## **Updates on COVID-19**

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Various actions have been initiated by Government of India along with the States/UTs for the prevention, containment and management of COVID-19 in the country. These are being regularly monitored at the highest level.

Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind discussed the status of preparedness, the role of civil society/voluntary organisation/private sector and the role of the Red Cross with focus on vulnerable sections to contain the spread of the COVID-19 in a video conference held today with Governors and Lt. Governors of the States/UTs.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, while addressing the nation today morning, appreciated that the country has shown unprecedented discipline and collective spirit during these uncertain times of crisis. He reiterated the importance of Social Distancing and urged every citizen to help implement the lockdown.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare appealed to the patients and their families, not to create hurdles in the work of doctors and other health workers. He also expressed concern on the misbehaviour towards frontline workers across the country. He further added that they are our Corona Warriors who are continuously serving the nation to control and contain COVID-19 pandemic and their contribution has been appreciated by Hon'ble Prime Minister also as 156 COVID-19 patients have recovered as of now.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also issued an advisory to all the States/UTs regarding training material for COVID-19 on 2nd April 2020, which is available at <a href="https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/AdvisoryforHRmanagement.pdf">https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/AdvisoryforHRmanagement.pdf</a>. This includes capacity building training and strengthening measures for field surveillance, clinical management of isolation facilities, quarantine, psycho-social care, logistics and supply chain management.

Additionally, online training for physicians on ICU care and ventilation strategy and another online training for nurses to take care of COVID-19 patients are also being conducted by AIIMS. The schedule of all the webinars is available on the Health Ministry website: <a href="https://www.mohfw.gov.in/">https://www.mohfw.gov.in/</a>

As of now, 2301 confirmed cases and 56 deaths have been reported. 156 persons have been cured/discharged from the hospitals after recovery.

For all authentic &updated information on COVID-19 related technical issues, guidelines &advisories please regularly visit: <a href="https://www.mohfw.gov.in/">https://www.mohfw.gov.in/</a>.

Technical queries related to COVID-19 may be emailed at <u>technicalquery.covid19@gov.in</u> and other queries on <u>ncov2019@gov.in</u>.

In case of any queries on COVID-19, please call at Ministry of Health &Family Welfare helpline no.: +91-11-23978046 or 1075 (Toll-free). List of helpline numbers of States/UTs on COVID-19 is also available at <a href="https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/coronvavirushelplinenumber.pdf">https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/coronvavirushelplinenumber.pdf</a>.

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