune has developed and validated the indigenous IgG ELISA test “*COVID KAVACH ELISA*” for antibody detection for COVID-19. NIV’s scientific team successfully isolated the SARS-CoV-2 virus from laboratory confirmed patients in India. This in turn has paved the way for development of indigenous diagnostics for SARS-CoV-2. While real time RT-PCR is the frontline test for clinical diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2, robust antibody tests are critical for surveillance to understand the proportion of population exposed to infection.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan visits Mandoli COVID-19 Care Centre to review status of COVID-19 management

Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan visited the COVID Care Centre (CCC) at Mandoli Jail, New Delhi to review status of COVID-19 management. Keeping in view the emerging requirements for hospital preparedness, Mandoli CCC is Police Residential Complex turned dedicated COVID-19 Centre consisting of adequate isolation rooms and beds for COVID-19 patients with mild/very mild symptoms. Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that continuously observing personal and respiratory etiquettes, social distancing would reap us rich dividends in ultimate fight against COVID-19:

For details:

Ensure smooth movement of medical professionals and para-medical staff, and opening of all private clinics, nursing homes and labs; Essential to tackle both COVID and non-COVID Emergencies: MHA to States

Cabinet Secretary chaired a meeting, through Video Conference on 10th May 2020, wherein the issue of restrictions being imposed by some States/ UTs on the movement of medical professionals and para-medical personnel was flagged. In pursuance of this meeting, MHA has written to all States/UTs pointing out that unhindered movement of all medical professionals is essential for meeting public health requirements and saving precious human lives. Any restriction on the movement of medical professionals and para-medical staff can lead to severe constraints in rendering COVID and non-COVID medical services, it adds.

For details:

MHA to States: Cooperate with Railways in running more ‘Shramik Special’ Trains without any hindrance to facilitate faster movement of stranded Migrant Workers to their native places

Cabinet Secretary chaired a meeting, through Video Conference on 10th May 2020, to review assistance provided by all States/ UTs Governments to the movement of migrant workers in buses and ‘Shramik’ special trains. In pursuance of this meeting, MHA has written to all States/UTs to prevent migrant workers to resort to walking on road and on railway tracks to reach their native places. It was emphasized that ‘Shramik’ special trains and buses have already been allowed to enable their travel. Hence, they may be facilitated to board the ‘Shramik’ special trains or buses to their native places and till that time the migrants may be counselled and taken to nearby shelters.

For details:

Passenger services on Indian Railways shall be partially restored w.e.f. from 12th May 2020 in a graded manner

Ministry of Railways has decided that train services on Indian Railways shall be partially restored w.e.f. from 12th May 2020 in a graded manner. Fifteen pair of special trains (thirty trains) shall be operated. These services shall be in addition to the Shramik specials for transporting stranded persons, which are under operation w.e.f. 1st May. Other regular Passenger services including all mail/express, passenger and suburban services shall remain cancelled until further advice. These special trains will have only Air conditioned. Only online E-Ticketing will be done through IRCTC website or through Mobile App. No tickets will be booked across the reservation counter on any Railway Station. Booking of tickets through 'agents', shall not be permitted. Maximum Advance Reservation Period will be of maximum 7 days. No Unreserved tickets shall be permitted. No catering charges shall be included in the fare. All passengers shall be compulsorily screened and only asymptomatic passengers are allowed to enter /board the train.

For details:

Indian Railways announces timings of fifteen pair of special trains

Ministry of Railways (MoR) in consultation with Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has decided that train services on Indian Railways shall be partially restored w.e.f. from 12th May 2020 in a graded manner.

For details:

Indian Railway operates 468 "Shramik Special" trains till 11th May, 2020 (1000 hrs) across the country

As on 11th May 2020, a total of 468 "Shramik Special" trains have been operationalized from various states across the country, in which 363 trains had reached its destination and 105 trains are in transit. These 363 trains were terminated in various states like Andhra Pradesh (1 Train), Bihar (100 Trains), Himachal Pradesh (1 Train), Jharkhand (22 Trains), Madhya Pradesh (30 Trains), Maharashtra (3 Trains), Odisha (25 Trains), Rajasthan (4 Trains), Telangana (2 Trains), Uttar Pradesh (172 Trains), West Bengal (2 Trains), Tamil Nadu (1 Train). In these Shramik Special Trains, maximum around 1200 passengers can travel observing social distancing. Proper screening of passengers is ensured before boarding the train. During the journey, passengers are given free meals and water.

For details:

MHA and Railways conduct Video Conference with State Nodal Officers to review operation of 'Shramik Special' Trains, to facilitate faster movement of stranded Workers to their Native places

Union Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Railways organised a video conference on movement of migrant labour by shramik special trains today morning. Nodal officers of the States and UTs participated. It was appreciated that more than 450 trains, including 101 yesterday, have departed carrying several lakh migrant workers. Several issues were discussed and redressed during the VC and it was emphasised that migrant labour should be reassured that sufficient number of trains would be run for travel of all those wishing to go home. More than a hundred trains are expected to run daily for next few weeks to facilitate faster movement of stranded workers to their native places.

For details:

MHA issues Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) to facilitate Movement of Persons by Train

Union Ministry of Home Affairs has issued Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) to facilitate movement of persons by train. Movement of passengers to & from and entry at the railway station would be permitted only on confirmed e-ticket. There would be compulsory medical screening of all passengers. Only asymptomatic persons would be allowed to board the train. During the travel and at the railway stations, Strict adherence to Health/hygiene protocols and social distancing.

For details:

NDMA(MHA) issues guideline on restarting manufacturing industries after the lockdown period

Union Ministry of Home Affairs has issued detailed guidelines under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, on restarting manufacturing industries after the lockdown period. State Governments shall also ensure that the off-site disaster management plan of the respective Major Accidental Hazard (MAH) units is up to date and preparedness to implement them is high. It is also advised that all the responsible officers of the district shall ensure the Industrial On-Site Disaster Management Plans are also in place and cover Standard Operating Procedures for safe re-starting of the industries during & after COVID 19 lock down.

For details:

Indian Air Force airlifts essential Chemicals to assist State Government in tackling the Vizag Gas leak

Based on the request from Industries and Commerce department of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, IAF airlifted 8.3 T of essential chemicals required to effectively control the gas leak that occurred at Styrene Monomer Storage tank in LG Polymers at Vizag, Andhra Pradesh. Also, as a part of meeting the emerging requirements of Govt of India during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, IAF continued to airlift essential supplies required to equip state governments and supporting agencies to combat the contagion effectively. A total of 703 T of load has been airlifted since the time IAF began its operations to assist the government of India on 25 Mar 20.

For details:

Repatriated Indians Arrive Kochi Onboard Indian Naval Warship INS Jalashwa from Maldives

INS Jalashwa, deployed for "Operation SamudraSetu", entered Kochi harbour at around 10:00 am on 10 May with a total of 698 Indian nationals stranded at Maldives, which included women, elderly people and children.

For details:

Operation SamudraSetu - INS Magar Departs Male with Indian Citizens Embarked

INS Magar, the second Indian Naval ship to reach Male, Maldives for evacuation of Indian citizens, has departed Male, Maldives after completing embarkation of personnel. Indian Navy as part of Operation SamudraSetu under the Vande Bharat Mission has deployed INS Magar for second phase of repatriation of Indian citizens from Maldives. In the first phase, INS Jalashwa had evacuated a total of 698 Indian nationals stranded in the Maldives on 10 May 20.

For details:

177 new mandis from 10 States & UTs integrated with the e-NAM platform for marketing of Agricultural produce

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar today launched integration of 177 new mandis with the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) to strengthen agriculture marketing and facilitate farmers to sell their harvested produce through the online portal. The mandis integrated today are as follows: Gujarat (17), Haryana (26), J&K (1), Kerala (5), Maharashtra (54), Odisha (15), Punjab (17), Rajasthan (25), Tamil Nadu (13) and West Bengal (1). With the launch of 177 additional mandis, the total number of eNAM mandis across country is 962.

For details:

Procurement of Pulses and Oilseeds steady during lockdown

2.74 Lakh MT Gram (Chana) has been procured from 9 States. 3.40 Lakh MT Mustard has been procured from 5 States. 1700 MT of Sunflower has been procured from Telangana. 1.71 Lakh MT Toor has been procured from 8 States. About 34.87 lakh ha sowing area coverage under summer rice as compared to 25.29 lakh ha during the corresponding period of last year. About 10.35 lakh ha area coverage under pulses as compared to 5.92 lakh ha. during the corresponding period of last year. About 9.57 lakh ha area coverage under coarse cereals as compared to 6.20 lakh ha. during the corresponding period of last year. About 9.17 lakh ha area coverage under oilseeds as compared to 7.09 lakh ha. during the corresponding period of last year. In Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2020-21, a total of 241.36 Lakh MT wheat arrived in FCI out of which 233.51 Lakh MT is purchased.

For details:

Prime Minister pays tributes to scientists on the National Technology Day

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today paid tributes to all the scientists in the country who are using science and technology to bring a positive difference in the lives of others. Shri Modi was tweeting on the occasion of National Technology Day. He said "Today, technology is helping many in the efforts to make the world free from COVID-19. I salute all those at the forefront of research and innovation on ways to defeat Coronavirus. May we keep harnessing technology, in order to create a healthier and better planet".

For details:

Raksha Mantri calls for India to become a net exporter of technology as DRDO celebrates National Technology Day

Addressing the scientists of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on the occasion of National Technology Day (NTD), Shri Rajnath Singh called upon the country's pool of experts to contribute to make India a technological powerhouse. Shri Rajnath Singh said defence organisations are tackling the challenges posed by COVID-19 using state-of-the-art technology. India's defence forces and Research & Development efforts have contributed significantly in finding solutions to the challenges posed by this invisible enemy.

For details:

India is well-poised to reboot the economy through S&T: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

The Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said today that India's fight against the Covid-19 is moving fast ahead strongly and steadily. He was addressing a Digital Conference, **RE-START – 'Reboot the Economy through Science,**

Technology and Research Translations’, organised to celebrate the National Technology Day.

For details:

UGC takes various steps to monitor queries, grievances, and other academic matters of students, teachers, and institutions, related to COVID 19

UGC has issued Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar in view of COVID-19 Pandemic on 29th April, 2020. Accordingly, all universities have been advised to plan their academic activities keeping in view the safety and interest of all stakeholders, giving highest priority to the health of all concerned, while adopting and implementing the Guidelines. Universities have also been requested to establish a Cell for handling grievances of the students related to examinations and other academic activities arising due to this pandemic and notify the same to the students.

For details:

HRD launches Central University of Odisha Helpline “Bharosa” on Cognitive Emotional Rehabilitation Services for University Students of Odisha

To relieve the distress of student community during the troubled time of the COVID-19 pandemic, Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ launched Central University of Odisha Helpline “Bharosa” and its Helpline Number 08046801010 through a virtual platform today. Speaking on the occasion Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said that the nation is going through a difficult phase due to the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For details:

DBT-BIRAC COVID-19 Research Consortium Recommends 70 Proposals for funding in Vaccines, Diagnostics, Therapeutics and other Technologies

To urgently develop safe and effective Biomedical solutions against SARS CoV-2, Department of Biotechnology and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) had invited applications for COVID-19 Research Consortium. Through a rolling multitiered review mechanism, 70 proposals of devices, diagnostics, vaccine candidates, therapeutics and other interventions have been recommended for receiving financial support. The shortlisted proposals includes 10 Vaccines candidates, 34 Diagnostics products or scale-up facilities, 10 Therapeutics options, 02 proposals on Drug Repurposing and 14 projects which are categorised as preventive interventions.

