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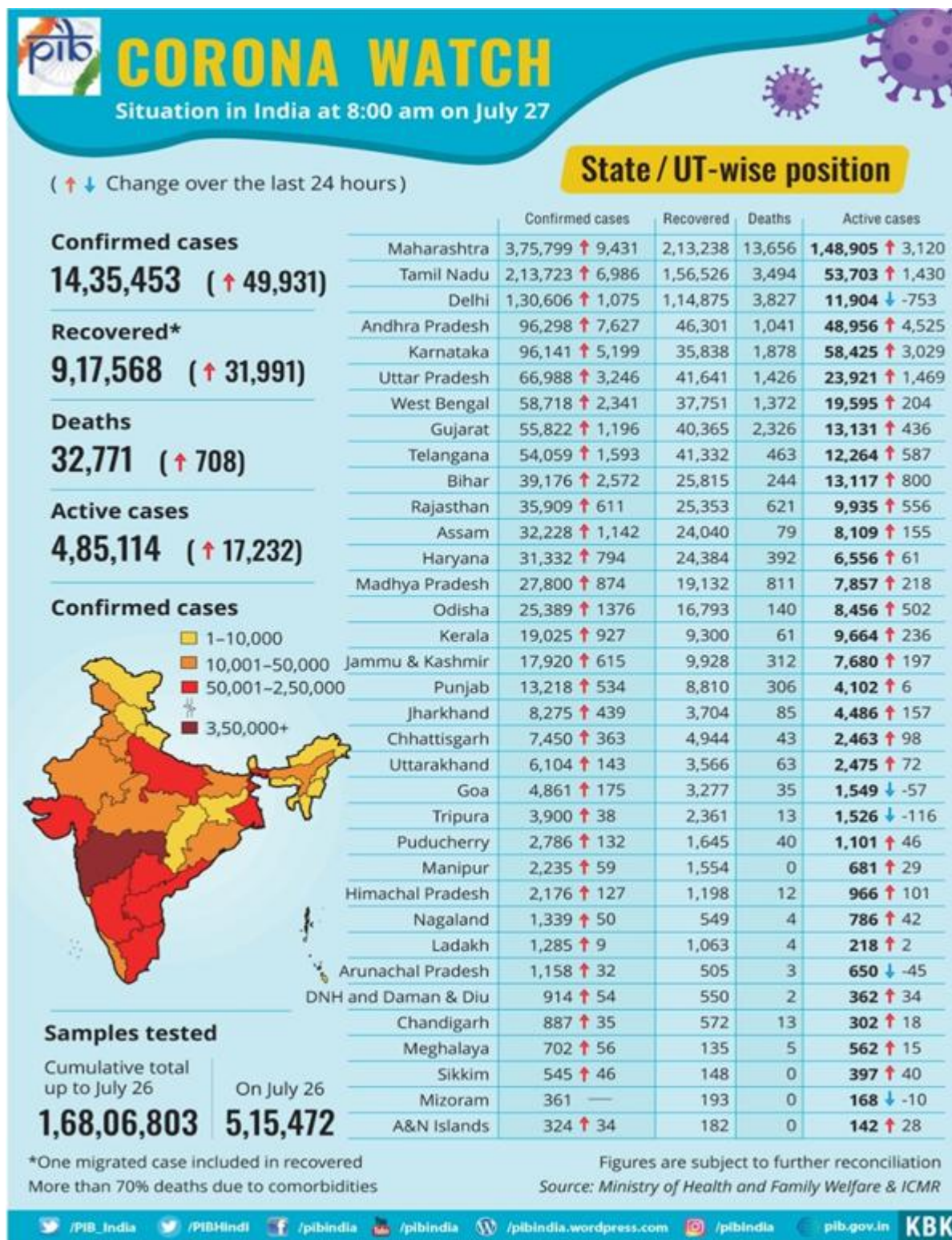
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The focused efforts of Centre and State/UT governments on early detection and isolation through aggressive testing and efficient clinical management of hospitalized cases have shown results with continuously falling Case Fatality Rate and improving Recovery Rate. With effective containment strategy, aggressive testing and standardized clinical management protocols based on holistic Standard of Care approach, the Case Fatality Rate has significantly dipped. The Case Fatality Rate is progressively falling and currently, it is 2.28%. India has one of the lowest fatality rates in the world. Continuing the

streak of more than 30,000 recoveries per day for the 4th successive day, 31,991 patients were discharged in the last 24 hours. This has taken the total recoveries beyond 9 lakh and the number currently stands at 9,17,567. The Recovery Rate is 64%. As a result of low mortality and more people recovering, the recovered cases exceed the active cases (4,85,114) by 4,32,453 today.

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Ayushman Bharat- Health & Wellness Centres made their presence felt during the times of COVID

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the resilience of India's public health systems particularly in the rural hinterland was reflected through continued operationalization of the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers (AB - HWCs) and continued delivery of non-COVID essential health services while also meeting the urgent tasks of prevention and management of COVID-19. An additional 13,657 HWCs were operationalized within the period of the pandemic itself (between January to July 2020) to ensure that an array of healthcare reaches the vast community of citizens they serve. As of 24th July, 2020, a total of 43,022 HWCs are operational across different parts of the country. In the week starting 18th July till the 24th of July, a total of 44.26 lakh people have benefitted from the health and wellness services being provided by the AB-HWCs. The cumulative total footfall among the HWCs since their inception (i.e. 14th April 2018) consequently rose to 1923.93 lakh. 32,000 yoga sessions were conducted in last week in AB-HWCs all across India. 14.24 lakh yoga sessions have been conducted in total by the HWCs since their inception.

For details:

Shri SadanandaGowda launches Schemes and announces guidelines paving way for setting up of Bulk Drugs Parks& Medical Devices Parks

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri DV SadanandaGowda launched today four schemes of Department of Pharmaceuticals for promotion of domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs and medical devices parks in the country . He said India is often referred to as 'the pharmacy of the world' and this has been proved true especially in the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic when India continued to export critical life saving medicines to needy countries even during the countrywide lockdown. However, despite these achievements, it is a matter of concern that our country is critically dependent on imports for basic raw materials. The list of 41 products contained in the scheme guidelines will enable domestic production of 53 bulk drugs. Financial incentives will be given to a maximum of 136 manufacturers selected under the scheme as a fixed percentage of their domestic sales of these 41 products manufactured locally with required level of domestic value addition.

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Indian Railways hands over 10 Broad Gauge Locomotives to Bangladesh

In a handing over ceremony held today, 10 Broad Gauge (BG) locomotives were virtually flagged off to Bangladesh by the External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar and the Minister of Railways, Shri Piyush Goyal. Speaking on the occasion, External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar said, “I am glad to know that Parcel and container trains have been started between both the countries. This will open up new opportunities for our businesses. I am happy to note that movement of trade by rail have been ensured. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the supply of essentials particularly in the holy month of Ramadan were ensured.” He expressed his happiness that the COVID pandemic had not slowed down the pace of bilateral cooperation. Shri Goyal said that the leadership of both, India & Bangladesh, are committed to reviving the pre-1965 railway connection between the two countries. Out of the 7 rail links that existed then, 4 are functional now. During COVID-19, both Railways have shown exemplary foresight in managing the crisis and maintained the supply chain by stepping up transportation of essential commodities. In the recent times, India and Bangladesh have stepped up their rail cooperation in mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as trade via land border faced disruptions.

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Vice President asks students not to get disturbed by the Covid induced disruption in academic schedule

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today emphasised the need to teach children how to navigate through the misinformation and fake news that infest the media landscape, especially the new media environment these days. Addressing over 200 young participants at the ‘Times Scholars Event’ through video conferencing today, the Vice President asked them to develop the ability to analyse and courage to accept the truth and discard the lies. Observing that Covid induced disruption in academic schedule has caused anxiety and stress among many students, the Vice President advised them to not get disturbed by events which are beyond one’s control. “All of you are young and need to develop a strong emotional quotient and the ability to weather ups and downs in life”, he told students. He also advised students to practice Yoga regularly to improve their physical fitness, mental equilibrium and overcome stress and anxiety.

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INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: The Punjab Government is using Effective Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) to achieve real-time tracking of supply chain of COVID19 materials. This platform has proved significant in maintaining the supply and demand balance to overcome the shortage of essential materials.
- Himachal Pradesh: Partial amendments have been made in the orders issued by the State Government regarding the Interstate movement. As per the modifications the students or candidates and the accompanying parents who need to move in and out of the State due to

competitive/ selection examinations, may be facilitated by waiving off the condition of quarantine, if they exit or re-enter the State or vice-versa within a period of 72 hours.

- Maharashtra-In Maharashtra, the Minister of State for Environment Sanjay Bansode has become the sixth Minister of the UddhavThackeray Government to test Covid positive. Meanwhile, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has completed the first phase of COVID-19 serosurvey that covered 10,000 residents of the city. It was conducted for the residents of Mumbai to determine the level of antibodies among the population. Samples were taken from both slum and non-slum locations in the city. There will be another survey conducted in August. As of today, the number of active cases in Maharashtra is 1.48 lakhs. Pune district at 43,838 has the most number of active cases for any district in the country. Thane is second with 37,162 active cases, while their number has come down to 22,443 in Mumbai.
- Gujarat: 1,110 fresh cases of Covid 19 were reported on Sunday. With this, the total tally of Covid 19 cases in the state rose to 55,822. A total of 753 persons were discharged in the last 24 hours, taking the number of recovered coronavirus patients to 40,365. With the death of 21 patients, the death toll due to the pandemic in the state rose to 2,326.
- Rajasthan: 448 new positive cases and 7 deaths have been reported in the past 24 hours. This takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 36,878 out of which 10,124 active cases. Total recoveries have increased to 26,123 and total death toll so far is 631.
- Madhya Pradesh: 874 new positive cases along with 644 recoveries and 12 fatalities related to COVID-19 on Sunday, have taken the number of active cases to 7,857. Most of the new cases were from Bhopal (205 cases), followed by Indore (149 cases)
- Arunachal Pradesh: As per the revised SoP of Arunachal Pradesh government, the registered contractors who are dealing bigger projects in the state are allowed to bring maximum 50 labourers per contractor. They have to take online permit for entry and pay Rs 500 per antigen test.
- Assam: One more Viral Research and Development Laboratories (VRDL) in the campus of Jorhat medical college has been operationalised from today. With this, there are now 17 VRDL in Assam tweeted the Health Minister of Assam Shri HimantaBiswaSarma.
- Manipur: In Manipur, the COVID-19 Common Control Room Spokesman said that there is no sign of community transmission in any part of the State yet. Due to detection of COVID-19 cases among the staff of RIMS, Manipur, the hospital has been shut down with immediate effect till July 29 for sanitization.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, Kohima district administration declares demarcated areas at Mima Village as sealed areas following the detection of a COVID-19 person residing in the location.
- Sikkim: Sikkim Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang chaired a high level meeting of State Task Force to review the State Government plan of action on COVID-19 at SammanBhawan today.
- Kerala: A special Cabinet meeting held today decided not to clamp a state wide lockdown again as it is impractical. Police checking and restrictions will be tightened in areas where disease transmission is high. District administration can take a decision on opening of shops. Meanwhile, a third member of a family in Kozhikode succumbed to coronavirus today. Another Covid death was reported at Ernakulam Medical College Hospital. The latest official death toll is 61. Police have registered a case against fifty people including local councillor who blocked the cremation of a Covid patient in Kottayam. With 927 new patients, Kerala's Covid cases crossed 19,000

yesterday. At present, 9,655 patients are undergoing treatment and 1.56 people under observation in various districts.

- Tamil Nadu: The Puducherry Legislative Assembly complex would remain closed on July 27 and 28 after an MLA and a watch and ward tested positive for Covid infection. 29 nurses and doctors at Madurai Government Rajaji Hospital test positive for Covid. Deadline to apply for arts, science colleges in Tamil Nadu extended; students can upload their papers between August 1 and 10. Chennai's share in Covid cases comes down and other districts add more cases as Tamil Nadu tally surges ahead. 6986 new cases and 85 deaths reported yesterday. 1155 cases from Chennai. Total Covid cases: 2,13,723; Active cases: 53,703; Deaths: 3494; Active cases in Chennai: 13,744.
- Karnataka: As per a study conducted by researchers of Stanford University, Karnataka fares the best in terms of quality of Covid 19 data reporting among all the States in the country. State Forest Minister Anand Singh tests positive for Covid-19. State government said that it is waiting for central government guidelines to decide on continuing of Sunday curfew. The first set of mobile laboratories designed by IISC team is ready to be deployed and will be handed over to state government shortly. Karnataka sees highest one-day spurt of 5,199 Covid-19 cases on Sunday as total rises to 96,141. There are 58,417 active cases and the 2,088 discharges on Sunday took the total discharges to 35,838.
- Andhra Pradesh: State issued key guidelines over conducting Covid-19 tests, saying that only the ICMR approved laboratories should conduct coronavirus tests. The government also restricted charges of not more than Rs 750 for rapid antigen test and Rs 2,800 for VRDL examination. As the state plans to reopen schools from September 5, admission process for the academic year 2020-21 commenced today for state-run schools. Only parents are allowed for completing the admission procedures, following the Covid-19 guidelines. 7627 new cases and 56 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 96,298; Active cases: 48,956; Deaths: 1041; Discharges: 46,301.
- Telangana: Hyderabad continues to make its mark in the field of finding solutions to tackle Covid-19 as city based Avra Laboratories plays a vital role in the soon-to-be-launched Covid-19 drug Ciplenza, the generic version of Favipiravir, by Cipla Laboratories. Telangana's district hospitals brace for Covid surge by setting up isolation facilities in all districts of the State and urging patients to avoid visiting Hyderabad. 1473 new cases, 774 recoveries & 08 deaths reported on Sunday; out of 1473 cases, 506 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases till yesterday: 55,532; Active cases: 12,955; Deaths 471.

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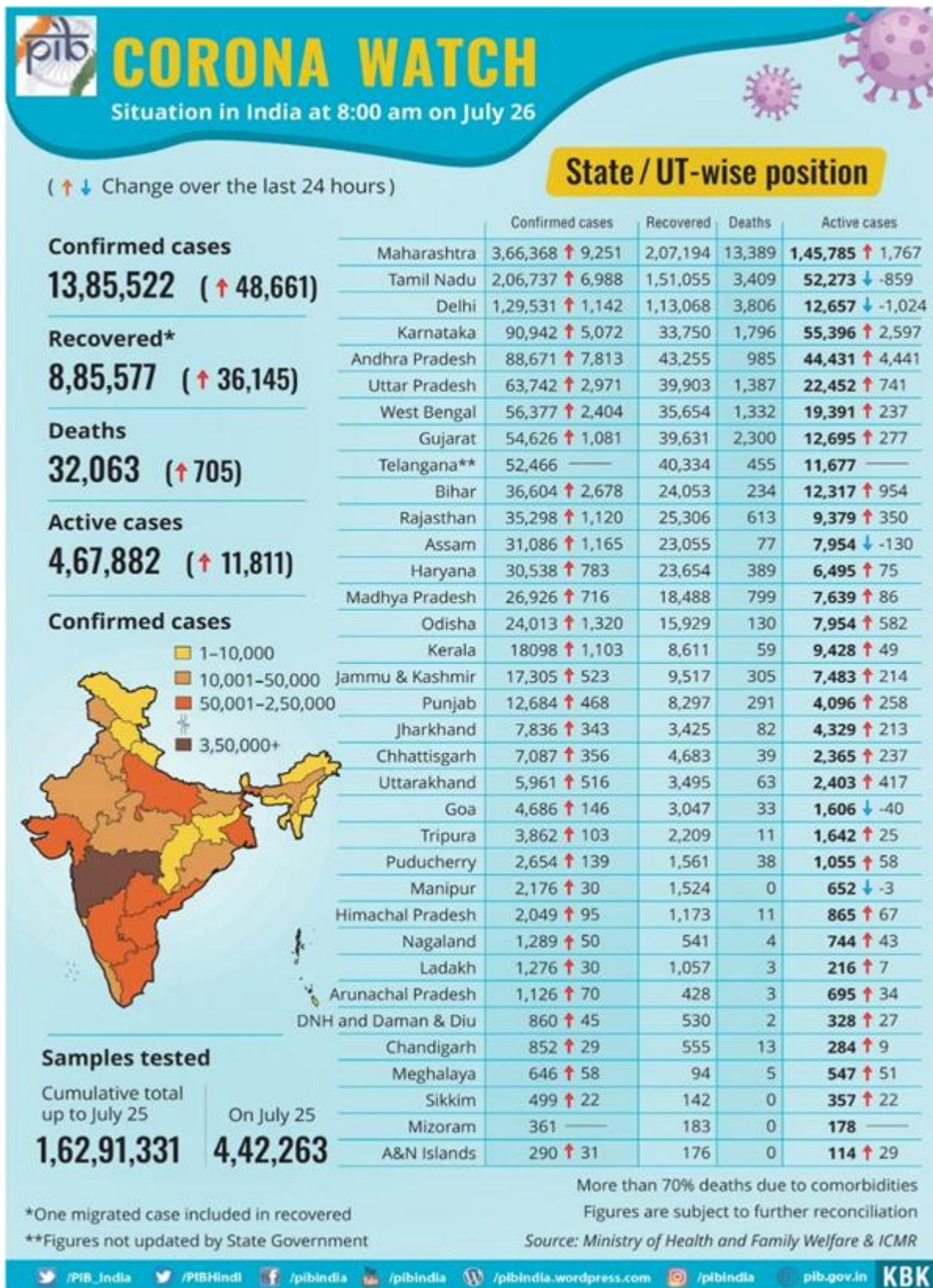
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- Highest ever recoveries registered in a single day; more than 36,000 patients discharged
- Recoveries outnumber active COVID cases by more than 4 lakh
- Recovery rate touches new high, nearly 64% today
- Prime Minister says we need to be extra vigilant as the hazards of Corona are far from being over.
- More than 4.4 lakh tests conducted in a single day
- There are 4,67,882 active cases in the country.
- PM to launch High Throughput COVID-19 testing facilities tomorrow

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Yesterday recorded the highest ever recoveries in a single day. 36,145 COVID-19 patients were cured and discharged in the last 24 hours. This has taken the total number of recovered cases to 8,85,576. The recovery rate has achieved another high of fast approaching 64%. It stands at 63.92% today. This means more patients are recovering thus maintaining the steadily widening difference between recovered and active COVID-19 patients. This gap has crossed 4 lakh and currently stands at 4,17,694. Recovered cases are 1.89 times the active cases (4,67,882). For the first time a record number of more than 4,40,000 tests have been conducted in a single day. With 4,42,263 samples tested in the last 24 hours, the number of Test Per Million has further increased to 11,805 and cumulative testing to 1,62,91,331. For the first time a record number of more than 4,40,000 tests have been conducted in a single day. With 4,42,263 samples tested in the last 24 hours, the number of Test Per Million (TPM) has further increased to 11,805 and cumulative testing to 1,62,91,331.

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PM to launch High Throughput COVID-19 testing facilities on 27 July.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will launch high throughput COVID-19 testing facilities on 27th July via video conferencing. These facilities will ramp up testing capacity in the country and help in strengthening early detection and treatment, thus assisting in controlling the spread of the pandemic. These three high-throughput testing facilities have been set up strategically at ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research, Noida; ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Mumbai; and ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Kolkata, and will be able to test over 10,000 samples in a day. These labs will also reduce turn-around-time and exposure of lab personnel to infectious clinical materials.

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English rendering of PM's address in the 14th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0' on 26.07.2020

“My dear countrymen, Namaskar. Today, is the 26th of July, a very special day...It is Kargil Vijay Diwas. It was on this very day 21 years ago, our Army unfurled the flag of victory in the battle of Kargil.....

Over the last few months, the way the country fought against Corona unitedly, has proven many apprehensions wrong. Today, the recovery rate in our country is better compared to other countries; the mortality rate in the context of Corona in our country is much less as well, compared to most countries, of course, the loss of even one life is saddening, but India has also succeeded in saving the lives of millions of her people. But friends, the hazards of Corona are far from being over. At many places, it is spreading fast. We need to be extra vigilant. We have to bear in mind that Corona is as fatal today as it was in the beginning – that's why we have to be fully cautious. Wearing a face mask, using a gamchcha or a light towel to cover, two yard distancing, frequently washing hands, avoiding spitting anywhere, taking full care of hygiene & sanitation- these are our weapons to protect us from Corona. There are

times when masks cause inconvenience, one feels like removing them from the face- especially during a conversation. When a mask is required the most, we tend to remove it. At such times, I urge you that whenever you feel your mask is bothersome and you want to remove it, spare a thought for those doctors, those nurses; think of our Corona warriors. You will find them wearing masks for hours together, diligently working to save our lives- sometimes wearing masks for a span of eight to ten hours.....”

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Vice President expresses anguish over stigmatizing Corona virus patients and denial of dignified last rites to COVID-19 victims

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today expressed his anguish over instances of stigmatizing COVID-19 patients and denial of dignified farewell to people, who succumbed to the virus. He said such incidents were totally uncalled for and urged the local communities and the society at large to prevent the recurrence of such happenings. In a Facebook post, Shri Naidu said “The need of the hour is to fight prejudice and nip it in the bud. Otherwise, it can become more toxic than fake news and misinformation”. Urging everybody to treat COVID-19 patients with understanding and empathy, he said “It should be remembered that nobody is totally safe and the invisible virus can infect anybody”. Referring to instances, where people opposed providing burial space to those who died of COVID-19, he said it was totally unacceptable and goes against the age-old Indian traditions of being solidarity with bereaved family members. Shri Naidu urged the health authorities and the media to take up special campaigns to promote awareness and educate people on all the facts relating to the Corona virus and its transmission.

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INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, the rapid response teams found 35 people covid positive after antigen test in the Itanagar Capital Region. Deputy commissioner, Itanagar Capital Region issues guidelines for truck drivers entering in the state of Arunachal. Drivers carrying negative test report (not older than five days) will be permitted to enter.
- Manipur: In Manipur, a meeting of the COVID-19 State Consultative Committee under Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh in the chair adopted a decision to tighten the ongoing lockdown. Manipur government enacts 'The Manipur Epidemic Diseases (Enforcement of COVID-19 Guidelines) Regulation, 2020. Those who violate quarantine guidelines and protocol will be fined Rs 1,000.
- Mizoram: In Mizoram, 10 recovered Covid-19 patients discharged today. Now the total cases stand at 361 in the state with 168 active cases and 193 have been discharged so far.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 50 new cases of COVID-19 have been detected. 28 in Kohima, 13 in Mon & 9 in Dimapur district. Total positive cases in Nagaland stands at 1339 with 794 active cases and 541 recoveries.

- Sikkim: Sikkim government issues notification for extending lockdown till 1st August 2020 due to spike in Covid cases in the State.
- Kerala: State saw five more Covid deaths today taking the toll to 64. Meanwhile, Covid-19 cases in most of the districts continue to surge drastically with considerable number of contact cases. Following the rapid increase in cases in Kozhikode, the district administration had issued an order for total lockdown in the district on Sundays. Vehicular traffic will be restricted in Kollam from tomorrow as part of containment strategy, in view of spike in contact cases. Kerala recorded the highest single-day spike in Covid cases, with 1,103 new cases yesterday. 838 were cases of local transmission. The state also registered its highest ever recovery of 1,049 yesterday. Currently, 9,420 patients are undergoing treatment and 54 lakh people under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry Health Minister said that the number of Covid-19 cases in the UT is expected to rise to 6000 cases by the end of August and that the UT would be require more beds. On the last Sunday of intense lockdown this month in TN, essential services including health care services remain open as sanitary workers continued their clean-up work, and personnel of civic bodies conducted door-to-door surveys to detect people with flu like symptom. Very few volunteers come forward to donate plasma; In Chennai, for instance, of the over 85,000 recovered patients, only a mere 15 have come forward as donors. TN Covid tally touches new high as the State reported 6,988 fresh cases and 89 deaths yesterday, driving up the tally to 2,06,737 and the toll to 3,409.
- Karnataka: 36 Railway cops test positive for Covid-19 in Bengaluru; one more employee succumbs to virus taking the overall toll of employees in the SW Railway Zone due to Covid-19 to five. Floods add to Covid crisis in Karnataka; accommodating people hit by floods at the community centres will be a big challenge for the administration as the number of Covid cases in the State continue to surge. The number of Covid-19 cases continued to rise in Karnataka with the State hitting the 90,000-plus mark with 5,072 cases yesterday, bringing the total tally to 90,942 cases. Active cases is 55,388 and death toll reach 1796 in the State.
- Andhra Pradesh: State urged citizens to use 'Covid-19 Andhra Pradesh', a smartphone app, to connect with essential health services in the fight against Covid-19. Details regarding Covid hospitals, quarantine centres, testing centres and daily media bulletins can be accessed in this app. Hospitals in the state are going to be equipped with an additional 10 thousand ventilators; while there are already 22,500 oxygen beds are available. Madanapalle in Chittoor district will observe lockdown till August 2 amid rise in Covid cases. State released 2020-21 academic year calendar. Admissions in schools will start from July 27. Government hopes to reopen schools from September 5. 7813 new cases & 52 deaths reported yesterday as total cases rise to 88,671 with 44,431 active cases and death toll reaching 985.
- Telangana: Doctors urge CM KCR to fast-track new Osmania Hospital buildings. Registered Medical Practitioners (RMP) and Pharmaceutical Medicine Programme (PMP) doctors met the Health Minister Eatala Rajender and offered their services in controlling the spread of Coronavirus in the State. 1593 new cases, 998 recoveries & 08 deaths reported on Saturday; out of 1593 cases, 641 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases 54,059; Active cases: 12,264; Deaths: 463; Discharges: 41,332.
- Punjab: Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh announced that government schools in the state will not charge any admission, re-admission and tuition fee from students for the 2020-21 academic session on account of the Covid crisis.
- Haryana: While appreciating the potential and contribution of Haryana in the field of sports, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr. Kiren Rijju announced that Panchkula in Haryana will host the 4th edition of 'Khelo India Youth Games-2021'. The Union Minister said that due to

COVID-19 crisis, 'Khelo India Youth Games-2020' will not be organized this year. Therefore the next edition of this tournament will be organized in Panchkula.

- Himachal Pradesh: Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatraya held a video conference with the Director of PGIMER, Chandigarh Dr. Jagat Ram to discuss about the COVID-19 situation in Himachal Pradesh and sought suggestions regarding containing the spread of this pandemic in the state. He said that keeping in view the rise in COVID-19 cases in Himachal Pradesh, PGIMER, Chandigarh should send a team of observers to the state to study the COVID Care Centres and hold discussions with the doctors of the state and send a report to the state regarding further improvements.
- Maharashtra: State continues to witness a surge in COVID-19 cases. The state reported 9,251 fresh cases in the past 24 hours, taking the total tally to 3,66,368. While this may not be the highest single day spike, the state has been reporting above 9,000 cases daily in the recent past.
- Gujarat: The state on Saturday logged the highest single-day spike in coronavirus cases with 1,081 new infections, taking the total count to 54,712 while 22 patients died, including 11 in Surat, the state health department said. The death count in the state now stands at 2,305. Yesterday 782 patients were discharged after recovery, raising the number of recovered cases in the state to 39,612, it said.
- Rajasthan: Government has issued fresh guidelines on Covid 19 testing in the state. According to new guidelines, it is mandatory for testing labs to provide the COVID-19 testing results within 24 hours. It is also now mandatory to submit Aadhar Card number in the RT-PCR App for the person being tested for coronavirus. The state has put in place the capacity to test more than 40,000 COVID-19 samples in a day.

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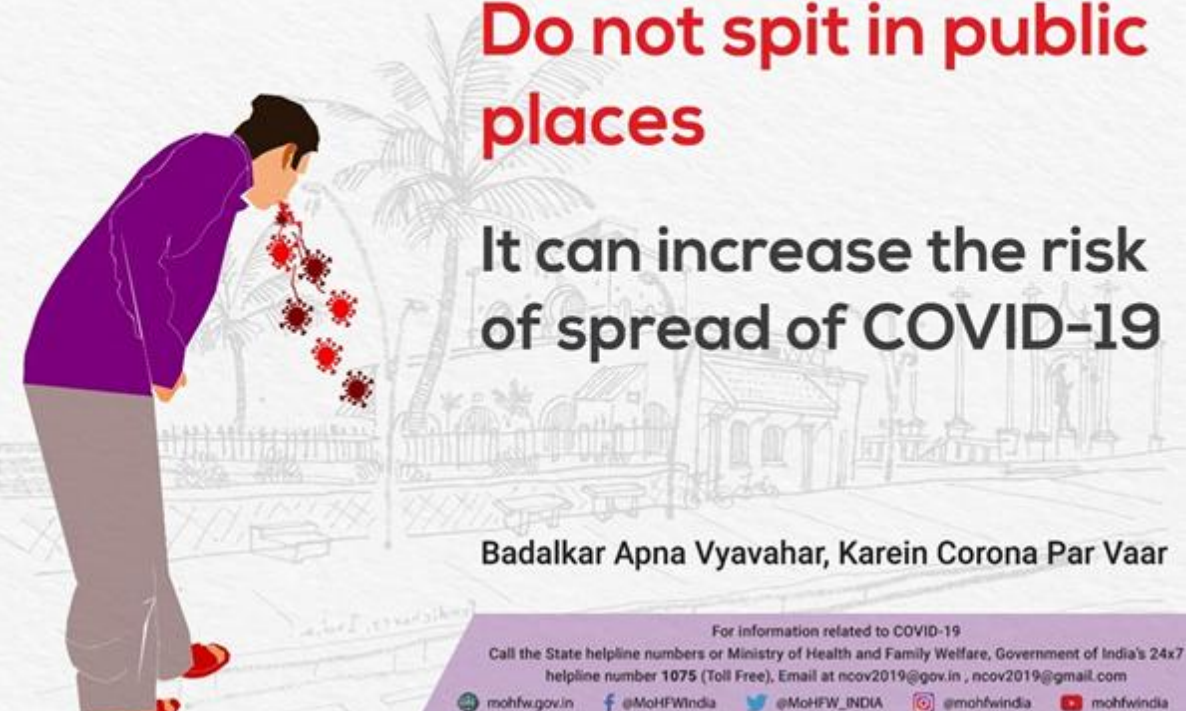
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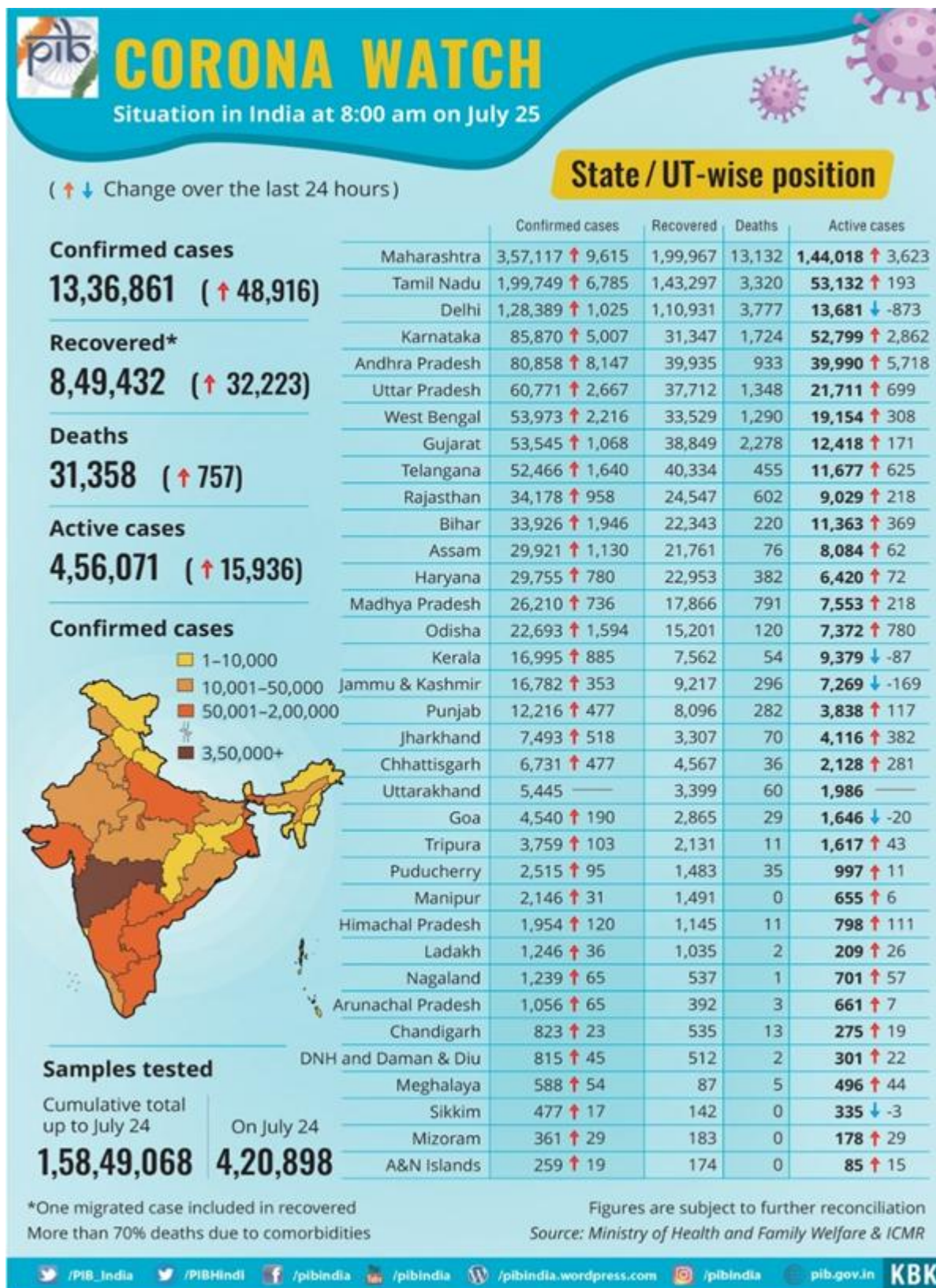
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- Mortality due to COVID-19 significantly dips to 2.35%.
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- Recovery rate has achieved another high of 63.54%.
- Cabinet Secretary reviews the management of COVID-19 in nine States with high active case load

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India records highest ever over 4.2 lakh COVID tests in a single day; Nearly 1.6 cr samples tested so far; Sharp decline in Case Fatality Rate to 2.35%

For the first time, a record number of more than 4,20,000 COVID tests have been conducted in a single day. This elevated number comes on the heels of 3,50,000 tests having been done very day consistently over the last one week. With 4,20,898 samples tested in the last 24 hours, the Tests Per Million (TPM)

has further increased to 11,485 and cumulative testing to 1,58,49,068. Both continue to maintain the upward trend. A strong factor contributing to this achievement is the persistent increase in the number of labs from merely one in January 2020 to 1301 today. Mortality due to COVID-19 has significantly dipped to 2.35% today. India has one of the lowest fatality rates in the world. 32,223 COVID patients have recovered in the last 24 hours. The cumulative number of recovered cases has reached 8,49,431 today. The recovery rate has achieved another high of 63.54%. The gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has further increased to 3,93,360.

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Cabinet Secretary reviews the management of COVID-19 in nine States with high active case load

A graded, proactive, progressive and well coordinated strategy of COVID-19 management between the centre and States/UTs has resulted in ever-increasing Recoveries in the country, with progressively falling Case Fatality Rate. There are, however, some States which have in the recent past shown high rise in daily number of active cases and are emerging as concern areas from COVID management point of view. As part of Centre-State coordinated strategy for effective containment and management of the COVID-19 pandemic, a high level virtual review meeting was chaired by Cabinet Secretary with the Chief Secretaries and Health Secretaries of the nine States that are driving the present spurt of the active caseload in the country. The nine States that participated in the VC include Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, Karnataka, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. The attention of the States was drawn to the fact that early detection and timely clinical management is the key to contain the spread of COVID-19. States were asked to urgently ramp up testing, strictly implement containment plan, augment health infrastructure and ensure effective clinical management

For details:

Finance Minister lauds IT Department for being responsive to people

In her message on the 160th Income Tax Day, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman appreciated the continuous efforts of the Income-Tax Department towards making the tax administration taxpayer-friendly, transparent and geared towards facilitating voluntary compliance. She recognised the paradigm shift in its role in recent years, from being just a revenue collecting organization to becoming a more citizen-centric organization. The Finance Minister also lauded the Income-Tax Department for being responsive to the needs of the taxpayers during this pandemic time by relaxing various compliance requirements and addressing the liquidity concerns of the taxpayers.

For details:

INDIA-UK affirm shared commitment to a Free Trade Agreement

India and UK held the 14th Joint Economic and Trade Committee meeting yesterday which was co-chaired by Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for International Trade , HE , Ms Elizabeth Truss. They affirmed their shared commitment to a Free Trade

Agreement and towards that, Early Harvest deals in a staged manner. MOS Puri and Minister Jayawardena will have monthly meetings to intensify the dialogue. Both sides also resolved to cooperate in health Sector especially in view of the present Pandemic of COVID-19.

For details:

Rapid Regulatory Framework for COVID -19

Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology has been proactively working on the development of Diagnostics, Therapeutics, Drugs and Vaccines to combat the healthcare challenges posed by COVID-19. DBT has also taken several measures to facilitate research-driven and technology-based interventions, on a fast-track mode. As a paramount effort to stimulate and facilitate research and development activity towards combating COVID-19, DBT has evolved a set of Rapid Response Regulatory Frameworks.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, Chandigarh, directed Police, Revenue and Municipal officials to have more field inspections and check whether the residents are following social distancing norms and mask wearing in markets and other public places like parks, Sukhna Lake etc. The Administrator also directed Commissioner, Municipal Corporation and Deputy Commissioner to conduct surprise checks in various markets. The Administrator warned that in any market, if major violations are found, that particular market could be closed for the safety of residents.
- Punjab: Punjab Government has augmented its Covid care capacity for mild asymptomatic cases, under 60 years of age, with operationalisation of new Level-1 Covid Care Centres (CCCs) with total capacity of 7520 beds in 10 Districts. Similar centres, with 100 beds each, would be opened soon in the remaining 12 districts. The centres are equipped with excellent bed infrastructure with adequate sanitation and security facilities, which are being monitored by Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Hospital Administrators and Counsellors round the clock. They have all the necessary emergency services such as oxygen, ECG, medical supplies etc.
- Haryana: Haryana Home and Health Minister, Mr. Anil Vij digitally inaugurated a Plasma Bank at Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS), Rohtak. The Health Minister informed that after setting up this plasma bank inside the premises of PGIMS, Rohtak, State Government is also planning to open more plasma banks in the State soon. He said that people recovering from COVID-19 infection should donate plasma so that other patients can be treated easily. He said that any person who has been recovered from COVID-19 infection can donate his plasma after 14 days. So far, about 28,000 patients have tested positive for COVID-19 infection in Haryana, of which more than 21,000 have recovered. Such people can now donate their plasma as by donating plasma, atleast two patients can be cured.

- Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister directed that appropriate arrangements be made for medical check-ups and providing a balanced diet to the coronavirus patients admitted in the COVID-19 care centres. He said that the quarantine process should be followed properly. It was the responsibility of the management of the units operating in industrial zones to ensure that only those labourers were engaged in the work who have gone through the quarantine process.
- Madhya Pradesh: The state Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has tested positive for Covid-19. He said he will be on self-quarantine and will get treatment according to government guidelines; has appealed to all those who came in contact with him to get tested for the disease and quarantine themselves. MP recorded 736 new positive cases taking the tally to 26,210 out of which 7,553 are active cases.
- Maharashtra: The Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray today said that he is not in favour of complete lifting of the Covid-induced lockdown in the state only to address the economic concerns. He said there is a need to strike a balance between the issues related to health and economy considering the challenge posed by the pandemic. With 9,615 new cases reported during the past 24 hours, the total number of cases in Maharashtra has reached 3.57 lakhs. Of these, the number of active cases is 1.43 lakhs. Nagpur is observing a two day Janata Curfew on Saturday and Sunday.
- Gujarat: The state of Gujarat on Friday recorded 1,068 COVID-19 cases and 26 deaths. The State's fatality count has reached 2,283, while the case load surged to 53,631. There are now 12,518 active cases, including 83 patients who are surviving with ventilator support.
- Rajasthan: 557 new positive cases have been reported today morning. This takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 34,735. While there are 9029 active cases in the state now, the total recoveries have increased to 24,657 and the death toll is 608.
- Chhattisgarh: A record high 426 new positive cases have been reported on Friday in Chhattisgarh. Raipur alone reported 164 new positive cases, followed by Rajnandgaon (28) and Durg (19). Now the state tally of COVID-19 stands at 6,819 while the total number of active cases is 2,216.
- Goa: The count of new positive cases was 190 on Friday. As a result, the state tally of COVID-19 has gone up to 4,540. However, with 210 recoveries on Friday, the total number of active cases stands at 1,675.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh's Kurum Kume district the Deputy Commissioner distributed foot operated sanitising machine to be installed at all the government offices in the district to control the spread of covid-19. Arunachal Pradesh Government offered to train the medical teams of the Army and paramilitary forces in conducting rapid antigen /RT-PCR and Tru-Nat testing.
- Manipur: In Manipur with the detection of the cases with no travel history at Thoubal district, health authorities have started door to door rapid antigen testing of suspected cases who had close contact with known COVID-19 positive patients.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, Dimapur district administration has ordered the sealing of the Office of the General Manager of NST Dimapur to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and ordered the sealing of Railway Parcel Section Office, Railway Union Employees Colony and General Railway Police DS Flat.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim one doctor of New STNM hospital in Gangtok emergency ward tested positive. Emergency ward is contained for a week and Manipal Central Referral Hospital will cater emergency health service till then.
- Kerala: Four persons who died in Kerala have been confirmed with the virus. The fatalities occurred in Ernakulam, Kannur, Palakkad and Wayanad. This has taken the state's Covid death toll to 58. As the number of COVID-19 cases is increasing in Kozhikode, the authorities assume that the district could

witness 4,000 patients in the next few weeks. Forty students who wrote the Kerala Engineering, Agricultural and Medical Entrance Exam (KEAM) at a Centre in Palakkad district, have been put under observation following a teacher who was invigilating the exam tested positive. 885 new active Covid-19 cases were confirmed in the state yesterday. 9,371 people are undergoing treatment and 1.56 lakh are under surveillance across the state.

- Tamil Nadu: 139 fresh cases of Covid-19 reported in Puducherry; total cases rose to 2654, active cases to 2055 and deaths to 38 in the UT. Puducherry Legislative Assembly session to be conducted in open space after MLA tests positive for Covid-19. Govt follows WHO protocol, doesn't hide Covid death toll, says Revenue Minister as he responded to DMK chief Stalin's allegations against State government. TN had new high of 6785 new cases yesterday along with 88 deaths. 1110 cases from Chennai. Total cases till yesterday: 1,99,749; Active cases: 53,132; Deaths: 3320; Active cases in Chennai: 13,743.
- Karnataka: Centre advises Karnataka, 8 other states to ramp up tests. To meet the shortage of staff for testing, Medical Education Minister Dr. Sudhakar directed the officials to utilize final year students for Covid duties. Along with direct recruitment, the final year students of Lab technician courses, Science students of RGUHS and volunteers will be given proper training before assigning Covid duties to them. 5007 new cases, 2037 discharges & 110 deaths reported yesterday; 2267 cases in Bangalore city. Total cases: 85,870; Active cases: 52,791; Deaths: 1724.
- Andhra Pradesh: Two prison inmates infected with Covid-19 have escaped from the Eluru CRR Covid care centre in the wee hours of July 25. It is said that 13 prisoners from West Godavari jail, who were infected with the dreaded Covid-19 virus were admitted to the Eluru Covid care centre. Taking advantage of this, the two prisoners have escaped from the centre. Kurnool State Kovid Hospital has successfully performed Plasma therapy on a covid positive patient. District Collector said Plasma therapy was provided to five patients and so far, four of them are recovered. State Board of Intermediate Education has sought suggestions from the parents, teachers, students and educationists regarding the reopening of schools and reduction in syllabus. 8147 new cases and 49 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 80,858; Active cases: 39,990; Deaths: 933.
- Telangana: IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao said that the pharmaceutical industry based out of Telangana is making rapid strides in tackling Covid-19 by coming out with life-saving drugs, including Remdesivir and Favipiravir. 1640 new cases, 1007 recoveries & 08 deaths reported yesterday; out of 1640 cases, 683 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases 52,466; Active cases: 11,677; Deaths 455; Discharges: 40,334.



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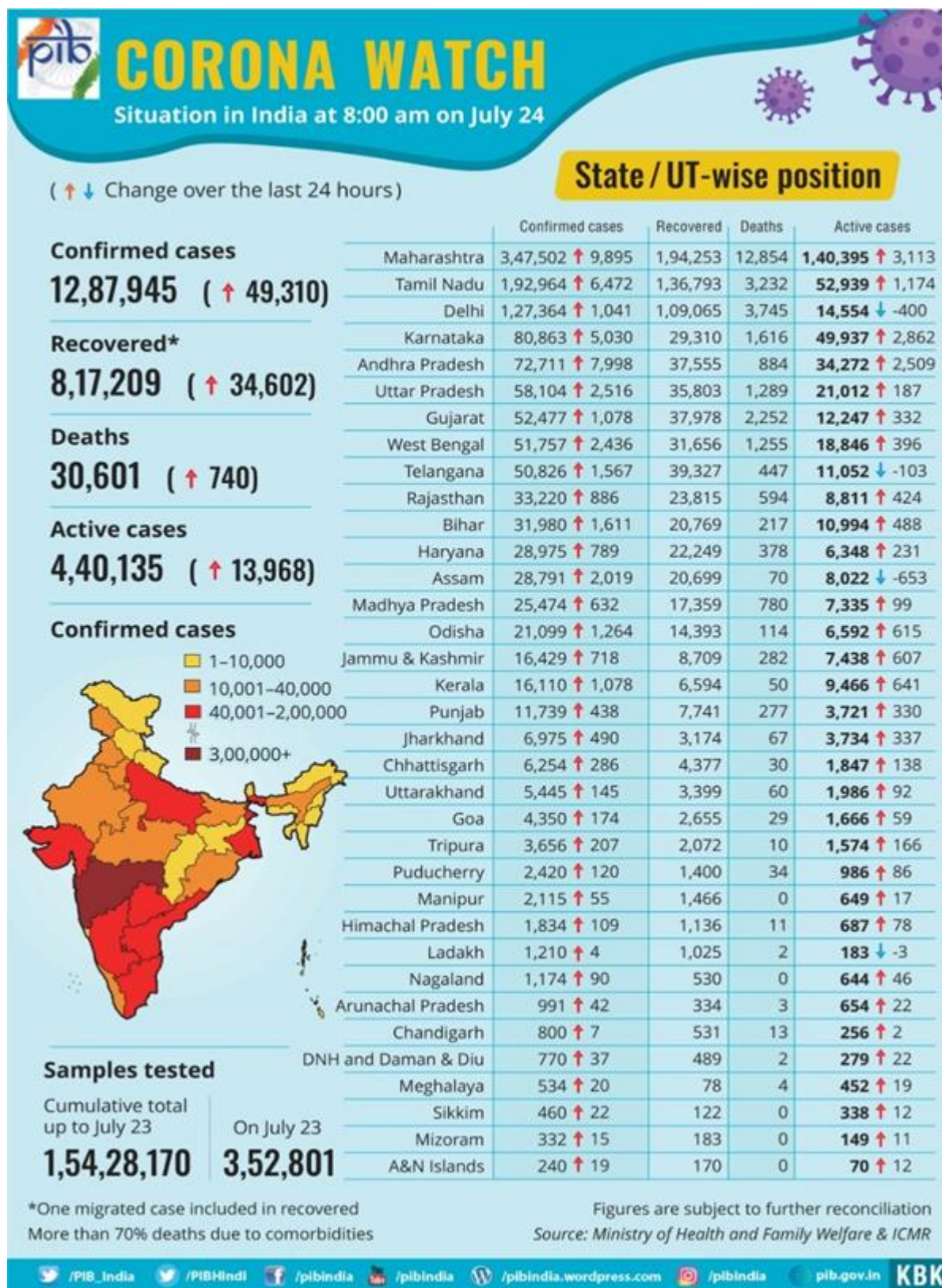
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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

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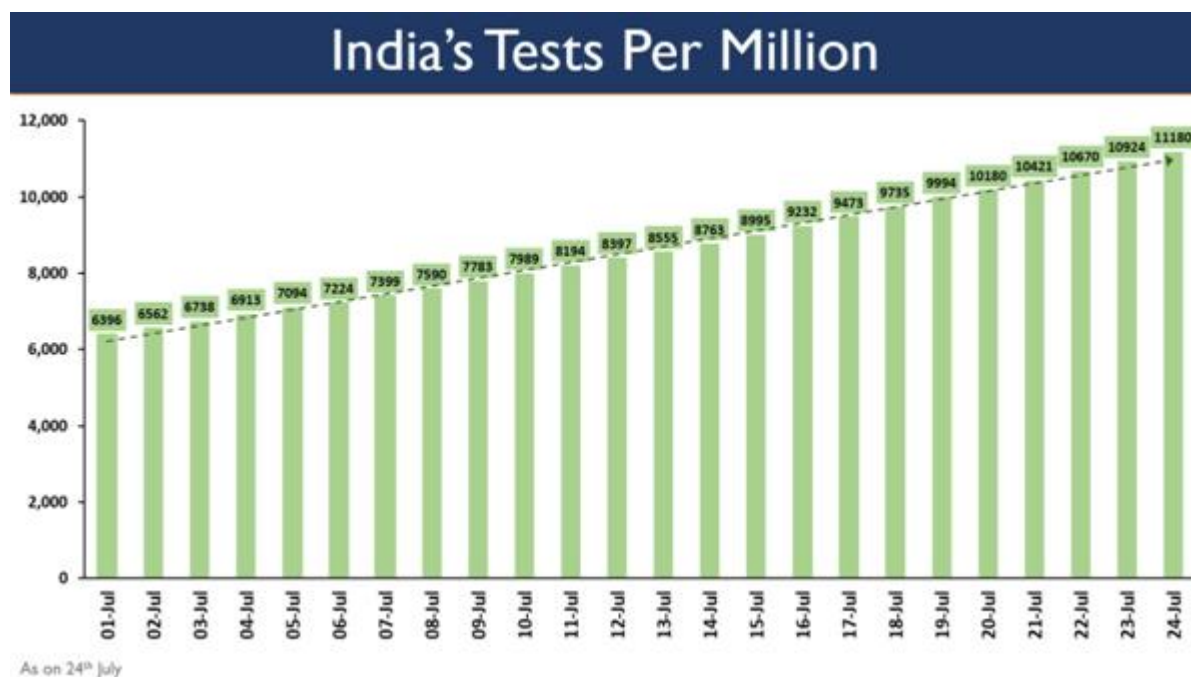
The trend of highest ever single day recoveries of COVID-19 patients continues unabated. For the third day in a row, the last 24 hours have recorded another high with 34,602 patients recovering. This has significantly bolstered the total number of recovered patients to cross 8 lakh and currently stands at

8,17,208. This has strongly boosted the recovery rate to reach a new high of 63.45% among COVID-19 patients. As a result of these constantly growing number of recoveries, the recovered patients outnumber the active cases (4,40,135 today) by 3,77,073. This difference is showing a progressively growing upward trend. The recoveries are improving and case fatality is continuously falling, which currently stands at 2.38%.

For details:

Accelerated increase in lab infrastructure continues to drive the ‘Test Track and Treat’ strategy; More than 1.5 Cr COVID-19 samples tested so far

More than 1.5 crore COVID samples (1,54,28,170) have been tested, till now. In the last 24 hours 3,52,801 samples have been tested for COVID-19 identification. This translates to 11179.83 tests per million (TPM) for India, which has seen a steady increase since the adoption of this strategy.



The number of labs in the public and private sectors are seeing a progressive enhancement. There are 897 labs in the government sector and 393 private labs. (Total=1290)

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan speaks on India's novel COVID containment strategy at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Health Minister's Meet

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare digitally participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Health Minister's Digital Meet today. Explaining the steps taken by the government, he said a series of actions were initiated in a graded way that included issuing of travel advisories, point-of-entry surveillance, community-based surveillance, enhancement of laboratory and hospital surge capacities, wide dissemination of technical guidelines on managing different aspects of disease outbreak and communicating risk to the public. The Union Health Minister spoke on the increase

in testing capacity and health infrastructure during the lockdown and after. Dr Harsh Vardhan emphasized how the Indian traditional system of medicine has also contributed substantially in boosting the immunity of general population during COVID-19. He proposed the setting up of a new Sub Group on Traditional Medicine under the existing institutional meetings of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Health Ministers.

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal calls for removing multiple hurdles in access to medicines at affordable prices

Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal has called for all nations to enhance transparency in their trade and build trust to prevent losing their role as a preeminent trade partner. Addressing the 10th BRICS Trade Ministers virtual Meeting yesterday, he said that for trade to play its part in the recovery process, all the partners must be trustworthy and transparent. The Minister said that the ongoing crisis has exposed the world to vulnerabilities, forcing us to explore ways to support each other. He said that Trade can be an engine of reviving growth in such a scenario and this is premised on strengthening of the WTO based on its principles of openness, fairness, transparency, inclusivity, and non-discrimination. The Minister called for removing multiple hurdles in access to medicines at affordable prices created by the lopsided WTO rules for protecting intellectual property. He said that IPRs should not block access to critical medicines and other devices required for the treatment of the disease. Shri Goyal said that the pandemic has quite paradoxically provided us with a window of opportunity - to strengthen ourselves by building capacities, expanding manufacturing as well as plugging into the global value chains.

For details:

Restrictions on Public Procurement from certain countries

The Government has amended the General Financial Rules 2017 to enable imposition of restrictions on bidders from countries which share a land border with India on grounds of defence of India, or matters directly or indirectly related thereto including national security. Department of Expenditure has issued a detailed Order on public procurement. As per the Order, any bidder from such countries sharing a land border with India will be eligible to bid in any procurement whether of goods, services (including consultancy services and non-consultancy services) or works (including turnkey projects) **only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority**. The Competent Authority for registration will be the Registration Committee constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. Political and security clearance from the Ministries of External and Home Affairs respectively will be mandatory. The Order takes into its ambit public sector banks and financial institutions, Autonomous Bodies, Central Public Sector Enterprises and Public Private Partnership projects receiving financial support from the Government or its undertakings. Relaxation has been provided in certain limited cases, including for procurement of medical supplies for containment of COVID-19 global pandemic till 31st December 2020.

For details:

Commonwealth Secretary General hails Fit India Movement; Shri Kiren Rijju says fitness awareness has helped Indians build immunity during pandemic

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri.Kiren Rijju virtually attended the Ministerial Forum of Commonwealth countries to share India's road on resumption of sporting events, post-Covid 19, and also to contribute to the creation of a collaborative sports policy in the post pandemic era. Speaking at the global forum Shri Rijju said that as members of Commonwealth nations we need to stand in solidarity on all issues, especially at a time like this. Pointing to the importance of citizens staying fit during the pandemic, the Sports Minister said that a very important program, the Fit India Movement, was launched by our Prime Minister last year, and it has been very useful in fighting the pandemic since building fitness and immunity is crucial during these Covid times. Shri Rijju said that India has successfully created awareness about the importance of staying fit through a series of dedicated online programs for citizens on fitness and well-being, all through the pandemic. Experts have shared their advice on health, nutrition, exercises that citizens of all age groups have used successfully.

For details:

HRD Minister holds a brainstorming session regarding "Stay in India and Study in India"

Union Minister for HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' held a brainstorming session regarding "Stay in India and Study in India" with senior officials and Heads of Autonomous/Technical Organisations concerned of MHRD in New Delhi today. Shri Pokhriyal said that because of COVID-19 situation many students who wanted to pursue studies abroad have decided to stay back in India and pursue their studies within India. He said that there are also rising number of Indian students returning to India with concern about completion of their studies. He emphasized that Ministry of HRD should make all efforts to look into the needs of both these categories of students. Chairman UGC to head the committee for preparing guidelines and measures to ensure more and more students stay in India and study in India.

For details:

Department of Biotechnology provides seed funding for Gennova Biopharmaceuticals's novel mRNA based COVID 19 Vaccine candidate-HGCO19

DBT-BIRAC has facilitated the establishment of 'first-of-its-kind' mRNA-based vaccine manufacturing platform in India. DBT has provided seed funding for the development of Gennova's novel self-amplifying mRNA-based vaccine candidate for COVID19. In collaboration with HDT Biotech Corporation, Seattle, USA, Gennova has developed an mRNA vaccine candidate (HGCO19), with demonstrated safety, immunogenicity, neutralization antibody activity in the rodent and non-human primate models.

For details:

Cost Effective Process Technology of Favipiravir Developed by CSIR Used by M/s Cipla Ltd., for Scale up & the Repurposed Drug Expected to be Launched Soon

An off patent anti-viral drug Favipiravir, originally discovered by Fuji, Japan has shown promise in clinical trials for treatment of Covid-19 patients, especially the mild and the moderate patients. CSIR constituent lab CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT) has developed a cost effective process using locally available chemicals to synthesize this Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) and transferred the technology to leading pharmaceutical industry M/s Cipla Limited. Cipla has scaled up the process in their manufacturing facility and approached DCGI for permission to launch the product in India. Given that DCGI has given restricted emergency use for Favipiravir in the country, Cipla is now all set to launch the product to help patients suffering from Covid-19.

For details:

Raksha Mantri and Israeli Defence Minister telephonically discuss further strengthening defence ties

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh had a telephonic conversation with Defence Minister of Israel Lt Gen Benjamin Gantz today. Both the Ministers expressed satisfaction at the progress of strategic cooperation between the two countries and discussed possibilities of further strengthening the defence engagements. They also expressed satisfaction at the ongoing collaboration in research and development in fighting pandemic COVID-19 which will not only benefit the two countries but also aid the larger humanitarian cause.

