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COVID-19 Overview  13.04.2020  4 p.m.

India

Prime Minister will address the nation tomorrow at 10 a.m.

918 new cases have been recorded in the last 24 hours. 34 deaths have also been reported.

Total no. of cases: 9152 from previous day’s 8447
Active COVID-19 patients: 7987
No. of foreign nationals: 72
Death toll: 308
No. of patients discharged/cured: 857

State-wise tally of confirmed positive cases
Maharashtra: 2064 (Death toll: 127)
Madhya Pradesh: 564 (Death toll: 36)
Gujarat: 538 (Death toll: 26)
Chhattisgarh: 25
Goa: 7

Scientists have observed a slight, but “noticeable”, flattening of the growth curve starting April 6, an indication that the reduced contact between people as a result of the lockdown could be showing its desired effect.

A total of 1,95,748 samples have so far been tested across the country, as on April 12th, 2020:ICMR

More than 40 vaccines are under development but none have reached the next stage. As of now, there is no vaccine: ICMR

Government is "extra prepared" if there is an exponential rise in the number of coronavirus patients: Union Health Ministry

Government is expanding the COVID-19 testing capacity in state-run as well as private medical colleges. Government also increasing number of dedicated COVID-19 hospitals and isolation centers in the country.

In a bid to widen testing and ensure that no significant number of COVID-19 cases are being left out, the government plans to expand testing in clusters chosen in "cold spots" or areas where there are no cases reported as of now.

Situation regarding essential commodities is under control in the MHA control room, officials of Ministries of Civil Aviation, Consumer Affairs and Railways have been working in coordination with states to resolve logistics problems: MHA

MHA directs States to implement lockdown guidelines to ensure smooth movement of inter & intrastate cargo, trucks, workers & functioning of warehouse/cold storages.

The government plans to set up a chain of 20 lakh retail shops called 'Suraksha Stores' across India which will provide daily essentials to citizens while maintaining stringent safety norms.
Centre has asked all states and Union Territories to take welfare measures, including food, shelter, medicine, mobile and video call facilities, for migrant labourers living in various relief camps.

Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation has opened up its kitchen units in 28 towns and cities across the country for serving community meals to the poor and needy in the wake of coronavirus lockdown.

The Federation of Retailer Association of India (FRAI) on Monday urged the Centre to allow small shops to open immediately, as daily income flow of petty retailers have stopped completely since the lockdown.

India approved the release of hydroxychloroquine to 13 countries after an assessment of stocks.

The first few days post lockdown could see airfares skyrocket to up to three times the pre-corona ticket costs as flights may be operating with only one-third occupancy to ensure maximum social distancing between onboard passengers.

SpiceJet prepares for resuming operations, makes seating arrangement on coaches Airline will resume its operation post lockdown.

**Maharashtra**

Nearly 82 fresh COVID-19 cases were registered in Maharashtra in the past 12 hours, taking the overall state tally to 2,064 on Monday. Of the new cases of coronavirus, 59 were reported in Mumbai.

Maharashtra Police have registered over 35,000 offences across the state against those violating prohibitory orders and quarantine guidelines during the lockdown.

Out of the 58 'missing' Tablighi Jamaat members from Maharashtra who attended the group's religious gathering at Nizamuddin in Delhi last month, 40 have been traced and quarantined.

Hours after the state government on Saturday extended the lockdown, many migrants were on the road—a sharp reminder of the exodus that began after announcement of the lockdown on April 25—in the hope of making it back to their hometowns and villages.

The state government wants to restart local train services for essential workers. Many BMC staffers, fire brigade and police personnel live in far-off suburbs, and are finding it difficult to commute to the city every day. The state government has requested the railway board and railway ministry to restart the local trains so that so that the emergency staff of BMC, doctors, paramedics, police, chemists shop workers, grocers and other workers in essential services to travel to their workplace easily.