For details:

KVIC Potters using innovative methods to prevent spread of Corona virus

At a time when even the smallest bit in the fight against Covid-19 counts and raises hope, scores of KVIC potters in a Rajasthan village are drawing the country’s attention with their unique campaign to prevent the spread of Corona virus. Every earthen pot, particularly pitchers, made by these potters in Kishanganj village of Baran district in Rajasthan has a message on ways to fight Corona.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism organises 17th session of "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series on ‘Exploring River Nila’

For details:

Dehradun Smart City takes measures including Integrated Command and Control Centre, CCTVs and Lockdown passes to combat COVID-19

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- Himachal Pradesh: All the people of the Himachal Pradesh stranded in various parts of the country willing to come back to the State would be thoroughly medically examined and would have to stay under institutional quarantine before they could go to their native place. Chief Minister asked the nodal officers to ensure that they keep a close liaison with the nodal officers of the States assigned to them, so that the matter of bringing back the stranded Himachalis could be taken with the respective state governments at the earliest. He said that priority would be given to the students for bringing them back to the State as they were the most vulnerable section.
- Punjab: Finance Department has notified detailed guidelines for the grant of ex-gratia compensation to the tune of Rs 50 lakh to the dependent members/legal heirs of employees, who die in harness while on Government duty fighting against Coronavirus pandemic. The compensation is admissible only for the pandemic of COVID-19 and it would remain in force from April 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020, subject to review thereafter.
- Haryana: Special campaign has been launched in Haryana for random COVID sampling of vegetable vendors, Health workers, Police personnel, Media personnel, Pharmacists, Depot Holders, Sanitation workers etc. Haryana has 26,125 bedded quarantine facilities in Dedicated COVID Care Centers and 8,751 isolation beds are available in Dedicated COVID Hospitals and in Dedicated COVID Health Centers.
- Kerala: Railways to run six Rajdhani trains between Kerala and New Delhi in a week, starting from Tuesday. The trains to stop only at Kozhikode and Ernakulam railway stations, and will operate via Konkan route. DGPs of Kerala and Tamil Nadu decide that people coming to Kerala without the required pass will be stopped by Tamil Nadu Police at the border. In the ongoing Vande Bharat mission two flights - one from Dubai to Kochi and another from Bahrain to Kozhikode - will arrive in the State tonight. Kerala State Beverages Corporation is getting ready to arrange online queue facility to control the rush when liquor outlets are opened after lockdown.
- Tamil Nadu: All migrant workers to be sent home within a week, says CM; so far over 9000 sent on special trains. Most retail businesses reopen in the State after 47 days, road traffic increases. Two government hospitals in Chennai chosen for 'Solidarity Trial' initiative - an international clinical trial launched by the WHO to help find an effective treatment for Covid-19. New wholesale vegetable & fruits market in Thirumazhisai starts functioning after the Koyembedu market was closed due to Covid spread. Total cases till now: 7204, Active cases: 5195, Deaths: 47, Discharged: 1959. Active cases in Chennai are 3839.
- Karnataka: 10 new cases reported today: Davangere 3, Bidar&Bagalkot 2 each, Kalburgi, Haveri&Vijayapura one each. Total cases till now: 858, Deaths: 31; Recovered: 422. Around 200 Kannadigas who were stranded in London came to Bangalore by Air India special flight today morning as part of Vande Bharat Mission. They landed in Kempegowda International airport and all the passengers have been kept under quarantine. State government forms special task force to attract investments amid Covid crisis.

- Andhra Pradesh: High Court conducts hearing of a petition via videoconference filed against sale of liquor in the state in the wake of Covid-19; Court adjourns hearing to Friday. Meanwhile, Central team's visit in Kurnool district, where number of positive cases is high, continues for the second day. 38 fresh cases of Covid19 reported; 73 discharged and no deaths reported in the last 24 hours after testing 7409 samples. Total cases rise to 2018. Active cases: 975, Recovered: 998, Deaths: 45. Eight of the nine cases reported from Chittoor have links to Koyembedu in Chennai. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (575), Guntur (387) & Krishna (342).
- Telangana: As many as 118 people hailing from India stranded in the USA landed at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport today as part of the Vande Bharat Mission. Another batch of Indians from Abu Dhabi (UAE) by Air India Flight is expected to arrive at around 9.30 pm on Monday. State govt widens net as migrant workers returning from other states are testing positive for Covid-19. A proposal to keep shops and business establishments open beyond their regular working hours post the lockdown is under active consideration. Total positive cases till yesterday 1196, Active cases 415, Discharged 751, Deaths 30.
- Arunachal Pradesh: CM discusses ways to ramp up state's Covid-19 testing capacity with Arunachal Chapter of IMA India Org.
- Assam: Health Minister today visited Kaziranga University, Jorhat to review the quarantine facilities which is being set up on lines of Sarusajai Stadium, Guwahati.
- Manipur: Home Deptt issues SOPs for people returning to the state by trains. Only medically fit persons will be allowed to travel.
- Manipur: In Manipur, passengers arriving at Jiribam station after medical screening will be taken to quarantine centres by govt buses.
- Mizoram: Chief Minister Zoramthanga today gave credit of state's COVID-19 free status to the discipline of its people.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, DRDA to take up intensive farming activities in collaboration with Horticulture dept in and around Mon district. 545 beds in Mereima village and 254 beds in K Badze Kohima village quarantine centers ready to accommodate persons returning to state.
 - Sikkim: Govt notifies immediate implementation of Sikkim Public Health & Safety (Covid-19) Regulations, 2020 authorising admin & police officials to impose fine of Rs. 300 if any person is found without face mask in public or work places; also prescribes strict prohibition on spitting in public places and compliance of social distancing norms.
- Tripura: Govt decides to run Shramik Special Train from Mumbai to Agartala to bring stranded people from Maharashtra; prospective travellers may register at covid19.tripura.gov.in.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra on Sunday reported 1,278 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking its case count to 22,171. The state also witnessed 53 virus-related deaths in the last 24 hours and its total death toll reached 832. Mumbai, the state capital, saw 875 more Covid-19 patients yesterday taking its total case tally to 13,564 and 19 more deaths took its death toll to 508. Maharashtra Industries Minister Shri Subhash Desai has stated that nearly 25,000 companies have resumed work in green and orange zone, which employ about 6 lakh workers. Manufacturing units in the highly industrialized belt of Mumbai- Thane – Pimpri-Chinchwad – Pune fall under the Red Zone and hence not operational.
- Gujarat: 398 new cases of COVID-19 in Gujarat, which takes the number of infected persons in Gujarat to 8,195. The total number of deaths touched 493; 21 deaths were reported yesterday, out of which 18

deaths occurred at Ahmedabad. 454 patients were released after recovery from various hospitals in the state, which takes the total number of recovered patients in Gujarat to 2545.

- Rajasthan: Rajasthan has reported 3940 positive cases till date, out of which 2264 recoveries and 110 deaths have also occurred. 126 new positive cases have been till 1 p.m. today, out of which 46 cases have been reported from Udaipur. Meanwhile, more than 22 lakh labourers have been engaged in MNREGA works, stated Deputy CM Sachin Pilot.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh 172 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported, which takes the number of infected persons in the state to 3650. Among the cities, 77 new cases have been reported in Indore. In Bhopal, 30 new cases have been reported, which include former MLA Jitendra Daga and four junior doctors.
- Goa: The North Goa District Administration has directed that persons stranded outside the country and returning to Goa will undergo mandatory institutional quarantine, even if they test negative for COVID-19. In the case of seafarers, the cost will have to be borne by their company, while others will have to undergo quarantine at their own cost. Around 100 Goans in UAE have registered to return to India.

FACT CHECK

 PIB Fact Check

Claim: Times Now has reported that Central Govt is mulling over Central govt employees salary pay cut of 30%
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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).

- So far, a total of 19,357 people out of 62,939 Covid-19 confirmed cases have been cured, taking recovery rate to 30.76%. In the last 24 hours, 1511 patients were found cured.
- Since yesterday, an increase of 3277 cases has been noted.
- Health Ministry to deploy Central teams to 10 states that have witnessed/are witnessing high case load and high spurt of cases.
- Cabinet Secretary tells states/UTs that movements of doctors, nurses and paramedics should be totally unhindered and all steps be taken to facilitate and protect Corona Warriors.
- 366 "Shramik Special" trains operationalized from various states so far
- 3000 schools granted permission for evaluation of CBSE Board exam answer sheets.

Adequate health infrastructure and health facilities set up for COVID-19 management

Adequate health infrastructure and health facilities have been identified and set up for COVID-19 management in the country. The public health facilities dedicated for COVID-19 case management are categorised into three categories. As on 10/05/2020, 7740 facilities in 483 districts have been identified in all the States/UTs that include hospitals and facilities of the State/UT Govts as well as the central Govt. There are 656769 isolation beds, 305567 beds for confirmed cases, 351204 beds for suspected cases, 99492 Oxygen supported beds, 1696 facilities with Oxygen manifold and 34076 ICU beds. So far, a total of 19,357 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 1511 patients were found cured. This takes the total recovery rate to 30.76%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 62,939. Since yesterday, an increase of 3277 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India.

For details:

Central teams being sent to States to support in COVID-19 Management

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has decided to deploy Central teams to 10 states that have witnessed/are witnessing high case load and high spurt of cases. The teams will assist the State Health departments of respective states to facilitate management of COVID-19 outbreak. The teams are composed of a senior official from the MoHFW, a Joint Secretary level nodal officer and a public health expert. The team shall support the State health department in implementation of containment measures in the affected areas within the respective states' districts/cities.

For details:

Cabinet Secretary chairs a meeting with Chief Secretaries and Health Secretaries of all States and UTs to review their status of COVID-19 Management

Cabinet Secretary noted that more than 350 Shramik special trains have been run by railways carrying 3.5 lakh migrant workers. He requested State governments to cooperate with railways in running of more Shramik special trains. He also noted the cooperation of States on return of Indians from abroad under Vande Bharat Mission. Cabinet Secretary emphasised that movements of doctors, nurses and paramedics should be totally unhindered and all steps be taken to facilitate and protect Corona Warriors. The State Chief Secretaries informed about the situation in their States and also said that while protection is required from COVID, the economic activities also need to be stepped up in a calibrated manner.

For details:

PM to hold meeting with State Chief Ministers

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be holding the 5th meeting with State Chief Ministers via video-conference, tomorrow, 11th May, 2020 at 3 PM.

For details:

Indian Railway operates 366 "Shramik Special" trains till 10th May, 2020 (1500 hrs) across the country.

As on 10th May 2020, a total of 366 "Shramik Special" trains have been operationalized from various states across the country, in which 287 trains had reached its destination and 79 trains are in transit. These 287 trains were terminated in various states like Andhra Pradesh (1 Train), Bihar (87 Trains), Himachal Pradesh (1 Train), Jharkhand (16 Trains), Madhya Pradesh (24 Trains), Maharashtra (3 Trains), Odisha (20 Trains), Rajasthan (4 Trains), Telangana (2 Trains), Uttar Pradesh (127 Trains), West Bengal (2 Trains). In these Shramik Special Trains, maximum around 1200 passengers can travel observing social distancing. Proper screening of passengers is ensured before boarding the train. During the journey, passengers are given free meals and water.

For details:

Home Ministry grants permission for opening of 3000 CBSE affiliated schools as assessment centres to evaluate CBSE Board exams answers sheets

Union Minister for HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' expressed his gratitude towards the Ministry of Home Affairs for giving the permission. He said that 3000 CBSE affiliated schools have been identified as assessment centers across India and special permission will be granted to these schools for the limited purpose of evaluation.

For details:

Law Minister holds review meeting with Attorney General, Solicitor General and all the Law Officers of Govt. of India

Minister for Law and Justice, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad today held an interaction with the team of law officers. The Minister specially emphasized that addressing such a serious pandemic throws up complicated and sensitive nature of challenges, which the governance system has responded and it will be appropriate that this decision-making process of the Government of India and the state governments needs to be trusted. The Law Minister said that during these challenging times overzealous PILs needs to be avoided. The Law Minister in particular emphasized to take this challenge as an opportunity to make digital systems in justice delivery more robust.

For details:

MISSION SAGAR - 10 MAY 2020

As part of the Government of India outreach amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **Indian Naval Ship Kesari has departed for Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros, to provide Food Items, COVID related Medicines including HCQ Tablets and Special Ayurvedic Medicines with Medical Assistance Teams embarked, on 10 May 20.** This deployment as 'Mission Sagar', is in line with India's role as the first responder in the region and builds on the excellent relations existing between these countries to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and its resultant difficulties.

For details:

Representation to register Retailers and Building and Construction Professionals as MSMEs will be examined: ShriGadkari

Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways, ShriNitinGadkari today assured the Retailers Association of India and Practicing Engineers, Architects and Town Planners Association (India) that their request for registering as MSMEs will be examined expeditiously. He felt that this need to be explored from the point of these bodies being employment creators and whether various benefits such as insurance, medical, pension, etc can be provided to workers. He also called upon the retailers to start exploring option of home delivery and maintaining social distancing, availability of sanitizers for customers/employees and use of masks at all retail outlets.

