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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from PIB Field Offices and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- More than 79,000 discharged in the last 24 hours, India's Recovery Rate crosses 78%,
- 60% of Total Active Cases in 5 Most Affected States
- Cabinet approves establishment of new AIIMS at Darbhanga, Bihar
- India would be following a scenario based approach for COVID-19
- Government has taken a number of initiatives to provide psychosocial support during COVID-19.
- 155 Health workers have died due to COVID-19, as per PMGKP Insurance Scheme

COVID-19 INDIA as on :
15 September 2020
08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)
(↑↓ Status change since
yesterday)

Active (20.08%)**990061** (3463↑)**Discharged** (78.28%)**3859399** (79292↑)**Deaths** (1.64%)**80776** (1054↑)

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India continues to post very high Recoveries, More than 79,000 discharged in the last 24 hours, India's Recovery Rate crosses 78%, 60% of Total Active Cases in 5 Most Affected States

India continues to post very high number of daily recoveries. The continuous upward trajectory of India's Recovery Rate has touched **78.28%** today. **79,292** have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours. The total recovered cases stand at **38,59,399**. The gap between Recovered cases and Active cases

f has crossed **28 lakh** today (**28,69,338**). The total number of active cases in the country stands at **9,90,061** as on date. **Close to half (48.8%)** of the Active Cases are concentrated in 3 States: Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Kerala and Telangana contribute close to a quarter (24.4%) of the Active Cases. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, **U**ttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu contribute **60.35%** of the total Active Cases and are also reporting close to 60% (**59.42%**) of the total recovered cases. **1,054** case fatalities have been reported in the past 24 **h**ours. Of the total deaths, **nearly 69%** are concentrated in five State/UTs of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Delhi. More than **37%** of deaths reported are from Maharashtra (29,894 deaths). The State reported **34.44%** of the deaths in the last 24 hours (363 deaths).

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in Union Health Secretary, Industries & Internal Trade Secretary and Secretary Pharmaceuticals engage with 29 States/UTs to ensure adequate Oxygen availability in all Healthcare Facilities

The Union Health Ministry held a virtual meeting yesterday where Union Health Secretary, Secretary DPIIT, Secretary Pharmaceuticals and Secretary Textiles participated. State Health Secretaries and Industries Secretaries of 29 states/UTs were also present virtually. The aim of the meeting was to ensure adequate Oxygen availability in all healthcare facilities in these States & unrestricted intra as well as inter State movement of oxygen. States were asked to assess the need and then to press more tankers into action, repurpose similar vehicles for carrying oxygen, take steps to reduce their turnaround time so that patients do not face any lack of oxygen. The States were specifically advised to ensure among other things, facility wise/hospital wise oxygen **inventory management** and **advance planning** for timely replenishment so that there are no stockout.

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Prime Minister inaugurates various projects under 'NamamiGange' yojana and 'AMRUT' yojana in Bihar

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated various projects under 'NamamiGange' Yojana and 'AMRUT' Yojana in Bihar. Four schemes inaugurated today include sewerage treatment plants at Beur and Karam-Leechak in Patna city, as well as water-related projects in Siwan and Chhapra under the 'AMRUT' Yojana. Apart from this, foundation stones were laid today for water supply projects in Munger and Jamalpur and River Front Development Scheme under NamamiGange in Muzaffarpur. The Prime Minister said that even during the times of Corona, the work on various development projects progressed uninterrupted in Bihar. The Prime Minister lauded the contribution of the Engineers to the development of the country on the occasion of Engineer's Day, which is celebrated in the memory of India's pioneering modern civil engineer, Sir M. Visvesvaraya. Shri Modi said Bihar also significantly contributed towards development of the country by producing millions of engineers.

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Text of PM's address at the launch of multiple development projects in Bihar

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Cabinet approves establishment of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Darbhanga, Bihar

f The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved establishment of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Darbhanga, Bihar. This will be established under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). The total cost will be Rs.1264 crore and is likely to be completed within a period of 48 months from the date of the approval of Government of India. New AIIMS will add 100 UG (MBBS) seats and 60 B.Sc (Nursing) seats and will have 15-20 Super Specialty Departments. As per data of current functional AIIMS, it is expected that each new AIIMS will cater to around 2000 OPD patients per day and around 1000 IPD patients per month.

