The Coronavirus in Asia and ASEAN – Live Updates by Country

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ASEAN coronavirus updates (Live updates by country)

Brunei

- No new cases reported in Brunei.
- The number of cases has increased by two to 141.
- Brunei now has 139 cases.
- No new cases reported in Brunei.
- 138 cases in the country.
- 137 cases in the country.
- Cases in the country are now 136.

Cambodia

- Cambodia recorded 15 new cases on July 12, taking its total to 156 cases amid zero deaths.
- Two new cases on June 28, taking the total to 141.
- The country saw nine new cases on June 27, taking its total to 139.
- The country saw one new case on June 23, taking the total to 130.
- As of June 18, Cambodia has 129 cases.
- As of June 12, the country has 126 cases.

Indonesia

- 1,591 new infections and 54 deaths reported on July 14, taking the totals to 78,572 infections and 3,710 deaths.
- The country recorded 1,282 new cases and 50 deaths on July 13, bringing the national totals to 76,981 cases and 3,656 deaths.
- Indonesia reported 1,681 new infections and 71 deaths on July 12, taking the totals to 75,699 infections and 3,606 deaths.

- 1,671 new cases and 66 deaths on July 11, taking the total to 74,018 cases and 3,535 deaths.
- 1,611 new infections and 52 deaths recorded on July 10, taking the totals to 72,347 infections and 3,469 deaths.
- Indonesia reported another record number of new infections on July 9 at 2,657, taking the accumulative total to 70,736. The death toll increased by 58 to 3,417.
- Indonesia saw a record 1,863 new infections on July 8, taking the total to 68,079. The death toll increased by 50 to 3,359.
- Indonesia recorded 1.268 new cases and 68 deaths on July 7, taking the total to 66,226 cases and 3,309 deaths.
- The country saw 1,209 new infections and 70 deaths on July 6, taking the accumulative totals to 64,958 infections and 3,241 deaths.

Laos

- No new cases reported in Laos.
- The country now has 19 cases.
- 18 people are now positive for COVID-19.
- The country has 16 cases.
- Laos has now recorded 10 cases.

Malaysia

- Malaysia saw four new infections on July 14, taking the country's total to 8,729.
- The country saw seven new cases on July 13, bringing the total to 8,725.
- Malaysia saw 14 new cases on July 12, taking the country's total to 8,718. The death toll remains at 122.
- Eight new cases and one new death reported on July 11, bringing the total to 8,704 cases and 122 deaths.
- The country recorded 13 new cases on July 10, bringing the total to 8,696.
- Malaysia recorded six new cases on July 9, bringing the total to 8,683.
- The country saw three new infections on July 8, taking the national total to 8,677.
- Malaysia saw six new cases on July 7, taking the total to 8,674. The death toll remains at 121.
- The country reported five new cases on July 6, bringing the total to 8,668 cases amid 121 deaths.

- Five new cases and no deaths reported on July 5, taking the total to 8,663 cases and 121 deaths.
- Malaysia recorded 10 new cases and no deaths on July 4, taking the total to 8,658 cases.
- The country saw five new cases on July 3, bringing the national total to 8,648.

Myanmar

- Five new infections on July 13, bringing the total number of infections to 336.
- One new case on July 12, taking the national total to 331.
- Four new cases on July 11, taking the total to 330 amid six deaths.
- Two new cases reported on July 9, bringing the total to 319 amid six deaths.
- One new case reported on July 8, taking the total to 317.
- The country recorded 316 cases as of July 6.
- Myanmar has 313 cases as of July 4.
- As of July 3, the country recorded 306 cases.

Philippines

- The Philippines reported 634 new cases and six deaths on July 14, taking the total to 57,545 cases and 1,603 deaths.
- The country saw 747 new infections and 65 deaths on July 13, bringing the totals to 57,006 infections and 1,599 deaths.
- 2,037 new cases and 162 deaths reported on July 12, taking the national totals to 56,259 cases and 1,534 deaths.
- 1,308 new infections and 12 deaths recorded on July 11, taking the total to 54,222 infections and 1,372 deaths.
- The country recorded 1,160 new cases and 46 deaths on July 10, taking the totals to 52,914 cases and 1,360 deaths.
- The Philippines saw 1,395 new cases and no deaths on July 9, bringing the total to 51,754 cases and 1,314 deaths.
- The country recorded 2,486 new infections and five deaths on July 8, taking the total to 50,359 infections and 1,314 deaths.
- The Philippines recorded 1,540 new cases and six deaths on July 7, taking the total to 47,873 cases and 1,309 deaths.

Singapore

- 347 new cases recorded on July 14, taking the national total to 46,630.
- Singapore reported 322 new cases on July 13, only 11 of these were in the community, the rest coming from migrant worker dormitories. The country has 46,283 cases and 26 deaths.
- The country saw 178 new cases on July 12, taking the total to 45,961 cases.
- Singapore saw 170 new cases on July 11, bringing its total to 45,783.
- The country recorded 191 new infections on July 10, bringing the national total to 45,613.
- Singapore saw 125 new cases on July 9, taking its total to 45,423.
- Singapore reported 158 new cases on July 8, taking the total number of cases to 45,298.
- Singapore saw 157 new infections on July 7, bringing the national total to 45,140.
- The country saw 183 new infections on July 6, the majority of these are still coming from the migrant worker dormitories. Total cases now stand at 44,983.
- Singapore reported 136 new cases on July 5, taking the total to 44,800.

Thailand

- Seven new cases reported on July 14, bringing the total number of cases to 3,227.
- Three new cases recorded on July 13, taking the total to 3,220.
- Thailand saw only one new case on July 12, taking its total to 3,217. The death toll remains at 58.
- 14 new cases on July 11, taking the total to 3,216 amid 58 deaths.
- Thailand reported no new cases on July 10.
- Thailand recorded five new cases on July 9, taking the national total to 3,202.
- The country saw two new infections and no deaths on July 8, taking the total to 3,197 infections amid 58 deaths.
- Thailand recorded no new infections on July 7.
- Thailand reported five new cases on July 6, taking its total to 3,195.
- The country saw five new infections on July 5, bringing the total to 3,190.

Vietnam

- As of July 14, Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed a total of 373 cases of COVID-19. However, 352 of the affected patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. The latest additional case was a Vietnamese national returning from Russia.
- As of July 13, Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed a total of 372 cases of COVID-19. However, 350 of the affected patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. The latest additional two cases were Vietnamese nationals returning from Russia.
- Two new cases reported on July 12, taking the total to 372.
- Vietnam recorded only one new case on July 11, taking its total to 370.
- As of July 10, Vietnam's Ministry of Health's tally of confirmed cases of COVID-19 remained at 369. In addition, 347 of the affected patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals.
- Government economic advisors have stated that economic growth is seeing slowing down to 3 to 4 percent this year due to the impact of the pandemic and the government will consider cutting policy rates to stimulate growth.

Other Asian countries and Regions

Afghanistan

- As of July 13, Afghanistan has 34,455 cases and 1,012 deaths.
- The country has 34,451 cases and 1,010 deaths as of July 12.
- Afghanistan has 34,366 cases and 994 deaths as of July 11.

Bangladesh

- Bangladesh now has 186,894 cases and 2,391 deaths as of July 13.
- The country has 183,795 cases and 2,352 deaths as of July 12.
- Bangladesh has recorded 181,129 cases and 2,305 deaths as of July 11.

Bahrain

- As of July 13, Bahrain has recorded 33,476 cases and 109 deaths.
- As of July 12, Bahrain has 32,941 cases and 108 deaths.

China

For specific updates concerning China, please click here.

- China saw three new cases on July 14, taking its total to 83,605. The death toll remains at 4,634.
- Eight new cases reported on July 13, bringing the total to 83,602.

East Timor

- No new cases reported on May 25.
- No new cases reported as of May 24.
- The number of cases stands at 24.
- 23 cases now reported in East Timor.

Hong Kong

- Cases have increased to 1,522 amid seven deaths as of July 13.
- Hong Kong has 1,470 cases amid seven deaths as of July 12.
- Total infections have increased to 1,433 as of July 11.

India

- India now has 907,645 infections and 23,727 deaths as of July 13.
- Total cases have climbed to 879,466 and total deaths to 23,187 as of July 12.
- Our new India specific updates can be found here.

Iran

- As of July 13, Iran has 259,652 cases and 13,032 deaths.
- Iran has 257,303 cases and 12,829 deaths as of July 12.
- Total infections have reached 255,117 and total deaths to 12,635 as of July 11.

Iraq

- As of July 13, Iraq has recorded 79,735 cases and 3,250 deaths.
- Iraq has 77,506 cases and 3,150 deaths as of July 12.

Japan

- Japan has 21,868 cases amid 982 deaths as of July 13.
- As of July 12, Japan has 21,502 infections amid 982 deaths.