For details:

Despite the stringent restrictions due to COVID-19 lockdown National Fertilizers Ltd. sale jumps 71% in April 2020

For details:

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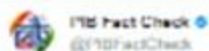
- Himachal Pradesh: On the request of the State Government, the Union Government has agreed to run a special train from Thivim/Margao/Karamali (Goa) to Una to facilitate movement of the people of Himachal Pradesh stranded in Goa. A special train would start from Goa on 13th or 14th of May to carry the Himachalis back home.
- Punjab: Class X students under the Punjab School Education Board will not have to take any exams and will be promoted on the basis of their performance in the pre-Board exams, Chief Minister announced. The state government has decided to promote all students of Classes V to X under the Punjab School Education system to the next class without any examination, in the light of the unprecedented COVID crisis, which has led to prolonged lockdown/curfew, the Chief Minister disclosed. For Class XI and XII students, the state will go by the decision of the Central Government.
- Haryana: The Haryana Government has issued guidelines with regard to the preventive measures to be taken to contain the spread of Coronavirus (for protection and safety of Divyangjan. All the Heads of Departments or Heads of offices have been directed to ensure that while drawing up roster of staff the employees who are persons with severe disabilities may not be called for duty. Haryana Government is making efforts to help school students continue their education. While on the one hand, academic syllabus is being telecast on five DTH channels, on the other hand, four channels of Haryana EDUSAT are being telecast by all the cable operators of the State.
- Maharashtra: The total numbers of cases in Maharashtra rose to 20,228, with 48 new deaths after 1,165 fresh infections were reported in the last 24 hours. Mumbai alone has reported 12,864 cases and 489 fatalities so far.
- Gujarat: Director of AIIMS Delhi, DrRandeepGuleria on a visit to Ahmedabad has said that late hospitalization of Covid-19 patients due to fear of stigma and higher prevalence of co-morbid conditions like diabetes, hypertension, heart and kidney disease were key reasons behind the high number of Covid-19 deaths in Gujarat. The states tally of positive cases is 7,747, while the death toll is 452.
- Rajasthan: 33 more Covid-19 cases have been reported from Rajasthan today, taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 3,741. The state has shown an impressive recovery rate of approximately 60%. 2,176 people have already recovered while 1,917 have been discharged from the hospital.
- Madhya Pradesh: 273 new coronavirus cases were reported in MP, bringing the total reported cases to 3,614. Among the total people infected as on date, 1,676 have recovered and 215 have passed away.
- Goa: Goa has joined several other states in relaxing labour laws under the Factories Act of 1948 and approved 12-hour daily work shifts for three months due to the Covid pandemic. The workers would be paid overtime for the extra hours.
- Kerala: The Kerala High Court has directed state government to issue e-pass for those stranded at Walayar border check post with Tamil Nadu since yesterday as a onetime measure. A lot of Keralites turned up at the border areas today also without passes despite govt. warning. A total of 698 people who were evacuated from Maldives on INS Jalashwa, arrived in Kochi this morning. Among the 698 passengers, 440 are from Kerala, 156 from Tamil Nadu and the rest are from various states in the country. Another

121 from Lakshadweep also arrived at Kochi today on M V Arabian Sea. A flight with 182 passengers from Doha will arrive Thiruvananthapuram tonight.

- Tamil Nadu: State government to bear the cost of transporting migrant workers with State Disaster Response Fund. 177 Indians flown home from Malaysia to Tiruchy by all women crew Air India Express flight. Chennai may see more COVID-19 cases this week, says special officer J Radhakrishnan. State to further relax Covid-19 lockdown restrictions from Monday. Total cases till yesterday: 6535, Active cases: 4664, Deaths: 44, Discharged: 1824. Active cases in Chennai are 3330.
- Karnataka: Over 76% of Covid-19 patients in State are asymptomatic. Four Shramik trains leave for U.P., Bihar, Jharkhand. Random sample survey ordered in the wake of rising Covid-19 cases. In biggest-ever spike, State records 53 new cases; state tally reaches 847. The state also reported its 31st death after the reports of 56-year-old woman, who passed away on May 7, showed that she was Covid positive.
- Andhra Pradesh: The first Air India flight carrying Telugu people stranded abroad en-route Mumbai and Hyderabad is scheduled to arrive at Gannavaram Airport in Vijayawada on Monday morning. On arrival passengers will be screened at the airport and moved to quarantine centres for 14 days monitoring. 50 fresh cases of Covid19 reported; 38 discharged and one death reported in the last 24 hours. Total cases rise to 1980. Active cases: 1010, Recovered: 925, Deaths: 45. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (566), Guntur (382) & Krishna (339).
- Telangana: The wait to return home might just get longer for lakhs of migrant workers from Telangana, with the city police putting the brakes on travel registrations, at some of its centres in Hyderabad. Total positive cases in Telangana 1163, Active cases 382, Discharged 751, Deaths 30.
- Assam: Health Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma held a VC with all Deputy Commissioners to review the ongoing process of Assam Community Surveillance programme for COVID19.
- Manipur: Special train from Chennai to Jiribam bringing stranded Manipuri citizens scheduled to start today evening. Official quarantine centres are arranged for the returnees.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, 1323 offenders fined so far under the Containment and Prevention of Covid-19 Ordinance, 2020.
- Nagaland: Sufficient food stock, medicine & other commodities are available in Nagaland. No ban on commercial vehicles & service providers distributing essential items. Dimapur district administration allows opening of all hardware shops during 6 am and 9 am with effect from May 11.

FACT CHECK





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Claim : Indian Express story states Delhi Police Crime Branch has found that an audio clip mentioned in police FIR against Markaz Nizamuddin head Maulana Saad Kandhalvi may be doctored

Fact : Incorrect. Delhi police have denied it.

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**Tablighi FIR: Police
probe indicates Saad
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doctored**

The audio clip mentioned in the police FIR against Markaz Nizamuddin head Maulana Saad Kandhalvi, had suggested that he had asked Tablighi Jamaat members not to follow social distancing norms and prohibitory

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- So far, 59,662 confirmed Covid-19 cases reported in the country; 17,847 persons cured and 1,981 deaths reported.
- 3,320 new cases added in the last 24 hours.
- Most North-eastern states in the Green zone, except Assam and Tripura.
- Testing capacity has increased in the country to 95,000 tests per day, with over 15.25 lakh tests undertaken so far.
- Union Home Minister appreciates the work being done by CAPFs in this difficult situation of COVID-19 management.
- Labour Ministry in dialogue with social partners on Covid-19 matters, and working out plans to minimize its impact on workers and economy.
- Shri Naqvi says that Minority communities equally contributing in the fight against the Covid pandemic.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan engages with North Eastern States to review preparedness and containment measures taken for COVID-19 management

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare held a meeting today with Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim to review the status of COVID-19 in the north-eastern States along with the measures being taken for its containment and management. Appreciating the dedication of all the States in combating COVID-19 in the country, he said "It is a huge relief and very encouraging to see green zones in most North Eastern States. As of date, only Assam and Tripura have active COVID-19 cases; the other States are all in the green zone." To maintain the positive status of COVID-19 management in the North East, Dr. Harsh Vardhan advised the States to ensure that the returning migrant labourers, students and those returning from abroad should be screened and quarantined as per the guidelines and protocol laid down.

Dr Harsh Vardhan stated that as on 9th May 2020, a total of 59,662 cases have been reported from the country in which 17,847 persons have been cured and 1,981 deaths had occurred. In the last 24 hours, 3,320 new confirmed cases have been added and 1307 patients were found cured. He added that the fatality rate is 3.3% and recovery rate is 29.9%. He also added that (as of yesterday) there are 2.41% present active COVID-19 patients in ICU, 0.38% on ventilators and 1.88% on oxygen support. He also said, "The testing capacity has increased in the country and it is 95,000 tests per day with 332 Government laboratories and 121 private laboratories. Cumulatively, 15,25,631 tests have been done so far for COVID-19."

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews preparedness and containment measures taken for COVID-19 management in Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka

Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated, "Appropriate measures are being taken to combat COVID-19 and with the cohesive efforts of both Centre and States, adequately growing numbers of dedicated COVID hospitals, Isolation & ICU beds and Quarantine being identified and developed so far, we are well-prepared to face any eventuality due to COVID-19". Centre is also supporting by providing sufficient number of masks & Personal Protective Equipment, Ventilators etc. to the States/ UTs / Central Institutions, he further added.

For details:

ShriAmit Shah chairs a Review Meeting of Directors General of All Central Armed Police Forces

The Union Home Minister appreciated the commendable work being done by our CAPFs in this difficult situation of COVID-19 management. Shri Shah said that Modi government is not only concerned over spread of COVID-19 but is making all out efforts to ensure safety, security and wellbeing of all CAPFs. During the meeting, the innovative measures taken by each of the CAPFs in order to contain the disease were also discussed. The suggestions ranged from providing awareness and training about precautions; changing the arrangements in Mess and staying facilities in barracks; boosting immunity as per Ministry of AYUSH guidelines; and, ensuring proper personnel management, keeping in view the age of the security personnel and their health history.

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi and H.E. Giuseppe Conte, Prime Minister of Italy

Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi had a phone call with H.E. Giuseppe Conte, Prime Minister of Italy. The Prime Minister conveyed his condolences for the loss of lives in Italy caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The two leaders discussed the measures required to address the health and economic impact of the pandemic in their own countries as well as at a global level. They expressed solidarity with each other and appreciated the mutual cooperation extended towards each other's stranded nationals. The Prime Minister assured Mr. Conte of India's unstinted support to Italy in provision of essential medicines and other items.

For details:

Union Labour and Employment Ministry will take all possible steps to help mitigate problems faced by the industry and the workers due to lockdown

Ministry of Labour and Employment has been in dialogue with the social partners to discuss the emergent situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic and to chalk out strategies and policy initiatives to minimize its impact on the workers and on the economy. Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment held a Webinar with the Employers' Organizations. He mentioned that his Ministry is sympathetic to the requirements of the industry and would try to provide all possible help, for revival of industry and reopening of the economy. He also mentioned that the Ministry of Labour and Employment is consulting other concerned line Ministries for resolving the issues being faced by the Industry, particularly, MSME sector.

For details:

New procedure for registration, approval, etc. of certain entities deferred to 1st October, 2020

In view of the unprecedented humanitarian and economic crisis, the CBDT has decided that the implementation of new procedure for approval/ registration/notification of certain entities shall be deferred to 1st October, 2020. Accordingly, the entities approved/ registered/ notified under section 10(23C), 12AA, 35 and 80G of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act) would be required to file intimation within three months from 1st October, 2020, i.e., by 31st December, 2020. Further, the amended procedure for approval/ registration/ notification of new entities shall also apply from 1st October, 2020.

For details:

Clarification in respect of residency under the Income-tax Act, 1961

Section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 contains provisions relating to residency of a person. The status of an individual as to whether he is resident in India or a non-resident or not ordinarily resident, is dependent, *inter-alia*, on the period for which the person is in India during a year. Various representations have been received stating that there are number of individuals who had come on a visit to India during the previous year 2019-20 for a particular duration and intended to leave India before the end of the previous year for maintaining their status as non-resident or not ordinary resident in India. However due to declaration of the lockdown and suspension of international flights owing to outbreak of COVID-19, they are required to prolong their stay in India. Concerns have been expressed that they may involuntarily end up becoming Indian residents without any intention to do so. In order to avoid genuine hardship in such cases, the CBDT has now issued clarification in this regard.

For details:

Minority communities equally contributing in the fight against COVID-19 along with all the people of the society—Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

Minister of Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today said here that more than 1500 Health Care Assistants, who have been trained under skill development programme of Minority Affairs Ministry, are assisting in treatment and well-being of Corona patients. Shri Naqvi said here that these Health Care Assistants include 50 per cent girls who are helping in treatment of Corona patients in various hospitals and health care centres across the country. Shri Naqvi said that different waqf boards across the country have contributed Rs 51 crore in PM and CM relief funds for Corona pandemic with the support of various religious, social and educational organisations..

For details:

490 Lifeline Udan flights operated till date to ensure continuous supply of essential and medical supplies across the country.

