Coronavirus India Highlights: Delhi-Haryana border to be sealed; total COVID-19 cases in India reach 28,380

Coronavirus lockdown extension live updates: From Tuesday, Haryana will restrict movement to satellite cities of Gurugram and Faridabad. Borders in Sonipat and Jhajjar have already been tightened

Coronavirus pandemic and PM Modi video conference live updates: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that the number of coronavirus cases, as of 5PM on April 27, stand at 28,380. This includes 21,132 active cases, 6,362 cured, discharged or migrated patients, and 886 deaths. During the daily Health Ministry briefing on COVID-19 said on Monday, Joint Secretary Lav Agarwal said that the recovery rate in teh country stands at 22.17% now. Meanwhile, the Union Home Affairs Ministry stated that around 2 crore people have been given employment through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) till now. India reported a total of 1,975 cases of COVID-19 on April 26, which was the highest single-day spike in infection cases.
COVID-19 on April 26, which was the highest single-day spike in infection cases since India reported its first confirmed coronavirus case in Kerala on January 30 of this year.

Prime Minister in his virtual meet with the chief ministers of various states on Monday asked them to prepare state-wise exit policy in view of their Red, orange & Green zones. He added that the lockdown may continue in hotspots or red zone areas beyond May 3 adding that "we have to give importance to the economy as well as continue the fight against COVID-19." At least 4 chief ministers have advocated for a lockdown extension beyond May 3 to combat further spread of COVID-19. The CMs made the demand in their meeting with PM Modi via video-conferencing on Monday. The meeting went on for around 3 hours. PM Modi discussed several issues such as lockdown extension, the state of economy and lifting of restrictions etc in the wake of COVID-19 situation in the country. Four CMs advocated for the lockdown to be extended beyond May 3. PM Modi sought suggestions of the CMs on lockdown extension based on the current situation in their respective states. He also lauded the joint efforts of CMs to ensure lockdown rules are followed adding that the lockdown has been helpful in tackling the spread of novel coronavirus.

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10.35 pm: Noida coronavirus cases

"There are 58 active cases of coronavirus in Gautam Buddh Nagar while 71 other patients have been cured. No death has been reported due to the disease," Gautam Buddh Nagar District Magistrate Suhas LY.

10.07 pm: Telangana coronavirus news

Telangana CM declared that by April 28, 21 districts in the state would turn into districts without even one coronavirus case. He said it was a good development that 97 per cent of the Corona patients are getting discharged after recovery.

9.50 pm: COVID-19 West Bengal news

West Bengal Health Department clarifies that coronavirus patients will have to be mandatorily brought to hospitals. Only primary or secondary contacts have been allowed to go into home isolation. Earlier CM Mamata Banerjee had announced in her press conference that positive patients could home quarantine.
9.43 pm: Rajastham coronavirus cases

77 new coronavirus cases reported in Rajasthan today, of which 25 were in Jaipur, 11 in Jodhpur, 10 in Jhalawar, 8 in Tonk, 7 each in Kota and Chittorgarh, 3 in Nagour, 2 in Bhilwara, and 1 each in Ajmer, Jaisalmer, Pali and Udaipur. Total number of positive cases in the state has risen to 2,262.

9.30 pm: Lockdown extension

We recommend that coronavirus lockdown should be extended after May 3, said Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant. No mode of public transport should be allowed between states, he said.

9.27 pm: Ranchi COVID-19 cases

Five more persons have tested positive for #COVID19 in Ranchi today, taking the total positive cases in Jharkhand to 103. A total of 20 cases have been reported today, highest in a day.

9.24 pm: Coronavirus news

The coronavirus pandemic is far from over, warned WHO Director-General. WHO continues to be concerned about increasing trends in Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America and some Asian countries, he added. As in all regions, cases and deaths are underreported in countries in these regions because of low testing capacity, he said.
9.17 pm: Coronavirus update

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan today held a meeting with directors of All India Institutes Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry, and Post Graduate Institute, Chandigarh through video conferencing over the status of COVID-19 in India.

8.23 pm: Delhi-Haryana border sealed

Haryana has decided to tighten its border with Delhi from Tuesday, after a number of coronavirus cases were traced back to the national capital, authorities said. Those travelling between the Delhi and Haryana will need passes issued by the government. Haryana will restrict movement to satellite cities of Gurugram and Faridabad. Borders in Sonipat and Jhajjar have already been tightened.

8.03 pm: Ranchi COVID-19 updates

One Assistant Sub-Inspector, who tested positive earlier today, was posted at Hindpiri Police Station; his contact tracing is being done, said Ranchi Police. Police personnel who have come in his contact will be sent to quarantine.