For details:

President flags off Red Cross relief supply for flood affected people in Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, flagged off nine trucks of Red Cross relief supplies from Rashtrapati Bhavan today in the presence of Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan. The President of India is the President of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS). The relief material included items such as tarpaulins, tents, saris, dhotis, cotton blankets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, bed sheets, buckets and two water purification units. In addition, COVID-19 protection items such as surgical masks, PPE kits, gloves and face shields are also part of the relief material flagged off by President Kovind. These items are meant to safeguard and protect health workers associated with IRCS medical services in these states as well as the volunteers of IRCS who are at the forefront of flood relief and rehabilitation efforts.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, appealed to Press to create awareness among the people about safety precautions to be taken by them to prevent covid infection. He mentioned that only messages through government advertisements will not suffice. The media must play a positive and pro-active role to create awareness among people for mask wearing and social distancing in tri-city.
- Punjab: COVID-19 patients violating home isolation instructions in Punjab will have to shell out Rs 5000 as fine, as per the new guidelines announced by Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh. Currently there are 951 patients in home isolation across the state. The Chief Minister also announced imposition of Rs 5000 as fine for owners of restaurants and commercial eating places violating social distancing norms, as a deterrent against defiance of the restrictions put in place to check the spread of the pandemic in the state.
- Haryana: In view of the adverse conditions arising due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Haryana State Pollution Control Board has initiated a drive to create awareness about the safe disposal of face masks, face covers, and gloves as they are part of new normal life, and the public should know how to dispose of them safely.
- Kerala: Three more Covid fatalities have been reported in the state today, pushing the death toll to 53. Meanwhile, health authorities have evaluated that Chekkiadpanchayat in Kozhikode is on the verge of Covid community spread; 23 people who attended a doctor's wedding, including the groom have been tested positive. Two PG doctors at Kottayam Medical College have contracted the disease through contact leaving several people to go under observation. The CPI(M) has stated ahead of today's all party meeting that it is against another total lockdown to contain the pandemic, but is for more stringent curbs at local level if required. Kerala confirmed the highest single-day spike of 1078 corona cases yesterday of which 798 cases were through contact, along with 65 cases with unknown source. Currently, 9,458 patients are undergoing treatment and 1,58,117 people under observation across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: 84 Raj Bhavan staff in Tamil Nadu including security personnel and fire service staff have tested positive for Corona infection on Thursday. Patanjali moves Madras HC to vacate injunction on 'Coronil'; a Chennai-based industrial equipment cleaning firm has filed a civil suit for alleged trademark infringement. With cases of Covid-19 increasing in the southern districts, government doctors who were sent on deputation to Chennai are being asked return to their parent districts after cancellation of deputation. TN's Covid tally has gone up to 1,92,964 with 6472 new cases reported yesterday; 88 deaths take the toll to 3,232; Chennai breaches 90,000-mark.
- Karnataka: SwasthVayu, the first Indian-made non-invasive ventilator, will begin clinical trials at Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru. State will soon provide financial aid to the people from the SC & ST – who have lost jobs or are facing financial crunch due to lockdown- to take up self-employment. Karnataka HC asked the state government to issue direction to all hospitals to supply data on beds available regularly so that it can be updated on the online portal for status on Covid beds. 5030 new cases & 97 deaths reported yesterday; 2207 cases in Bangalore city. Total positive cases: 80,863; Active cases: 49,931; Deaths: 1616.
- Andhra Pradesh: Krishna district collector denies news of lockdown from July 26 in the wake of increasing corona cases and deaths. He said the news circulating on social media was baseless. Meanwhile, lockdown has been imposed in Nellore from today and commercial establishments will be open till 1 o'clock. With the number of positive cases rising day by day in Tirupati, people

queue up for Covid testing at Ruia hospital. 7998 new cases and 61 deaths reported yesterday. Total Covid cases reported: 72,711; Active cases: 34,272; Deaths: 884.

- Telangana: Private hospitals, labs in Hyderabad warned-Health officials said they would not hesitate to seize erring private healthcare facilities and laboratories in Hyderabad that are involved in providing Covid-19 facilities to patients. 1567 new cases, 1661 recoveries & 09 deaths reported yesterday; out of 1567 cases, 662 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 50,826; Active cases: 11,052; Deaths: 447; Discharges: 39,327.
- Maharashtra: Mumbai is adopting innovative ideas to contain the pandemic, like Contactless ticket checking system introduced by the Central Railways. The Mumbai Division has launched an App called CheckIn Master for the ticket checking staff at ChhatrapatiShivajiMaharaj Terminus in Mumbai. The App has OCR and QR code scanning features to check Passenger Reserve System and Unreserved Ticketing System tickets from a safe distance. In the next phase which will be implemented soon, flap-based gates are being planned to be installed at entry/exit with automatic QR-code based ticket checking. Mumbai has 22,800 active cases out of total 1.05 lakh reported cases till date. The number of active cases in Maharashtra is 1.40 lakhs.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the total number of Covid 19 cases crossed 52,000 mark after a total of 1,078 cases were reported on Thursday. The state tally of coronavirus infections now stand at 52,477. This is the highest single-day spike reported in the state so far. However, with 12,348 active cases, Gujarat is in the eighth spot in terms of active cases in the country. The state also reported 28 deaths on Thursday, taking the death toll to the pandemic to 2,257.
- Rajasthan: 375 new positive cases and 4 deaths have been reported this morning taking the state tally of COVID-19 to 33,595 death toll is 598. Today Alwar district reported a record high of 224 cases in a single day from the state.
- Madhya Pradesh: In Madhya Pradesh, the festivals of Rakshabandhan and Eid-ul-Juha will not be celebrated in public this year due to the increasing transition of Corona. This apart, 10 days complete lockdown will be imposed from 8.00 p.m. today which will be enforced in Bhopal Municipal limit only. The supply of most essential commodities like medicines, vegetables, fruits, milk etc. will be ensured. Madhya Pradesh reported 632 new Covid 19 cases during the last 24 hours, taking the state tally to 25,474. However, the number of active cases are 7,355.
- Chhattisgarh: A record high 371 new positive cases have been reported on Thursday in Chhattisgarh. Now the state tally of COVID-19 stands at 6,370. Raipur alone reported 205 new positive cases, followed by 34 cases from Kabirdham and then 23 cases from Rajnandgaon.
- Arunachal Pradesh
- In Arunachal Pradesh, rapid response teams conducting antigen test across capital region Itanagar. Twenty teams organised test camps and conducted 2672 test. Out of these 30 people detected positive and being treated as per protocol. With 42 recoveries, the total active cases in Arunachal Pradesh stands at 654.
- Manipur: Manipur Information Commission has notified that all 'Appeal' and 'Complaint' proceedings of the Commission is adjourned until lockdown is lifted, in view of prevailing COVID-19 situation and State-wide lockdown imposed by State Government. Churachandpur in Manipur mounts a massive contact tracing exercise to avert chances of Covid-19 spread at community level after a private laboratory staff tests positive.

- Mizoram: Chief Minister of Mizoram Shri Zoramthanga sanctioned over Rs. 3.85 crore rupees for quarantine facilities in 8 districts.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 63 positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed. 41 in Dimapur, 21 in Kohima & 1 in Peren. Total Covid-19 positive cases in Nagaland stands at 1237 with 707 active cases and 530 recoveries.

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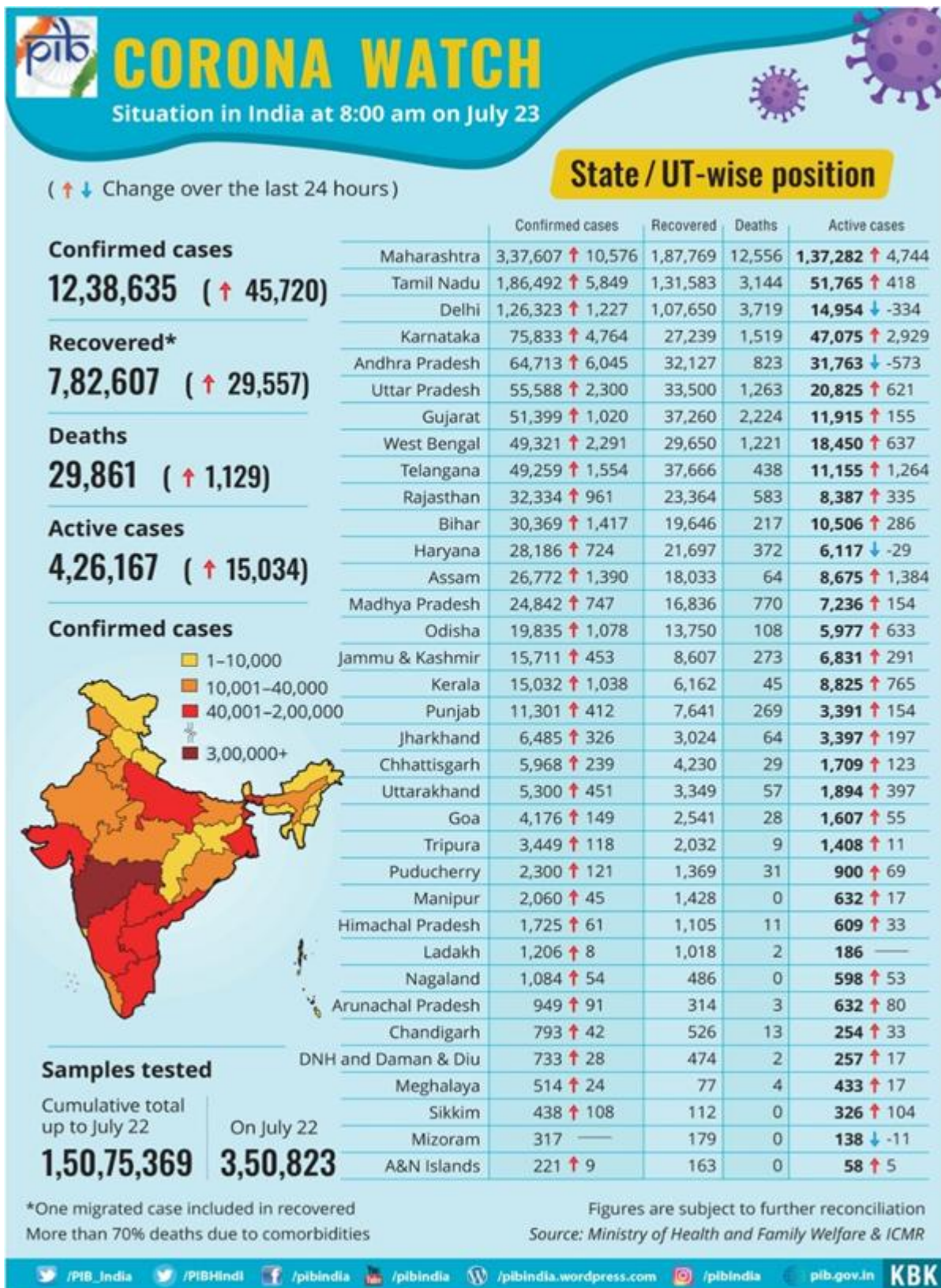
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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: With highest ever single day recoveries of nearly 30,000, the total number of recoveries crosses 7.82 lakhs

For the second day in a row, recoveries in a single day continue to post significant rise. The last 24 hours saw the highest ever single day number of patients cured and discharged i.e. 29,557. While the total number of recovered cases has jumped to 7,82,606. There has been appreciable growth in the recovery rate, which stands at 63.18%. Higher number of patients getting cured and discharged has contributed to

increasing gap between recovered and total active cases. It is pegged at 3,56,439 today. The actual case load of COVID-19 cases remains confined to 4,26,167 Active patients only. Combined efforts have resulted in Case Fatality Rate being managed at low levels. It is 2.41%, as on date, and steadily declining.

For details:

PM delivers keynote address at India Ideas Summit 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at the India Ideas Summit yesterday. The Summit was hosted by the US-India Business Council (USIBC). Prime Minister talked about the need to place the poor and the vulnerable at the core of growth agenda. He underlined that 'Ease of Living' is as important as 'Ease of Business'. He said that the pandemic has reminded us of the importance of resilience of the global economy against external shocks, which can be achieved by stronger domestic economic capacities. He emphasized that India is contributing towards a prosperous and resilient world through the clarion call of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. He noted that in the last six years, efforts have been undertaken to make our economy more open and reform oriented, adding that reforms have ensured competitiveness, enhanced transparency, expanded digitization, greater innovation and more policy stability.

For details:

Text of the PM's address at India Ideas Summit 2020

For details:

Prime Minister lays foundation stone for Water Supply project in Manipur

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the water supply project in Manipur today through a video conference. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister said that even as the country is fighting relentlessly against COVID-19, Eastern and North Eastern India had also to face dual challenges of heavy rains and floods which cost many lives and rendered many homeless. Prime Minister said the Manipur Government made all the necessary arrangements during the lockdown and special arrangements for the return of migrants. He said about 25 lakh poor in Manipur have received free food grains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. Similarly, more than 1.5 lakh women in Manipur have been given the facility of free gas cylinders under the Ujjwala scheme. Referring to the Water Supply Project, which is being implemented at a cost of Rs 3000 Crore he said it would reduce the water problems of the state and would be especially providing a huge relief to the women of the State.

For details:

DRDO establishes COVID-19 Testing Facility at DIHAR, Leh

DRDO has established a COVID-19 testing facility at the Leh based laboratory Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR) to enhance the rate of testing to identify the Corona cases in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The testing facility will also help in keeping close watch of the infected persons. The facility meets the safety standards and guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The centre was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri RK Mathur yesterday. The testing facility at DIHAR is capable of screening 50 samples per day. The facility can also be utilized for training manpower for COVID testing and will be of great help to address future bio-threats and carrying out R&D activities pertinent to agro-animals diseases.

For details:

Finance Minister holds 2nd review meeting on CAPEX of CPSEs

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today held Video Conference with Secretaries of the Ministries of Civil Aviation, and Steel, and the Chairman Railway Board (CRB), along with the CMDs of 7 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) belonging to these Ministries, to review the Capital Expenditure in this Financial Year (FY). This was 2nd meeting in the ongoing series of review meetings that the Finance Minister is conducting with various stakeholders to accelerate the economic growth in the background of COVID-19 pandemic. While mentioning the significant role of CPSEs in giving a push to the growth of the Indian economy, the Finance Minister encouraged the CPSEs to perform better to achieve their targets and to ensure that the capital outlay provided to them for the financial year 2020-21 is spent properly and within time. Smt. Sitharaman said that better performance of CPSEs can help the economy in a big way to recover from the impact of COVID-19.

For details:

Vice President expresses concern over Covid-induced financial strain in the media industry.

Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has expressed concern over the COVID-induced financial strain in the media industry and appealed to everyone to treat their employees with empathy and care and stand with them during these difficult times. Paying tributes at a virtual commemorative meeting held to pay respects to late Shri M P Veerendra Kumar yesterday, the Vice President appealed to everyone to draw inspiration from the likes of Shri Veerendra Kumar and adopt a more empathetic attitude towards the fellow citizens. The Vice President highlighted the importance of providing correct and authentic information during these pandemic times. He appreciated the media for empowering people through information and perspectives on the pandemic despite risks involved in the task. However, he also cautioned the media to guard against unverified and unsubstantiated claims on treating COVID-19.

For details:

Digital platforms have to be responsive and accountable towards the sovereign concerns of countries:
Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

A virtual meeting of G20 Digital Economy Ministers took place yesterday. Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology represented India during this virtual meeting. In the wake of global pandemic like COVID-19, Mr. Prasad strongly emphasized the need for building a resilient global supply chain and shared the vision of Prime Minister of India for making India as attractive destination for investment closely integrated with global supply chains. Shri Prasad told this global gathering about how India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has managed the COVID19 crisis far better than many other countries. The bold decision of the Prime Minister to go for an early nationwide lockdown helped in the country in curbing the spread of the virus as well as prepare for the upcoming challenges effectively. The Minister shared India's digital innovations that helped in fight against COVID19. He spoke about initiatives like Aarogya Setu mobile app, geo-fencing system for monitoring quarantined patients and COVID19 Savdhan bulk messaging systems during this meeting. He also spoke about how digital technology helped the government of India in providing relief to the economically weaker sections of society during this crisis. Using digital innovations of India like Direct Benefit Transfers and digital payments even the weakest in the society was provided various financial relief during the lockdown.

For details:

Total 19.32 LMT food grains lifted by the States and UTs under PMGKAY-2

Since the lockdown, about 139.97 LMT food grains have been lifted and transported through 4999 rail rakes and total 285.07 LMT food grains have been transported till 30th June 2020. Since 1st July 2020, 26.69 LMT food grains have been lifted and transported through 953 rail rakes. Apart from the rail route, transportation was also done through roads and waterways. A total of 50.91 LMT food grains has been transported since 1st July 2020. Total 1.63 LMT food grains have been transported to the North-Eastern States since 1st July 2020.

For details:

INPUTS FROM FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: To further ramp up Covid testing capacity in the state, the Punjab Government will procure seven automatic RNA extraction machines for the viral testing labs at three Government Medical Colleges in Patiala, Amritsar and Faridkot, in addition to four more for the newly set-up viral testing labs in Mohali, Ludhiana and Jalandhar. The move is aimed at controlling the spread of the pandemic through increased testing by augmenting the state's fight under Mission Fateh.
- Himachal Pradesh: Additional Chief Secretary Health R.D. Dhiman said that effective steps were being taken to contain the spread of corona pandemic in the State. He said that the parameters of corona of the state were better than other states. He said that regular COVID-19 testing was being done in the state. He

added that as per the parameters of WHO and GoI the corona infection rate should be less than 5 percent. He said that despite the comprehensive testing, the corona positive rate was 1.3 percent, whereas the death rate was 0.84 percent in the State. He said that 17000 samples per million were being taken in state as compared to 11000 per million tests being taken in the country.

- Kerala: State government has cancelled the Assembly session it had scheduled for July 27 in view of the rapid spread of Covid-19 in the state. A special Cabinet meeting on next Monday will decide upon whether another lock down should be clamped in the state. IMA has pointed out that regional lockdowns instead of complete lockdown would be effective in the state, with all signs of community transmission. Three more Covid deaths have been reported in the state. The fatalities are from Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode and Malappuram, taking the toll to 48. The state's single day count crossed yesterday with 1038 new cases, of which 785 were through local contact. Currently, 8,818 patients undergoing treatment and 1.59 lakh people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Three deaths, 123 fresh cases of Covid-19 reported in Puducherry; cases rose to 2,420, with active cases up to 987 and total deaths up to 33 on Thursday. TN Health Minister C Vijayabaskar inaugurated a plasma bank set up at a cost of Rs 2.34 crore at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital. TN students permitted to visit schools from July 24-30 to collect mark-sheets. State cancels even semester exams for all but final year college students. 5,849 new cases & 74 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,86,492; Active cases: 51,765; Deaths: 3144; Active cases in Chennai: 13,941.
- Karnataka: With the number of Covid-19 cases galloping every day, Karnataka has now joined Andhra Pradesh and Meghalaya at the top as regards the doubling rate of the disease. Karnataka saw biggest single-day spike of 4,764 Covid-19 cases yesterday, taking tally to 75,833. 2050 cases were reported in Bangalore city. Total cases till yesterday: 75,834; Active cases: 47,069; Deaths: 1519; Discharges: 27,239.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh Rapid Antigen Test for Covid-19 are being conducted in different places of the Itanagar Capital region. Twenty teams for these rapid tests are working and conducted more than two thousand antigen test yesterday and detected 28 positive cases. All main three hospitals in Capital Itanagar region are shut down for sanitization. State's only medical college Hospital TRIHMS (Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences) will be functional for Emergency and Cancer treatments.
- Manipur: In Manipur, guidelines for weeklong lockdown issued. Essential services, supply of essential goods, agriculture and related activities and public utilities to function normally.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 90 positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed. Out of them 61 in Kohima, 26 in Dimapur, 2 in Peren & 1 in Phek. Total positive cases rises to 1174 in Nagaland with 688 active cases and 486 recoveries.
- Mizoram: Five recovered COVID-19 patients discharged today in Mizoram. Active cases in the state stands at 142 while 184 have recovered so far.
- Andhra Pradesh: Vizag's King George Hospital (KGH) is still waiting for the nod from Directorate of Medical Education to begin clinical trials of Covaxin. KGH is one of the 12 hospitals chosen by ICMR for conducting clinical trials. District Collectors in the State directed to identify all doctors and medical professionals across the state including private practitioners in order to avail their services in the war against Covid-19. State Road Transport Corporation to resume inter-state bus services between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka today as the restrictions imposed from July 15th to 22nd has ended. 6045 new cases and 65 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 64,713; Active cases: 31,763; Deaths: 823.

- **Telangana:** State to increase testing of samples to 25,000 per day. At present, private labs, rapid tests at primary health care facilities and PCR tests at Government laboratories are able to conduct tests up to 15,000 swab samples in a day. 1554 new cases and 09 deaths reported yesterday; out of 1554 cases, 842 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases : 49,259; Active cases: 11,155; Deaths: 438; Discharges :37,666.
- **Maharashtra:** The state on Wednesday reported its highest single-day spike of 10,576 cases on the tally of total reported Covid cases to 3,37,607. However, with the further recovery of 5,552 persons in the state the number of active cases stands at 1,36,980. The death toll is 12,556. The Maharashtra Government is planning to set up a Single Command Centre to oversee ‘Corona virus bed management’ in hospitals in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region which includes Mumbai, Thane, Palghar and Navi Mumbai. It has also clarified that there would be no more large-scale lockdown in the state, as efforts are being made to bring back normalcy in people’s lives. Health Minister Rajesh Tope said the state is working on SOPs to restart various trades and services in the state including Gyms and Shopping malls.
- **Gujarat:** Number of COVID-19 cases rose to 51,485 after 1,020 fresh cases were reported in the last 24 hours. Rising number of cases in Surat is a matter of concern; the district reported the highest 256, cases on Wednesday. The diamond city now has 11,128 cases while the death toll in the district has crossed 500 mark.
- **Rajasthan:** 961 new COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in the state taking the overall tally to 32,334. Maximum number of new cases have been reported from districts of Jodhpur(212), Alwar(180) followed by Jaipur(85) yesterday. However, the number active cases is only 8,387.
- **Madhya Pradesh:** Arvind Singh Bhadoriya, the Madhya Pradesh Minister for Cooperatives has tested positive for Covid 19. The state reported 747 new cases on Thursday, taking the overall tally to 24,842. However, the number of active cases are 7,236.
- **Chhattisgarh:** Chhattisgarh reported 230 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday. Most of the new cases were from Raipur (70), followed by Sukhma (36) and Durg (28). Meanwhile strict lockdown is being enforced in Raipur and seven other urban centres of the state under police vigil.



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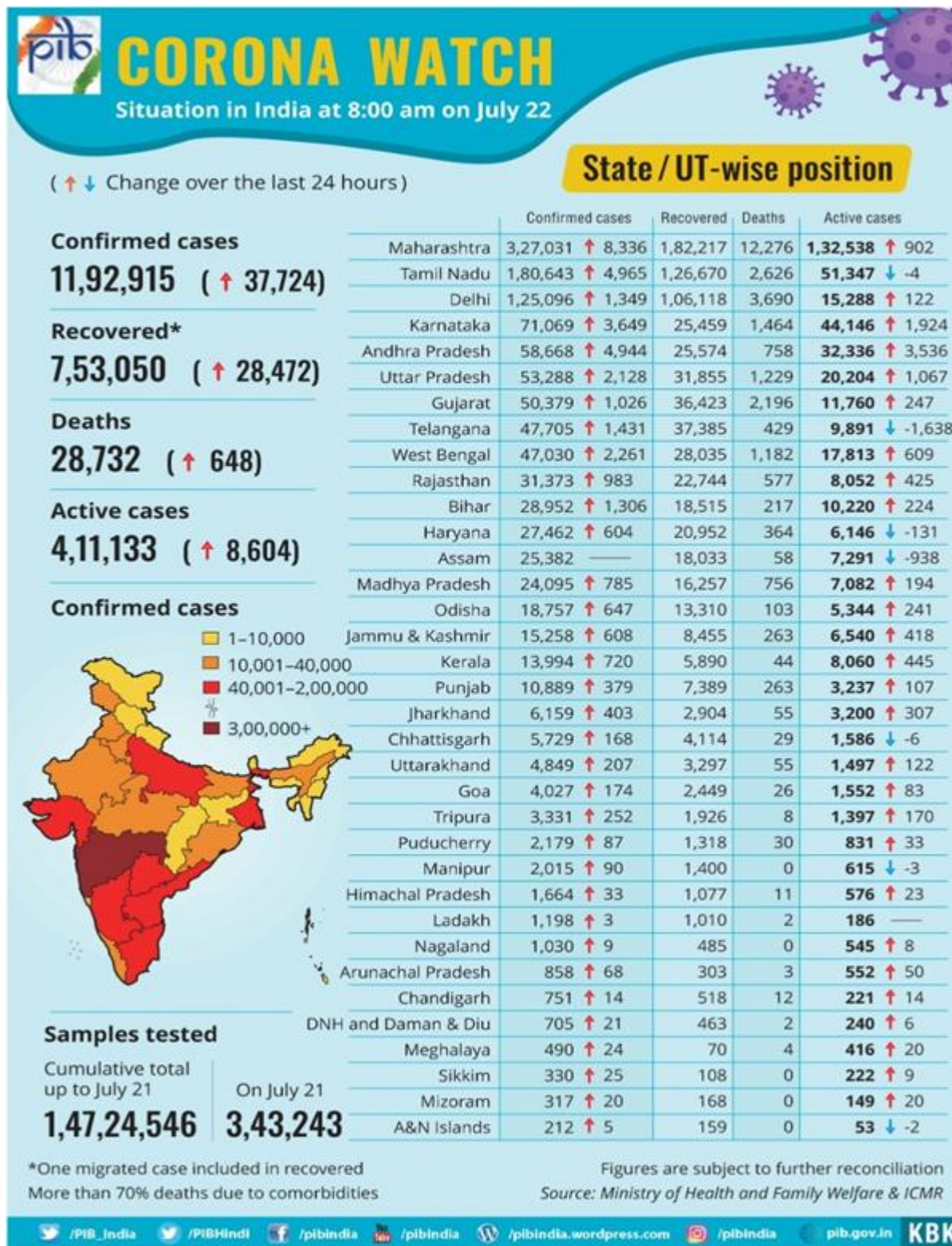
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- Highest ever number of recoveries recorded in the last 24 hours; 28,472 patients discharged.
- More than 7.5 lakh COVID patients have recovered so far; Recovery Rate crosses 63%.
- 19 States/ UTs register higher than 63.13% Recovery Rate.
- Delhi has highest recovery rate at 84.83% followed by Ladakh with 84.31%.
- 4,11,133 active cases as of today.
- First tranche of 4,475 Oxygen Concentrators from Temasek Foundation, Singapore received.





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Highest ever recoveries have been registered in a single day i.e. 28,472. This is also the highest number of COVID-19 patients cured/discharged in last 24 hours. With this, the number of patients that have recovered stands at 7,53,049. This has strongly boosted the recovery rate among COVID-19 patients to

63.13%. The constantly increasing number of recovered patients has further widened the difference with active cases (4,11,133 today) to 3,41,916. This difference is showing a progressively growing upward trend. While the national recovery rate has improved, 19 States and UTs are posting a recovery rate higher than the national average. Delhi has registered highest recovery rate at 84.83% followed by Ladakh with 84.31%. AIIMS, New Delhi along with the Centres of Excellence in the States/UTs have bolstered the clinical treatment and critical care of ICU patients, thereby managing to reduce the Case Fatality rate in India. The e-ICU program of AIIMS, New Delhi is one more avenue of Centre-State cooperation which is aimed at reducing mortality.

For Details :

Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey receives the first tranche of 4,475 Oxygen Concentrators from Temasek Foundation, Singapore

Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare today received the first tranche of 4,475 Oxygen Concentrators from Temasek Foundation, Singapore. The Foundation has offered to donate total of 20,000 Oxygen Concentrators to India. The remaining Oxygen Concentrators will be received in the month of August 2020. These devices will be made available to States and UTs for use in management of moderate cases of COVID-19. Expressing gratitude towards Temasek Foundation, Singapore for their generous help, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey said that the Oxygen Concentrators will substantially aid the fight against COVID-19 in the country.

For Details :

Active respirator mask & nano-sanitiser developed by SNBNCBS can help in combatting COVID 19

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the use of face mask an inevitable part of daily life. However, it is encountering many a discomfort which hinders its usage to prevent spread of the virus. Some of them are rebreathing of Carbon dioxide (CO₂), which may reduce human efficiency and lead to brain-hypoxia due to long hours of usage, moisture in the exhaled breath which makes spectacles foggy, safety issues like sweaty and hot environment inside the mask, clarity in speech of a person with a face mask. An active respirator mask with attached exhalation valve and suspended particulate matter filter for comfortable and hygienic breathing while wearing masks has been developed by S.N. Bose National Centre For Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata, an autonomous research Institute under the Department of Science and Technology. The Active Respirator mask is an innovative solution to the rebreathing of carbon dioxide, exhaled moisture, and sweaty and hot environment inside the mask. Besides this, a Nano-sanitizer with a Dispensing Antimicrobial Layer has also been developed by the institute.

For Details :

JalJeevan Mission: States compete among themselves to outperform others; 7 States achieved more than 10% of the target of 2020-21

Launched in August 2019, in 7 months of implementation of JalJeevan Mission in 2019-20, around 85 lakh rural households were provided with tap connections. Further, amidst CoVID-19 pandemic, since Unlock-1, about 55 lakh tap connections have been provided so far in the year 2020-21. As of today, 7 States viz. Bihar, Telangana, Maharashtra, Haryana, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Mizoram have achieved more than 10% of the target household tap connections they had fixed for themselves. Out of 18.93 Crore rural households in the country, 4.60 Crore (24.30%) households are already provided tap connections. The objective is to cover remaining 14.33 Crore households in a time-bound manner while ensuring the functionality of all tap connections.

For Details :**Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Calls for Balancing Life and Livelihood, as India Unlocks**

Minister of Steel and Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressed a webinar on “Working in Covid-19 times”, organised by the Ministry of Steel yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pradhan said that in the last few months we have established protocols and practices with significant success to fight against the Covid pandemic and talked about the need to continue following all recommendations by experts, ensure social distancing, wear masks, wash our hands to contain the spread of infection. Speaking on the occasion, Minister of State for Steel Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste talked about the role of steel CPSEs in the fight against the pandemic, high recovery rate in India, the economic package announced by the Government and the need to adopt a more healthy lifestyle. AIIMS Delhi Director Dr. RandeepGuleria talked about the steps which need to be taken to minimise the risk of infection while resuming work, adjusting to the new normal of wearing masks, ensuring social distancing, washing hands, self monitoring, contact tracing and realigning workplace practices to minimise the risk of infection spread.

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

- Haryana: Haryana Government has decided to declare one Central Jail and three District Jails in the State as Special Jails (Temporary Jails) for confinement of new male prisoners remanded to judicial custody in Haryana till the receipt of their COVID-19 reports. It would also be ensured that testing of prisoners for COVID-19 and submission of reports is done on priority basis.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Governor has said that during the pandemic period, special attention needs to be given to the farming sector. He said that Himachalis, who had come back from other states, now wants to return to their villages to do farming and the district administration should come forward for their assistance. He said that there was also a need for wide publicity of the three recently issued ordinances by the Central Government so that farmers can get their benefits. Three ordinances approved by the Central Government were hailed as landmark decisions which would benefit Indian farmers and transform the agricultural sector, he added.

- Kerala: Curfew imposed in Aluva Municipality and 7 panchayats from midnight tonight in the wake of drastic increase in Covid cases. Four more Covid-19 deaths reported in the state today, taking the toll to 48. The fatalities occurred in Kollam, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargod districts. Meanwhile, the state government has changed the course of action in COVID-19 treatment to avoid delay in test results. From now on, only antigen test result is required for discharging the patients instead of RT-PCR test result. More than ten patients in three Medical Colleges including pregnant women have been tested positive and about thirty doctors have gone under observation. CM has summoned an all-party meeting on Friday to discuss the latest situation. A total of 720 new cases reported yesterday of which 528 were contact cases and 34 with unknown sources. Currently 8,056 patients are under treatment and 1.54 lakh people under observation.
- Tamil Nadu: Bus and Car Operators Confederation of India (BOCI) and Tamil Nadu Omni Bus Owners' Association (TOBOA), representing private passenger transport operators have urged the State government to provide immediate relief for income loss due to Covid lockdown. As many as 18 prisoners from Cuddalore, Villupuram and Kallakurichi sub-jails were among the 58 new cases reported in Cuddalore district on Tuesday. Rajapalayam MLA S. Thangapandian tests positive for Covid-19 and admitted to a private hospital in Madurai. 4965 new cases & 75 deaths reported. Total cases till now: 1,80,643; Active cases: 51,344; Deaths: 2626; Active cases in Chennai: 14,952.
- Karnataka: Covid Task Force committee meeting held yesterday decided to purchase 4 lakh antigen test kit and 5 lakh swab test kits to ramp up testing. Government fixes the rate for Covid tests in private labs; Rs 2,000 for Government referred cases and 3,000 for self-reporting cases. 16 RTPCR and 15 Automated RNA extraction units will be established to ramp up testing. This will help to achieve the target of 50,000 tests per day. Remdesivir which is currently available in the government hospitals will be supplied to private hospitals through government to curb black marketing of this drug. BBMP has issued show cause notices to 291 private hospitals in the city for not providing details of bed availability. 3647 new cases & 61 deaths reported yesterday; 1714 cases in Bangalore city. Active cases in the state is 44, 140.
- Andhra Pradesh: AP Governor advises state officials to provide an online information system giving the data on availability of beds in various Covid-19 hospitals to those in need. Nellore District Collector asked the private hospitals to provide beds at the ICUs for accommodating the Covid-19 patients in the district as there are chances for further increase of the spread of the virus in the coming two months. Traders in Visakhapatnam have gone on self-imposed lockdown in the wake of spurt in coronavirus cases and spike in death rate. 4944 new cases and 62 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 58,668; Active cases: 32,336; Deaths: 758.
- Telangana: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) has warned network hospitals against denying cashless treatment to Covid-19 patients in Hyderabad. 1430 new cases & 07 deaths reported yesterday; Total cases in the State: 47,705; Active cases: 10,891; Deaths: 429.
- Maharashtra: Fifth Minister in the UddhavThackerey Government, AbdusSattar, MoS Animal Husbandry has tested positive for Covid 19. Meanwhile, NCP's Fauzia Khan, MP Rajya Sabha has also tested positive, even as the state tally of Covid 19 cases reached 3,27,031. However, the number of active cases as on Tuesday stands at 1,32,236. Mumbai reported 995 cases, even as testing has been increased to 6,000-7,000 tests per day.
- Gujarat: The number of Covid cases in Gujarat has crossed the 50,000-mark. The state reported 1026 cases in the last 24 hours which is the highest one-day spike till date. 34 patients succumbed

to the virus on Tuesday, taking the death toll to 2,201. Surat reported the highest 298 cases, followed by Ahmedabad (199 cases), Vadodara (75 cases) and Rajkot (58 cases).

- Rajasthan: 226 new COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in the state today till 1030 hours. 983 positive cases were reported on Tuesday till 8.30 p.m. The total number of positive cases in the state is now 31,599 including 8,129 active cases, 22,889 recoveries and 581 deaths. The State Cabinet has approved a proposal to give Rs 1,000 per family for 35 lakh needy families to tide over the Covid 19 crisis. The Cabinet has also decided to extend benefits for another one year to the units of tourism, hotel, and multiplex sector under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme.
- Madhya Pradesh: 785 new positive cases have been identified in Madhya Pradesh taking the state tally to 24,095. However, the number of active cases as on Tuesday is 7,082. With the recovery of 573 patients on the same day, the count of total recoveries has risen to 16,257
- Chhattisgarh: A seven-day total lockdown has been re-imposed from today in Raipur, Surguja, Raigarh and Baloda Bazar districts of Chhattisgarh, Similar restrictions will come into effect in the urban areas of Durg, Korba and Bilaspur districts from midnight tonight. Chhattisgarh has 1,588 active cases.
- Goa: In the wake of rising COVID-19 cases in Goa, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday said that the state government is ready to allow home isolation for Covid-positive asymptomatic patients. As on date, Goa has 1,552 active cases, with 174 new cases reported during the last 24 hours.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Chief Secretary said that the prefabricated dedicated COVID hospital at Midpu in Papumpare will be made operational by this month end.
- Meghalaya: The Meghalaya government has decided to invest rupees 75 crore in 186 PHCs & CHCs in the State to upgrade the health infrastructure.
- Manipur: COVID Relief Committee members and Meira Paibi leaders inspected and decided to relocate COVID Care Centre from the District Hospital, Bishnupur to Old DC Office Complex at Loukoipat, Bishnupur with immediate effect. In Manipur, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal has directed all employees who have symptoms of fever and cough not to attend office.
- Mizoram; In order to contain the spread of COVID19 among the members of security forces, the administration of Lunglei district and senior officials of security forces has decided in a meeting that an SOP will be followed strictly regarding the issue.
- Nagaland: Mon district administration issues notification to mandatorily maintain a register with records of visitors/guests attending any kind of gathering in order to facilitate contact tracing of persons affected with COVID-19, if required.



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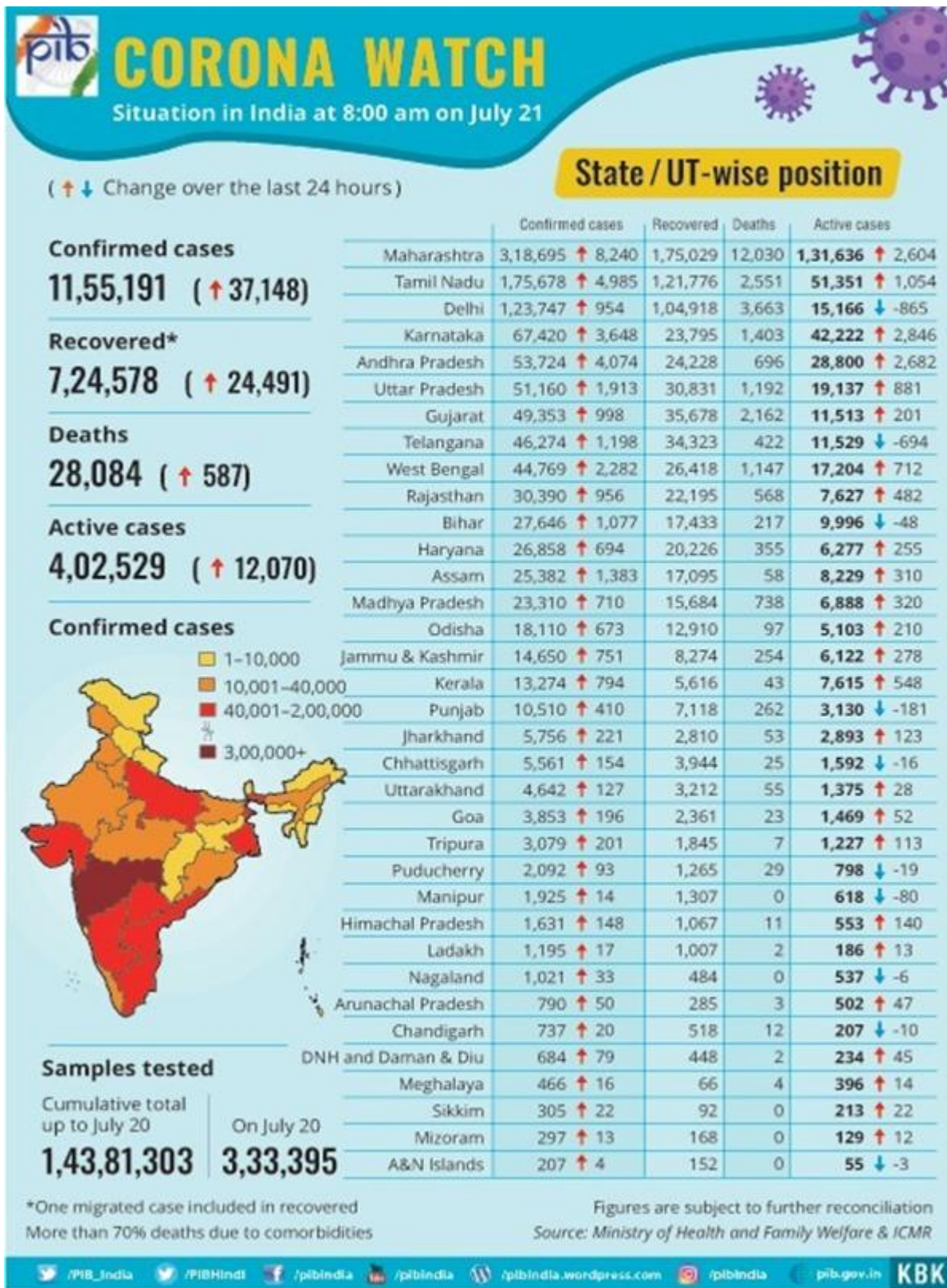
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- Total recoveries leap up to 7.2 lakh; 24,491 COVID-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours.
- National Recovery Rate improves to 62.72%.
- Case Fatality continues to dip further to 2.43%.
- 19 States/UTs conducting more than 140 tests/day/million, as advised by WHO
- Over 3.3 lakh samples tested in last 24 hours.
- Presently, there are 4,02,529 active cases in the country.
- Sero-prevalence study shows that on an average, across Delhi, prevalence of IgG antibodies is 23.48 %; Large number of infected persons remain asymptomatic.
- HRD Ministry launches MANODARPAN to provide psychosocial support to students for their Mental Health and Well-being.





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Total recoveries leap up to 7.2 lakh; National Recovery Rate improves to 62.72%; Case Fatality continues to dip further to 2.43%

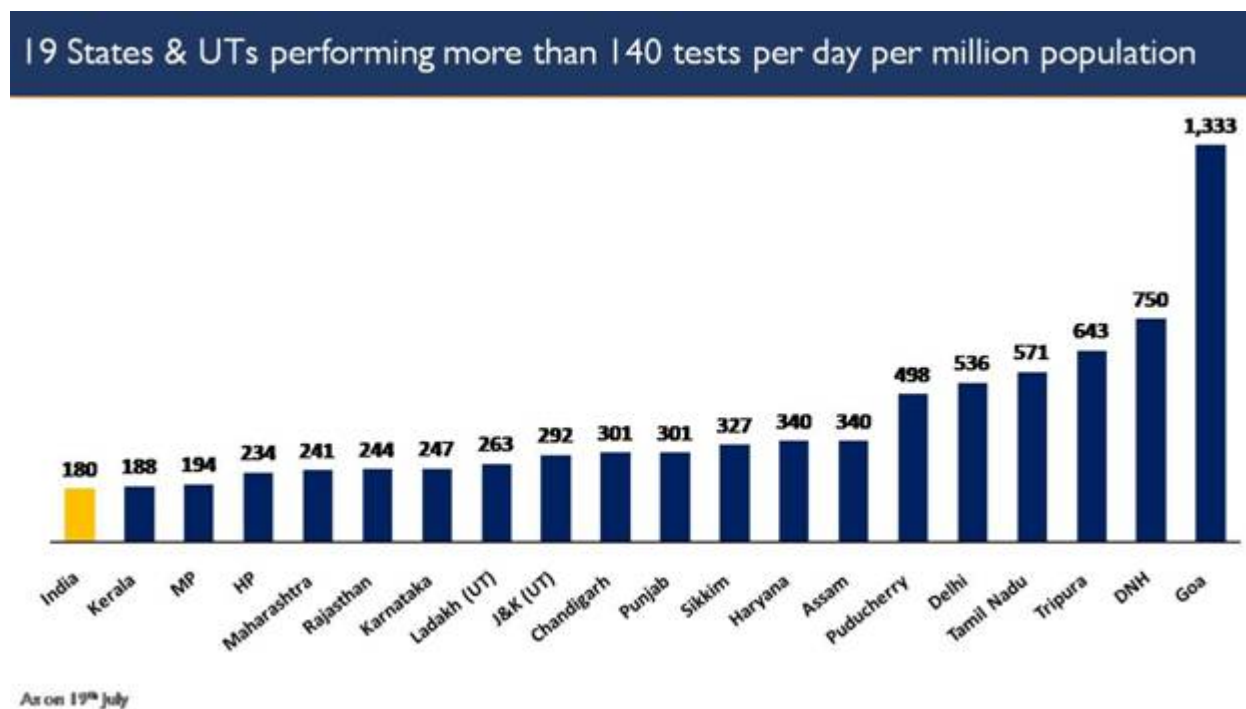
24,491 COVID-19 patients have recovered during the last 24 hours. This has pushed the cumulative figure of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients to 7,24,577, as on date. The recovery rate has further improved to 62.72%. India continues to have one of the lowest Case Fatality Rates, at 2.43%,

which is consistently falling. The gap between the number of recovered cases and active cases has increased to 3,22,048 at present. Presently, there are 4,02,529 active cases and all are under medical supervision. In the last 24 hours, 3,33,395 samples were tested. Cumulatively 1,43,81,303 samples have been tested in the country. This has been possible through ever expanding diagnostic lab network of 1274 labs.

For details

19 States/UTs conducting more than 140 tests/day/million, as advised by WHO; India currently has 8.07% Positivity Rate; 30 State/UTs have lower Positivity Rate than India average

The national average of tests/day/million has substantially jumped to 180, as on date. WHO in its Guidance Note on “Public Health Criteria to Adjust Public Health and Social Measures in the Context of COVID-19” has advised comprehensive surveillance for suspected COVID-19 cases. WHO has advised that a country needs 140 tests/day/million population. There are currently 19 State/UTs which are conducting more than 140 tests per day per million. The State of Goa is testing highest at 1333 tests per day per million.



In tandem with increased testing, the Confirmation Rate or Positivity Rate for India is continuously reducing and currently stands at 8.07%. There are 30 State/UTs in India which have lower Positivity Rate than the India average.

For details:

Sero-prevalence study conducted by National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), MoHFW, in Delhi in June 2020

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare commissioned a sero-surveillance study in Delhi. This study has been done by the National Center for Disease Control in collaboration with Delhi Govt, following a rigorous multi-stage sampling study design. Study was conducted from 27th of June 2020 to 10th July 2020. For all the 11 districts of Delhi, survey teams were formed. Blood samples were collected from selected individuals after taking written informed consent and then their sera were tested for IgG antibodies and infection. It is one of the largest sero-prevalence studies conducted in the country using the ELISA testing. 21,387 samples were collected as per lab standards and were tested. The test performed is not a diagnostic test but only provides information about past infection due to SARS-CoV-2 in individuals who test positive. The results of the sero-prevalence study show that on an average, across Delhi, the prevalence of IgG antibodies is 23.48 %. The study also indicates that a large number of infected persons remain asymptomatic.

For details:

HRD Minister launches MANODARPAN initiative of Ministry of HRD to provide psychosocial support to students for their Mental Health and Well-being

Union HRD Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched the MANODARPAN initiative to provide psychosocial support to students for their Mental Health and Well-being today. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Nishank said that COVID -19 is understandably a challenging time for everyone around the world. He informed that the HRD Ministry has felt that while it is important to focus on continuing education on the academic front, the mental well-being of the students also needs to be given equal importance. So, Ministry has taken an initiative, named, MANODARPAN covering a wide range of activities to provide Psychosocial Support to students for their Mental Health & Well-being during the COVID outbreak and beyond. He further informed that a Working Group, having experts from the fields of education, mental health and psychosocial issues as its members, has been set up to monitor and promote the mental health issues and concerns of students and to facilitate providing of support to address the mental health and psychosocial aspects during and after COVID-19 lockdown, through counselling services, online resources and helpline.

For details:

PM to deliver keynote address at India Ideas Summit on 22 July

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will deliver the keynote address at the India Ideas Summit on 22 July. The Summit is being hosted by the US-India Business Council. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the formation of the Council. The theme for this year's India Ideas Summit is 'Building a Better Future'. The virtual Summit will feature high-level presence from Indian and US government policymakers, state-level officials, and thought leaders from business and society. The Summit will witness discussions on areas including India-US cooperation and future of the relation between the two countries in a post pandemic world.

For details:

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports partners with UNICEF to strengthen resolve to mobilise 1 crore youth volunteers to achieve goals of Aatmanirbhar Bharat

In a step to realise the vision of Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijju to mobilise 1 crore youth volunteers in India and contribute to Prime Minister's call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports signed a Statement of Intent with YuWaah (a multi-stakeholder platform formed by the UNICEF) to work in partnership to promote volunteerism among the youth of India as well as to help them transition from education and learning to productive work, skilling and being active citizens. Speaking about the importance of the partnership, Shri Kiren Rijju said that this partnership is very appropriate in these challenging times and will give a strong focus to our existing policies. He said India being such a young country with a huge population, the contribution of the youth in any sphere can make a huge difference, not just in India but at the global platform.

For Details:

India's first of its kind public EV Charging Plaza inaugurated by Union Power Minister

With a focus on enhancing energy efficiency and promoting e-mobility, Shri R.K Singh, the Minister for Power, New & Renewable Energy, inaugurated India's first public EV (Electric Vehicle) charging plaza at Chelmsford Club yesterday. Speaking on the occasion Shri Singh said, "The EV charging plaza is a new avenue for making e-mobility ubiquitous and convenient in India. Such innovative initiatives are imperative for the creation of a robust e-mobility ecosystem in the country." The Minister also launched "Retrofit of Air-conditioning to improve Indoor Air Quality for Safety and Efficiency" (RAISE) national programme. At the launch, Shri Singh stated that RAISE initiative can potentially alleviate the issue of bad air quality in work spaces across the nation and pioneer ways to make them healthier and greener. He said poor air quality has been a concern in India for quite some time and has become more important in light of the COVID pandemic. As people return to their offices and public spaces, maintaining good indoor air quality is essential for occupant comfort, well-being, productivity and the overall public health.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, has stated that there should be more strictness in checking, mask wearing and social distancing among people in public places, such as parks, Sukhna Lake, markets etc. He directed the Director General of Police to conduct more flag marches in various colonies and sectors to create awareness among people regarding precautions to be taken against covid. He also directed that security in various hospitals should be tightened, so that the health workers feel fear-free. The Administrator directed that several IEC activities should be carried out by various departments to make people aware about the danger of COVID and the healthy hygiene practices needed to be taken.
- Punjab: The State Prisons Department has chalked out a three-pronged strategy to effectively combat the COVID-19 situation in the prisons across the state. The strategy comprises Prevention, Screening & Identification and Treatment & Mitigation. A state level monitoring team and district level monitoring teams have already been constituted to monitor the situation and address the

problems being faced by the staff as well as prisoners in day-to-day functioning at the ground level.

- Haryana: Haryana Health Minister Mr. Anil Vij said that the recovery rate of COVID-19 in the State is about 75% and it takes 22-23 days for cases to double. Considering these figures, there is no sign of community transmission in the State, he added. He said that the vaccine made by Bharat Biotech has conducted human trials at Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, which is likely to yield positive results. He said that about 70 people have registered for the vaccine on their own will. As stated, no side effects were observed in the people due to the drug trial, which is a major achievement for the State Government and Health Department.
- Himachal Pradesh: The State Cabinet has approved replacement of 38 ambulances under National Ambulance Service-108 in the State in lieu of ambulances which have outlived their economical life, as the 108 ambulances have become the lifeline of health system in the State. The Cabinet has also decided to increase the bus fare in the State, keeping the fund crunch due to Covid-19 pandemic. There would be increase of 25% in the present per kilometer tariffs for all travel beyond three kilometers for hilly and plain areas.
- Kerala: A 75-year-old Idukki native succumbed to Covid-19 today taking the death toll in the state to 44. Meanwhile, the General Education department has informed that a decision on reopening of schools in the state will be taken after evaluating the Covid situation in August. 18 nuns of a provincial house in Aluva, have tested positive for Covid-19. They had been in the contact list of a nun who died of Covid recently. As uncertainty continues over treatment of Covid patients in private hospitals, Health Minister K.K. Shylaja says the issue will be resolved within a couple of days. Yesterday 794 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the state of which 519 people were contact cases, with 24 with unknown sources. Currently 7,611 people are undergoing treatment and 1.65 lakh people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: 68-year-old man succumbs as death toll rises to 30 in Puducherry; 91 new cases reported on Tuesday taking the tally in the UT to 2179. School managements welcomed the Madras High Court order allowing them to collect 75 per cent of fee for the 2020-21 academic year. 81 per cent patients have recovered from Covid-19 in Chennai as recovery numbers cross 70,000. With 1298 fresh cases yesterday, the city's total active cases now stand at 15,127 which is 17% of the total 87,235 positive cases in the city. 4985 new cases & 70 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,75,678; Active cases: 51,348; Deaths: 2551; Active cases in Chennai: 15,127.
- Karnataka: One week lockdown in Bangalore urban and Bangalore rural will come to an end by tomorrow morning 5am. Meanwhile state government has decided not to extend lockdown. Highcourt of Karnataka directed the State to reduce delay in swab test results, as time gap getting laboratory report and spread of the virus are directly connected. BBMP constitutes new task force to control Covid spread. Allegations and counter allegations continue over irregularities in purchasing medical equipment to contain Covid. 3648 new cases & 72 deaths reported yesterday; 1452 cases in Bangalore city. Total reported cases: 67,420; Active cases: 42,216; Deaths: 1403.
- Andhra Pradesh: State issues orders imposing restrictions on the charges levied by private hospitals for the treatment of Covid patients and the use of emergency expensive drugs. Nine coronavirus cases were reported from State Assembly in Velagapudi in Guntur district. Guntur Rural SP warned of criminal cases against violators of Covid-19 guidelines. TTD stops time slot tokens for darshans from today amid coronavirus cases. Entire Tirupati town has been declared a containment

zone till August 5. 4074 new cases and 54 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 53,724; Active cases: 28,800; Deaths: 696.

- Telangana: State's recovery rate has improved to 72 per cent, while the death rate is less than one per cent, government data shows. Shopkeepers announced a voluntary lockdown in some Telangana districts in view of the virus spread. 1198 new cases & 07 deaths reported yesterday; out of 1198 cases, 510 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 46,274; Active cases: 11,530; Deaths: 422.
- Maharashtra: The Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) crossed 2 lakh Covid-19 cases on Monday, setting another grim milestone for the state that now has an overall caseload of 3,18,695. While Mumbai accounted for a little over one lakh cases, the other one lakh has come from Thane, Navi Mumbai, Palghar and Raigad that continue to add to the case tally in significant numbers. Human trials for the Oxford vaccine candidate in India are set to start in August this year. The Pune-based Serum Institute of India will mass produce the vaccine developed by Oxford University's Jenner Institute and AstraZeneca under a manufacturing partnership.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat government has doubled the number of Covid-19 tests it is conducting ever since a central team from New Delhi arrived in the state last week. Gujarat's mortality rate of 4.5 per cent easily eclipses the national average of 2.5 per cent while the state has recorded a total of 49,353 cases, of which 11,513 are active cases.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan has generated the highest employment in the first month of the Centre's flagship PM GaribKalyanRozgarYojana scheme for migrant workers who have returned home in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. The state has generated 4.1 crore persondays of employment, according to official data.
- Chhatisgarh: A seven-day fresh lockdown restrictions will be imposed in Raipur and Birgaon Municipal Corporation areas from midnight following a spike in coronavirus disease (Covid-19) positive cases for the past month. All government, semi government and private offices will remain closed during the re-imposition of lockdown restrictions. The public transport service will remain off the roads as well. In Bilaspur, Korba and Durg, lockdown will come into force from Thursday.
- Arunachal Pradesh: State Covid Nodal officer Dr Jampa said that 1.5 lakh Rapid diagnostic test (RDT)-COVID19 Antigen kits available for Covid tests in state. Out of this, one lakh test kits reached on Monday. These will soon be distributed to all districts.
- Assam: The CM of Assam, Shri SarbanandaSonowal inspected the flood scenario in Bongaigaon district and met flood hit people.
- Manipur: The CM of Manipur Shri N Biren Singh congratulates frontline warriors of Noney, Pherzawl and Tengnoupal district on achieving 100% recovery rate of COVID-19 patients today. All main markets and religious places in Thoubal district of Manipur closed with immediate effect from today.
- Mizoram: Rs. 1.18 crore have been sanctioned from Chief Minister's Relief Fund to purchase TruelabQuattroRealtime Quantitative Micro PCR Machine (Truenat) for 10 (ten) District Hospitals.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland, 9 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed. 6 in Dimapur, 2 in Mon and 1 in Peren. The total Covid-19 positive cases in Nagaland stands at 1030 with 546 active cases and 484 recoveries.



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.