490 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. Cargo transported on 8th May 2020 was 6.32 tons taking total amount of cargo transported to around 848.42 tons. Alliance Air operated 2 flights on 8th May 2020 while 8 flights were operated by IAF. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 4,73,609 km. 'Lifeline Udan' 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. 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 8th May 2020 have carried 2.32 tons of cargo covering a distance of 8,001 kms.

For details:

Despite enormous challenges posed by COVID -19 pandemic RCF registers over 35 percent increase in sale of NPK fertilizers Suphala

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: CM announces mandatory test for every person entering the state, including asymptomatic persons in order to prevent the spread of COVID19.
- Manipur: 22 nurses from Manipur working in five private hospitals in Kolkata reached the State and have been kept into quarantine centre.
- Meghalaya: Another person tested COVID19 positive in Shillong, Meghalaya who works at the same house as the earlier patient, found while doing precautionary retesting. The person is healthy and showing no symptoms, tweets Meghalaya CM.
- Mizoram: Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan congratulates Mizoram Health Minister for the State becoming COVID19 free, and for the 10 points drop in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).
- Nagaland: Govt says referral of serious non-COVID patients outside the state to be permitted only after acceptance certificate from the outside hospital is enclosed in the patient's application. Nagaland Planning Minister says 33 people stranded outside the State have applied for e-passes while another 7,015 have requested the Govt to arrange for their return.
- Sikkim: CM met Governor Shri Ganga Prasad to discuss about revitalisation of economy of the state due to Coronavirus outbreak; informed him about austerity measures.
- Tripura: 17,000 Tripura people stranded in 11 other states have registered through online portal for returning to the state. Also 33,000 migrant workers to be sent back to their respective states from Tripura.
- Maharashtra: State has 19,063 cases of Covid-19 with 1,089 more people testing positive. 37 people have lost their lives due to the virus in the last 24 hours taking the total death toll in the state to 731. Mumbai reported 748 new coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours taking total number of cases in the city to the 11,967. Across Maharashtra, 714 police personnel have also tested positive.
- Gujarat: Dr Randeep Guleria, Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences met doctors at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital today to give them advice on Covid-19 treatment protocol. Meanwhile,

Gujarat recorded 24 more deaths taking the overall toll to 449 while total Covid 19 positive cases stood at 7,403, second highest in the country after Maharashtra.

- Rajasthan: 57 new coronavirus cases were reported in Rajasthan, bringing the total reported cases to 3,636. Among the total people infected as on date, 1,916 have recovered and 101 have passed away.
- MP: 89 new cases were reported as of 8:00 a.m. today in MP, taking the total reported cases to 3,341. Among the total people infected as on date, 1,349 have recovered and 200 have passed away. For three days on a trot, MP has reported more recoveries than new positive cases.
- Chhattisgarh: CM Shri Bhupesh Bhagel has written to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and demanded a Rs 30,000 crore package to battle the economic crisis following Covid 19 pandemic. With 60 reported cases and no fatalities, Chhattisgarh has been one of the least affected major states in India.
- Kerala: Kerala government has resumed issuing passes to people returning from other states other than from red zone areas. Many Keralites without passes are stuck at the check posts of border districts of the state. The Kottayam district administration has begun steps to identify the 34 students who returned from the red zone district of Thiruvallur in Tamil Nadu and are evading quarantine. Three more flights from Muscat, Kuwait and Doha will arrive Kochi tonight through Vande Bharat mission. Only one case of Covid-19 was reported yesterday with 10 recoveries. Only 16 patients are still under treatment.
- Tamil Nadu: State moves SC against HC order barring counter sale of alcohol. CM urges Prime Minister Modi to place amendments to Electricity Act in abeyance. Two Air India flights under the Vande Bharat Mission from Dubai carrying 359 passengers landed at Chennai International Airport early morning today. Another flight from Malaysia with 168 passengers would arrive in Tiruchy International airport today. Total Covid cases till yesterday: 6009, Active cases: 4361, Deaths: 40, Discharged: 1605. 1589 cases till now linked to Koyembedu Market.
- Karnataka: Today 36 new Covid cases reported in the State till now; Bangalore 12, Uttara Kannada 7, Davangere 6, three each in Chitradurga, Bidar & Dakshin Kannada and one each in Tumkur and Vijayapura. Total positive cases till now 789. So far 30 people dead and 379 people cured and discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: State to set up Special Enforcement Bureau to curb illegal liquor and sand transportation. Orders issued to reduce the number of liquor outlets limiting them to 2,934 from 3500. 43 Covid +ve new cases reported, 45 discharged and three deaths reported in the last 24 hours after testing 8388 samples. Total cases rise to 1930. Active cases: 999, Recovered: 887, Deaths: 44. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (553), Guntur (376), Krishna (338), Anantapur (102).
- Telangana: ICMR accords permission for six months to ESI Hospital and Gandhi to carry out plasma therapy trials on Covid19 patients. State began imposing a fine of Rs 1,000 on people roaming in public places without wearing a mask. A group of migrant workers at a construction site in Gachibowli staged a protest demanding that they be sent back to their native places. Total positive cases till now 1132; Active cases: 376, Deaths : 29, Discharged: 727.
- Chandigarh: The UT Chandigarh Administrator has directed the Deputy Commissioner, UT to coordinate with the receiving states, so that the stranded labour and other persons desirous of going to their home states could do so after necessary medical screening. Nearly 5,000 persons, mostly NRIs and residents of Chandigarh, are expected to return from abroad by air.

- Punjab: The Punjab Government has issued the advisory on maintaining and ensuring the safety of food and other essential household items during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the general advisory, the Punjab Government has directed that the shop-owners, delivery staff and customers should be wearing cloth masks at all the times. The mask should also be worn even if the purchase of groceries or collection of an order takes a fraction of time. In Specific Advisory for the consumers/customers, the Punjab Government has advised them to carry cloth bags while going out to buy the essentials. The cloth bag should be washed thoroughly with soap and water immediately after use.
- Haryana: As per the commitment made by Haryana Government, the migrant labourers keen on returning will be sent to their home states free of cost by the State Government within the next 7 days through 5,000 buses and 100 trains. The entire expenditure on their transportation will be borne by the State Government. In the present scenario, the Chief Minister has directed the entire Government machinery, including District Administration, that during the lockdown there should be appropriate arrangements for food and shelter for every migrant labourer and no migrant labourer should feel that they are miles away from home.

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Reality : Eight approved labs accredited to NABL test prototype samples of #PPE #Coveralls.
Read here: pib.gov.in/PressReleasePa...

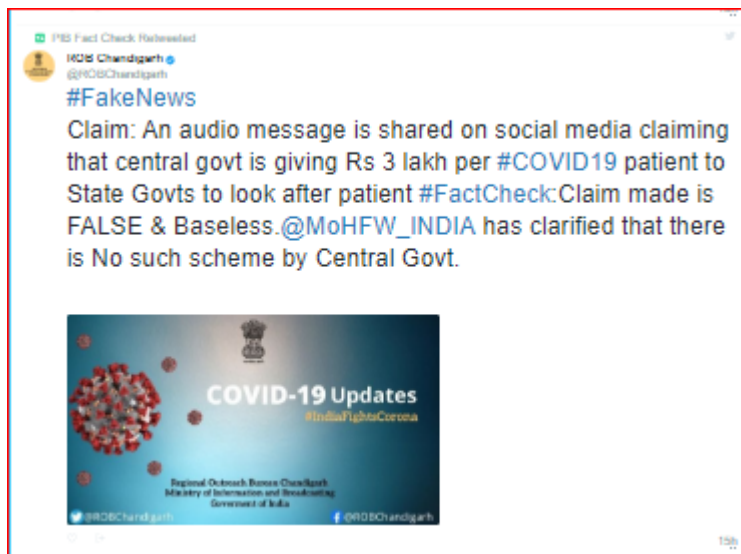
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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 08 MAY 2020 6:48PM by PIB Delhi



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

- 16,540 people have been cured, out of 56,342 confirmed Covid-19 cases, taking the recovery rate to 29.36%.
- 3390 new Covid-19 cases reported since yesterday.
- No Covid case reported so far in 216 districts, 42 districts had no fresh case in last 28 days, 29 districts with no fresh case in last 21 days and 36 districts with no fresh case in last 14 days.
- India signs agreement with AIIB for \$500 million assistance to help country respond to COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen its public health preparedness
- Food grain procurement picks up amid the lockdown
- India Post delivers Covid-19 testing kits to labs across the country

Update on Covid-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

There are 216 districts which have not reported any cases till date; 42 districts have seen no fresh cases in the last 28 days, while 29 districts have seen no fresh cases in the last 21 days. A total of 36 districts have seen no fresh cases in the last 14 days, and 46 districts have seen no fresh cases in the last 7 days. So far, a total of 16,540 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 1273 patients were found cured, taking our total recovery rate to 29.36 %. Total number of confirmed cases is now 56,342. Since yesterday, an increase of 3390 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare interacted with the State Health Ministers of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana wherein he reviewed the preparedness efforts and containment measures regarding COVID-19. ICMR has initiated a multi-centre clinical trial called PLACID trial, to assess the safety and efficacy of Convalescent Plasma to Limit COVID-19 associated Complications in Moderate disease.

For details:

Government of India & AIIB sign agreement for \$500 million COVID-19 support for India

The Government of India and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) signed a US\$ 500 million “COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project” today to help India to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen its public health preparedness. This is the first ever health sector support from the Bank to India. This new support will cover all States and Union Territories across India and address the needs of infected people, at-risk populations, medical and emergency personnel and service providers, medical and testing facilities, and national and animal health agencies.

For details:

Food grain procurement picks up pace amid lockdown

More than half of targeted 400 LMT wheat for Central Pool procured. 45 LMT paddy also procured, Telangana leads with 30 LMT share. States/UTs lifted 70 LMT food grains under PMGKAY, which is about 58% of the total allocation for 3 months

For details:

Union Minister for Food and Public Distribution says massive exercise underway to supply free food grains & pulses to about 80 crore people across the country under PM-GKAY

FCI has loaded a total number of 2641 rakes carrying about 74 LMT food grains, setting an all time record, says Shri Ram Vilas Paswan. Massive operation by NAFED to provide free pulses for 3 months to about 19.50 crore households for three months in the country, says the Minister. Under the “One Nation One Ration Card” plan, 5 more States/UT have been asked to integrate with the National Cluster. The cluster already has 12 States. Now, with a total of 17 States/UTs integrated with the National Cluster, the facility of national/inter-State portability would be enabled for 60 Crore NFSA beneficiaries to lift their entitled quota of foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop of their choice by using their same/existing ration card.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan lauds services of Indian Red Cross Society in difficult times

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan took part in centenary celebrations of Indian Red Cross Society in New Delhi today on the occasion of ‘World Red Cross Day’. He appealed to voluntary organisations, NGOs and common people at large to come forward to promote voluntary blood donation. He asked people to donate blood at least once in a year on their birthday or marriage anniversary to make the occasion special for not only themselves but for the people who need blood also. He further asked IRCS to come forward to spread awareness amongst the masses to not to stigmatise patients and Corona Warriors including doctors, health workers, etc. and promote positive environment for them to work with great zeal.

For details:

Indian Navy’s Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) clears certification by INMAS

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) designed and produced by Indian Navy has been tested by INMAS (Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences) Delhi, a DRDO organization tasked with the testing and certification of PPE and is certified to be mass produced and used in clinical COVID

situations.

For details:

India Post delivers Covid-19 testing kits from ICMR regional depots to testing labs across the country including remote areas

India Post has entered into a tie up with ICMR for delivery of its Covid-19 testing Kits from its 16 regional depots to the 200 additional labs designated for Covid-19 Testing across the length and breadth of the country. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has set a target of carrying out around 1 lakh tests across the country per day. For this crucial work, India Post with its vast network of 1,56,000 post offices has once again geared up for performing as a strong COVID warrior. India Post has delivered consignments to remote areas.

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi and H.E. Charles Michel, President of the European Council

Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi had a phone call today with H.E. Charles Michel, President of the European Council. The two leaders discussed the situation of and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in India and the European Union. They appreciated mutual cooperation extended in the face of the pandemic, including for ensuring supplies of essential pharmaceutical products. The leaders recognized the importance of regional and global coordination to effectively address the health and economic impact of COVID-19.