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COVID-19 Fatalities amongst Healthcare Workers

✉ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provided guideline on Infection Prevention and Control practices to the State Governments. Training was conducted for all the States in the month of March 2020. **in** Training on Infection Prevention and Control was also made available for all categories of healthcare workers on the iGoT platform. An advisory for managing health care workers working in COVID and Non-COVID areas of the hospital was issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 18th June, 2020. Guidelines on rational use of PPEs for hospital and community settings were issued on 24.03.2020. These guidelines followed a risk based approach and recommended type of PPE that needs to be used in high and low risk areas. The healthcare workers were provided with hydroxychloroquine for prophylaxis and prevention of infection. The package of Rs 15000 crores (USD 2 Billion) under “India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package” has been approved by the Cabinet on 22nd April, 2020. The States were supported with 9.81 Crore tablets of HCQ and 28,476 ventilators supplied to States/UTs. States/UTs were provided with 3.05 crore N-95 masks and 1.2 Crore PPE kits. **Total 155 Health workers died due to COVID-19 as per PMGKP: Insurance Scheme.** The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), ShAshwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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Strategic Approach to Combat Covid-19

India would be following a scenario based approach for the following possible scenarios: (i) Travel related case reported in India, (ii) Local transmission of COVID-19, (iii) Large outbreaks amenable to containment, (iv) Wide-spread community Transmission of COVID-19 disease and (v) India becomes endemic for COVID-19. Currently many areas are experiencing large outbreaks amenable to containment. Hence a containment strategy is being followed by Government of India. Government has succeeded to a great extent in controlling the aggressive progression of COVID-19 in the country. India has recorded 3,328 cases and 55 deaths per million population, which is one of the lowest in the world as compared to similarly affected countries. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India followed a graded approach for expanding COVID-19 dedicated hospital infrastructure. The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), ShAshwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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New Healthcare Scheme for Covid-19 Victims

f There is provision made under 'Pradhan Mantri GaribKalyan Package' for Health Workers fighting COVID-19. This is a Central Sector scheme. The scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs. 50 lakh to healthcare providers, including community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by this. It will also include **🐦** accidental loss of life on account of contracting COVID-19. The scheme also covers private hospital staff/ retired/volunteer/ local urban bodies/contract/daily wage/ ad-hoc/outourced staff requisitioned by **📞** States/ Central hospitals/autonomous hospitals of Central/States/UTs, AIIMS & INIs/ hospitals of Central Ministries drafted for COVID-19 related responsibilities. The insurance provided under this **✉️** scheme would be over and above any other insurance cover being availed of by the beneficiary. The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), ShAshwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the RajyaSabha today.

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Increase in Mental Health issues during the Pandemic

Realizing the impact that COVID-19 may have on the mental health of the people, including children, the Government has taken a number of initiatives to provide psychosocial support during COVID-19. These initiatives include: Setting up of a 24/7 helpline to provide psychosocial support, by mental health professionals, to the entire affected population, divided into different target groups viz children, adult, elderly, women and healthcare workers, issuance of guidelines/ advisories on management of mental health issues, catering to different segments of the society, advocacy through various media platforms in the form of creative and audio-visual materials on managing stress and anxiety, and promoting an environment of support and care for all, Issuance of detailed guidelines by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru- "Mental Health in the times of COVID-19 Pandemic - Guidance for General Medical and Specialized Mental Health Care Settings' and online capacity building of health workers by NIMHANS in providing psychosocial support and training through (iGOT)-Diksha platform. The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), ShAshwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the RajyaSabha today.

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Medical education of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy to get revolutionary revamp

With the passage of two important bills of the Ministry of AYUSH by the Parliament, the country is all set to bring revolutionary reforms in the medical education of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy. The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2020 and the National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill 2020 were passed in LokSabha on 14th September 2020. These twin bills seek to replace the existing Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973. Getting the approval of the Parliament for these bills is a landmark achievement in the history of AYUSH. The enactment of the said Bills will revamp the existing Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) and Central Council of Homoeopathy.

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Yoga in Helping Recovery of COVID-19 Patients

f The Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), has undertaken a research project to verify the efficacy of Yoga in facilitating early recovery of COVID – 19 patients in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital, Delhi, AIIMS Delhi, AIIMS Rishikesh and RML Hospital, Delhi. This information was given by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan in a **🐦** written reply in the RajyaSabha today.

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Early Indications of COVID 19 Pandemic Outbreak in the country

✉ Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was following the evolving situation in China, when WHO India alerted our country on 6th January, 2020 about outbreak of pneumonia of unknown origin in Wuhan city **in** of China. The Joint Monitoring Group under Director General of Health Services met on 8th January, 2020 to review the evolving situation in China and deliberated on public health preparedness and response strategies for the same. Before the nationwide lockdown, a series of actions were undertaken in a pro-active, graded and pre-emptive manner based on the evolving scenario. India took adequate action for screening, surveillance, contact tracing of international travellers from 18th January, 2020. Travel advisories were issued restricting inflow of international travellers. Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), ShAshwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the RajyaSabha today.