Jordan

- The country now has 1,183 cases amid 10 deaths as of July 13.
- Jordan has 1,179 cases amid 10 deaths as of July 12.

Kazakhstan

- As of July 13, the country has 59,899 cases amid 375 deaths.
- Kazakhstan has 58,253 cases amid 375 deaths as of July 12.

Kuwait

- As of July 13, the country has 55,508 infections and 393 deaths.
- The country has 54,894 cases and 390 deaths as of July 12.

Kyrgyzstan

- Kyrgyzstan now has 11,117 cases and 147 deaths as of July 13.
- The country has 10,629 cases and 132 deaths as of July 12.

Lebanon

- As of July 13, total infections have reached 2,419 amid 36 deaths.
- Lebanon now has 2,334 cases amid 36 deaths as of July 12.

Macao

- The number of cases has reached 45.
- Macao records a single infection, bringing the total to 43.

Maldives

- The Maldives has recorded 2,762 cases amid 13 deaths as of July 13.
- As of July 12, the Maldives has 2,731 cases amid 13 deaths.

Mongolia

- Total cases have now reached 243 as of July 14.
- As of July 12, the country has recorded 230 cases.
- The country has 227 cases and no deaths as of July 8.

Nepal

- As of July 14, Nepal has recorded 17,061 infections amid 38 deaths.
- The country has 16,945 infections amid 38 deaths as of July 13.
- Nepal now has 16,801 cases and 38 deaths as of July 12.

Oman

- The country has 58,179 cases and 259 deaths as of July 13.
- Oman has 56,015 infections and 257 deaths as of July 12.

Pakistan

- The country has 253,604 infections and 5,320 deaths as of July 14.
- Pakistan has 251,625 cases and 5,266 deaths as of July 13.
- As of July 12, Pakistan has recorded 248,872 cases and 5,197 deaths.

Palestine

- As of July 13, Palestine has 6,566 cases and 39 deaths.
- Total infections have now reached 6,230 and total deaths to 36 as of July 12.

Qatar

- As of July 12, Qatar has 103,598 infections and 147 deaths.
- The country has 103,128 cases amid 146 deaths as of July 11.

Russia

- Russia now has 739,947 infections and 11,614 deaths as of July 14.
- As of July 13, the country has 733,699 cases and 11,439 deaths.
- Our new Russia-specific updates **here.**

Saudi Arabia

- As of July 13, Saudi Arabia has 235,111 cases and 2,243 deaths.
- The country has 232,259 infections and 2,223 deaths as of July 12.

South Korea

- The country now has 13,512 cases amid 289 deaths as of July 14.
- As of July 13, South Korea has recorded 13,479 infections amid 289 deaths.

Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka has recorded 2,646 cases amid 11 deaths as of July 13.
- The country now has 2,617 cases amid 11 deaths as of July 12.

Taiwan

- As of July 11, Taiwan has 451 cases amid seven deaths.
- As of July 3, Taiwan recorded 449 cases amid seven deaths.

Turkey

- Turkey now has 214,001 cases and 5,382 deaths as of July 13.
- The country has 212,993 cases and 5,363 deaths as of July 12.

United Arab Emirates

- As of July 13, the UAE has 55,198 cases and 334 deaths.
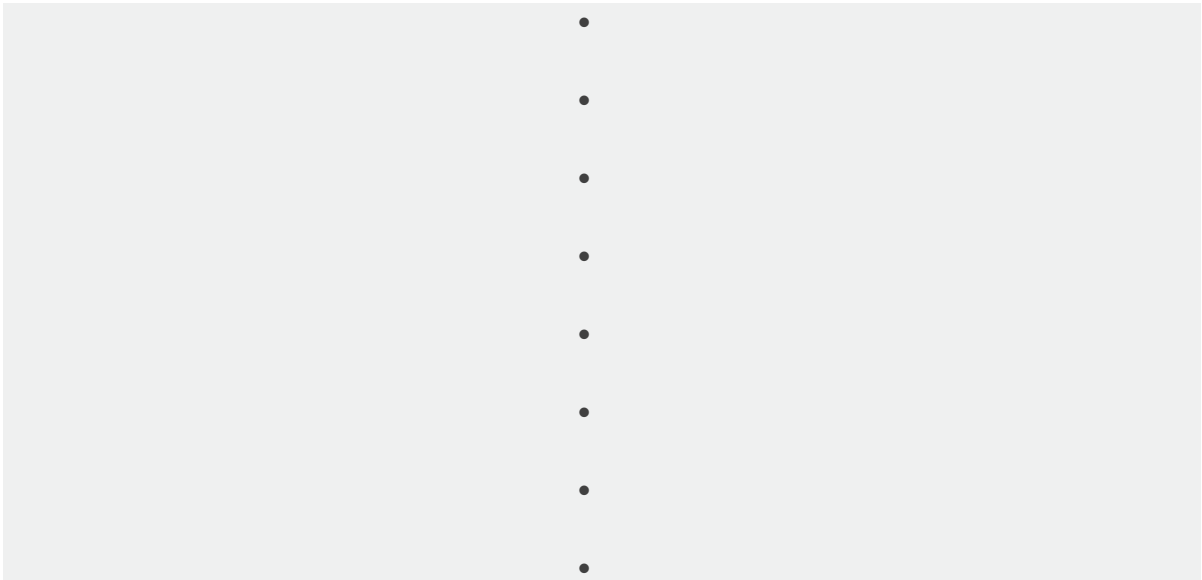- The UAE has 54,854 cases and 333 deaths as of July 12.

Uzbekistan

- The country now has 13,591 cases and 64 deaths as of July 13.
- Uzbekistan now has 12,997 cases and 60 deaths as of July 12.

Yemen

- Yemen has recorded 1,498 infections and 424 deaths as of July 13.
- Total infections have now reached 1,465 and deaths to 417 as of July 12.

COVID-19 in India: Latest Updates and Business Advisory (Till July 8, 2020)

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Coronavirus in India: Regions affected, government policies, and impact on industry

- *Livemint* is reporting that according to data from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 262,679 tests were conducted on Monday and the rate of recovery in India is now at 61.5 percent.

- **July 8 –** As per this morning's update from the health ministry, India recorded 22,752 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours. Total confirmed cases increased to to 742,417. The total number of deaths increased to 20,642. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and the capital, Delhi, remain the most affected by the outbreak. The total number of cases reported in Maharashtra is now 217,121; active cases are 89,313; and total deaths are 9,250. The total

number of cases reported in Tamil Nadu has reached 118,594; active cases are at 45,842; and total deaths are 1,636. Delhi has recorded a total of 102,831 cases; the death toll has reached 3,165; and there are 25,449 active cases.

- **July 7 –** India saw its total COVID-19 case tally grow to 719,665 today, with 22,252 new cases being reported in the past 24 hours. The death toll reached 20,160 with 467 new deaths. The number of recoveries stands at 439,947 and total active cases in the country are at 259,557. Various states in the country have been implementing local restrictions or total lockdown measures in areas or cities with a high concentration of fresh cases, including parts of West Bengal and Kerala's capital, Thiruvananthapuram.

- **July 6 –** Over the weekend, India continued to report high case numbers. As of the latest update by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India reported its highest single-day spike in the last 24 hours with 24,248 newly diagnosed COVID-19 cases. The death toll due to the virus rose to 19,693 with 425 new fatalities. India's total tally now stands at 697,413 confirmed cases, out of which there have been 424,432 recoveries. There are now 253,287 active cases.
  On Sunday, July 5, India had reported over 17,000 new cases and overtook Russia to become the third-worst affected country in the world in terms of total confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- **July 3 –** With 20,903 new cases reported in the last 24 hours, hitting a new record high for India, the total coronavirus tally has reached 625,544. The recovery rate, however, jumped to 60.72 percent as 20,032 patients were recorded as cured in the last 24 hours; overall, 379,891 patients have been cured / discharged. The death toll rose to 18,213, after 379 new fatalities in 24 hours.

- Delhi opened its first plasma bank at the state-run hospital, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), for treatment of COVID-19 patients.

- **July 2 –** This morning India reported 19,148 new infections over the last 24 hours, taking the total confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country to 604,641. With 434 new deaths, the COVID-19 death toll stands at 17,834. The state of Maharashtra has the highest number of cases at 180,298, followed by Tamil Nadu at 94,049 and Delhi at 89,802.

- **July 1 –** As of this morning's update, India registered 18,653 new cases in the last 24 hours, taking the country's total COVID-19 tally to 585,493. Total fatalities reached 17,400 after 507 new deaths. The number of active cases stands at 220,114, while 347,978 patients have been discharged / recovered.