For details:

Raksha Mantri ShriRajnath Singh speaks with Japan Defence Minister over phone on mitigating COVID-19

The two Defence Ministers had discussions on their respective responses against the COVID-19 pandemic. ShriRajnath Singh informed MrKono Taro on India's contribution to international efforts against COVID-19 and discussed areas of mutual cooperation in the global fight against the pandemic. They also agreed that India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership provides a good basis for both countries to work together alongwith other countries in this regard to deal with the post COVID-19 related challenges.

For details:

ShriGadkari asks Event and Entertainment Management Industry and the Small Financing Enterprises to Remain Positive and Explore Tapping Present Situation

Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways, ShriNitinGadkari today held meetings via video conferencing with the representatives of Events and Entertainment Management Association and members of Finance Industry Development Council on impact of COVID-19 on their sectors. ShriGadkari emphasized that this sector is doing an excellent work and that their talent and vision is widely recognized.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism organises 16th webinar titled 'Goa-Crucible of Culture' under "DekhoApnaDesh" series

Ministry of Tourism's DekhoApnaDesh Webinar Series titled , "Goa- Crucible of Culture" on 7th May 2020 presented the 'lesser known' or 'unknown' travel experiences that India's most popular tourist destination 'Goa' offers, thus bringing the participants face to face with the unknown beauty of a place which is waiting to be discovered in Goa.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Punjab Government has issued an advisory on maintaining the hygiene and sanitization by State Transport Undertakings (Punjab Roadways/PRTC/PUNBUS) and Private Bus operators during the transport of migrants/passengers in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. With a bumper production of wheat crop in the state, the Punjab has successfully crossed 100 LMT mark in wheat procurement despite several challenges during curfew/lockdown amid COVID-19.
- Haryana: The Central Government has highly appreciated Haryana Government for the timely disposal of public grievances related to COVID-19. As many as 2436 grievances have been redressed out of 2827 received between the period from March 30, 2020 till May 6, 2020. Haryana Government is steadfast to provide employment and boost the economy of the state for which automated approvals are being given at the portal <https://saralharyana.gov.in/> and so far 19,626 units have been approved and 11,21,287 workers have been allowed to work.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister while presiding over the meeting with the senior officers of the State Government to review the situation in the State, in wake of corona pandemic directed them to ensure that the people of the State coming from other parts of the country must strictly follow quarantine norms. He said that all the persons coming back to the State from other parts of the country must be examined and thereafter it should be decided that he or she needs to be kept under home quarantine or institutional quarantine.
- Kerala: Two flights carrying 177 Indians from Bahrain and 162 Indians stranded in Saudi Arabia will land in Kochi and Kozhikode respectively, tonight. One Shramik Special train with 1,150 migrant labourers will leave from Thrissur to Uttar Pradesh this evening. There are only 25 active covid cases in the State right now.
- Tamil Nadu: Thousands throng liquor shops in the State disregarding distancing norms; protests held in several places against reopening of Tasmac outlets. State is preparing to open-up public transport post-lockdown by allowing buses with 50 per cent capacity and separate services for covid warriors. Total cases till yesterday: 5409, Active cases: 3822, Deaths: 37, Discharged: 1547. A large number of recent cases linked to Koyembedu Market.
- Karnataka: 45 new cases reported today which is highest reported in a day till date; Bangalore 7, Bellary 1, Belagavi 11, Davangere 14 and Uttara Kannada 12 cases were reported. There were 14 discharges and one death today. Total cases till now are 750. So far there are 30 deaths and 371 people discharged. Meanwhile State announced that from tomorrow onwards all liquor shops, pubs and bars will open for liquor sales.
- Andhra Pradesh: Chittoor district Police have started tracking the details of goods carriers' drivers and cleaners as well as farmers who recently returned from Chennai's Koyambedu market. 54 new Covid +ve cases reported, 62 discharged and three deaths reported in the last 24 hours after testing 7320 samples. Total cases rise to 1887. Active cases: 1004, Recovered: 842, Deaths: 41. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (547), Guntur (374), Krishna (322).

- **Telangana:** At a time when migrant workers from various parts of the country are returning to their home states due to ongoing nation-wide lockdown, a Sharmik Special train with about 225 migrants from Bihar reached Telangana on Friday. Hyderabad-based vaccines and bio-therapeutics manufacturer Bharat Biotech to develop human antibodies for Covid19 therapy. Total Covid cases till now: 1122, Active cases: 400, Recovered: 693, Deaths: 29.
- **Assam:** In Assam, three more persons tested COVID19 positive. Total case rise to 56, active 21, discharged 34 and 1 death, tweets Assam Health Minister. In view of the new COVID19 positive cases in Guwahati, the following areas has been declared as containment zones i.e, Amiyo Nagar, Chandmari, area near Dr. B. Baruah Cancer Hospital and Guahati Medical College and Hospitals.
- **Manipur:** Directorate of Agriculture says all efforts are being made to make Urea fertilizer available for Kharif 2020 season in same quantity as last year. Manipur Social Welfare Dept. gives smartphones with ICDS-CAS application to Anganwadi workers & Supervisors in all districts to ensure real-time monitoring of Anganwadi activities and distribution of ration to beneficiaries.
- **Mizoram:** Govt has quarantined over 150 people who have returned to the state without informing the state authorities.
- **Nagaland:** CM says relaxation in lockdown to be done in phased manner, depending on the outcome of daily case reports. Nagaland Govt to deposit pensions of retired employees directly to their bank accounts. Pensioners asked to open bank accounts in SBI.
- **Maharashtra:** Maharashtra reported 1,216 new Covid-19 cases on Thursday as cumulative tally reached 17,974 cases. Out of these, 11,394 cases have been reported from Mumbai. Maharashtra recorded single-day highest death toll of 43 on Thursday taking the total number of deaths to 694. Meanwhile, the number of people tested in the state has crossed 2 lakhs. The government of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have announced an ex gratia of Rs 5 lakh each on part of the respective state governments to the kin of the workers killed in the Aurangabad train mishap. 16 migrant labourers, who were sleeping on the railway track were crushed by a goods train at Karmad near Aurangabad early this morning.
- **Gujarat:** With 388 new Covid cases reported, the total tally of positive cases in Gujarat has crossed seven thousand to reach 7,013. Of the 388 new cases found since Wednesday night, 275 were found in Ahmedabad district alone. Gujarat has reported a total of 425 Covid related deaths. In order to ensure that the Covid-affected people get hospitals and asymptomatic patients have sufficient quarantine facilities, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has taken over 8 private hospitals with 800 beds and 60 hotels with a capacity of 3,000
- **Rajasthan:** 26 more coronavirus cases have been reported from Rajasthan, taking the tally of Covid-19 in the state to 3,453, the state Health Department said today. The state has witnessed 97 deaths, even as 1,596 have recovered from the viral infection.
- **Madhya Pradesh:** The number of Covid 19 cases in Madhya Pradesh has surged to 3,252. While 1,231 people have recovered, 193 people have passed away in the state. Indore, Bhopal and Ujjain are the worst affected cities in MP.

FACT CHECK

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PIB in Maharashtra #MaskYourself @PIBMumbai

Claim: A #WhatsApp forward says there'll be a military lockdown in Mumbai for 10 days, starting from Saturday#PIBFactCheck: Message is #Fake. No Army/Navy personnel are being deployed for maintaining law and order in the city @adgpi @indiannavy

No! Army/Navy personnel are NOT being deployed anywhere in the city for law & order situation.

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New Delhi, 07th May, 2019

It has been reported in media that it is being planned to shift Indian Railways Institute for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (IRIMEE), from Jamalpur to Lucknow.

Ministry of Railways clarifies that it has no plan to shift IRIMEE from Jamalpur to Lucknow. Any intention to this effect are incorrect and misleading and do not have the approval of the Ministry of Railways.

In fact, Ministry of Railways has planned to enlarge the activities of IRIMEE to also impart educational programs in transportation technology and management. Several additional educational programs relating with 1-year Diploma courses in Jamalpur are planned to be introduced for which curriculum development and design is underway. Indian Railways is very proud of the history and legacy of IRIMEE and there is no question of it being transferred from its present location. In fact, all efforts are to further strengthen it and enlarge its role at the existing location.



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Claim: News channel @DY365 reported that the no. of deaths due to #COVID19 in India has crossed 50k.

#FactCheck: As on 8 am of 07.05.2020, total number of COVID19 cases in India is 52,952 and total deceased are 1,783. @PIBFactCheck @diprassam @PIB_India

0.35 Crare Indians are using Aarogya Setu App

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COVID-19 Cases Overview
Updated 13 hours, 28 minutes ago, 07 May '20

Assam		
Confirmed	Recovered	Deceased
45	32	1

Across India		
Confirmed	Recovered	Deceased
52952	15267	1783

**PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(GUWAHATI)**

Date: 07.05.2020

India due to Corona virus has not crossed 50 thousand mark, as reported

News channel (DY-365) earlier today showed that total deaths in the 50,000. PIB, Assam has issued a rebuttal tweet on the matter https://www.twitter.com/PIB_Assam/status/1248414027988327726. PIB has also issued rebuttal on its Facebook and Instagram pages (https://www.facebook.com/PIB_Assam/status/1248414027988327726) and https://www.instagram.com/PIB_Assam/status/1248414027988327726 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1248414027988327726>

Q3, total number of COVID19 positive cases in India is 52,952 and total writing of wrong information leads to panic and confusion among public and violation of the law. For verified information and updates related to it, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and PIB India may be followed, also provides the latest update on COVID19.

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Claim: Video on social media showing passengers on purported @airindiain overseas flight arguing over being charged thrice the normal fare & then packed in, without #SocialDistancing

Fact: #Fake video. @MoCA_GoI says it is from a neighbouring country's airlines

The video circulating is **NOT** of Air India but of an airline from a neighbouring country.

Air India flight from their Chicago-Delhi flight passengers were charged 3x Fares to "cover social-distancing and Air India then "packed" the flight. See the actual scenario inside the plane!!



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PR New Bharat News Service (@PNS_India)

Fact-check - Hyderabad edition of Times of India reports 50,000 COVID19 deaths in India, while the actual figure stands at 1783 as of 8 am on May 7, 2020, as per Union Ministry of Health. @MoHFW_INDIA

The screenshot shows a newspaper page with the headline "India crosses 50k deaths; hits new peak of 3,600 cases in 1 day". Below the headline, it says "Highest Jumps For Delhi (428), Mumbai (769)". To the right, there is a "CORONA COUNT SURGES PAST 50K" section with a bar chart showing the number of cases in various states. The chart shows that India has crossed 50,000 cases, with Delhi and Mumbai showing the highest jumps. The tweet also includes a summary of COVID-19 statistics in India as of May 7, 2020:

Category	Count
Active Cases	35902
Cured/Discharged	15266
Deaths	1783
Migrated	1

The tweet also mentions that the Hyderabad print edition of The Times of India on Thursday, May 7, 2020, carried a headline on its front page.

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Posted On: 07 MAY 2020 6:28PM by PIB Delhi



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- 52,952 Covid-19 cases reported so far; 15,266 persons have been cured, showing a recovery rate of 28.83%; 1,783 have died.
- In last 24 hours, 3561 new confirmed cases added and 1084 patients found cured.
- In view of the surge in number of migrant labour expected to reach the States in the days to come, Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorts the States to draw up a robust strategy and mechanism for their testing, quarantine, and treatment of the positive cases.
- Prime Minister says India is and will continue to work for the benefit for the entire community, the whole world.
- HRD Minister announces modifications in PMRF Scheme to boost research.
- Health and AYUSH Ministers jointly launch clinical research studies on Ayurveda interventions as an add-on to standard care to COVID 19 situation.
- Railways has converted its 5231 coaches as Covid care centres.
- CSIR launches Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19

Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews preparedness and containment measures taken for COVID-19 management in Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare held a meeting today with Health Ministers of Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, and senior officials from both Centre and the States to review the situation, actions being taken and preparedness for management of COVID-19 in the three States. He stated that as on 7th May, 2020, a total of 52,952 cases have been reported from the country in which 15,266 persons have been cured and 1,783 deaths had occurred. In the last 24 hours, 3561 new confirmed cases have been added and 1084 patients were found cured. He added that in comparison to other countries, India is in a better condition as the fatality rate is 3.3% and recovery rate is 28.83%. He also added that there are 4.8% patients in ICU, 1.1% on ventilators and 3.3% on oxygen support of the active cases. The testing

capacity has increased in the country and it is 95,000 tests per day. Cumulatively, 13,57,442 tests have been done so far for COVID-19. As on date, there are 180 districts with no new cases in less than 7 days, 180 districts with no new cases in 7-13 days, 164 districts which have not had any new case in 14-20 days and 136 districts with no new cases since the last 21-28 days. In view of the surge in number of migrant labour expected to reach the States in the days to come, Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorted the States that robust strategy and mechanism need to be drawn up for their testing, quarantine, and treatment of the positive cases. An effective strategy also needs to be put in place for their testing, institutional quarantine and treatment, if needed. States were also informed that helpline number 104 in addition to 1075 can be used for Grievance Redressal for non-COVID essential services, and for informing regarding availability of these services etc. Adequate measures for prevention of vector diseases also needs to be taken, they were advised.