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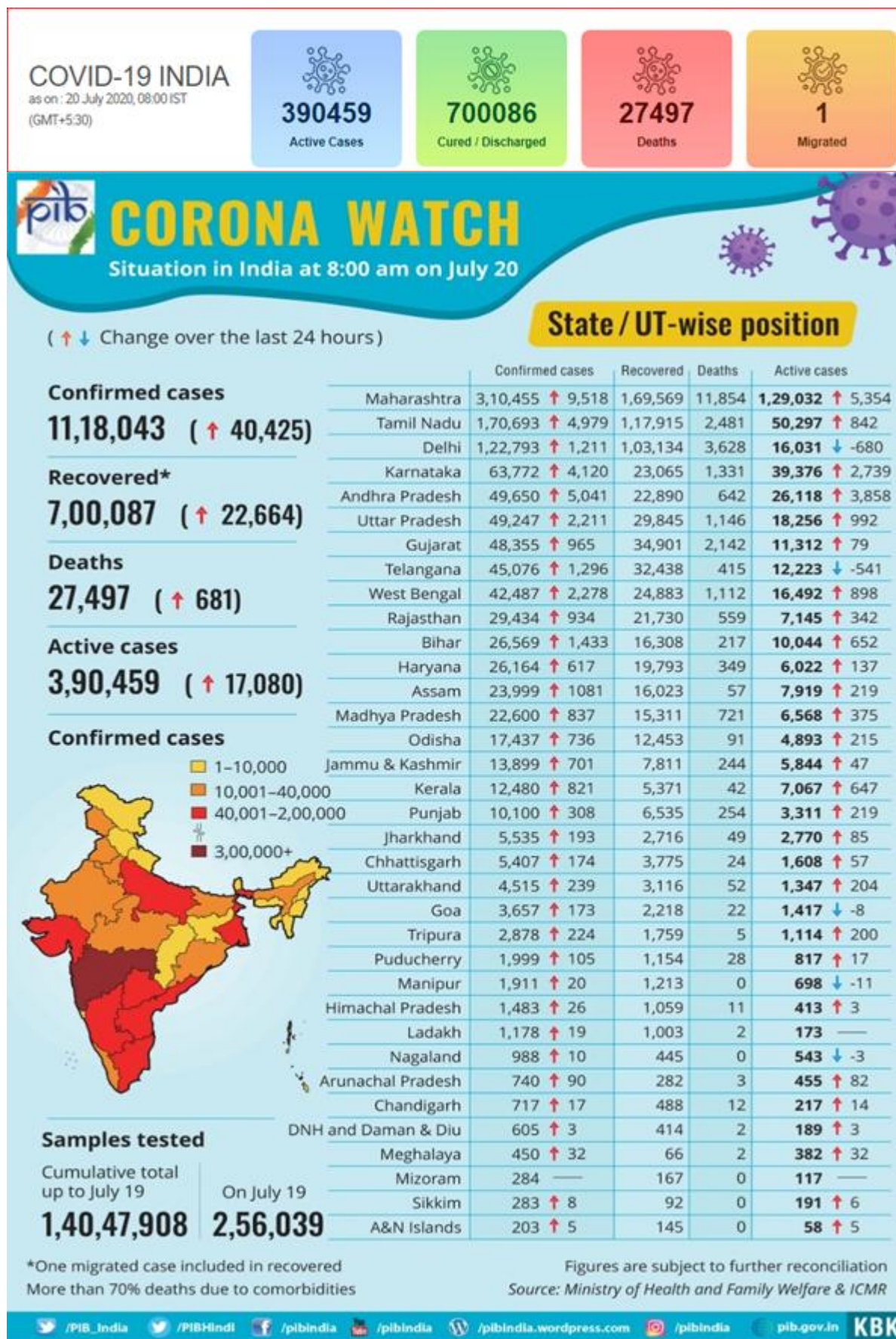
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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

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- Medical attention is being provided to all the 3,90,459 active cases.
- AIIMS New Delhi's "e-ICU" Video Consultation Program expands to cover 43 Big Hospitals in 11 States.
- COVID19 Plasma Donation Campaign at AIIMS, Delhi inaugurated.
- Prime Minister says that India is moving towards development of an integrated, tech and data driven healthcare system which is affordable and hassle-free



Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: More than 7 lakhs Persons have Recovered from COVID-19; At 2.46%, India has one of the lowest Fatality rates in the World

The Case Fatality Rate in the country continues to register a steady downfall. It has dropped to 2.46% today. India has one of the lowest Case Fatality Rates in the world. More than 7 lakh persons have been cured of COVID-19 and discharged till now. This has further expanded the difference between those who are active COVID patients and the recovered persons (7,00,086) by 3,09,627. 22,664 COVID patients have recovered from COVID-19 in the last 24 hours. The recovery rate as of now is at 62.62%. Medical attention is being provided to all the 3,90,459 active cases, in hospitals and home isolation.

For details:

AIIMS New Delhi's "e-ICU" Video Consultation Program Gains Traction, 43 Big Hospitals in 11 States Covered So far

In order to strengthen the Government of India's efforts to reduce COVID-19 mortality, AIIMS New Delhi has started a video-consultation program with ICU doctors across the country called **e-ICU** on 8th July, 2020. The program aims at holding case-management discussions among doctors who are at the frontline in treating COVID-19 patients in hospitals and COVID facilities around the country. Physicians who manage COVID-19 patients including those in the ICUs can raise queries, present their experience and share knowledge with other physicians and experts from AIIMS, New Delhi on this video platform. The primary objective of these discussions is to reduce mortality from COVID-19 by learning from shared experience and strengthening best practices among hospitals with 1000 beds including isolation beds, oxygen supported and ICU beds. Four sessions have been held till date covering 43 institutions. Some of the important issues that have been stressed upon are the need for rational use of 'Investigational Therapies' like Remdesevir, convalescent plasma and Tocilizumab. The treating teams have discussed the current indications and possible harm due to their indiscriminate use and the need to limit social-media pressure based prescriptions.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates COVID19 Plasma Donation Campaign at AIIMS, Delhi

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare yesterday flagged off a Plasma Donation Campaign at AIIMS Delhi. The event was co-organized by Delhi Police where 26 police personnel who had recovered from COVID volunteered to donate their blood plasma. Expressing his gratitude to the Delhi Police for this initiative he said, "It is very sad that a dozen Delhi police personnel died due to Corona. In spite of these casualties, they are doing a great job deploying personnel to contain the spread, while the number of containment zones has jumped from 200 to 600." Dr Harsh Vardhan saluted the contribution of these volunteers by conferring certificates to 26 Police constables. Of these, Shri Om Prakash was donating his plasma for the third time. The Minister stated that every single donor counts in our journey towards victory over COVID-19 and we need more and more of these **plasma warriors** to help fight the pandemic till a definitive treatment or vaccine is developed. He commented, "As of now convalescent plasma therapy has been approved for compassionate use with various plasma banks being set up to ensure round the clock availability".

For details:

PM interacts with IBM CEO Arvind Krishna

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with IBM CEO Shri Arvind Krishna via video conferencing today. Talking about the impact of COVID on business culture, Prime Minister said that 'work from home' is being adopted in a big way and the government is constantly working towards providing infrastructure, connectivity and regulatory environment to ensure that this technological shift is smooth. He also discussed the technologies associated and challenges involved in the recent decision of IBM to make 75% of its employees to work from home. Prime Minister highlighted that this is a great time to invest in India. He talked about the efforts of the government in the last six years to promote wellness and ensure that the best quality healthcare is within the reach of the people. He explored the possibilities of creating India specific AI based tools in the healthcare sector and development of better models for disease prediction and analysis. He underlined that the country is moving towards development of an integrated, tech and data driven healthcare system which is affordable and hassle-free for the people.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan launches Punjab National Bank's Nation-wide CSR campaign for Distribution of Mask and Sanitizer to prevent Spread of COVID-19

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched Punjab National Bank's (PNB) campaign to distribute face masks and sanitizers to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Expressing his gratitude to PNB for taking this responsibility when the whole world is suffering from COVID19, he commented, "I am happy that PNB is supporting the efforts of the Government in fight against this Pandemic. Steps like donation in PM Cares fund and organising CSR activities for distribution of masks and sanitizers have been taken by the Bank. Use of masks and good hand hygiene promote COVID appropriate behaviour and this is the best '*social vaccine*' we currently have against the disease. The Bank is distributing such material in 662 districts throughout the country and I congratulate PNB for their efforts."

For details:

UPSC Gears up to Conduct Personality Tests (Interviews) for the Civil Services Examination 2019 in the Backdrop of COVID-19 Pandemic

The Union Public Service Commission was in the midst of conducting the Personality Tests (PTs)/Interviews for 2,304 candidates for the Civil Services Examination, 2019 (CSE-2019) when the Government of India decided to impose a lockdown to contain the spread of COVID-19. The Commission also reviewed the position and decided to defer the remaining PT Boards for 623 candidates of the CSE-2019 from 23.03.2020 onwards. With gradual lifting of the lockdown, the Commission has decided to hold the PTs for the remaining candidates from 20th to 30th of July, 2020 and all the

candidates have been suitably informed in advance. In order to address the safety and health concerns of the candidates, expert advisers and staff of the Commission, suitable arrangements have been put in place.

For details:

Consumer Protection Act, 2019 comes into force from today

New Act will empower consumers and help them in protecting their rights through its various notified Rules and provisions like Consumer Protection Councils, Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions, Mediation, Product Liability and punishment for manufacture or sale of products containing adulterant / spurious goods. Act includes establishment of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to promote, protect and enforce the rights of consumers. The CCPA will be empowered to conduct investigations into violations of consumer rights and institute complaints / prosecution, order recall of unsafe goods and services, order discontinuance of unfair trade practices and misleading advertisements, impose penalties on manufacturers/endorsers/publishers of misleading advertisements. The rules for prevention of unfair trade practice by e-commerce platforms will also be covered under this Act.

For details:

SER Runs 2652 Trips of Parcel Express Trains in the wake of COVID-19

South Eastern Railway (SER) as a part of commitment to the nation during this national crisis, has already run 2652 trips of Time Tabled Parcel Express Trains carrying essential commodities viz., food items, groceries, medicines, medical equipment and other items of daily need to different parts of the country from 2nd April to 15th July, 2020. SER during the above period, has carried 46,141 tonnes of parcel traffic containing 17,81,264 number of packages to different places in the country. These Time Tabled Parcel Express Trains are running between Shalimar-Ranchi, Shalimar-Mumbai CSMT, Howrah-Secunderabad, Howrah-KSR Bengaluru, Shalimar-Porbander and Tatanagar-Itwari.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Buoyed by the enthusiastic response to the 'Mission Warrior' Covid mass awareness drive, Punjab Chief Minister has extended the campaign for another 2 months, while also announcing introduction of next level of the Diamond Certificate. While exhorting the winners to take their grassroot Covid awareness creation efforts forward, the Chief Minister also appealed to others to participate in the extended Mission Warrior competition zealously in order to sensitise the people about the Corona virus and the various protective measures.
- Haryana: The Chief Minister said that financial assistance ranging from Rs 4000 to 5000 to 16 lakh families has been provided by the government during the COVID period, be it under the MukhyamantriParivarSamridhiYojana or through the Building Construction Workers Welfare

Board. Similarly, under the Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyanYojana, free ration would be distributed to needy families up to the month of November.

- Kerala: One more death due to Covid-19 has been reported in the state taking the toll to 43. The deceased is a 69-year-old native of Idukki district. Lockdown declared in Pattambitaluk and Nelloyapanchayat in Palakkad district. The licenses of two hyper markets have been cancelled in Thiruvananthapuram following violation of Covid-19 protocol. It has been found that these two shops played a major role in the transmission of the virus to more people in the city. Five more Keralites outside the state, four in the Gulf and one in Karnataka, succumbed to the virus. Kerala recorded 821 Covid-19 cases yesterday of which 629 are cases of infection through contact and the source of infection of 43 cases is unknown. 7,063 patients are still under treatment and 1.70 lakh people are under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: A 73-year-old woman succumbed to Covid-19 in Puducherry taking the death toll to 29 as the UT reported 93 cases on Monday to cross the 2000 mark. TN CM on Sunday apprised PM of the steps being taken by the State government against the spread of Covid19. TN signs eight MoUs worth Rs 10,399 crore, to create employment for over 13,000 people. VirudhachalamTahsildar dies of Covid-19, two MLAs test positive. State reports new single-day high of 4,979 Covid-19 cases on Sunday along with 78 deaths. Total cases: 1,70,693; Active cases: 50,294; Deaths: 2481; Active cases in Chennai: 15,042.
- Karnataka: Chief Secretary issues order under section 24(1) of Disaster Management Act 2005, directing medical establishments to make available resources of the hospital beds for the purpose of admitting Covid patients referred by authorised person of BBMP. As the weeklong lockdown in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts set to be lifted on July 22, taskforce set up by state met and discussed on further measures to control Covid. Media reports that while CM is not in favour of extending the lockdown, some ministers, health experts are for longer lockdown in the State. 4120 new cases & 91 deaths reported yesterday with 2156 cases in Bangalore city. Total cases: 63,772; Active cases: 39,370; Deaths: 1331.
- Andhra Pradesh: SatishDhawan Space Centre decides to work with minimum essential staff to avoid virus transmission. Containment restrictions also imposed at SHAR amid Covid cases at its housing colony. Complete lockdown imposed in West Godavari district till July 31 amid surge in Covid-19 cases. TDP senior leader and Sangam Dairy Director Popuri Krishna Rao died due to coronavirus at NRI hospital in Guntur. State decides to set up Covid control rooms at all districts amid rising cases as a measure to address the problem of misinformation and guide the affected people. 5041 new cases & 56 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 49,650; Active cases: 26,118; Deaths: 642.
- Telangana: Covid-19 vaccine trials begin at Hyderabad's NIMS. The first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine, being developed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Bharat Biotech, is expected to be tested on 30 healthy volunteers at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS). 1296 new cases & 6 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases in the State: 45,076; Active cases: 12,224; Deaths: 415.
- Arunachal Pradesh: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Dr B D Mishra appeals people to develop nutritional kitchen garden in their home as Covid-19 pandemic has taught all to be self-reliant.
- Assam: The CM of Assam, Shri SarbanandaSonowal inspected the Pahumara river embankment at Gahinpara near Pathsala in Barpeta district which was breached in the recent spate of flood.

- Manipur: The highest number of Covid19 cases in the state of Manipur are from Ukhrul(252), Kangpokpi (234) and Tamenglong (212). Presently the highest number of active cases are in Kangpokpi -131.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland 33 positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed. 16 in Dimapur, 12 in Mon & 5 in Kohima. Total Covid-19 positive cases in Nagaland stands at 1021 with 576 active cases and 445 recoveries.
- Sikkim: With the spike in Covid-19 in the State, the Government of Sikkim decides to go for a weeklong complete lockdown starting from tomorrow i. e 21st July to July 27, 2020.
- Maharashtra: Aslam Shaikh, the Cabinet Minister for Textiles, Port, Fisheries in the Maharashtra Government has tested positive for Covid 19. He is also the Guardian Minister of Mumbai City. He is the fourth Minister of the Uddhav Thackeray government to test positive. Maharashtra reported 9,518 new Covid cases on Sunday taking the total number of reported cases to 3,10,455.
- Gujarat: 965 new Covid-19 cases have been recorded taking the state tally to 34,882. Out of 965 new cases, maximum 206 cases have been reported from Surat city. Ahmedabad city recorded 186 new cases. The number of active cases is 11,412.
- Rajasthan: 401 new positive cases have been reported on Monday morning, taking the COVID-19 tally of the state to 29,835. There are 7406 active cases in the state currently.
- Madhya Pradesh: With the addition of 837 new cases the case count in the state climbed to 22,600. The death toll in the state has also gone up to 721. A total of 447 persons were discharged from hospitals on Sunday, taking the number of the recovered cases to 15,311.
- Chhattisgarh: A seven-day lockdown will be enforced in municipal limits of Raipur and Birgaon beginning July 22 in view of the rising number of COVID-19 cases. The entire area under Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) and Birgaon Municipal Corporation (BMC) in Raipur district has been declared as containment zones by the order of the District Collector. The state reported 159 new cases on Sunday.
- Goa - 173 new COVID-19 cases have been identified on Sunday. This takes the state tally of positive cases to 3657. While there are 1417 active cases in the state now, the total number of recoveries has gone up to 2218.

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- Maintain at least 1 metre distance in market places, medical stores, hospitals, etc.
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- Avoid frequent trips to the market to buy groceries/medical supplies
- Avoid shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting
- Avoid non-essential social gatherings at home
- Don't allow visitors at home or visit someone else's home

Observe social distancing at all times
If you have symptoms like cough, fever or difficulty in breathing, avoid any kind of exposure and immediately call the helpline numbers

Together we will fight COVID-19

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Call Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7 Control Room Number 3075 (Toll free) | 011-23978046, Email at ncov2019@gov.in, ncov2019@gmail.com

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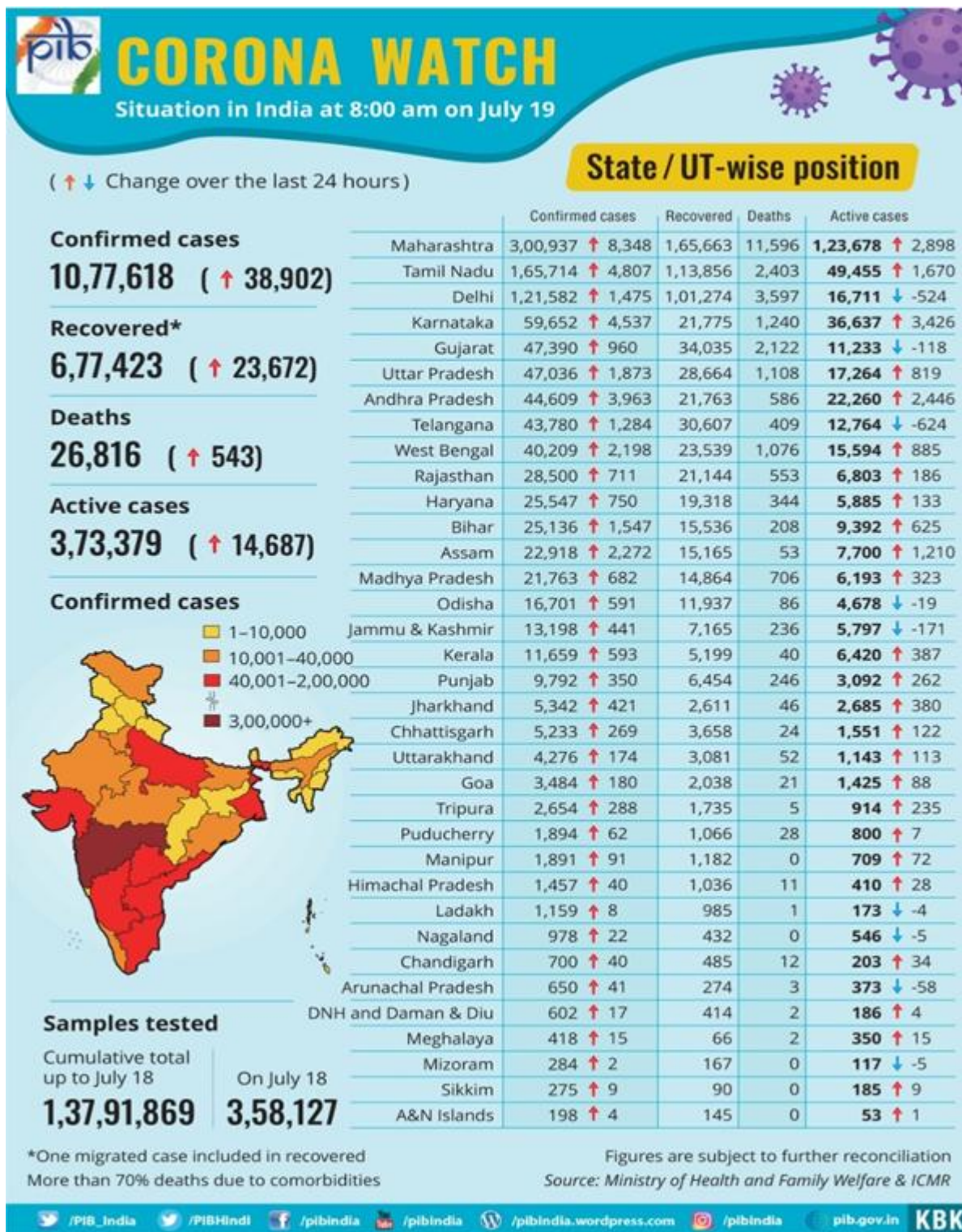
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- Tests Per Million close to 10,000.
- India's Case Fatality Rate (CFR) falls below 2.5% for the first time; 29 States and UTs register a CFR lower than the national average.
- Finance Minister talks about the G20 Action Plan in response to COVID-19, highlighting need for international coordination in addressing the spill-over effects of exit strategies.
- Vice President hails media for partnering with people in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: More than 23,600 people cured in the last 24 hours; Recovered Cases outnumber Active Cases by more than 3 lakhs; Tests Per Million (TPM) close to 10,000

The last 24 hours saw a sharp increase of 23,672 COVID patients recovering. The gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has further increased to 3,04,043. The total number of recovered cases is 6,77,422. The recovery rate as of now is at 62.86%. Medical attention is being provided to all the 3,73,379 active cases, in hospitals and home isolation. 3,58,127 samples have been

tested in the last 24 hours. With total of 1,37,91,869, samples tested the testing per million (TPM) for India has reached 9994.1. Consistently expanding diagnostic lab network comprises of 1262 labs, including 889 labs in the government sector and 373 private labs.

For details:

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With effective Containment Strategy, aggressive testing and standardized clinical management protocols based on holistic Standard of Care approach, the Case Fatality Rate has significantly dipped. **The Case Fatality Rate is progressively falling and currently, it is 2.49%.** India has one of the lowest fatality rates in the world. **There are 29 States and UTs with CFR lower than the India average. 5 States and UTs have a CFR of Zero. 14 States and UTs have a CFR of less than 1%.**

For details:

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting

The Finance Minister talked about the G20 Action Plan in response to COVID-19 which was endorsed by the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in their previous meeting on 15th April 2020. This G20 Action Plan lays out a list of collective commitments under the pillars of Health Response, Economic Response, Strong and Sustainable Recovery and International Financial Coordination, aimed at coordinating G20 efforts to fight the pandemic. Smt. Sitharaman emphasized that it is crucial to ensure that this action plan remains relevant and effective. She shared her perspective on the way forward on the action plan and highlighted the need for international coordination required in addressing the spill-over effects of exit strategies. Emphasising that the Action Plan needs to reflect how the economies are balancing their supply side and demand side measures in response to COVID-19, Smt. Sitharaman shared with her counterparts how India is working on ensuring this balance through credit schemes for greater liquidity, direct benefit transfers, and employment guarantee schemes.

For details:

Vice President hails media for partnering with people in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic

Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Shri M.Venkaiah has hailed the media for empowering the people with necessary information, analyses and perspectives about various aspects of the outbreak of coronavirus and the COVID-19 pandemic and partnering with the anxious people in the ongoing fight against the disease. He called media persons on the ground as 'frontline warriors' for their dedicated efforts in presenting the narrative of the pandemic for wider awakening. In his Facebook post titled "Media: Our Partner in Corona Times" today, Shri Naidu dealt at length with the role of media

over the last few months since the virus outbreak and complimented the media and media persons for “for effectively discharging their core function of informing, educating and empowering the people to cope with the pandemic and for being an important part of our lives during the crisis as trusted partners.”

For details:

CIPET gets accreditation by NABL for testing and Certification of PPE kit

Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) an apex level premium institute under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Deptt of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, has been accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for Testing & Certification of PPE Kit. PPE kit includes Gloves, Coverall, Face Shield & Goggles, and Triple Layer Medical masks etc in line with International Standards. This is another achievement of CIPET in the fight against COVID- 19 Pandemic and a step forward towards ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’.

For details:

CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, unveils the COVID Protection System (COPS) for Workplace

CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, unveiled the COVID Protection System (COPS) for Workplace as a game-changer in the current Pandemic Scenario. The COPS for Workplace includes contactless Solar Based Intelligent Mask Automated Dispensing Unit cum Thermal Scanner (IntelliMAST), Touchless Faucet (TouF) and 360° Car Flusher are now available for Technology Transfers and Product Orders.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Punjab Government has launched a campaign to provide online education to the students during the Covid19 epidemic and has now launched an initiative to educate the children through animation videos.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Governor of Himachal Pradesh interacted with the district administration, Industry Association and heads of major industrial units of the district Una through a video conferencing from Raj Bhawan. He took stock of the COVID-19 situation in the district and got information about the problems being faced by the industrial units during this period. He said that it was necessary to continue economic activities and concerted efforts are required for that. He said that the district administration should ensure that the benefits of the schemes should reach to the lowest class of the society.
- Kerala: 18 healthcare workers, including seven doctors have tested positive in Thiruvananthapuram Medical College; over 150 staff have been asked to undergo quarantine. The spike in cases has happened in the non-COVID wards of the Medical College. One more Covid-19 death has been reported in the state taking the toll to 41. State’s Chief Election Officer has

informed the Central Election Commission that the by-elections in two assembly seats could not be conducted in the present situation. 593 new active cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the state yesterday. 6,416 patients are presently under treatment and a total of 1.73 lakh people under surveillance in various districts.

- Tamil Nadu: Health Minister Malladi Krishna Rao today expressed concern over the high Covid-19 infection rate of 14.2% in Puducherry. In the last 24 hours, 768 samples have been tested of which 109 were positive, he said. In Tamil Nadu all activities barring milk supply and health care services halt under Sunday lockdown. The Sriharikota spaceport is on alert after two employees of the high-security facility tested positive for the Covid-19 infection. TN Minister for Health and Family Welfare Vijayabaskar said that appropriate action would be taken against private hospitals that overcharge Covid-19 patients. State to conduct pool testing of samples for Covid. 4807 new cases & 88 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,65,714; Active cases: 49,452; Deaths: 2403; Active cases in Chennai: 14,997.
- Karnataka: More than 1,000 cases were missing from the state media bulletin on Saturday even as the authorities maintained that Karnataka recorded 4,537 positive cases and 93 deaths for the day. Second MLA from Belagavi tests positive for Covid-19 within a week, this time from Congress. Mysuru, which had managed to flatten its curve and had a zero mortality rate, is now seeing a surge in cases again. The district now has the third highest death toll in the state. Total cases till yesterday: 59,652 Active cases: 36,631; Deaths: 1240; Discharges: 21,775.
- Andhra Pradesh: Three more employees of TTD tested positive. Doctors confirm that staff working in Thiruchanur temple is affected by coronavirus. Temple authorities have stopped darshan for devotees at the temple. Curfew has been imposed in East Godavari to contain the spread of coronavirus effectively, from today 6 am to tomorrow 6 am. Scribes urge government to include them in corona warriors category and provide insurance coverage of Rs 50 lakh and monthly assistance of Rs 10,000 up to six months. State informs the Centre about starting of schools from September 5. 3963 new cases, 1411 discharged and 52 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 44,609; Active cases: 22,260; Deaths: 586.
- Telangana: The State government is closely working with local pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors in the State to ensure that lifesaving drugs, needed for management of Covid-19 patients, are readily available at the government healthcare establishments and pharmacy stores across the State. 1284 new cases, 1902 recoveries & 6 deaths reported yesterday; out of 1284 cases, 667 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 43,780; Active cases: 12,765; Deaths: 409; Discharges: 30,607.
- Maharashtra: The number of cases in Mumbai, crossed 1 lakh on Saturday. Maharashtra's tally breached 3 lakh-mark and reached 3,00,937 as the state recorded 8,348 fresh cases, according to the Health Department's bulletin. In the clearest indication of Covid spread easing in Mumbai, come Monday, nine of the 16 civic hospitals in the suburbs will be re-designated as "non-Covid" hubs to focus on monsoon related illness.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat government has announced that to meet the need for medical staff for the treatment of Covid-19 patients, medical students will be roped in as assistants. These students will be used in medical and paramedical services like preventive care, clinical care, logistics and other work like health and medical data management, data analysis and tele-counselling on the government's 1100 and 104 helplines. Gujarat has 13,500 patients undergoing Covid treatment.

- Rajasthan: A total of 193 new COVID-19 cases and three deaths were reported in Rajasthan on Sunday, taking the state count of coronavirus cases to 28,693. Out of the total cases, 21,266 people have recovered from the illness while 556 have died.
- Madhya Pradesh: Indore Covid-19 Case Count Crosses 6,000 mark. As many as 129 new COVID-19 cases were reported in Indore in the last 24 hours, taking the tally in Madhya Pradesh's worst-hit district to 6,035.
- Goa: The number of COVID-19 cases in Goa increased by 180 on Saturday to reach 3,484. A total of 92 people were discharged during the day, taking the number of cured cases to 2,038, leaving the state with 1,425 active ones.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh Government has extended lockdown in Capital Region Itanagar till 3rd August 20 to break the chain of local transmission of Covid -19. All people entering in the state including paramilitary forces and truckers engaged with essential supply to go through rapid antigen test. Over 38 thousand samples collected for Covid-19 test in the state of Arunachal Pradesh so far. In Arunachal Pradesh as per the revised SoP, any essential service workers who want to enter the state for more than 10 days, shall follow the normal SoP for returnees.
- Assam: The CM of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal tweeted that PM Shri Narendra Modi took stock of the flood and COVID-19 situation in the state as well as about the Baghjan Oil well fire scenario over phone. The Health Minister of Assam, Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma visited the Tinsukia civil hospital today and reviewed the arrangement for COVID-19. He also held a meeting with district administration & health officials to review containment measures.
- Manipur: The Manipur state Government is conducting a surveillance drive by Anganwadi and ASHA workers to find out if there are any suspected cases of COVID-19 in Jiribam.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya reports 2 more COVID19 deaths. Health Minister of the state A L Hek announces that two more COVID19 patients have passed away. One of the deceased is from BSF while the other works at Geological Survey of India, Kolkata and had returned to Meghalaya on 5th July.
- Mizoram: Over 1900 people are under quarantine at present in Mizoram. Out of them 1319 are in government quarantine facilities while rest are in paid or home quarantine.
- Nagaland: In Nagaland 10 positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed today. Out of them 6 in Kohima, 2 in Mokokchung and 1 each in Dimapur & Longleng. Total Covid-19 positive cases in Nagaland stands at 988 with 556 active cases and 432 recoveries.

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Observe social distancing at all times

If you have symptoms like cough, fever or difficulty in breathing, avoid any kind of exposure and immediately call the helpline numbers

Together we will fight COVID-19

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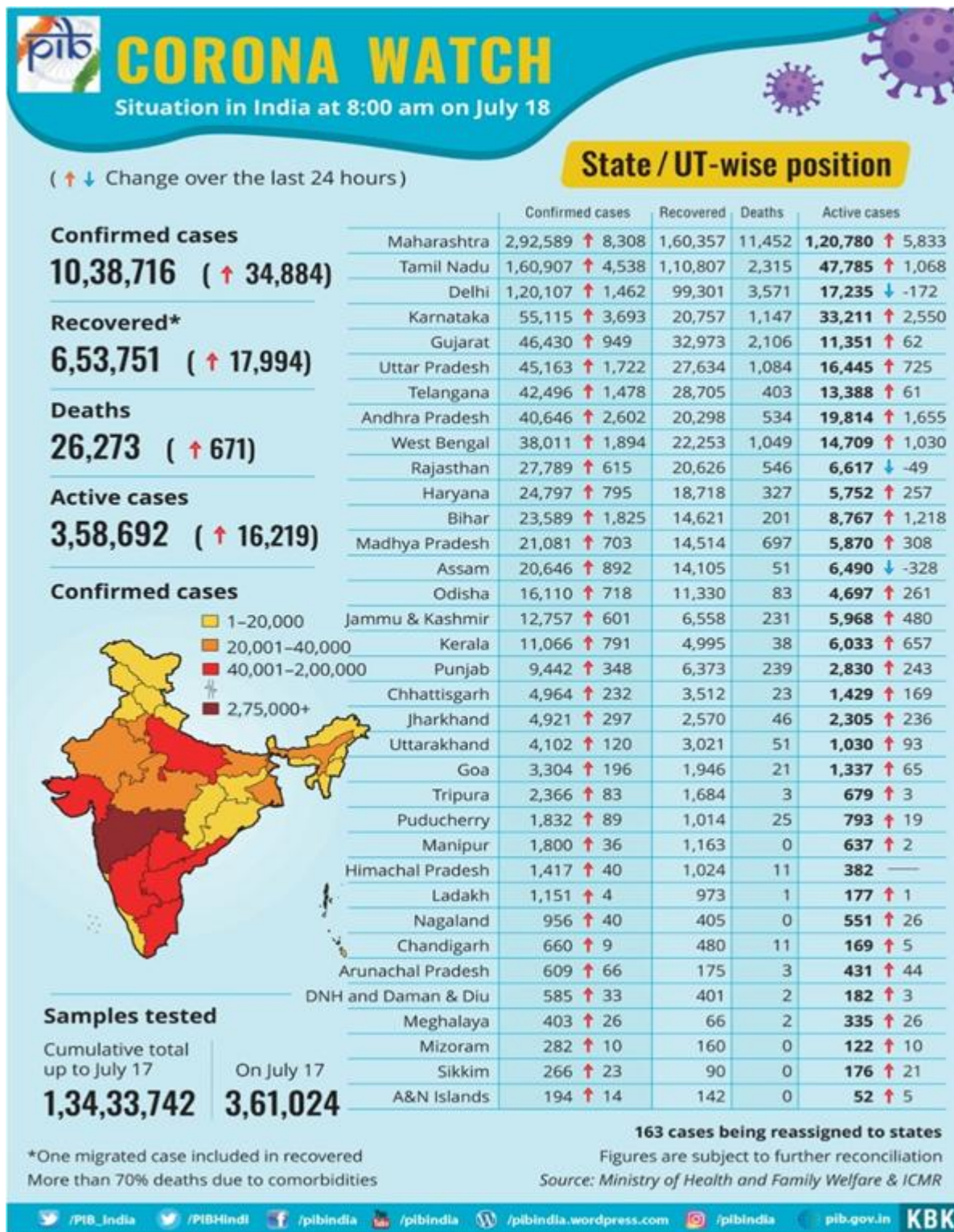
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- Number of recovered cases increased to 6,53,750; Recovery rate is now 63%.
- Difference between recovered and active cases is progressively growing, and stands at 2,95,058 today.
- Medical attention is being provided to all the 3,58,692 active cases, either in home isolation or in hospitals for severe cases.
- Central team deployed to Bihar to assist in assessment of COVID management.
- Our grassroots health system is helping India attain one of the best recovery rates in the world in the fight against COVID: PM
- Income tax refunds of Rs. 71,229 crore given so far to help taxpayers during COVID-19 pandemic





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Timely, proactive, and graded strategy initiatives for effective COVID-19 management in the country, led by the Center and implemented by the State/UT governments, have ensured that actual case load of COVID patients remains manageable. The actual case load of COVID in the country is only 3,58,692 today. The number of recovered cases has further increased to 6,53,750. The difference between recovered and active cases is progressively growing. It stands at 2,95,058 today. Medical attention is being provided to all the 3,58,692 active cases, either in home isolation or in hospitals for severe cases. A central team has been deployed to Bihar to assist the State in assessment of COVID management in the

state and to provide all necessary support. The last 24 hours saw 17,994 COVID-19 patients recovering. The recovery rate is now 63%. 3,61,024 samples have been tested in the last 24 hours; The cumulative number of 1,34,33,742 samples tested has raised the testing per million for India to 9734.6.

For details:

PM delivers keynote address at High-Level Segment of ECOSOC; Our grassroots health system is helping India attain one of the best recovery rates in the world in the fight against COVID: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered a keynote address virtually at this year's High-Level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) session yesterday. Prime Minister reiterated India's call for a 'reformed multilateralism' in a post-COVID-19 world, which reflects the realities of the contemporary world. He noted that India's developmental motto of 'SabkaSaath, SabkaVikaas, SabkaVishwas' resonates with the core SDG principle of leaving no one behind. Speaking about India's role in its region as a first responder, Prime Minister recalled the support provided by the Indian government and Indian pharma companies for ensuring medicine supplies to different countries, and for coordinating a joint response strategy among SAARC countries.

For details:

PM's Address in ECOSOC commemoration of UN's 75th Anniversary

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CBDT has refunded Rs. 71,229 crore so far to help taxpayers during COVID-19 pandemic

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued refunds worth Rs 71,229 crore in more than 21.24 lakh cases upto 11th July, 2020, to help taxpayers with liquidity during COVID-19 pandemic, since the Government's decision of 8th April, 2020 to issue pending income tax refunds at the earliest. Income tax refunds amounting to Rs. 24,603 crore have been issued in 19.79 lakh cases to taxpayers and corporate tax refunds amounting to Rs. 46,626 crore in 1.45 lakh cases have been issued to taxpayers during COVID-19. All the refund related cleaning up of the tax demands are being taken up on priority and is likely to be completed by 31st August, 2020.

For details:

Diabetics need strict sugar control during COVID Pandemic: DrJitendra Singh

Union Minister DrJitendra Singh yesterday said that Diabetics need strict sugar control during COVID Pandemic. Addressing a digital symposium of Hello Diabetes Academia 2020, he said that despite COVID, Show goes on in India and both Activity and Academia are at their best during the pandemic times. He said, COVID has prompted us to discover new norms in adversity. DrJitendra Singh said, those suffering from diabetes have an immuno-comprised status, which tends to reduce their resistance and make them more vulnerable to Corona like infections as well as consequent complications.

For details:

Joint Statement on U.S.-India Strategic Energy Partnership

In the midst of a global pandemic with an enormous human toll that is also affecting energy demand, global energy markets, and sustainable energy growth, the U.S.-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership has never been more vital. Today, U.S. Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette and Indian Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan co-chaired a virtual ministerial meeting of the U.S.-India Strategic Energy Partnership to review progress, highlight major accomplishments, and prioritize new areas for cooperation. The sides announced a number of achievements and priorities for new work under the SEP, which included **Enhancing Energy Security, Harnessing Innovation, Modernizing the Power System, Enhancing Energy Efficiency and Conservation, Promoting Energy Trade and Investment, Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth, Empowering Women in the Energy Sector.** Several agreements and partnerships were announced under the U.S.-India Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP) dialogue to advance the strategic and economic interests of both countries.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Expressing concern over the increasing cases and fatalities in the state, Punjab Chief Minister has directed the DGP to create special Covid Reserves by withdrawing police personnel deployed on non-essential duties for the next few months. He also asked DGP to tighten the noose against violators of safety norms, especially those found not wearing masks. He further directed the DGP to instruct the SSPs of cities with large caseloads to strictly enforce all curbs and norms to check further spread of the disease.
- Haryana: Chief Minister has directed the officers to start a special campaign to motivate people to wear face masks due to the increased risk of Covid-19 during Unlock-2. He said that traffic intersections, vehicles of the Department of Urban Local Bodies and publicity vehicles of Department of Information, Public Relations and Languages should also be used to spread awareness.
- Himachal Pradesh: Governor Shri BandaruDattatraya has decided not to organise 'At Home' at Raj Bhavan on Independence Day this year. He said this decision has been taken in wake of corona pandemic. He said that the tradition of 'At Home' at Raj Bhavan on Independence Day is continuing since long, however, this year the event has been cancelled in the interest of health and safety of everyone.

- Maharashtra: With the single-day spike of 8,308 new COVID-19 cases in Maharashtra, the tally of patients in the state mounted to 2,92,589 on Friday, the health department said. This is the third time that the number of single-day cases has breached the 8,000-mark in the state. As the virus claimed 258 lives on Friday alone, the state's death toll has increased to 11,452. Covid pandemic has affected the milk supply chain in Maharashtra adversely. Out of 1.19 crore litre daily milk production in the State, 47 lakh litre is remaining unsold putting milk producer farmers under immense distress. Farmer organisations have demanded that the State government must provide financial assistance to milk producers.
- Gujarat: Adding nearly 950 new Covid cases on Friday, 234 of which were reported from Surat and another 184 from Ahmedabad, the state's tally has reached 46,449. Testing continues to be on the rise, with over 12,800 samples taken in a 24-hour cycle, with Ahmedabad testing nearly 3,000 samples on Friday.
- Rajasthan: The number of people who have defeated Covid-19 in the state has breached 20,000-mark in Rajasthan. With 656 more people cured on Friday, the tally of cured reached 20,626 out of total reported cases of 27,786. The death toll in the state is 546.
- Chhattisgarh: People found spitting in public places and violating home quarantine and social distancing norms will be fined from Rs 100 to Rs 1,000 in Chhattisgarh. Owners of commercial institutions and shops will be liable to pay Rs 200 in penalty if social distancing protocols are flouted in their facilities. Wearing of masks has been made mandatory in public places. Presently, Chhattisgarh has 1,429 active cases.
- Kerala: State Health Minister K.K. Shylaja has stated that the government had taken all necessary control measures in view of the spread of Covid-19. The Minister also said that the Government had discussed with private hospitals and decided on a fixed rate for test and treatment. The entire coastal area of Thiruvananthapuram has been brought under lockdown from today. In the north, stricter restrictions have been placed in Kasaragod district. The Kannur – Kasaragod borders have been closed. 791 new Covid -19 cases were reported in the state yesterday. 532 were cases of infection through contact and there are 42 cases where the source of infection is unknown. The total number of confirmed cases in the State is 11,066. At present, 6,029 patients are still undergoing treatment for the disease.
- Tamil Nadu: Death toll surges to 28 in Puducherry with three more deaths in the last 24 hours; presently 804 persons are undergoing treatment. Four restrooms for 300 positive patients at Coimbatore's Covid Care Centre at Codissia Trade Fair Complex sparks speculations. Mobile triaging centres with X-ray imaging expected to bring down Covid-19 deaths in Madurai. Madurai doctors say rapid progression, delayed hospitalisation reasons for spike in deaths; with 138 deaths as on July 17, Madurai stands fourth in terms of mortality rate due to Covid-19 in TN. 4538 new cases & 79 deaths reported yesterday. 1243 cases from Chennai. Total cases till now: 1,60,907; Active cases: 47,782; Deaths: 2315; Active cases in Chennai: 14,923.
- Karnataka: In view of recent surge of Covid-19 cases in Bangalore and other districts Health and Family Welfare commissioner issues circular for utilisation of hospital beds for moderate and severely ill covid patients only. BBMP issues protocol to be followed after a patient succumbs to covid or a deceased is suspected to have caught the virus. High Court directs state government to immediately act firmly against political leaders and others who violated Covid19 health norms. 3693 new cases & 115 deaths reported yesterday; 2208 cases in Bangalore city. Total positive cases: 55,115; Active cases: 33,205; Deaths: 1147.

- **Andhra Pradesh:** With no alternative livelihood sources in the villages, people, who had returned to their native villages in AP from Chennai and other places due to the Covid-19, have started going back. Covid-19 cases in Andhra Pradesh increased at the rate of 9 per cent in the last one week (July 10-17). From July 6, the daily spike in infections has been over 1,000 and more than 2,000 people have been testing positive everyday for the last three days. TTD is likely to take a call on continuing darshan at the Srivari temple after a number of staff including priests tested positive for Covid-19. 3963 new cases, 1411 discharged and 52 deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 23,872 samples. Total cases: 44,609; Active cases: 22,260; Discharged: 21,763; Deaths: 586.
- **Telangana:** State to ramp up tests, targets 5 lakh using rapid antigen kits in the coming days. CM KCR releases Rs 100 crore for Covid-19 contingency fund. 1478 new cases, 1410 recoveries & 7 deaths reported yesterday; 806 new cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 42,496; Active cases: 13,389; Deaths: 403; Discharges: 28,705.
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** In Arunachal Pradesh, more than 16000 persons have returned to the state so far. Over 35000 samples collected for Covid-19 tests. Arunachal Pradesh's Health Minister AaloLibang says essential life saving drugs are being procured for Covid-19 treatment and that there is no shortage in coming days. 20 New medical ambulances have been purchased, he informed.
- **Assam:** In Assam, ten COVID-19 positive mothers have given birth to 4 baby girls and 6 boys in GMCH, Guwahati tweeted Assam's Health Minister, Shri HimantaBiswaSarma.
- **Manipur:** RIMS in Manipur closes its both Physiology and Biochemistry departments after the doctor who is now in the final year of PG course tests positive for COVID-19. In Manipur, following the detection of new COVID cases in Thoubal, the district Deputy Commissioner has declared Moijing Gram Panchayat Ward No 1, 6, 8 and 10 as containment zones and initiated active surveillance.
- **Mizoram:** One recovered patient discharged in Mizoram today. Now total cases in the state stands at 282, among them 121 are active cases and 161 cases have been recovered so far.
- **Nagaland:** In Nagaland, 22 positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed. 11 in Peren, 8 in Dimapur and 3 in Kohima. All cases are from Quarantine Centres. Total number of positive cases in Nagaland stands at 978 with 573 active cases and 405 recoveries.
- **Sikkim:** Sikkim CM held a review meeting today at SammanBhawan to discuss the various issues related to the recent rise in COVID-19 positive cases especially in the two Sub-Division of East districts Rongli and Pakyong.

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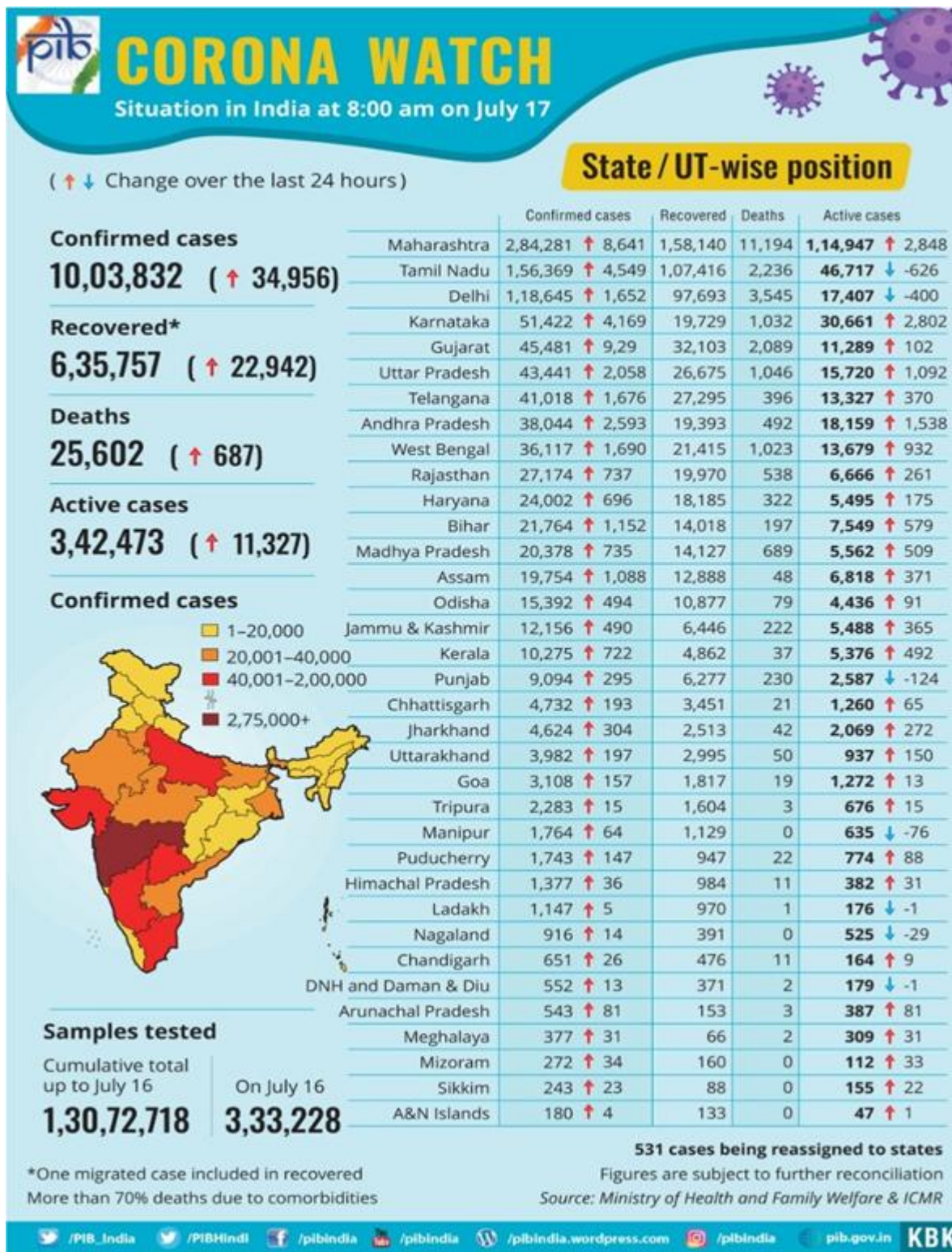
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- More than 6.35 lakhs (63.33%) of the total cases have recovered.
- Case fatality rate at 18.6 deaths/million of the country is one of the lowest in the world
- Almost 80% cases are asymptomatic and mild, and have been advised home isolation under medical supervision.
- Adequate availability, manufacturing, supply and storage capacity of Medical Oxygen in the country.
- Sowing area of Kharif crops is 21.2 % more compared to last year, showing no impact of Covid-19.





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Actual case load of COVID-19 patients in the country is only 3.42 lakhs; Recovered Cases are 6.35 lakh and increasing;

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isolation under medical supervision. The moderate and severe patients are being treated in either the Dedicated COVID Hospitals or Dedicated COVID Health Centres. Medical infrastructure to ensure quality treatment of the admitted patients is being continuously augmented across the country. As a result of concerted efforts, the COVID-19 Hospital Infrastructure to treat COVID-19 is stronger today. It has 1383 Dedicated COVID Hospitals, 3107 Dedicated COVID Healthcare Centres, and 10,382 COVID Care Centres.

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Sowing area of Kharif crops 21.2 % more compared to last year

As on 17.07.2020, total kharif crops have been sown on 691.86 lakh ha area against 570.86 lakh ha area during the corresponding period of last year, thus increase in area coverage by 21.20% compared to last year in the country. There is no impact of COVID-19 on progress of area coverage under kharif crops as on date.

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Adequate availability, manufacturing, supply and storage capacity of Medical Oxygen in the country

In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal today reviewed the Medical Oxygen supply and enhancement of capacity storage in the country. As of now, there is no major problem reported in manufacturing, storage, transport and supply of Medical Oxygen. It was mentioned that average monthly consumption of Medical Oxygen was 902 MT/day in April'20 and had gone upto 1512 MT/day by 15th July. There is sufficient stock of over 15 thousand MT, as of now. It was observed that the overall position of the present production and supply of Medical Oxygen, as compared to the total projection of the requirement by end of this month, is comfortable in all the states. In States, Metros and Districts, where the active cases are large in number, the position of supply and storage is adequate. Similarly, appropriate arrangements have been made for making available Medical Oxygen at remote places.

For details:

ARCI & Vehant Technologies co-develop UV System for baggage Scan Disinfection to fight COVID 19

Both domestic and international travel has been a major reason for spread of the COVID 19 infection. In order to control spread of infection through baggage, International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad, an autonomous R&D Centre of Department of Science and Technology (DST), and Vehant Technologies, Noida have co-developed KritiScan® UV Baggage Disinfection System. The compact UVC conveyor system developed can efficiently disinfect the baggage passing through the conveyor within a few seconds and is suitable for use in airports,

railway and bus stations, hotels, commercial and private establishments for rapid disinfection of baggage. UVC based disinfection systems are known for their rapid disinfection capability, and the disinfection process is dry and chemical-free.

For details:

ECI decides not to extend postal ballot facility to electors above 65yrs of age in Assembly Elections in Bihar & by-elections due in near future in view of constraints of logistics, manpower and safety protocols of Covid 19

In view of COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown guidelines, Election Commission had recommended extension of optional postal ballot facilities to voters above 65 years in order to minimize their vulnerability and exposure at the Polling stations and to Covid positive voters and voters under quarantine so that they are not deprived of their voting rights. Commission has been constantly monitoring the electoral preparedness for the coming by-elections and General elections of Assembly in Bihar, in the wake of this unprecedented environment. Commission has already limited the number of electors to one thousand for each polling station for ease of voting, especially for elderly and vulnerable sections of electors, in COVID-19 situations. In view of this, the State is creating additional 34,000 (approximately) polling stations (45% more), which will increase the total number of polling stations to around 1,06,000. This would entail formidable logistical challenges of mobilizing 1.8 lakh more polling personnel and other additional resources including requirement of much larger number of vehicles in the State of Bihar. Similar challenges would be there for the coming by-elections also. Considering all these issues, challenges and constraints and in view of the decision to limit the number of electors at each polling station to 1000, **Commission has decided not to issue the notification to extend the facility of postal ballot to the electors above 65 years of age in the coming General Elections in Bihar and by-elections due in the near future.**

For details:

Govt helping nation to combat Global Pandemic; will do whatever is possible to protect the plastic industry : Mandaviya

Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya has assured that government within the ambit of law, will do whatever is possible to protect the plastic industry from the impact of COVID-19. Shri Manadaviya was addressing a Webinar yesterday. Shri Mandaviya said for Indian Plastic industry to become environmentally sustainable, innovative and competitive in the world, “we must acknowledge and define the challenges that lies ahead. World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that 89 million medical masks, 76 million examination gloves and 1.6 million goggles will be needed for Covid-19 response every month while the pandemic lasts. So, this indicates the need for the industry to rise to the challenge to ensure coronavirus free India.” He said we do not want to fragment the internal market by creating internal barriers or competitive imbalances but come together as a one nation and power.

For details:

Department of Biotechnology and its Research Institution's Accelerate development of COVID-19 Vaccines, Therapeutics and Diagnostics

Department of Biotechnology and its 16 Research Institutes are working relentlessly to mitigate COVID-19 crisis and are deeply engaged in multifaceted R & D for offering potential COVID-19 solutions. DBT-AIs (Autonomous Institutions) have focussed their research efforts on the development of indigenous diagnostic tests to achieve self-sufficiency. A low-cost colorimetric PCR based assay-technology and an aptamer-based SARS-CoV-2 antigen detection technology developed by DBT-THSTI, were transferred to Genei and Molbio Diagnostics Pvt. Limited, respectively. In-house IgG ELISA technology by DBT-THSTI was also transferred to XCyton Diagnostics Limited. DBT-RGCB along with POCT services, New Delhi developed a low-cost viral transport medium and RNA extraction kit that is ready for commercial use. Sharing of Biospecimens accelerates COVID-19 related research towards development of kits, therapeutics and vaccines. DBT-THSTI has distributed over 2500 sample aliquots in response to requests from industry, start-ups and academia.

For details:

Grants-in-aid of Rs.15187.50 crore in respect of 2.63 lakh Rural Local Bodies in 28 States released by the Ministry of Finance on 15th July 2020

On the recommendations of Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation and Ministry of Jal Shakti, an amount of Rs.15187.50 crore, as grants-in-aid, in respect of 2.63 lakh Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) spread in 28 States of the country has been released by the Ministry of Finance on 15th July 2020. This grants-in-aid forms part of the Tied Grant as recommended by Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV-FC) for the period FY 2020-21 and is to be used by RLBs to facilitate taking up of various developmental work concerning supply of drinking water, rain water harvesting, water recycling, sanitation and maintenance of ODF status, which are national priorities. Giving this information, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar said that the release of this fund to the RLBs signifies the most appropriate timing when the RLBs are fighting the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic situation. He said availability of this fund with the RLBs will boost their effectiveness in delivery of basic services to the rural citizens and would also empower them in providing gainful employment to migrant laborers who have returned to their native places owing to Covid-19 pandemic situation as well as in augmenting rural infrastructure in a constructive way.

For details:

Indian Council of Agricultural Research celebrates its 92nd Foundation Day

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrated its 92nd foundation day yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar appreciated the efforts of the agricultural scientists due to which ICAR has contributed immensely in the progress of agriculture in the country during the last nine decades. He said that today India is surplus in foodgrains

production due to the research contribution of the scientists and hard work of the farmers. He congratulated the farming community in the country for record production of crops even during the lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic.

For details:

Wheels of ER's Parcel Express Trains for COVID-19 to Roll Till December 14, this Year

Eastern Railway (ER) has run time tabled Parcel Express trains in different phases on different routes, to carry essential commodities including consumables, perishables, medical equipment, medicines etc during the COVID-19 lockdown period to ensure swift transport of material to the different corners of the country. Presently, Parcel Express trains originating from ER are running between Howrah & Guwahati, Sealdah & Guwahati and Howrah & Amritsar. The ER has now extended the running of Howrah-Guwahati-Howrah, Sealdah-Guwahati-Sealdah and Howrah-Amritsar-Howrah Parcel Express trains till December 14, 2020 on their nominated days of run, to facilitate swift transport of essential commodities.

For details:

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- Punjab: To check profiteering by private hospitals during the current pandemic, Punjab Government has fixed the COVID treatment rates for these hospitals. The rates, finalized for Private Hospitals and Medical Colleges by Dr. K.K. Talwar Committee, cover isolation beds, ICU treatment and hospitalisation charges per day of admission. The move comes amid several complaints received by the state government of private hospitals charging exorbitantly for Covid treatment.
- Haryana: Haryana Government has issued guidelines for protection and safety of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. It has been decided that the State Government employees working on regular basis/ contract/ daily wages who are unable to walk having physical disabilities of 50% or above and also those who are blind from both eyes may be allowed to work from home.
- Maharashtra: 8641 new positive cases have been reported in Maharashtra's highest single day spike of COVID-19 patients on Thursday. The state tally of corona virus infections has shot up to 2,84,281. Also, 5527 recoveries and 266 deaths have occurred in the state on Thursday. While there are 1,14,648 active cases in the state presently, till date the total recoveries stand at 1,58,140 and the death toll is 11,194. Greater Mumbai Region recorded 1498 new cases along with 707 recoveries and 56 deaths. While the count of COVID-19 positive patients is 97751 in Mumbai as per the latest report, the active case of MMR is 23,694. The total number of recoveries has gone up to 68,537. Toll is 5520 till date in Mumbai. While the recovery rate of the entire state is 55.63%, the recovery rate of Mumbai district is 70%.
- Gujarat: The state tally of COVID-19 stands at 45,481. There are 11,289 active cases at present, while 32103 patients have recovered till date. With the report of 10 deaths on Thursday, the death toll has gone up to 2089. A four-member central team today visited Surat city which is emerging

as a new hotspot in the state. The team comprises Director of New Delhi AIIMS Dr. Randeep Guleria, NITI Aayog member Vinod Paul, director-general of ICMR Dr. Balram Bhargav and additional secretary in the Union ministry of health and family welfare Arti Ahuja. The team held a meeting with local authorities on Thursday night. Today, the team members held a meeting with doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff at the civil hospital. It also provided the necessary guidance to the health teams regarding the treatment. The team members visited Katargam and Varachchaa areas which have emerged as the new Covid hotspots in the city. Dr Guleria said testing, contact tracing, and proper treatment will help control the rising cases in the city.