- As of the government's update on June 30, Delhi has a total of 85,161 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 26,246 active patients and 56,235 discharged/cured patients. Total deaths in the capital are at 2,680. Maharashtra, which is the state with the highest number of COVID-19 cases at 169,883 – has 73,313 active cases, 88,960 discharged/cured patients, and has reported a total of 7,610 deaths. A state wise breakdown is available at the health ministry's official website: https://www.mohfw.gov.in/.

- **What will remain closed under Unlock 2.0:** Schools, colleges, coaching institutes, metro rail services, cinema halls, gyms, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theaters, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls. Any large gatherings will be prohibited regardless of whether they are political/cultural/social/religious. The night curfew will continue between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am.

- India will enter 'Unlock 2.0' from July 1. The Ministry of Home Affairs has released guidelines as more restrictions will ease but containment zones will remain under lockdown until July 31. "The new guidelines are based on feedback received from states and UTs [union territories], and extensive consultations held with related central ministries and department," the government said in an official statement.

- **June 30 –** India's total COVID-19 tally reached 566,840 with the addition of 18,522 fresh cases, as of today's morning update from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The death toll rose to 16,893 with 418 new deaths recorded in the last 24 hours.

- State wise, Maharashtra leads the COVID-19 case tally with a total of 164,626 confirmed cases and 7,429 deaths as of Monday morning. Consequently, after the current lockdown ends June 30, Maharashtra will be extending the lockdown in the state to July 31. Work from home has been advised but private offices can operate at up to 10 percent capacity or 10 people, whichever is more.

- **June 29 –** India reported 19,459 new COVID-19 cases on Monday and 380 new fatalities. The overall case count is at 548,318 and death toll 16,475.

- Delhi aims to test its entire population of 29 million by July 6 to record health information and test people showing or reporting symptoms. The capital now has more than 200 containment zones and health authorities predict that total cases could reach half a million by late July given the current rate of spread of infection. Hotels and stadiums could be converted into field hospitals; army medics are

now already helping treat patients in 9 locations where railway carriages have been adapted to care for COVID-19 cases.

- **June 26 –** India registered 17,296 coronavirus infections in the last 24 hours, pushing the total COVID-19 tally to 490,401; the total number of fatalities touched 15,301 with 401 new deaths. India has shown the third-highest number of new daily cases in the world over the past 5 days. However, the recovery rate has improved to 58.24 percent, according to this morning's update from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with 285,637 patients recovering. The state data breakdown can be accessed at the health ministry portal **here**. The state of Maharashtra continues to report the highest number of cases, followed by Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and West Bengal.
- Delhi's plans to combat the huge surge in COVID-19 cases include completing house-to-house testing by July 6, admitting positive cases in dense areas to care centers, monitoring for any movement inside containment zones through CCTV or drones, and retesting suspected cases (which show negative on the rapid antigen test) via the RT-PCR test. A review and redesign of the capital's containment zones should be finalized by June 26.
- Delhi has now overtaken Mumbai for the highest number of COVID-19 cases, with 70,390 cases, almost 40,000 of which were detected in the last two weeks. This is likely because the number of tests in Delhi has increased from about 5,000-7,000 per day to close to 20,000 on Wednesday. Recently approved rapid antigen tests give results in just about half an hour. Meanwhile, Hyderabad-based drugmaker Hetero, which is manufacturing and marketing the generic version of the experimental COVID-19 drug, Remdesivir, has sent 20,000 vials to the five states, including Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu as well as Telangana where the pharma firm is located. A 100-milligram vial of the drug will cost INR 5,400 (US$714.50).
- **June 25 –** With 16,922 new cases confirmed yesterday, India's total COVID-19 count is now at 473,105. The death toll rose to 14,894 with 418 additional fatalities. There are 1,86,514 active cases in the country. India is the fourth worst-affected country in the world by the pandemic after the US, Brazil, and Russia. Five states in India – Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh – have reported over 80 percent of deaths in the country linked to the coronavirus.

- Delhi reported close to 4,000 new cases on Tuesday, more than any state in India has recorded so far on any single day. Delhi now has a total of 66,602 COVID-19 cases, of which there are 24,988 active patients.
- **June 24 –** 15,968 COVID-19 cases were reported yesterday, raising India's total count to 456,183. The death toll is at 14,476 as the country recorded 465 new deaths in the last 24 hours – as of this morning's update from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. 258,684 patients have recovered so far and there are 183,022 active cases in the country. The recovery rate is currently 56.70 percent in India.
- Maharashtra has reported the highest number of COVID-19 cases, followed by Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and West Bengal.
- The COVID-19 case load has surged in the south Indian state of Telangana as testing has increased, with more than 3,000 samples tested daily over the past 3 days. On Monday, 872 new cases were detected; there were 730 new cases on Sunday and 546 on Saturday. Telangana's total coronavirus case count is at 8,674 while the death count has risen to 217.
- **June 23 –** India now has a total of 440,215 confirmed cases, with 14,933 new cases added yesterday. The death toll is at 14,011 with 312 new deaths. Maharashtra's COVID- 19 count reached 135,796 on Monday with 3,721 new cases; capital Mumbai accounts for 67,586 cases in the state while neighboring Thane accounts for 25,390 cases.
- Delhi has 59,746 cases with 3,000 new cases reported on Sunday. As per reporting by *NDTV*, all COVID-19 positive patients in Delhi must go to COVID-19 care centers but those with facilities at home and no co-morbidity can isolate at home.
  Maharashtra added 3,870 new cases on Sunday taking its total tally to 132,075; total deaths reached 6,170 with 101 deaths reported Sunday.
  Meanwhile, in Tamil Nadu, 2,352 people tested positive and 53 people died across the state. The capital Chennai has now more than 40,000 total cases, accounting for close to 70 percent of Tamil Nadu's total cases. Chennai and parts of its three adjoining districts are under a total lockdown till June 30.
- **June 22 –** 14,821 people tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday, bringing India's last updated total to 425,282 confirmed cases. Maharashtra and Delhi accounted for a surge of new registered infections; Delhi has overtaken the state of Tamil Nadu for the second highest number of confirmed cases. There are 1,74,387 are active infections and the recovery rate is at 55.7 percent, while

2,37,196 patients have been discharged. The death toll stands at 13,699 after recording the biggest single-day jump of 445 deaths. According to *NDTV*, Tamil Nadu has tested the highest number of samples (771,263), followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka. Delhi is at eighth, with 320,370 samples tested till Sunday.

- **June 19 –** India recorded 13,586 new COVID-19 cases over the past 24 hours, hitting another daily peak. The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country is now at 380,532.

  336 new deaths were registered, bringing the total to 12,573 fatalities related to the coronavirus.

  Maharashtra and Delhi recorded the biggest jump in cases while Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu also reported high numbers of new infections.

- **June 18 –** India registered 12,881 new cases today, the highest daily peak reported since the country began tracking COVID-19 numbers. The country now has a total of 366,946 confirmed cases, out of which there 160,384 are active cases.

  Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Delhi – are three worst-affected regions, and continue to report record numbers of new cases. However, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana recorded the biggest jump on Wednesday.

  Among the ten Indian states and union territories with most active cases, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, and Delhi have witnessed the highest spikes in confirmed cases over the last 7 days.

  Maharashtra has 51,935 active cases, followed by Delhi (27,741 active cases), Tamil Nadu (21,99), Gujarat (6,103) and West Bengal (5,261). Thus, the top five states are altogether responsible for 70 percent of all active cases in the country; the top ten states account for 81 percent.

  In terms of fatalities, Maharashtra has recorded 5,651 deaths, followed by Delhi (1,904 deaths), Gujarat (1,560), Tamil Nadu (576), and West Bengal (506). Gujarat has the worst fatality rate at 6.2 percent, followed by Maharashtra (4.8 percent), and Madhya Pradesh (4.3 percent).

- The Maharashtra state government has permitted Mumbai airport, the second busiest in the country, to operate double the number of domestic flights currently in service. In a public statement, Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) said that starting June 16, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) is permitted to cater to a total of 100 domestic commercial passenger flight movements, which includes 50 departures and 50 arrivals." On May 25, the

state government had allowed resumption of domestic air travel, permitting only 25 takeoffs and 25 landings at the Mumbai airport.