For details:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the virtual 'Vesak Global Celebrations' on Buddha Purnima

The Virtual Prayer Event saw participation of heads of Buddhist Sanghas from around the world. The program is dedicated as Global Prayer Week in honour of Victims and frontline warriors of COVID-19. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the virtual Vesak Global Celebrations on Buddha Purnima today. Minister of State for Culture(I/C) and Minister of State for Tourism(I/C), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports(I/C) and Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju also participated in the event held virtually.

For details:

Text of PM's Speech on the occasion of Vesak-Buddha Purnima

"Friends, each and every word, each and every discourse of Lord Buddha reinforce India's commitment to serve humanity. The Buddha symbolizes both the Enlightenment of India and the Self-Realization of India. With this self-realization, India is and will continue to work for the benefit of the entire humanity, the whole world. India's progress will always be helpful in the progress of the world."

For details:

Health and AYUSH Ministers formally launch inter-disciplinary studies involving AYUSH interventions for COVID 19 situation

Health Minister Sh. Harsh Vardhan and Minister of State for AYUSH Sh. Shripad Yesso Naik jointly launched clinical research studies on Ayurveda interventions as an add-on to standard care to COVID 19 situation and Ayush Sanjivani application today. Speaking on the occasion Dr Harsh Vardhan said, "India has a history of traditional medicine since long and being the pioneer in the field of Ayurveda, the Ministry of AYUSH is working to address the COVID 19 pandemic problem in the country through clinical studies of AYUSH systems. Shri Naik informed that the Ministry of AYUSH has undertaken four clinical and population based studies to find a better solution to the problem and to assess the role of AYUSH for prevention of the disease.

For details:

Indian Railways geared up to provide COVID Care Centers to State Authorities

Ministry of Railways has converted its 5231 coaches as Covid Care Centers. The Coaches can be used for very mild cases that can be clinically assigned to the Covid Care centers as per guidelines issued by MoHFW. These coaches can be used in areas where State has exhausted the facilities and needs to augment capacities for isolation of both suspect and confirmed Covid cases. Indian Railways has kept 158 stations ready with watering and charging facility and 58 stations with watering facility for these COVID Care centers.

For details:

Union HRD Minister announces modifications in PMRF Scheme to boost research in the country

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' today announced that, to boost research in the country various amendments have been carried out in Prime Minister's Research Fellowship Scheme. He said that after the amendments, now for the students from any recognised institute/ university (other than IISc/ IITs/NITs/IISERs/IIEST/CF IIITs), the requirement of GATE Score is reduced to 650 from 750 apart from minimum CGPA of 8 or equivalent.

For details:

RS Chairman and LS Speaker discuss COVID and meetings of Parliamentary Committees

Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu held a meeting with Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla and discussed the situation regarding COVID-19 disease in the country, role being played by Members of Parliament and the feasibility of holding meetings of Committees of Parliament. Shri Naidu and Shri Birla also discussed the issue of feasibility of various Committees of Parliament holding their meetings at the earliest in the prevailing situation and in the context of restrictions on travel across the country. They felt that if the situation does not allow regular conventional meetings of the Committees in the near future, alternative means of enabling such meetings may be explored.

For details:

Indian Navy dispatches ships and Armed Forces ready quarantine facilities to help in evacuation of Indian nationals from abroad

Indian Armed Forces have dispatched Naval ships with medical teams and aid supplies to several countries in the IOR region. In return journey, the Ships will bring back Indian national evacuees from this region. Further, Armed Forces have kept in readiness six quarantine facilities that can accommodate up to 2,100 Indians being evacuated from several countries in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Civil Aviation. The Indian National evacuees stranded due to COVID19 in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Malaysia will be housed in the quarantine facilities maintained by the three Services- Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force- in Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Bhopal, Kochi, Vishakhapatnam and Chennai.

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali, Prime Minister of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi had a phone call with H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The two leaders discussed the domestic, regional and global challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and expressed solidarity with each other during the health crisis. The Minister assured Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali of Indian support to Ethiopia, for ensuring supplies of essential medicines and ameliorating the economic impact of the pandemic.

For details:

Industries Should Take Positive Approach and Tap the Opportunities Created After Covid-19 Crisis Gets Over: ShriGadkari

ShriNitinGadkari has said that industries should keep a positive outlook and tap the opportunities that may arise after COVID pandemic is over. ShriGadkari 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 that organizations should ensure that their workers and executives are taken care of - by providing food, shelter and maintaining social distancing norms.

For details:

ShriGadkari sets road construction target for next two years at Rs 15 lakh crore

The Minister has said that he has directed the ministry officials to finalise the auto scrapping policy quickly, and said, it will go a long way in cost reduction. He also suggested exploring cheaper credits including foreign capital for enhancing liquidity in the automobile manufacturing sector. On the question of BS4 vehicles, he said, the government is bound by SC verdict on the same.

For details:

Union Agriculture Minister calls for farmers' movement on integrated soil nutrient management based on Soil Health Card

Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, ShriNarendra Singh Tomar has called for making integrated soil nutrient management a farmers' movement. Reviewing the progress of the Soil Health Programme, he directed running mission mode awareness campaigns on increasing use of bio and organic fertilisers and reducing chemical fertilisers strictly based on recommendations of Soil Health Card. During 2020-21, the major focus of the programme would be on mass awareness programme for farmers in over 1 lakh villages covering all districts of the country.

For details:

Secretary, Food and Public Distribution holds review meeting with Food Secretaries of 24 States/UTs on food grain distribution under the Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana

Under the scheme, about 120 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) food grains are being distributed to the vulnerable sections of society across the country affected by the pandemic. Government has ensured that all priority households (PHH) under NFSA gets double their usual allocation during three months of April, May and June 2020 along with each Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiary getting an extra 5 Kg/month than their normal quota of 35 Kg per card per month. There has been enthusiastic response from the state governments against this scheme and a quantity of 69.28 LMT has already been lifted upto 06.05.2020.

For details:

Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal emphasizes the importance of Integrated Cold Chain Network in the uncertain and evolving times of COVID-19 pandemic

During a video conference with promoters of MoFPI supported cold chain projects today, Union Minister emphasized the importance of Food processing enterprises, especially the Integrated Cold Chain Network, in the present uncertain and evolving circumstances in view of COVID pandemic. The Food Processing Industry has the potential to absorb the excess farm produce thereby benefiting the farmers and at the same time, convert the harvest into a value added processed product that can meet the domestic as well as the global demand.

For details:

Labour Minister Interacts with CTU Representatives to Fight COVID-19 Pandemic

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment held a Webinar with the Central Trade Union Organizations (CTUOs) to discuss the emergent situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic and to minimize its impact on the workers and on the economy. These issues include (i) Protection of the interest of Workers and Migrant Workers in view of COVID-19, (ii) Measures to generate Employment, (iii) Measures to be adopted for restarting economic activities and (iv) Measures to improve situation of MSME to enable them to discharge their liabilities under Labour Laws.

For details:

Shri Gadkari calls upon Fragrance and Flavours Association of India to focus on domestic production & import substitution

Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari held meeting with the members of Fragrances and Flavours Association of India on impact of COVID-19 on startup eco system and MSMEs. Shri Gadkari suggested to the Fragrances and Flavours Industry to focus on domestic production of products instead of using imported products and emphasized domestic production of bamboo. He added that industry should focus more on innovation, technology and research skill to become competitive in global market.

For details:

DG, CSIR launches Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19

A “*Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19* (Tracing, Testing and Treating)” prepared by National Research Development Corporation was launched by Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Director General, CSIR. The compendium carries information about 200 COVID-19-related Indian technologies, ongoing research activities, technologies available for commercialisation, initiatives and efforts taken by the Government of India, categorised under 3Ts of Tracking, Testing and Treating. Most of these technologies are proof-of-concept tested and can help the entrepreneurs to take the product to market faster as they do not have to reinvent the wheel.

For details:

Notice period for draft Environment Impact Assessment Notification (EIA), 2020 extended till 30th June.

Central Government, published the draft notification namely, Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2020 vide S.O. 1199(E) dated the 23rd March, 2020 in the official gazette on 11th April, 2020, for the information of the public likely to be affected thereby and for making any objections or suggestions on the proposal contained in the draft notification within sixty days. The Ministry has now extended the notice period up to 30th June, 2020.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism launches DekhoApnaDesh Logo Design Contest

The Ministry of Tourism has launched the 'DekhoApnaDesh' logo design contest on the MyGov platform. The objective of this contest is to have a logo for 'DekhoApnaDesh' campaign coming out of creative ideas of the citizens of the country. Post lockdown and as the control over the spread of pandemic is achieved, it is widely agreed fact that domestic tourism will recover faster than international tourism.

For details:

ICAR Institutes released Advisories to Fisheries sector in 12 languages

In order to ensure safety of all stakeholders associated in the agricultural sector, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare through its research Institutes have taken several innovative steps to sensitize all concerned in different sub-sectors. In this endeavor, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi prepared advisories for the benefit of the fishermen, fishing boat owners, fishing harbour, fish market and seafood processing plants in 10 different regional languages, besides English and Hindi.

For details:

Nashik Smart City initiatives such as mobile applications and body sanitization machines strengthen the city's fight against Covid-19

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administrator has directed that all responsible citizens should inform about their own sickness, if any to the nearest dispensary. He appealed to the local leaders and neighbours to intimate the Administration about any person in their area showing symptoms of COVID. Till date 38,44,867 of cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitute and needy persons in UT Chandigarh.
- Punjab: As the state prepares to handle a large influx of NRIs from other nations and stranded people from across the country, Chief Minister has issued a series of directives to check the spread of the deadly COVID-19, including strict directives to the Health Department to ensure mandatory screening of all such returnees, with institutional quarantine for those coming back from high-risk regions of India, and hotel/home quarantine for the NRIs.
- Haryana: The Haryana Urban Local Bodies Department has issued directions for imposing penalties and fines for violation of social distancing norms in the market areas within the Municipal limits. Haryana Government is steadfast to provide employment and boost the economy of the state for which automated

approvals are being given at the portal <https://saralharyana.gov.in/> and so far 19,626 units have been approved and 11,21,287 workers have been allowed to work.

