

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation Update Report – 10

April 5, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

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

INDIA SITUATION

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

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India (5.4.2020)

3 577 Confirmed
83 Deaths
29 States/UTs

South-East Asia (4.4.2020)

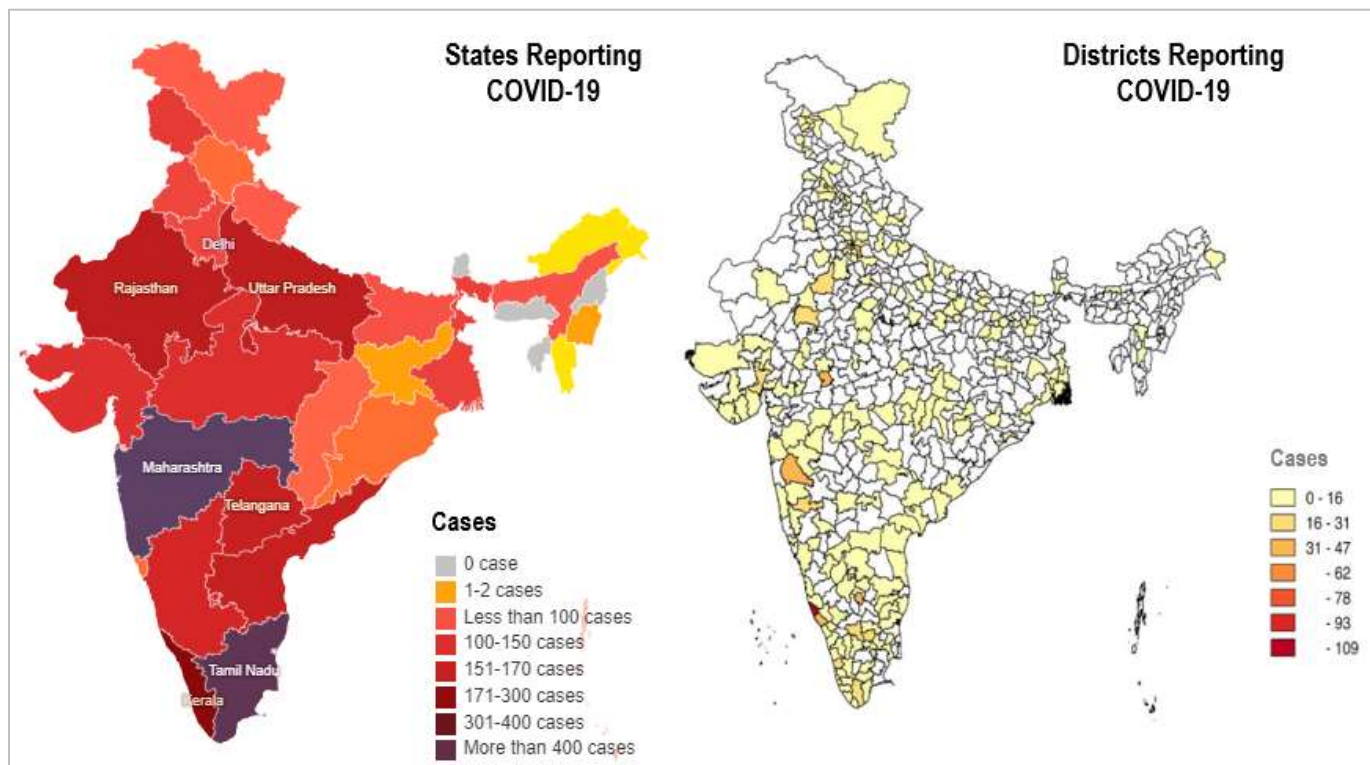
6 528 Confirmed
267 Deaths

Globally (4.4.2020)

1 051 635 Confirmed
56 985 Deaths

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

Globally - Very High



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WHO GLOBAL UPDATE

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

WHO COUNTRY UPDATE

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

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

ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

- Technical queries related to COVID-19 may be emailed at technicalquery.covid19@gov.in and other queries on ncov2019@gov.in.
- In case of any queries on COVID-19, please call at Ministry of Health & Family Welfare helpline no: [+91-11-23978046](tel:+911123978046) or [1075 \(Toll-free\)](tel:+91111075). List of helpline numbers of States/UTs on COVID-19 is also available [here](#).
- **Note:** PM Modi called for public participation and light candles or diyas, torches or mobile flashlights, for 9 minutes at 9:00pm on the 5th April to show solidarity and collective resolve.

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