PM Narendra Modi speech highlights:
Nation-wide lockdown extended till May 3.
During this time we have to be disciplined like we have so far been.
Till April 20, all districts, localities, states will be closely monitored: how strictly are they implementing norms, are citizens are cooperating with the lockdown.
From April 20, those states or areas that won’t allow for the increase of hotspots or where the possibility of hotspots increasing is less, will see resumption of some essential services.
In January, the country only had one lab to test Coronavirus. Today there than 220 testing labs in India.
On Wednesday, the government will come out with extensive guidelines on the lockdown.
India began begun screening passengers from Covid-19 affected countries, before it reported its first coronavirus case(s).
Had India not adopted the holistic, integrated approach that it did, and had we not taken quick decisions, India’s situation would have been far worse.
India has reaped the benefits of social distancing and lockdown. We have paid an economic cost for it too. But that’s nothing compared to the cost of the lives of Indians.

The government has extended on gratis basis the regular visa and e-visa of foreign nationals who are stranded in India due to COVID-19 till April 30th.

The ministry of external affairs said it will continue to advise the diplomatic community to follow lockdown guidelines in an effort to stem the spread of COVID-19.

All domestic and international scheduled Airlines operations shall remain suspended till 11.59 pm of 3rd May 2020.

All passenger train services on Indian Railways including Premium trains, Mail/Express trains, Passenger trains, Suburban Trains, Kolkata Metro Rail, and Konkan Railway will continue to remain cancel till the 2400hrs of May 3, 2020.

To ensure the essential supplies in various parts of the country, movement of goods and Parcel trains will remain continue: Indian Railways

India’s Covid-19 count has now crossed the 10,000 mark. The overall tally includes 1,276 new cases on Monday, the highest so far by a big margin and a sharp 67% rise from the number reported on Sunday (763).

Total no. of cases: 10363, an increase of 1211 cases since Sunday evening.
Active COVID-19 patients: 8048
No. of foreign nationals: 72
Death toll: 339
No. of patients discharged/cured: 1035

State-wise tally of confirmed positive cases*
Maharashtra: 2455 (Death toll: 160)
Madhya Pradesh: 647 (Death toll: 43)
Gujarat: 617 (Death toll: 26)
Chhattisgarh: 31
Goa: 7

(*State-wise distribution is subject to further verification and reconciliation)

Twenty-five districts across 15 states where COVID-19 infections were detected earlier have reported no new cases in the last 14 days, and the credit for it goes to the proper implementation of containment strategies by the district administrations: Union Health Ministry

ICMR spokesperson says over 2.31 lakh tests done so far and yesterday alone 21,635 tests were conducted.

As many as 7,000 public grievances related to the COVID-19 pandemic were addressed by the central government till Sunday.

The Supreme court directed that free Covid-19 testing will be limited to the people belonging to the economically weaker sections, and below the poverty line; Others would have to pay for the testing facility.

The APMC administration has achieved a breakthrough after a series of discussions with representatives of workers, traders and transporters to resume operations at the onion-potato and vegetable market from April 15.

Officials are in talk with all stakeholders to open the grain-spice market as well from Wednesday.

Amid concerns over depleting stock of essential items, the Centre has decided to track the prices of 22 essential food items in 114 cities and other centres more closely and step in where cost goes up by 15%.

The fear of depleting food stocks prompted the home ministry to issue fresh instructions on Sunday, including permission to operate mills for processing flour, pulses, edible oils.

**Maharashtra**

The number of coronavirus cases in Maharashtra rose to 2,455 after 121 more people tested positive for the disease on Tuesday.

Seven new patients have tested positive for COVID-19 in **Nagpur** in Maharashtra. Tally of positive coronavirus patients in the city os 57.

**Mumbai**

No. of coronavirus cases: 1594

Mumbai now has three drive-through testing sites for COVID-19 swab collection, making it easier to take samples while maintaining social distancing.

These sites, set up at Indiabulls Finance Centre in Lower Parel, Celestia Spaces in Sewri and Lodha Supremus in Kanjurmarg will be managed by SRL Diagnostics.

The facility will collect the test sample without people having to step out of their cars. The patient remains in the passenger seat, next to the driver, or in the left rear seat. Nasal or throat swab
sample is taken through the car window, and the entire process (drive-in entry to exit) takes five to 10 minutes. The swab is sent to a laboratory for testing and the patient can receive the report the same day if the sample is given before noon.

Mumbai to begin exploring convalescent plasma therapy for treatment of COVID-19 patients, today.

Horror stories of abysmally poor hygiene and neglect emerged from SevenHills Hospital on Thursday. Authorities admitted that retaining housekeeping staff at one of Mumbai’s most important institution treating Covid-19 patients has become a challenge.

Six new coronavirus cases, including two deaths, were reported from Dharavi on Tuesday, taking the total number of people affected by the disease in Mumbai’s slum area to 55.

MMRDA (Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority) Grounds in Bandra-Kurla Complex has been converted into a wholesale market that operates from 10 pm at night to 6 am in the morning, in wake of coronavirus outbreak.

Gujarat

The number of coronavirus cases in Gujarat rose to 617 as 45 more people tested positive for the disease.

With Ahmedabad alone accounting for 346 of the total 617 coronavirus positive cases in Gujarat, the city civic body has readied the country’s largest COVID-19 Care Centre with a capacity to accommodate 2000 patients who are not suffering from any underlying health issues. The facility, created in a hostel complex near the Gujarat University Complex, will ease the load of COVID-19 patients on government hospitals.

Goa

With no fresh coronavirus positive case being detected in Goa in the last 11 days, the Chief Minister on Tuesday said the entire coastal state could become a "green zone" by April 17 if no new patients are found.

South Goa district has already been declared as a green zone (No COVID-19 case) as per the Central guidelines.

Vigilance at the Goa’s borders has been stepped up in view of neighbouring Sindhudurg district in Maharashtra being classified as "Orange Zone" (Where few COVID-19 cases were found in past) and Belgavi in Karnataka also reporting coronavirus positive patients.

Goa has already sealed its borders except for medical emergencies and transportation of essential goods.

All truck drivers and their assistants will have to go through a dedicated "sanitisation channel" installed at the Goa border before entering the state.

The government will decide on granting relaxations to industries during the lockdown period only after the Centre releases guidelines on Wednesday.

Madhya Pradesh

Indore recorded 56 new COVID-19 cases on Monday night, taking the city count to 362. With this, 647 cases have been detected in Madhya Pradesh so far.