

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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## Coronavirus Destination Update

The coronavirus cases have continued to rise in the region; however, we are seeing destinations gearing up for the new normal. There is gradual ease of restrictions with added precautions and decision-making is to be reviewed in keeping with the epidemiological pattern of the disease.

## INDIA

India has been on a strict nationwide lockdown since late March; cases have continued to rise following relaxations in the fourth phase of lockdown which extends till May 31. Over 50,000 cases were reported in the last 9 days itself. Among all states, Maharashtra has the highest number of coronavirus cases. However, several states including Kerala, Goa, Madhya Pradesh and parts of North East continue to buck that trend.

As lockdown 4.0 nears its end, the fifth phase is expected to ease further more restrictions in most part of the country. However, the lockdown measures may be reviewed every fortnight until all curbs are lifted, as per the developing situation with states and Union Territories to decide on future restrictions.

After a gap of two months, domestic passenger flight operations resumed on Monday amid reluctance by various states to open up their airports in view of rising cases of the coronavirus. While Railways is set for the graded resumption of passenger train services from June 1, the government is yet to give the go-ahead for metro rail operations.

The coronavirus case count in India now stands at 158,333 cases, with 45,299 recovered according to latest health ministry figures. 4,532 people have died due to the virus.

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