- Bengaluru will be [converting stadiums, exhibition centers, and other such large spaces](#) into quarantine facilities for COVID-19 asymptomatic patients.
- Maharashtra added at least 1,328 deaths on Tuesday after reconciling figures; the state's total case tally is 113,445 with 50,057 active cases and the total death toll is now 5,537. Delhi also reconciled its previously unaccounted COVID-19 deaths, 344, which pushes the total death toll to 1,837. Delhi added 1,859 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total to 44,688 in the capital (26,351 active cases).
- **June 17 –** India [recorded](#) 10,914 fresh infections over the past 24 hours bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 354,065. There are now 155,227 active cases. India has reported more than 10,000 new cases daily for over a week now.
- Prime Minister Modi will be speaking to the state governments in batches – today and tomorrow. Modi will be speaking to chief ministers from the worst affected states tomorrow. 4 prominent industrial states account for the majority of India's COVID-19 cases: Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, and Gujarat have so far reported 224,132 positive cases out of the total 343,091 cases in the country. Gaps in healthcare infrastructure, financial support to the states, jobs growth and MSMEs, and restarting economic activities are all likely to feature in this video conference session with Modi.
- As India increases its testing capacity, the number of new cases will jump further and this in turn will see immense burden placed on healthcare infrastructure. Industry and the public at large are expecting the central government to increase the role of the private sector in controlling COVID-19. But questions remain as to how many cash strung private entities will be able to address the shortages in hospital bed availability and critical care facilities while being fair and transparent in charging for services.
- **June 16 –** India now has a total of 343,091 confirmed COVID-19 cases, out of which there are 153,178 active cases. Maharashtra recorded 2,786 fresh cases in the last 24 hours, taking the state's total count to 110,744. In Tamil Nadu, over 1,800 people tested positive for the virus; the state's total is 46,504 with 20,681 active cases. Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami said on Monday that four districts in the state, including Chennai, will be under [intense lockdown](#) for 12 days, starting June 19. Meanwhile, Delhi's COVID-19

count [reached 42,829 on Monday](#) as at least 1,647 people diagnosed positive for the virus.

- India overtook the UK and became the fourth worst affected country to be affected by COVID-19 last week.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with India's state chief ministers through video conferencing on Tuesday and Wednesday (June 16 and 17) to review the COVID-19 situation in the country. This will be his sixth such interaction since 20 March.
  On Tuesday, Modi will speak to the chief ministers and top officials of 21 states and union territories that account for nearly 5 percent of active cases. On Wednesday, he will interact with chief ministers of states that account for the highest number of cases in the country. Most of the states in this second group have had to embrace the impact of massive reverse migration of daily wage workers, contributing to sudden spikes in their fresh cases.
- Delhi added 2,224 new cases in the last 24 hours; adding 10,000 cases in the last 6 days and more than 2,000 new cases for 3 days straight. The total number of COVID-19 cases in Delhi stood at 41,182 this morning, including 1,327 deaths.
- On Monday, Maharashtra's COVID-19 COVID-19 count grew to 107,958 after recording 3,390 new cases in the past 24 hours. The state reported 190 deaths yesterday, bringing the total COVID-19 related fatality to 3,950 deaths.
  In Tamil Nadu, 1,974 people tested positive for COVID-19, including over 1,400 in Chennai. With 38 deaths in the last 24 hours, the death toll in Tamil Nadu has reached 435.
- **June 15 –** India has added over 11,000 new COVID-19 cases for the third straight day, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 332,424. The death toll has reached 9,520, after a slight decline from 9.7 percent to 7.2 percent over the last two days. There are now [153,106 active COVID-19 patients](#) in India.
- The Supreme Court has asked businesses to [negotiate](#) employee wages for the 54-day lockdown period based on a mutual agreement. No coercive action can be taken against private sector employers who fail to pay full wages during this time.
- **June 12 –** India continued to report increases in fresh cases, with 10,965 new COVID-19 cases confirmed yesterday – yet another all-time daily high. Total confirmed cases in the country have reached 297,535 out of which there are 141,842 active cases. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi remain the worst

affected by the pandemic. State-wise data can be accessed [here](#) on the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare website.

- The [third phase](#) of India repatriating Indians from US, Europe, and the Gulf started yesterday, June 10. Under the Vande Bharat Mission, the national carrier, Air India, and its subsidiary, Air India Express, "will have 80 flights to Europe, a similar number of flights to the US and Canada, and about 165 to Gulf countries during 10-30 June," according to civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri and reported in the paper *Livemint*.

- **June 11 –** India reported just 4 cases short of 10,000 new COVID-19 infections in the last 24 hours and 357 deaths. The total count of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 286,579 and deaths to 8,102 deaths. Maharashtra is the only state in India to confirm over 90,000 cases; its total is now 94,041 cases with 46,086 active cases. It also has the highest death toll in India at 3,438. Among other badly [affected states](#), Tamil Nadu has recorded 36,841 cases in total and Delhi has registered 32,810 cases.

- Gurgaon/Gurugram (state of Haryana), a [prominent economic hub](#) that comes under the Delhi National Capital Region, is now reporting a total of 2,329 positive cases (Wednesday morning) as per [local media](#). The city accounts for 44.7% of the state's total COVID-19 case tally (5,209).

- Delhi now has 31,309 cases in total. As of last count, 1,366 people tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours.

- Maharashtra witnessed another jump in its case tally, reporting 2,259 fresh infections yesterday. Tamil Nadu is experiencing a surge as well as over 1,600 people tested positive on Tuesday. Maharashtra (90,787) and Tamil Nadu (34,914) account for nearly 45% of total coronavirus cases in India. Cases of infection are [rising](#) in Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh as well.

- June 10 – India recorded 9,985 positive cases yesterday and the total case tally now stands at 276,583. However, the number of cured patients (135,205) have now surpassed the number of active patients (133,632), according to the latest figures released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The COVID-19 linked [death toll](#) is now 7,745, with 274 deaths reported on Tuesday.

- The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) put out [new guidelines on Tuesday](#) to ease restrictions and kick-start Mumbai's economy in first phase of opening up since the lockdown. It is allowing individual markets and shops to operate for the full working hours from Monday to Saturday, but not market

- complexes and malls. Private offices can operate up to 10% of their workforce or 10 people, whichever is more, as reported by Livemint.
- Delhi reported 1,007 new cases yesterday bringing the total to 29,943. With 17 deaths on Monday, the death toll in Delhi is now at 824.
- There are now 129,917 active coronavirus patients in India. Tamil Nadu now has the most number of confirmed cases after Maharashtra at 33,229.
- Maharashtra continued to report the highest number of new cases (total cases are 88,528). The states of Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Gujarat, and West Bengal have also continued to experience jumps in new cases in the last 24 hours.
- **June 9 –** India recorded another high of 9,987 cases yesterday; the death toll has reached 7,466 with 2,66 deaths reported in the last 24 hours. Total number of confirmed cases reached 266,598. India has now seen more than 9,000 fresh cases every day for the past six days.
- **June 8 –** 9,983 people have tested positive for the virus in the last 24 hours, bringing the total number of confirmed coronavirus cases in India to 256,611. Maharashtra reported 3,007 new cases in the last 24 hours and its total confirmed cases are 85,975. Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, and West Bengal also recorded their highest single-day spikes in new cases. The death toll in India is 7,200 with 206 fatalities reported on Sunday. There are 16,229 active coronavirus patients in Delhi, with the addition of over 1,300 cases. India now has the fifth highest total number of coronavirus cases in the world.
- New rules were announced yesterday as shopping malls, restaurants, hotels, and places of worship are to reopen Monday. These include measures like staggering visitors and temperature screenings at malls; people need to wear face masks at all times and maintain social distancing.
- **June 5 –** Statistics from Thursday show another daily high as India recorded 9,851 new cases. COVID-19 fatalities were 273; the total death toll coming to 6,348. India has so far recorded a total of 226,770 coronavirus patients. Maharashtra, Delhi, and Tamil Nadu continue to report huge numbers of new cases. The number of active cases has reached 110,960; 109,462 people have recovered (48% of total cases).
- **June 4 –** India witnessed another daily jump in its coronavirus count with 9,304 people testing positive in the last 24 hours. The total number of COVID-19 cases reached 216,919; Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi continued to record high numbers of new cases yesterday. However, the number of active COVID-19 cases is 106,737, showing a high rate of recovery.