7.51 pm: COVID-19 cases in Mumbai

Mumbai Police arrested 11 Tablighi Jamaat members from Indonesia on April 23 after their quarantine period concluded. They’ve been remanded to police custody till April 28, said DCP Zone 9 of Mumbai Police.

7.46 pm: Jharkhand coronavirus cases

Seven more individuals from different parts of Ranchi have tested positive for coronavirus. This takes the total number of positive cases in Jharkhand to 98, said State Health Secretary Nitin Madan Kulkarni.
7.38 pm: Coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir

Jammu and Kashmir has reported a total of 546 coronavirus cases, of which 58 are in Jammu and 488 in Kashmir. The total number of cases include 375 active cases and 7 deaths.

7.36 pm: Coronavirus lockdown updates

University Grants Commission met today via video conferencing to discuss report of Expert Committee and guidelines on exams and academic calendar for universities, and report of Expert Committee on promoting online education and suggestive implementation plan on its recommendations amid coronavirus updates. UGC said it will soon issue the guidelines for universities and colleges.

7.32 pm: COVID-19 death in Karanataka

A 57-year-old man coronavirus patient passed away today in Karnataka’s Kalaburagi. Death toll in the district rises to 5. The deceased was admitted to Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences with breathing problems.

7.16 pm: Dharavi coronavirus cases

Thirteen new patients have tested positive cases for coronavirus in Dharavi area of Mumbai today, informed Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. This takes the total number of cases in the region to 288, including 14 deaths.

7.11 pm: Coronavirus cases in Haryana

Haryana posted 5 new coronavirus cases have been reported today, informed State Health Department. This takes total number of COVID-19 cases in the state to 301. 3 deaths reported till now.

7.11 pm: Chandigarh COVID-19 news

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5 new #COVID19 positive cases have been reported in Haryana today; taking total number of positive #COVID19 cases to 301. Total 3 deaths reported till now: Health Department, Haryana

7.09 pm: Chandigarh COVID-19 news
Chandigarh district administration advised that masks and gloves used during home quarantine should be kept in paper bags for at least 72 hours before they are disposed as general waste. It is advisable to cut the masks prior to disposal to prevent reuse, said Chandigarh Directorate of Public Relations.

7.06 pm: Assam coronavirus news

"In rural areas which are green zones, all shops will be opened except bazaars and haats. Within red zone areas, same policy and strict rules will be applicable. Cabinet has decided to extend movement of ASTC buses for people stranded within state till May 2," informed Assam Minister Chandra M Patowary.

7.01 pm: Kolkata lockdown extension

"On one side they say lockdown should be strictly maintained on other hand they're saying to open all shops. What should we do? There is lack of clarity between what Central govt is saying and their directives," said West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee.

6.52 pm: Lockdown extension

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has recommended lockdown extension till May 21 and has sought clarification from Union Home Ministry on the shop reopening order.

6.34 pm: COVID-19 cases in Chandigarh

Chandigarh reported 4 new coronavirus cases today, taking the total number of positive cases to 40, informed Chandigarh Health Department.

6.31 pm: Tamil Nadu COVID-19 cases

Tamil Nadu reported 52 new coronavirus cases have been reported in today. This takes total number of cases to 1,937 in the state.
6.25 pm: Uttarakhand coronavirus cases

No new COVID-19 case reported in Uttarakhand today, informed State Health Department. The total number of cases in the state stands at 51.

6.17 pm: Odisha coronavirus updates

CM @Naveen_Odisha has announced Rs 15 lakh compassionate assistance to families of working journalists who may lose life to COVID-19 infection, informed CMO, Odisha.
6.11 pm: INDIA CORONAVIRUS TRACKER

BusinessToday.In brings you a daily tracker as coronavirus cases continue to spread. Here is the state-wise data on total cases, fatalities and recoveries in one comprehensive graphic.

6.07 pm: COVID-19 tests: Govt won’t lose money on faulty antibody kits, says ICMR

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the apex medical research body has clarified that it has not made "any payment" in respect to these supplies. Testing kits of two companies -- Biomedemics and Wondfo -- were identified for procurement as they had the requisite international certifications.

6.04 pm: Coronavirus news

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has stated that coronavirus vaccine could be ready within one year, but the production will not start before September. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - an NGO run by Gates and her wife, has pledged to give "total attention" to the coronavirus pandemic.

6.01 pm: COVID-19 cases in India: Highest ever death toll in a day

India recorded 1,463 new cases and 60 deaths reported in the last 24 hours. This is the highest death toll reported in 24 hours.