- Rajasthan: 159 new positive cases have been reported today morning. The state tally of COVID-19 cases has gone up to 27,333. Also, 737 positive cases were reported till Thursday night. While the number of recovered patients has crossed 20,000 mark (20,028 patients), there are 6,666 active cases in the state. Maximum cases today are from Bikaner (32 cases), followed by Nagaur (26 cases) and then Jaipur (22 cases).
- Madhya Pradesh: 735 new positive cases have been reported in Madhya Pradesh on Thursday in the highest single day spike of cases so far. The state tally of COVID-19 has crossed the 20,000 mark. It is 20,378, as per the latest report. However, the active case load of the state is 5562, while total number of recoveries has touched 14,127 with the recovery of 219 patients on Thursday. The death toll has also gone up to 689 with the report of 7 deaths on Thursday.
- Chhattisgarh: Highest single day spike of 197 cases have been reported in Chhattisgarh on Thursday. The state tally of COVID-19 is now 4,754, while the active case load is 1,282. With the discharge of 127 patients after recovery from various hospitals in the state, the total number of recoveries has gone up to 3,451.
- Goa: 157 samples of patients tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday. It takes the state tally of Coronavirus infection to 3,108. The active case load of the state is 127 this week.
- Assam: The CM of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal visited civil hospital in Nagaon to interact with doctors & nurses on ongoing COVID-19 treatment practices. He also held a meeting with DC, SP & other district level officials to discuss how to upgrade COVID containment measures.
- Manipur: Door to door rapid antigen testing was conducted at Moijing Awang Leikai, Thoubal district of Manipur following infection of a Pradhan and four persons testing COVID positive.
- Mizoram: A total of 194 church halls are being used as quarantine facilities in Mizoram.
- Nagaland: Mon district task force in Nagaland notifies committee to revive the economy of Mon district and creating job opportunities for returnees. In Nagaland, Peren District Task Force on COVID-19 earmarks CMO Office building, RSETI building and Tourist log huts as COVID Care Centres, while St. Xavier College Auditorium Hall and Vet College Hostel have been made Isolation Centres.
- Kerala: The state government has issued an order regarding the operation of COVID First-Line Treatment Centers (FLTC) under local self-governments. These treatment centers will be established in each region as recommended by the health department. Meanwhile, two more COVID-19 deaths have been reported in the state. With this, the death toll has gone up to 39. In both the cases, the test results came after their deaths. The operations of crime branch headquarters have been suspended after two policemen tested positive for Covid. Meantime, the transmission of the virus is rising in the capital city. Five new containment zones have been declared. All coastal roads in the district have been sealed to check local spread. A record 722 new active Covid-19

cases were detected in the state yesterday. 5,372 people are undergoing treatment. 1.83 lakh people are under surveillance in various districts.

- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry Covid-19 death toll climbs to 25 with three fatalities in 24 hours as total cases reach 1,832; presently, 793 persons are undergoing treatment, of which 684 are in Puducherry, 74 in Karaikal, and 35 in Yanam. A start-up incubated at IIT-M has developed a 15-bed pre-fabricated unit called MediCAB comprising separate rooms for doctors, isolation and medical checks, in addition to an intensive care unit. Chennai, along with six of the northern districts, reported more than half of the 4,549 new Covid-19 cases on Thursday. Total cases till yesterday : 1,56,369; Active cases: 46,714; Deaths: 2236; Active cases in Chennai: 15,038.
- Karnataka: High Court directs State to invoke Disaster Management Act and penalise private hospitals denying Covid treatment. Karnataka breached 50k Covid-19 cases mark after 4169 new cases were reported yesterday taking the tally to 51,422. 2344 cases were reported in Bangalore city. Total positive cases till yesterday: 51,422; Active cases: 30,655; Deaths: 1032.
- Andhra Pradesh: Government has decided to make wearing mask mandatory in public places, work places and during travel; orders have been issued to this effect today. Tirupati Municipal Commissioner directs staff of various universities to do work from home till further orders. Fifteen people working at GVMC (Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation) headquarters have so far been infected and some departments have been temporarily shut; covid test being done for all employees. Guntur District Collector imposed full lockdown for a week across the district from tomorrow due spike in number of positive cases of Covid-19. 2602 new cases, 837 discharged and 42 deaths reported during last 24 hours. Total cases: 40,646; Active cases: 19,814; Deaths: 534.
- Telangana: The Covid-19 cases are expected to decline over the next 15 days, according to experts. The number of cases has come down in Telangana despite more tests being conducted during the past one week. In the state, the positivity rate has come down to 10% from 20% in the last few days, especially when over 10,000 tests were being conducted per day and antigen tests are also being done. 1676 new cases & 10 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases reported till now: 41,018; Active cases: 13,328; Deaths 396; Discharges: 27,295.

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- Don't allow visitors at home or visit someone else's home

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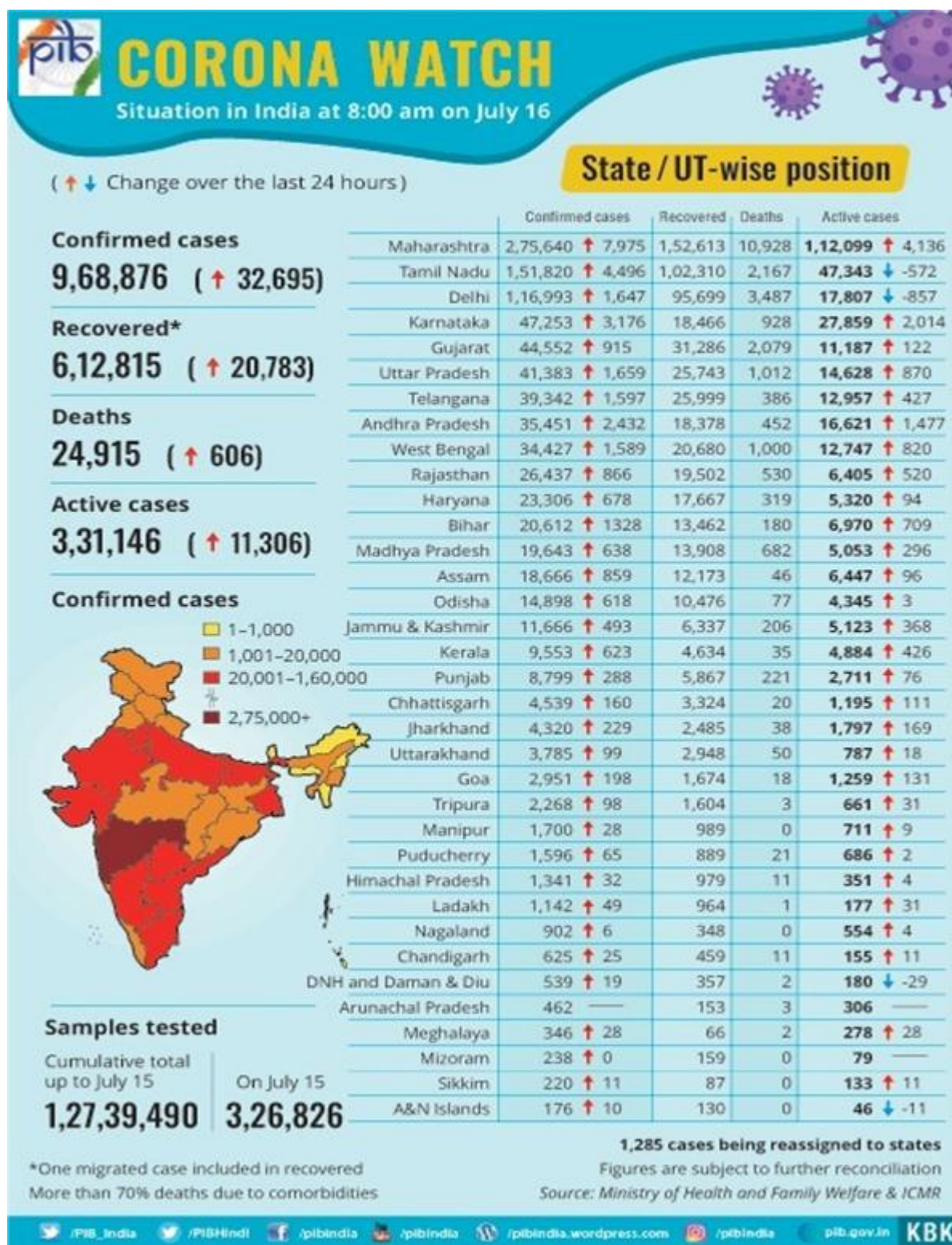
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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- 612814 COVID-19 patients have recovered so far, taking recovery rate to 63.25%.
- 20,783 people cured of COVID in the last 24 hours
- Actual case load of COVID-19 patients in the country is only 3,31,146.
- Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu constitute 48.15% of country's total active case load.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan added that testing capacity will be further enhanced to 10 lakh per day in the coming 12 weeks
- 1234 labs along with use of Rapid Antigen Tests drive Tests Per Million (TPM) to more than 9231.
- Centre and states will work together to scale up mobilisation of volunteers to 1crore to help in India's fight against Covid 19: Shri KirenRijiju.

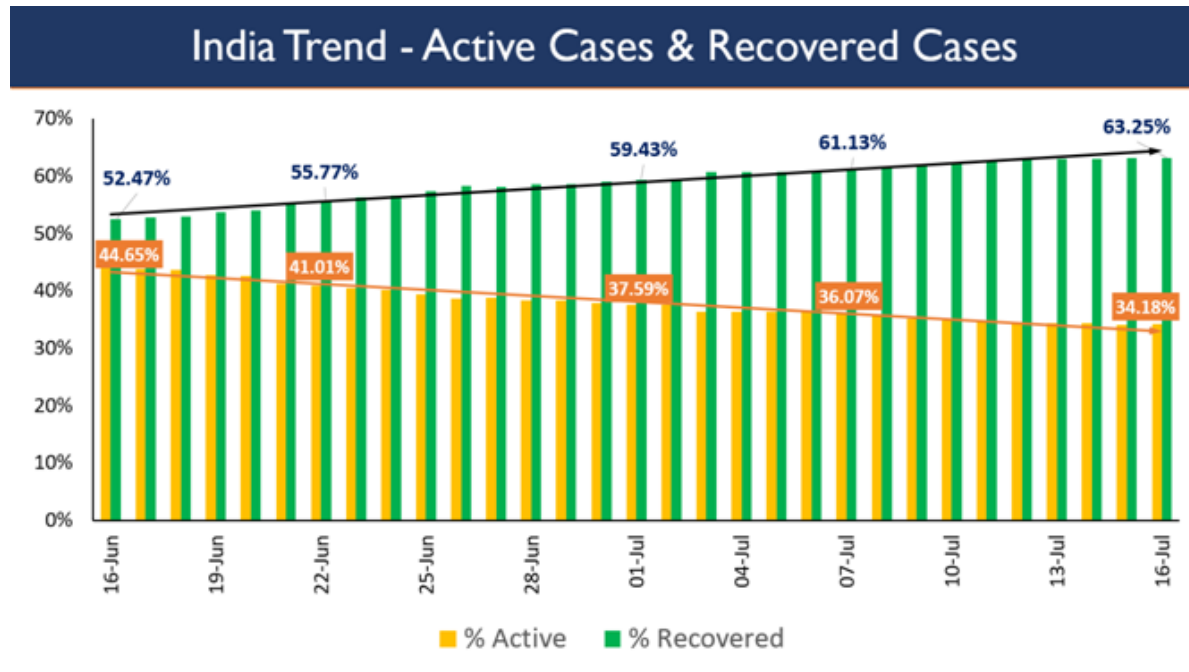




Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Actual case load of COVID-19 patients in the country is only 3,31,146; Actual Case Load is about 1/3rd of Total Cases; More than 6.1 lakh Recovered Cases

As on date, the actual caseload of COVID-19 patients in the country is 3,31,146. These contribute to a little more than a third (34.18%) of total cases detected so far. From mid-June 2020 after crossing the 50% mark in Recovery Rate, there is a steady increase in the recovered patients and decline in the number of active cases. 63.25% of the COVID-19 patients have recovered, so far. Simultaneously, there has been a steady dip in the active cases, from around 45% in mid-June 2020 to around 34.18%, as of

now. A total of 20,783 people cured of COVID in the last 24 hours has taken the total number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients to 6,12,814. The gap between recovered patients and active COVID-19 cases has further increased to 2,81,668. Only two states, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, constitute 48.15% of country's total active case load. Of the total 36 states and UTs, only 10 States constitute 84.62% of the total active case load.



For details:

1234 labs along with use of Rapid Antigen Tests drive Tests Per Million (TPM) to more than 9231

As per the “Test, Trace, Treat” strategy, the Central Government is driving enhanced testing initiatives in State/UTs. As a result, there has been a steady rise in the number of testing labs across the country. The increased testing is in accordance with the ICMR Guidelines and has helped in early detection of cases. All registered medical practitioners can now recommend testing. This coupled with the facilitation of widespread testing by States/UTs through the RT-PCR, TrueNat and CBNAAT lab network has contributed to a surge in the number of samples tested. 3,26,826 samples have been tested in the last 24 hours. The cumulative number of 1,27,39,490 samples tested translated to a figure of 9231.5 testing per million for India. The testing lab network in the country is further strengthened with 1234 labs in the country; 874 labs in the government sector and 360 private labs.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates RajkumariAmritKaur OPD Block of AIIMS Delhi

Dr. Harsh Vardhan expressed happiness that the new OPD is named after Smt. Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, renowned freedom fighter and the first Health Minister of the country. Elaborating on the country's collective efforts against COVID-19, he stated that "gradually we are moving in the direction to win the battle against the pandemic. Less than 2 percent of the COVID affected patients are admitted in ICUs. Our lab network has been strengthened; we have had an exponential growth in the number of labs which have grown from one in Jan 2020 to 1234 today. As on date, we have tested more than 3.26 samples per day". Dr Harsh Vardhan added that this capacity will be further enhanced to 10 lakh tests per day in the coming 12 weeks.

For details:

Prime Minister to address High-Level Segment of ECOSOC on 17 July, 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver a keynote address virtually at this year's High-Level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council session on 17th July 2020 at the United Nations in New York. The annual High-level Segment convenes a diverse group of high-level representatives from the Government, the private sector, civil society and academia. The theme of this year's High-level Segment is "Multilateralism after COVID19: What kind of UN do we need at the 75th anniversary". Set against the changing international environment and the COVID-19 pandemic, this session will focus on critical forces shaping the course of multilateralism and explore ways to bolster the global agenda through strong leadership, effective international institutions, a broadening of participation and enhanced significance of global public goods.

For details:

Railways need to collectively focus on increasing the revenue, minimising costs, boosting safety of operations and welfare of existing employees- Shri Piyush Goyal

Ministry of Railways conducted first ever online Workman Sanghosti in which representatives of Railways Worker's Unions participated from across the country. Addressing the Sangosthi, Shri Piyush Goyal expressed the gratitude for Railway workmen for performing duties relentlessly during the lockdown period. The Minister said, "From highest level to the lowest level, all officers and staff have sincerely performed their duties during the lockdown. Presently, Indian Railways is going through critical time due to the pandemic. The Minister urged the leaders of the federations to ponder how Railways can overcome this crisis that is looming across the world due to this pandemic. He also asked Railway federations to come up with unique ideas how Railways revenue can be increased, costs minimised, freight share be improved and how the railways can move further and faster.

For details:

Department of Biotechnology supported COVID 19 Vaccine -ZyCoV-D begins Adaptive Phase I/II clinical trials

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) has announced that ZyCoV-D, the plasmid DNA vaccine designed and developed by Zydus and partially funded by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India has initiated Phase I/ II clinical trials in healthy subjects, making it the first indigenously developed vaccine for COVID-19 to be administered in humans in India. The adaptive Phase I/II dose escalation, multi-centric study will assess the safety, tolerability and immunogenicity of the vaccine. Dr. RenuSwarup, Secretary, DBT and Chairperson, BIRAC said Department of Biotechnology has partnered with Zydus to address rapid development of an indigenous vaccine for COVID-19 under the National Biopharma Mission.

For details:

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan invites the US Investors to seize the huge opportunity in India's growth story

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, along with US Secretary of Energy, HE Dan Brouillette, co-Chaired industry-level interaction, organized by US-India Business Council (USIBC) yesterday. The Minister had also separately Chaired an industry-level interaction organized by US-India Strategic Energy partnership (USISPF) on Tuesday. During these interactions, Minister Pradhan invited the US companies and investors to engage and invest in India in new opportunities. Shri Pradhan said that even during these challenging times, India and the US have been working in close collaboration, be it in stabilizing global energy markets or in collaborative efforts to address COVID-19. He said "In today's turbulent world, one constant is –and always will be –the strength of our bilateral partnership."

For details:

Centre and states will work together to scale up mobilisation of volunteers to 1crore to help in India's fight against Covid 19: Shri KirenRijiju

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri KirenRijiju has called upon ministers and senior officers in charge of Youth Affairs and Sports departments from all states and UTs to mobilise a large number of volunteers as part of the Youth Ministry's flagship schemes, from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, National Service Scheme and Bharat Scouts and Guides. He further asked to intensify India's fight against Covid 19, as well as to create awareness about Aatmanirbhar Bharat among the lowest strata of the society. The Minister was holding a two-day video conference with all states and UTs to create a collaborative roadmap for sports and youth affairs-related issues. He urged all states to continue with Fit India activities online during Covid and include common people in fitness-related activities.

For details:

RakshaRajya Mantri Shri ShripadNaik inaugurates conference on Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies

RakshaRajya Mantri Shri ShripadNaik has said Indian Defence and Aerospace industry today is on the threshold of transformation, under the several initiatives of Government of India to promote 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' Abhiyaan. Delivering the Inaugural address at the 5th edition of the conference on Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies yesterday, Shri Naik exhorted that the Indian A&D industry has to rise to the occasion to shoulder greater responsibility in making the nation self-reliant in Defence Production and achieve 26 Billion US Dollar domestic production by 2025, which is the stated objective of the Defence Production Policy.He said, "COVID has caused, across the globe, severe economic and social challenges. In our national efforts over the last four months, we have been successful to first create high awareness among our large population, build adequate capacity for testing and providing health care, and manage the rate of spread of virus."

For details:

TIFAC releases report on 'Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients- Status, Issues, Technology Readiness and Challenges'

Indigenous production of **Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs)** needs to be scaled up to a level where the production is economically viable, says a report which identified a list of APIS that need prioritized manufacturing and the associated advantages.The report titled 'Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients- Status, Issues, Technology Readiness, and Challenges' was brought out recently by Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), an autonomous organization under the Department of Science & Technology.The major recommendations given in the report include focus on engineering and scale aspect of technology development, need for Mission mode Chemical Engineering with defined targets for uninterrupted synthesis of molecules and to create mega drug manufacturing clusters with common infrastructure in India. COVID 19 pandemic has firmly put the focus of our Nation on being "AatmaNirbhar".

For details:

Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh launches the Implementation Guidelines for Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh today launched the Implementation Guidelines for Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth Rs. 15,000 crores, which was approved by the Union Cabinet on 24.06.2020 under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan stimulus package for ensuring growth in several sectors.He also informed that the Dairy Processing Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) is being implemented for infrastructure development in cooperative sector and AHIDF is a first type of scheme for private sector. Millions of farmers will be benefited once the infrastructure is created and more milk will be processed. This will also increase export of dairy products which is presently negligible. India needs to go up to the standards of countries like New Zealand in the Dairy sector. He expressed satisfaction that during Covid-19 lockdown, dairy farmers could maintain steady supply of milk to the consumers in the country.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, ordered for a complete ban on physical press conferences, where there is a risk of infection due to large gatherings. He also appealed to all political parties not to hold any gathering or function, which violates the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs which permit only events like wedding and cremation as exceptional cases. Senior Superintendent of Police has been directed to lodge FIRs in case of illegal gathering of any kind in the city.
- Punjab: Amid the growing global importance of social media in battling the Covid crisis, the Punjab Government has decided to expand its social media outreach by setting up 15 expert social media teams on outsourced model. The Chief Minister termed the move as vital for expanding the state's reach and the strengthening the efforts in disseminating information regarding various aspects related to the novel Coronavirus pandemic in an effective and result-oriented manner. Besides creating awareness among the people about the precautions, norms etc relating to the pandemic, the teams would also help in countering the spread of misinformation by providing credible and updated information to them on a regular basis.
- Haryana: To make people aware about preventive measures to be taken regarding COVID-19 pandemic, Haryana Chief Minister released the Special Joint Issue of monthly magazine 'Harigandha' published by Haryana SahityaAkademi. The Chief Minister outlined the efficacy and significance of this Special Issue of 'Harigandha', in which comprehensive information regarding the global pandemic was also highlighted. He said that through this special issue, people will be able to know about the measures to be taken to prevent corona and other necessary information.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister distributed free smart phones to ASHA workers of the State for their effective and smooth functioning and to perform their duties efficiently. He said that the corona pandemic has taken the whole world by surprise and caught the medical fraternity unprepared. He said that Himachal Pradesh has effectively been fighting this virus and ASHA workers of the State have played a pivotal role in controlling this virus. He said that ASHA workers not only helped in detecting the people with ILI symptoms, but have also helped in motivating the people in strictly following the quarantine norms.
- Maharashtra: 7,975 new infections have been reported in the last 24 hours taking the state tally to 2,75,640. However, the active case-load in Maharashtra presently is 1,11,801. The active case load of Mumbai stands at 22,959. The recovery rate in Maharashtra is 55.37%, while the mortality rate is 3.96%. In the wake of rising COVID-19 cases in Nashik district, the state government and district administration has initiated a measure "Healthcare service at your doorstep". As many as 556 squads have been formed and they have been tasked to trace the Covid positive patient.
- Gujarat: Gujarat reported 925 COVID-19 cases and 10 deaths on Wednesday. With this, state tally has risen to 44,648 including 31,346 discharges and 2,081 deaths. The state government has revised the testing policy for Covid-19 on Wednesday. According to the new policy, Covid tests can be done on the prescription of any MBBS doctor.
- Rajasthan: 143 new positive cases and 4 deaths have been reported in Rajasthan today morning. On Wednesday, a record 866 persons tested positive in the state. While the state COVID-19 tally has gone up to 26,580, the active case load is 6,459.

- Madhya Pradesh: 638 new positive patients have been detected in the state taking the state tally to 19,643. The active case load is 5,053, while 13,908 patients have recovered. 682 have succumbed to the disease so far.
- Chhattisgarh: 154 new positive cases have been reported in Chhattisgarh. This takes the state COVID-19 tally to 4,556. The active case load of the state stands at 1,212.
- Goa: Goa reported 198 positive cases on Wednesday, which happens to be the single day highest spike of COVID-19 in the state so far. The state tally of coronavirus has shot up to 2,951, while the active case load presently is 1259.
- Kerala: State reported one more Covid death today taking the toll to 36. The deceased youth has been identified as Kannur native. Another man who was under Covid-19 observation in Idukki was found dead today; yet to be confirmed as Covid fatality. Four doctors of the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College have tested positive for Covid-19; as precaution almost thirty doctors of the surgery unit have been quarantined and the surgery ward has been closed. To deal with the spurt in Covid cases, which is likely to happen by next month, the first-line treatment centres for the disease in every district would be equipped to ensure a capacity of 5,000 beds. 623 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed yesterday with 450 of them due to local transmission and 37 with no epidemiological link. 4,880 patients are still undergoing treatment and 1,84,601 people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Nine-month-old succumbs to Covid-19 in Puducherry as death toll climbs to 22. The Union Territory reported its largest spike till date of 147 cases today taking the Covid tally to 1,743. 40 TN fishermen from Iran land in Chennai;. Coimbatore Collector tests positive for Covid-19. 4496 new cases & 68 deaths reported yesterday. 1291 cases from Chennai. Total cases: 1,51,820; Active cases: 47,340; Deaths: 2167; Active cases in Chennai: 15,606.
- Karnataka: Seven day lockdown entered second day; lockdown being enforced strictly by the police. Medical education minister Dr K Sudhakar Minister urged Covid recovered citizens to come forward and donate their plasma to save others' lives. Blood donors to receive a reward of Rs.5000 as a token of appreciation, said Dr K Sudhakar. High Court permits State and BBMP for display of Covid awareness hoardings and banners in the city. Meanwhile Private Hospitals and Nursing-Homes Association (PHANA) said they are working with 30% doctors and 50% nurses and ward boys. 3176 new cases & 87 deaths reported yesterday with 1975 cases in Bangalore city. Total positive cases: 47,253; Active cases: 27,853; Deaths: 928.
- Andhra Pradesh: Implemented as pilot project in West Godavari district from January 3, 2020, CM launches YSR Aarogyasri scheme expansion services to six more districts. The scheme will now be implemented in Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Guntur, Prakasam, Kadapa and Kurnool districts. State decided to set up village clinics in all panchayats by April next. State distributes Covid-19 kits- containing six masks and two soaps- to beggars in urban areas in Krishna district. Pileru sub jail in Chittoor district converted into Covid-19 prison to house 138 inmates from various jails across the district who have been tested positive for the virus. 2593 new cases, 943 discharged and 40 deaths reported during last 24 hours. Total cases: 38,044; Active cases: 18,159; Deaths: 492.
- Telangana: A Covid isolation block with 100 beds, including 20 at ICU, was opened in Siddipet district of Telangana. 1597 new cases & 11 deaths reported yesterday; 796 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases reported till yesterday: 39,342, Active cases: 12,958, Deaths 386.

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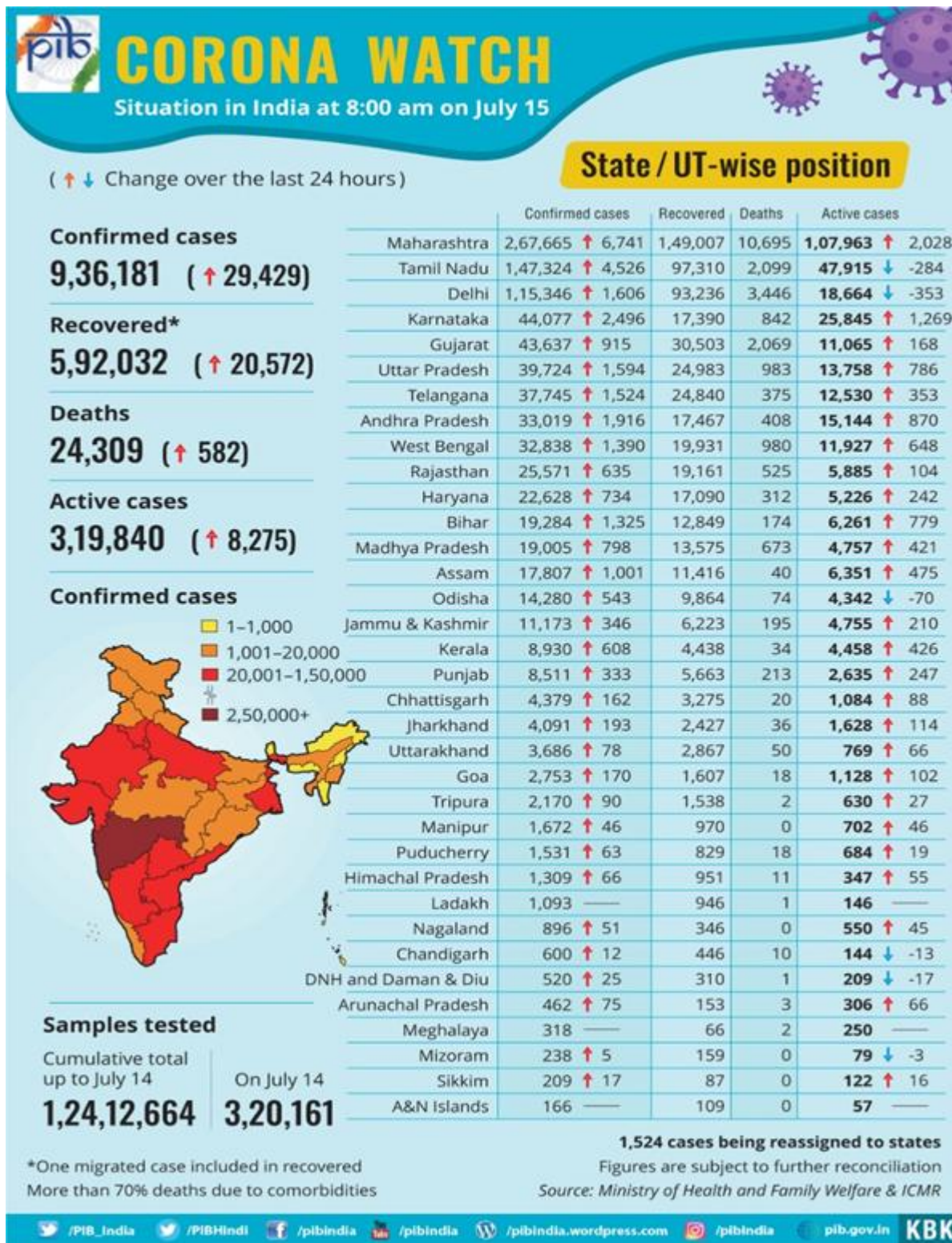
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- Actual Case Load of COVID-19 is 3,19,840 active cases.
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- HRD Minister launches World's most affordable COVID-19 Diagnostic Kit Corosure, developed by IIT Delhi
- Atal Innovation Mission teams up with Ministries, Partners to support Startups with COVID-19 Solutions





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Recovery of more than 20,000 cases in the last 24 hours pushes the Recovery Rate to 63.24%; Recovered Cases close to 6 lakhs; Actual Case Load of COVID-19 is only 3,19,840 active cases

The last 24 hours have seen a sharp rise in the number of COVID-19 patients recovering. 20,572 people were cured taking the total number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients to 5,92,031. The recovery rate has climbed up to 63.24% today. The surge in recovered cases is driven by aggressive testing, timely diagnosis and effective management of the patients either through supervised home

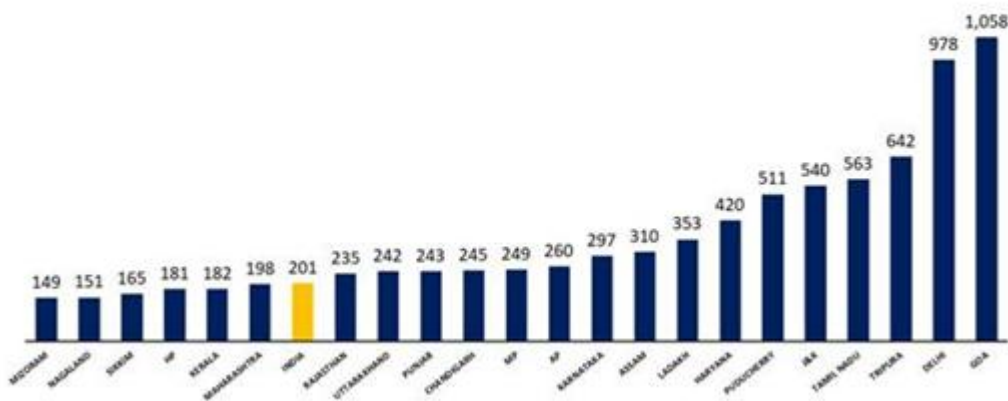
isolation or under active medical attention in the hospitals. The actual case load of COVID-19 is 3,19,840 active cases. They are all under medical supervision. The norms and standards for Home Isolation along with use of oxymeters have helped to keep a check on the asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic patients without putting pressure on the hospital infrastructure. The gap between recovered and active cases has been consistently growing. It stands at 2,72,191 today. The number of recovered cases outweighs the active cases by a factor of 1.85.

For details:

WHO advises 140 tests/day/million population, 22 States/UTs in India are already conducting 140 and more tests/day/million; Testing per million crosses 8994

WHO in its Guidance Note on “Public Health Criteria to Adjust Public Health and Social Measures in the Context of COVID-19” has advised comprehensive surveillance for suspected cases. WHO has advised that a country needs 140 tests per day per million population. With the various coordinated efforts made by the Centre and the States/UTs, 22 States/UTs in India are already conducting 140 and more tests per day per million.

States performing more than 140 tests per day per million population



With 865 labs in the government sector and 358 private labs, the total number of testing labs in the country is 1223, as on date. During the last 24 hours 3,20,161 samples have been tested. The cumulative number of samples tested, as of now is 1,24,12,664. The testing per million for India is consistently rising. Today it has touched 8994.7. On 14th July 2020, more than 3.2 lakh tests were done on a single day.

For details:

HRD Minister Launches World's Most Affordable COVID-19 Diagnostic Kit Corosure Developed by IIT Delhi

Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal'Nishank' today e-launched the World's most affordable RT-PCR based COVID-19 diagnostic kit developed by IIT Delhi and approved by the ICMR and DCGI in New Delhi. Shri Pokhriyal said that Corosure, COVID-19 Diagnostic Kit developed by Indian Institute of Technology Delhi is a step towards Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a self-reliant India. He said that the country requires cheap and reliable testing for the country which can help to control the pandemic. The Corosure Kit has been developed indigenously and is much cheaper than other kits.

For details:

Prime Minister, on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, exhorts Youth to Skill, Reskill and Upskill

In his message to the Digital Skills Conclave held today on the occasion of the World Youth Skills Day and the fifth anniversary of 'Skill India' mission, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted the youth to skill, reskill and upskill in order to remain relevant in the rapidly changing business environment and market conditions. He said the world belongs to the youth due to their ability to acquire new skills all the time. He stated that the Skill India Mission launched five years back on the same day has led to creation of a vast infrastructure for skilling, reskilling and upskilling and enhancing opportunities to access employment both locally and globally. Referring to the portal launched recently for mapping the skilled employees and employers, the Prime Minister stated that this would help the skilled workers, including the migrant workers who have returned to their homes, to access jobs easily and the employers to contact skilled employees at the click of a mouse. He emphasized that the skills of migrant workers would also help in changing the local economy.

For details:

Text of PM's address on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day

For details:

15th India-EU (Virtual) Summit: Opening Remarks By Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi

For details:

Clarification on issue of GST rate on alcohol based hand sanitizers

The issue of GST rate on alcohol based hand sanitizers has been reported in few sections of media. It is stated that hand sanitizers attract GST at the rate of 18%. Sanitizers are disinfectants like soaps, anti-bacterial liquids, dettole etc which all attract duty standard rate of 18% under the GST regime. The GST rates on various items are decided by the GST Council where the Central Government and all the state governments together deliberate and take decisions.

For details:

Atal Innovation Mission teams up with Ministries, Partners to support Startups with COVID-19 Solutions

As Covid-19 pandemic and economic shutdowns are dealing a severe blow on world economy, NITI Aayog's flagship Atal Innovation Mission, (AIM) is on full swing to keep the entrepreneurial spirit high across the country by teaming up with other Ministries and partners to support Startups with COVID-19 innovative Solutions and to further fight Covid- 19 pandemic. In this regard, AIM coordinated and concluded a series of virtual COVID-19 Demo-Days- an initiative to identify promising start-ups with potential Covid-19 innovations to further help them deploy and scale-up their solutions nationwide, yesterday. The initiative was launched in partnership with other government bodies including Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Department of Biotechnology (DBT); Department of Science and Technology (DST), Startup India, AGNIi, and other Ministries. Over 1,000 COVID-19 related start-ups from a diverse set of categories including curative, preventive and assistive solutions were put through two rounds of evaluation, from which more than 70 start-ups were shortlisted for the Virtual COVID-19 Demo Days. These start-ups will receive support in the form of funding, access to manufacturing abilities, supply chain and logistics and finding the right vendors and mentors.

For details:

Shri PiyushGoyal reiterates the extraordinary momentum developed in the India-US bilateral ties, driven by strong shared interests in promoting global stability, security and economic prosperity

The India-U.S. CEO Forum was held on 14th July 2020, through a telephonic conference. The meeting was chaired jointly by Shri PiyushGoyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways and on the US side by Mr. Wilbur Ross, US Secretary of Commerce. Secretary Ross thanked Minister Goyal, the co-Chairs and CEO forum members for their participation and initiative in strengthening the bilateral relationship, particularly during the challenging times of the Covid19 pandemic, which is also an opportunity to bring the two nations closer through collaboration in the area of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and associated supply chains. Shri Goyal reiterated the extraordinary momentum developed in the India-US bilateral ties, driven by strong shared interests in promoting global stability, security and economic prosperity. He emphasized on the importance of small businesses in the economies of both the countries and the need to increase employment and skilling in the sector. He urged the Forum to be the leaders in charting out a new path in a post-Covid world.

For details:

Class X results of CBSE declared; Trivandrum region records highest pass percentage

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declared Class X results today. Trivandrum performed best amongst all regions with 99.28 % pass percentage followed by Chennai region with 98.95 % while Bengaluru stands at third position with 98.23 % pass percentage. A total of 18, 73,015 students appeared in the exam out of which 17, 13,121 students passed the exam. Overall pass percentage of this year is 91.46.

For details:

Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar holds review meeting on the progress of GaribKalyanRozgarAbhiyaan with representatives of six states

Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar held a review meeting on the progress of GaribKalyanRozgarAbhiyaan through video-conferencing with the Rural Development Ministers and senior officials of six states, yesterday. Launched on 20th June 2020, the Abhiyaan is being undertaken in 116 districts in the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan. The Abhiyaan will continue for 125 days, and 25 works coming under 11 different ministries have been identified for completion. The Minister said that it is the effort of the Government to provide employment to the migrant workers at their native places. He said the Abhiyaan is not only providing employment to returning migrants and similarly affected rural citizens, but also strengthening the economy and will saturate villages with public infrastructure and create livelihood opportunities. He laid emphasis on further accelerating the drive and creation of maximum infrastructure.

For details:

Shri KirenRijju calls upon States to create awareness about Atmanirbhar Bharat through NYKS, NSS volunteers

Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports(I/C) Shri KirenRijju met Ministers as well as senior officials of the Youth Affairs and Sports Departments of 18 States and Union Territories through video conferencing yesterday. The meeting was the first part of the two-day conference where all States and UTs will share the roadmap forward for resumption of sports post Covid19 as well as of engaging more volunteers of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS) to promote various schemes at the State-level. Addressing the meeting, ShriRijju said that the NYKS and NSS volunteers have done a commendable job working alongside civil administration during Covid 19. He stated that there are currently 75 lakh volunteers and the ministry has decided to take that number up to 1 crore in Unlock 2. The minister said the Prime Minister has already announced Atmanirbhar Bharat. As the country opens up, our volunteers will create awareness among all sections of society such as farmers, small business owners and others, regarding the direct benefits that they can get through being self-reliant.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, directed Secretary Labour to ensure that no person, who was treated and cured of COVID, is denied from returning to his job in the private or the government sector. He stated that such people are quite safe, since they are not likely to contact corona again.
- Punjab: Those coming to Punjab for less than 72 hours are now exempt from the mandatory home quarantine, and only need to submit a formal undertaking at the border check post. It had been decided to provide this concession to facilitate students wishing to come for examinations or business travellers etc, whose stay in the state is less than 72 hours from the time of their arrival. During this period, they shall commit to monitoring their health and maintaining distance from those around, and also interact with the assigned surveillance team in case they suffer from any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and will immediately call at 104.
- Haryana: Chief Minister said that the State Government has taken the COVID-19 challenge as an opportunity and has introduced various industrial and economic reforms during this period as a result of which more than 60 big companies have shown keen interest in making investments in Haryana. Apart from this, the State Government has also prepared a road-map to revive the state economy in the post-Corona period under which a number of task groups, having prominent personalities from different walks of life, have been constituted.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister, during the review meeting with the senior officers of the Health Department, said that the State Government is taking effective steps for containment of COVID-19 in the State. He said that trading and economic activities have started in the state after the process of unlock. The return of industrial labourers has also begun from other states. However, keeping in view the increase of COVID-19 patients due to people coming from other states, it has been decided by the State Government to keep the industrial labourers in either institutional quarantine or in home quarantine. The contractor and industrial institutions would be completely responsible for it. They would be allowed to work after their report for COVID-19 is found negative.
- Maharashtra: With 6,741 new Covid 19 cases reported during the last 24 hours, the state tally of total reported cases has touched 2,67,655. Out of these, 1.49 lakh patients have recovered while the number of active cases in the state stands at 1,07,963. In Mumbai, 969 positive patients have been identified on Tuesday, apart from 1011 recoveries and 70 deaths. With this, the COVID-19 count in Mumbai has gone up to 94,863; while the total number of recovered patients now stands at 66,633 and the death toll at 5402. Presently, there are 22,828 active patients in the city. The doubling rate of Covid-19 cases in Mumbai has slowed down to 52 days.
- Gujarat: 951 new cases have been reported from Gujarat, taking the total cases in the state to 43,723. 14 patients lost their lives on Tuesday, taking the death toll to 2071. Surat district reported the highest number of 291 cases, followed by Ahmedabad at 154. In view of rising number of Covid 19 cases, many shops, markets and industrial units in the textile and diamond hub of Surat have voluntarily shut their businesses or cut their working hours. About 25 textile markets with more than 35,000 shops have announced total shut down till 20th July.
- Rajasthan: The COVID-19 tally of the state has gone up to 25,806 with the report of 235 new positive cases this morning. The number of total recoveries has gone up to 19,199, while active cases are only 6,080. The death toll in Rajasthan is 527.

- Madhya Pradesh: In a new highest single day spike, 798 positive cases have been reported on Tuesday, which takes the state COVID-19 tally to 19,005. While there are 4757 active patients in M.P., the count of recovered patients is 13,575 and the death toll is 673. The maximum cases, that is, 190 new patients were reported from Gwalior, followed by Bhopal reporting 103 patients and then Morena with 98 patients.
- Chhattisgarh: 105 new positive patients have been identified which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 4,379. Also, the present count of active patients is 1,084.
- Goa: 170 new patients have tested as positive on Tuesday which takes the state tally of to 2,753. The current count of recovered patients is 1,607 and the COVID-19 death toll is 18. The number of active patients is 1,128. A three-day lockdown with stricter provisions will be enforced in Goa from Friday in view of the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the state, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said on Wednesday. 'Janta Curfew' will be observed in Goa from 8 pm to 6 am till 10th August, in view of rising COVID-19 cases. Only medical services will be allowed.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, the Namsai district administration has imposed a nine day lockdown from today 10 pm to 23rd July (5am) to check the spread of Covid -19. Arunachal Pradesh's Health Secretary says that proposed quarantine centre at New MLA Apartments in Itanagar is meant for all type of critical patients and not only for the Covid -19 patients.
- Assam: CM of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal met people residing at a flood relief camp at Teok Rajabari HS school today. Around 44,000 people are currently at 198 relief camps set up by Assam government in various flood hit areas of the state.
- Manipur: Awareness programme on COVID-19 organised by the Coalition Against Drugs and Alcohol Kakching District Committee in association with the United People's Administrative Council at Pallel Bazar, Kakching, Manipur.
- Mizoram: Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) declared the results for Class 12th yesterday. 78.52 per cent students passed the exam.
- Kerala: Kerala High Court today banned all the protests, strikes and marches in the state until July 31. It also urged the state government to strictly impose the instructions given by the Centre with regard to Covid-19 pandemic. In the wake of increasing Covid cases in Kozhikode, the district Collector has issued an order for total lockdown on Sundays until further notice. A day after 53 Covid cases were reported in Thuneri in Kozhikode - where triple lockdown is in force- 43 more cases has been reported today. Two harbours have also been shut down. One more Covid death was reported in the state today, taking the toll to 35. The state reported a record 608 new cases yesterday of which 396 were contact cases. Currently, 4,454 patients are under treatment and 1,81,847 people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Three more succumb to Covid as Puducherry reports 67 fresh cases; total tally reach 1,596. TN govt gives consent to BCG trial at ICMR's Chennai institute. Health Minister C Vijayabaskar said that it is hoped that vaccinating the elderly with the time tested BCG would help reduce the intensity of Covid-19, admissions at hospitals and mortality rates. Covid cases in Chennai under control as cases spike in rest of TN; Madurai, Tiruvallur and Virudhunagar recorded 450, 360 and 328 cases respectively, yesterday. 4526 new cases & 66 deaths reported yesterday. 1078 cases from Chennai. Total cases till now : 1,47,324; Active cases: 47,912; Active cases in Chennai: 15,814.
- Karnataka: Seven days lockdown is being enforced strictly in Bangalore urban and Bangalore rural districts. Shivamoga district also goes into lockdown starting from tomorrow until further

orders. State government ordered display of bed allotment board mandatory in private hospitals; non-compliance of the order to attract punishment. Karnataka HC asks state whether there is special facility to conduct Covid test for public servants on duty during lockdown. State to fill up 1419 nurses, 506 lab technicians, 916 pharmacists and D-group vacant positions soon. 2496 new cases, & 87 deaths reported yesterday; 1267 cases in Bangalore city. Total positive cases: 44,077; Active cases: 25,839; Deaths: 842.

- Andhra Pradesh: With more than forty of its staff including medical and paramedical personnel infected with Covid-19, SVIMS Super-speciality Hospital, Tirupati has closed its out-patient service for five days. With more than 100 cases reported daily, Tirupati civic authorities have imposed complete lockdown in 18 divisions. With the concern from the working class, APSRTC withdraws Conductor-less bus services in the state introduced to encourage digital transactions to contain the spread of coronavirus spread. 26 members of APSP constables on duty at Gannavaram airport in Vijayawada have been identified as covid positive. They are being treated in various hospitals. 1916 new cases, 952 discharged and 43 reported yesterday. Total cases: 33,019; Active cases: 15,144; Deaths: 408.
- Telangana: District hospitals and Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences to start Covid-19 treatment. Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad starts the process of conducting clinical trials for coronavirus vaccine, COVAXIN. The country's first home-grown Covid-19 COVAXIN vaccine is developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the ICMR and the National Institute of Virology. Total cases reported yesterday: 37,745; Active cases: 12, 531; Deaths 375; Discharged :24,840.

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- There are 3,11,565 active cases and they are all under medical supervision
- India's fatality rate has further dropped to 2.62%.
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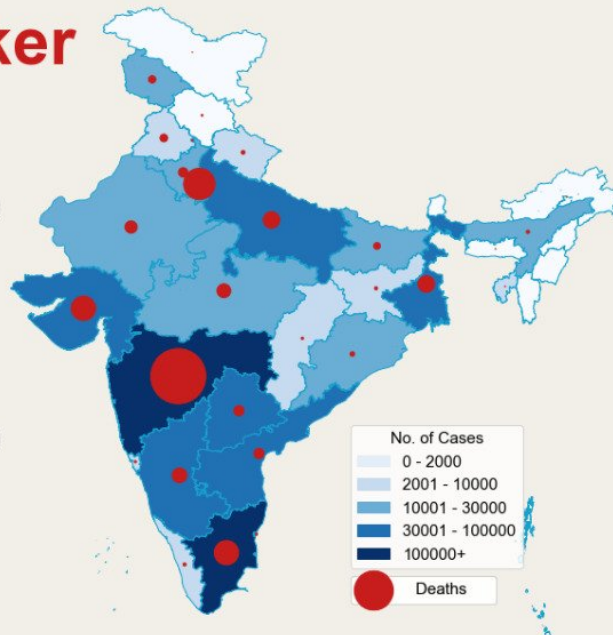
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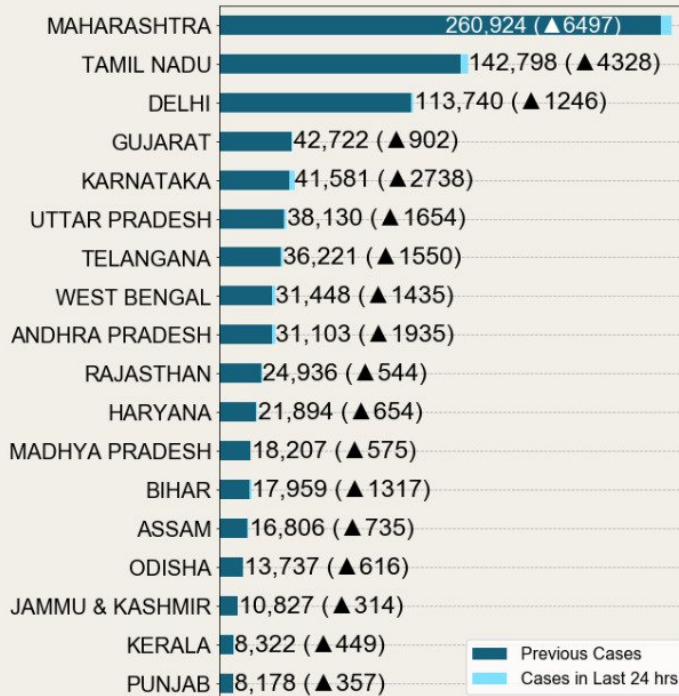
Active Cases **311,565** (▲ 9,956)

Cured* **571,460** (▲ 17,989)

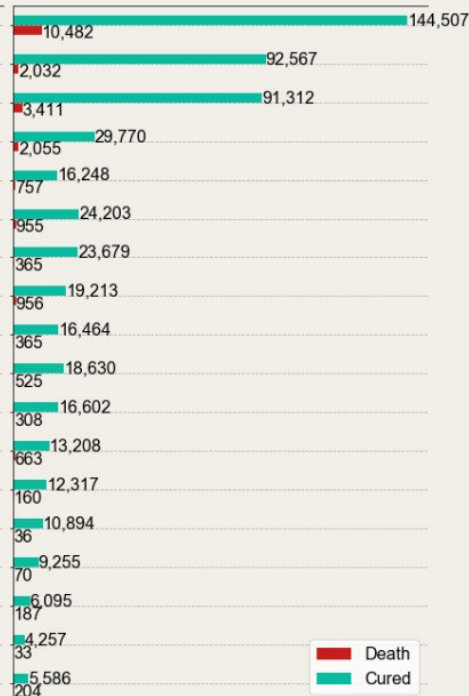
Deaths **23,727** (▲ 553)



Statewise - Confirmed Cases (8000+)



Cured vs. Deaths



*One migrated case is included in Cured
 ▲ indicates increase in the number in the last 24 hrs

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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare:

With 853 labs in the government sector and 353 private labs, the total number of testing labs is 1206 as on date. During the last 24 hours 2,86,247 samples have been tested. The cumulative number of samples tested, as of now is 1,20,92,503. The testing per million for India is consistently rising. Today it has touched 8762.7. In the last 24 hours, a total of 17,989 people were cured of COVID, taking the total cumulative number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients to 5,71,459 and the recovery rate to 63.02% today. There are 3,11,565 active cases and they are all under medical supervision, either in home isolation or in hospital care. There are 2,59,894 more recovered cases than active cases. India's fatality rate has further dropped to 2.62% owing to effective clinical management of COVID-19 patients.

Turning Crisis into opportunity- Dr. Harsh Vardhan discusses bilateral Health co-operation including management of COVID-19 with Australian Health Minister

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare had a digital interaction with his Australian counterpart Mr. Gregory Andrew Hunt to discuss bilateral Health co-operation today. Elaborating upon the role of India's medical community in containment and management of the pandemic, Dr. Harsh Vardhan noted that India's medical professionals, paramedics and scientists have played a pivotal role in containing COVID-19. He stated that they are helping in drug discovery and in repurposing of existing drugs. They have also isolated the virus in the early onset of diseases and are engaged in studying the virus using Genome sequencing. "From just one lab to test the virus in January 2020, India now has more than 1200 labs all across the country facilitating the people in widespread testing", he further added. India's drug manufacturers have also enabled India to supply Hydroxychloroquin to 140 countries." The Health Ministers agreed to continue to jointly work in the area of health and other common interests.

For details:

Indian Railways creates Post- COVID COACH to ensure safer journey

Indian Railways has taken numerous steps and measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus infection. Sustaining the ruthless fight against COVID-19, Indian Railways' production unit, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, has developed a Post- Covid Coach to fight Covid-19. This Post-Covid Coach has design improvements in the coach like hands-free amenities, copper-coated handrails & latches, plasma air purification and titanium di-oxide coating for Covid free passenger journey. Post Covid Coach is having hands-free amenities like foot operated water tap & soap dispenser, foot operated lavatory door (outside), foot operated flush valve, foot operated latches in lavatory door, outside washbasin with foot operated water tap and soap dispenser and forearm operated handle on compartment door.

For details:

Union HRD Minister virtually releases PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' released PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education through online medium in New Delhi today. PRAGYATA guidelines include eight steps of online/ digital learning that is, Plan- Review- Arrange- Guide- Yak(talk)- Assign-Track- Appreciate. These steps guide the planning and implementation of digital education step by step with examples. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said that COVID-19 pandemic has led to closure of schools and has impacted over 240 million children of the country who are enrolled in schools. Extended school closures may cause loss of learning. Shri Pokhriyal said that to

mitigate the impact of the pandemic, schools will not only have to remodel and reimagine the way teaching and learning have happened so far, but will also need to introduce a suitable method of delivering quality education through a healthy mix of schooling at home and schooling at school.

For details:

Finance Minister reviews implementation of Insurance Scheme for Health workers fighting COVID-19 announced under PMGKP

Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs SmtNirmalaSitharaman chaired a meeting to review the implementation of **Insurance Scheme for Health workers fighting COVID-19 announced under Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Package (PMGKP)** yesterday. **During the meeting, the Finance Minister highlighted the importance for a speedy settlement and emphasized the need of the benefit reaching out to the nominees at the earliest.** Officials from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provided an overview of the mechanism being followed with State nodal authorities to expedite the claims, also highlighting the issues being faced while reaching out to the family of deceased as well as obtaining the legal heir certificate.

For details:

Finance Minister Smt. NirmalaSitharaman reviews Pradhan Mantri FasalBimaYojana

Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. NirmalaSitharaman chaired a meeting to review the implementation of **Pradhan Mantri FasalBimaYojana (PMFBY)** yesterday. The Finance highlighted the need of carrying out awareness activities to ensure dissemination of information among all farmers in view of Scheme becoming voluntary for all farmers and the need for States to release Premium Subsidy on time to ensure timely settlement of claims. SmtSitharaman suggested that stringent follow up should be done with States where subsidy is pending specially those which are not implementing the Scheme in Kharif 2020 with a view to ensure payment of all pending claims to farmers at the earliest.

For details:

Class XII results of CBSE declared; CBSE decides to replace the term “FAIL” by the term “Essential Repeat”

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declared Class XII results yesterday. Trivandrum performed best amongst all regions with 97.67% pass percentage followed by Bengaluru region with 97.05 %. Total 11, 92,961 students appeared in the exam, out of which 10, 59,080 students passed the exam. Overall pass percentage of this year is 88.78%which is 5.38 % higher than previous year. The CBSE Class XII Board Examinations were scheduled to be conducted from 15.02.2020 till 30.03.2020. Due to spread of Covid-19 pandemic, CBSE was forced to cancel examinations scheduled from 19.03.2020 to 30.03.2020 in 12 subjects along with examinations in 11 subjects for students of North-

Eastern Delhi. These exams were re-scheduled to be held from 01 to 15 July 2020. Looking at the uncertainties and unprecedented situation and keeping in mind the health and well-being of students, the Supreme Court of India passed orders on 26.06.2020, approving the assessment scheme of CBSE to compute results.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: Stepping up its fight against COVID, the Punjab government has put a complete bar on all public gatherings, while restricting social gatherings to five and marriages/other social functions to 30 instead of the current 50. Mandatory FIRs shall be filed against those found violating the curb on public gatherings, which now stand strictly disallowed. The state government has also partnered with IIT Chennai experts to intensify surveillance, using technology in order to identify super-spreader gatherings in the past that have resulted in spread, to guide future action.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Covid19 test conducted at the Raj Bhavan in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh for Hon'ble Governor, his family members, officials & members of the Governor's Secretariat.
- Assam: The CM of Assam, Shri SarbanandaSonowal reviewed the ongoing projects and works of Water Resources Department aimed at protecting the area at the Flood and Erosion hit Okland in Jonai, Assam today.
- Manipur: Manipur Police Department during its drive to crack down on violators of lockdown, those not wearing face masks and not maintaining social distance in public detained 411 persons and 310 vehicles and an amount of Rs 60,750 was collected as fine.
- Mizoram: Eight recovered Covid-19patients discharged in Mizoram today. Now active case stands at 74 in the state while 159 have recovered so far.
- Nagaland: Kohima district administration doing active surveillance for early detection to break the chain of transmission of COVID-19 infection in all the ongoing containment zones.
- Sikkim: Chief Minister, Shri Prem Singh Tamang convened an emergency meeting of the State Task Force today to discuss the latest spike in the number of Covid-19 cases in Rongli Subdivision and the immediate measures to be taken.The meeting was attended by Cabinet Ministers, Chief Secretary, DGP and Heads of Departments. Sikkim government announced new measures to contain COVID-19. Gyms and bars to be shut, all inter and intra district movement "stopped forthwith".Movement of all private vehicles including two-wheelers has also been banned.Taxis however will continue to ply following odd-even stipulation but only for local movement.The rules come into force with immediate effect and will continue till 31 July.
- Maharashtra: 6,497 new patients have been found to be COVID-19 positive in the state in the last 24 hours. The state tally COVID-19 patients currently stands at 2,60,924. Also, 193 more patients succumbed to the infection and with this, the death toll rose to 10,482. The present count of active patients in the whole state is 1,05,637.In the wake of surge in Covid-19 cases lockdown has been re-imposed in Pune and Pimpri- Chinchwad region since midnight last.
- Gujarat: Gujarat has recorded 902 new COVID cases during the last 24 hours. Total number of cases detected so far in the state has gone up to 42,808. Out of total 10,945 active cases in the state, the conditions of 74 patients are serious and they are on ventilator. The state has carried out 4.70 lakh tests so far.