- The three most affected states are Maharashtra (total of 72,300 cases so far), followed by Tamil Nadu (24,586) and Delhi (22,132). So far, Maharashtra has reported the highest number of fatalities at 2,465, followed by Gujarat (1,092) and Delhi (556).
- **June 3 –** India's total coronavirus count reached 207,615, according to figures released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The death toll is now at 5,815.
  8,909 fresh cases were added on Tuesday and 217 deaths were reported. India now has 101,497 active COVID-19 cases.
- The capital Delhi has recorded 20,834 positive cases, with 990 COVID-19 cases registered on Monday. Delhi recorded 50 deaths yesterday, the total death toll is now 523.
- **June 2 –** India saw more than 8,000 positive cases for a third straight day. The total number of COVID-19 cases in India now stands at 198,706. The states of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have continued to experience spikes in new cases. 204 deaths were recorded yesterday, the highest so far, and the death toll as of this morning's update was 5,598. India now has 97,581 active cases. 95,526 patients have been cured.
- Religious places, hotels, restaurants, and malls may be allowed to reopen from June 8. However, international air travel, metro services, cinemas, gyms, swimming pools, entertainment centers and parks, theaters, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls, and similar places where large crowds gather will remain shut.
- India's lockdown in containment zones is extended to June 30. Elsewhere the country will open in phases with state governments being delegated increased powers to determine which sectors will open and how economic activity can resume.
- Nationwide curfew is now relaxed in what is being called Lockdown 5.0; public movement for non-essential activity is now allowed between 5am and 9pm.
- India is now the seventh worst affected country in the world, overtaking France. The state of Maharashtra added over 2,000 new cases and Delhi had 1,295 people test positive. Tamil Nadu also witnessed a high number of new cases with 1,149 testing positive on Sunday. At the same time, about 48 percent of India's COVID-19 patients have successfully recovered.
- **June 1 –** India records its biggest spike over 24 hours with 8,392 fresh cases of COVID-19. Total cases now 190,535; death toll 5,394. There are 93,322 active

cases in the country as per the [latest update](#) from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- For a state-wise tally of coronavirus cases in India, see the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare website **here**.

- The capital Delhi recorded over 1,024 cases in a day for the first time since the pandemic broke out. The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Delhi stood at 16,281 as of Friday morning. After recording 13 deaths yesterday, the death toll in the capital stood at 316.

- Over 2,500 new confirmed cases were reported in Maharashtra; Mumbai alone saw 1,467 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday. There are now a total of 59,546 confirmed coronavirus cases in Maharashtra. Fatalities in the state rose to 1,982.

- **May 29 –** India experienced its highest jump in fresh cases yesterday (7,466), reporting a total of 165,799 confirmed COVID-19 patients as of Friday morning. The death toll has climbed to 4,706 after 175 deaths were registered Thursday. India is now the ninth worst-affected country by the pandemic.

- The four worst affected states by [reverse migration](#) of laborers are: Uttar Pradesh (2.5 million returning migrant laborers), Bihar (2 million returning migrant laborers), Madhya Pradesh (expecting up to 1.3 million returning migrant laborers), and Jharkhand (expecting up to 1 million returning migrant laborers). The respective state governments are expected to collect data and map skills in the face of this enormous population shift, which will be key to job creation policies.

- The capital Delhi has recorded a total of 15,257 confirmed cases so far. Mumbai [recorded](#) 1,044 new cases of coronavirus on Wednesday, taking its overall count to 33,835.

- **May 28 –** India's total number of COVID-19 cases increased to 158,333 today, according to the morning update by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The government [estimates](#) that close to 230,000 people are in quarantine in the country. On Wednesday, Maharashtra registered 2,190 new cases while Delhi recorded another spike with 792 fresh cases. The death toll is now 4,531. India has 86,110 active patients with COVID-19.

- **May 27 –** India reported a total of 151,767 confirmed coronavirus cases this morning, with the addition of 6,387 new cases over the last 24 hours. Maharashtra continues to dominate the [state-wise case](#) tally but Tamil Nadu is reporting a continued surge of new infections with 600 positive cases recorded

on Tuesday. The death toll stood at 4,337 as of the latest update this morning and there were [83,004 active COVID-19 patients in India](), according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- **May 26 –** India [reported]() over 6,500 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the total confirmed cases to 145,380. There were 80,722 active COVID-19 patients in the country on Monday; 146 deaths were recorded yesterday. The states of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat followed by Delhi remain the most affected regions. Consequently, India has ramped up its PPE production; it is now producing more than 300,000 PPEs and N95 masks per day.
- India resumed domestic air travel today but travelers need to monitor for the latest guidelines, such as [state-wise protocols]() depending on the destination and check-in rules as well as track [airline cancellations]() and new compliance requirements.
- India's union health ministry has reported that 11 municipal areas in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, and Rajasthan have recorded 70 percent of all COVID-19 cases in the country. This is due to their high density population (migrant workers, urban slums due to housing crisis) and an overburdened healthcare system.
- As per the latest update, Maharashtra's COVID-19 count stood at 50,231 and the death toll rose to 1,635. The state of Tamil Nadu has 16,277 confirmed COVID-19 infections, Gujarat has a total of 14,056, and the capital Delhi has reported a total tally of 13,418 cases.
- **May 25 –** After its biggest spike yet in fresh cases, reporting 6,977 new coronavirus infections on Sunday, India has overtaken Iran as the 10th biggest COVID-19 hotspot in the world. The total number of coronavirus cases stood at 138,526 as of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's [update]() Monday morning.
- Mumbai's [total confirmed case]() count has increased to 25,317.
- In the past week, Bihar, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh have reported the highest surge in new positive cases. The state of Punjab reported the most progress as its case tally went from 1,680 confirmed cases on Friday, May 15 to just 170 active cases today.
- Maharashtra continues to lead the active case tally at 28,462; total confirmed cases 41,642. Following Maharashtra, we have Tamil Nadu (7,591 active cases), Gujarat (6,644 active cases), Delhi (5,898 active cases), and Madhya Pradesh

- (2,868 active cases) rounding up the top 5 affected states, and accounting for 78 percent of the active cases in the country.
- India's case tally has now [roughly doubled](#) over the past 13 days.
- **May 22 –** India's total confirmed case count reached 118,447 today, as per the latest update from the [Ministry of Health and Family Welfare](#). The active case count was 66,330 and the death toll was 3,583, as of Friday morning. India reported 6,000 new cases of COVID-19, showing the biggest 24-hour rise since the pandemic began.
- *India Briefing* is examining new business opportunities in existing and emerging industries as COVID-19 disrupts the economy, both, challenging businesses and creating new segments. Digital, contactless systems-based, and agile operations are the most likely to thrive in most sectors as consumer behavior adapts to the new normal.

  The education market is among those industries that have witnessed sudden and massive shifts in behavior as institutions were asked to shut down during the lockdown and classes continued online. With education being an investment of priority across India, digital apps and platforms have seized the opportunity to expand their user base, offering free access to their in-app selections and use of platforms for classes and lectures for a limited period of time.

  We discuss the new investment opportunities in online education amid COVID-19, which will have a long tail in terms of recovery and resurgence of outbreaks, as well as current revenue models in this piece: **Why India's Education Market Should Excite Foreign Investors**.
- Railways opened bookings today for a list of 200 trains (100 to and fro) to travel from June 1. Tickets can be booked via the IRCTC app / website.
- The civil aviation ministry is introducing a cap on domestic air fares for 3 months. For example, for the Delhi-Mumbai route, the minimum fare will be INR 3,500 and maximum fare INR 10,000. The government has said domestic flights can commence from May 25, and at one-third capacity till August. Travelers must check with the latest rules to ensure they can avail their booked flights; for instance, only passengers with a confirmed web-check in will be allowed to enter the airport.
- **May 21 –** Delhi reported the biggest spike in new confirmed cases at 534, in the last 24 hours, recording a total of 11,088 cases so far. Maharashtra remains the worst-affected state with 39,297 total confirmed cases.

  India recorded an increase of 5,609 new cases yesterday (second consecutive

day of reporting over 5,000 cases), pushing India's total confirmed COVID-19 cases to 112,359. The death toll, as of Thursday morning's official update, was 3,435 with 132 COVID-related fatalities over the last 24 hours.

- India's domestic flight services will be allowed to resume from Monday, May 25, in a "calibrated manner", according to the civil aviation ministry. Commercial flights where suspended in the country from March 25.

- The statutory rate of contribution by employers and employees alike to the Employee Provident Fund will be reduced from 12 percent to 10 percent (of the basic salary and dearness allowance), for the months of May, June, and July. This will increase the in-hand salary but will not impact the employee's total cost-to-company (CTC). The move is meant to ease liquidity pressures. According to the government, employees can increase their contribution above 10 percent for the next three months but employers will not be required to match that.

- The state of Maharashtra, which is the worst affected by the coronavirus, released its own guidelines for Lockdown 4.0.

- **May 20 –** India reported a record total of 5,611 new cases in the last 24 hours, according to the government's Wednesday morning update. Total COVID-19 deaths stood at 3,303 with Maharashtra reporting the highest single-day death toll at 63; the state also has the highest number of confirmed cases, which has crossed 37,000. India's confirmed coronavirus cases increased to a total of 106,750.

- Mumbai, Maharashtra has reported 21,263 cases as of Tuesday morning. Besides Mumbai, cases spiked in Ahmedabad (Gujarat) with 8,683 confirmed cases; Chennai (Tamil Nadu) with 7,116 confirmed cases; Thane (Maharashtra) with 4,402 confirmed cases; and Pune (Maharashtra) with 4,211 confirmed cases. These 5 districts accounted for 51 percent of India's confirmed coronavirus cases, according to *Livemint.*

- *Livemint* is reporting that the states of Bihar, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh accounted for 69 percent of all new active cases in the past week. Delhi, Tamil Nadu, and Bihar accounted for 14 percent of all COVID-related deaths in the last 7 days. India suffers from uneven testing and an overburdened healthcare system, which complicates data analysis to predict trends.

