**TABLE 1** (Policy measures taken from Jan 30 to Apr 17, 2020 by the Indian central and state governments in response to COVID-19. Note: This table is a descriptive summary and in no way assessing the impact, effectiveness, or efficacy of the policies based on the WHO building blocks framework)

**Legend**:

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|  | Strategic policy decisions, regulations, and advisories |
|  | Allocating finance for healthcare services |
|  | Investing in workforce (healthcare and others) |
|  | Access to medical products, procurements, opening of labs and testing facilities |
|  | Dissemination of information |
|  | Service delivery measures |

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| **Date and No. of cases** | **Policy responses to COVID-19 in India** | |
| **State/City governments** | **Union/Central government** |
| Jan 30  1st case in Kerala |  |  |
| Feb 2  2nd case in Kerala | Kerala opens virology lab in Alappuzha for testing |  |
| Feb 14 |  | Mandatory health screening of passengers: DGCA |
| Mar 6 |  | MoHFW issues travel advisory for COVID-19 |
| Mar 11 | **WHO declares COVID-19 as a pandemic** | |
| Mar 12  1st death reported in Karnataka |  |  |
| Mar 14 |  | COVID-19 a ‘notified’ disaster by GoI |
| Mar 15  Confirmed = 110  Maharashtra highest cases | “*Break the Chain*” campaign in Kerala to ensure hand hygiene |  |
| Mar 16 |  | Institutions, malls, theatres, gyms shut till March 31 |
| No entry of passengers from EU, EFTA, Turkey, and UK into India till March 3 |
| Indian railways start thermal screening of passengers |
| Mar 18 |  | CBSE exams postponed |
| Mar 19 |  | MoHFW issues additional travel advisory |
| Mar 21 |  | GoI launches MyGov Corona newsdesk to create awareness about COVID-19 |
| Mar 22 |  | Janta Curfew declared |
| International commercial flights banned for a week |
| Guidelines for COVID-19 testing by private labs issued. Maximum cost capped at Rs. 4,500/- (ICMR) |
| Mar 24 |  | PM announces 21-day lockdown |
| Guidelines setting out containment measures to be followed by states: MHA |
| Mar 25  Confirmed = 618  Active = 562  Deaths = 13 |  | Whatsapp number 9013151515 to serve as corona helpdesk |
| Shops selling medicines, essentials, etc to remain open |
| Trains cancelled till April 14 |
| Exports of HCQ banned |
| Mar 26  Confirmed = 716  Active = 562  Deaths = 18 | Odisha plans biggest COVID-19 hospitals in India | ICMR invites quotations from manufacturers for COVID-19 test kits |
| Madhya Pradesh announces advance pension, home delivery of medicines |
| Mar 27  Positive = 871  Deaths = 21 | Tamil Nadu: 200 ambulances, 3000 new medical staff to join fight against COVID-19 | GoAir offers aircraft, crew, and staff to gov for emergency services |
| Tailors stitch masks for health workers | HCQ now a schedule H1 drug |
| Mar 28  Positive = 987  Deaths = >20 | Infosys Foundation send critical medical supplies worth 28L to Mangalore | PM announces PM-CARES |
| States, UTs should take action in maintaining hygiene in jails, handling prisoners |
| Railways manufacture prototype of isolation wards in coaches |
| First COVID-19 test-kit developed |
| Mar 29  Positive = 1121  Deaths = 29  Mumbai highest cases at 81  Kasargod = 78  Bangalore = 26 |  | SOP to guide ambulance staff in transporting COVID-19 cases: MoHFW |
| Railways extends medical services to central government employees |
| Helpline for mental health issues: GoI |
| Centre asks states to ensure strict implementation of lockdown |
| Mar 30  Deaths = 30 | West Bengal CM extends insurance cover to health-care professionals | Finance ministry relaxes expenditure guidelines (health, pharma, textiles, consumer affairs, civil aviation) for procurement + transport of medical supplies and essentials |
| Guidelines issued on how public places ought to be disinfected: MoHFW |
| 115 ICMR labs are currently functional. |
| Don’t self-medicate, Eat Home Cooked Food: Health Ministry advisory to Senior Citizens |
| Mar 31  Positive = 1403  Deaths = 41 | Maharashtra appeals private practitioners to open hospitals | Ordinance to give effect to various relief measures (IT + GST) |
| Modified rail coaches to provide 3.2 Lakh isolation beds: Railways |
| 47 private hospitals in Jaipur reserved for COVID-19 treatment (bed capacity 5283) | Use more masks: India’s top science advisory body recommends |
| No plans to extend lockdown: Cabinet Secretary |
| Apr 1  Positive = 1897  Deaths = 59 | Kerala gets more testing machines. | 5000 railway coaches have been modified as quarantine facilities. |
| Apr 2 |  | Ayush manufacturing units, hospitals exempted from lockdown. |
| “Arogya Setu” app launched to disperse info on COVID-19. |
| Union gov has placed for 1.5 Cr. PPEs for use procured from domestic manufacturers. Orders placed for N95 masks too. |
| Book violators of lockdown: Union Home Secretary. |
| Over 800 scientists, doctors call upon the government to reveal a post-lockdown plan. |