5.55 pm: Coronavirus in India

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cured, discharged or migrated patients, and 886 deaths.

5.45 pm: Bihar coronavirus news

"Large number of students from Bihar study in Kota. We’re following lockdown as per Centre’s guidelines. It’s not possible to bring back anyone until some amendments are made in guidelines. Central government should issue required guidelines." says Bihar CM Nitish Kumar.

5.39 pm: Coronavirus in Jharkhand

Jharkhand has decided not to implement the Centre’s guidelines on the opening of shops on the back of rise in COVID-19 cases in the state. No shops will open in any areas of the State until May 3, informed CM Hemant Soren. However, shops that were earlier allowed to open will remain functional, he added.

5.37 pm: Odisha coronavirus cases

Odisha Health Department informed that a 34-year-old man in Jajpur has tested positive for coronavirus, taking the total number of cases in state to 111.

5.35 pm: Mumbai COVID-19 news

In a tweet today, Mumbai Police informed about the unfortunate demise of HC Shivaji Narayan Sonawane, 56, from Kurla Traffic Division. Sonawane was battling coronavirus.

5.31 pm: Karnataka coronavirus cases

Karnataka reported nine new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of cases to 512, including 19 deaths and 193 discharges. Number of active cases stands at 299, said Karnataka Health Department.

5.30 pm: Coronavirus in India

‘This institution is not hostage of government,’ says Supreme Court as it seeks Centre's reply on plea seeking direction to authorities to allow migrant workers to return home after conducting COVID-19 tests.

5.17 pm: Ranchi coronavirus cases

Ranchi registered 8 new cases today, including an ASI and an ambulance driver, said Jharkhand Health Secretary Nitin Madan Kulkarni. It takes the total number of positive cases in the state to 91.

5.04 pm: Coronavirus lockdown in Italy

Italy to ease Europe's longest-running lockdown from May 4.

4.59 pm: Coronavirus cases worldwide

The global confirmed COVID-19 cases stand at 2.9 lakh now with over 2 lakh deaths and 8.69 lakh recoveries so far.

4.55 pm: Uttar Pradesh coronavirus news: Confirmed cases jump to 1,955 in the state
Principal Secretary (Health) Amit Mohan Prasad said on Monday that the total number of COVID-19 cases have jumped to 1,955 in Uttar Pradesh out of which 1,589 cases are active. 31 patients have lost their lives due to the disease while 335 others have been cured/discharged.

4.45 pm: Coronavirus live updates: Singer Kanika Kapoor will donate plasma to help COVID-19 patients

Bollywood singer Kanika Kapoor, who recently recovered from COVID-19, will donate her plasma for the treatment of critically-ill novel coronavirus patients.

4.39 pm: Jharkhand coronavirus news: 8 new cases reported; states total climbs to 91

Jharkhand registered 8 new COVID-19 cases on Monday, taking the total count in the state to 91. ASI of the Hindpidi Police Station is among the 8 people who have been tested positive.

4.35 pm: Corona live updates: over 2,000 or 80% mandis operational in India now, says MHA official

Around 20,000 or 80% mandis in India are operational in the country now, a Home Ministry official said on Monday.

4.27 pm: Govt presser on coronavirus: Over 2 crore people employed through MGNREGA till now, says MHA official

The Union Home Affairs Ministry said on Monday that around 2 crore people have been given employment through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) till now.

4.20 pm: Coronavirus in India latest news

India's COVID-19 recovery rate now 22.17 per cent: Health ministry
4.16 pm: Govt daily briefing on coronavirus

Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Health Ministry said on Monday that India recorded 1,396 fresh COVID-19 cases, 381 recoveries in the past 24 hours. The country's total count of confirmed cases has jumped to 27,892.

4:10 pm: South Eastern Railway makes nearly 92,000 face masks

The South Eastern Railway (SER) has made nearly 92,000 face masks and more than 5,000 litres of hand sanitiser in the wake of coronavirus outbreak.

The reusable face masks and hand sanitiser were being distributed among the loco pilots, guards and staff engaged in running of freight and parcel express trains to ensure their protection. The masks and sanitisers were also distributed to hospitals in SER zone.

4:05 pm: IIT Madras start-up develops smart dustbin system to prevent coronavirus transmission

An IIT-incubated start-up "Antariksh" has developed a 'smart bin system' to prevent the spread of coronavirus through waste generated at hospitals, clinics, public places and quarantine zones.

Called 'AirBin', the digital waste management system can generate alerts to sanitation teams at regular intervals on fill levels and on-demand clearance requests from end-users for faster disposal of contagious waste.

