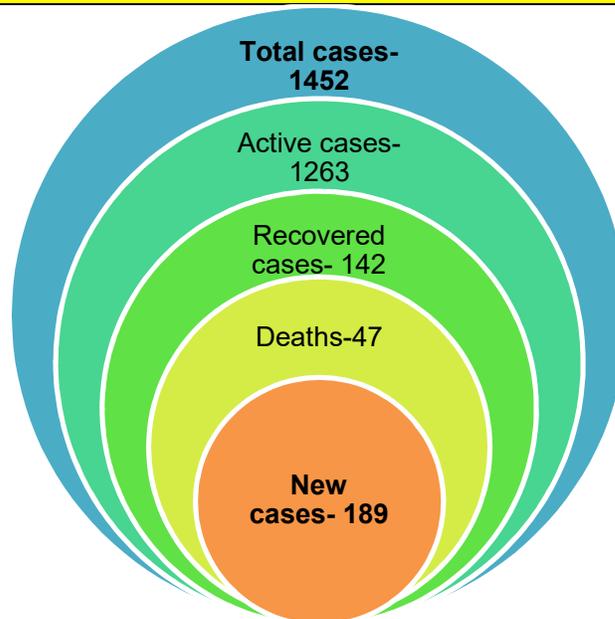


All you need to know about COVID-19 and its impact

(March 31, 2020)

COVID-19 Statistics for India (as updated upto 07:00 PM)



<https://www.covid19india.org>

Major News

- The Government has prohibited Arrival/Departure of all International scheduled or non-scheduled flights except those specifically permitted for evacuation of Foreign nationals from India & cargo flights.
<https://twitter.com/HardeepSPuri/status/1244662339879628802>
- Army Wives Welfare Association prepares 2,500 food packets for migrant labourers.
<https://aninews.in/news/national/general-news/nafed-donates-rs-5-crore-to-pm-cares-fund20200331162345>

Key developments in Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Deputy CM and State Finance Minister Ajit Pawar has issued orders that salaries of all elected representatives, including CM and all MLAs-MLCs, will be cut by 60% for the month of March.
<https://twitter.com/ANI/status/1244889360563986432?s=20>
- Maharashtra declares 8% cut in Electricity Tariff for five years.
<https://twitter.com/ndtv/status/1244701332897816576?s=20>
- Flying squads to conduct door-to-door survey in Mumbai as part of efforts to check the spread of coronavirus.
<https://twitter.com/moneycontrolcom/status/1244952464144519169?s=20>
- Maharashtra Govt. warns citizens against spreading fake rumours as April Fools' pranks. Those found guilty of such offences will be booked under the Information Technology Act, 2002.
<https://twitter.com/IndiaToday/status/1244909888435679232?s=20>

Key developments in the States of India

- Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat on Tuesday, at a COVID-19 review meeting, instructed officials to ensure availability of foodgrains and other essential commodities in the state.
<https://aninews.in/news/national/general-news/covid-19-uttarakhand-cm-directs-officials-to-ensure-availability-of-essentials20200331144007/>
- The movement of migrant labourers has been stopped completely in Madhya Pradesh as the State borders adjoining Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh have been sealed in the wake of coronavirus.
<https://aninews.in/news/national/general-news/mp-borders-sealed-movement-of-migrant-labourers-stopped20200331131131/>
- The Mamata Banerjee govt said sweet shops will be allowed to operate only for take away from 12 noon to 4 pm everyday.
<https://theprint.in/india/mishti-essential-for-bengalis-after-appeal-to-mamata-sweet-shops-to-run-for-4-hrs-daily/391637/>
- In view of the rapid increase in the number of corona patients in Jaipur, the government has decided to take possession of 84 private hospitals in the city. Order related to this has also been issued.
<https://aajtak.intoday.in/story/rajasthan-government-issues-order-to-acquire-84-private-hospitals-in-jaipur-1-1176232.html>

Global Updates

- **World economy will go into recession with likely exception of India, China: United Nations**
UN's trade body, however, did not give a detailed explanation as to why and how India and China will be the exceptions as the world faces a recession and loss in global income that will impact developing countries. Further, given the deteriorating global conditions, fiscal and foreign exchange constraints are bound to tighten further over the course of the year.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/world-economy-will-go-into-recession-with-likely-exception-of-india-china-united-nations/articleshow/74905696.cms>

- **Americans told to brace for 200,000 coronavirus deaths as world leaders push crisis response further**

Months into the deadly coronavirus outbreak, world leaders are pushing their pandemic responses to the brink, with an unprecedented state of emergency declared in Hungary, military hospital ships arriving in New York and Los Angeles, and Japanese citizens being told to avoid a third of the world. In the United States, which has become the epicenter of the outbreak, the death toll neared 3,000, similar to the number killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. U.S. health officials have warned that the virus could kill as many as 200,000 people in America, even "if we do things ... almost perfectly."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/03/31/coronavirus-latest-news/>

Market Updates

- **Sensex rallies 1,028 pts on last day of FY20, posts worst-ever quarterly fall**

Benchmark equity index Sensex rallied nearly 4 per cent on Tuesday, but that couldn't save the index from posting its worst-ever quarterly decline, as the coronavirus pandemic forced nations globally to lock down. Investors have turned risk-averse leading to a massive selloff in equities over the last two months.

- **Modified rail coaches to provide 3.2 lakh isolation beds: Indian Railways**

These modified 20,000 coaches can accommodate up to 3.2 lakh possible beds for isolation needs. Work on modification of 5,000 coaches, which are to be converted initially into quarantine/isolation coaches has already started. "These 5,000 coaches would be having a capacity to accommodate up to 80,000 beds. One coach is expected to have 16 beds for isolation," railways said.

- **ANMI urges Sebi to cut trading hours to 10 am-2 pm**

ANMI, an association representing nearly 900 brokerages, has submitted a letter to the market regulator Sebi seeking a reduction in market hours to 10 am to 2 pm. At present, the market opens at 9.15 am and closes at 3.30 pm.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/?from=mdr>