- **May 19 –** India's confirmed COVID-19 cases have risen to a total of 101,139. 67 percent of the new cases were reported in May, and why the nationwide lockdown has been extended yet again. India's death toll as of Tuesday morning was 3,163. The state of Maharashtra leads the active cases tally at 25,372

followed by Tamil Nadu (7,273 active cases), Gujarat (6,247 active cases), Delhi (5,401 active cases), and Madhya Pradesh (2,549 active cases). These states account for 80 percent of the active cases in the country, which stood at 58,802 this morning.

- **Lockdown 4.0 in Delhi:** Meanwhile, in the capital, Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced new and slightly different guidelines to the central government's announcement.

  As per Delhi government rules, private and public transport in Delhi will be allowed to resume with limitations on the number of passengers due to social distancing. While buses will be able to resume only 20 passengers will be allowed and after screening. Metro services will not resume till May 31. Kejriwal also said, "Barber shops, spas and saloons to remain closed for now. Stepping out of homes between 7 pm to 7 am, except for essential services will be prohibited. Taxis and cabs will be allowed but only two passengers at a time in a car. Private offices can open at full strength but they should try that most of the staff works from home. Markets can open but shops will open on odd-even basis. Sports complexes and stadiums can open but without spectators." Kejriwal also confirmed that construction activity can begin again in the city but the workers must be based in Delhi.

- **Lockdown 4.0 in Karnataka:** Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa announced today that the state of Karnataka is allowing all four of its state transport corporation buses to operate starting tomorrow, except in the red zones and containment zones. Further, most economic activities can resume in green/orange zones, such as re-opening shops and the movement of trains within the state. However, some restrictions remain – only 30 people can travel in a bus, everyone must wear masks, and social distancing must be observed. Malls and shopping complexes will remain shut. Park will be allowed to open between 7am to 9am and between 5pm to 7pm. On Sundays, there will be a total lockdown across the state.

- The five worst affected states in India are: Maharashtra (33,053 cases), Gujarat (11,379 cases), Tamil Nadi (11,224), Delhi (10,054), and Rajasthan (5,202). As of the government's morning briefing on Monday, India has reported a total of 96,169 confirmed cases, of which there were 26,824 recovered patients, and 3,029 deaths.

- **May 18 –** Lockdown in India has been extended for the third time, as Lockdown 4.0, **starting May 18 for two weeks till May 31**.

- The ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research, has issued guidance on rapid antibody test kits for COVID-19 and listed their manufacturers. Two of the Chinese firms on that list have since had their [importer licenses cancelled](#) by India's regulatory body, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, after kits supplied showed wide-variation under field conditions. ICMR has noted that rapid antibody tests are not recommended for diagnosis of COVID-19. 10 of the antibody-based rapid testing kits are manufactured in India.
- Meanwhile, Gujarat's Ahmedabad is reporting the country's highest mortality rate at 6.7 percent, above the national average of 4 percent.
- Tamil Nadu's higher tally may also be because of its higher rate of testing. In this regard, the state's health minister, C. Vijayabaskar, briefed that Tamil Nadu "has taken up aggressive testing, and accounts for the highest number of testing facilities. The number of laboratories has increased to 58 — 38 in the government and 20 in the private sector — today."
- Tamil Nadu overtook Gujarat in the tally of COVID-19 infections, but *The Hindu* has been reporting that it is the first time in 10 days that new cases have been below the 500 mark and that its capital, Chennai, accounts for about 80 percent of COVID-19 cases. The paper notes, "Of the 447 (253 male and 194 female) new patients, 22 persons, who had returned from Maharashtra, tested positive for the infection in five districts."
- **May 15 –** India now has 81,970 confirmed cases, of which 51,401 cases are active and 27,920 recovered. There have been 2,649 fatalities recorded so far. The worst affected states are: Maharashtra (27,524 cases), Tamil Nadu (9,674 cases), Gujarat (9,591), Delhi (8,470 cases), and Rajasthan (4,534 cases).
- India's railways have suspended all passenger train services till June 30, except for the Shramik Special services and the 30 special trains. All ticket bookings till June 30 have been cancelled and will be fully refunded.
- The [worst affected regions](#) are: Maharashtra (19,400 active cases), Tamil Nadu (6,987 active cases), Gujarat (5,139 active cases), Delhi (5,034 active cases), and Madhya Pradesh (1,937 active cases). This means the top five states make up for close to 80 percent of all current COVID-19 infections in India.
- India's COVID-19 hotspots are in its urban affluent regions, as richer states have recorded disproportionately higher numbers of confirmed cases.
- The morning update of the [Ministry of Health and Family Welfare](#) reported that India's COVID-19 total rose to 78,003 cases. India's infection count and death toll

is rising faster this month. The death toll stood at 2,549 this morning, which is roughly double the figure from 11 days ago.

- According to *Livemint*, India's total confirmed cases tally will exceed China's reported total by Friday, given the current rate of local transmission. Mumbai (15,699), Thane (3,065), Pune (3,301) in Maharashtra; Chennai (5,268) in Tamil Nadu; and Ahmedabad in Gujarat (6,645) account for 49 percent of all newly confirmed COVID-19 cases over the past 48 hours.

- Local media are reporting that Indian IT and financial services firms have been reorganizing their office properties by deferring new leases and favoring an extended work from home strategy.

- **May 14 –** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is now releasing the second tranche of the government's special economic package. Of note are announcements that regional disparity in minimum wages will be removed and social security measures will be extended to gig workers. The announcements in the second tranche are focused on relief for migrant workers, street vendors, self-employed people, and small farmers.

- Some clarifications on the TDS reduction announced in the first tranche: though tax deducted at source or TDS is charged on salary income, it has been clarified that the relief in the form of lower TDS has not been extended to salaried individuals.
  Also, those who can avail the TDS/ TCS reductions must provide their Aadhaar Card and PAN details. The reduction is also only applicable to Indian residents. (The TDS rate range from 1% to 30% based on income source and the TCS rate ranges between 0.10% and 5%.)

- India is extending its tax audit deadline from September 30, 2020 to October 31, 2020.

- Besides the focus on MSMEs, the finance minister made some of the following announcements:
  – On real estate, the Ministry of Urban Development will issue advisory to the states and union territories so that regulators can invoke force majeure to provide for a six month extension for completion of contractual obligations if the project was registered on or after March 25, 2020.
  – A reduction of 25 percent on the Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) and Tax Collected at Source (TCS) from May 14, 2020 to March 31, 2021.
  – The deadline for all income tax return filings will be extended from July 31, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

– The *Vivaad se Vishwas* scheme, addressing disputes on indirect tax payments, has been extended till December 31, 2020.

– All pending refunds to charitable trusts and non-corporate businesses and professions, including proprietorship, partnership, LLP and co-operatives to be issued immediately.

- Other announcements to benefit MSMEs include:

  – Collateral free loan of INR 3 trillion (US$39.84 billion) for MSMEs. This will benefit 4.5 million units so that they can resume work and save jobs.

  – For stressed MSMEs, subordinate debt provision of INR 200 billion (US$2.65 billion) has been announced for 200,000 MSMEs.

  – Equity infusion worth INR 500 billion (US$6.6 billion) through special fund for MSMES that have viable operations but need handholding due to COVID-19.

  – A fund of funds with corpus of INR 100 billion (US$1.3 billion) will be set aside to assist the capacity expansion of these units, including enabling them to get listed on the market should they choose that.

  – Global tenders not allowed for government procurement of up to INR 2 billion (US$26.5 million).

  – To compensate for cancelled trade fairs, the Indian government will set up online market linkages.

  – Statutory provident fund contributions for all private sector organizations and their employees covered by the EPFO will be reduced to 10 percent from 12 percent.

- The definition of who qualifies as a micro, small, and medium-sized enterprise (MSME) in India has changed based on investment and turnover. The new definition will apply to both manufacturing and services MSMEs in India.

  – Enterprises with investment up to INR 10 million, turnover up to INR 50 million are defined as micro units.

  – Enterprises with investment up to INR 100 million, turnover up to INR 500 million are defined as small units.

  – Enterprises can qualify as medium-sized units if they have investment upto INR 200 million, turnover up to INR 1 billion.

- In her first tranche of announcements, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman focused on the revival of the MSME sector.