- Rajasthan: 98 new cases have been reported on Tuesday morning. The COVID-19 tally of the state has crossed the 25,000-mark. It stands at 25,034 now. There are 5,759 active cases as on date.
- Madhya Pradesh: 575 new positive cases and 10 deaths have been reported on Monday. This is the highest single day spike in the state till now, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 patients to 18,207. While there are 4,336 active patients presently, 13,208 patients have also recovered from the infection till date. Gwalior has become the new hotspot where 110 new cases have been reported followed by 92 cases from Indore and 88 from Bhopal.
- Chhattisgarh: In the highest single day spike of cases till date, Chhattisgarh reported 184 new corona positive patients on Monday, which takes the state tally of positive cases to 4265. There are 1044 active cases. Maximum, that is, 87 cases were from Raipur, followed by 26 cases from Rajnandgaon and 25 from Durg.
- Goa: 130 new positive cases have been identified which takes the state COVID-19 tally to 2,583. Presently, there are 1,026 active patients in the state.
- Kerala: One more death due to Covid-19 has been reported in the state at Alappuzha Medical college; the deceased is a gulf returnee and with this the total death toll in the state touched 34. Alappuzha, Thrissur, Palakkad and Kannur districts have been asked to stay alert as local transmission cases are on the rise; more clusters may be created in these places. Rapid Response Team has been deployed in Chellanam Panchayat in Ernakulam where 35 more positive cases were reported. Two doctors each in Kochi and Trivandrum have been tested positive. Meanwhile, a petition has been filed in the Kerala High Court, seeking to ban protests during the Covid-19 pandemic. 449 new cases reported yesterday of which 144 were contact cases and 18 were of unknown source. Active cases in the State are 4,028. 713 persons were admitted to the hospital yesterday, the highest till date.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry plans to enhance Covid-19 testing to 3,000 samples per lakh population as cases reach 1,531; as many as 63 fresh cases of Covid-19 were reported in the UT today. TN CM, CMO office employees test negative for Covid-19; recently, three Ministers out of 11 legislators and as well as a few employees in the CMO were tested positive. Coimbatore projected to touch 4,000 cases by August though the district crossed the 1K mark only on July 9; clusters, travellers reason for Coimbatore's case load. 4328 new cases & 66 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,42,798; Active cases: 48,196; Deaths: 2032; Active cases in Chennai: 16,601.
- Karnataka: Lockdown to come into effect from 8pm today in Bengaluru urban and Bengaluru rural districts. In Dakshin Kannada, Dharwad and Kalburgi districts lockdown will come into force from tomorrow. State has also banned all public celebration of festivals. Meanwhile state government warned private hospitals and medical college that criminal case will be filed for refusal of treatment to covid patients. BBMP has started real-time bed availability information system to help Covid patients. 2738 new cases & 73 deaths reported yesterday with 1315 cases from Bangalore city. Total positive cases: 41,518; Active cases: 24,572; Deaths: 757.
- Andhra Pradesh: State issued fresh guidelines for quarantine of people coming into the state from various parts of the country and abroad, advising strict home quarantine for 14 days. Karnataka and Telangana states categorised as high-risk. State has not opened inter-state borders yet for movement of persons; obtaining e-pass for entry into the state is still mandatory. AP DGP launched 'Operation Muskan COVID-19', which aims to eradicate child labour, paying special attention to control covid and save street children from virus infection. 1916 new cases, 952

discharges and 43 deaths reported during last 24 hours. Total cases: 33,019, Active cases: 15,144; Discharged: 17,467; Deaths: 408.

- **Telangana:** Telangana High Court tore into the state government for not doing mass testing for Covid-19 and summoned public health director Dr G SrinivasaRao to appear before it to explain. While Telangana, after much delay, has started rapid antigen testing, it is not following the ICMR protocol strictly. Though the ICMR has suggested that those who test negative in an antigen test, need to undergo a RT-PCR test, the government has decided to ask symptomatic people to go into isolation, instead of testing them again. Total cases reported till yesterday: 36,221; Active cases: 12, 178; Deaths: 365; Discharged : 23,679.

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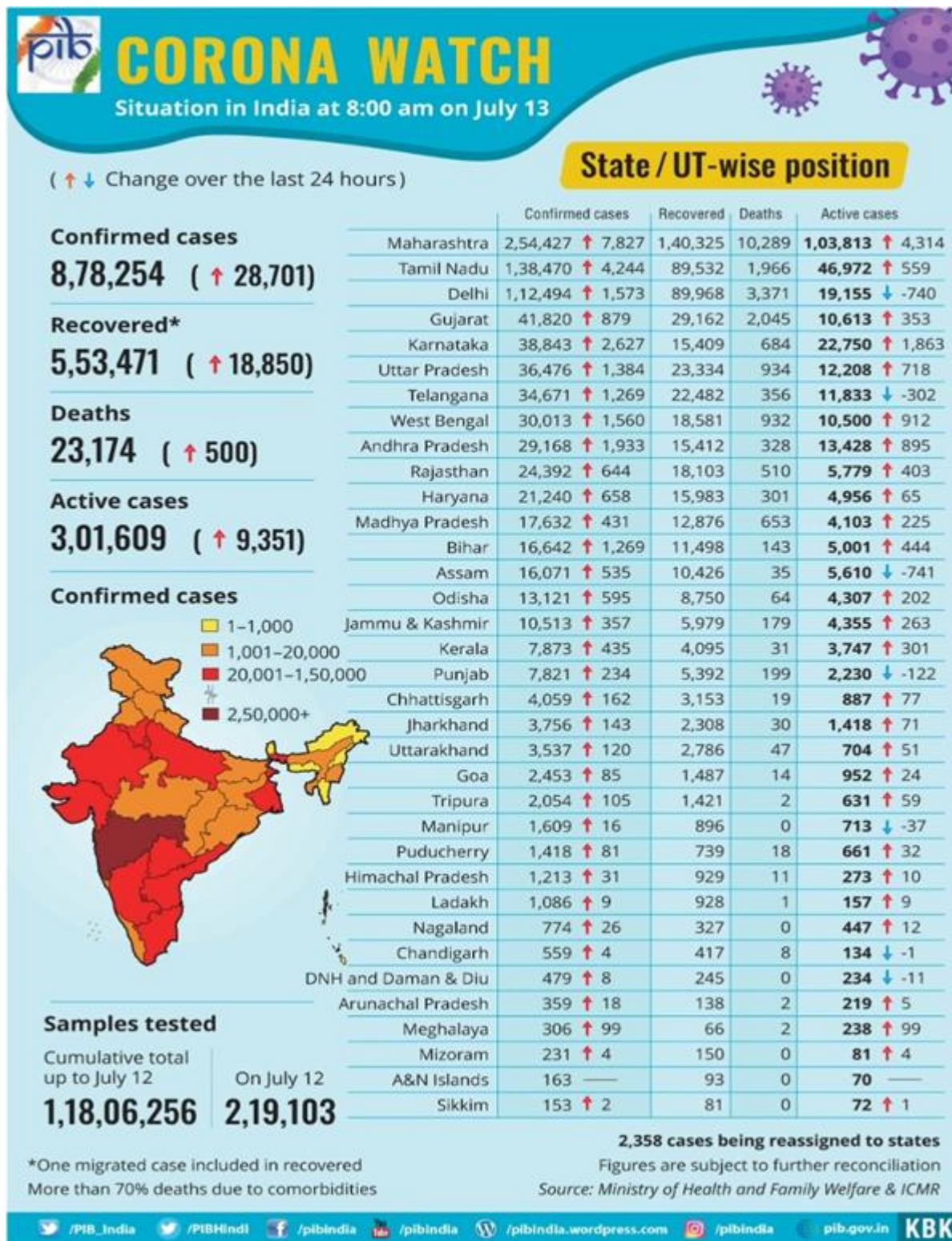
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- India has more than 5.5 lakh Recovered Cases, exceeding Active Cases by more than 2.5 lakhs.
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- 30 States have a lower Fatality Rate than the National average of 2.64%.
- Testing per Million is more than 8555.
- PM interacts with Google CEO Sundar Pichai; Google CEO appreciates PM's leadership in the battle against the pandemic in India.
- Department of Pharmaceuticals finalizing guidelines for selecting locations of three bulk drug parks and four medical devices parks

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The series of pro-active, pre-emptive and coordinated steps taken by the Centre and the State governments for containment and prevention of COVID-19 has contributed to a gradual surge in COVID-19 recovery. There has been recovery of 18,850 people in the last 24 hours, taking the total cumulative number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients to 5,53,470. The recovery rate has further improved to 63.02% today. 19 States have a recovery rate higher than the national average. There

are 3,01,609 active cases and they are all under medical supervision either in hospitals, COVID care centres or in home isolation. There are 2,51,861 more recovered cases than active cases. India's fatality rate has also dropped to 2.64% owing to the enhanced stress on clinical management of critical cases. 30 States have a fatality rate lower than the national average. During the last 24 hours, 2,19,103 samples were tested. The cumulative number of samples tested, as of now is 1,18,06,256. The testing per million is continuously growing. It is 8555.25 today.

For details:

[PM interacts with Google CEO Sundar Pichai; Google CEO appreciates PM's leadership in the battle against the pandemic in India](#)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Google CEO Shri Sundar Pichai via video conferencing earlier today. Shri Pichai briefed the Prime Minister about the efforts undertaken by Google to help spread awareness and provide reliable information about COVID-19. He said that the strong step of Lockdown initiated by the Prime Minister set up a very strong foundation of India's battle against the pandemic. Prime Minister appreciated the proactive role played by Google in battling misinformation and conveying information about necessary precautions. He also talked about further leveraging technology in providing healthcare services. Prime Minister was briefed about Google's plan to launch a large investment fund and develop strategic partnerships in India. Prime Minister remarked that India is amongst the most open economies in the world.

For details:

[Department of Pharmaceuticals is finalizing guidelines for selecting locations of three bulk drug parks and four medical devices parks: Shri Gowda](#)

Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilisers Shri DV Sadananda Gowda has said that Department of Pharmaceuticals is finalizing guidelines which will form basis for objectively selecting locations of upcoming three bulk drugs parks and four medical devices parks in the country. The scheme for promotion of bulk drug park is expected to result in incremental production of bulk drugs worth about Rs 46,400 crore, while scheme for promotion of medical device park will lead to incremental production of medical devices worth about Rs 68,437 crore. These schemes will also result in significant generation of jobs.

For details:

[Finance Commission holds meeting with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare](#)

The 15th Finance Commission today held a meeting with the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and senior officials of Health Ministry on the specific issues of Revising the State Specific proposals of the Ministry in light of the COVID-19 experience; Exploring the possibility of back loading in the light of fiscal strain; and Consideration of the suggestions of the High Level Group of the XVFC on health by the Ministry. Initiating the meeting the Chairman, XVFC, Shri N. K. Singh announced that looking at the peculiar state of the pandemic, the Commission has decided to have a separate Chapter on Health in its final Report. The Ministry in a detailed presentation to the Commission highlighted the National Health Policy (NHP) 2017 targets which include: Increase public health

expenditure to 2.5% of GDP, in a progressive manner, by 2025; Primary Health Expenditure to be 2/3rd of the total health expenditure; and Increase State sector health spending to more than 8% of their budget by 2020.

For details:

NITI Aayog presents India's second Voluntary National Review at UN's High-Level Political Forum,

NITI Aayog presented India's second Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, 2020. The HLPF is the foremost international platform for follow-up and review of progress on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, presented the VNR. In his opening remarks, Dr Rajiv Kumar expressed his solidarity with all the countries which were grappling with challenges brought about by the pandemic, while highlighting the key features of India's response to the pandemic under the Aatam Nirbhar Bharat campaign. In his statement the Vice Chairman said, "We should all obliterate all divisions and distinctions amongst us and come together to try and convert the prevailing situation into an opportunity for accelerating our progress towards achieving the SDG targets".

For details:

Commerce and Industry Minister addresses 184th AGM of Bombay Chamber of Commerce Industry.

Covid-19 has changed the world but Indian people, businesses and industries did not succumb to the crisis, and stood out with a unique trait of resilience and constantly evolving the new ways to deal with the situation and turning the crisis into opportunity, said Union Minister for Commerce and Industry & Railways, Piyush Goyal in New Delhi today. He added that before Covid and After Covid worlds will be different and we are preparing moving for the better post-covid world .

For details:

Indian Railways on MISSION MODE of becoming a "Green Railway" (Net Zero Carbon Emission) by 2030; 365 km major connectivity work has been commissioned even during COVID period

Ministry of Railways, with a goal of transforming Indian Railways into Green Railways by 2030 has taken a number of major initiatives towards mitigation of global warming and combating climate change. Railway Electrification, improving energy efficiency of locomotives & trains and fixed installations, green certification for installations/stations, fitting bio toilets in coaches and switching to renewable sources of energy are parts of its strategy of achieving net zero carbon emission. Indian Railways has completed electrification of more than 40,000 Route km (RKM) (63% of BG routes. 365 km major connectivity work has been commissioned during COVID period. Major connectivity commissioned during COVID period like Katni-Satna section (99 RKM) of Mumbai-Howrah via Allahabad route has been commissioned providing an alternate route to Howrah. Likewise, Pachore-Maksi (88 RKM) section on Indore - Guna-Bina route has also been commissioned providing an alternate route to Maksi-Bhopal-Bina.

For details:

3 Months Extension for Re import of Cut and Polished Diamonds

In view of COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Government has extended relief to gems and jewellery sector by relaxing the requirement of re-import of cut and polished diamonds, which have been sent abroad for certification and grading, by three months. This extension shall apply to all cut and polished diamonds that should have been re-imported between 1st Feb. 2020 to 31st July 2020 but which could not be brought back due to disruption on account of COVID-19 pandemic situation. The re-import in the extended period would be without payment of Basic Customs Duty (BCD) and IGST. This facility is available to exporters with average annual export turnover of Rs. 5 crore for the last three years.

For details

SER BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES PROVIDES FOOD AND RATION TO NEEDY PEOPLE IN & AROUND ITS STATIONS

South Eastern Railway (SER) Bharat Scouts & Guides played a crucial role in providing services to the needy community people during the lockdowns in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Ever since the lockdown was imposed, SER Bharat Scouts & Guides distributed 76,821 cooked and 3,16,084 dry ration packets comprising rice, pulses, spices, onions, potatoes, soya beans, garlic, edible oil etc. to the helpless and needy people in the vicinity of railway areas all over its jurisdiction. When people dared not to come outside their homes, the Rangers, Rovers and other young Scouts & Guides of SER assisted the downtrodden and poorer sections of the society. They also produced and distributed 25,876 face masks amongst the helpless and poor people to contain the spread of COVID-19.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: One more Covid death has been reported in the state, taking the death toll to 32; the deceased is a 71 year old male under treatment at Kottayam MC and his source of infection is yet to be known. One person under observation in Wayanad also died. His swab test report is awaited. Triple lockdown has come into force in the critical containment zones in the coastal areas from today till July 23. Fisheries Minister J. Mercykutty Amma said the government is considering to clamp lockdown in the entire coastal areas to contain the spread of the pandemic. Fisher folks would be permitted to venture into the sea for fishing. Meanwhile, as many as 2680 expatriates will arrive in Kochi in 13 flights under Vande Bharat mission. A total of 435 cases were reported yesterday of which 206 were infected through contact. 3,743 patients are still undergoing treatment.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry reports 50 new Covid-19 cases, tally rises to 1,468. Puducherry Health Minister seeks MLAs' involvement to test people in 'vulnerable' areas. TN's Vellore district tally crosses 3000, officials step up fever surveillance; so far 3131 cases and 25 deaths have been reported in the district. 72 police personnel re-join duty in Chennai after recovering from Covid-19. 4244 new cases & 68 deaths reported yesterday in TN. Total cases: 1,38,470; Active cases: 46,969; Deaths: 1966; Active cases in Chennai: 17,469.
- Karnataka: CM today conducted video conference with all DCs, CEOs and SPs on containing of Covid. In the meeting most of DCs expressed opinion to impose lockdown in the districts to control corona. Already Dharwad and Dakshin Kannada districts DCs announced one week lockdown starting from July 15. State government is planning more Covid Care Centers in hotels and apartment complexes. BBMP has decided to double down its efforts at contract tracing and enforcing home quarantine norms. 2627

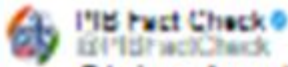
new cases & 71 deaths reported yesterday; 1525 cases in Bangalore city. Total positive cases: 38,843; Active cases: 22,746; Deaths: 684.

- Andhra Pradesh: State health and medical department has asked concerned district authorities to test corona suspects by using rapid antigen kits. Each district has been provided with 20K rapid antigen test kits. Following the death of a senior video journalist working in a Telugu news channel in Tirupati on Sunday due to Covid, the district I&PR department organised Covid testing to scribes today. With the rise in number of coronavirus cases traders in Gollapudi (Vijayawada) wholesale market, voluntarily implementing lockdown for a week from today. 1933 new cases and 19 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 29,168; Active cases: 13,428; Deaths: 328.
- Telangana: Analysis of the clinical trials registry at ICMR's National Institute of Medical Statistics reveals more number of clinical trials of Covid-19 drug in progress by AYUSH, leaving behind those in Allopathy in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Total cases reported till yesterday: 34,671; Active cases: 11,883; Deaths 356; Discharges: 22,482.
- Haryana: Haryana Chief Minister, while speaking during a webinar 'YuvaManthan with MukhyaMantri' - a professional talk on the theme of 'COVID-19 Challenges and Opportunities', has urged Youth of the state that they should not let the uncertainties arising due to COVID-19 Pandemic overpower their enthusiasm and the zeal in their lives. The Chief Minister said that in order to ensure that students studying in various institutions do not suffer academically during COVID-19, as many as 70 lakh students have been facilitated through online classes and distance education through television in the state.
- Maharashtra: 7,827 new patients have been identified as positive in Maharashtra in the past 24 hours. Total count of COVID19 patients in the state stands at 2,54,427. Out of this, a total 1,40,325 patients have been cured and discharged from the hospitals in the state till date. Total deaths in the state as on Sunday is 10,116 which is the highest compared to any other state. Total active cases are 91,457. Pune will be going into lockdown from midnight tonight till 23rd July. In Mumbai, 1,263 new patients have been identified taking the city's overall number to 92,720. Doubling rate of Mumbai is now 50 days and recovery rate is 70% both higher than the state average.
- Gujarat: The state has recorded 879 new cases of Covid19 during the last 24 hours and the total active cases as on Sunday is 10,613. The total death toll in the state up to 2045. Also, 513 patients have been discharged after recovery during the last 24 hours. With this, the total patients recovered from the Covid19 have gone up to 29,162. Ahmedabad's successful Dhanvanatari Raths initiative is being widely appreciated. These Raths have successfully conducted over five lakhs OPD consultations in Ahmedabad so far.
- Rajasthan: The COVID-19 tally of the state has gone up to 24,370, with the reporting of 95 new positive cases. There are 514 deaths so far (as of today morning 10:30 AM). A total of 10,54,080 samples have been collected for testing. 18,123 people have recovered so far whereas 17,754 people have been discharged. Total number of recoveries in the state is 17,238.
- Madhya Pradesh: 431 new cases reported in Madhya Pradesh on Sunday. This takes the state tally to 17,632. While the number of active cases is 4,103, total recoveries till date are 12,876. Maximum cases were reported on Sunday from Bhopal (95) cases, followed by Indore (84 cases), Jabalpur (24 cases) and Barwani (20 cases). Hotspot Indore's COVID-19 tally stands at 5260, while capital city Bhopal's tally so far is 3502 cases.
- Chhattisgarh: 150 new positive cases have been identified on Sunday, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 4081. The number of active cases is 909. With the discharge after recovery of 83 patients

on Sunday, the total recoveries stand at 3,153. Raipur reported 96 of the new cases.

- Goa: 85 new persons tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday. It takes the state tally of corona virus infections to 2453. Also, 2 deaths have been reported on Saturday. The death toll in the state has gone up to 14. This apart, 59 patients have recovered on the same day. This takes the count of recovered patients in Goa to 1487. As per the latest report, there are 952 active cases in the state.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Totally 31,520 samples collected for Covid-19 test in Arunachal Pradesh. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases stands at 219 in the state while results of 1657 samples are awaited. Police force deployed at various check points in Capital Complex of Itanagar to curtail unnecessary movement on the streets.
- Assam: The CM of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal announced three new schemes amounting to Rs. 25 Crore to check erosion activities in Rohmorla, Dibrugarh today.
- Manipur: State Bank of India's Regional Office at Imphal donated 350 PPE & 3 Ventilators to the CM at the CM's office in Manipur today.
- Nagaland: Kohima district administration demarcates some areas under upper AG colony as sealed zones following the detection of a COVID 19 positive person.
- Mizoram: Mizoram Board of School Education to announce HSSLC and HSLC (Compartmental) results tomorrow.
- Sikkim: District wise tabulation of Covid-19 positive cases in Sikkim are as follows: East district - 88; West District - 22; South district 42; North District - 2 ; Total number of positive cases in the State stands at 153 .

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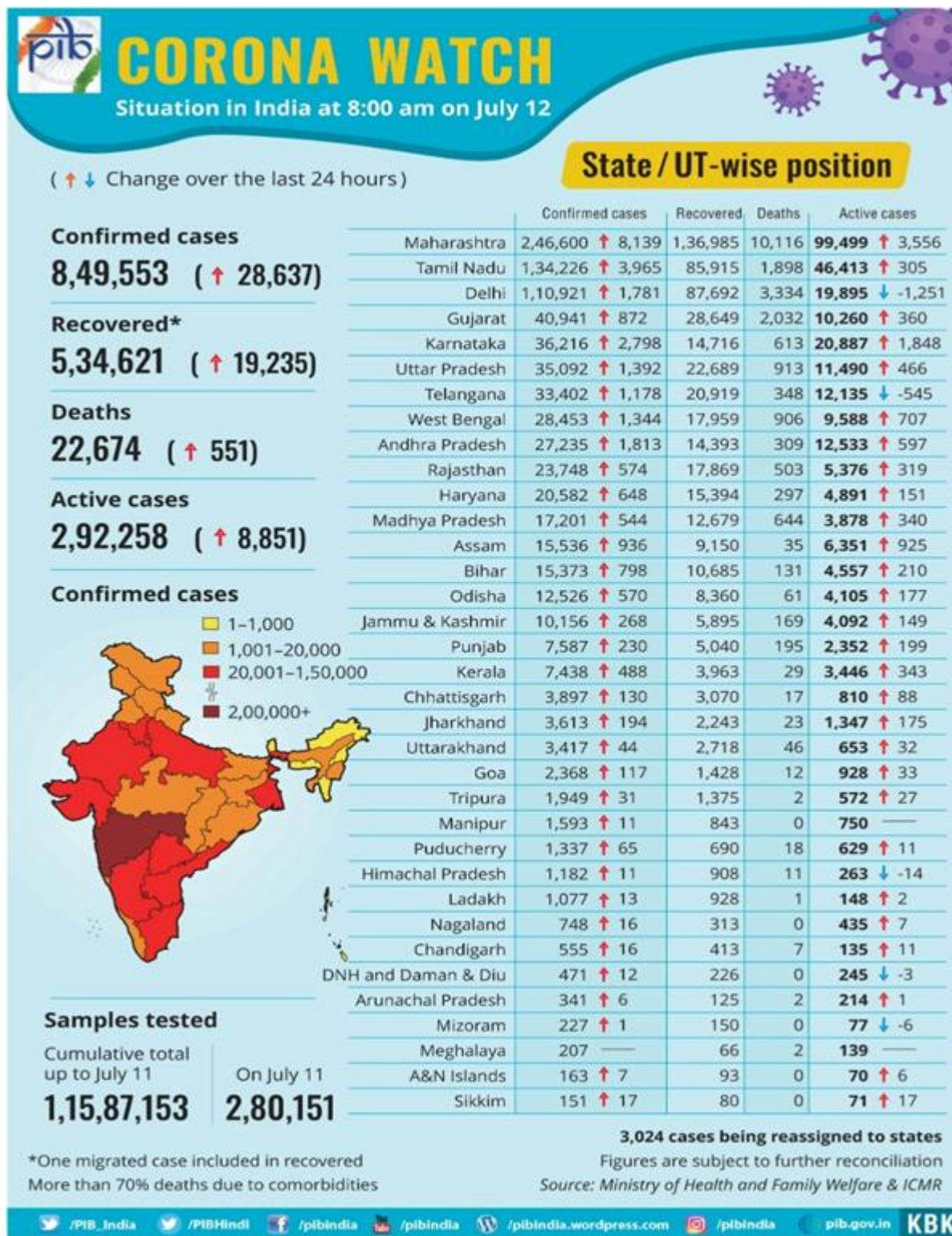
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- More than 5.3 lakh patients have recovered from COVID-19; 2.4 lakh more Recovered Cases than Active Cases; Over 19000 people recovered in the last 24 hours
- Recovery rate has presently improved to 62.93%
- Active cases number 2.9 lakh.
- Testing per million reaches 8396.4; About 1.16 Crore samples tested so far.
- Finance Minister Smt. NirmalaSitharaman reviews implementation of AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package pertaining to her Ministries- More than Rs 1.2 Lakh crore worth loans sanctioned for businesses including MSMEs under the ECLGS Fund





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: More than 5.3 lakh recover from COVID-19; active cases at 2.9 lakh; 2.4 lakh more Recovered Cases than Active Cases; More than 19000 people recovered in the last 24 hours; Testing per million reaches 8396.4

In the last 24 hours, a total of 19,235 were cured of COVID-19. This has resulted in the cumulative total number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients rising to 5,34,620 today. The recovery rate has presently improved to 62.93%. As more people are recovering due to all-round efforts, the recovered cases exceed active cases by 2,42,362. Medical attention is being provided to all the 2,92,258 active cases. During the last 24 hours 2,80,151 samples have been tested. The cumulative number of samples

tested, as of now is 1,15,87,153. As a result of these efforts, the testing per million for India is presently 8396.4. Country-wide diagnostic lab network has been expanded to comprise 850 labs in the government sector and 344 private labs (total of 1194 labs).

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan Visits Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre & Hospital at Chhattarpur, Delhi

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, visited the Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre (SPCCC) at Chhattarpur, New Delhi here today and reviewed the status of COVID-19 management at the Centre. A 10,200-bedded “Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre” has been developed at RadhaSoamiSatsang Beas (RSSB) in Chhattarpur, Delhi as part of coordinated efforts of the Centre and Delhi Government to bolster the containment measures. The Minister was informed that out of 10200 beds which are ready at SPCCC, right now 2000 are in use. There are 88 enclosures each with 100-116 beds capacity with two enclosures supervised by 1 Nursing Station. As on date, SPCCC is ready with 20 Enclosures and 10 Nursing Stations. 10% of the beds comprise the Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) with oxygen support. As on date, 123 patients are admitted out of which 5 patients with co-morbidities have been shifted to hospitals for tertiary care.

For details:

AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package – Progress So Far

Special economic and comprehensive package of Rs. 20 lakh crores - equivalent to 10% of India's GDP – to fight COVID-19 pandemic in India was announced by the Prime Minister on 12th May. Following the call of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. NirmalaSitharaman laid down the details of the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package in a string of press conferences from 13th May to 17th May 2020. The Ministries of Finance & Corporate Affairs have immediately started implementation of the announcements related to the Economic Package under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan. Regular reviews and monitoring of the implementation of economic package is being overseen by the Finance Minister personally. In the latest review taken by the Finance Minister Smt NirmalaSitharaman the substantive progress has been reported.

For details:

Vice President urges people to introspect if right lessons were learned from life in corona times

Seeking to engage with the people on the causes and consequences of COVID-19 pandemic, Shri Naidu posted on Facebook today, “Musings of Life in Corona Times”. Writing in a conversational format, he posed 10 questions, the answers to which would help in assessing the lessons learned and the transformation brought about by the demands of life in confinement over the last four months. This 10-point matrix, Shri Naidu said would also help in knowing if the people have equipped themselves with

necessary understanding so as to help prevent recurrence of such adversities in future. The Vice President stressed that the pandemic needs to be looked at not only as a disaster but also as a 'corrector' for making necessary changes in the perspectives and practices of living, so as to live in harmony with the nature and culture and the attendant guiding principles and ethos

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal addresses the valedictory session of FICCI Frames

The Minister said that the Indian Film and Advertising Industries have the potential and talent to be global players. They can churn out quality products, win awards, and invite more investment and capital in the industry. He called upon the industry to grow beyond the national boundaries. Shri Goyal lauded the role of the Indian Cinema for its contribution in fight against Covid, and playing an important role in spreading the awareness about various health precautions. Shri Goyal said that Covid is a crisis before us, and like many others in the past, it will also pass by. He said that let us prepare ourselves for the opportunities in the post-Covid world, which is going to see new ways of working and living. For staying ahead of the curve, out-of-the-box thinking is necessary, there has to be continuous innovation. He said that adequate precaution is necessary but fear is not going to take us further.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan emphasises Family Planning as a human rights issue on World Population Day

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare chaired the virtual meeting on the occasion of World Population Day, yesterday. Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "Commemorating World Population Day is important as it emphasizes the importance of population stabilisation and its vital role in the future of the masses and their health." It is even more critical now to recognise the importance of providing reproductive health services due to the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic, he added.

For details:

Come, Innovate in India, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan appeals to Indian students from across the globe

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has appealed to the Indian students from various top global universities to come and innovate in India, to explore the emerging opportunities. He was interacting with a vibrant group of young overseas Indian scholars, students and friends, yesterday on last-mile energy access in India. On the current pandemic, Shri Pradhan said, "We are in the midst of an outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic that challenges the fundamental assumptions of our lives. While the immediate economic impact may slow us down, we are presented with an opportunity to pause, rethink, and redesign."

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

- Punjab: The Punjab Chief Minister has written to the Prime Minister seeking permission to let the State Government adhere to its July 3 decision of cancellation of university/college examinations in view of the exponentially rising Covid cases in the state. The Chief Minister has urged the Prime Minister to advise the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD) and the University Grants Commission (UGC) to reconsider its decision on mandatory conduct of final term exams by September.
- Himachal Pradesh: After allowing the entry of tourists to visit Himachal Pradesh, the Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation has issued the standard operating procedure for opening of tourism units in the State. The tourists who wish to visit Himachal Pradesh have to adhere to the guidelines issued by the state government. They have to register themselves on “Covid-19 e-pass.hp.gov.in” web portal 48 hours before visiting Himachal under tourist category. The tourists have to carry COVID test certificate (RTPCR) issued by ICMR certified laboratory with a negative report and this should not be more than 72 hours old. In addition, the tourists must have downloaded AarogyaSetu App on their mobiles.
- Kerala: An Idukki native woman, who was suffering from Covid-19 died at a private hospital in Ernakulam this morning. Health department has urged the people not to believe the propaganda against the Antigen test. 488 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the state yesterday. 234 of these were through contact. Presently, 3,442 patients are undergoing treatment and 1.82 lakh 1,82,050 people under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu:Puducherry reports 81 new Covid-19 cases, total count rises to 1,418; presently 661 persons are undergoing treatment. TN Government issues SOP for textbook distribution to students across State. CM urged the Centre to give States the freedom to work out their “own assessment methods” for the final semester exams. Madurai lockdown extended by two days until July 14; after that lockdown regulations that were in force until June 24, will come into effect till end of July. 3965 new cases & 69 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,34,226; Active cases: 46,410; Deaths: 1898; Active cases in Chennai: 17,989.
- Karnataka: Sunday lockdown being enforced all over the state today. State government decides to enforce lockdown in Bangalore Urban and Bangalore Rural districts from July 14 to July 22; guidelines to be issued tomorrow. State health department has justified purchase of PPE kits, Sanitizers and IV fluids at costs higher than the current market rates, saying the prices are ‘dynamic’ during pandemic. Karnataka Tourism Minister CT Ravi tests positive for Covid-19. 2798 new cases, & 70 deaths reported yesterday; 1533 cases in Bangalore city. Total cases: 36,216; Active cases: 20,883; Deaths: 613.
- Andhra Pradesh: A total of 91 TTD personnel were diagnosed Covid-19 positive among the 1704 tests conducted at Alipiri and 1,865 at Tirumala. State identifies 97 areas as Red Zones, which have reported the highest number of positive cases. The government has instructed the authorities to implement the guidelines issued by the Central government from July 20. State has revealed that colleges are likely to start from August 3, with a total of 196 working days; 30 per cent reduction in CBSE-style curriculum in 2020-21 academic calendar. 1933 new cases, 846

discharged and 19 deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 17,624 samples. Total cases: 29,168; Active cases: 13,428; Deaths: 328; Discharged: 15,412.

- Telangana: Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on Sunday visited the designated Covid-19 Gandhi Hospital and took stock of the ground situation, assuring doctors and others of the Centre's support in the fight against the pandemic. State launches Home Isolation Kits as nearly 83 per cent of Covid-19 patients in the State are either asymptomatic or mild and are under home isolation. Total cases reported till yesterday: 33,402; Active cases: 12,135; Deaths 348; Discharges: 20,919.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Detailed guidelines for Itanagar Capital Complex lockdown till 20th July issued in Arunachal Pradesh. No movement of vehicles and opening of commercial establishments allowed except for identified essential services. All religious establishments closed and no permission will be given for any religious congregation till 20th July in Itanagar Capital Complex.
- Assam: 3 COVID-19 patients admitted in GMCH COVID ICU succumbed to their infections today.
- Manipur: 100 bedded COVID Care Centre inaugurated at Thoubal, Manipur. The Centre will cater to the immediate COVID care requirement in the district.
- Meghalaya: In Meghalaya, total number of COVID-19 active cases reached to 248, including 178 from BSF, while 45 have recovered so far.
- Mizoram: Governor of Mizoram donated Rs.1,05,000/- (30% of his June, 2020 salary) to the CM Relief Fund.
- Maharashtra: For the last 25 days, the toll due to Covid-19 in Maharashtra has been rising by 1,000 deaths every fifth day. Casualties in the state, at 10,116 are now ahead of many countries. 8,139 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours taking the state tally 2,46,600. The number of active cases is 91,457. Meanwhile, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's Dharavi containment strategy has come in for praise by the World Health Organization - WHO.
- Gujarat: The state reached 10,000-plus active cases of Covid-19 with 10,308 on Saturday evening, when 872 new cases were added taking the total number of reported cases to 41,027. Gujarat now has 25% of the total cases as active cases – taking treatment either at hospital setting or at their homes. Share of discharged and deceased patients is now at 70% and 5% respectively.
- Rajasthan: 153 COVID-19 cases reported in Rajasthan today. Total number of cases in the state is now at 23,901, including 5,492 active cases and 507 deaths, says state Health Department. Maximum number of new cases, that is, 42 is from Alwar District.
- Madhya Pradesh: 544 new cases reported in the highest single day spike of COVID-19 cases in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. This takes the state tally of above 17,000 mark. The total cases are now 17,201. While the number of active cases is 3878, total recoveries till date is 12,679. Maximum cases were reported on Saturday from Morena (101) cases, followed by Indore (89 cases), Bhopal (72 cases) and Gwalior (58 cases)
- Chhattisgarh: 65 new positive cases have been identified which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 3,897. The number of active cases is 810.
- Goa: 117 new persons tested positive for COVID-19 taking the state tally of corona virus infections to 2,368. The mortality count in the state is 12, while the number of active cases stands at 928.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India

**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)**

Help us to help you

**There is enough of everything, everyday for everyone
Don't Panic | Don't Rush | Don't Overstock**

Maintain at least 1 metre distance in market places, medical stores, hospitals, etc.

Have patience and keep calm while shopping for essential goods/medical supplies

Avoid frequent trips to the market to buy groceries/medical supplies

Avoid shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting

Avoid non-essential social gatherings at home

Don't allow visitors at home or visit someone else's home

Observe social distancing at all times
If you have symptoms like cough, fever or difficulty in breathing, avoid any kind of exposure and immediately call the helpline numbers

Together we will fight COVID-19

For information related to COVID-19
Call Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's 24x7 Control Room Number 3075 (Toll free) | 011-23978046, Email at ncov2019@gov.in, ncov2019@gmail.com

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 11 JUL 2020 6:28PM 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).

- Prime Minister today reviewed the Covid 19 situation in the country.
- 5,15,385 COVID-19 patients have so far been cured, including 19,870 in last 24 hours.
- Recovered cases outnumber the COVID-19 active cases by 2,31,978; the recovery rate has further improved to 62.78%.
- There are 2,83,407 active cases.
- Restricted Emergency use to Itolizumab for moderate to severe COVID-19 patients permitted.
- White paper on 'Focused Interventions for 'Make in India': Post COVID 19' by TIFAC released.

COVID-19 INDIA

as on: 11 July 2020, 08:00 IST
(GMT+5:30)**283407**

Active Cases

**515385**

Cured / Discharged

**22123**

Deaths

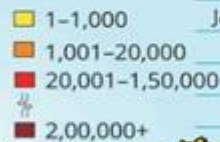
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**CORONA WATCH**

Situation in India at 8:00 am on July 11

(↑ ↓ Change over the last 24 hours)

State / UT-wise position**Confirmed cases****8,20,916** (↑ 27,114)**Recovered*****5,15,386** (↑ 19,870)**Deaths****22,123** (↑ 519)**Active cases****2,83,407** (↑ 6,725)**Confirmed cases****Samples tested**Cumulative total
up to July 10**1,13,07,002**

On July 10

2,82,511

	Confirmed cases	Recovered	Deaths	Active cases
Maharashtra	2,38,461 ↑ 7,862	1,32,625	9,893	95,943 ↑ 2,270
Tamil Nadu	1,30,261 ↑ 3,680	82,324	1,829	46,108 ↓ -547
Delhi	1,09,140 ↑ 2,089	84,694	3,300	21,146 ↓ -421
Gujarat	40,069 ↑ 875	28,147	2,022	9,900 ↑ 432
Uttar Pradesh	33,700 ↑ 1,338	21,787	889	11,024 ↑ 651
Karnataka	33,418 ↑ 2,313	13,836	543	19,039 ↑ 1,253
Telangana	32,224 ↑ 1,278	19,205	339	12,680 ↑ 257
West Bengal	27,109 ↑ 1,198	17,348	880	8,881 ↑ 650
Andhra Pradesh	25,422 ↑ 1,608	13,194	292	11,936 ↑ 553
Rajasthan	23,174 ↑ 611	17,620	497	5,057 ↑ 55
Haryana	19,934 ↑ 565	14,904	290	4,740 ↑ 168
Madhya Pradesh	16,657 ↑ 316	12,481	638	3,538 ↑ 63
Assam	14,600 ↑ 568	9,147	27	5,426 ↑ 145
Bihar	14,575 ↑ 631	10,109	119	4,347 ↑ 334
Odisha	11,956 ↑ 755	7,972	56	3,928 ↑ 186
Jammu & Kashmir	9,888 ↑ 387	5,786	159	3,943 ↑ 291
Punjab	7,357 ↑ 217	5,017	187	2,153 ↑ 141
Kerala	6,950 ↑ 416	3,820	27	3,103 ↑ 304
Chhattisgarh	3,767 ↑ 92	3,028	17	722 ↓ -35
Jharkhand	3,419 ↑ 173	2,224	23	1,172 ↑ 157
Uttarakhand	3,373 ↑ 68	2,706	46	621 ↑ 34
Goa	2,251 ↑ 100	1,347	9	895 ↑ 26
Tripura	1,918 ↑ 142	1,372	1	545 ↑ 108
Manipur	1,582 ↑ 132	832	0	750 ↑ 99
Puducherry	1,272 ↑ 121	637	17	618 ↑ 65
Himachal Pradesh	1,171 ↑ 31	883	11	277 ↓ -6
Ladakh	1,064 ↑ 9	917	1	146 ↑ 7
Nagaland	732 ↑ 59	304	0	428 ↑ 59
Chandigarh	539 ↑ 16	408	7	124 ↑ 11
DNH and Daman & Diu	459 ↑ 48	211	0	248 ↑ 26
Arunachal Pradesh	335 ↑ 33	120	2	213 ↑ 33
Mizoram	226 ↑ 29	143	0	83 ↑ 19
Meghalaya	207 ↑ 94	66	2	139 ↑ 94
A&N Islands	156 ↑ 5	92	0	64 ↓ -4
Sikkim	134 —	80	0	54 ↓ -8

3,416 cases being reassigned to states

Figures are subject to further reconciliation

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & ICMR



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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare:Recovered cases nearly 5 lakhs; outnumber active cases by more than 2.31 lakhs; Recovery Rate nearly 63%

The cumulative total number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients has crossed the 5 lakh mark today. 5,15,385 COVID-19 patients have so far been cured and discharged. The recovered cases outnumber the COVID-19 active cases by 2,31,978. With this progressively widening gap, the recovery rate has further improved to 62.78%. During the last 24 hours, 19,870 COVID-19 patients have been cured and discharged. There are 2,83,407 active cases and all are under medical supervision either in the central and state government hospitals for severe cases, and in home isolation for pre-symptomatic patients and those showing moderate symptoms. So far, 1,13,07,002 samples have been tested through the collective public and private labs under ICMR's diagnostic network of 1180 labs in the country.

For details:

PM chaired review meeting on Covid-19 pandemic preparations

Prime Minister today reviewed the Covid 19 situation in the country. The review meeting was attended among others, by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Member, NITI Aayog, Cabinet Secretary and other senior officials of Government of India. The Prime Minister directed that we must reiterate the need to observe personal hygiene and social discipline in public places. The awareness about Covid should be disseminated widely and a continuous emphasis on preventing spread of the infection should be laid. Prime Minister also directed that real time national level monitoring and guidance should be provided to all affected States and places with high test positivity rate.

For details:

DCGI gives Nod for Restricted Emergency use to Itolizumab for moderate to severe COVID-19 patients

Itolizumab (rDNA origin), a monoclonal antibody which was already approved for severe chronic plaque psoriasis, has now been granted Restricted Emergency Use authorisation by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) based on clinical trials data. M/s Biocon has been manufacturing and marketing this drug for the treatment of patients with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis under brand name Alzumab. This indigenous drug has now been repurposed for COVID-19. M/s Biocon has presented the Phase II clinical trial results generated in COVID-19 patients to DCGI. DCGI has decided to grant permission to market the drug under Restricted Emergency Use of the drug for the treatment of Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) in moderate to severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) patients due to COVID-19

For details:

Standard of care for Clinical Management Strategy for COVID-19

The approach for treatment of COVID-19 is largely based on asymptomatic and supportive care, since there is no cure as yet. Maintaining good hydration is also essential. Based on severity of symptoms, COVID-19 can be categorised into 3 groups: mild, moderate and severe. In a Video Conference with States on 10.07.2020 and a virtual meeting on “COVID Case Management by State / UT Centres of Excellence”, ICMR and AIIMS, New Delhi emphasised the theme that in the absence of a cure, the standard of care treatment for mild, moderate and severe cases as described in the Clinical Management Protocol of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), would be most effective. All the ‘investigational therapies’ are required to be carried out only in proper health care facilities where close monitoring of patients is possible so that potential complications can be managed.

For details:

Pulses sowing area more than 2.5 times in comparison to last year under kharif crops; area under oilseeds also considerably higher; Rice, coarse cereals and cotton sowing also more

The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India is taking several measures to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level during COVID 19 pandemic. There has been satisfactory progress of sowing area coverage under Kharif crops.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan releases White paper on ‘Focused Interventions for ‘Make in India’: Post COVID 19’ by TIFAC

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Health and Family Welfare and Earth Sciences released a white paper on “**Focused Interventions for ‘Make in India’: Post COVID 19**” and “**Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients: Status, Issues, Technology Readiness and Challenges**”, prepared by *Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)*. It captures sector-specific strengths, market trends, and opportunities in five sectors, critical from the country’s perspective, includes healthcare, machinery, ICT, agriculture, manufacturing, and electronics with reference to supply and demand, self-sufficiency and mass-scale production capacity. It has identified policy options primarily in the areas of Public health system, MSME sector, Global relations: FDI, recalibrated trade alignments, new-age technologies, etc. The recommendations are directed towards giving immediate technology and policy impetus to make India “ATMANIRBHAR”. Based on the linkages and interdependencies between the outputs of different sectors, output multiplier and income multiplier for various sectors have been presented in the paper.

For details:

Vice President calls for the adoption of Green and Sustainable Architecture

Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today called upon the architects of the country to adopt and promote Green Architecture. He said that the use of renewable energy sources such as solar energy should be promoted in the upcoming building projects. Expressing concern over the impact of COVID-19

pandemic on the health and livelihoods of people, the Vice President said that the construction sector was severely affected due to massive decline in on-site works and called upon the architects and designers to answer the challenge posed by the pandemic. “Architects need to explore new ideas and create a dialogue across design boundaries to help find solutions that can address the pandemic and its aftermath”, he added.

For details:

To combat Covid -19 , RCF comes out with a new product : Hand Cleansing IsoPropyl Alcohol based Gel

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab:Punjab Government has decided to cancel the pending examinations of class XII, open school and several other categories including reappear and golden chance students. The decision has been taken in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now the result will be declared on the basis of best performing subjects as examinations of some subjects have already been taken by the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) before the outbreak.
- Haryana: The Chief Minister, while addressing a press conference, said that the activities which were disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic have now slowly come back on track. Several steps have been taken by the State Government to deal with COVID-19. During Unlock-2, all activities have picked up speed. He said that about Rs 3,000 crore have been spent so far by the State Government during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Kerala:A quick response team has been formed in Poonthura, the new epicenter of local spread of Covid-19 case, comprising Revenue, Police and Health department officials, as part of strengthening the disease prevention activities. IMA has reiterated that there is Covid-19 community transmission in the state and the increase in the number of asymptomatic Covid patients is a concern. Meanwhile, a native of Ernakulam, who died of cardiac arrest on Friday, tested positive for COVID-19. Eight persons including a gynaecologist have been tested positive at CherthalaTaluk hospital. 416 new positive cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the state yesterday of which 204 were of local transmission. 1,84,112 people are under surveillance in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Covid-19 tally rises to 1337 in Puducherry with 64 fresh cases; one more death reported taking the toll to 18. Tamil Nadu CM asks Centre to give states freedom to work out assessment methods for students as it would not be feasible to conduct online examinations considering the digital access issues. CM urges Centre to repatriate remaining 40 fishermen from Iran who were left behind due to lack of space in the ship while 681 other fishermen were taken home.3680 new cases, 4163 recoveries & 64 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,30,261 Active cases: 46,105 Deaths: 1829. Active cases in Chennai: 18,616.
- Karnataka: Grappling with a sharp increase of Covid19 cases in Bangalore the state government from today started rapid antigen tests in city, which will give result in 30 minutes and with this it is

expected to ramp up testing. High Court said that state government needs to examine setting up of a real time digital information system on availability of beds for Covid patients. Revenue Minister says no need to implement weekend lockdown, after consulting with experts government will take decision. Meanwhile state death toll crossed 500 mark. 2313 new cases, 1003 discharges & 57 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 33,418 Active cases: 19,035 Deaths: 543.

- Andhra Pradesh: State identifies 76 Covid Care Centres with bed strength of 45,240 in all the 13 districts ensuring availability of at least 3,000 beds in each district to take care of asymptomatic and mild cases. Rs one crore has been sanctioned for taking up improvement of hospital premises especially toilet facilities, medical equipment viz., mobile X-Ray, ECG and other lab equipment for continuous monitoring of vitals of the patients. Nellore DC appointed RDO as Special Officer to conduct an inquiry into the burial of three bodies of Covid-19 victims in an inhuman manner using earthmover. 1608 new cases and 15 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 25,422 Active cases: 11,936 Deaths: 292.
- Telangana: State government appoints an 11-member medical team to monitor Covid-19 management in the state. A new team comprising of top doctors will work under the supervision of the Director of Medical Education and submit regular reports. Total cases reported till yesterday: 32,224 Active cases: 12,680 Deaths: 339 Discharges: 19,205.
- Assam: Taking note of the problem faced by the weaker sections due to lockdown, CM of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has directed Chief Secretary to provide food to the destitute, daily wage earners and poorer sections of the society.
- Manipur: Guidelines issued for staggered opening of shops at Thangal Keithel, Manipur.
- Meghalaya: 76 more individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Meghalaya today. The total active cases stands at 215 in the state while 45 have recovered so far.
- Mizoram: Seven recovered Covid-19 patients discharged in Mizoram today. The total active cases stands at 76 in the state while 150 have recovered so far.
- Nagaland: High Powered Committee on COVID-19 in Nagaland directs Health Department to expedite the process for recruitment of additional doctors and nurses for strengthening the health care system across the State.
- Sikkim: STNM Hospital Head of Department (Medicine), Sikkim informed that the oldest patient (65 years) and youngest patient (2 years) were treated successfully in the designated Covid-19 centre at STNM hospital.
- Maharashtra: A new high of 7,862 new patients have been identified as positive in Maharashtra taking the state tally of total Covid 19 cases to 2,38,461. The total count of recovered patients is 1,32,625 in the state. Presently there are 95,647 active patients, as per the latest update. While the number of reported cases in Mumbai has stabilized, a steady rise is seen in number of Covid-19 patients in cities like Pune, Thane, Kalyan and Mira- Bhayandar.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the tally of COVID-19 has crossed 40 thousand mark. It now stands at 40,155, with the report of 875 new cases detected in the last 24 hours. 14 patients have lost their lives taking the total death toll due to Covid-19 in the state up to 2,024. The maximum 202 cases reported from Surat city while Ahmedabad reported 165 new cases.
- Rajasthan: The state tally of COVID-19 has gone up to 23,344 with the reporting of 170 new positive patients and 2 deaths this morning. Alwar district reported 40 of today's new cases, followed by Jaipur- 33 cases and Udaipur- 31 cases. There are 5211 active cases at present. The number of recoveries in the state has gone up to 17,634 and the death toll stands at 499.

- Madhya Pradesh: With the report of 316 new positive patients, the total count of COVID-19 cases has reached 16,657 in M.P. Gwalior reported the highest number of 60 cases, followed by 57 in Bhopal and 44 in Indore. However, the number of active cases in M.P. presently is 3538, while number of recoveries has touched 12,481. Meanwhile, survey work of 66% population has been completed under the state government's 'Kill Corona campaign'.
- Chhattisgarh: 166 COVID-19 positive patients have been identified on Friday, which takes the tally of coronavirus positive patients to 3,832. Both Raipur and Balodabazar districts reported maximum patients count of 34 each in a single day. The number of active cases is 787.
- Goa: 100 new persons have tested positive for COVID-19 on Friday, which takes the total count of coronavirus infections in the state to 2,251. The count of recovered patients is 1347 and number of active cases is 895.

FACTCHECK

No official Notifications like this has been issued by Ministry of Home Affairs on #Coronavirus

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North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 12 June 2020

NOTICE

Sub: Constitution of Covid-19 Monitoring Committee

Pursuant to the official orders received dated: Monday, 18 May 2020 of the Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs passed in the approval of Special Status Advisory Committee for Covid-19, a Covid-19 Monitoring Committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs vide order of even number dated: Friday, 12 June 2020 and No: 12/00/2020/06/MHA-II dated: Friday, 12 June 2020 for monitoring and redressed of issues/grievances relating to implementation of SOP's/modification and changes of SOP's as with factual voting and final approval by the Chairman of the Committee in different parts of the country. The composition of the Committee is as follows:

SL.No:	Name	Designation
1	Sh. Nripendra Mishra, IAS	Chairman
2	Smt. Kavita Padmanabhan, IAS	Principal Advisor
3	Sh. Sanjay R Bhavsar, IAS	Finance Advisor
4	Sh. Ambuj Sharma, IAS	Planning Advisor
5	Sh. Abhishek M Chaudhari, IAS	Publicity Advisor
6	Sh. Barun Mitra, IAS	Legal Advisor
7	Smt. Usha Padhee, IAS	Spokesperson
8	Sh. Aniket Dey, (Nominated)	Strategy Advisor
9	Sh. Vinay Kumar Jain	Public Relations
10	Smt. Akali Konghay,	Media Advisor
11	Smt. Gopal Pillai (Rtd IAS)	Funds Advisor
12	Shri. Asholi Chalai,	Movement Advisor
13	Shri. Siddharth Kishore Dev, IAS	Drafting Advisor
14	Shri. Shiva Mudigere	Member
15	Sh. Syed Mateen	Member
16	Smt. Roshni Bhalla	Member



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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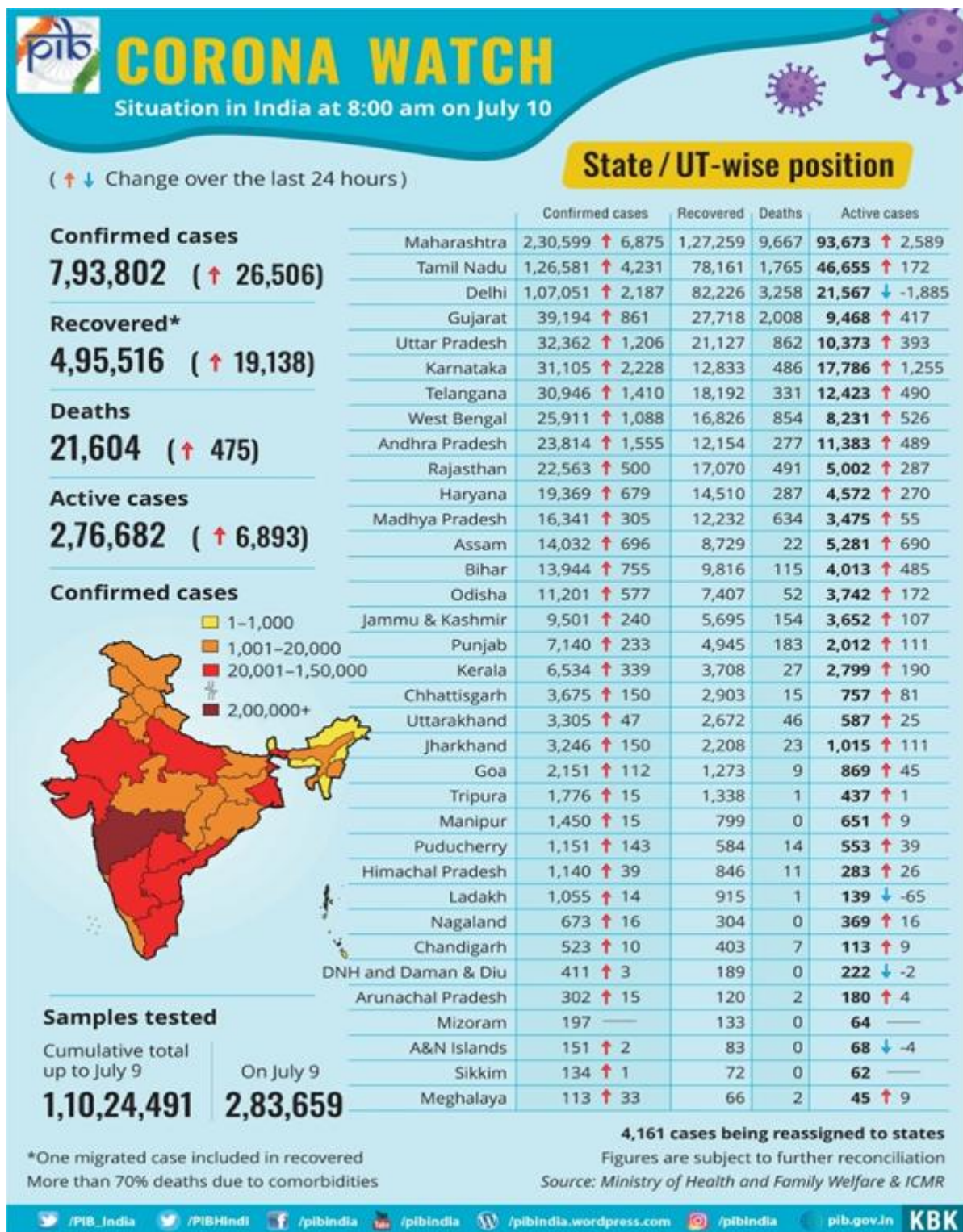
PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- Recovery Rate further climbs up to 62.42%; 18 States/UTs have Recovery Rate more than National average
- Fatality Rate declines further to 2.72%; 30 States/UTs have Fatality Rate lower than the National average
- There are 2,76,882 active cases at present.
- Prime Minister says that for the Government or the society, compassion and vigilance are the greatest motivators to tackle this difficult challenge.
- More than 41 thousand Ayushman Bharat- Health & Wellness Centres provide Universal and Comprehensive Primary Health Care especially during COVID-19

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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Recovery Rate further climbs up to 62.42%; 18 States/UTs have Recovery Rate more than National average; Fatality Rate declines further to 2.72%

The trend of progressive increase in the number of recovered COVID-19 patients continues. The last 24 hours saw a total of 19,138 COVID-19 patients get cured, taking the cumulative figure of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients to 4,95,515. Consequently, the national recovery rate is 62.42% today. There are 2,76,882 active cases and all are under medical supervision. As of today, we have 1218 Dedicated COVID Hospitals, 2705 Dedicated COVID Healthcare Centres and 10,301 COVID Care Centres. There are as many as 18 States/UTs with Recovery Rate more than the national average. At the national level, the Case Fatality Rate has declined to 2.72%. This is lower than the Fatality Rates observed in many other countries in the world. There are 30 States/UTs which have a fatality rate lower than the national average. Acute focus on ensuring the nationwide implementation of Test, Track and Treat strategy has led to 1,10,24,491 samples tested for COVID-19 identification. The tests/day also continue to depict an upward trend- during the last 24 hours 2,83,659 samples have been tested. The testing lab network in the country is further strengthened with 835 labs in the government sector and 334 private labs. There are as many as 1169 labs in the country.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637718>

More than 41 thousand Ayushman Bharat- Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) provide Universal and Comprehensive Primary Health Care especially during COVID-19

Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) form the primary pillar of Ayushman Bharat envisaging to provisioning of universal and comprehensive primary health care through transformation of 1,50,000 Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres into HWCs by 2022. There are numerous examples of the extraordinary contribution being made by the AB-HWCs in the fight against COVID-19. As a testimony of the foundational work in the communities they serve, 8.8 crore footfalls have been recorded at the HWCs in the five months since February 1st of this year. Apart from this, in the last five months, 1.41 crore individuals were screened at the HWCs for hypertension, 1.13 crore for diabetes and 1.34 crore for oral, breast or cervical cancer. Medicines were dispensed at the HWCs to about 5.62 lakh patients of hypertension and 3.77 lakh diabetes patients during the month of June alone, despite the challenges posed by COVID-19. As many as 6.53 lakh yoga and wellness sessions have also been organised at the HWCs in the period since the COVID-19 outbreak. From January to June, 2020, additional 12,425 HWCs were operationalized, increasing the number of HWCs from 29,365 to 41,790.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1637694>

PM Shri Narendra Modi dedicated Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power project to the Nation

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the Nation the Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power project to the Nation via video conference today. It is Asia's largest power project. Speaking on the occasion the Prime Minister said the Rewa project will make the entire region a major hub for pure and clean energy in this decade. He said in all the programs of the government, priority is being given to environmental protection as well as Ease of Living. He referred to programmes like Swachh Bharat, supply of LPG cylinders to the poor households, the development of CNG networks as one which

focussed on Ease of Living and improving the lives of the poor and the middle class. Referring to the ongoing crisis owing to the pandemic COVID-19, the Prime Minister said for either the Government or the society, compassion and vigilance are the greatest motivators to tackle this difficult challenge. He said right from the beginning of the Lockdown the Government ensured that the poor and needy are assured of supply of food and fuel. He said with the same spirit, the Government decided to continue the free supply of food and LPG till November this year, even during the phase of unlockdown. Not only this, the government is also giving full contribution to the EPF account of millions of private sector employees. Similarly, through the PM-Swanidhi scheme, those who have the least access to the system get benefitted.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637703>

Text of PM's address at the dedication of 750 MW Rewa Solar Project to the Nation

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637693>

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launches AI-based ASEEM digital platform to bridge demand-supply gap of skilled workforce across sectors

In an endeavour to improve the information flow and bridge the demand-supply gap in the skilled workforce market, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship today launched 'Aatamanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM)' portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities. Apart from recruiting a skilled workforce, the Artificial Intelligence-based platform has been envisioned to strengthen their career pathways by handholding them through their journeys to attain industry-relevant skills and explore emerging job opportunities, especially in the post COVID era. Announcing the launch of the ASEEM portal, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, said that *the initiative aims to accelerate India's journey towards recovery by mapping skilled workforce and connecting them with relevant livelihood opportunities in their local communities especially in the post COVID era.*

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637755>

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh holds telephonic conversation with Defence Minister of Republic of Korea

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh today spoke over telephone with Minister of National Defence of Republic of Korea (RoK) Mr Jeong Kyeong-Doo. The two Defence Ministers had discussions on issues pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Shri Rajnath Singh informed Mr JeongKyeong-Doo on India's contribution to international efforts against COVID-19 and discussed areas of mutual cooperation in the global fight against the pandemic. The Ministers agreed to work together to deal with the complex challenges posed by this pandemic. During the telephonic conversation, the Ministers reviewed the progress on various bilateral defence cooperation initiatives and expressed commitment to further promote defence cooperation engagements between the Armed Forces.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637705>

Quick Estimates of Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index for the Month of May, 2020 (Base 2011-12=100)

The Quick Estimates of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) are released on 12th of every month (or previous working day if 12th is a holiday) with a six weeks lag and compiled with data received from source agencies, who in turn receive the data from the producing factories/ establishments. In view of the preventive measures and announcement of nation-wide lockdown by the Government to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, majority of the industrial sector establishments were not operating from the end of March, 2020 onwards. This has had an impact on the items being produced by the establishments during the period of lockdown and the subsequent periods of conditional relaxations in restrictions. The Index for the month of May 2020 stands at 88.4 as compared to 53.6 for April 2020, indicating a graded pickup in industrial activity in the economy. The number of units responding has improved in May 2020 as compared to the earlier months of lockdown. The weighted response rate at time of QE of April 2020 was 87 percent which is now revised upwards to 91 percent at first revision.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1637781>

States/UTs can complete distribution of remaining free food grains and whole gram allocated under AatmaNirbhar Bharat scheme by 31st August 2020

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan has said, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started the two biggest food grains distribution scheme-PMGKAY and ANBA for poor and needy persons, so that no one sleeps hungry at the time of Covid-19 pandemic. Shri Paswan also briefed media about the cabinet decision to allow extra time period for distribution of balance of allocated free food grains to beneficiaries of AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan till 31st August 2020. Shri Paswan said that the implementation of these two schemes will ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruption caused by Covid-19 outbreak in the country. The minister informed that the states and UTs have distributed 2,32,433 MT of food grains to 2.24 crore beneficiaries in May and to 2.25 crore beneficiaries in June, 2020. He informed that around 33,620 MT whole gram have been dispatched to the states and UTs. He mentioned that a total of 201.1 LMT food grains have been allocated for PMGKAY-2 to States and UTs for the 5 months period July to November 2020. This includes 91.14 LMT wheat and 109.94 LMT rice.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1637591>

EESL signs agreement with NOIDA authority to install EV charging units and related infrastructure

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, has signed an agreement with the New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) to promote electric vehicles and install public EV charging stations & related infrastructure.