4:00 pm: ICMR's first attempt to procure Biomedics and Wondfo kits did not elicit any response from the suppliers. In the second attempt, they were identified for procurement.

For Wondfo, evaluation committee got 4 bids and the corresponding quotes received were Rs. 1,204, Rs. 1,200, Rs. 844 and Rs. 600. Accordingly, bid offer of Rs. 600 was considered as L-1. Meanwhile, ICMR also tried to procure the kits directly from Wondfo company in China through CGI. However, quotation received from direct procurement had the following issues:
Quotation was FOB (Free on Board) without any commitment on logistics issues.

The quotation was on the basis of 100% direct advance without any guarantees.

There was no commitment on timelines.

Rates were communicated in US dollars without any clause for accounting for fluctuations in prices.

3.50pm: Tamil Nadu builds temporary walls on AP border to prevent influx of people

Tamil Nadu has built temporary walls on roads across the border with Andhra Pradesh at two remote checkpoints to prevent the influx of people into the state.

The walls are made of concrete hollow blocks. And, is erected at Synagunda and Ponnai checkpoints.

3.45pm: ICMR advocated that RT-PCR throat/nasal swab test was the best use for diagnosis of COVID-19. "RT-PCR test detects the virus early and is the best strategy to identify and isolate the individuals," ICMR said in a notification.

3:40pm: ICMR issues revised advisory to state government to stop using rapid antibody test kits. On Monday, ICMR asked state governments to prohibit using Wondfo and Livzon kits with immediate effect

3:35pm: First case of coronavirus reported in CM Adityanath's constituency

A 50-year-old man tested positive for coronavirus in Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath’s constituency-Gorakhpur on Monday.

According to news agency, the man had returned from Delhi on April 26 (Sunday). He was admitted in the Safdarjung Hospital for treatment of diabetes and blood pressure.

He was brought to BRD Medical College after he developed breathing issues and chest pain.

Subsequently, the man was sent to an isolation ward and was tested for coronavirus.

3:30pm: Madhya Pradesh coronavirus update

A private hospital in MP's Indore has started plasma therapy trials in three COVID-19 patients. According to news agency PTI, two doctors, who recently recovered from coronavirus, came forward to donate plasma for three patients.

According to a doctor the plasma therapy trial may continue for the next 14 days. Indore has emerged as one of the hotspots in Madhya Pradesh. The district has reported 1,207 cases of coronavirus and 60 deaths.

3.25pm: Force Motors deploys 80 mobile dispensaries in Maharashtra

Pune-based automaker Force Motors has deployed over 80 mobile dispensaries across several cities of Maharashtra to conduct medical check-ups. The mobile medical care facility, 'Doctor Aplya Daari' also have a team of doctors and paramedics to check coronavirus patients.

The mobile dispensaries were launched early this month. According to Force Motors, it has checked checked over 1.11 lakh people until Sunday. The company added that these mobile
units can check 2,500 people per day and can examine the symptoms of around 500 patients in a day.

3.20pm: Bihar coronavirus news

Bihar Principal Health Secretary, Sanjay Kumar, on Monday revealed that 14 more coronavirus positive cases have been reported in the state. With this, the state’s tally has climbed to 321 as of April 27.

3.15 pm: Lockdown in Goa updates

"108 Ambulances have been strengthening health care in the state since its inception, their professional treatment and dedication is par excellence. I would like to thank & congratulate the staff of 108 on this successful delivery," said Vishwajit Rane, Goa Health Minister.
3.03 pm: Bihar coronavirus news: 17 new cases reported

17 new COVID-19 cases reported in Bihar today; 9 from Munger, 5 from Madhubani & 3 from Lakhisarai. The total number of cases rises to 307 now: Sanjay Kumar, Bihar Principal Secretary (Health).

2.55 pm: Lockdown in Delhi: Man arrested with 4 liquor cartons, 60 cigarette boxes

Delhi Police said on Monday that a man has been arrested with four cartons (54.5 Litres) of illegal foreign imported liquor and 60 boxes of cigarettes in Kalkaji area in Delhi. He was using an e-pass issued meant for the delivery of groceries and food items.
2.49 pm: PM Modi on lockdown: Masks, face covers will become part of life in coming months

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his meeting with CMs of various states on Monday said that face masks and covers will become a part of our lives in the coming months.

2.38 pm: Uttar Pradesh coronavirus updates: Journalist tests positive in Unnao

A journalist tested positive for COVID-19 in Unnao on Monday. This is the second novel coronavirus case in the district, a senior UP official said. The journalist's test report came on Sunday night from a Kanpur-based lab, district in-charge of communicable diseases RS Mishra said. The journalist is a resident of Shuklaganj area under Ganga Ghat police station. She has been taken to Kanpur to be kept in isolation and 3 of her family members have also been put in quarantine at the Unnao district hospital.