| Apr 3  Positive = > 2600  Deaths = 76 | Tamil Nadu: 18 districts have designated hospitals to treat COVID-19 patients. | The Home Minister rolls out Rs. 11,092/- Cr. to states |
| Google Maps offers location data to health officials |
| Go ahead for COVID-19 testing labs under DBT, CSIR, DAE - ICMR |
| Private clinical establishments to face action if they close down services |
| ICMR recommends antibody test for speedy detection of COVID-19 cases |
| Air India to bring PPE from Shanghai, Hongkong |
| Apr 4  Positive = > 3200  Deaths = 96 | Tamil Nadu orders 1L rapid test kits | DRDO develops disinfection chamber, face masks |
| Since March, 75000 masks stitched by Tihar, Mandoli jail inmates | Govt. puts curbs on exports of diagnostic kits with immediate effect |
| Apr 5  Positive = > 4000 | Additional manpower to enforce lockdown: Maharashtra police | PPEs made by Northern Railways get DRDO nod |
| Testing is now available for free under Ayushman Bharat scheme |
| Apr 6  Deaths = >100 | Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra to get PPEs donated by China | 40,000 isolation beds ready: Indian Railways |
| Taml Nadu sought approval for 21 additional testing labs | “Large outbreaks amenable to containment” strategy to be implemented |
| Universities to set up mental health helplines for students: UGC |
| Apr 7  Positive = > 5126  Deaths = 166 | 5 step plan to control outbreak, random testing in Delhi | Insurance cover for medical workers: Health ministry |
| Gujarat ropes in private firms to manufacture PPE, N95 masks | AIIMS to provide N95 masks to all healthcare workers |
| India lifts blanket ban on HCQ |
| Apr 8  Positive = > 5300 | Enough stock of HCQ says West Bengal CM | SC directs approved government, private labs to conduct free of cost COVID-19 centres |
| HCQ available sufficiently: Health ministry |
| Training module developed by HRD for frontline healthcare personnel, including volunteers |
| Apr 9  Positive = > 6600  Deaths = >200 | Wearing masks mandatory in Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, and Rajasthan | ITI, DRDO to sign pact for producing portable ventilators |
| Indian railway so far produced 6 L reusable masks, 40.000 lit of hand-sanitizers |
| Mumbai’s NSCI stadium now a quarantine facility | GoI sanctioned 15000 Cr. COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package to state governments |
| Railways have mobilised 2500 doctors to fight COVID-19, preparing 80,000 isolation beds: Health ministry |
| Apr 10  Positive = > 7500  Deaths = 250 | Northeast Frontier Railway turns 315 coaches into isolation wards | India set to ship HCQ sought by Trump |
| Relief of Rs. 50L for COVID-19 workers who die on duty: Rajasthan | More than 3x the requisite HCQ tablets available: Health Ministry |
| Wearing masks compulsory: Telangana | ICMR approves use of diagnostic machines used for drug resistant TB for COVID-19 |
| TN COVID-19 expert panel recommends extension of lockdown | Spicejet operates 1st freighter service to Ho Chi Minh city, carries medical supplies |
| Bhilwara model breaks virus transmission chain in district | GoI removes customs duty, cess on COVID-19 medical equipment |
| Kerala gets a nod for trial of plasma therapy |
| Apr 11  Positive = >8000 | Lockdown extended in Telangana, Maharashtra, and Karnataka till April 30. | Provide security to doctors and medical personnel - MHA |
| Senior bureaucrats deployed to manage pandemic in districts in Tamil Nadu | Prohibit spitting of smokeless tobacco in public places: Health ministry to States |
| 10 districts identified for focussed preventive steps: MoHFW |
| Apr 12  Positive = 8683  Deaths = 290 | Operation SHIELD to be implemented in containment zones in Delhi | The Directorate of public health says “no” to disinfection tunnels |
| Andhra Pradesh: 16 crore masks to be distributed to citizens |
| Ahmedabad: Wearing masks mandatory |
| Apr 13 | Screening in 10 containment zones: Himachal Pradesh | Visa of foreigners extended till April 30: Home Ministry |
| ICMR: Over 2L tests done so far |
| Apr 14  Positive = 10363  Deaths = 339 | Ahmedabad readies the country's largest COVID-19 care facility | Indian postal service delivering medical supplies to individuals, hospitals, and care centres: GoI |
| Task force for patient management protocol at dedicated hospitals: Maharashtra | Sufficient kits available for testing: ICMR |
| Lockdown extended until May 3 |
| Apr 15 | Goa may ease restrictions if there are no cases in three days: CM | MHA issues National Directives for COVID-19 management |
| SOP for social distancing at workplaces, factories, etc issued |
| Apr 16  Positive = 13339  Deaths = 452 | New virology testing lab to start in Belagavi soon: ICMR | Fatality rate - 3.3%, recovery - 12.02%: Health Ministry |
| Goa may enter the green zone by April 20 | WHO welcomes joint efforts with India to fight COVID-19 |
| Apr 17 | Kodagu district offers tele-medicine facilities | Exports on paracetamol lifted |
| 13% cases cured so far: MoHFW |
| 10 Lakh rapid kit tests to be procured by May: MoHFW |