- In his special address last night, the fifth since March, Prime Minister Modi made certain that the lockdown will not completely end on May 17. However, given his meeting with chief ministers of various states this week, Modi assured that the

Lockdown 4.0 will be different. This would likely put the onus on the state governments to administer based on their COVID-19 outbreak patterns, with relaxations in areas not considered hotspots and continued restrictions in red zones and containment clusters. Social distancing, wearing masks etc. will continue to be enforced as India will need to learn to live with the virus for a long time, public health experts have warned. We can expect the new rules of Lockdown 4.0 before May 18, Modi said yesterday.

- As of Tuesday midnight, Delhi had reported 359 new cases and 20 new deaths. The total tally in the capital is now 7,998. As per the Delhi government, the total number of tests conducted has crossed 100,000. At around 5,200 tests per million people, this is the highest in the country.

- With 426 new cases, the coronavirus tally in Mumbai was at 14,781 as of Tuesday.

- The state tally in Maharashtra rose to 24,427 as it continues to be the worst-affected region in India. The state has introduced an online OPD (out-patient department) system called e-Sanjivani OPD as many private clinics have stopped functioning. The online OPD service will be available from 9.30am to 1.30pm and is closed on Sundays; it is a joint venture between the state and federal health authorities. Maharashtra reported 1,026 new cases on Tuesday; the death toll standing at 921. Consequently, there are 1,289 active cluster containment zones in the state currently. 281,655 people are reportedly in home quarantine and 15,627 people have been placed in institutional quarantine.

- 6 more cases have been recorded in Noida (Gautam Buddha Nagar district), the manufacturing and IT hub in Uttar Pradesh that is part of the Delhi National Capital Region, taking the total tally to 230. So far, 3 fatalities have been reported in the district due to COVID-19 linked complications as of May 12.

- The city of Hyderabad in Telangana state remains a red zone as 116 people tested positive in 2 days, including 51 new cases confirmed Tuesday. The total state tally is 1,326 confirmed cases, 32 deaths.

- The COVID-19 tally differs drastically across India's states and understandably appears to be concentrated in major business and economic hubs.

- India's coronavirus case count rose to 74,281 (including 47,480 active cases and 24,386 cases that were cured or patients migrated). There have been 2,415 deaths recorded.

- Alongside Modi's calls for a self-reliant India, the prime minister is keen to attract greater foreign investment, including the relocation of foreign enterprises that

maybe moving out of China. The trade ministry is currently considering proposals on structuring tax holidays for foreign companies making investments between US$100 million to US$500 million, respectively. *India Briefing* will be tracking the proposals and will provide timely analysis if it comes through. Recently, the federal government announced it was looking to set aside major land areas for foreign companies seeking to relocate out of China, which we covered in this piece: **How to Read India's Pitch to Foreign Investors Looking to Shift Out of China**.

- As we await Finance Minister Sitharaman's details on the prime minister's economic package, it will be key to remember this isn't a pure financial stimulus. Reforms-based spending will likely be a major chunk of the package given Modi's assertion that he is seeking bold reforms in land, labor, liquidity, and laws. The stimulus may also get announced in stages so as to temper the fiscal impact.

- Modi's package amounts to 10 percent of India's GDP, and will include the previous stimulus of INR 1.7 trillion (about US$22 billion) as well as liquidity easing measures announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). In his address, the prime minister said the stimulus was meant to help the working class (laborers), farmers, MSMEs, and the middle class. Since the economic package was themed around a Self-Reliant India, Modi invoked the need for Indians to start buying more local brands – touting the success of India's personal protective equipment (PPE) industry. "When the crisis began, not a single PPE was being manufactured in India. N-95 masks were being manufactured in negligible quantity. Today, the situation is such that India is manufacturing 2 lakh [200,000] PPE kits and N95 masks each per day. We are able to do so because India has turned a crisis into an opportunity. India's vision to convert this crisis into an opportunity is going to prove influential as we become more self-reliant," Modi said. It will be interesting to see whether measures will be announced to support India's local manufacturing capacity in the near term beyond the tax cuts announced last year meant to boost sunrise industries as MSMEs have been facing a liquidity crunch for some time now (following the 2016 demonetization, GST transition costs since 2017, and various compliance-linked pressures).

- **May 13 –** Prime Minister Modi announced a INR 20 trillion (US$270 billion) stimulus package in his special address yesterday, the details of which will be put forth by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today at 4pm IST.

- Like all affected countries implementing virus-control measures, India now faces the challenge of restarting its normal economic activity while at the same time maintaining public health best practices like social distancing, personal hygiene, and wearing masks. The challenge is aggravated by India's economic situation and the danger of public fatigue setting in.
- The COVID-19 tally in the capital, Delhi, is 7,233 confirmed cases. As of Monday, the tally in India's financial capital, Mumbai (Maharashtra state) stood at 14,355 confirmed cases.
- On Tuesday, India's tally of confirmed COVID-19 cases crossed reached 70,756, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The number of active patients in the country are at 46,008; nearly 31 percent have recovered, as reported by *Livemint*. Maharashtra remains the worst affected state (23,401 confirmed cases), adding over 1,000 cases in 24 hours for the sixth consecutive day. The state of Tamil Nadu witnessed a spike in new cases with 800 new people testing positive in the last 24 hours; the surge in cases have been attributed by state authorities to the "state's aggressive testing policy".
- **May 12 –** Prime Minister Modi will be addressing the country at 8pm IST today. This comes after his meeting with Chief Ministers yesterday discussing the lockdown strategy.
- The Indian Railways tweets: "As per MHA [Ministry of Home Affairs] guidelines, on arrival at their destination, the travelling passengers will have to adhere to such health protocols as are prescribed by the destination state / Union Territory…" Passengers are therefore advised to track which risk level has been assigned to the destination area and what protocols need to be observed in terms of health, hygiene, and safety practices.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be chairing his fifth meeting with India's chief ministers today; on the cards will be a discussion on India's lockdown end date, May 17. Meanwhile, the federal government has sent support teams to 10 states, including Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi to assist their governments in managing the outbreak.
- Limited train services will resume starting Tuesday, May 12, the Indian Railways announced late on Sunday.
  Some 30 train journeys, which includes 15 pairs of return trips, will run from the capital Delhi to other cities, such as Mumbai, Bangalore, and Chennai. "It will be mandatory for the passengers to wear face cover and undergo screening at departure and only asymptomatic passengers will be allowed to board the train."

More than 20 million passengers use the railways daily in India and services were halted in late March, when the country went under lockdown. This has caused enormous stress to the rural migrant labor population across the country, who lost their jobs in the cities where they worked but were unable to return to their home states due to the virus-control measures.

- The top seven worst-affected regions are: Maharashtra state (22,171 confirmed cases), Gujarat state (8,194 cases), Tamil Nadu state (7,204 confirmed cases), Delhi (6,923 reported cases), Rajasthan state (3,814), Madhya Pradesh state (3,614), and Uttar Pradesh state (3,467). The death toll is the highest in Maharashtra – 832, followed by Gujarat at 493.

- On Monday, India reported 4,213 newly confirmed coronavirus cases – the highest increase recorded in the country over 24 hours. This takes the total count to 67,152. India also reported its highest recovery rate – 1,559 coronavirus patients were cured of the infection in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Thus far, 20,916 patients have been cured and discharged and one has migrated.

- **May 11 –** India is now in its last week under (the 54-day) lockdown, set to end May 17, 2020.

- More updates coming in from Ahmedabad, where on Thursday, Cadila Pharmaceuticals, one of India's largest privately held pharmaceutical companies had to shut down its formulations manufacturing plant after more than two dozen employees tested positive for coronavirus. According to reporting from News18: "A senior government official said late on Thursday that five employees had tested positive for COVID-19 six days back, while 21 others tested positive this week."

- From Saturday, May 9, a complete lockdown will be enforced in the city of Surat, a commercial center in south Gujarat, which has reported more than 750 cases.

- Ahmedabad is under a hard lockdown from Thursday midnight; the urgent need to prevent the outbreak from spiraling has resulted in the city administration seeing major changes to its bureaucracy. Para-military forces will patrol Ahmedabad to ensure only milk and medicine shops are open for a week and social distancing rules are rigorously enforced.

- Gujarat state added 388 new positive cases on Thursday, taking its total tally to 7,013.

- *NDTV* is reporting that till Wednesday evening, Ahmedabad (capital of Gujarat state) had 4,425 COVID-19 cases, the bulk of the state's total tally of 6,625

cases. With 273 deaths, the mortality rate in Ahmedabad is 6.1 percent, which is about double the national average of around 3.3 percent.

- **May 8 –** On Friday, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's daily update shows Maharashtra is the worst affected state in India, accounting for about one-third of all confirmed cases at over 17,000 cases. Mumbai and Pune are the worst affected cities in Maharashtra. India's current lockdown ends in 10 days, but may very well get extended at least in the red zones. The total tally of reported COVID-19 cases in India has reached 56,342.