- Kerala: The first Air India Express flight from Abu Dhabi with 177 adults & 4 infants will land at 9.40 pm tonight in Kochi marking the beginning of the historic Vande Bharat mission. Another Air India Express from Dubai is to land at Kozhikode by 10.30 pm tonight. Expats to be quarantined as per MHA guidelines. The govt. stops issuing travel pass to bring back Keralites stranded in other states due to delay in quarantining. Migrant workers today staged protests in Kannur & Ernakulam districts demanding return to their native places. 6 more Keralites lost their lives to Covid19 in the UK, US and the Gulf. 8 districts have become Covid free, with 30 active cases in the State.
- Tamil Nadu: Special train with 1,136 passengers from Tamil Nadu leaves for Ranchi. Industries in deep distress as lakhs of migrant workers, including 32,000 from Coimbatore, have expressed their interest in returning home. Transit passes mandatory to buy essentials, liquor amid lockdown in Madurai. Despite demands from opposition parties not to open TASMAL outlets, the sale of liquor has commenced across the State on Thursday, except in a few districts. Total cases till now: 4829, Active cases: 3275, Deaths: 35, Discharged: 1516.
- Karnataka: Today 8 new cases confirmed. 3 each in Davangere & Kalburgi and 1 each in Belagavi & Bangalore. Today one 55 year old female patient succumbed to Covid at Davangere. Total cases till now 701. So far 30 people dead, and 363 people cured and discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: Nine people were killed and more than 200 injured in the Vizag chemical gas leak incident at LG Polymers chemical early in the morning. PM dials CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu over the gas leak incident, assures Centre's support. Green zone district Vizianagaram reported 3 positive cases for the first time. 56 Covid +ve cases reported, 51 discharged and two deaths reported in the last 24 hours after testing 8087 samples. Total cases rise to 1833. Active cases: 1015, Recovered: 780, Deaths: 38. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (540), Guntur (373), Krishna (316).
- Telangana: 2,803 stranded workers left for their states from Telangana on Wednesday. Telangana high court on Wednesday directed the state government to furnish to the court within two days the steps it is taking to rescue persons caught in emergency health situations. Despite the State government allowing private offices to resume operations with 33% workforce, the IT/ITeS sector is waiting for more clarity before drawing up their back-to-office strategies. Total cases till now: 1107, Active cases: 430, Deaths 29; Cured: 648.
- Arunachal Pradesh: CM says that Chief Ministers Relief Fund has so far received a sum of Rs.19.89 crore and expenditure incurred on Covid related relief till date has been Rs. 9.49 crore. Total 32,751 free LPG cylinders delivered under PMGKY in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Assam: CM held a meeting with the Chairman and members of the Advisory Committee for revitalisation of economy of the state due to Coronavirus outbreak.
- Meghalaya: IIM Umsawli in Meghalaya converted into largest Corona care centre in the state with 258 beds, floors segregated for staff, suspected cases and patients.
- Manipur: Govt permits MNREGA work in rural areas with strict enforcement of social distancing, all educational institutions in the state to maintain academic schedule through online teaching.
- Mizoram: Muster Roll Employees from the Public Health Engineering Department in Mizoram contributed Rs.1 lakh in CM Relief Fund for COVID19 pandemic.
- Nagaland: CM inspects Tuensang district hospital, distributes relief items to daily wage earners. Deputy CM donates walkie-talkie sets to Village Councils of Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire & Shammator.

- Maharashtra: State reported 1,233 new Covid cases- a new single-day high -- taking its tally to 16,758, while 34 more deaths raised the toll to 651. Mumbai alone has reported more than 10,500 cases now. Although Mumbai accounts for highest number of Covid positive cases, it is also the only city that has conducted one lakh plus tests. Everyday upto 4,500 tests are being conducted in 6 public and 11 private labs. However the rate of positivity has increased to 10% as against 3% in early April, indicating rapid spread of the infection. The Maharashtra government has asked 25,000 private doctors in Mumbai to report to hospitals treating Covid-19 patients immediately. The doctors will be provided protective gear and will be paid for working in an emergency, the state government said in a notice. Doctors above the age of 55 have been exempted from the move.
- Gujarat: State reported 380 new Covid cases taking the number of positive cases in the state to 6,625, while the death toll due to the pandemic rose to 396. Out of 380 new cases, 291 were reported from Ahmedabad.
- Rajasthan: The Rajasthan government has sealed interstate borders to stop the entry of unauthorised people to check the spread of Covid-19 in the state. The total number of positive cases in the state stands at 3355. Rajasthan has recorded the highest recovery rate of 46.98 among major states.
- MP: In Madhya Pradesh, the number of positive cases is 3,138. With 1,099 people cured, the state has recorded a recovery rate of approximately 33%.

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**NOVEL CORONA VIRUS
DISEASE (COVID-19)**

Don't spit in Public
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It can increase the spread of COVID -19
Protect yourself and others


SANITIZE
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CONSUMPTION OF
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For information related to COVID -19, call the state Helpline numbers or
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Together we will fight COVID-19

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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).

- 14,183 Covid-9 patients out of 49,391 confirmed cases have been cured so far in the country, taking the recovery rate to 28.72%.
- 2958 new Covid-19 cases reported since yesterday.
- PM reviews India's efforts in vaccine development, drug discovery, diagnosis and testing.
- Around 39 Crore poor people have so far received financial assistance of Rs 34,800 crore under the Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyanYojana.
- FCI stocks comfortable even after fulfilling extra commitments during the lockdown
- MHA issues SOPs for movement of Indian Nationals stranded in other countries and those desirous of travelling abroad; Indian Navy launches operation "SamudraSetu" to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas.
- AarogyaSetu IVRS services launched for people having Feature phone or landline.

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

So far, a total of 14,183 people have been cured. In the last 24 hours, 1457 patients were found cured. This takes the total recovery rate to 28.72%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 49,391. Since yesterday, an increase of 2958 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews preparedness and containment measures taken for COVID-19 management in Gujarat and Maharashtra

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare held a high level meeting today with Health Ministers of Gujarat and Maharashtra to review the situation, actions being taken and preparedness for management of COVID-19 in both the States. Expressing concern regarding the high fatality rate due to

COVID-19 in some districts of the States, Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated, “States need to focus on more effective surveillance, contact tracing and early diagnosis to reduce high fatality rate”.

For details:

PM chairs a meeting of the Task Force on Corona Vaccine Development, Drug Discovery, Diagnosis and Testing

The PM took a detailed review of the current status of India’s efforts in vaccine development, drug discovery, diagnosis and testing. Over 30 Indian vaccines are in different stages of corona vaccine development, with a few going on to the trial stages. The review by the PM took note of the extraordinary coming together of academia, industry and government, combined with speedy but efficient regulatory process. The PM desired that such coordination and speed should be embedded into a standard operating procedure. He emphasized that what is possible in a crisis should be a part of our routine way of scientific functioning.

For details:

Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyanPackage : Progress so far

Using the digital payment infrastructure, around **39 crore poor people have received financial assistance of Rs 34,800 crore under the Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Package, as on 5th May,2020.** The progress so far includes:

- Rs 16,394 crore front loaded towards payment of the first installment of PM-KISAN to 8.19 crore beneficiaries.
- Rs 10,025 crore credited to 20.05 crore women Jan Dhan account holders as first installment. Rs. 2,785 crore credited to 5.57 crore women Jan Dhan account holders with second installment as on 5th May.
- Rs 1405 crore disbursed to about 2.82 crore old age persons, widows and disabled persons.
- 2.20 crore Building & Construction Workers received financial support amounting to Rs 3492.57 crore.
- 5.09 crore PMUYcylinders have been booked under this scheme so far and 4.82 crore PMUY free cylinders already delivered to beneficiaries.
- 9.6 Lakh members of EPFO have taken benefit of online withdrawal of non-refundable advance from EPFO account amounting to 2985 crore.
- 24% EPF contribution transferred to 44.97 Lakh employees account amounting to Rs 698 crore

For details:

SOPs issued for movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country, as well as, for those persons stranded in India who are desirous to travel abroad

Many Indian Nationals who had travelled to different countries before the lockdown, on various purposes such as employment, studies/ internships, tourism, business, etc., are stranded abroad. Due to their prolonged stay abroad, they are facing distress and are desirous of returning to India urgently. Apart from the above cases, there are other Indian Nationals who need to visit India in medical emergencies or death of a family member. Also, many persons are stranded in India who desirous to travel abroad urgently for various purposes. In order to facilitate the movement of such persons, the MHA has issued Standard Operating Protocols.

For details:

Indian Navy launches Operation “SamudraSetu”

Indian Navy has launched Operation “*SamudraSetu*” - meaning “*Sea Bridge*”, as a part of national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas. Indian Naval Ships *Jalashwa* and *Magar* are presently enroute to the port of Malè, Republic of Maldives to commence evacuation operations from 08 May 2020 as part of Phase-1.

For details:

Grant of some Consular Services to Foreign Nationals, presently stranded in India due to COVID-19, for 30 days from date of lifting of Prohibition on International Air Travel of passengers from India

Regular visa, e-visa or stay stipulation, of such foreign nationals whose visas have expired or would be expiring during the period from 01.02.2020 (Midnight) till the date on which prohibition on international air travel of passengers from India is lifted by Government of India, would be extended on 'GRATIS' basis, on submission of an online application by the foreigners. Such extensions would be granted for a period up to 30 days from the date of lifting the prohibition on international air travel of passengers from India without levy of over stay penalty.

For details:

All existing Visas granted to Foreigners, except certain categories, to remain suspended till the Prohibition on International Air Travel of passengers from/to India is lifted

MHA has decided that all existing visas granted to foreigners except to those belonging to diplomatic, official, UN/international organizations, employment and project categories would remain suspended till prohibition on international air travel of passengers from/to India is lifted by the Government of India.

For details:

Right of Multiple entry Life-long Visa facility to visit India for OCI Cardholders, to remain in abeyance till Prohibition on International Air Travel of passengers from/to India is lifted

Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an order specifying that the right of multiple entry life-long visa facility for visiting India for any purpose granted to persons registered as Overseas Citizen of India cardholders would continue to be kept in abeyance till the prohibition on international air travel of passengers from/to India is lifted by the Government of India.

For details:

FCI stocks comfortable even after fulfilling extra commitments during the lockdown: Shri Ram Vilas Paswan

The Minister said that as per the report dated 04.05.2020, FCI currently has 276.61 LMT rice and 353.49 LMT wheat. About 60 LMT food grains is required for a month under NFSA and other welfare schemes. The Minister informed that since the lockdown, about 69.52 LMT food grains have been lifted and transported through 2483 rail rakes. Apart from the rail route, transportation was also done through roads and waterways. A total of 137.62 LMT has been transported.

For details:

Pulses, Oilseeds and Wheat procurement during Rabi Season 2020-21 in full flow

A quantity of 2,61,565 MT of Pulses and 3,17,473 MT of Oilseeds has been procured under Rabi 2020-21 season till 02.05.2020 at MSP value of Rs.2,682 crores benefitting 3,25,565 farmers. Of this, a quantity of 14,859 MT Pulses and 6706 MT of Oilseeds was procured on 1st and 2nd May, 2020 in six States namely Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Besides, in Rabi Marketing Season 2020-21, a total of 1,87,97,767 MT wheat arrived in FCI, out of which 1,81,36,180 MT has been purchased.

For details:

AarogySetu IVRS services implemented to cater to people having feature phone or landline

For including the citizens with feature phones and landline under the protection of AarogySetu, the “AarogySetu Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS)” has been implemented. This toll-free service is available across the country, where citizens are asked to give a missed call to number **1921** and they will get a call back requesting for inputs regarding their health. The questions asked are aligned with AarogySetu App, and based on the responses given, citizens will also get an SMS indicating their health status and also will get further alerts for their health moving forward. The service is implemented in 11 regional languages similar to the mobile application.

For details:

Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Antonio Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a phone call with H.E. Antonio Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal. The two leaders discussed the state of COVID-19 pandemic and the steps being taken by both countries to control its health and economic impact. The Prime Minister commended PM Costa for his effective handling of the crisis. The leaders noted that proactive national measures were helpful in containing the spread of the virus. They offered all possible help to each other in dealing with the situation, and agreed to collaborate on research and innovation aimed at fighting COVID-19.

For details:

Conditional exemption to Government entities for COVID-19 related Drone/RPAS operations via GARUD portal

Ministry of Civil Aviation and DGCA have launched the GARUD portal for providing fast track conditional exemptions to government agencies for COVID-19 related RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft System)/ drone operations. GARUD is an acronym for ‘Government Authorisation for Relief Using Drones’.

For details:

Shri Gadkari assures Bus and Car Operators of full support in coming out of economic slowdown

Addressing the members of Bus and Car Operators Confederation of India, Shri Gadkari said, opening of transport and highways will go a long way in instilling confidence among the public. He said public transport may open soon with some guidelines. The Minister informed that his ministry is looking at

adopting the London model of public transport, where government funding is minimal and private investment is promoted.

For details:

465 flights operated under Lifeline Udan to deliver critical medical supplies across the country

465 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. Cargo transported till date is around 835.94 tons. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 4,51,038 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 5th May 2020 have carried 2.27 tons of cargo covering a distance of 7,729 kms.