2.29 pm: PM Modi asks states to prepare their lockdown exit plan: Highlights

- During Today's meeting with the chief ministers of various states, PM Modi asked them to prepare state-wise exit policy in view of their Red, orange & Green zones

- PM indicated that lockdown may continue in hotspots or red zone areas

- PM says that one should not worry about the state of economy, which is relatively good

- "We have to give importance to the economy as well as continue the fight against COVID-19," PM Modi said during his virtual meet with the CMs

- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik asked for a month's extension of the lockdown

- At least four CMs have advocated for the extension of lockdown while others suggested staggered exit with different levels of restrictions

- Gujarat CM briefed the centre about their testing-treatment mechanism

- Haryana CM briefed the centre about the step taken to help farmers in Mandi

- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar asked for a policy to bring stranded students from Kota and other states. He also asked for health check-up of all migrant laborers
• According to Delhi CM, situation is still challenging, but final decision will be taken in next few days

• CMs provided their feedbacks, suggested measures to meet the economic challenges and boost health infrastructure

2.19 pm: Coronavirus in Bengaluru: COVID-19 patient jumps from 6th floor of hospital

A 50-year-old man jumped from the 6th floor of Victoria hospital in Bengaluru on Monday after testing positive for novel coronavirus. He was admitted to the hospital and was also suffering from co-morbidity issues. He was undergoing dialysis at the hospital.

2.14 pm: India lockdown news

PM Modi emphasised on the significance of ensuring that more people download the AarogyaSetu app to bolster the efforts of the country in the battle against COVID-19: PMO on PM’s meeting with CMs.

2.10 pm: Lockdown exit plan

PM Modi said situation in many countries, including India was almost similar at the start of March. However, due to timely measures, India has been able to protect many people. He, however, forewarned that danger of virus is far from over and constant vigilance is of paramount importance: PMO(ANI report)

2.04 pm: PM Modi on lockdown extension
Impact of Coronavirus will remain visible in the coming months, masks and face covers will be part of our life: PM Narendra Modi in his video conference meeting with Chief Ministers.

1.59 pm: Lockdown in Delhi

Watch: As part of awareness drive initiated by Delhi Police, volunteers wearing symbolic coronavirus helmets appeal to people in Dwarka to stay at home amid coronavirus lockdown.

1.52 pm: Coronavirus latest news: Goa CM demands lockdown extension beyond May 3
"COVID-19 related lockdown which is scheduled to end on May 3, should be extended further, with relaxations for economic activities within the state but the borders should be sealed," says Goa CM Pramod Sawant.

1.46 pm: Odisha lockdown extension updates: CM Naveen Patnaik demands lockdown extension

"I've demanded that lockdown should continue otherwise we can't face these things in Odisha. Let it be one month more, then, we will see what is going on," said Odisha Health Minister Naba Das who was present along with Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik at PM’s video conference meeting.
1.39 pm: Corona live updates: New antiviral coating can protect surfaces for 90 days, say Hong Kong scientists

Hong Kong university researchers are of the opinion that they have developed an antiviral coating which can protect surfaces for 90 days against bacteria and viruses such as the one causing COVID-19. The coating is called MAP-1 and took 10 years to develop. The coating can be sprayed on surfaces frequently used by the public, such as elevator buttons and handrails, the researchers at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) said.

1.33 pm: Telangana lockdown updates

Inter-Ministerial Central Team led by Arun Bakora, the Additional Secretary (GoI) visited a containment zone in Masab Tank area in Hyderabad on Monday, to review the #Coronavirus situation.

1.27 pm: Karnataka coronavirus news: 511 positive cases in the state so far

Karnataka government said on Monday that till date, 511 COVID-19 positive cases have been confirmed, this includes 19 deaths and 188 discharges. 8 new positive cases have been reported from 5:00 PM on Sunday till 12:00 noon on Monday.
1.20 pm: Coronavirus India updates: ICMR validates 9 rapid antibody test kits manufactured in India

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said on Monday that it is working towards validating diagnostic kits for COVID-19 testing and screening. "9 of the rapid antibody kits validated by @icmr_niv are manufactured in India," tweeted ICMR.

1.15 pm: PM Modi's interaction with CMs: Takeaways

1. Takeaway 1- States to decide on relaxing curbs
2. Takeaway 2- States will decide on curbs in red zones
3. Takeaway 3- 4 state CMs back lockdown extension