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Status of Development of COVID Vaccine in India

While the Govt. and Industry are trying their best to make available a safe and effective vaccine for COVID-19 at the earliest, it is difficult to comment on the exact timelines in view of various complex pathways involved in vaccine development. The Government has constituted a high-level National Expert Group on vaccine administration for COVID-19. The committee is addressing issues related to vaccine delivery, selection of suitable vaccines, procurement, prioritization of groups, logistics: Cold chain requirements, finance and National/International equity. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has granted test license permission for manufacture of COVID-19 Vaccine for preclinical test, examination and analysis to seven manufacturers in India. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous organisation under the Department of Health Research, has informed that a number of companies are conducting clinical trials for COVID-19 vaccines in India. The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), ShAshwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the RajyaSabha today.

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Checking Overcharging by Private Hospitals

Government of India has taken a series of actions to prevent, control and mitigate the impact of COVID-19. India followed a “whole of Government” and “whole of society” approach. Hon’ble Prime Minister, a High level Group of Ministers (GoM), Cabinet Secretary, Committee of Secretaries and senior officers in MoHFW continue to monitor public health response to COVID-19 in the country. Health is a State subject. The responsibility of engaging private hospitals in treating COVID cases is that of the State Government. Union Health Secretary has written to all States/UTs to engage private hospitals through

f mutually agreeable arrangements. Rates under PM-JAY and CGHS packages have been advised. A large number of States have accordingly issued instructions to that effect. The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), ShAshwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the RajyaSabha today.

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Details of loan disbursement by World Bank to India to fight COVID-19 pandemic

WhatsApp The World Bank has so far provided three loans worth \$2.5 billion to Government of India to support Government of India's response to COVID-19 pandemic situation for health (\$1 billion), for social **envelope** protection (\$0.75 billion) and for economic stimulus (\$0.75 billion), the benefits of which have accrued to all States and UTs. This was stated by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance **in** & Corporate Affairs in a written reply to a question in RajyaSabha today.

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Union Education Minister releases the NCERT eight-week alternative academic calendar for the secondary stage

In order to engage students meaningfully during their stay at home due to COVID-19 through educational activities at home with the help of their parents and teachers, the alternative academic calendars for students, parents and teachers for all the classes I-XII has been developed by the NCERT. Alternative Academic Calendar (AAC) for four weeks and next eight weeks for primary and upper primary stages had already been released. AAC for secondary and higher secondary stages for four week had also been released earlier by the Union Minister of Education. Now, AAC for next eight weeks for the secondary stage has been released by the Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually today.

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Financial Assistance to Migrants

Central Government was fully conscious that during the period of an inevitable lockdown, people should not be deprived of essential supplies. The situation was closely monitored 24*7 through Control Rooms at national level. With a view to provide food, health care and shelter to homeless people including migrant workers, Central Government on 28.03.2020, allowed the State Governments to use State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for this purpose. Data on the number of persons who died on road while trying to reach their home State during COVID-19 lockdown is not centrally maintained. However, all necessary steps were taken by Central Government to facilitate the movement of migrant workers. This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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NDMA Guidelines on Lockdown

In terms of Section 6 (2) (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (DM Act, 2005), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), on being satisfied that the country is threatened by the spread of COVID – 19 pandemic, has been directing Union Home Secretary, being the Chairperson of the National Executive Committee (NEC), to take measures and to issue necessary guidelines so as to prevent the

spread of COVID-19 in the country. Accordingly, NEC has been issuing guidelines about the Lockdown and Unlock phases in the country from time to time. By imposing country-wide Lockdown, India successfully blunted the aggressive spread of COVID-19. The period of Lockdown helped the nation create much required additional health infrastructure. States are free to take steps for restricting the disease in their respective States subject to compliance with the guidelines issued by the National Executive Committee as per recommendations of the NDMA. This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: With Covid cases and fatality in the state rising, Punjab Chief Minister has directed the Health Department to step up indigenous manufacturing of medical Oxygen to supplement the current supplies in order to ensure that there is no shortage of this critical commodity to tackle any future crisis. The state government has also appointed a Nodal Officer to monitor the supply and demand of Medical Oxygen amid spiralling cases of Covid, and the Chief Minister has asked the Health Department to ensure that indigenous production and packaging is further scaled up to meet any eventuality.
- Haryana: While assuring the Government of India that there will be no shortage of Oxygen in the State, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare said that Haryana has adequate production & storage capacity of Liquid and Medical Oxygen and adequate arrangements have been made by the State to ensure that there is no shortage of Oxygen in both, the government and the private hospitals of the State.
- Arunachal Pradesh: One more COVID-19 patient working at PHC Hollongi passes away in Arunachal Pradesh. Total death toll in the state 11 now. 176 new positive cases detected in Arunachal Pradesh. Total 1,756 active cases in the state as 156 patients recovered and were discharged.
- Assam: In Assam, 1,918 patients are discharged yesterday. Total discharged patients 1,15,051 & active patients 28,630, State Health Minister tweeted.
- Manipur: 96 more persons test COVID-19 positive in Manipur. There were 149 recoveries with 79 percent recovery rate. There are total 1,585 active cases.
- Meghalaya: Meghalaya COVID-19 active cases rise to 1,623, total BSF and Armed Forces cases 344, total others 1,279 & total recovered 2,075.
- Mizoram: 40 fresh COVID-19 cases detected in Mizoram yesterday. Total cases 1,468, active cases 549.
- Nagaland: Of Nagaland's 5,214 positive cases, armed forces account for 2,463 cases, returnees 1411, frontline workers 319 and traced contacts 1,021.
- Sikkim: Sikkim COVID-19 tally is as follows: cured & discharged 1,690, active cases 464, new cases 54.
- Kerala: The State Health department has evaluated that the Covid situation in the state became severe after Onam festival. The Covid positivity rate increased in 6 districts while in three districts the doubling interval decreased. The infection positivity rate has increased considerably in



Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kottayam, Kannur and Kasaragod. The report also urged to increase the number of tests per day and strengthen the effectiveness of health system at regional level. As many as 2,540 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in Kerala yesterday. At present, 30,486 patients are undergoing treatment and around 2.05 lakh people are under observation across the State. The death toll stands at 454.

- Tamil Nadu: TN mulls converting govt chopper into air ambulance to offer medical care during golden hour. Quoting health department sources media reports that mismanagement in the handling of samples at various levels is affecting timely declaration of test results in Coimbatore. Covid positive tally in TN crossed five lakh yesterday after 5,752 more positive cases were reported. Number of discharged persons crosses 4.5 lakh and total deaths reached 8434 in the State.
- Karnataka: With a spike in Covid-19 cases, the District Government Hospital in Chikkamagaluru is planning to set up a liquid oxygen plant on its premises, which will open for service within a week. 8244 new cases, 8865 discharges & 119 deaths were reported yesterday in the State. 2966 cases in Bangalore city. Total cases till yesterday: 4,67,689; Active cases: 98,463; Deaths: 7384; Discharges: 3,61,823.
- Andhra Pradesh: State Tourism and Culture Minister Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao has tested positive for coronavirus. Diesel Loco Shed of Waltair Division has developed a robot that can assist hospital staff in serving medicines and food to Covid patients. Named MeD ROBO, it underwent extensive trials and demonstrations before being deployed for use at Divisional Railway Hospital in Visakhapatnam.
- Telangana: 2058 new cases, 2180 recoveries & 10 deaths reported in the last 24 hours; out of 2058 cases, 277 cases reported from GHMC. Total cases: 1,60,571; Active cases: 30,400; Deaths: 984; Discharges :1,29,187. After a high-level task force, was constituted by the Telangana government to oversee Covid-19 treatment, auditing of beds — in general and non-general wards — across hospitals have started, for the first time, in the state. South Central Railway office in Hyderabad shut as 30 staffers test Covid positive.
- Maharashtra: The Maharashtra Government has accorded 'ambulance status' to the vehicles carrying medical oxygen for one year. A notification was issued on Monday in this regard. The decision was taken in view of the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity of uninterrupted oxygen supply to various hospitals in the state. Approximately 11 per cent of Covid patients in the state are in need of oxygen support requiring about 500 metric tons. Even though, Maharashtra is currently producing more than 1,000 MT oxygen, complaints of shortage have been received from many places.
- Gujarat: The State Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Monday tested negative for coronavirus after volunteering for the process in keeping with his "test is best" slogan. The CM took the test to encourage people to come forward without fear to find out if they have the infection. Rupani has coined the "test is best" slogan and said they are necessary for timely detection and treatment of the novel coronavirus infection.
- Rajasthan: With 793 cases reported this morning, the active cases of COVID 19 touched a new high of 17,410 in the state. 147 new cases have been reported from Jodhpur while 145 cases reported from capital Jaipur. The active cases have continuously been on the rise in the state. However, the recovery rate in the state is still high at about 82 percent.



- Madhya Pradesh The MP Government has banned industrial use of oxygen amongst other steps taken to meet the medical crisis that erupted after suspension of supply from Maharashtra. With these measures, the state right now has an assured supply of 180 metric tons of medical oxygen while the demand hovers between 110 and 120 metric tons per day. Madhya Pradesh now has more than 90,000 positive cases of the novel coronavirus and the state saw its highest single-day jump of 2,483 on Monday. For the past five days, 2,000 new Covid-19 cases have been reported every day.
- Chhattisgarh: Raipur is all set to get 560 new beds equipped with oxygen cylinders. As per Raipur district collector, 100 beds with oxygen facilities have been installed in Lalpur Covid hospital. 400 additional beds will be installed in Ayurvedic College Hospital, and 60 at ESIC hospital in Raipur.

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