For details:

EPFO introduces email mechanism to obtain e-Sign for easing the Process of EPF Compliance by Employers during Lockdown Period as employers were finding difficult to use digital or Aadhaar based e-Sign

For details:

Companies allowed to hold Annual General Meetings through VC or OAVM

On account of need for continuous adherence to the social distancing norms and restrictions placed on movement of persons, it has become necessary and hence it has been decided to allow companies to hold their annual general meeting (AGM) by Video Conferencing (VC) or other audio visual means (OAVM) during the calendar year 2020. Accordingly, the General Circular No: 20/2020 has been issued for this purpose.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs high level review meeting on prevention and control of malaria, dengue, and chikungunya in Delhi

The Minister stressed on importance of innovative awareness drives, community participation and cooperation of all stakeholders in changed situation of COVID to prevent vector borne diseases.

For details:

54,292 Tonnes of consignments have been loaded in Parcel trains in Lockdown period; Total number of parcel trains crosses 2000

Railways has made railway parcel vans available for quick mass transportation by E-Commerce entities and other customers including State governments. Railways have decided to run time-tabled Parcel Special trains on select routes, to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential items. Zonal Railways are regularly identifying and notifying routes for these Parcel Special trains. Presently these trains are being operated on eighty-two (82) routes.

For details:

CSIR IGIB and TATA Sons sign an MoU for licensing KNOWHOW related to development of a kit for rapid and accurate diagnosis of COVID-19

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administrator has directed that more testing needs to be conducted in containment zones to arrest infection. Indian Council of Medical Research had agreed to provide additional testing kits to PGIMER. All testing centres are being directed to enhance the number of testing in the city. About 1.55 lakh cooked food packets have been distributed among the needy people in UT Chandigarh. 2,42,000 persons have already downloaded AarogyaSetu Applications in the city.
- Punjab: To ensure safety and well-being of its staff, Punjab Government has issued detailed guidelines and protocols for safe operation of government offices during Covid-19 pandemic, with appointment of Nodal Officers for each department to regularly monitor their health. The Government agencies and private Traders have procured 3,89,478 metric tonnes of wheat in Punjab on 20th day of procurement. The Government agencies procured 3,87,688 MT of wheat 1,790 MT has been procured by the private traders (arhtyas).
- Haryana: Haryana Government has decided that two dialysis machines in all District Hospitals and Medical Colleges of the state will be reserved exclusively for COVID-19 patients requiring dialysis. Besides, after reserving 100-150 beds for Covid patient in all the 11 exclusive Covid-19 hospitals, the remaining OPDs and wards will resume the normal work of treatment of all other patients.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Government would launch new programme 'Nigah' to properly sensitize and educate the family members of the people of the State coming from other States of the country, so that social distancing is effectively maintained. A team of ASHA workers, health workers and Anganwadi workers would visit the family members of persons arriving from other States to sensitize and educate them regarding importance of social distancing so that they could be saved from any possible infection. Chief Minister said that the 'Himachal Model' for containing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic has effectively succeeded in checking this pandemic.
- Kerala: State to change institutional quarantine period for the Keralites returning from abroad from 7 to 14 days. Tomorrow's first two special flights as part of Vande Bharat mission will evacuate Keralites stranded in UAE. The first flight will reach Nedumbassery airport on Thursday night. Return of those stranded in UAE via ships will be delayed due to lack of entry permission. Liquor stores in the state not to open any time soon. Three trains will run from state today for migrant labourers.
- Tamil Nadu: Kitchen worker at Officers Training Academy in Chennai tests positive for Covid19. Chennai to face vegetable crisis after Koyambedu wholesale market shutdown. Liquor shops not to open in Chennai for now. 20-25 per cent of TN retailers may be out of business post lockdown, says traders' body. Total cases till yesterday: 4058, Active cases: 2537, Deaths: 33.

- Karnataka: 13 test positive for Covid19 in Bagalkot village as Karnataka tally rises to 692. State announces Rs 1,610 crore relief package. Govt hikes liquor tax by 17 per cent to support Covid19 relief. Karnataka stops migrant labourers, assures them of jobs, wages. State govt lays down SOPs for 10,823 international evacuees.
- Andhra Pradesh: State to provide Rs 10,000 financial aid to benefit a total of 1,09,231 fishermen to compensate loss of job for three months. About 1,100 migrant workers belonging to Anantapur who were trapped in Mumbai following lockdown reached Guntakal today. 60 Covid +ve cases reported, 140 discharged and two deaths reported in the last 24 hours after testing 7782 samples. Total cases rise to 1777, Active cases: 1012, Deaths : 36.
- Telangana: More special trains for migrants are scheduled to leave from different railway stations located in Hyderabad outskirts. Liquor shops open after 42 days in the State. 1,750 Telangana workers set to return home from the Gulf region and other countries in the first batch from May 7 over a period of seven days. Total Covid cases till now 1096, Active cases: 439, Recovered: 628, Deaths: 29.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Itanagar administration allows movement of vehicles for transportation of construction materials and hardware items, movement of goods from outside permitted from 6 am to 8 am and 12 noon to 2 pm.
- Assam: 2 more COVID19 patients have been discharged after three repeated negative tests. Total positive cases stands at 44 now. Tweeted Asaam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- Manipur: State Cabinet decides to bear the rail cost of people coming back to North East from different parts of the country, and to shut down bigger markets of Imphal as a precautionary measure in view of the stranded citizens returning to the capital.
- Mizoram: Disclosing the identity of COVID-19 patients in any media is a punishable offence. Violators will be fined of Rs.5000 or imprisonment of 3 months.
- Nagaland: Longleng district administration in Nagaland & civil society organizations jointly give no objection to burial of COVID-19 victims in their jurisdiction.
- Maharashtra: State reported 984 coronavirus cases, taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 15,525; the state also recorded 34 fatalities, taking the Covid-19 death toll to 617. Of the total new cases reported, 635 were from Mumbai, which also saw 26 deaths on Tuesday. Mumbai's overall tally stands at 9,758. Meanwhile, the mortality rate in the state has come down to 4.0% from 7.2% a month ago. The national mortality rate hovers around 3.2 %. Maharashtra government has asked the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Railways, ports and other Central organisations in the state to provide intensive care unit beds for COVID-19 patients. In a related development, Mumbai Municipal Commissioner has authorized all ward officers in the city to requisition additional beds/ wards/ facilities in private hospitals or clinics for Covid-19 patients.
- Gujarat: 441 new coronavirus cases were reported in Gujarat taking the total reported cases to 6,245. Among the total people infected as on date, 1,381 have recovered and 368 have passed away.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, the number of COVID 19 infected persons has gone up to 3193, with 35 new persons found positive today. 22 cases reported from Jaipur taking total number of infected persons to 1069.
- Madhya Pradesh: The total number of Covid-19 cases in Madhya Pradesh has crossed 3,000 with 107 new infections being reported taking the state tally to 3,049. Around 1,000 people have since

been discharged from hospitals after being cured. Indore, Bhopal and Ujjain are under strict observation for the spread of infection.

- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh has become the second state after Punjab to start home delivery of alcohol in Green Zone areas in an attempt to avoid crowding. The order can be placed online or through a mobile app, giving full details including Aadhar Card number.

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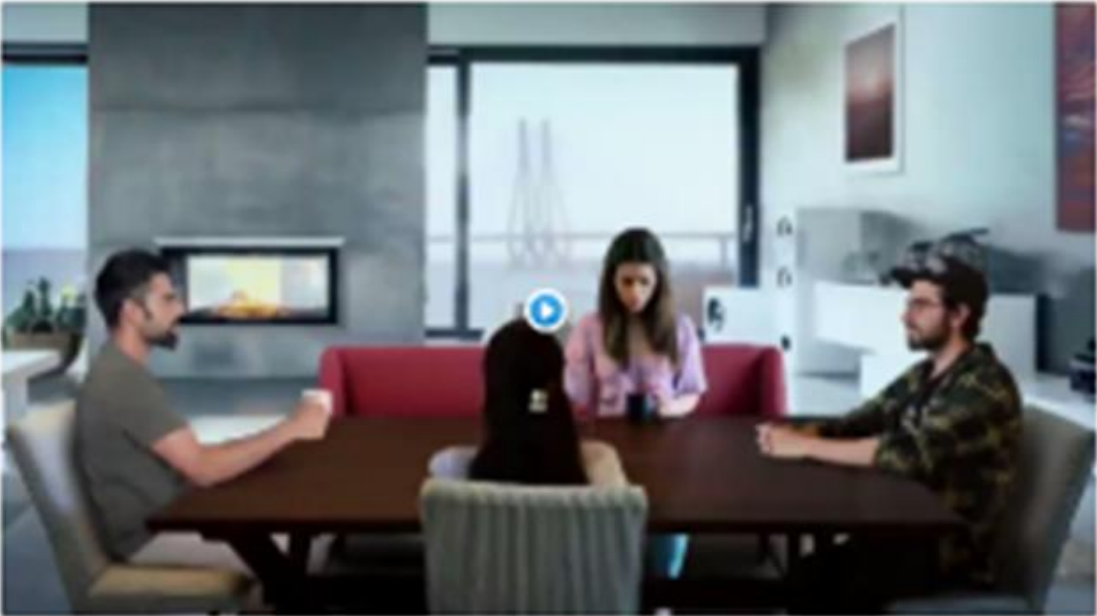
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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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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).

- 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, NIITs 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 medicine 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

ShriRajnath 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 ShriNarendraModi 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: ShriNitinGadkari

Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways, ShriNitinGadkari 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. HarsimratKaurBadal holds video conference with promoters of cold chain projects

Smt. HarsimratKaurBadal 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.

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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 shows 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

ShriRajnath 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:

ShriNarendra 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, ShriNarendra Singh Tomar, launched “The Saras Collection” on the Government e Marketplace (GeM) portal today. 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**

ShriMansukhMandaviya, 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 shift 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: StateGovt 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 441new 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 Janaushadhi Kendras 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 Aushadhi Kendras –PMBJAK achieved 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: Shri Nitin Gadkari

Shri Gadkari has 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 Covid19 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:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- 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 BhupeshBaghel 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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- 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 meetings to 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 Shri Narendra Modi 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 Shri Narendra Modi 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

For details:**ShriPiyushGoyal 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 ShriPiyushGoyal 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.

For details:**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 outbreak.

For details:**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.

For details:**Frontline warriors salute Corona Warriors and VOW to continue supporting the fight**

A press conference was conducted in Delhi today wherein Gen BipinRawat, 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 média to acknowledge the efforts of the Corona Warriors and vowed to continue the support of front-line warriors to them in the coming days.

For details:**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.

For details:

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. 'Lifeline Udan' 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> or can be accessed on the link <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 MadhuyastiadiKashay (Kada), a proprietary Ayurvedic medicine prepared by the State Aryurveda 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 SarbanandaSonowal 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 JyotibaPhule Jan ArogyaYojana (MJPJAY), the insurance scheme for the poor, will now cover all people with ration card and domicile certificate in the state. In all, 1000 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.

Fact Check on #Covid19

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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#**PIBFactCheck:** No such scheme has been launched by Govt of India. Beware of such fake and fraudulent sites collecting your personal info/fees

 **No! Government of India has NOT started any such scheme.**


A Pilot Project Started by Government of India
Rashtriya Sikshit Berojgar Yojna
Under this scheme Applicants will be given a relief package of Rs 50000/- payment for all Ration card holders.

- Scheme for affected people including senior citizens of 60 and above, farmers, daily laborers, unemployed and all Ration card holders.
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Claim : Amidst #CoronaOutbreak, a social media message claims free masks are being distributed by Government under 'PM Mask Yojana'. A link is provided for placement of orders#PIBFactCheck: There is no such scheme. This is a fraudulent link. Do not spread such #FakeNews



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 **Government has NO scholarship scheme for students to study at home digitally**



Central Government scheme of Rs 4000/- Scholarship for English Medium students to study at Home Digitally. Students from class 5th to 12th can apply. No cast barrier. Students can apply through mobile upto 2020 May 25th.

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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 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 NarendraModi 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 NarendraModi 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

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).

For details,

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

Dr Jitendra 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,

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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 56⁰ to 60⁰ 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 Nitin Gadkari 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 super power 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 Bapu Dham 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 even 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 these 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.
- Karnataka: Today 11 new cases confirmed. Mandya 8 and Belagavi 3. Total cases 576. 235 people discharged. Death toll rise to 22.
- 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 Rs 11.33 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.

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