The partnership will also facilitate the creation of an infrastructural ecosystem to accelerate e-mobility uptake as the nation emerges from the lockdown post COVID-19 pandemic.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1637584>

Bamboo sector will be one of the important components of India's Post-COVID economy: Dr.Jitendra Singh

Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh today said that Bamboo sector will be one of the important components of India's Post-COVID economy. Addressing a webinar with various clusters of Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) and persons associated with Bamboo Trade, he said that Bamboo will propel the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in the North Eastern Region and is going to be an important vehicle of trade for India and the sub-continent. The Minister said that Bamboo is not only vital to North East India's Post- COVID economy but it will also herald a new momentum for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's clarion call of "Vocal for Local".

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1637786>

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: World Youth Skills Day will be observed on 15th July, 2020 in the challenging environment of COVID-19. The pandemic and lockdown measures have led to the worldwide halt of all activities including the technical institutions. However, the need of skill development has increased due to slow down of economic activities and attrition in the employment. In this context, Chandigarh Skill Development Mission in collaboration with India Skills has decided to celebrate this day of Youth through digitization/online interaction mode. In this endeavor, Chandigarh Skill Development Mission (CSDM) has launched a series of Webinars, which started on 7th July 2020 and will continue till 15th July 2020 ie World Youth Skill Day.
- Punjab: Even as the state government is prepared to launch its pilot Rapid Antigen Testing project in five of the worst affected districts, Punjab Chief Minister has given the go-ahead for establishment of a Plasma Bank to facilitate Covid plasma therapy treatment, which is already being carried out as an ICMR trial project in the state's government hospitals. The Plasma Bank would serve as a ready inventory source for seriously ill patients or those at risk of severe disease, and thus will enable a wider range of adults to be treated with convalescent plasma.
- Haryana: Haryana Minister of State for Women and Child Development has launched a campaign started by the Haryana State Women's Commission to distribute masks and sanitizers so that people can be saved from getting affected due to Novel Corona Virus. She said that to contain the COVID-19 infection, we should strictly adhere to the guidelines which issued by time to time by Centre and State Government. Beside this, people should be made aware about this Pandemic, so that this Pandemic can be eradicated as soon as possible.
- Maharashtra: 6,875 new patients have been identified as Covid positive in the state over the last 24 hours, taking the state tally to over 2.30 lakh cases. The number of patients cured is 1.27 lakh leaving 93,652 active cases. The count of coronavirus infected patients in Mumbai has gone up to 88,795.

Meanwhile, the state government is contemplating to fix a price cap for Rapid Antibody Tests in Maharashtra.

- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the single biggest spike of 861 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, has taken the state tally to 39,280. The maximum of 307 new cases have been reported from Surat city and Surat district. Ahmedabad city recorded 153 new cases, while 43 cases have been reported from Vadodara. The number of active cases in the state is 9,528. The Foods and Drugs Control Authority of Gujarat has unearthed a black market racket of the drug - Tocilizumab, considered to be quite effective in the treatment of Covid-19 patients. Tocilizumab drug is said to be very effective in the treatment of Corona infection and is right now being imported from Switzerland through a single Indian firm. However, the demand far outweighs the supply which is very limited. This is the reason for the drug being sold in the black market.
- Rajasthan: The COVID-19 tally of Rajasthan has gone up to 22, 678 with the report of 115 new cases this morning. Maximum of these cases are from Pali district(35), followed by Jaipur (22) and Ajmer (10).
- Madhya Pradesh: 305 new positive cases have been identified in the state on Thursday. As a result the COVID-19 patient count has gone up to 16341 in Madhya Pradesh. While there are 3,475 active patients presently, the number of recoveries has gone up to 12,232.
- Chhattisgarh: 133 new cases have been identified which have pushed the corona infection count in Chhattisgarh to 3,666. However, the number of active patients in the state is 748.
- Goa: 112 new samples have tested positive for COVID-19 in Goa taking the state tally to 2,151. Out of these, 869 are active cases.
- Assam: In Assam 4 more COVID-19 patients admitted in GMCH ICU succumbed to their infection today tweeted Health Minister.
- Manipur: Autonomous District Council of Chandel, Manipur donated three foot operated hand sanitiser dispensers, hand sanitisers, masks and COVID-19 awareness posters to district administration. One lady doctor of JNIMS has tested positive for Covid19. Total number of infected persons in Jiribam district of Manipur has reached 51.
- Meghalaya: 26 more persons from BSF, Umpling, Meghalaya have tested positive for COVID19. The total active cases in the state stands at 121 while 45 have recovered so far.
- Mizoram: 23 new Covid-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram today taking the tally to 226 with 83 active cases.
- Nagaland: 36 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Nagaland taking the total tally of positive cases to 732 with 428 active cases and 304.
- Kerala: State Health Minister K.K.Shylaja says situation in Poonthura, in the state capital, is very critical and she warned the public to exercise caution while interacting with people from other states. Covid-19 has spread across Tamil Nadu and many people from there come to Kerala for trade. The Minister also urged people not to believe in the false campaign against antigen test. Meanwhile, hundreds of residents in Poonthura protested in open defiance of the triple lockdown imposed. Fishing and fish selling has been banned in Kollam and Alleppey. 339 new active cases of Covid-19 were detected in the state yesterday, out of which 133 were cases of local transmission and seven with unknown sources. 2,795 patients are still undergoing treatment and 1,85,960 people in quarantine in different districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Palm reader infects 13 people in Karaikal, Puducherry. AIADMK MLAs hold dharna in Puducherry legislative assembly premises, demand Covid-19 relief to every family holding a ration card.

TN State Minister for Cooperation Sellur K Raju tests positive for Covid-19; two other ministers were tested positive for the infection earlier along with 11 State MLAs. As cases spike in Tamil Nadu districts, Central team visits state. After a marginal dip over the last two days, the State on Thursday recorded 4,231 fresh cases, of which 1,216 were in Chennai. Total cases till yesterday: 1,26,581 Active cases: 46,652 Deaths: 1765 Active cases in Chennai: 20,271.

- Karnataka: Chief Minister in home quarantine after three staffers test positive for Covid-19. ASHA workers to go on state-wide strike on Friday over issues mostly related to their remuneration and terms of work. The Karnataka High Court directed the State government to submit the status of the migrant workers who had chosen to remain in Bengaluru. State Government decides to promote all intermediate semester students pursuing degree & post-graduation courses including engineering, and diploma courses for the academic year 2019-20 without examinations. 2228 new cases, 957 discharges & 17 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 31,105 Active cases: 17,782 Deaths: 486.
- Andhra Pradesh: APSRTC to launch 'Pratham' mobile application, on July 20 to encourage cashless transactions by passengers. The school education commissioner issued orders stating that all educational institutions to remain closed till July 31. AP Intermediate Board decides to pass all Second Year failed students in compartmental. State excludes Tirumala from containment zone after a controversy. 1608 new cases, 981 discharged and 15 deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 21,020 samples. Total cases: 25,422, Active cases: 11,936 Deaths: 292 Discharges: 13,194.
- Telangana: Health Minister Eatala Rajender requested recovered Covid-19 patients to come forward and donate plasma to the ones undergoing treatment. State now has the highest positivity rate of Covid-19 cases in the country. Just a couple of weeks ago, the state was trailing Maharashtra and Delhi. Now, it tops the chart at 21.91% (as on July 8). This is three times more than the national positivity rate of 7.14%. Total cases reported till yesterday: 30,946 Active cases: 12,423 Deaths: 331 Discharges :18,192.

FACTCHECK



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Claim: Websites claiming registration portal for PM-KUSUM Scheme under @Mnreindia#PIBFactcheck: @MNRE does not register beneficiaries under the Scheme through any websites/ portal.

Any such websites are misleading & fraudulent

Details: pib.gov.in/PressReleasePa...

No! Ministry has no such registration portal/website for the PM-KUSUM Scheme

जनसत्ता
 पर देश सरकार

- यदि आप इस स्कीम के लिए आवेदन करना चाहते हैं तो आपको <https://kusum-yojana.co.in/> पर क्लिक करना होगा या फिर <https://www.onlinekusumyojana.co.in/> पर जाना होगा।
- यहां आपको जरूरी जानकारी के लिए और वेबसाइट पर अपना पता और दूरे के जिलों के लिए...
- आपको सोलर पावर मेगावॉट के लिए आवेदन करना होगा इसके बाद राज्य और जिले का चयन करना होगा।
- सभी जानकारी देने के बाद आपको डिपार्टमेंट से...

MISLEADING



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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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- Recovered cases 1.75 times the number of Active cases; Gap between recovered and active cases crosses 2 lakh.
- National Recovery Rate further improves to 62.09%
- Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs 18th meeting of Group of Ministers on COVID-19.
- India has one of the lowest cases per million(538) and deaths per million(15), compared to global average of 1453 and 68.7, respectively.
- Eight states contribute to around 90% of the active caseload and 49 districts account for 80% of active caseload.
- PM in his addresses to the inaugural session of India Global week says that India is playing a leading role in the global revival.
- Indian Navy completes Operation Samudra Setu; 3,992 Indian citizens brought back to their homeland by sea.

COVID-19 INDIA
as on: 09 July 2020, 08:00 IST
(GMT+5:30)



269789

Active Cases



476377

Cured / Discharged



21129

Deaths



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CORONA WATCH

Situation in India at 8:00 am on July 9

State / UT-wise position

(↑ ↓ Change over the last 24 hours)

Confirmed cases

7,67,296 (↑ 24,879)

Recovered*

4,76,378 (↑ 19,547)

Deaths

21,129 (↑ 487)

Active cases

2,69,789 (↑ 4,845)

Confirmed cases



Samples tested

Cumulative total
up to July 8

1,07,40,832

On July 8

2,67,061

	Confirmed cases	Recovered	Deaths	Active cases
Maharashtra	2,23,724 ↑ 6,603	1,23,192	9,448	91,084 ↑ 1,771
Tamil Nadu	1,22,350 ↑ 3,756	74,167	1,700	46,483 ↑ 641
Delhi	1,04,864 ↑ 2,033	78,199	3,213	23,452 ↓ -1,997
Gujarat	38,333 ↑ 783	27,289	1,993	9,051 ↑ 198
Uttar Pradesh	31,156 ↑ 1,188	20,331	845	9,980 ↑ 466
Telangana	29,536 ↑ 1,924	17,279	324	11,933 ↑ 921
Karnataka	28,877 ↑ 2,062	11,876	470	16,531 ↑ 1,230
West Bengal	24,823 ↑ 986	16,291	827	7,705 ↑ 462
Andhra Pradesh	22,259 ↑ 1,062	11,101	264	10,894 ↓ -306
Rajasthan	22,063 ↑ 659	16,866	482	4,715 ↑ 358
Haryana	18,690 ↑ 691	14,106	282	4,302 ↑ 227
Madhya Pradesh	16,036 ↑ 409	11,987	629	3,420 ↑ 183
Assam	13,336 ↑ 814	8,729	16	4,591 ↑ 412
Bihar	13,189 ↑ 619	9,554	107	3,528 ↑ 346
Odisha	10,624 ↑ 527	7,006	48	3,570 ↑ 218
Jammu & Kashmir	9,261 ↑ 330	5,567	149	3,545 ↑ 156
Punjab	6,907 ↑ 158	4,828	178	1,901 ↓ -119
Kerala	6,195 ↑ 301	3,559	27	2,609 ↑ 194
Chhattisgarh	3,525 ↑ 110	2,835	14	676 ↑ 26
Uttarakhand	3,258 ↑ 28	2,650	46	562 ↓ -4
Jharkhand	3,096 ↑ 100	2,170	22	904 ↑ 34
Goa	2,039 ↑ 136	1,207	8	824 ↑ 85
Tripura	1,761 ↑ 57	1,324	1	436 ↓ -19
Manipur	1,435 ↑ 5	793	0	642 ↓ -17
Himachal Pradesh	1,101 ↑ 18	833	11	257 ↓ -25
Ladakh	1,041 —	836	1	204 —
Puducherry	1,008 ↑ 78	480	14	514 ↑ 32
Nagaland	657 ↑ 32	304	0	353 ↓ -29
Chandigarh	513 ↑ 19	402	7	104 ↑ 18
DNH and Daman & Diu	408 ↑ 3	184	0	224 ↑ 2
Arunachal Pradesh	287 ↑ 11	109	2	176 ↑ 7
Mizoram	197 —	133	0	64 —
A&N Islands	149 ↑ 2	77	0	72 —
Sikkim	133 ↑ 8	71	0	62 ↑ 7
Meghalaya	80 —	43	1	36 —

4,385 cases being reassigned to states

Figures are subject to further reconciliation

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & ICMR

*One migrated case included in recovered
More than 70% deaths due to comorbidities



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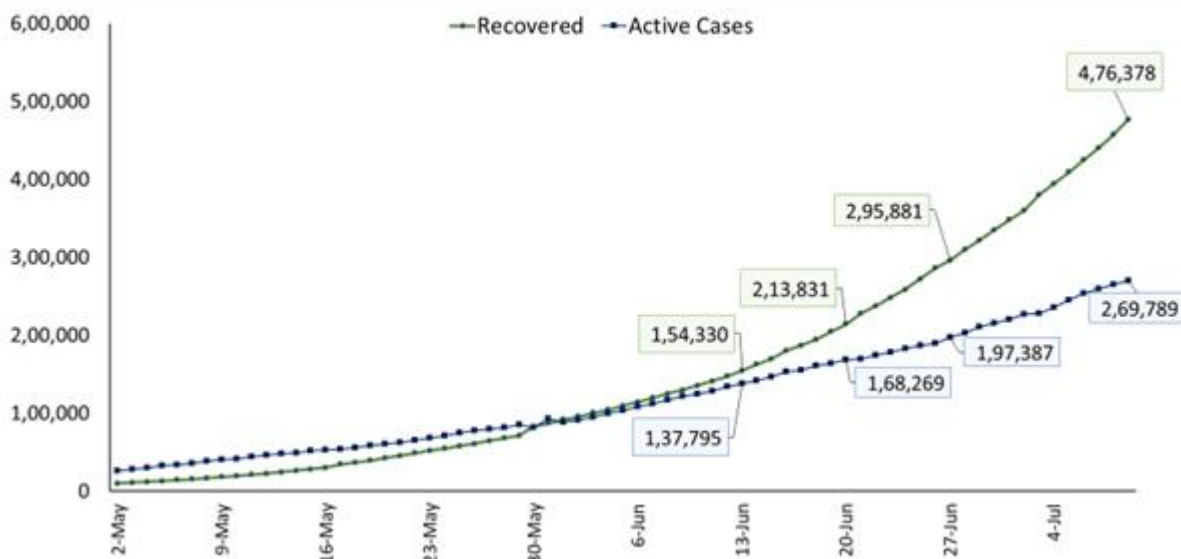
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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Recovered cases 1.75 times the number of Active cases; Gap between recovered and active cases cross 2 lakhs; National Recovery Rate further improves to 62.09%

In a significant achievement, the number of recovered cases has overshoot the number of COVID-19 active cases by 2,06,588. The number of recovered cases is 1.75 times the number of active cases. During the last 24 hours, a total of 19,547 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure of recoveries among COVID-19 patients to 4,76,377 as of today. This is a result of focussed attention on effective surveillance through house-to-house contact tracing, early detection, and isolation as well as timely and effective clinical management of COVID-19 cases. Presently, there are 2,69,789 active cases and all are under active medical supervision. India's COVID-19 recovery rate is also steadily increasing. The recovery rate among COVID-19 patients has increased to 62.09% today.

Active & Recovered Cases – Progressive Increase in Recoveries



For details:

Dr Harsh Vardhan chairs 18th meeting of Group of Ministers on COVID-19

The 18th meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 was held under the chairpersonship of Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare by a video-conference today. The GoM was briefed that as on today, there are total 3914 facilities in the country with 3,77,737 Isolation beds (without ICU support), 39,820 ICU beds and 1,42,415 oxygen supported beds along with 20,047 ventilators. In terms of healthcare logistics, cumulatively 213.55 lakh N95 masks, 120.94 lakh PPEs and 612.57 lakh HCQ tablets have been distributed. The global comparison between the five most affected countries clearly depicted that India has one of the lowest cases per million (538) and deaths per million (15) compared the global average of 1453 and 68.7, respectively. Within the country, eight states (Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar

Pradesh and Gujarat) contribute to around 90% of the active caseload and 49 districts account for 80% of active caseload, as of today. Moreover, six states (Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) account for 86% of total deaths, and 32 districts account for 80% deaths.

For details:

PM addresses the inaugural session of India Global week; India is playing a leading role in the global revival: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today addressed the inaugural session of India Global week via video-conference. Referring to the current times of crisis, the Prime Minister said India would play a leading role in the global revival. He said that this is closely linked with two factors. First is - Indian talent and second is India's ability to reform and rejuvenate. He elaborated that world over, the contribution of India's talent-force is highly recognised, especially the contribution of the Indian tech industry and tech professionals. He described India as a power-house of talent that is eager to contribute. He added that Indians are natural reformers and history has shown that India has overcome every challenge, be it social or economic. He said that when India talks of revival it is: Revival with care, Revival with compassion, Revival which is sustainable - both for the environment and the economy.

For details:

Text of PM's inaugural address at India Global Week 2020

For details:

PM interacts with representatives from Varanasi based NGOs

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today interacted via video-conference with various NGOs in Varanasi who are providing relief during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Prime Minister praised the people of the holy & blessed city of Varanasi for brimming with hope and enthusiasm, notwithstanding the Corona Pandemic. Shri Modi said he was receiving information on various steps being taken to prevent infection, the condition of various hospitals, the quarantine arrangements and the welfare of the migrant workers. He said, despite a halt on various religious activities in the holy city, the people of Varanasi have proved that they are second to none in their fight against Corona and supporting the poor and needy with continuous food & medical supply. Prime Minister praised the efforts of the NGOs for working in tandem with various Government and Local Administration Bodies. Prime Minister said that creating an extensive network of food helplines and community kitchens in a short span of time, developing helplines, taking the help of data science, making full use of the control and command center of Varanasi Smart City, everyone has full potential to help the poor at every level.

For details:

Text of PM's interaction with representatives of Varanasi based NGOs

For details:

Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah hailed the key decisions taken by Union Cabinet, expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah has said the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's resolve to ensure nobody stays hungry during the Corona disaster is praiseworthy. In a tweet, Shri Amit Shah expressed his gratitude and thanked the Prime Minister on the decisions taken yesterday at the Cabinet meeting to extend the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) till November which will provide rations to crores of poor people. Shri Amit Shah said that extension of scheme to provide three free cylinders to poor women under the Ujjwala Yojana till September would benefit 7 crore and 40 lakh women.

For details:

Envoys of three Nations Present Credentials through Video Conference

President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind accepted credentials from Heads of Mission from New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Uzbekistan today. This was the second time that credentials presentation in Rashtrapati Bhavan happened through video-conference in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Speaking on the occasion, President Kovind conveyed his warm wishes to the envoys on their appointment. He noted that India had deep rooted ties with all the three countries and was privileged to share a common outlook on key global issues with them. The President noted that enhancing global cooperation was the need of the hour to effectively tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. In this context, he stated that India was in the forefront of ongoing international efforts to defeat the pandemic.

For details:

Indian Navy Completes "Operation Samudra Setu"

Operation *Samudra Setu*, which was launched on 05 May 2020 as part of the national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas during the COVID-19 pandemic, has culminated after successfully bringing 3,992 Indian citizens back to their homeland by sea. Indian Naval Ships *Jalashwa* (Landing Platform Dock), and *Airavat, Shardul and Magar* (Landing Ship Tanks) participated in this operation which lasted over 55 days and involved traversing more than 23,000 kilometers by sea. Indian Naval IL-38 and Dornier aircraft have been used for ferrying of doctors and COVID-19 related material across the country.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES



- Kerala: The triple lockdown which has been imposed in Thiruvananthapuram city has entered the fourth day. The authorities are taking necessary measures in Poonthura fishing village by implementing a special action plan drawn out to contain the spread. Three wards have been designated as critical containment zones and four others as buffer zones; fishing has been banned and testing ramped-up. The situation in Pathanamthitta is also getting serious with 4 more cases with unknown source being reported. With contact cases increasing, government has decided to give more focus to stepping up treatment facilities and reverse quarantine. 301 new active cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the state yesterday, the highest single-day tally so far. Of this 90 are cases of local transmission.
- Tamil Nadu: CM Palaniswami asks Kerala CM to permit TN fishermen to resume fishing in Kerala from August 1; about 350 mechanised fishing boats and 750 traditional boats belonging to TN fishermen are presently berthed in various fishing harbour/fish landing centres in Kerala. Madras High Court reserves order on plea over higher power bills during lockdown in TN. The State on Wednesday recorded 3,756 fresh cases, of which 1,261 were in Chennai—a substantial dip after breaching the 2,000-mark earlier this month. 3051 recoveries & 64 deaths were also reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,22,350 Active cases: 46,480 Deaths: 1700 Active cases in Chennai: 21,766.
- Karnataka: In view of increasing Covid-19 cases, state cabinet has approved Rs 207 crore for all district and taluk hospitals to install high-flow oxygen systems and also to increase beds. State also sanctioned Rs 81crore for PHCs to purchase medical equipment and furniture. Private hospitals to run Covid Care Centres in collaboration with hotels to treat asymptomatic and people with mild symptoms. Together with hospital beds and Covid Care Centres, private hospitals will add 6000 to 7000 beds in coming days. 2062 new cases, 778 discharges & 54 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 28,877 Active cases: 16,527 Deaths: 470.
- Andhra Pradesh: State fixes ceiling rates for various packages of Covid-19 treatment in hospitals. Orders issued to include 15 Covid-19 procedures under Aarogyasri scheme. Private hospitals classified into three categories for: Category A - exclusively for Covid-19 treatment; Category B - for both Covid-19 and other cases; and Category C - for non-Covid-19 cases. With the increase number of cases in Kurnool district, officials have transformed the Kurnool Government Medical Center into a Covid-19 hospital. State releases new curriculum schedule to conduct live lessons for classes 1-10 on Doordarshan from July 13 to 31. 1555 new cases, 904 discharged and 13 deaths reported during last 24 hours. Total cases: 23,814 Active cases: 11,383 Discharged: 12,154 Deaths: 277.
- Telangana: Municipal Administration Minister KT Rama Rao said long lockdowns are not suitable for the people in the country. Even as Covid-19 testing through antigen kits began in Hyderabad, Medchal and Rangareddy districts on Thursday, the government is still reluctant in pushing for more number of RT-PCR tests. Total cases reported till yesterday: 29,536 Active cases: 11,933 Deaths: 324 Discharges :17,279.
- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, directed Principal Secretary Health to ensure that all bio-medical waste, particularly PPEs are scientifically disposed off. He further directed health officials to ensure that the teams going for screening should carry oximeter, so that oxygen level could be checked instantly. This could help in detecting severity of infection, if any.
- Punjab: Keeping in view the ongoing threat of COVID-19, the Punjab Government has extended the timings of eSanjeevaniOPD from 8:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. (Monday to Saturday) for

Gynaecology OPD and General OPD services. This step has been taken to provide the online tele-consultation facilities utilizing specialist doctors to be available virtually in real time for patients and to ensure the safety of people across the State.

- Haryana: Haryana Chief Secretary said that proactive strategies are being made to effectively combat the spread novel Corona virus in the State. She directed the Deputy Commissioners to further ramp up COVID-19 management preparations coupled with aggressive surveillance, stringent containment, swift contact tracing, focused clinical management along with proactive Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities. She said that Police had also been directed to monitor the entry and exit of the Containment Zones.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister said that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to think differently and work accordingly. He said that the Anganwari workers were grassroot functionaries who have played a crucial role in these testing times. He said that Anganwari workers have ensured that the coronavirus does not spread at community level. He said that they not only sensitized the people about social distancing and use of masks, but also helped in effective implementation of home quarantine norms.
- Maharashtra: With the identification of 6,603 new positive patients the count of COVID-19 patients in the state has gone up to 2,23,724. The number of recovered patients to 1,23,192. Total number of active patients is 91,065. Mumbai reported 1,381 new cases on Tuesday.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, 783 new cases were reported during the last 24 hours. The total cases of COVID-19 in the state have reached up to 38,419. Also, 16 patients have lost their lives, which takes the death toll due to COVID-19 in the state to 1,995. The maximum number of new cases, that is, 215 patients are from Surat, while Ahmedabad recorded 149 new cases. More than 4 lakh 33 thousand tests have been carried out in the state till date.
- Rajasthan: The total number of COVID-19 positive cases has crossed 22,000. With the report of 149 new cases today morning and 659 cases on Wednesday, the state tally of COVID-19 stands at 22,212. Most of the new cases are from Nagaur, that is, 29 cases, followed by Jaipur reporting 25 cases and Alwar reporting 21 cases.
- Madhya Pradesh: With the report of 409 new cases on Wednesday, the state tally of COVID-19 has gone up to 16,036. While there are 3420 active cases, 11987 patients have recovered and 629 have lost their lives due to COVID-19 so far. A record 115 new cases are from Morena district, followed by 70 from Bhopal, then 68 from Gwalior and 44 from Indore.
- Chhattisgarh: 100 new positive cases have been reported taking the state tally of COVID-19 patients to 3,526. The number of active patients is 677.
- Goa: 136 new positive samples have been identified on Wednesday. The state tally of COVID-19 has gone up to 2,039 and the number of active cases is 824.



CBSE has not yet announced board result dates for class X and XII


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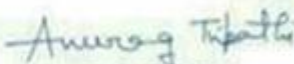
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PRESS NOTE

REGARDING CLASS X AND XII RESULTS (2019-2020)



1. Due to high demand, and owing to the remaining admissions process of students various universities and colleges in India and (0r) abroad whatsoever, the Central Board of Secondary Education along with the ministry of HRD has decided to release the results of students of class X and class XII as early as possible.
2. The Revised date of results are as follows. The results of students of class XII will be available on 11.07.2020 by 4 p.m. latest. The results of class X students will be available on 13.07.2020 by 4 p.m. latest. We are really thankful to the all the students and parents for being patient for the declaration of the board exam results.
3. The results will be available to be viewed on given date and time on the following website URLs :
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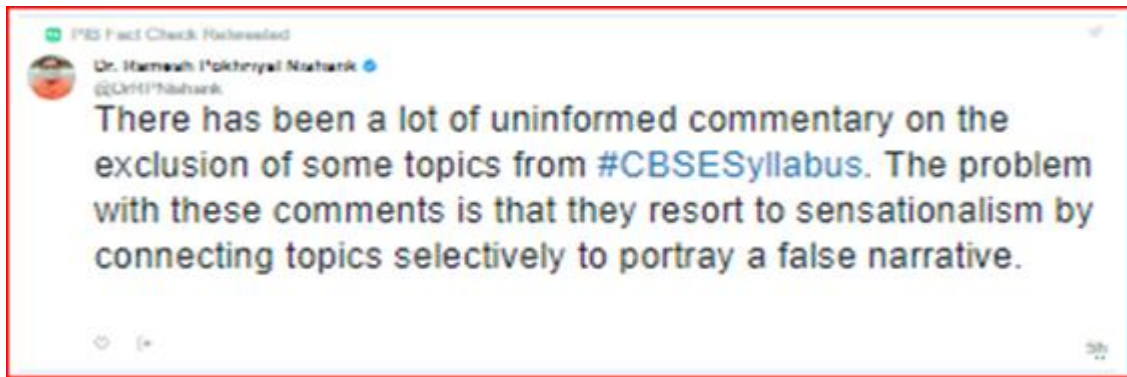

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Do's

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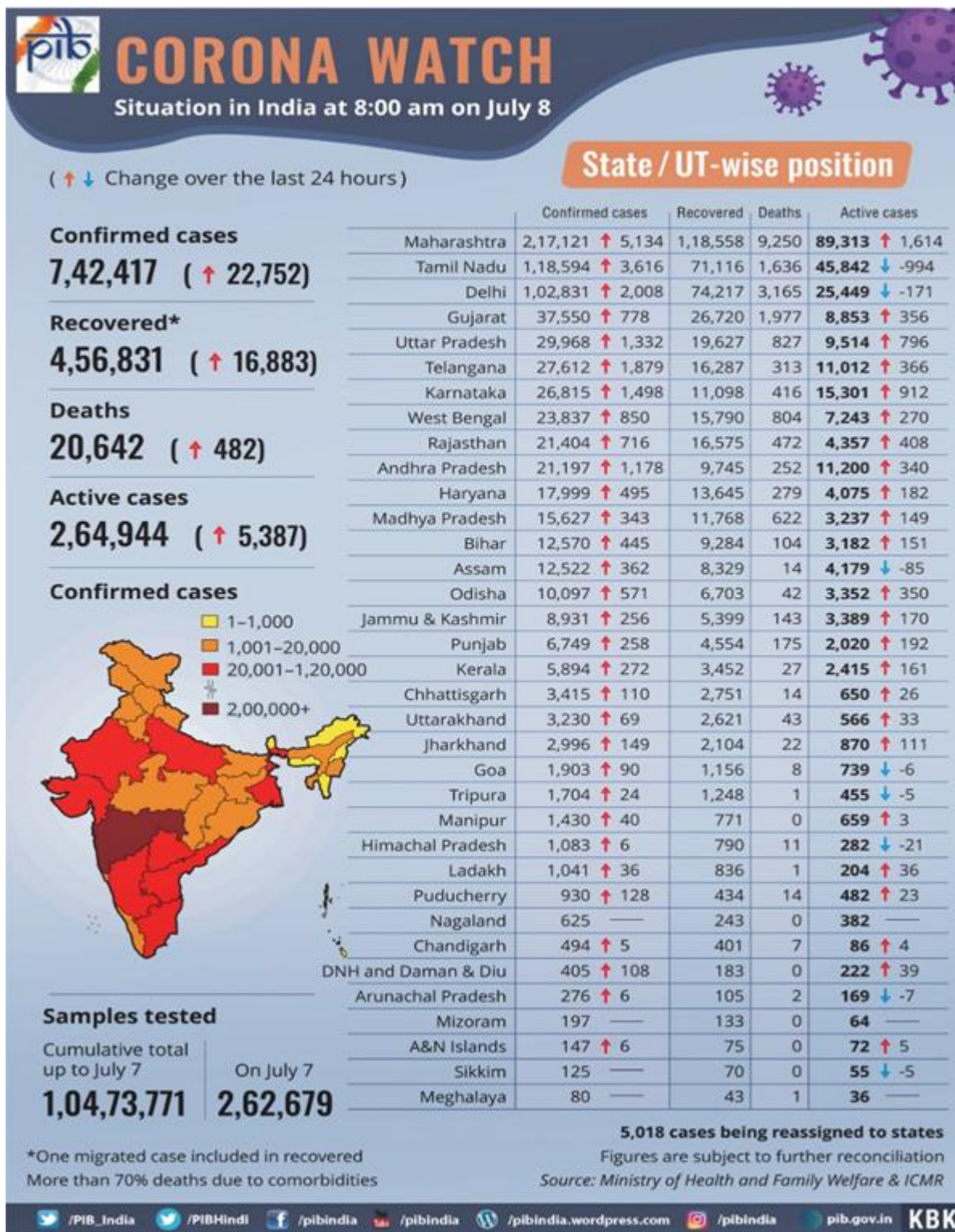
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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- National COVID-19 Recovery Rate continues to improve- touches 61.53%.
- Nearly 2 lakh more recovered COVID cases than active ones.
- More than 2.6 lakh samples tested in past 24 hours.
- AIIMS Delhi starts Tele-Consultation guidance to State doctors on COVID Clinical management.
- Presently, there are 2,64,944 active cases and all are under medical supervision
- Cabinet takes several momentous decisions: New pan-India Agriculture Infrastructure Fund; Extension of EPF contribution by 3 months; Developing Affordable rental housing Complexes for urban migrants / poor; Extension of Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana – allocation of additional foodgrain for further five months, Distribution of free Whole Chana for five months; Extension of time limit by three months for Ujjwala beneficiaries for availing free LPG cylinder.





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: National COVID-19 Recovery Rate continues to sharply improve- touches 61.53%

The number of samples being tested for detection of COVID-19 is substantially growing every day. During the last 24 hours, 2,62,679 samples have been tested of which more than 53,000 samples have been tested in private labs. The cumulative number of samples tested, as of now is 1,04,73,771. With 795 labs in the government sector and 324 private labs, there are as many as 1119 labs in the country. With more COVID-19 patients recovering, the gap between the number of recovered cases and active cases has increased by 1,91,886 as on date. During the last 24 hours, a total of 16,883 COVID-19 patients have

been cured, taking the cumulative figure of recovered cases to 4,56,830 so far. The rate of recovery among COVID-19 patients continues to increase over the days. It has touched 61.53% today. Presently, there are 2,64,944 active cases and all are under medical supervision.

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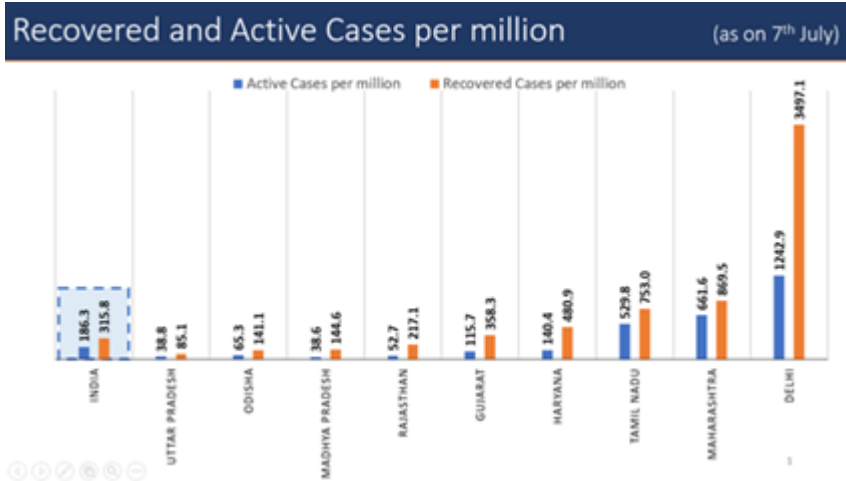
To strengthen Central Govt's efforts to reduce COVID mortality, AIIMS Delhi starts Tele-Consultation guidance to State doctors on COVID Clinical management

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare has now involved specialist doctors from AIIMS, New Delhi to provide expert guidance and knowledge support to doctors manning ICUs in State hospitals. Tele-consultation is a critical component of the clinical intervention protocol for COVID-19. A specialist team of doctors from AIIMS, New Delhi shall provide guidance on effective clinical management of COVID-19 patients in the ICUs of different State hospitals through tele/video consultation. They will handhold the States in clinical management of COVID-19 patients to reduce the case fatality rate. These tele-consultation sessions for providing timely and expert guidance to the doctors in the States shall be conducted twice every week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. The first session of this exercise has begun. Ten hospitals have been selected, including nine from Mumbai (Maharashtra) and one from Goa.

For details:

Recoveries per million population show a steep upturn as compared to the Active Cases

In India, the States/UTs with high case load of COVID-19 are turning their focus on early identification and effective clinical management of positive cases to ensure that recovery/million is more than active cases/million. This shows that while the total number of positive cases might be high but the recoveries are fast catching up, thereby keeping the active cases low. This has also ensured that COVID healthcare facilities are not under pressure and are not stretched. India has 315.8 recovered cases per million while the active cases per million in the country are at a low level of 186.3. States have followed the direction of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to substantially increase testing with the deployment of RT-PCR tests, Rapid Antigen Tests which have helped in early identification of the cases. States have developed several mobile apps to keep track of high risk population including the senior and elderly population, people with co-morbidities, pregnant women and small children. The involvement of the community, ASHAs and ANMs at the local government has led to effective surveillance in the community.



For details:

Cabinet approves Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund'

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today has given its approval to a new pan-India Central Sector Scheme-Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. The scheme shall provide a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support. Loans will be disbursed in four years starting with sanction of Rs. 10,000 crore in the current year and Rs. 30,000 crore each in next three financial years.

For details:

Cabinet approves the proposal to extend the EPF contribution of 24% for another three months from June to August 2020 under PMGKY/AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today has given its approval for extending the contribution both 12% employees' share and 12% employers' share under Employees Provident Fund, totaling 24% for another 3 months from June to August, 2020, as part of the package announced by the Government under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)/ Aatmanirbhar Bharat in the light of COVID-19, a Pandemic. This approval is in addition to the existing scheme for the wage months of March to May, 2020 approved on 15.04.2020. The total estimated expenditure is of Rs. 4,860 crore. Over 72 lakh employees in 3.67 lakh establishments will be benefitted.

For details:

Cabinet approves developing of Affordable rental housing Complexes for urban migrants / poor

The Union Cabinet has given its approval for developing of Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) for urban migrants / poor as a sub-scheme under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY – U). Existing vacant government funded housing complexes will be converted in ARHCs through Concession Agreements for 25 years. Concessionaire will make the complexes livable by repair/retrofit and maintenance of rooms and filling up infrastructure gaps like water, sewer, sanitation, road etc. States/UTs will select concessionaire through transparent bidding. Complexes will revert to ULB after 25 years to restart next cycle like earlier or run on their own. Special incentives like use permission, 50% additional FAR/FSI, concessional loan at priority sector lending rate, tax reliefs at par with affordable housing etc. will be offered to private/ public entities to develop ARHCs on their own available vacant land for 25 years.

For details:

Cabinet approves extension of time limit for availing the benefits of "Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyanYojana" for Ujjwala beneficiaries by three months w.e.f. 01.07.2020

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for extension of time limit by three months w.e.f. 01.07.2020 for availing the benefits of "Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyanYojana" for Ujjwala beneficiaries. Under the PMGKY-Ujjwala, it was decided to provide free of cost refills for PMUY consumers for a period of 3 months w.e.f. 01.04.2020. Rs. 9709.86 Cr was transferred directly into the bank accounts of Ujjwala beneficiaries during April- June 2020 and 11.97 Crore cylinders were delivered to the PMUY beneficiaries. It has been observed that a section of PMUY beneficiaries are yet to utilize the advance credited into their account to purchase the cylinder refill within the scheme period. The Cabinet has approved the proposal to extend the time-limit for availing the advance by three months. Thus, the beneficiaries who already have the advance transferred to their account can now take the free refill delivery till 30th September.

For details:

Cabinet approves extension of Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan package-Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana - distribution of free of cost Whole Chana for five months from July to November, 2020

The Union Cabinet has approved further extension of Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) as part of Economic Response to COVID-19, for another Five months from July to November, 2020. Under the Scheme it is proposed to distribute 9.7 Lakh MT cleaned whole Chana to States/UTs for distribution to all beneficiary households @ 1kg per month free of cost for next five months -July to November, 2020 at a total estimated cost of Rs.6,849.24 crore. About 19.4 crore households would be covered under the Scheme. All expenses on the extended PMGKAY are to be borne by the Central Government. Extension of the Yojana is in line with the commitments of the Government of India not to allow any body, especially any poor family, to suffer on account of non-availability of food grains due to disruption during next five months.

For details:**Cabinet approves extension of Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana – allocation of additional foodgrain for further five months from July to November, 2020**

The Union Cabinet has approved further extension of Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) as part of Economic Response to COVID-19 for additional allocation of food-grains from the Central Pool for another Five months from July to November, 2020. In the month of March 2020, the Government of India announced the 'Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Package to ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor due to economic disruptions caused by the Covid-19 in the country. This package, inter-alia, comprises the implementation of "Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)", through which additional free-of-cost foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) at the scale of 5 Kg per person per month are being provided to about 81 Crore beneficiaries, so that poor and vulnerable families/beneficiaries are able to access food-grains easily without facing any financial distress. Under this programme initially, free food-grains for three months i.e. April, May and June were provided.

For details:**Reimbursement of one pulse oximeter per family allowed under ECHS to fight COVID-19**

As measuring of oxygen saturation level is one of the most important parameters for monitoring the health of COVID-19 patients, Ministry of Defence, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare has decided to reimburse the cost of pulse oximeter purchased by the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) beneficiaries. The ECHS beneficiaries who have been tested positive for COVID-19 infection are permitted to purchase one pulse oximeter per family. The reimbursement shall be claimed as per actual cost of pulse oximeter, subject to a ceiling of Rs 1,200.

For details:**CSIR in partnership with Laxai Sciences to seek regulatory approval to undertake clinical trials on Covid-19 patients using combinations of antiviral and host-directed therapies**

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), in collaboration with Laxai Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad, has sought regulatory approval to undertake four-arm randomized controlled phase III clinical trial. The design principle of the study is to rationally combine and repurpose antivirals (viral-entry and replication inhibitors) and host-directed therapies (HDTs) addressing the disease-spread and pathology simultaneously and to determine safety and efficacy of the three combination drugs (Favipiravir+Colchicine, Umifenovir+Colchicine and Nafamostat+5-ALA) and a control arm with the standard of care in COVID-19 patients. The clinical trial named MUCOVIN, to be carried out in the partnership with MedantaMedicity, will include a total of 300 patients in four different groups of 75 patients in the trials to be carried for 17 to 21 days including screening and treatment.

For details:

Union HRD Minister announces revision of syllabi by CBSE for classes IX-XII for the academic session 2020-21,

Union Minister for HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has said that looking at the extraordinary situation prevailing in the country and the world, CBSE was advised to revise the curriculum and reduce course load for the students of Class 9th to 12th. Accordingly, CBSE has revised the syllabi for classes IX-XII for the academic session 2020-21. He also informed that a few weeks ago, he invited suggestions from all educationists on the reduction of syllabus on social media by using #SyllabusForStudents2020. The Minister said that the changes made in the syllabi have been finalised by the respective Course Committees, with the approval of the Curriculum Committee and Governing Body of the Board. Considering the importance of achieving the level of learning, the syllabus has been rationalised to the extent possible up to 30% by retaining the core concepts.

For details:

Government to announce SoPs for resumption of film production: Shri PrakashJavadekar

Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting ShriPrakashJavadekar has said that the Government will soon issue Standard Operating Procedures to speed up resumption of film production in the unlock phase. "To accelerate the restart of film-making that had come to a standstill as a result of COVID, we are also coming up with incentives of production in all sectors, including TV serials, film-making, co-production, animation, gaming. We will be announcing these measures shortly," said Shri Javadekar addressing the 21st edition of FICCI Frames yesterday. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 edition of the annual gathering of the Media & Entertainment Industry is being held in a virtual mode, instead of its usual location by the Powailake in Mumbai.

For details :

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: To further augment its COVID management and care strategy, Punjab Government has constituted two 'Expert Advisory Committees' under the overall guidance of Advisor, Health & Medical Education & Research Dr. KK Talwar. The Committees have been set up to ensure better management and handling of various COVID care related matters in the Government Medical Colleges of Patiala and Amritsar.
- Haryana: Haryana Chief Minister has offered all support and cooperation to the young entrepreneurs for setting up their units under the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises in Haryana and said that the State Government has identified 56 clusters of various categories to be set up in all the 22 districts of the State which would benefit about 70,000 MSMEs in the State. He said that the Government would also ensure that the functioning of existing MSMEs in the State are not affected due to COVID-19.

- Himachal Pradesh: In order to strengthen the Tourism sector and to provide relief to the sector in the State in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government has introduced a scheme for Interest Subvention on Working Capital Loan for Hospitality Sector.
- Maharashtra: The count of COVID19 patients in Maharashtra has gone up to 2,17,121 with the reporting of 5,134 new patients during the past 24 hours. Number of Covid positive cases from Mumbai has seen decline, with 806 cases reported as per the last bulletin. Till date, a total of 1,18,558 patients in the state have recovered from COVID-19, leaving number of active cases at 89294. Hotels in Mumbai have resumed their operations as per new guidelines issued by the Maharashtra Government, which permit one-third occupancy. The shops and business establishments are allowed to remain open till 7 p.m. in non-containment zones. Earlier, they were allowed to operate between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Gujarat: 778 positive cases of COVID-19 and 17 deaths reported have been reported in Gujarat. State tally has reached 37,636 including 26,744 cured/discharged and 1,979 deaths. Covid recovery rate has reached 71.41% in the state. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has launched the second round of mass antigen tests of super-spreaders from today. Vendors of vegetables, fruits, milk, grocery and medical store owners will be covered under the mass-antigen tests. Hair cutting salons, Pan shops, hawkers and street food vendors are also included in this drive.
- Rajasthan: The state's COVID-19 count has gone up to 21,577 with the reporting of 173 new cases today morning. The maximum number of cases today are from Alwar district which recorded 81 cases, followed by Jaipur with 34 cases and Kota with 12 cases. The state's recovery rate is 77.43, which is the highest among all the larger states.
- Madhya Pradesh: 343 new cases have been reported taking state tally of COVID-19 to 15,627. Presently there are 3,237 active cases in the state, while 11,768 patients have recovered till date. The state has also seen 622 COVID-19 deaths till date.
- Chhattisgarh: 99 new cases have been reported in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, which takes the total count of COVID-19 patients to 3,415. There are 673 active patients in the state presently.
- Kerala: State registered its 29th Covid death today after a 53-year-old Kasargod native who had come from Hubli in Karnataka yesterday, died. Meanwhile, the fishing hamlet of Poonthura in the outskirts of capital Thiruvananthapuram is turning to be the epicenter of the pandemic, with 119 out of the 600 samples tested in the past five days turning positive. Restrictions have been tightened in the area with Commandos being deployed and marine enforcement strengthened to curb fisher folk of Kerala and Tamil Nadu crossing the borders for fishing. Minister in charge of Ernakulam V.S. Sunil Kumar says lockdown may be clamped in Kochi without prior notice as the situation is serious. One more Keralite died in Oman due to Covid, taking the toll in the Gulf to 307. Kerala reported a record 272 COVID-19 cases on Tuesday. 2,411 patients are undergoing treatment for the infection and there are a total of 1,86,576 persons under quarantine across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: Raj Nivas shut for 2 days in Puducherry, after peon found positive, LG to be tested. Puducherry increases swab collection in rural areas after biggest spike; 112 cases reported taking the total number of cases in the UT to 1151. State Minister for Electricity P Thangamani on Wednesday tested positive for Covid-19. He is the second minister to contract the virus after Higher Education Minister KP Anbazhagan; 10 MLAs were also infected so far. Online classes for government school students to begin from July 13, says TN Education minister. 3616 new cases,

4545 recoveries & 61 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 1,18,594 Active cases: 45,839 Deaths: 1571 Discharges: 71,116 Active cases in Chennai: 22,374.

- Karnataka: Ban on online classes by the State government for students of LKG to Class 5 stayed by Karnataka High Court. As Karnataka breached the 25,000-mark in Covid-19 cases, concerns have been raised from various quarters regarding the state's strategies to combat the deadly pandemic. Central Team tells the State government to reduce testing delays, increase testing and to focus on clusters. 1498 new cases, 571 discharges & 15 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 26,815 Active cases: 15,297 Deaths: 416 Discharges: 11,098.
- Andhra Pradesh: A government doctor from Guntur succumbed to Covid-19 while a municipal commissioner rank officer tested positive for the virus in the district. In addition to the existing 20 mobile testing vehicles the state is planning to add another 50 mobile testing vehicles available in different parts of the state. As discrimination against Covid frontline workers continues, 10 sanitation workers who performed the last rites of an infected person were not allowed to enter their residential locality in Tekkali village of Srikakulam district. 1062 new cases, 1332 discharged and 12 deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 27,643 samples. Total cases: 22,259, Active cases: 10,894 Discharged: 11,101, Deaths: 264.
- Telangana: State will soon join the list of states to conduct the rapid antigen tests. Telangana government is gearing up to procure more than one lakh antigen test kits. However, it is still not clear when the antigen tests will kick-start. Total cases reported till yesterday: 27,612 Active cases: 11,012; Deaths: 313 Discharges: 16,287.
- Arunachal Pradesh: CM of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri PemaKhandu holds a meeting with officials to discuss COVID19 situation. State to ramp up healthcare capacity and testing in a big way. CM of Arunachal Pradesh gives approval for creation of additional 250 posts of Nurses under NHM.
- Manipur: CM of Manipur, Shri N Biren Singh inaugurates 5 PHED projects, 1 CAF & PD project and 1 Rapid Antigen Testing Center at Jiribam. A 5 member team of doctors led by Medical Department Joint Director is in Jiribam, Manipur to take stock of the COVID-19 related safety measures in the district and to establish a COVID Care Centre.
- Meghalaya: Two people from South West Garo hills in Meghalaya have recovered from COVID-19 today. Now the active cases stands at 52 in the state and 45 have recovered so far.
- Mizoram: Three more Covid-19 cases confirmed in Mizoram today. Now total cases stands at 201 and active cases at 58 in the state.
- Nagaland: Health & Family Welfare Minister of Nagaland called a review meeting to take stock of the situation in Peren district and to work out an effective strategy to contain the spread of the pandemic to community level. 12 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Nagaland. Total status of Positive cases stands at 656 in the state with 353 active cases and 303 recovery cases.