- E-commerce companies are observing high demand of non-essential items but cannot recoup losses unless the red zones open up, which record the highest demand. India's major metropolitan cities are now categorized as red zones, showing the highest number of active cases. E-commerce platforms have reported a high demand for air conditioners, smart gadgets, personal grooming equipment like trimmers, and kitchen appliances; this is understandable as India has been under lockdown since late March and work-from-home continues into the summer season.

- The Indian embassy in the US has notified that 7 special flights will operate from May 9 to repatriate Indians stuck in the US. Given the limited seats available, the names of passengers will be picked through a computerized selector.

- The doubling time in Delhi is now 11 days, as compared to 15 days on May 2, according to the Delhi health minister, Satyendar Jain. Confirmed cases in India's capital stands at 5,532, of which 428 cases were added on Wednesday.

- India's financial capital, Mumbai (the capital of Maharashtra state), reported 10,714 cases after 769 cases were recorded on Wednesday, its highest single-day jump in tally; the death toll is now 412.

- The western state of Maharashtra has the highest number of active cases at 13,013, followed by Gujarat (4,729), Delhi (3,925), Tamil Nadu (3,278), and Madhya Pradesh (1,854).

- Data analysis from *Livemint* indicates that "the number of cases has gone up by 25 percent between Monday morning and Thursday morning".

- **May 7 –** The number of confirmed coronavirus infections has now crossed 50,000 to reach 52,952 cases, according to this morning's update of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The active case count, as of Thursday morning, was 35,902; 15,267 patients have recovered and the death toll is at 1,783.

- **May 6** – India's tally of confirmed coronavirus cases has reached 49,390, with 2,958 fresh coronavirus cases registered in the last 24 hours. India's death toll stands at 1,694 with 126 deaths reported Tuesday. The states of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and capital Delhi continue to report the highest numbers. The state-wise tally can be noted here.
- For a second day in a row the southern state of Kerala [reported zero coronavirus cases](). The state has been appreciated worldwide for its organized response to the outbreak from implementing quarantine measures, migrant worker management, and conducting widespread testing to the implementation of lockdown measures; it was one of the first Indian states to register cases (involving travelers from abroad) and combat a spike in cases.
- India's business center, Mumbai, has recorded 9,123 positive coronavirus cases. It is the capital city of the western state of Maharashtra, which is the only Indian state at present to record more than 10,000 positive cases. The total number of COVID-19 patients in Maharashtra is now 14,541, according to the ministry of health and family welfare.
- The national capital, Delhi, reported 349 new positive cases on Monday, taking the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases to 4,898. Of these, there are 3,403 active cases, according to the Delhi Health Department.
- The number of containment zones in the eastern state of West Bengal rose sharply Monday to 516 compared to 348 on April 28. Most of the containment zones are in its capital, Kolkata – 318, which is 91 more containment zones than last week.
- Since some of the relaxations in the new phase of the lockdown include the opening of standalone liquor stores – states in India fear long queues and failure of social distancing guidelines. Accordingly, at least three regions – Delhi, West Bengal state and Andhra Pradesh state – have hiked costs. For example, starting Tuesday, May 5, the Delhi government is charging a 70 percent extra tax on liquor – labeling the new tax "special corona fee". Andhra Pradesh has hiked prices by 25 percent, West Bengal is charging a 30 percent additional sales tax.
- **May 5** – Total cases in India reached 46,433 with the death toll at 1,568. This comes after India recorded its highest single-day peak in the number of confirmed coronavirus patients and deaths linked to the infection – 3,900 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed, and 195 patients died in the last 24 hours. At the same time, lockdown restrictions have eased in many parts of India as it

enters into the third phase of the nationwide shutdown, which originally began March 25, 2020.

- The Aarogya Setu App (Bluetooth-based COVID-19 tracker) is now made mandatory for all employees (both government and private sector employees) in India as a part of the country's contact tracing efforts.

  The smartphone application gathers user location data and personal details to form a network of information about the potential spread of the virus. Users need to input the following details: the name, phone number, profession, gender, age, and a list of countries visited in the past 30 days. Given its massive surveillance capability, and the fact that it is being operated by a third-party private operator, the app has attracted significant criticism. In fact, it was initially voluntary before becoming mandatory for government employees followed by the private sector.

- According to media reports, the latest government guidelines recommend that some establishments / services may resume from May 3, although with restrictions in place. A few of these are mentioned below:

  1) All three zones, except containment areas – outdoor patient departments (OPDs) at hospitals and clinics can reopen but must implement strict social distancing norms and precautions.

  Industrial establishments in urban areas, such as special economic zones (SEZs), export-oriented units (EOUs), industrial estates, and industrial townships with access control.

  2) Red zones – private offices can operate but up to 33 percent strength only, rest must work from home.

  3) Orange zones – taxi and cab aggregators (carrying up to 2 passengers only) have been allowed.

  4) Green zones – all activities allowed except for those specifically prohibited.

  5) Green and orange zones – barber shops, spas, and salons will be allowed to reopen from today and e-commerce sales of non-essential items can restart only in these two zones.

  6) Delhi – stationery shops, standalone and neighborhood shops and residential lane shops for both essential and non-essential services, and self-employed workers like technicians, plumbers, electricians, and household help.

  7) Maharashtra state – Standalone liquor shops, cabs with two passengers at maximum, and e-commerce deliveries for essential items (none of this is allowed to open in containment zones).

  8) UP state – Liquor shops (standalone), industries with 1-hour gaps between

shifts, buses and cabs at 50 percent occupancy levels (all of this is recommended for green zones only).

9) Kerala state – Government staff working at 50 percent attendance (Group A and B levels), 33 percent attendance (Group C and D levels); in green zones, shops can open from 7 am to 7.30 pm for 6 days in the week with Sundays closed.

- The guidelines for the second extension of the lockdown period offers considerable relaxations, indicating the government is seeking to stagger the resumption of normal economic activity, while at the same time ensuring strict observance of social distancing norms. All activities remain prohibited in containment zones and the suspension of travel by flight, metro, and bus will continue.

- The movement of all individuals for non-essential activities in all three zones (green, orange, red) is banned from 7 pm to 7 am. Movement will only be allowed between 7 am and 7 pm. All movement is prohibited in containment zones.

- Starting May 4, India is entering the third period of its nationwide lockdown, which has been extended for a second time for two weeks. (Previously – on March 25, the government invoked the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and imposed a 21-day nationwide lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19 until April 14. On April 14, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended the nationwide lockdown until May 3.)

- **May 4** – The total number of coronavirus cases in India has reached 42,533 and the death toll has climbed to 1,373 with 72 deaths recorded in the last 24 hours. The national capital, Delhi, which is a red zone, witnessed a steep rise in new cases with 427 people testing positive for COVID-19 on Sunday. Delhi's total number of confirmed cases has reached 4,549, with 64 COVID-19-related deaths recorded so far. 25 percent of all active cases were recorded in the last 3 days. *Livemint* provides an easy breakdown of the numbers across India's states.

- The federal government has also announced that districts falling in the green and orange zones will benefit from considerable relaxations. "Green Zones will be districts with either zero confirmed cases till date; or, no confirmed case in the last 21 days," while "the classification of districts as Red Zones will take into account the total number of active cases, doubling rate of confirmed cases, extent of testing and surveillance feedback from the districts."

- India has extended its lockdown for two weeks, starting May 4; the country is currently under a 40-day lockdown that was set to end May 3.

- Uttar Pradesh (UP) state has 19 red zones, Maharashtra state has 14 red zones, Tamil Nadu state has 12, and all of Delhi's 11 districts have been marked as red zones.
  a) The red zones among Delhi's suburbs (national capital territory) include: Faridabad (Haryana state), Gautam Buddha Nagar (UP state).
  b) The orange zones among Delhi's suburbs are: Gurgaon (Haryana state) and Ghaziabad (UP state).
  c) All of Mumbai's suburban areas are classified as red zones (Maharashtra state).
  d) Both Bengaluru urban and rural areas as well as Mysuru have been classified as red zones (Karnataka state).
- India's federal government is designating all major metropolitan cities – Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Ahmedabad – as red zones after the nationwide lockdown ends on May 3. States and local governments have been asked to draw out containment zones and strictly monitor movement in buffer areas. For example, Gurgaon, a major business hub in the north Indian state of Haryana, cracked down on enforcement today, with stricter restrictions on the entry of people from outside the district.
- India's 40-day-nationwide lockdown is set to end May 3, Sunday.
- **May 1 –** India's confirmed cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus reached 35,365 today; 1,993 tested positive in the last 24 hours. The death toll is now 1,154. Five states account for over 70 percent of active cases: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. According to reporting from the *Livemint,* half of all the new cases recorded are in the cities of Mumbai and Thane (Maharashtra state), Ahmedabad (Gujarat state), Chennai (Tamil Nadu state), and the national capital of New Delhi.

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