Maharashtra govt may hand out HCQ tablets to slum residents: Fearful of rising COVID-19 cases in Mumbai's densely populated slums, the Maharashtra government is considering to give hydroxychloroquine sulphate (HCQS) tablets as a "preventive medicine" to slum residents at highest risk of the infection. Suspected patients kept in quarantine facilities in Dharavi were likely to be the first one to get the HCQ tablets. Confirming the move, Maharashtra health minister said, "HCQS is used to treat malaria and there have been instances of it being used in the US as a preventive medicine against Covid-19. We plan to use it in areas like Dharavi where the risk of infection is high."

**Mumbai**

Mumbai records single-day largest jump in deaths. 16 Covid-19 deaths were announced by the BMC on Sunday. The city also reported 152 new cases. Mumbai's now has 1298 total cases and 92 deaths.
19 new cases reported in Dharavi; total in the area reaches 47.

The coronavirus is cutting a swathe through M East Ward, one of the poorest areas in the city, with 80 people testing positive so far. At least 30 new cases were reported within 48 hours of diagnostic clinics being set up in the slum pockets of Shivaji Nagar, Baiganwadi and Lotus Colony. M East Ward stretches from Mankhurd Road going to Vashi, including areas on both sides of the road such as Chembur (East), Govandi, Deonar, Baiganwadi, Shivaji Nagar, Gautam Nagar and Cheeta Camp, among others. Deonar has one of the biggest dumping grounds in the city.

Six people from two Kandivli slums have contracted COVID-19 in the past couple of days. The civic body has sealed the slums.

Covid-19 has reached Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), one of the biggest ports in the country, with two positive cases being reported from Uran in Navi Mumbai.

BMC declares Ganesh Gully in Lalbaug area as containment area.

On Sunday, two resident doctors tested positive for COVID-19 in Sion hospital and two more in Seven Hills Hospital. The cases have sent alarm bells ringing among resident doctors who now fear that living in close quarters may become a source of cross infection for the front line workers. Lodged in crammed hostels, each resident doctor is sharing a room with three or four other doctors.

Eleven more staffers from Bhatia Hospital in Tardeo tested positive for coronavirus on Sunday, taking the count of its affected workers to 25.

Vashi APMC grains and spices market shut from today

A crowd thronged the illegal open market, on the road leading to Khar (East) railway station, on Sunday, after concerns that the supply of vegetables would be discontinued surfaced.

As many as 102 cases of illegal sale of liquor amidst the national coronavirus lockdown were registered across Maharashtra on Sunday and 46 people arrested. The department has seized eight vehicles and liquor worth Rs 16.34 lakh during raids.

Pune

The Union science and technology ministry will fund a Pune-based firm to develop a vaccine for Covid-19 which is expected to enter phase-1 trial in 18-20 months. Seagull Biosolutions is the first company the government is financially backing for coronavirus vaccine efforts. It will also produce at-home test kits for Covid-19 that can detect even asymptomatic infections.

A total of 31 deaths have been reported.

Gujarat

Gujarat reported 22 new confirmed coronavirus cases, taking the state tally to 538, including 47 discharged. Two deaths - one each in Ahmedabad and Vadodara - were also reported taking the toll in Gujarat to 26.

Total number of cases in Ahmedabad rose to 295, the highest in the state.

The Ahmedabad civic body has made it compulsory for people to wear masks in public places from Monday, failing which offenders will be fined Rs 5,000 or sentenced to three-year imprisonment.
Total number of positive cases in Vadodara crosses 100 mark with two more testing positive. Total positive in the city now stand at 101.

Vadodara Municipal Corporation makes wearing masks or tying handkerchief or a cloth around face compulsory in public places. Violation would invite penalty of Rs 1,000 for first time violation and Rs 5,000 thereafter.

Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh’s Covid-19 tally now 25 as 7 more test positive for coronavirus in Korba district.

Madhya Pradesh

In Bhopal, Chief Minister Chouhan said the lockdown will continue after April 14, but in a different form.

Procurement, rural employment guarantee scheme works, and small economic activities will be allowed in districts that have not been affected by the outbreak

Procurement of rabi crop will begin on April 15, following strict social distancing norms. Procurement will not be held in worst-hit districts like Indore, Bhopal and Ujjain.

Indore reported 22 new positive cases of the novel coronavirus and one death on Monday, bringing the overall tally to 328 and the death count to 33.