Do's

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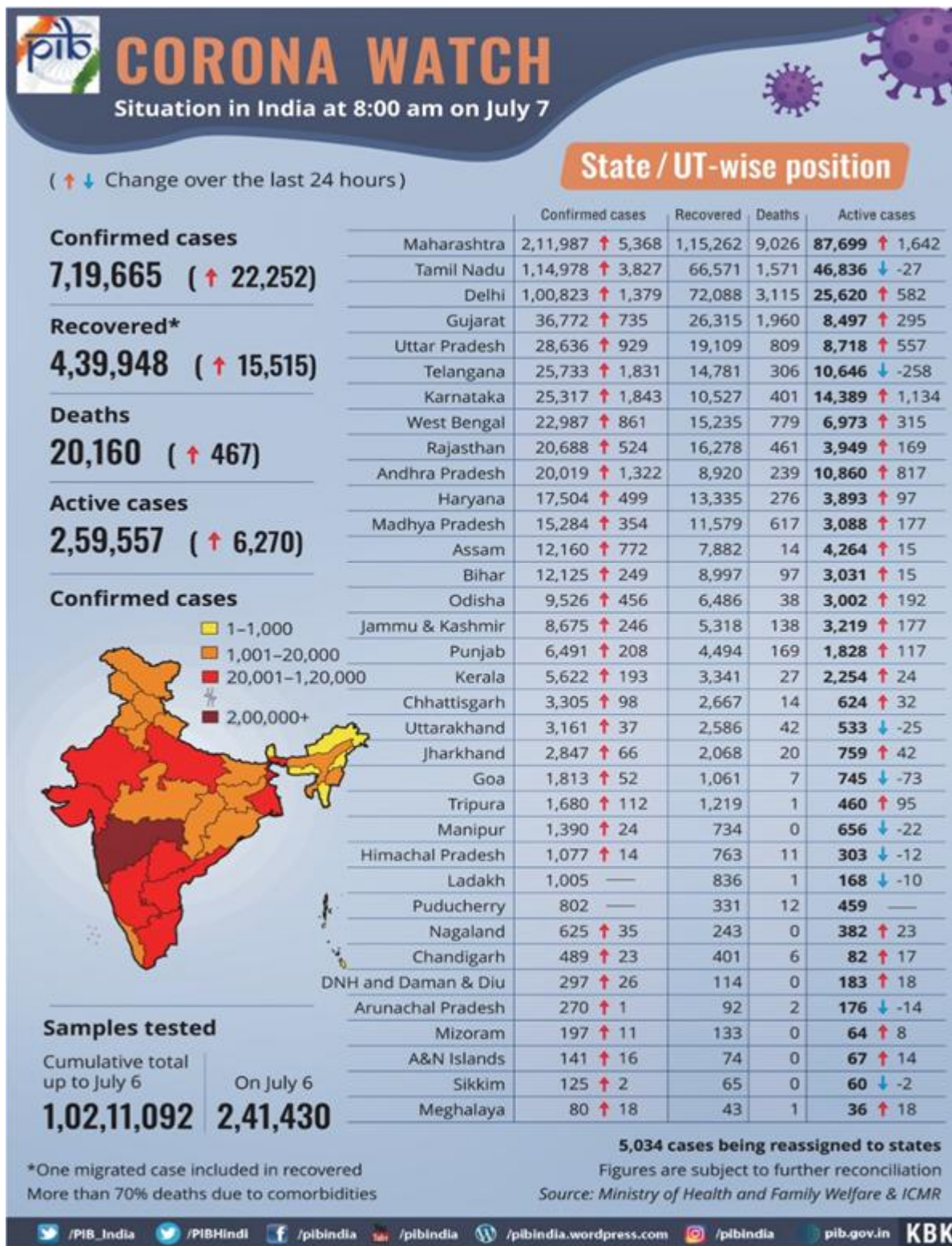
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- WHO report shows India has one of lowest COVID-19 cases per million people in the world; also among one of the lowest deaths per million population.
- Recovered cases nearly 4.4 lakhs, exceed active cases by more than 1.8 lakh; National Recovery Rate crosses 61%.
- 2,59,557 active cases in the country.
- Home Ministry allows conduct of examinations by Universities and Institutions; UGC issues Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities

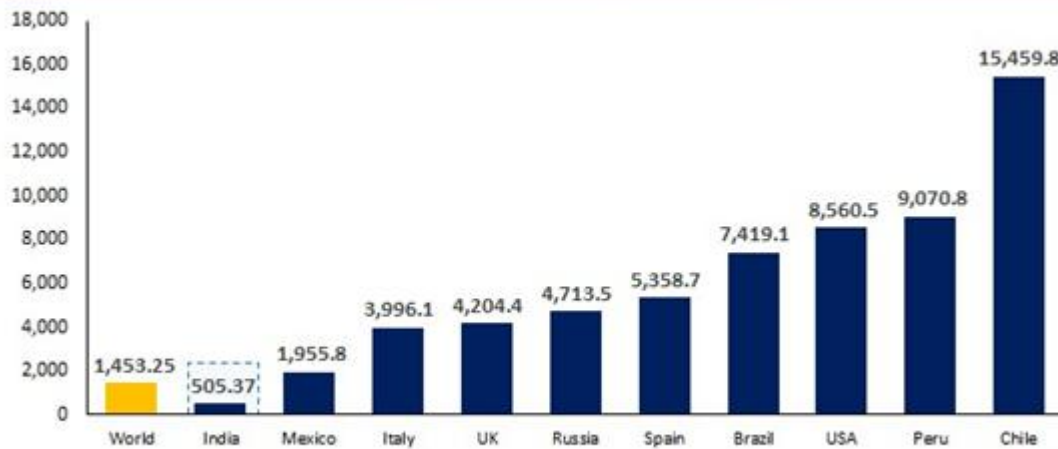




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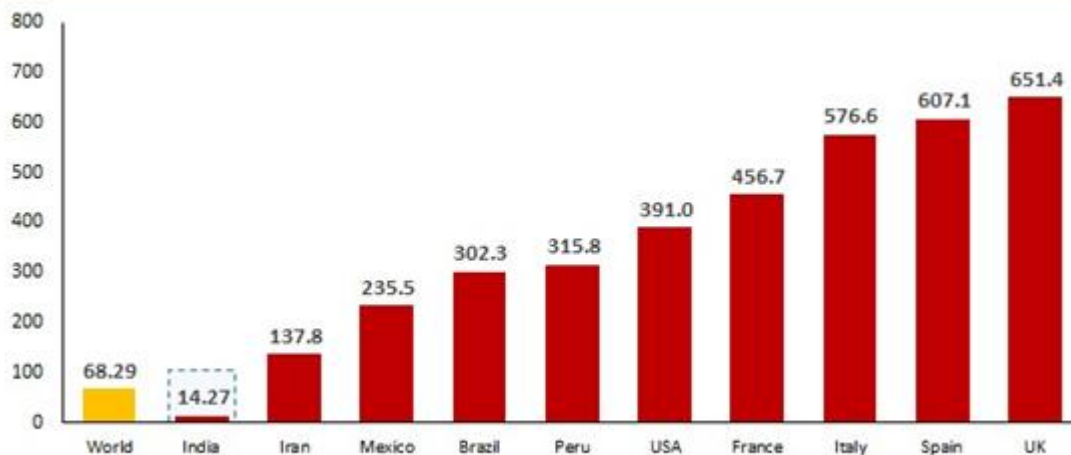
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The Situation Report also shows that India has one of the lowest deaths per million population. **India's cases of death per million population is 14.27 while the global average is more than its four times, at 68.29.**

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There are 1201 Dedicated COVID Hospitals, 2611 Dedicated COVID Healthcare Centres and 9909 COVID Care Centres to look after COVID patients. During the last 24 hours, a total of 15,515 COVID-19 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients to 4,39,947 as of today. As on date, there are 1,80,390 recovered cases more than the active COVID-19 cases. The recovery rate among COVID-19 patients has increased to 61.13% today. Presently, there are 2,59,557 active cases and all are under medical supervision. During the last 24 hours 2,41,430 samples have been tested. The number of nationwide samples tested for COVID-19 stands at 1,02,11,092 as of now. With 793 labs in the government sector and 322 private labs, there are as many as 1115 labs in the country.

For details:

Ministry of Home Affairs permits conduct of examinations by Universities and Institutions

Ministry of Home Affairs, in a letter to Union Higher Education Secretary, yesterday permitted conduct of examinations by Universities and Institutions. The final Term Examinations are to be compulsorily conducted as per the UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities; and as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) approved by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.\

For Details

HRD Minister releases UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually released UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic in New Delhi on 6th July, 2020. Shri Pokhriyal said that the decision was taken to safeguard the principles of health, safety, fair and equal opportunity for students. At the same time, it is very crucial to ensure academic credibility, career opportunities and future progress of students globally. He lauded the initiatives of UGC for constantly making efforts to address various issues related to teaching, learning, examinations, academic calendar etc. in the difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic.

For details:

“We cannot let the pandemic stop us”; Dr. Harsh Vardhan discusses bilateral Health Co-operation with his Swedish counterpart

The Swedish Minister for Health and Social Affairs Ms. Lena Hallengren digitally called upon Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare to discuss co-operation in the field of health and medicine, today. The two Health Ministers discussed the status and containment measures for COVID-19 in the two countries, and the future vision for handling it. On the lessons India learnt while handling the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said “India has a recovery rate of more than 61% and a mortality of as low as 2.78% in spite of being a country of 1.35 billion. 2.5 lakh people are being tested every day. From a single lab four months back, the country now has more than 1100 labs to diagnose COVID-19.” Dr Harsh Vardhan stated that India has rather used the Novel Coronavirus outbreak as an opportunity.

For details:

World Bank provides \$400 million to enhance support for rejuvenating the Ganga

The World Bank and the Government of India today signed a loan agreement to enhance support for the Namami Gange programme that seeks to rejuvenate the Ganga river. The Second National Ganga River Basin Project (SNBGRB) will help stem pollution in the iconic river and strengthen the management of the river basin which is home to more than 500 million people. The \$400 million operation comprises a loan of \$381 million and a proposed Guarantee of up to \$19 million. The SNGRBP will finance sewage

networks and treatment plants in select urban areas to help control pollution discharges. These infrastructure investments and the jobs they will generate will also help India's economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.

For details:

MoU Signed between National Medicinal Plants Board and ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources

National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) under Ministry of AYUSH, and ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) under Department of Agricultural Research and Education, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The purpose of this MoU to conserve the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Genetic Resources (MAPGRs) at designated space of ICAR-NBPGR in long-term storage module (as per availability) in the National Gene bank and or at Regional Station for medium term storage module and acquire hands-on training on plant germplasm conservation techniques to the working group of NMPB.

For details:

BSIP joins hands with Govt of UP to combat COVID 19 in the state

The Government of India, along with the State Governments, has been relentlessly working for prevention, containment, and management of COVID-19. Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), under the Department of Science & Technology (DST), joined hands with the Government of Uttar Pradesh to combat COVID-19 in the state. BSIP took initial steps to start laboratory testing of COVID-19. The availability of the ancient DNA BSL-2A laboratory in the Institute itself made it possible to prepare for testing immediately. The lab is running 24x7 to test approximately 400 samples per day from various districts of Uttar Pradesh. Till date, more than 12,000 samples have been tested.

For details :

15th Finance Commission holds meeting with the World Bank and its HLG on Health Sector

For a better understanding of the contours of India's Health Sector and in view of the Union Government's need and intention for reprioritization of its health spending, the 15th Finance commission held a meeting with representatives of the World Bank, NitiAayog and member of the Commission's High level group (HLG) on the health sector. **The Chairman stated that the Commission, for the first time, will devote an entire chapter on health financing.**

For details :

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, stressed on more vigorous contacts tracing and screening of outsiders, both at the time of entering the city and also in their place of stay. He directed the doctors and the municipal authorities to ensure that there is no outbreak of monsoon related diseases. The Administrator also ordered that the practice of employees having lunch together in canteens or in office rooms should be discontinued, keeping in view the social

distancing norms. During tea break also, the employees should wear masks and maintain social distancing.

- Punjab: The process of e-registration for all travellers to the state has been made mandatory in Punjab. Travellers can self-register online from the comfort of their homes, as per the guidelines issued by the government, and ensure their hassle-free travel for themselves. The objective of e-registration is to avoid any inconvenience to the travellers due to crowding and long queues at the border check points.
- Haryana: While extending relief measures for the Real Estate Industry due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, the Haryana Government has decided to grant moratorium on compliances and interest payments for seven months from March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 for all existing projects of CLUs, licenses etc. Moratorium period shall imply that such intervening period from March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 will be considered as zero period.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister has said that even in the COVID-19 pandemic, the pharma industry in the State remained functional and the drugs manufactured in pharma units of the State were even exported to other countries. He said that efforts should be made to convert this crisis into opportunity since most of the States were badly affected by COVID-19, the situation in Himachal Pradesh was far better.
- Kerala: One more Covid death has been reported in the State, taking the toll to 28. The deceased is a 24-year old gulf returnee in Kollam district who died yesterday while in home quarantine and his test results came positive today. Six more residents of an apartment complex in Kozhikode have tested positive taking the tally to 11. Following this, the district administration issued new directions after finding that the residents were not maintaining Covid-19 protocol. Three more Keralites succumbed to the coronavirus outside the state. One was in Kuwait and two in Mumbai. Death toll of Malayalees in Mumbai has reached forty. 193 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in Kerala yesterday. 2,252 patients are now undergoing treatment and 1.83 lakh people in quarantine for the same.
- Tamil Nadu: Private medical colleges to be brought under Puducherry government control for Covid-19 care. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has directed the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to send comprehensive data on deaths during the Covid-19 pandemic by July 15. Researchers in the IIT-Madras have developed a nylon-based nano-coated filter that can be used to protect healthcare workers treating Covid-19 patients; project is being funded by the DRDO. 3827 new cases, 3793 recoveries & 61 deaths reported yesterday. 1747 cases from Chennai. Total cases till now: 1,14,978 Active cases: 46,833 Deaths: 1571 Active cases in Chennai: 24,082.
- Karnataka: CM launches the direct benefit transfer for handloom weavers - 'NekaraSammanaYojane', as part of the State's Covid-19 economic relief package. State to deploy final year MBBS and nursing students at Covid Care Centres. ASHA workers across Karnataka, who are on the frontline of battling the pandemic, to boycott work from July 10, as the State government fails to meet their demands. 1843 new cases, 680 discharges & 30 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 25,317 Active cases: 14,385 Deaths: 401 Discharges: 10,527.
- Andhra Pradesh: State government, is making arrangements to hold engineering and medicine entrance (EAMCET) examination with strict measures; mock test to be conducted on July 19 with the help of Computer Society of India. In Nellore, employees of the APSRTC boycotted duties on Tuesday expressing fears over Covid-19 situation after two employees succumbed to Covid-19

recently and fresh cases being reported. 1178 new cases, 762 discharged and 13 deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 16,238 samples. Of the 1178 cases, 22 are inter-state cases and one from abroad. Total cases: 21,197, Active cases: 11,200 Deaths: 252 Discharges: 9745.

- Telangana: Private medical colleges in Hyderabad await clarity on Covid patients' treatment, expenses. With Covid-19 cases on the rise, the Telangana government is now trying to put in place the e-office system, the implementation of which has been pending for a long time. Total cases till yesterday: 25,733 Active cases: 10,646 Deaths: 306, Discharges: 14,781.
- Assam: Over 250 Assam Cops are affected by Coronavirus and among them 80 percent are from Guwahati tweeted Shri BhaskarJyotiMahanta,DGP of Assam.
- Manipur: Manipur police detained 442 violators of lockdown for not wearing masks and maintaining social distancing in public. 265 vehicles were also detained. A total of Rs 57,500 collected as fine from the violators.
- Mizoram: Six recovered Covid-19 patients discharged today in Mizoram, now active cases stands at 58 while 139 cured so far.
- Nagaland: One special train starting from Bangalore with 500 returnees expected to reach Dimapur, Nagaland on 9th July 2020.11 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Nagaland. Total number of positive cases in the state stands at 636 with 393 active cases and 243 recovered.
- Maharashtra: state government is gradually lifting restrictions under the 5th phase of Mission Begin Again. Fresh orders have been issued to allow hotels, lodges and guest houses outside containment zones, to operate from tomorrow with 33% of their capacity. Maharashtra reported 5,368 new Coronavirus positive cases, taking the state tally to 2,11,987 cases. 3,522 patients were cured and discharged on Monday, taking the number of cured persons to 1,15,262. There are 87,681 active cases in the state.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the total number of cases of COVID-19 has reached up to 36,858, with the report of 735 new cases. The state has recorded more than 700 new cases on the third consecutive day. Also, 17 new deaths have been reported, which increases the state's death toll to 1962. The maximum of 201 cases were reported from Surat, while Ahmedabad recorded 168 new cases.
- Rajasthan: With the report of 234 new cases this morning, the total number of cases has gone up to 20,922. The number of active cases is 3,949. The total number of recoveries has also gone up to 16,320.
- Madhya Pradesh: More than 56 lakh households have been surveyed so far under the state government's Kill Corona campaign, covering approximately 2.9 crore people. The state reported 354 new positive cases during the last 24 hours taking the overall tally to 15,284. The total number of recoveries has gone up to 11,579 with the discharge of 168 patients from hospitals in the state on Monday.

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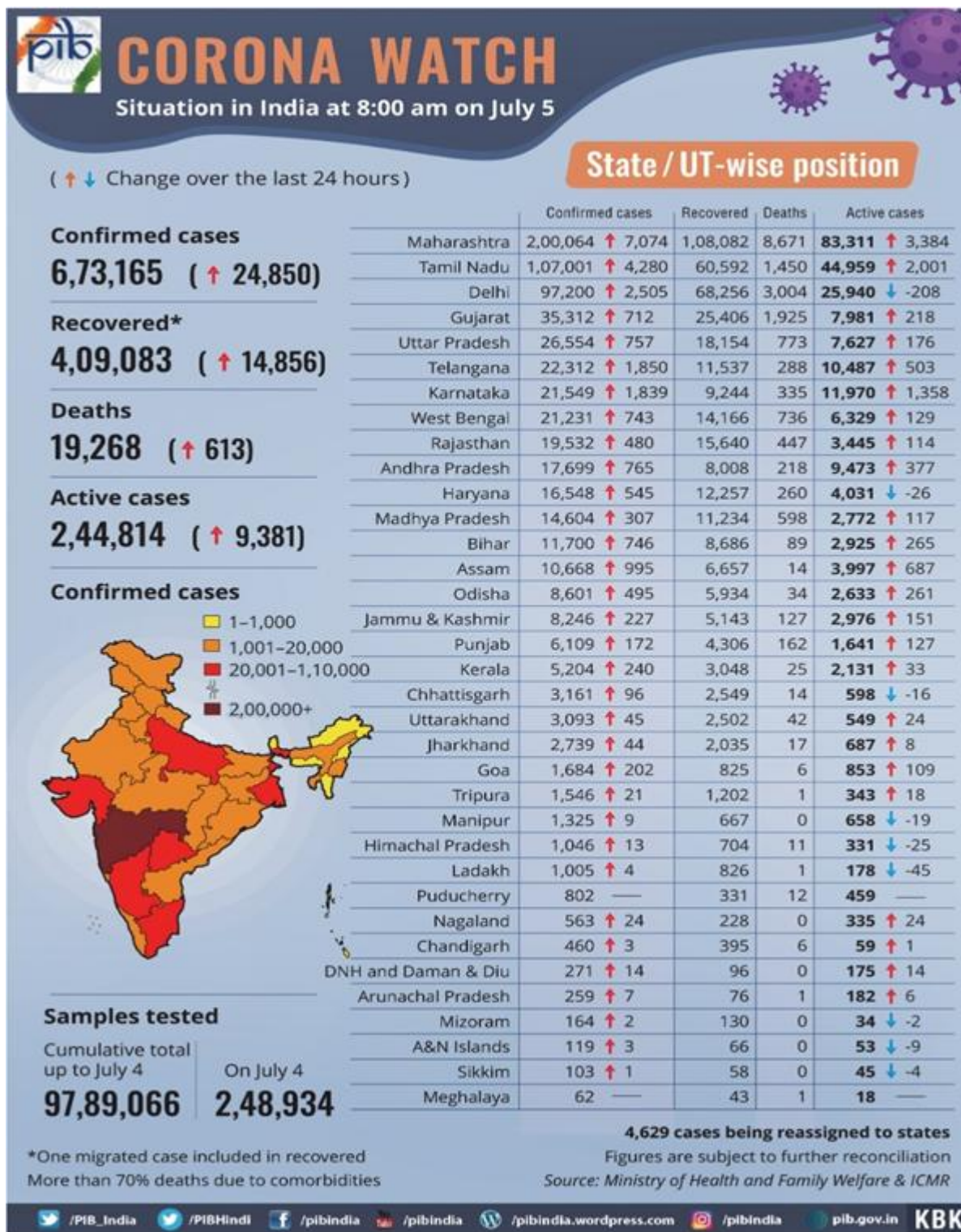
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- Total number of COVID labs cross 1100
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- Number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients rise to 4,24,432 as of today. During the last 24 hours, a total of 15,350 COVID-19 patients have been cured.
- There are 1,71,145 more recovered patients than COVID-19 active cases, taking the national recovery rate amongst COVID-19 to 60.86%.
- There are 2,53,287 active cases are under active medical supervision.
- National COVID Positivity Rate is 6.73% while many States report lower Positivity Rate.
- World Bank and Government of India sign \$750 million Agreement for Emergency Response Programme for MSMEs.





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Total number of COVID labs cross 1100; Recovered cases more than 4.24 lakhs, exceed active cases by more than 1.7 lakh; National Recovery Rate improves to 60.86%

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Consistent and focussed efforts for containment and management of COVID-19 by Government of India along with the States/UTs have led to the number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients rise to 4,24,432 as of today. During the last 24 hours, a total of 15,350 COVID-19 patients have been cured.

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National COVID Positivity Rate is 6.73% while many States report lower Positivity Rate; Central efforts lead to Significant Jump in testing in Delhi while the Positivity Rate declines

As part of the coordinated efforts, the Union government has emphasized on increasing testing, prompt contact tracing and timely clinical management of the cases. It has also helped the States to significantly ramp up testing capacities. This has resulted in reduced positivity in the country. Currently the national Positivity Rate stands at 6.73%.

In Delhi, the efforts being made by the UT were significantly bolstered by the Central Government to ensure increase in testing. As a result of concerted and focused efforts by Government of India to augment efforts, the average number of samples being tested per day which was only 5481 (1st-5th June 2020) has witnessed a huge increase to reach an average of 18,766 samples per day between 1st to 5th July 2020. In spite of significantly increased testing in Delhi, the positivity rate has seen a substantial decrease from about 30% to 10% in the last three weeks.

For details:

No scarcity of fertilizers across the country during ongoing Kharif season:Shri Gowda

Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda has said that there is no scarcity of fertilizers across the country during ongoing Kharif season. He added prepositioning in adequate quantities have been done in consultations with the State Governments. DBT sales of fertilizers have witnessed significant jump this Kharif season during the month of May and June across the country due to better than expected monsoon.

For details:

World Bank and Government of India sign \$750 million Agreement for Emergency Response Programme for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises

The World Bank and the Government of India today signed the \$750 million agreement for the MSME Emergency Response Programme to support increased flow of finance into the hands of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. The World Bank's MSME Emergency Response Programme will address the immediate

liquidity and credit needs of some 1.5 million viable MSMEs to help them withstand the impact of the current shock and protect millions of jobs. This is the first step among a broader set of reforms that are needed to propel the MSME sector over time.

For details:

NATMO publishes 4th updated version of its COVID 19 Dashboard

National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organization (NATMO) functioning as a subordinate department under the Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India published the 4th updated version of COVID-19 Dashboard on its official Portal at <http://geoportal.natmo.gov.in/Covid19/> on 19th June 2020.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: As the triple lockdown clamped in capital Thiruvananthapuram city began from 6am, City Corporation limits came under a multi-layered security blanket as the police sealed all border points that led to the State capital and various arterial roads across the 100 wards. District Collector informed that ten budget outlets will soon be set up for providing food packets in parcels. There would be home delivery system also. Minister V.S.Sunil Kumar said that there is no situation to impose triple lockdown in Ernakulam district as of now. Six new containment zones have been declared in the district. 225 new active cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the state yesterday. 2,228 patients are presently under treatment and 1,77,995 are under observation in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Coronavirus cases in Puducherry cross 1,000; CM to hold meeting with private hospitals; 62 new cases reported today in the UT. The committee constituted by Tamil Nadu to reconcile 236 deaths in Chennai, which were not accounted for in the State's tally, submitted its detailed report to the Health Department. With the civic body ramping up testing to 11,114 on July 4, Chennai's positivity rate has considerably fallen to 16.52 per cent from the earlier 20 per cent. 4150 new cases, 2186 recoveries & 60 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases till now: 1,11,151 Active cases: 46,860 Deaths: 1510 Active cases in Chennai: 24,890.
- Karnataka: Private hospitals in the State offer home isolation packages for Covid-19 patients; 7-day package to cost Rs 2,450. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar warned that strict legal action will be taken and criminal cases will be filed against private hospitals refusing treatment to Covid patients. Government recommended patients at private hospitals will be provided with insurance under Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust. Up to 69.8% (1,345 cases) of the 1,925 Covid-positive cases recorded on Sunday have no contacts or travel history in Karnataka. Total positive cases till yesterday: 23,474 Active cases: 13,251 Deaths: 372.
- Andhra Pradesh: Observing that there was a gap between testing and updating results, Special Chief Secretary (Health) KS Jawahar Reddy has directed the district administrations to colour-code the samples taken for testing to prioritise the testing process based on the urgency and types of testing. State decides to reopen schools from

July 13. Classes to be conducted once in a week for Primary and twice in a week for Upper Primary and Higher Schools in the State. 1322 new cases, 424 discharged and seven deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 16,712 samples. Total cases: 20,019, Active cases: 10,860, Discharged: 8920, Deaths: 239.

- Telangana: To extend quality treatment in colonies and slums and expand the services of Basti Dawakhanas to new areas, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is launching 33 more such clinics in different parts of the city shortly. Total cases reported till yesterday: 23902, Active cases: 10904, Deaths: 295, Discharges :12703.
- Maharashtra: The current count of COVID19 patients in the state is 2,06,619. 6,555 new patients have been identified as positive during the last 24 hours. So far more than 1.11 lakh patients have been cured and discharged from the hospitals in the state, leaving the total active cases at 86,040. With the death of 151 more patients, total deaths in the state so far has reached 8,822. BMC has procured one lakh ICMR approved Rapid Antigen Test kits for launching universal testing in the city. This test is recommended for all symptomatic Covid 19 suspects and asymptomatic High risk contacts with co-morbidity.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the number of Covid19 cases has reached 36,123 with 725 new cases reported during the 24 hour period. Out of these, the maximum 218 cases are reported from Surat, while Ahmedabad recorded 162 new cases. 486 patients were discharged from the various hospitals after recovery during the last 24 hours. With this, the total patients recovered from the Covid-19 having gone up to 25,900, the number of active cases in the state has reduced to 8,278.
- Rajasthan: A record 632 people tested positive for COVID-19 taking the total number of reported cases to 20,164. Maximum of the new cases were reported from Pratapgarh district -65, followed by Jodhpur and Bikaner having 57 cases each. Rajasthan boasts of the highest recovery rate in the country at 79%.
- Madhya Pradesh: 326 new cases and 10 deaths have been reported at Madhya Pradesh on Sunday, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 14,930. There are 2,911 active cases in the state, while 11,411 recoveries and 608 deaths have taken place till date. Out of 326 new cases reported on Sunday, 64 has been reported from Gwalior, followed by Bhopal with 61 cases and Morena with 36 cases. Madhya Pradesh has the second best recovery rate among larger Indian states.
- Chhattisgarh; 46 new patients have been identified in Chhattisgarh taking the total count of COVID-19 in the state to 3,207. There are 615 active patients in the state, as per latest update.
- Goa: 77 new COVID-19 infected patients have been identified on Sunday, which takes the state tally of positive patients to 1,761. Out of these, 936 patients have recovered leaving the number of active cases at 818.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Itanagar capital region administration in Arunachal Pradesh appeals people to co-operate and follow all guidelines during lockdown which begins at 5 pm today. Arunachal Pradesh Health department says all returnees from other States have been tested for COVID19. Total 26,808 samples collected while 12,925 RT PCR test conducted.

- Assam: As a first of its kind initiative on mass testing for COVID19, State Health Department will carry out house-to-house COVID19 test in ward no.2, Pandu area in Guwahati Municipality starting from 7th July 2020.
- Meghalaya: One more person who came from Assam has tested COVID19 positive in Tura.Total active cases 29 and recovered 43.
- Manipur: National Health Mission, Manipur has announced that a team of psychologists are available round the clock to telephonically help anyone in need with respect to COVID19 on the following phone numbers :8787457035, 9402751364.
- Mizoram: 5 more COVID-19 positive cases in Mizoram. Total cases rise to 191, active cases 58 and recovered 133.
- Nagaland: 32 more positive cases of COVID19 have been confirmed in Nagaland, taking the total tally of positive cases to 622 with 391 active cases and 231.



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- Number of recovered COVID-19 patients rises to 4,09,082, with 14,856 COVID-19 patients having been cured during the last 24 hours.
- There are 1,64,268 more recovered patients than active cases, taking the national Recovery Rate to 60.77%.
- Testing lab network in the country expands to 1100 labs.
- During the last 24 hours 2,48,934 samples tested, taking the cumulative number of samples tested, as on date, to 97,89,066.
- Raksha Mantri, Home Minister, and Health Minister visit Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID Hospital in Delhi, which has been built in a record time of 12 days.

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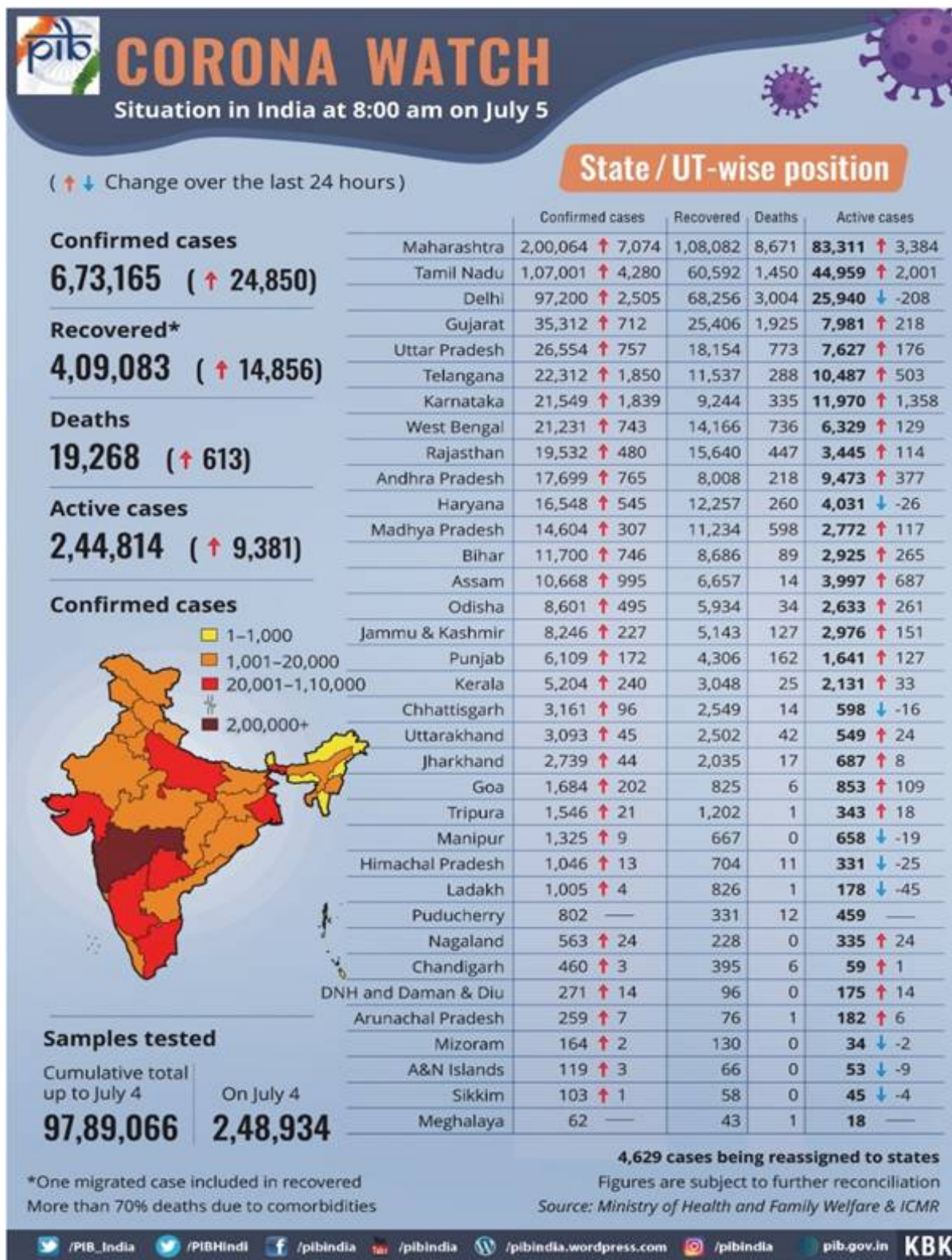
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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Recovered Cases more than 4 lakh; Recovered cases exceed Active cases by close to 1.65 lakh

The number of recovered cases among COVID-19 patients has risen to 4,09,082 as of today. During the last 24 hours, a total of 14,856 COVID-19 patients have been cured. So far, there are 1,64,268 more recovered patients than COVID-19 active cases. This takes the national Recovery Rate amongst COVID-19 to 60.77%. There are 2,44,814 active cases and all are under active medical supervision. There are 21 State/UTs with a Recovery Rate of more than the National average. The testing lab network in the

country continues to expand. With 786 labs in the government sector and 314 private labs, so there are as many as 1100 labs in the country. there has been a steady rise in the samples tested every day; during the last 24 hours 2,48,934 samples have been tested. The cumulative number of samples tested, as on date, is 97,89,066.

For details:

Raksha Mantri, Home Minister, and Health Minister visit Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID Hospital in Delhi

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh along with Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and Minister of Health & Family Welfare Shri Harsh Vardhan visited 1,000-bedded with 250 intensive care units beds Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID Hospital in Delhi today. The facility was built in a record time of 12 days by Defence Research and Development Organisation along with Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), the Armed Forces, Tata Sons and other industry players. Raksha Mantri was also accompanied by Delhi Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal and Minister of State for Home Shri G Kishan Reddy. The unique centrally air-conditioned medical facility is spread over 25,000 square metres and is equipped with 250 ICU beds. Each ICU bed is equipped with monitoring equipment and ventilator. The hospital will be operated by medical team of doctors, nurses and support staff from the Armed Forces Medical Services while the facility will be maintained by the DRDO. Additionally, for the mental wellbeing of patients, the hospital has a dedicated DRDO managed psychological counselling centre.

For details:

ASHAs in Rajasthan: Selfless commitment to people in the long fight against COVID-19

The work of ASHAs as integral pillars of COVID-19 response in Rajasthan started immediately after the first case was diagnosed in early March this year in Jaipur. The contribution of the ASHAs, in collaboration with the state's Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), enabled reaching out to nearly 39 cr people in eight crore households for active surveillance and information dissemination. In the midst of all this and while being vigilant about anyone with symptoms, ASHAs also continued to provide care for pregnant women, new-borns and children. They also mobilized transport to health facilities in cases when ambulances were not available.

For details:

Vice President urges every Indian to adopt Aatam-Nirbhar Bharat campaign to transform "Local" India into a "Glocal" India;

The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today called for creating an ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship to thrive and urged every Indian to adopt Aatam-Nirbhar Bharat campaign to transform "Local" India into "Glocal" India. Speaking at the virtual launch of Elyments mobile App, the Vice President said the Aatam-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan was aimed at giving a new boost and a quantum jump to the economic potential of the country by strengthening infrastructure, using modern technologies, enriching human resource, and creating robust supply chains. Talking about the number of internal and external challenges being faced by the country including the COVID-19 pandemic, Shri Naidu said, India is passing through a crucial moment in the history. "But we should remain resolute in our response to the challenges thrown at us", he added.

For details:**Livelihood opportunities to returnee workers by providing functional household tap connections under Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan**

As the whole world is fighting corona virus, Union Government is converting this huge challenge to an opportunity, especially for the rural areas by making plan for livelihood provision as well as boosting rural economy. In this context, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) has been launched, to start extensive public works to provide livelihood opportunities and create local employment to returnee migrants and similarly affected rural citizens. As part of this Abhiyan, Jal Jeevan Mission aims at providing household tap connections to every rural household and offers a huge opportunity to engage skilled, semi-skilled and migrant returnees in drinking water supply related works. States have been requested to start works in villages of these districts so that it will not only help to ensure adequate quantity of water at household level but will also help in providing employment to migrant returnees.

For details:**Indigenous Indian COVID19 vaccines in the global race to end the pandemic**

With the announcement of COVAXIN by Bharat Biotech and ZyCov-D Vaccine by Zydus Cadila the proverbial silver line in the dark clouds of COVID19 appears at the horizon. Now the nod given by the Drug Controller General of India CDSCO (The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation) for the conduct of the human trial for the vaccines, marks the beginning of the end. In the past years, India has emerged as one of the significant vaccine manufacturing hubs. Indian manufacturers account for 60% of vaccine supplies made to UNICEF. The vaccine for novel coronavirus may be developed anywhere in the world, but without Indian manufacturers involved the production of required quantity is not going to be feasible.

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

- Punjab: In view of rising cases of Covid-19, the Punjab Government has issued an advisory for all inbound persons traveling to Punjab. This advisory will be applicable from 7th July. In accordance with the advisory, any person whether major or minor coming to Punjab via any mode i.e. Road, rail or air shall henceforth, and till further orders, would be medically screened when he/she enters Punjab and will be required to e-register himself/herself before starting his/her journey to Punjab. Except for frequent travellers, all inbound persons after reaching Punjab will have to undertake a self-quarantine of 14 days & during this period they will have to update their health status daily on COVA app or would have to call 112 daily. In case they feel they are developing any symptoms of COVID-19, they will have to immediately call 104. For International Travellers, the quarantine would be institutional for first 7 days & home for the next 7 days.
- Haryana: Chief Minister said that despite COVID-19, now industrial and commercial activities are back to normal in the state. In order to prevent the effect of pandemic on children's education during the Corona transition period, education is being imparted through online mode. He said that the procurement of food grains during the Corona pandemic was also satisfactory. To expedite the procurement of wheat, the government had set up more than 1,800 procurement centres and during this season, record procurement of mustard, wheat and other crops was made. Meanwhile, the farmers were also paid directly to their account through pool account.

- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister, while addressing the Deputy Commissioners and Block Development Officers through Video Conferencing, directed them to prepare the list of beneficiaries of various welfare schemes of the Government so that the State Government could maintain better coordination and liaison with the beneficiaries. He said that it was essential that the government interacts constantly with the beneficiaries and also has a mechanism to get their feedback regarding various schemes. He said that optimum use of technology must be ensured. He directed the BDOs to have a detailed database at panchayat level regarding beneficiaries so that the same could be available at a click of a button.
- Kerala: State recorded its 26th Covid death when an 82-year-old gulf returnee, who had been in a critical condition at the Manjeri Medical College in Malappuram passed away last evening. His test result shows that he was Covid positive. A man who was in quarantine for Covid-19, collapsed and died in Kottayam today; his swab sample is being tested. Strict vigil is being maintained in capital Thiruvananthapuram, with the rising number of cases through contacts and unknown sources. Four more wards have been declared as containment zones. More tests will be conducted in coming days. The situation in Ernakulam district too is very serious. Eight more Keralites lost their lives to the Covid-19 outside the state. While the virus claimed six lives in the Gulf region, one life each was lost in Mumbai and Delhi. Kerala reported its so far highest single-day count of 240 new positive cases yesterday. Currently 2,129 patients are undergoing treatment and more than 1.77 lakh people under quarantine in different districts.
- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry reports 43 new Covid-19 cases; total of 448 patients have been discharged after recovery including 43 patients today; so far 14 patients have died in the UT. AIADMK Coimbatore South MLA Amman K Arjunan (58) has been admitted to ESI Hospital for Covid-19 treatment today. A total of 4,280 new cases of Covid-19 and 65 deaths were reported across 37 districts of Tamil Nadu on Saturday, taking its tally to 1,07,001. Total Active cases reported till yesterday: 44956, Deaths: 1450, Discharges: 60592, Active cases in Chennai: 24195.
- Karnataka: State imposes complete lockdown every Sunday till August 2. Age limit for home isolation upped to 60; a dedicated tele-monitoring link will be established for daily updates from the patient. CM ropes in two more Ministers into the team to fight the pandemic: Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwanthnarayan will oversee Covid care centres (CCC) and Revenue Minister R Ashok will coordinate with private hospitals on availability of beds. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar will continue to focus on the Coronavirus policy and has also been entrusted with the task of briefing the media daily. 1839 new cases, 439 discharges & 42 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 21,549 Active cases: 11,966 Deaths: 335, Discharges: 9244.
- Andhra Pradesh: State records single day highest spike of 998 cases in the last 24 hours, with 14 deaths taking the toll to 232. Active cases too cross 10K mark (10,043) with total case tally reaching 18,697. The state has tested 10,17,140 samples till date. As many as 17 TTD employees have tested positive and are under treatment, while members of their family and contacts have been quarantined. The TTD has decided not to go in for increasing the daily number of pilgrims for darshan till July end. State ties up with UNICEF to launch the Risk Communication and Community Engagement Programme to reach out to about 1.3 crore households to check for infection; intends to inculcate "Covid appropriate behaviour" among people.
- Telangana: Old City slums adopt Dharavi model to fight coronavirus. From being among one of the better states in terms of incidence of coronavirus cases, Telangana's positivity rate, or total confirmed cases per 100 tests, in the past two weeks has gone up to 25% — more than double the

positivity rate recorded in the previous fortnight — and the state is in first position followed by Maharashtra and Delhi. Total cases till yesterday: 22312, Active cases: 10487, Deaths: 288, Discharges: 11537.

- Arunachal Pradesh: Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh government informed that frontline warriors, be it in the health, police or the hospitality service, would be tested during the seven days of lockdown to ensure that they are free from Covid-19.
- Assam: Assam will complete 5 lakhs COVID-19 test in next few days tweeted Health Minister of State.
- Manipur: Manipur government decides that Jiribam town to have a Covid Care Center to treat rising cases. Mass testing to be done to identify infected people. Manipur state government orders 50,000 rapid testing kits after getting ICMR approval. Kits likely to arrive by tomorrow.
- Meghalaya: One more BSF personnel has been tested positive for COVID19 in Shillong today. With this the total active cases stand at 27 in Meghalaya and 43 have recovered so far.
- Mizoram: Two more COVID-19 survivors discharged from Khawzawl District Hospital of Mizoram today. Khawzawl becomes the 5th district in the state with no active cases. Other districts with zero cases are Hnahthial, Saitual, Kolasib & Serchhip.
- Nagaland: Arrangements have been made by Nagaland government for providing food and shelter to migrant workers affected by the COVID-19 restrictions.
- Maharashtra: The number of reported Covid 19 cases in Maharashtra has crossed over two lakh with a staggering 7,074 fresh cases reported in the last 24 hours. As per the government health bulletin, a total of 295 people died due to the virus in the state on Saturday, taking the death toll to 8,671. The number of active cases in the state is 83,295. Mumbai reported 1,180 new cases. Four deaths and 30 more cases of Coronavirus were reported among the Maharashtra Police personnel in the last 24 hours. With this, the total number of Covid-19 cases in Maharashtra Police has now reached 5,205 with 1,070 active cases.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the number of Covid19 cases has reached 35,398. The state reported 712 new cases in the last 24 hours, with Surat reporting 205 and Ahmedabad accounting for 165 cases. There are 8,057 active cases in the state. The state has so far carried out 4.04 lakh tests.
- Rajasthan: 224 new cases and 6 deaths have been reported today morning. The state tally of COVID-19 has shot up to 19,756. The number of active cases is 3,640.
- Madhya Pradesh: 307 new cases and 5 deaths have been reported in Madhya Pradesh taking the state tally of Covid-19 to 14,604. There are 2,772 active cases in the state, as on date. Under the 'Kill Corona' campaign which is being run in MP from 1st July to 15th July, 61.54 lakh people have been surveyed and over 10 thousand samples collected for testing. 1,776 teams in urban areas and 8975 survey teams are working in rural areas.
- Chhattisgarh: 96 new patients have been identified in Chhattisgarh, which takes the total count of COVID-19 in the state to 3,161. There are 621 active patients in the state, as per latest update.
- Goa: 108 new COVID-19 infected patients have been identified taking the state tally of positive patients to 1,684. Number of recovered patients to 825. There are 853 active cases in the state. Goa is also contemplating to seek ICMR's nod for conducting Convalescent Plasma Therapy in the state.



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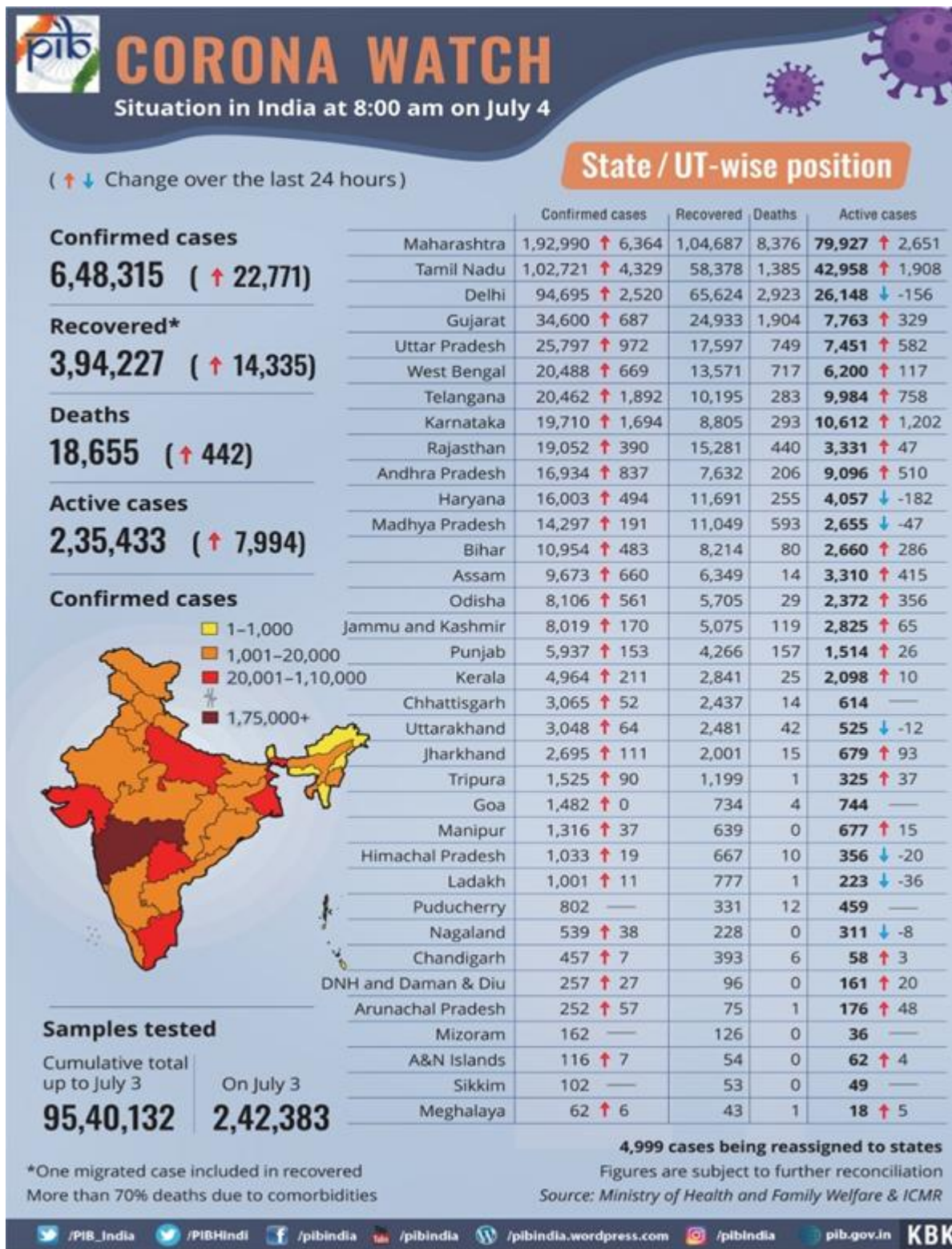
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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- 1,58,793 more recovered cases than the active COVID-19 cases, as on date
- Recovery rate further increases to 60.81%. During the last 24 hours, 14,335 COVID-19 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure to 3,94,226.
- During the last 24 hours 2,42,383 samples tested, pushing the cumulative number of tests to 95,40,132; 1087 labs undertaking tests.
- As the pandemic ravages human lives and economies across the globe, the Buddha's message serves like a beacon, says the President.
- Prime Minister says that the world today is fighting extraordinary challenges, lasting solutions to which can come from the ideals of Lord Buddha.
- PM launches Aatmanirbhar Bharat Innovation Challenge.
- Fresh examination dates announced for NEET and JEE Mains & Advance.





Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Nearly 1.6 lakh more recovered cases than the active ones; Recovery rate is 60.81%; More than 95 lakh samples tested

The number of the recovered COVID-19 cases continues to increase steadily. There are 1,58,793 recovered cases more than the active COVID-19 cases, as on date. As a result of this, the recovery rate has further increased to 60.81%. During the last 24 hours, a total of 14,335 COVID-19 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure to 3,94,226. Presently, there are 2,35,433 active cases and all are under medical supervision. The efforts to expand the testing labs network in the country have led to their

numbers increasing very day. There are as many as 1087 labs in the country, including 780 labs in the government sector and 307 private labs. During the last 24 hours 2,42,383 samples have been tested, pushing the cumulative number of tests to 95,40,132.

For details:

As the pandemic ravages human lives and economies across the globe, the Buddha's message serves like a beacon, says the President

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind said that as the pandemic ravages human lives and economies across the globe, the Buddha's message serves like a beacon. Lord Buddha advised people to shun greed, hatred, violence, jealousy and many other vices to find happiness. Contrast this message with the hankering of an unrepentant mankind indulging in the same old violence and degradation of nature. We all know that the moment the virulence of Coronavirus slows down, we have a far more serious challenge of climate change before us. The President was speaking at a virtual event organized by the International Buddhist Confederation on the occasion of the Dharma Chakra Diwas at Rashtrapati Bhavan today

For details:

PM addresses on the occasion of Dharma Chakra Day

Prime Minister talked about the teaching of Lord Buddha and about the eight-fold path which shows the way towards the well-being of many societies and nations. He noted that Buddhism teaches respect for people, women, poor, for peace and non-violence and these teachings are the means to a sustainable planet. Prime Minister said that Lord Buddha spoke about hope and purpose and saw a strong link between the two. He spoke about how he is hopeful about the 21st century, and this hope springs from the youth. He underlined that India has one of the largest start-up ecosystems where bright young minds are finding solutions to global problems. Prime Minister said that the world today is fighting extraordinary challenges, lasting solutions to which can come from the ideals of Lord Buddha.

For details:

Text of PM's address on the occasion of Dharma Chakra Day

For details:

Dhanvantri Rath: Taking Non-COVID healthcare services to peoples' doorsteps in Ahmedabad

A unique and innovative example has been set by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), through the DhanvantriRath, a mobile van, providing non-COVID essential healthcare services to the doorsteps of the people in the city. Many of the large hospitals in the city have been dedicated for COVID-19 treatment, hence various measures have been taken to ensure that non-COVID essential services related to diabetes, blood pressure, heart ailment etc., are also provisioned to people who cannot visit the hospitals as many of them were not operating the OPDs. Mobile 'DhanvantriRath' have an Ayush Doctor, paramedic and nursing staff along with local Medical Officer from Urban Health Centre of AMC. These vans have been visiting various areas and providing OPD services for non-COVID essential services and field medical consultations to people all over Ahmedabad City at their doorsteps. The mobile medical vans carry all essential medicines including ayurvedic & homeopathic medicines, vitamin supplements, basic testing equipment along with pulse Oxymeter. In addition to healthcare services reaching the people who cannot access hospital OPD services for various reasons, DhanvantriRath has helped identify those who need further clinical treatment or an IPD admission, and ensured that they reach the hospital in a timely manner. 120 DhanvantriRaths across the city have successfully conducted over 4.27 lakh OPDs consultations, so far.

For details:

6700 ASHAs in Meghalaya strengthened the Surveillance and Awareness Drives

As soon as the index case was reported in Meghalaya, ASHAs and ASHA facilitators were trained to become an integral part of the Active Case Search Team in the identified Containment Areas. The frontline workers of Meghalaya have been instrumental in containing spread of this disease. The State's fight against COVID-19 has demonstrated the strong embeddedness of ASHAs within the communities. At all levels, about 6700 ASHAs were made part of COVID Village Health Awareness and Active Case Search teams in the Containment Areas. The teams raised community awareness about preventive measures against COVID-19 such as hand washing, wearing masks/face covers, maintaining physical distance etc. Through active case search they have also facilitated timely access to testing and treatment.

For details:

PM launches Aatmanirbhar Bharat Innovation Challenge

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has launched **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Innovation Challenge**, to identify the best Indian Apps that are already being used by citizens and have the potential to scale and become world class Apps in their respective categories. "Today there is immense enthusiasm among the tech & start-up community to create world class Made in India Apps. To facilitate their ideas and products @GoI_MeitY and @AIMtoInnovate are launching the Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge. This challenge is for you if you have such a working product or if you feel you have the vision and expertise to create such products. I urge all my friends in the tech community to participate", the Prime Minister said.

For details:

PM urges tech community to participate in Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has urged the tech community to participate in the Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge. In a post published on LinkedIn, Prime Minister mentioned about the vibrant tech and start up ecosystem in India and how the youngsters have excelled in providing tech solutions across sectors. He said that there is a lot of enthusiasm among the start-up and tech ecosystem to innovate, develop and promote homegrown apps, adding that while the nation is working towards creating an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, it is a good opportunity to give direction and momentum to evolve apps which can satisfy our market as well as compete with the world.

For details:

MeitY-NITI launches Digital India AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge to realise PM's vision of Digital India – AatmaNirbhar Bharat

With an objective to support and build a strong ecosystem for Indian Apps, MeitY in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission – NitiAayog launched **Digital India AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge** for Indian tech entrepreneurs and Startups. This is to help realise the vision of Prime Minister for building a Digital India and using Digital Technologies for building an AatmaNirbhar Bharat. This shall run in 2 tracks: Promotion of Existing Apps and Development of New Apps.

For details:

HRD Minister announces fresh examination dates of NEET and JEE Mains & Advance

Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has announced through online medium the fresh examination dates of NEET and JEE Mains & Advance. The Minister informed that keeping in mind the safety of students and to ensure quality education on the advise of Ministry of HRD, the National Testing Agency has decided to postpone JEE and NEET examinations. He further informed that JEE Main examination will now be held between 1st-6th Sept, 2020 and JEE Advance exam will be held on 27th September, 2020. He added that the NEET examination will be held on 13th September, 2020.

For details:

Shri Piyush Goyal lauds the efforts of Exporters as the country makes fast recovery in Exports

Addressing the EPCs yesterday, Shri Goyal said that the Exports, after setbacks in first two months of this financial year, due to Covid-19, are recovering fast, as the Unlock process gains and the Economic activity makes a revival. He said that the data of June, 2020 will reflect the gains, with the merchandise

export figures touching almost 88% of the corresponding period last year. He lauded the role of exporters for attaining the feat in such a short time. The Minister said that their hardwork, self-confidence and determination really paid off. He said that the achievement is all the more laudable because many of the areas in the country are still under containment zones and having restrictions. Most of the markets abroad have not been able to make such a remarkable comeback, he added. Shri Piyush Goyal said that as the Unlock 2.0 has come with more permissions, it is expected that things will further improve in the future.

For details:

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare takes several measures to facilitate farmers and farming activities at field level during COVID 19 pandemic

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India is taking several measures to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level during COVID 19 pandemic. There has been noteworthy progress of sowing area coverage under Kharif crops. About 68.08 lakh ha area coverage under summer rice as compared to 49.23 lakh ha. during the corresponding period of last year.

For details:

N-E Region will take a lead for India to emerge as an economic power house in the Post-COVID era: Dr Jitendra Singh

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said that North-Eastern Region will take a lead for India to emerge as an economic power with the support of its huge natural and human skill resources in the Post-COVID era. He said that women power (Matrashakti) of the N-E region is taking a lead in all spheres of economic activity due to successful management of Corona Pandemic. He said that women have excelled in the fight against Pandemic and helped North-Eastern Region to emerge as a Model of Corona Management. He was interacting with various Self Help Groups associated with North Eastern Region Community Resource and Management Program through a Webinar.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: On a day when India's Covid 19 count soared by over 20,000 for the first time, Maharashtra reported 6,364 new cases taking the state tally to 1,92,990. With more than 1.04 lakh patients cured, the total number of active cases is 79,911. Mumbai City reported 1,392 cases. Even as the number of Corona virus cases in Mumbai has stabilized, the satellite cities of Mumbai Metropolitan Region - Thane, Kalyan-Dombivili, Mira-Bhayandar have become new Covid hot spots.
- Gujarat: Gujarat recorded 687 new coronavirus positive cases during the last 24 hours, taking the overall tally to 34,686. Also, 18 patients have lost their lives due to COVID-19 taking the total death toll in the state to 1,906. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, AMC has added 26 new areas

of the city in Micro-Containment Zones after detection of new cases. The Health Department of AMC has launched intense door to door surveillance and mass screening in these areas.

- Rajasthan: 204 new cases and 3 deaths have been reported today morning, which takes the total count of coronavirus positive patients to 19,256.
- There are 3,461 active cases in the state presently, while the state death toll is 443. The state has carried out over 8.70 lakh tests so far.
- Madhya Pradesh: 191 new COVID-19 cases have been identified, which takes the state tally of coronavirus positive cases to 14,297. While there are 2655 active cases in the state presently, 11049 people have recovered till date.
- Chhattisgarh: 40 new COVID-19 positive cases were confirmed in Chhattisgarh taking the state total to 3,065. The active cases number 637.
- Goa: 95 positive cases have been identified on Friday, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 1,482. Active cases are 734.
- Chandigarh: In view of present situation due to COVID-19 and the economic background of the parents of students studying in Govt. Schools of U.T., Chandigarh, the Education Department Chandigarh Administration has decided to waive off Annual and Monthly funds of class 9th and 10th students studying in Govt. Schools for the first six months of academic session 2020-21 i.e. from April-2020 to September-2020 as a one-time measure. Around 24500 students of class 9th and 10th studying in Govt. Schools will benefit from this decision.
- Punjab: Chief Minister gave the go-ahead for launching a pilot project for Covid-19 rapid antigen testing from the coming week. On successful completion of the pilot rapid antigen project, which will cover a minimum of 1000 tests, such testing would be done on the migrants coming back to the state in the wake of reopening of industries and for work in the paddy fields.
- Haryana: Deputy Chief Minister said that during the nationwide Unlock-2 , industrial and commercial activities are heading towards normalcy and strengthening of roads, Metro expansion and Regional Rapid Transit Corridor System development plans will be carried forward rapidly in a phased manner in the state.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister, while addressing the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- Institute of Himalayan Bio-Resource Technology, Palampur on its 38th Founders' Week function through Video Conference, said that the Institute has been playing pivotal role in undertaking COVID-19 tests, besides providing all necessary instruments and logistic support for test of COVID-19 to Tanda, Chamba and Hamirpur Medical Colleges of the State. He further said the Institute also succeeded in preparing alcohol free hand sanitizer and herbal soap for the consumers.
- Kerala: High alert has been sounded in capital Thiruvananthapuram, with more areas being declared as containment zones to limit the further spread of Covid-19. 22 policemen at the Armed Reserve camp have been quarantined following one of them testing positive while on duty outside the Government Secretariat. 15 staff at the Indira Gandhi Co-operative hospital in Kochi have been placed under quarantine, after a man who had sought treatment two days ago tested positive. One more Keralite died of Covid in New Delhi today, taking the toll of Malayali deaths in Delhi to 13. As many as 211 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in Kerala yesterday, the highest number of cases to be reported on a single day. 2,098 patients are still under treatment for the infection and a total of 1,77,001 people are placed under observation in various districts.

