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### **Situation Update**

During last 24 hours, a total of 2,350 COVID-19 patients have been cured. Thus, so far, a total of 39,174 patients have been cured of COVID-19. This means a recovery rate of 38.73% amongst COVID-19 patients. The recovery rate is improving continuously.

India currently has 58,802 active cases. These are all under active medical supervision. Of the active cases, only approx. 2.9% of the cases are in ICU.

In terms of case mortality per lakh population, India has so far about 0.2 deaths per lakh population vis-a-vis approx. 4.1 deaths per lakh population for the world as a whole. The status of deaths per lakh population for countries having the highest number of deaths, vide WHO situation report-119, is as follows:

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>Case mortality per lakh population</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>3,11,847</b>	<b>4.1</b>
United States of America	87180	26.6
The United Kingdom	34636	52.1
Italy	31908	52.8
France	28059	41.9
Spain	27650	59.2
Brazil	15633	7.5
Belgium	9052	79.3
Germany	7935	9.6
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	6988	8.5
Canada	5702	15.4
Netherlands	5680	33.0
Mexico	5045	4.0
China	4645	0.3
Turkey	4140	5.0
Sweden	3679	36.1
India	3163*	0.2

\* Latest figures updated for 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

The relatively low death figures represent timely case identification and clinical management of the cases.

### **Testing**

A record number of 1,08,233 samples were tested yesterday in the country. So far a total of 24,25,742 samples have been tested.

From one laboratory conducting COVID-19 test in January, India has very rapidly increased its testing capacity by adding over 385 government laboratories and 158 private laboratories for testing in the country. Duly forging partnerships with all central government labs, state's medical colleges, private medical colleges and private sector, the testing capacity in the country has been expanded. Other testing machines like TrueNAT and CBNAAT have also been mobilized to ramp up testing.

Through 14 AIIMS-like mentor institutions, handholding of labs across the country is undertaken to ensure adequate bio-safety standards and accreditation of the laboratories. To maintain steady supply of testing material to the labs, 15 depots have been created by roping in India Posts and private agencies for distribution. Many Indian companies have been supported to undertake production of testing material which was earlier primarily sourced from abroad. This has helped in maintaining steady supplies across the country.

### **MoHFW's New Guidelines**

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued revised testing guidelines for COVID-19. In addition to earlier criteria, the testing strategy has been widened to include frontline workers involved in containment and mitigation of COVID-19, all hospitalized patients who develop ILI symptoms and all symptomatic ILI among returnees and migrants within 7 days of illness. For details:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Revisedtestingguidelines.pdf>

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued guidelines on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in workplace settings to deal if suspect or confirmed case of COVID-19 is detected in these settings. The guidelines can be seen at:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesonpreventivemeasurestocontainspreadofCOVID19inworkplacesettings.pdf>

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also issued guidelines for Dental Professionals in COVID-19 pandemic situation as the Dentists, auxiliaries as well as patients are at high risk of cross-infection. The detailed guideline can be seen at:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/DentalAdvisoryF.pdf>

These guidelines entail basic preventive measures to be observed by all (employees and visitors) at all times. They also detail the process to be followed if a confirmed case is reported including management of contacts and the process for disinfection.

It is important to ensure effective community awareness on preventive measures such as personal hygiene, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquettes, promote use of face cover and physical distancing.

For all authentic & updated information on COVID-19 related technical issues, guidelines & advisories please regularly visit: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>.

Technical queries related to COVID-19 may be emailed at [technicalquery.covid19@gov.in](mailto:technicalquery.covid19@gov.in) and other queries on [ncov2019@gov.in](mailto:ncov2019@gov.in) and via tweets to @CovidIndiaSeva.

In case of any queries on COVID-19, please call at Ministry of Health & Family Welfare helpline number +91-11-23978046 or 1075 (Toll-free). List of helpline numbers of States/UTs on COVID-19 is also available at

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/coronavirushelplinenumbers.pdf> .

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