- Tamil Nadu: In Puducherry, private medical colleges resist setting up of Covid care centres; Director of Health and Family Welfare sought the assistance of Lt Governor Kiran Bedi and CM V Narayanasamy to resolve the issue. One death and 80 fresh cases of Covid-19 reported in Puducherry, taking the total number of cases to 904 and death toll to 14 in the UT. After 20 positive cases of Covid-19 were reported in JIPMER campus including health officials, District Collector has ordered a detailed inquiry. Tamil Nadu becomes India's second worst-affected state in India, with total number of Covid cases crossing 1 lakh mark to reach 102721 yesterday. 4329 new cases, 2357 recoveries & 64 deaths reported yesterday. Total Active cases: 42955, Deaths: 1385, Discharges: 58378, Active cases in Chennai: 23581.
- Karnataka: State releases detailed guidelines for home isolation of asymptomatic cases and funeral of dead bodies. Booth level task force committees to be formed and this will be the basic structural and functional unit for covid management. A centralised system being created for allocation of beds in hospitals and a nodal officer has been appointed to oversee it. 400 ambulances will be deployed in city, dedicating 2 for each ward. Strict legal action will be taken against those who violate home isolation guidelines and funeral guidelines, Minister said. Complete lockdown in the entire state today, only emergency services will be available. 1694 new cases, 471 discharges & 21 deaths reported yesterday; 994 cases in Bangalore city. Total positive cases: 19710, Active cases: 10,608 Deaths: 293.
- Andhra Pradesh: Saying that Covid-19 does not spread from a person who has been dead for at least 4-6 hours, Special Chief Secretary (Health) KS Jawahar Reddy appeals to the public not to hinder the cremation of Covid victims. Volunteers of the Indian Red Cross Society in Srikakulam have come forward to assist officials in conducting cremation of the persons who died of Covid-19, as per the protocol. Inspired by the Muslim NGO in Tamil Nadu which took the initiative to conduct the last rites of Covid-19 victims in a respectful manner, District Collector J Nivas said, the same has been replicated in the district. 765 new cases, 311 discharged and 12 deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 24,962 samples. Of the 765 cases, 32 are inter-state cases and six from abroad. Total cases: 17,699, Active cases: 9473, Deaths: 218, Discharges: 8008.
- Telangana: Home isolation strategy working effectively in the State. So far, around 12,000 positive patients in the State took the 'home isolation' route to fight Covid-19 and almost half of them have recovered. Total cases reported yesterday: 20462, Active cases: 9984 Deaths: 283, Discharged: 10195.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In view of increasing cases of COVID-19 in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh government declared Lockdown from Monday 6th July (5am) to 12th July 5pm in Itanagar Capital Region. While addressing the media persons in Itanagar today Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar said that details of SoP will be released soon. Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday saw single day highest spike, registered 37 new Covid-19 cases, and yesterday state has recorded 20 fresh Covid-19 positive cases, taking its total number of confirmed cases to 252, of which 176 are active cases and 75 have already recovered with one casualty so far.
- Mizoram: Three more Covid-19 patients recovered in Mizoram. Now Active cases stand at 32 in the state while 130 patients have recovered so far.

FACTCHECK



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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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- Recovery rate among COVID-19 patients jumps to 60.73%. During the last 24 hours, 20,033 COVID-19 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure to 3,79,891.
- Presently, there are 2,27,439 active cases and all are under medical supervision.
- Steady rise in the samples tested every day, with close to 93 lakh samples being tested till date; 2,41,576 samples have been tested during the last 24 hours.
- More than 2 Crore N95 Masks & over 1 Crore PPEs distributed Free of Cost by Central Government to States
- Union Home Minister meets Chief Ministers of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for a unified Covid19 strategy for NCR.
- Rs. 62,361 crore refunded to more than 20 lakh Income tax payers amid COVID-19 pandemic
- During lockdown, 19 lakh households provided tap connections.

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COVID-19 INDIA

as on : 03 July 2020, 08:00 IST
(GMT+5:30)

227439

Active Cases



379891

Cured / Discharged



18213

Deaths



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Migrated



CORONA WATCH

Situation in India at 8:00 am on July 3

(↑ ↓ Change over the last 24 hours)

State / UT-wise position

Confirmed cases

6,25,544 (↑ 20,903)

Recovered*

3,79,892 (↑ 20,032)

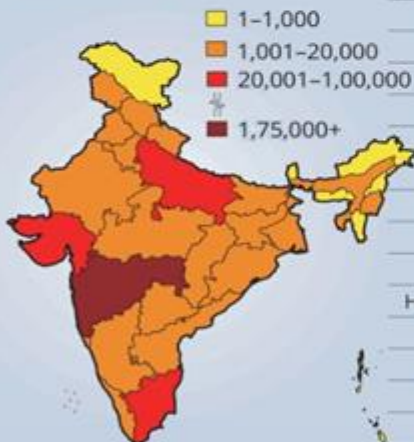
Deaths

18,213 (↑ 379)

Active cases

2,27,439 (↑ 492)

Confirmed cases



Samples tested

Cumulative total
up to July 2

92,97,749

On July 2

2,41,576

	Confirmed cases	Recovered	Deaths	Active cases
Maharashtra	1,86,626 ↑ 6,328	1,01,172	8,178	77,276 ↓ -1,815
Tamil Nadu	98,392 ↑ 4,343	56,021	1,321	41,050 ↑ 1,191
Delhi	92,175 ↑ 2,373	63,007	2,864	26,304 ↓ -703
Gujarat	33,913 ↑ 681	24,593	1,886	7,434 ↑ 99
Uttar Pradesh	24,825 ↑ 769	17,221	735	6,869 ↑ 160
West Bengal	19,819 ↑ 649	13,037	699	6,083 ↑ 124
Rajasthan	18,662 ↑ 350	14,948	430	3,284 ↓ -33
Telangana	18,570 ↑ 1213	9,069	275	9,226 ↑ 218
Karnataka	18,016 ↑ 1502	8,334	272	9,410 ↑ 1,212
Andhra Pradesh	16,097 ↑ 845	7,313	198	8,586 ↑ 515
Haryana	15,509 ↑ 568	11,019	251	4,239 ↑ 37
Madhya Pradesh	14,106 ↑ 245	10,815	589	2,702 ↑ 77
Bihar	10,471 ↑ 222	8,020	77	2,374 ↑ 141
Assam	9,013 ↑ 431	6,106	12	2,895 ↑ 176
Jammu & Kashmir	7,849 ↑ 154	4,974	115	2,760 ↑ 26
Odisha	7,545 ↑ 229	5,502	27	2,016 ↑ 78
Punjab	5,784 ↑ 116	4,144	152	1,488 ↓ -164
Kerala	4,753 ↑ 160	2,640	25	2,088 ↓ -42
Chhattisgarh	3,013 ↑ 73	2,385	14	614 ↓ -9
Uttarakhand	2,984 ↑ 37	2,405	42	537 ↓ -52
Jharkhand	2,584 ↑ 63	1,983	15	586 ↑ 11
Goa	1,482 ↑ 95	734	4	744 ↑ 31
Tripura	1,435 ↑ 39	1,146	1	288 ↓ -14
Manipur	1,279 ↑ 19	617	0	662 ↓ -19
Himachal Pradesh	1,014 ↑ 35	628	10	376 ↑ 21
Ladakh	990 —	730	1	259 ↓ -36
Puducherry	802 ↑ 88	331	12	459 ↑ 29
Nagaland	501 ↑ 42	182	0	319 ↑ 28
Chandigarh	450 ↑ 4	389	6	55 ↓ -18
DNH and Daman & Diu	230 ↑ 15	89	0	141 ↑ 12
Arunachal Pradesh	195 —	66	1	128 —
Mizoram	162 ↑ 2	126	0	36 ↓ -1
A&N Islands	109 ↑ 9	51	0	58 ↑ 8
Sikkim	102 ↑ 1	53	0	49 ↑ 1
Meghalaya	56 ↑ 4	42	1	13 ↑ 4

6,031 cases being reassigned to states

Figures are subject to further reconciliation

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & ICMR

*One migrated case included in recovered
More than 70% deaths due to comorbidities

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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Recovery rate crosses 60%; Sharp rise in daily recoveries: 20,033 recovered in the last 24 hours; Recoveries exceed active cases by more than 1.5 lakh; More than 2.4 lakh tested in 24 hours

A high-level review meeting on preparedness for COVID-19 was held today by the Cabinet Secretary with the States/UTs. The recovery rate among COVID-19 patients stands at 60.73% today. Early detection and timely clinical management of COVID-19 cases have resulted in increasing daily recoveries. During the last 24 hours, a sharp rise of recoveries was observed, with 20,033 COVID-19 patients having been cured, taking the cumulative figure to 3,79,891. Presently, there are 2,27,439 active cases and all are under medical supervision. As on date, there are 1,52,452 recovered cases more than the active COVID-19 cases.

There has been a steady rise in the samples tested every day with close to 93 lakh samples being tested till date. During the last 24 hours 2,41,576 samples have been tested. The cumulative number of samples tested, as on date, is 92,97,749. This has also been possible due to the very expanding network of testing labs in the country. With 775 labs in the government sector and 299 private labs, there are as many as 1074 labs today.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1636094>

More than 2 Crore N95 Masks & more than 1 Crore PPEs distributed Free of Cost by Central Government to States

Union Government's central role has been in strengthening health infrastructure to fight the pandemic. Since 1st April 2020, Centre has distributed more than 2.02 crore N95 masks and more than 1.18 crore PPE kits to States / UTs / Central Institutions, free of cost. Also, more than 6.12 crore HCQ tablets have been distributed to them. In addition, so far, 11,300 'Make in India' ventilators have been dispatched to various States / UTs / Central Institutions, out of which 6154 ventilators stand already delivered to various hospitals. This will help to bridge the massive gap in availability of ventilators in COVID ICU facilities. MoHFW is also supplying 1.02 lakh oxygen cylinders to States/UTs, out of which 72,293 have been delivered to strengthen oxygen beds. Till now, 7.81 lakh PPEs and 12.76 lakh N95 masks have been supplied in Delhi, 11.78 lakh PPEs and 20.64 N95 masks in Maharashtra, and 5.39 lakh PPEs and 9.81 lakh N95 masks in Tamil Nadu by MoHFW.

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Income Tax Department refunded Rs. 62,361 crore to more than 20 lakh taxpayers amid COVID-19 pandemic

In pursuance to the Government's to issue pending income tax refunds in order to help taxpayers in a COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Income Tax Department has issued tax refunds at a speed of 76 cases per minute from 8th April to 30th June, 2020. During this period of just 56 weekdays, the Central Board of Direct taxes issued refunds in more than 20.44 lakh cases, amounting to more than Rs. 62,361 crore. Taxpayers are experiencing this facet of the I-T Department which is not only taxpayer-friendly, but also that of a facilitator providing liquidity in this hard time of COVID-19 pandemic. Income tax refunds amounting to Rs. 23,453.57 crore have been issued in 19,07,853 cases to taxpayers and corporate tax refunds amounting to Rs. 38,908.37 crore have been issued in 1,36,744 cases to taxpayers during this period.

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Union Home Minister held a meeting with Chief Ministers of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for a unified Covid19 strategy for National Capital Region

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah held a meeting with Chief Ministers of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for a unified strategy for COVID19 in the National Capital Region(NCR) yesterday. He emphasised on the need to focus on more testing of those suspected of Covid19 so that the infection rate in the NCR region can be reduced. Shri Amit Shah said that adoption of more testing via Rapid Antigen Test Kits will help in reducing infection transmission rate below 10% as suggested by World Health Organization. He emphasised on the importance of the humanitarian perspective to save lives of the poor and the needy, said the focus should be on early hospitalisation of patients, so that the mortality rate can also be reduced. Shri Amit Shah also stressed on the wide use of Arogya Setu and Itihas Apps to help COVID19 mapping in the NCR. The Minister added that the AIIMS Delhi Telemedicine consultation model being used in Delhi for COVID patients should be replicated in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana also. Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan and senior officials of the Government of India, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi governments were also present at the meeting.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635978>

About 1.59 crore households covered in a Vulnerability Mapping Survey by 42000 ASHAs in Karnataka

Karnataka's 42,000 ASHAs have emerged as a crucial pillar in the State's success in combating COVID-19. They have been actively participating in the COVID-19 household surveys and screening inter-state passengers, migrant workers, and others in the community for symptoms of COVID-19. Recognizing the increased vulnerability of certain population groups to COVID-19, in a one-time survey to identify households with the elderly, persons

with co-morbidities, and immuno-compromised individuals, about 1.59 crore households were covered. ASHAs regularly monitor such high-risk groups in their area with periodicity of follow-up visits varying from once a day in the Containment Zones to once every 15 days in other areas. They also visit the houses of persons expressing complaints of ILI/SARI symptoms, and high-risk individuals who have called the State Health Department helpline numbers.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1636106>

Jal Jeevan Mission: during lockdown, 19 lakh households provided tap connections

When the whole country is fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, Central Government is making all efforts for 'provision of safe drinking water in rural areas' by providing tap connections in rural households, so that people can get water in their premises under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). It would avoid gathering at public stand-posts to fetch water as well as provide employment to locals along with the returnees, which in turn will boost rural economy. In the first quarter of 2020-21, 19 lakh tap connections have been provided in villages across the country. This has happened because of concerted efforts of the States despite adverse working conditions due to Covid-19 pandemic. The mission is under implementation in partnership with States.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635954>

Union HRD Minister releases 8 weeks' alternative academic calendar for Primary stage

In order to engage students meaningfully during their stay at home due to COVID-19 through educational activities at home with the help of their parents and teachers, the alternative academic calendars for students, parents and teachers at primary and upper primary stage have been developed by the NCERT under the guidance of the MHRD. Union Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank released Alternative Academic Calendar for 8 weeks for primary stage yesterday. 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.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635949>

COVID-19 serves as a clarion call to achieve Aatmanirbhar Bharat, says Dr Raghunath Mashelkar

COVID-19 has brought into the country a clarion call for everyone to rebuild, recover, and re-imagine ourselves in order to achieve Aatmanirbhar Bharat, said Padma Vibhushan, Dr Raghunath Anant Mashelkar. Delivering a talk on “Building Aatmanirbhar Bharat with Aatmabishwas”, Dr Mashelkar said that in our endeavour to attain self-reliance or Aatmanirbhar Bharat, we cannot isolate ourselves from the world but integrate with global supply chain. He emphasized on five pillars of ‘aatmanirbharata’ – Buy, Make, Buy to make better, Make to buy better, and Make it together (building public-private partnerships).

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1636108>

All Centrally protected monuments of ASI to open from 6th July 2020: Shri Prahlad Singh Patel

Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (I/c), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel has announced that Ministry of Culture & Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has decided to open all the centrally protected monuments by completely abiding safety protocols from 6th July 2020. He said that only those monuments/ Museums which are in the non-containment zone will be open for visitors. All Centrally protected monuments and Sites shall be bound by the protocols like sanitization, social distancing and other health protocols issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Any specific orders of the State and/or District administration shall also be strictly implemented, he added.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1636161>

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: State to begin Antigen test in the Capital Thiruvananthapuram district soon, in view of the Covid-19 positive cases without evident sources. 18 wards in the city have been declared containment zones. More tests will be conducted at VSSC where two staff members were tested positive for the virus. Six Keralites, including a nun, succumbed to the coronavirus outside the state- three each in various states and in the Gulf region. Yesterday the number of Covid recoveries exceeded new cases in the state with 202 recoveries and 160 new cases. 2,088 patients are still undergoing treatment for the disease in various districts.
- Tamil Nadu: 93-year-old woman succumbs to Covid-19 in Puducherry, 24 new cases take tally to 824; among the new cases, 23 are in Puducherry and one is in Karaikal. In Madurai, with the surge in Covid-19 cases, patients with mild symptoms are now being treated in home isolation. Highest single-day spike in Tamil Nadu with 4,343 cases and 57 deaths

reported yesterday with 2027 new cases from Chennai. New cases State's tally of Covid cases is now 98,392 with 41047 of them active. Total of 1321 have succumbed to the pandemic so far.

- Karnataka: As per new guidelines of the State government, asymptomatic Covid-19 patients who are below 50 and having oxygen saturation equal or above 95 per cent shall be considered for home isolation. With contractual doctors in the Health and Family Welfare Department threatening to go on strike from July 8 over the delay in fulfilling their demand of regularisation of service, the State Government on Thursday issued an order increasing their salaries from Rs 45,000 to Rs 60,000 per month. 1502 new covid cases, 271 discharges & 19 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 18,016, Active cases: 9406, Deaths: 272.
- Andhra Pradesh: ICMR has selected King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam among the 12 centers across the country which have been identified for clinical trials of the indigenous Covid-19 vaccine (BBV152 COVID Vaccine) developed jointly by ICMR and Bharat Biotech International Limited. The vaccine is envisaged for launch for public health use latest by August 15, 2020 after completion of all clinical trials. Diesel Loco Shed, Visakhapatnam, has come up with ultraviolet radiation-based disinfectant to sanitise currency notes, papers and tools. The equipment works on the principal of UV radiation emitted from a germicidal ultraviolet light that kills up to 99.9 per cent of viruses, airborne bacteria and mold spores. 837 new cases, 258 discharged and five deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 38,898 samples. Of the 837 cases, 46 are inter-state cases and two from abroad. Total cases: 16,934, Active cases: 9096, Discharges: 7632, Deaths: 206.
- Telangana: State government informed High Court that it has no plans to introduce mobile testing labs in the state and added that it would continue to stick with RT-PCR tests which are more accurate. First vaccine against Covid19, developed by Hyderabad based Bharat Biotech, is envisioned to be launched by ICMR by August 15. Human clinical trials for the vaccine named COVAXIN put on fast-track. NIMS, Punjagutta is one of the testing sites. Total cases reported till yesterday: 18570, Active cases: 9226, Deaths: 275, Discharges: 9069.
- Maharashtra: The state on Thursday witnessed crossing than one lakh cured patients of Covid 19, even as with the addition of 6,330 new reported cases the total cases tally stood at 1,86,626. Total active cases in the state are 77260. Mumbai added 1554 new cases taking the total number of reported cases to 80,262.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the number of Covid-19 cases has reached 33,999 with 681 new cases reported during the last 24 hours. 19 patients have lost their lives taking the total death due to Covid-19 in the state up to 1,888. Maximum of 202 new cases have been reported from Ahmedabad city, while Surat recorded 191 new cases. There are 7,510 active cases in the state. The state has carried out 3.88 lakh tests so far.

- Rajasthan: 123 new COVID-19 positive cases and 5 deaths have been reported in Rajasthan till this morning. On Thursday, 350 new cases and 9 deaths were reported in all. Total number of cases stands at 18,785 while number of active cases is only 3,307.
- Madhya Pradesh: 245 new cases have been reported, which takes the total number of cases to 14,106. There are 2,702 active cases in the state. Death toll stands at 589.
- Chhattisgarh: 72 new cases have been identified in Chhattisgarh taking the COVID-19 tally to 3,013. There are 637 active cases, as per latest report.
- Goa: 95 samples tested positive for COVID-19 in the state on Thursday, which takes the COVID-19 tally up in the state to 1,482. The number of active patients is 744.
- Assam: Plasma Bank started at GMCH, Guwahati, first convalescent donor Dr. Lithikesh is a doctor.
- Manipur: Boxing Icon and Asian Games Gold Medallist Dingko Singh from Manipur has recovered and is now COVID19 negative.
- Meghalaya: Three more persons tested positive for COVID19 in Meghalaya, two from East Khasi Hills (BSF) and one high risk contact from Ri Bhoi. The total active cases stands at 18 in the state and 43 have recovered so far.
- Mizoram: One recovered Covid-19 patient discharged in Mizoram today. Now active cases stands at 35 while 127 discharged till date. The COVID-19 tally in state reached 162.
- Nagaland: Fresh cases of COVID-19 positive have been detected in Nagaland taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 539 with 342 active cases while 197 have recovered.
- Punjab: Punjab Chief Minister released an easy-to-understand Punjab COVID-19 Clinical Management Manual as a single reference point for all healthcare providers, with the overall aim of reducing the mortality rate through a cohesive and coordinated approach dealing with all facets of the pandemic. Describing the Manual as a force multiplier for his government's 'Mission Fateh', the Chief Minister said it will serve as a bridge between the national protocol and the State's requirements on COVID management. It will give healthcare providers dealing with the care and management of Coronavirus positive patients easy access to the tools needed for better handling of the pandemic, he added.

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- During the last 24 hours, 11,881 COVID-19 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure to 3,59,859, and recovery rate to 59.52%.
- There are 2,26,947 active cases and all are under medical supervision.
- COVID-19 testing can now be done on the prescription of any registered medical practitioner.
- Government of India urges States to ramp up Testing.
- Cumulative number of samples tested, as on date, is 90,56,173.
- NPPA is monitoring price increase of Pulse Oximeter and Oxygen Concentrators and also ensuring sufficient availability of the same in the country

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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Recovery rate fast moving to touch 60%; Difference between recovered and active cases increases to 1,32,912



As on date, there are 1,32,912 recovered cases more than the active COVID-19 cases. Timely clinical management of COVID-19 cases has resulted in more than 10,000 daily recoveries. During the last 24 hours, a total of 11,881 COVID-19 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure to 3,59,859.

This further takes the recovery rate to 59.52%. Presently, there are 2,26,947 active cases and all are under medical supervision. During the last 24 hours 2,29,588 samples have been tested. The cumulative number of samples tested, as on date, is 90,56,173. The testing lab network in the country is further strengthened. With 768 labs in the government sector and 297 private labs, there are as many as 1065 labs in the country.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635886>

Removal of obstructions paves the way for ramped up COVID-19 testing; Now, Private Practitioner can also prescribe a COVID-19 test

Through a significant step announced by the Central Government, COVID-19 testing can now be done on the prescription of any registered practitioner, and not exclusively a Government doctor. The Centre has strongly advised States/UTs to take immediate steps to facilitate testing at the earliest by enabling all qualified medical practitioners, including private practitioners, to prescribe COVID test to any individual fulfilling the criteria for testing as per ICMR guidelines. Reiterating that 'Test-Track-Treat' is the key strategy for early detection and containment of the outbreak, the Centre has advised States/ UTs to take all possible steps to ensure full capacity utilization of all COVID-19 testing laboratories in the State/ UT. This shall ensure full capacity utilization of all labs, especially the private ones, thus hugely benefitting the people.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635869>

Government of India removes Impediments in COVID-19 Testing; Urges States to Ramp up Testing

Ms. Preeti Sudan, Health Secretary and Dr Balram Bhargava, DG (ICMR) urged the States/UTs yesterday to take immediate steps to facilitate and ramp up testing. They have reiterated that 'test-track-treat' is the key strategy for early detection and containment of the pandemic. Pointing out that in some States/ UTs, the capacity utilization of the testing labs, particularly the ones in private sector, is grossly sub-optimal, They are also advised to facilitate testing at the earliest by enabling all qualified medical practitioners, including private practitioners, to prescribe COVID test to any individual fulfilling the criteria for testing as per ICMR guidelines. While RT-PCR is the gold standard for diagnosis of COVID-19, ICMR has recently approved the use of a point-of-care Rapid Antigen Test for early detection of COVID-19. In order to facilitate testing, States/UTs have also been advised to make efforts in 'campaign mode' by setting up camps/ using mobiles vans in high incidence areas to collect samples of all symptomatic individuals as well as their contacts, and get those samples tested by using rapid antigen test. In addition to ramping up and facilitating testing, States/UTs have also been urged to pay attention to 'contact tracing' as it holds the key to containing the virus.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635746>

ASHAs of Odisha: overcoming COVID related stigma and discrimination; More than 46,000 ASHAs working closely with local communities to fight COVID-19

About 46,627 ASHAs in Odisha have emerged as champions against COVID-19 in rural and urban areas, addressing local health needs. They are seen to be working closely with GaonKalyanSamitis in the rural areas and MahilaArogyaSamitis in the urban areas, community collectives within which ASHAs are embedded. They have used these forums to facilitate COVID preventive actions by promoting the use of masks/face covers when stepping out in public spaces, being attentive towards frequent hand washing, following physical distancing, enhancing awareness of COVID symptoms etc. The ASHAs have created wide awareness about these through IEC activities like distribution of leaflets and posters at SwasthyaKantha (wall at village level).

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635840>

NPPA is monitoring price increase of critical medical equipment for COVID-19 Pulse Oximeter and Oxygen Concentrators and also ensuring sufficient availability of the same in the country.

Government is striving to ensure sufficient availability of critical medical equipment for clinical management of COVID-19 in the country. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has identified list of critical medical equipment for the same and has requested National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) to ensure availability of the same in the country. The Government is committed for availability of life saving drugs/devices at affordable prices to the consumers. All the medical devices have been notified as Drugs and have come under regulatory regime. In order to keep check on the price rise of critical medical equipment, NPPA has called for price related data from manufacturers/importers of (i) Pulse Oximeter and (ii) Oxygen Concentrator to ensure that prices existing as on 1st April 2020 should not be increased more than 10% in a year. A Stakeholders Consultation with Medical Devices Industry Associations and Civil Society Group was held in NPPA on 1st July 2020 wherein it was stressed that all the manufacturers/importers of critical medical equipment shall ensure sufficient availability of the same in the country. The Medical Devices Industry Associations have been urged to bring down the retail price of critical medical equipment.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635899>

Telephone conversation between Prime Minister and the President of Russian Federation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone with President of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr Vladimir Putin on 2 July 2020. The leaders took note of the effective measures undertaken by the two countries to address the negative consequences of the Covid-19 global pandemic and agreed on the importance of closer India-Russia ties for jointly addressing the challenges of the post-COVID world. They agreed to maintain the momentum of bilateral contacts and consultations, leading to the annual bilateral Summit to be held in India later this year. Prime Minister conveyed his keenness to welcome President Putin in India for the bilateral Summit.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635882>

Union HRD Minister and Union Health Minister jointly launch the Drug Discovery Hackathon 2020

Union Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', and Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare & Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan today launched Drug Discovery Hackathon through online platform. This Drug Discovery Hackathon is a joint initiative of MHRD, AICTE and CSIR and supported by partners like CDAC, MyGov, Schrodinger and ChemAxon. Hackathon will primarily focus on computational aspects of drug discovery and will have three Tracks. Track-1 will deal with computational modelling for drug design or identifying 'lead' compounds from existing databases that may have the potential to inhibit SARS-CoV-2 while Track-2 will encourage participants to develop new tools and algorithms using data analytics and AI/ML approach for predicting drug-like compounds with minimal toxicity and maximal specificity and selectivity. A third track, named Track 3 is a Moon-shot approach which will only deal with novel and out-of-the-box ideas in this field.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635913>

Finance Minister: Strive to make GST Tax Administration simple ensuring Ease of Doing Business

GST Day, 2020 or third anniversary of introduction of GST was marked by CBIC and all its field offices across India on July 01, 2020. Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in her message on GST Day, highlighted that GST has come a long way in simplifying the GST Tax Administration based on feedback from stakeholders. Key points of FM's message were: Focus on Hon'ble Prime Minister's clarion call for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, strive to make the tax administration simple for taxpayers ensuring Ease of Doing Business in essence and foresee the issues faced by business community and proactively address them. The Finance Minister congratulated CBIC officers for the commendable job done by them during these testing times of COVID 19 and went beyond call of duty to help and handhold taxpayers. She also appreciated the record amount of refund disbursed to ease cash flow of taxpayers during this period.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635730>

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan urges the States/UTs to pick the remaining food grains of previous months and speed up the distribution of food grains among beneficiaries

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan held a media briefing yesterday to provide details of provision, preparedness and necessary steps taken by the ministry for providing additional food grains @ /month 5kg/person free of cost to all beneficiaries (AAY and PHH) covered under Targeted Public Distribution System as per provision of NFSA (including those covered under DBT). Shri Paswan also thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for extending this scheme till November end, so that poor and needy persons will not go hungry and get free ration during the rainy and forthcoming festival seasons at the time of current Covid-19 pandemic. A total of 200 LMT grains will be distributed among 80 crore NFSA beneficiaries free of cost, as well as a total of 9.78 LMT gram will also be distributed among about 20 crore families.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635691>

OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU- INS JALASHWA BRINGS BACK 687 INDIAN CITIZENS FROM IRAN

INS Jalashwa, deployed by the Indian Navy for "Operation SamudraSetu", entered Tuticorin harbour yesterday, with 687 Indian nationals embarked from Bandar Abbas, Iran. So far Indian Navy ships have brought back 920 Indian citizens from Iran. With this evacuation, the Indian Navy has now repatriated 3992 Indian nationals from Maldives, Sri Lanka and Iran during the ongoing pandemic.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635766>

Digital journey has focused on empowerment, inclusion and digital transformation and its positive impact is being felt in all aspects of the lives of Indian citizens: Ravi Shankar Prasad, Meity celebrates 5 years of Digital India

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, the Union Minister for Electronics & IT, Communications and Law & Justice, has said that the digital journey has focused on empowerment, inclusion and digital transformation and its positive impact is being felt in all aspects of the lives of Indian citizens. While addressing a video conference marking celebration of 5 years journey of India's Digital India Program yesterday, he stated that in the current pandemic scenario, thanks to JAM trinity (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile), people are able to work from home, people are able to make digital payment, students are able to learn through TV, Mobile and Laptop, patients are able to take tele-consultation, and farmers in remote corner of India are able to get PM-KISAN benefits directly in their bank accounts. Digital India's initiatives have played a pivotal role during the CoVID-19 situation, such as AarogyaSetu, E-Sanjeevani, sensitisation through MyGov and Social media platforms etc.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635683>

SER RUNS 2266 TRIPS OF PARCEL EXPRESS TRAINS TO SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19

South Eastern Railway (SER), during this national crisis, has already run 2266 trips of Time Tabled Parcel Express Trains carrying essential commodities viz., food items, groceries, medicines, medical equipment, fish, fruits, cotton goods, gunny bags, vegetables, onion, ginger, garlic and other daily need items to different parts of the country from April 2 to June 30, 2020. SER during the above period, has carried 36,532 tonnes of parcel traffic containing 13,73,645 packages to different places in the country.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635687>

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: State Agriculture Minister V.S. Sunil Kumar says, in the wake of transmission of Covid-19 in Ernakulam market, more caution is needed in Kochi. He said at present there is no community

transmission in Ernakulam district and that action will be taken against those hiding the symptoms of the disease and violating the protocol. The condition of one patient undergoing treatment for the disease in the district after returning from Kuwait is very serious. Of the 12 confirmed of the virus yesterday, eight contracted it through contact. Meanwhile, the swab samples of 26 people have been collected after an employee of the market tested positive. A Keralite nun has succumbed to Covid-19 in Delhi. The state recorded 151 new Covid-19 cases and 132 recoveries yesterday. 2,130 patients are still undergoing treatment across the state.

- Tamil Nadu: Puducherry reported 63 new Covid-19 cases; presently 459 persons are undergoing treatment. Since elections cannot be held due to the Covid situation, the State government has promulgated another ordinance extending the term of the special officers in the urban local bodies in many districts from the earlier extended date of June 30 to December 31,2020. 3882 new cases, 2852 recoveries & 63 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases till now : 94049, Active cases: 39856, Deaths: 1264, Active cases in Chennai: 22777.
- Karnataka: To contain Covid, the state is planning to impose lockdown rules in containment zones from July 7, after completion of SSLC (10 standard) exams. Following complaints that burial of Covid patients was being carried out without following protocol, State has ordered all District Collectors to identify areas outside cities for burial of dead Covid patients. 1272 new cases, 145 discharges & 7 deaths reported yesterday. Total positive cases till now : 16,514, Active cases: 8194, Deaths: 253 Discharges: 8063.
- Andhra Pradesh:With speculation on for a possible 15-day complete lockdown in Hyderabad's GHMC limits and some adjoining districts of Telangana, people hailing from AP are rushing back to their native places. As a result, heavy traffic jams are being witnessed at several points along Andhra -Telangana border, with long queue line of vehicles stretching into several kilometers. State is contemplating to reduce the academic syllabus by 30% and working days to 180 from August 3, 2020 to the second week of May 2021. 845 new cases, 281 discharged and five deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 14,285 samples. Of the 845 cases, 29 are inter-state cases and four from abroad. Total cases: 16,097, Active cases: 8586, Discharged: 7313, Deaths: 198.
- Telangana: Private hospitals line up for government nod to treat Covid-19 patients. The state government issued certain guidelines while permitting hospitals with a 100-bed capacity to treat Covid-19 patients. 1018 new cases, 788 recoveries & 07 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases reported till yesterday: 17357, Active cases: 9008, Deaths: 267, Discharges: 8082.
- Maharashtra: The current count of COVID19 patients in the state is 180298. 5537 new patients have been identified as positive and 2243 patients have recovered on Wednesday. In all, 93154 patients have been discharged from hospitals throughout the state after recovery till Wednesday. Total Active patients are 79075.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, the total number of COVID-19 cases has reached to 33,318 with 675 new cases reported during the last 24 hours. Also, 21 patients have lost their lives taking the death toll due to the pandemic in the state up to 1,869.
- Rajasthan: The total cases stand at 18,427 with the report of 115 new cases and 5 deaths today morning. 3358 active cases exist in the state while 14,643 patients have recovered in the state so far. Udaipur reported the maximum – 21 cases, followed by Bikaner with 12 new cases, and then Rajsamand and Dholpur reporting 10 cases each today.
- Madhya Pradesh: 268 new cases have been reported at M.P. on Wednesday, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 13,861. While there are 2625 active cases, the total number of recovered patients is 10655

and 581 deaths have occurred so far. Hotspot Indore has reported 25 new cases and 3 deaths on Wednesday. The total cases stand at 4734 in Indore. Capital city Bhopal recorded 41 new cases and 4 deaths on Wednesday. Therefore, the total cases at Bhopal now stand at 2830. District Morena has reported the maximum number, that is, 73 new cases and also one death, while Gwalior recorded 25 cases and Bhind 22 cases on Wednesday.

- Chhattisgarh: 81 new cases have been identified and also 53 patients recovered and one death took place in the state on Wednesday. While the total count of positive cases till date stands at 2940, there are 623 active cases in the state at present.
- Goa: 72 new positives have been reported on Wednesday, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 patients to 1387. There are 713 active patients in the state. With the recovery of 74 patients as on Wednesday, the total number of recovered patients now stands at 670. One death of a co-morbid patient also occurred on Wednesday which takes the death toll to 4 in the state.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Total 24,856 samples collected for Covid-19 tests so far in Arunachal Pradesh. Out of this, results for 1669 are awaited. Currently 128 active cases and 66 people recovered and discharged. The bazar committee of Doimukh in Arunachal Pradesh has decided to go for four days of complete shutdown of all business establishments in the market till 5th July as a preventive measure to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Assam: Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that 2 person died of COVID-19 today.
- Manipur: Churachandpur COVID-19 Care Centre inaugurated at NIELIT Churachandpur Extension Centre in Manipur. The 50 bed Centre will be supervised by the CMO Churachandpur.
- Mizoram: No new COVID19 cases found in last 24 hrs in Mizoram. 382 swab samples tested negative while results for 15 samples are awaited. Active cases in state stands at 37 while 123 recovered. And the total COVID-19 cases in the state stands at 160.
- Nagaland: 34 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Nagaland. Total number of positive cases stands at 535 with 353 active cases while 182 have recovered so far. Health and Family Welfare Minister of Nagaland said the first batch of equipment for installation of BSL-2 Lab at Tuensang has arrived and technical work will be done on war footing.
- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, directed that all cases of fever, ILI, SARI, SARS, & vector be tested for covid. He also appealed to the residents to inform the authorities about any suspect case in neighbourhood, so that medical team could approach them and arrange testing. He stated that the Unlock 2 orders passed by the Ministry of Home Affairs have been adopted in Union Territory, Chandigarh. There will be strict implementation of mask-wearing, social distancing in public places and any person violating the guidelines/directions will be penalized.
- Punjab: In a bid to effectively tackle the increasing patient load in Government Hospitals due to spread of Coronavirus, Punjab Cabinet accorded approval to fill 3954 existing vacant regular posts in Health department and 291 posts in Medical Education & Research Department.
- Himachal Pradesh: While interacting with the beneficiaries of Mukhya Mantri Gram Kaushal Yojna through video conferencing, Chief Minister said that during the COVID-19 pandemic only the rural economy has survived, which was an indication of the fact that these areas have firm base to deal with any kind of eventuality. He said that efforts should be made to start rural development oriented schemes to benefit the youth so that they do not have to migrate from rural areas to urban areas in search of employment.
- Haryana: Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, Haryana Government has laid special emphasis on strengthening delivery facilities in both public and private health institutions across the State to ensure safe and

uninterrupted institutional delivery facilities being given to pregnant women. In non-COVID Hospitals, a provision for separate LDR room i.e. (labour, delivery, and recovery) has been made. Along with this, a facility of an isolation ward for delivery and admission of COVID positive pregnant cases may be created, in cases where it is not possible to send pregnant women to special COVID hospitals.

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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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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 01 JUL 2020 6:17PM by PIB Delhi



- There are 1,27,864 more recovered cases than the active COVID-19 cases.
- Recovery rate increases to 59.43%, with 13,157 Covid-19 patients getting cured during last 24 hours, taking total figure to 3,47,978.
- 2,20,114 active cases are under medical supervision.
- Testing lab network in the country further strengthened to 1056 labs.
- During the last 24 hours 2,17,931 samples tested, taking the cumulative number of samples tested, as on date, to 88,26,585.
- Rs. 90,917 crore gross GST revenue collected in June
- Doctors' day celebrated today; Prime Minister, Home Minister and Health Minister greet the doctors on the occasion.
- Petroleum Products demand is gradually getting towards near normal

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


COVID-19 INDIA
as on: 01 July 2020, 08:00 IST
(GMT+5:30)


220114
Active Cases


347978
Cured / Discharged


17400
Deaths


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CORONA WATCH

Situation in India at 8:00 am on July 1

(↑ ↓ Change over the last 24 hours)

Confirmed cases
5,85,493 (↑ 18,653)

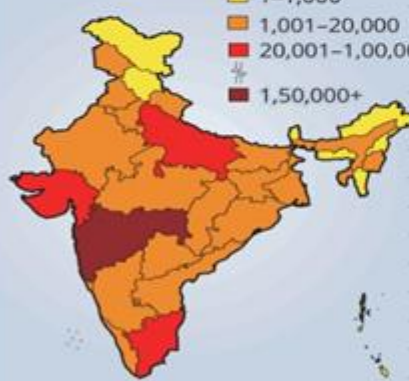
Recovered*
3,47,979 (↑ 13,157)

Deaths
17,400 (↑ 507)

Active cases
2,20,114 (↑ 4,989)

Confirmed cases

- 1-1,000
- 1,001-20,000
- 20,001-1,00,000
- 1,50,000+



Samples tested

Cumulative total up to June 30	On June 30
88,26,585	2,17,931








State / UT-wise position

	Confirmed cases	Recovered	Deaths	Active cases
Maharashtra	1,74,761 ↑ 4,878	90,911	7,855	75,995 ↑ 2,682
Tamil Nadu	90,167 ↑ 3,943	50,074	1,201	38,892 ↑ 1,558
Delhi	87,360 ↑ 2,199	58,348	2,742	26,270 ↑ 24
Gujarat	32,557 ↑ 619	23,662	1,846	7,049 ↑ 178
Uttar Pradesh	23,492 ↑ 664	16,084	697	6,711 ↑ 61
West Bengal	18,559 ↑ 652	12,130	668	5,761 ↑ 226
Rajasthan	18,014 ↑ 354	14,220	413	3,381 ↓ -256
Telangana	16,339 ↑ 945	7,294	260	8,785 ↓ -774
Karnataka	15,242 ↑ 947	7,918	246	7,078 ↑ 692
Andhra Pradesh	14,595 ↑ 704	6,511	187	7,897 ↑ 418
Haryana	14,548 ↑ 338	9,972	236	4,340 ↓ -136
Madhya Pradesh	13,593 ↑ 223	10,395	572	2,626 ↑ 19
Bihar	10,043 ↑ 403	7,687	67	2,289 ↑ 101
Assam	8,227 ↑ 475	5,647	12	2,568 ↑ 160
Jammu & Kashmir	7,497 ↑ 260	4,722	101	2,674 ↑ 117
Odisha	7,065 ↑ 206	5,189	25	1,851 ↓ -39
Punjab	5,568 ↑ 150	3,867	144	1,557 ↑ 41
Kerala	4,442 ↑ 253	2,306	24	2,112 ↑ 97
Uttarakhand	2,881 ↑ 50	2,231	41	609 ↓ -72
Chhattisgarh	2,860 ↑ 99	2,250	13	597 ↑ 22
Jharkhand	2,490 ↑ 64	1,884	15	591 ↑ 25
Tripura	1,388 ↑ 8	1,086	1	301 ↑ 7
Goa	1,315 ↑ 117	596	3	716 ↓ -1
Manipur	1,234 ↑ 7	553	0	681 ↓ -52
Ladakh	973 ↑ 9	648	1	324 ↓ -23
Himachal Pradesh	953 ↑ 11	580	10	363 ↓ -14
Puducherry	714 ↑ 95	272	12	430 ↑ 42
Nagaland	459 ↑ 25	168	0	291 ↑ 25
Chandigarh	440 ↑ 5	364	6	70 ↓ -10
DNH and Daman & Diu	213 ↑ 10	82	0	131 ↑ 5
Arunachal Pradesh	191 ↑ 4	62	1	128 ↑ 3
Mizoram	160 ↑ 12	122	0	38 ↓ -55
A&N Islands	97 ↑ 7	50	0	47 ↑ 3
Sikkim	89 ↑ 1	52	0	37 ↓ -1
Meghalaya	52 ↑ 5	42	1	9 ↑ 5

6,915 cases being reassigned to states

Figures are subject to further reconciliation
Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & ICMR

*One migrated case included in recovered
More than 70% deaths due to comorbidities

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Updates on Covid-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: COVID-19 Recovery Rate increases to 59.43%

There are 1,27,864 morerecovered cases than the active COVID-19 cases, as on date. This has resulted in the recovery rate further increasing to 59.43%. During the last 24 hours, a total of 13,157 COVID-19 patients have been cured, taking the cumulative figure to 3,47,978. Presently, there are 2,20,114 active cases and all are under medical supervision. The testing lab network in the country is further strengthened. With 764 labs in the government sector and 292 private labs, there are as many as 1056 labs in the country. There has been steady rise in the samples tested every day; during the last 24 hours 2,17,931 samples have been tested. The cumulative number of samples tested, as on date, is 88,26,585.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635679>

Updates on Covid-19

It has come to the notice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) through some media reports that the issue of Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) mode not being available in the ventilators supplied by Government of India has been raised. The “Make in India” ventilators supplied to the States and UTs, including GNCT of Delhi, by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are meant for ICUs. The technical specifications for these COVID ventilators have been laid down by a Technical Committee of domain knowledge experts headed by the Director General Health Services, MoHFW against which the ventilators have been procured and supplied. The ventilators procured and supplied comply with these specifications.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635566>

PM salutes doctors on the occasion of Doctors’ Day

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has saluted doctors on the occasion of Doctors’ Day. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "India salutes our doctors- exceptional care givers who are at the forefront of a spirited fight against COVID-19. doctorsday2020."

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635539>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan releases Good Clinical Practice Guidelines Handbook & Prospectus for Fellowship Programme for International Students of NBE

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare today released the Good Clinical Practice Guidelines Handbook and Prospectus for Fellowship Programme for International Students (FPIS) of National Board of Examinations (NBE). Speaking at the release of the e-books on the web platform, Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorted the medical community to pledge to follow ethical behaviour in their profession. Congratulating the doctors on National Doctors’ Day today, Dr. Harsh Vardhan paid rich tributes to Dr. B.C. Roy, in whose honour the country celebrates 1st July as National Doctors’ Day. “Becoming a doctor is a personal achievement, becoming a good doctor is a continuous challenge. It is

the only profession where one can earn their daily bread and serve the entire humanity at the same time.” He expressed deep gratitude for their selfless service during the COVID pandemic. They are our real heroes, Dr Harsh Vardhan said.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635676>

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah expresses gratitude and thanks Doctors on occasion of Doctor's Day

On Doctor's Day today, the Union Home Minister Shri AmitShah ,through a tweet has expressed gratitude and thanks to India's brave doctors who have been leading the battle from the forefront against COVID-19.The Union Home Minister emphasised that their utmost commitment to keep the nation safe and healthy in these challenging times is truly exceptional. The Union Minister added that the Nation salutes their devotion and sacrifice, on Doctor's Day.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635603>

Jharkhand's Sahiyas: An inspiration to Community Health Workers everywhere

The ASHAs in Jharkhand, known as “Sahiyas”, have been supporting delivery of health care services to the last mile, especially in the tribal areas. The State has about 42,000 Sahiyas, supported by 2260 SahiyaSathis (ASHA facilitators), 582 block trainers, 24 district community mobilizers and a State level community processes resource centre.Sahiyas have been actively engaged in various activities related to COVID-19 since March 2020, such as creating awareness about preventive measures of COVID-19 like frequent hand washing with soap and water, use of masks/face covers when stepping out in public spaces, following proper etiquette while coughing and sneezing, etc. They are also involved in contact tracing, line listing and follow up of the COVID-19 cases.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635562>

Rs. 90,917crore gross GST revenue collected in the month of June

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of June, 2020 is **Rs. 90,917crore** of which CGST is **Rs. 18,980crore**, SGST is **Rs. 23,970crore**, IGST is **Rs. 40,302crore** (including **Rs. 15,709crore** collected on import of goods) and Cess is **Rs.7,665 crore** (including **Rs. 607crore** collected on import of goods).The revenues **for the month** are **91%** of the GST revenues in the same month last year.The revenues during the financial year has been impacted due to COVID-19, firstly due to the economic impact of the pandemic and secondly due to the relaxations given by the Government in filing of returns and payment of taxes due to the pandemic. However, figures of past three months show recovery in GST revenues.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635572>

Petroleum Products demand is gradually getting towards near normal

India's overall petroleum products consumption, which had nosedived in last week of March and April this year, is now steadily getting to its pre-lockdown levels in June'20, as emanating from the PSUs' (IOC, BPC and HPC) sales figures. The sales of petroleum products in India, the world's third biggest oil consuming nation, had fallen to the lowest since 2007, due to the nationwide lockdown, necessitated to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. With the gradual lifting of lockdowns and beginning of unlocking of the economy in a phased manner, allowing resumption of Industrial activity & movement of people, total petroleum products consumption has reached to 88% in June'20 (11.8 MMT) compared to June'19 (13.4 MMT), indicating the increase in production/industrial/transportation activities, across all segment of economic spectrum.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635689>

UPSC CIVIL SERVICES (PRELIMINARY) EXAMINATION, 2020 AND INDIAN FOREST SERVICE EXAMINATION, 2020

Union Public Service Commission will be conducting the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2020 [including the Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) Examination, 2020] on 04.10.2020 (Sunday) all over India as per the Revised Programme of Examinations/RTs published on 05.06.2020. Keeping in view the large number of candidates of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2020 [including the Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) Examination, 2020] and requests received from the candidates for changing their Centers, the Commission has decided to give an opportunity to them to submit their revised choice of Centre. The option to change the Centers for the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2020 and the Indian Forest Service (Main) Examination, 2020 is also being made available to the candidates.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635587>

Estimated cost for distribution of food grains & pulses under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana during April–Nov 2020 is around Rs 1,50,471 crore

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi yesterday announced the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana till the end of November 2020. He said that the PMGKAY scheme is extended from July till the end of November 2020. During this five-month period, more than 80 crore people will be provided 5 kg free wheat/rice per month along with 1 kg free whole chana to each family per month. The estimated cost for distribution of food grains (Rice and Wheat) and pulses will be approximately Rs 1,50,471 crore, which includes total estimated expenditure of Rs. 46,061 crore to be borne by Government of India towards food grain subsidy and expenditure on account of intra-state transportation, dealer's margin including additional dealer's margin towards use of ePOS

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635648>

Union Home Minister congratulated Prime Minister for extending Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till November

Shri Amit Shah said in tweet that “the Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Anna Yojana expanded by Prime Minister, reflects his sensitivity and commitment towards the welfare of the poor.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635433>

Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare Minister appeals to farmers to adopt best agricultural practices for maximizing crop production during the kharif season

Union Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare Minister, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has appealed to farmers to grow different varieties of crops keeping in view the type of farmland in order to make farming a gainful activity. In a letter to the farmers of the country, Shri Tomar has said that with the onset of monsoon in most parts of the country, sowing of crops has also been completed in many places, and is in process in other areas. Shri Tomar says in his letter that he is communicating with the farmers to exhort them to adopt best agricultural practices in order to maximize production. Appreciating the dedication of the farming community during Covid-19 lockdown, Shri Tomar says that agricultural production has become the pivot of the country’s economy; agriculture and villages are at the centre of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1635599>

Even in the challenging times of COVID-19 RCF has ensured availability of Fertilizers to farming community

RCF plants have remained operational and sufficient quantity of production of its fertilizers were done. Apart from its manufactured fertilizers, RCF has also made available traded complex fertilizers of more than 2 lakh metric tons viz. DAP, APS (20:20:0:13) & NPK (10:26:26) to the farmers for the current Kharif sowing season in the country.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Administrator, UT Chandigarh, directed that the monitoring of patients coming from outside should be done more vigorously, so that the cases can be detected at an early stage. He also directed health officials to focus on vulnerable categories such as pregnant women, senior citizens and children. He advised that the residents should immediately report any symptom of corona in the neighbourhood, if any, so that the treatment could be started early.
- Punjab: Punjab Government has issued guidelines for phased reopening for 'Unlock 2' from 01.07.2020 to 30.07.2020 and decided to reopen more activities in a calibrated manner in areas outside the containment zones. Ensuring to maintain social distancing, minimum 6 feet distance (do gazkiduri) for

all the activities shall always be maintained. Accordingly, if any permitted activity leads to crowding and congestion, then necessary steps in terms of staggering, rotation, timings of offices and establishments etc. be taken and it be ensured that principles of social distancing are not compromised. Wearing of masks by all persons in public places, including work places etc. would be mandatory and must be strictly observed and enforced.

- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister has hailed the announcement made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna till the end of November this year. Chief Minister said that the announcement of Prime Minister to extend free ration of 5 kg rice/wheat to each member of the family along with 1 kg whole gram to each family for five months to more than 80 crore people per month would prove to be a boon to these people at the time of distress.
- Haryana: Deputy Chief Minister has urged the Central Government to integrate animal husbandry and related services, especially poultry farming in the category of small, micro and medium industries, under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' package, and along with this, necessary guidelines to be issued to the banks for providing loans for this sector through the Union Finance Ministry in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Kerala: The State Cabinet today gave the nod to increase bus fares; the increased fare to be in-force till Covid crisis subsides. Accepting the central guidelines for the Unlock 2.0, Kerala issued an order including easing lockdown restrictions. Kerala will continue the condition to register on the Jagratha portal to enter into the state. Strict lockdown will continue in containment zones till July 31. Meanwhile, a 40-year-old woman from the Kattunaicker tribe in Wayanad tested positive, the first tribal to be infected by the virus in the tribal-dominant panchayat. Nine more Keralites have succumbed to the coronavirus outside the State. The State has confirmed 131 new coronavirus positive cases yesterday. Among this, 10 were cases of local transmission. 2,112 patients are presently undergoing treatment in hospitals across the state.
- Tamil Nadu: The state government has issued SOPs for places of worship in rural areas that are opened for public worship from Wednesday July 1; however these places will not be opened in Chennai and districts like Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur and Chengalpattu, besides Madurai, due to rising Covid-19 cases. 687 Indians including 652 from Tamil Nadu stranded in Iran reach Thoothukudi on INS Jalashwa after six-day journey. 3943 new cases, 2325 recoveries & 60 deaths reported yesterday. Total cases: 90167, Active cases: 38889, Deaths: 1201, Active cases in Chennai: 22610.
- Karnataka: The State government on Tuesday released guidelines for Unlock 2.0, that will be in force till July 31. Through July, night curfew will be from 8pm to 5am; 5-day work week for govt offices; schools to remain closed. State to conduct sero-survey in Bengaluru & Udupi from July 15; after pilot study, entire Karnataka to be covered. At 20, Karnataka reported highest Covid death on Tuesday. 947 new cases and 235 were reported yesterday. Total positive cases: 15242, Active cases: 7074, Deaths: 246 Discharges: 7918.
- Andhra Pradesh: In a major boost to the medical infrastructure facilities in the state, the CM launched 1,088 new 108 and 104 ambulances to deliver speedy Medicare services to the people, especially during the Covid-19 times. High Court issues order to suspend proceedings in all lower courts. However, in the directives, it has asked to file the petitions online for an emergency. 10 cops and an AYUSH medical officer test positive for coronavirus in Prakasam district. 657 new cases, 342 discharged and six deaths reported during last 24 hours after testing 28,239 samples. Of the 657 cases, 39 are inter-state cases and seven from abroad. Total cases: 15,252, Active cases: 8071, Discharged: 6988, Deaths: 193.

- **Telangana:** South Central Railway prepares railway hospital for Covid-19 treatment; arrangements are being made as per the ICMR rules in the hospital to treat patients. Telangana government orders lockdown extension in containment zones till July 31 along with reopening of activities in calibrated manner in areas outside containment zones. Total cases till yesterday: 16339, Active cases: 8785 Deaths: 260, Discharges: 7294.
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** Arunachal CM in his message on National Doctors day stated that as COVID19 pandemic continues to affect communities globally, all our Doctors & frontline health workers have been working day and night to save lives. Praying for their safety as they risk themselves to keep community safe from virus.
- **Assam:** Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweets that now there are 13 COVID-19 testing labs in Assam and 6 more lab shall come soon.
- **Manipur:** Manipur CM, N Biren Singh gives his heartfelt greetings and big salute to all the Doctors who are fighting COVID-19 at the forefront and saving precious lives on Doctors Day today.
- **Mizoram:** One recovered patient discharged in Mizoram today. Now active case in the state stands at 37. Total COVID-19 tally reached 160 with 123 cured cases. CM of Mizoram Zoramthanga thanked PM Narendra Modi and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan for extension of PMGKY.
- **Nagaland:** On National Doctors' Day, Health & Family Welfare Minister of Nagaland pays respect to doctors; says services and sacrifices made by them for our people in providing timely health care, particularly during unprecedented hours of combating the Pandemic is truly commendable.
- **Sikkim:** The Chief Minister of Sikkim announced financial incentives for all the COVID-19 frontline health workers as a token of love, respect and appreciation for their selfless service and dedication. He announced a one-time incentive of Rs. 20,000 for the doctors, Rs. 10,000 for the nursing staff, and Rs. 5000 for the supporting staff.
- **Maharashtra:** The current count of COVID19 patients in the state is 174761. Newly 4878 patients have been identified as positive, while 1951 patients have been cured on Tuesday. 90911 patients have been cured in the state till date. Total Active patients are 75979. In Greater Mumbai Region, 903 positive patients, 625 recoveries and 36 deaths have been reported on Tuesday. Now the total number of cases stands at 77197, total recoveries are 44170 and death toll is 4554 in Mumbai. On the other hand, as many as 361 inmates have so far tested positive across 11 prisons of the state, of which 106 are active cases. 94 prison staff have also tested positive while four deaths have been reported in these prisons.
- **Gujarat:** The number of COVID-19 cases have reached 32,446 with 626 new cases coming up during the past 24 hours. 20 patients have lost their lives taking the total death due to COVID-19 in the state up to 1,848. The maximum 183 cases reported from Surat city, surpassing Ahmedabad in new cases for the first time. Ahmedabad city recorded 182 new cases. 422 patients have been discharged from the various hospitals after recovery during the last 24 hours. With this total patient recovered from the Covid19 have gone up to 23670. More than 3 lakh 73 thousand test have been carried out in the state till date. Meanwhile, new guidelines for Unlock2 is being implemented from today, in which shops will remain open till 8 pm while hotel and restaurants will remain open till 9 pm in non-containment areas. IIT-Gandhinagar has developed an Artificial Intelligence-based tool to detect COVID-19 from Chest X-ray. This tool can be used for quick preliminary diagnosis before the medical test.
- **Rajasthan:** With the report of 78 new cases on Tuesday, the COVID-19 tally of the state has gone up to 18092. The number of recoveries stands at 14,232. Alwar district reported 29 new cases while 25 cases have been reported from Jaipur.

- Madhya Pradesh: 223 new cases have been identified on Tuesday, taking the state count of COVID-19 to 13,593. There are 2626 active patients, while total recoveries stand at 10,395 and death toll at 572. Hotspot Indore reported 45 new cases and 3 deaths on Tuesday, which takes COVID-19 tally in the city to 4709. At capital city Bhopal, 25 new cases and 3 deaths were reported on Tuesday. Therefore, the COVID-19 tally at Bhopal now stands at 2789. Also, Morena district reported 59 new cases, Gwalior reported 14 cases and Bhind reported 12 cases on Tuesday. The Kill Corona campaign was launched today that aims to reach each and every household in the state in the wake of COVID-19. More than 11,400 teams will carry out the door to door survey from today till 15 th of this month with required gear. State developed app SARTHAK will be used to document the survey.
- Chhattisgarh: 63 new patients and 100 recoveries reported in the state on Tuesday, which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 2858. The number of active patients is 595 while total recoveries stand at 2250.
- Goa: 64 new patients have been identified on Tuesday which takes the state tally of COVID-19 to 1315. There are 716 active cases in the state now. Also, 72 recoveries were reported on Tuesday which takes the total number of recovered patients in the state to 596.

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175 ventilators provided by Centre lack key mode, Lok Nayak Hospital raises red flag

“Without intubation, we can provide oxygen to the patient through the nasal passage and the patient can continue with natural breathing. The BiPAP mode provides assistance to natural breathing,” the doctor said.

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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.

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