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Coronavirus Destination Update

As countries gradually exit lockdown to reopen economies, the region is striving to find a balance to control the spread of coronavirus.

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India's lockdown 5.0 also dubbed as Unlock 1.0 phase with economic focus, has been a heady mix of rules, regulations and nostalgia. With malls, hotels, restaurants and religious places reopening, India is uneasily but surely coming back to life, but in the shadow of the coronavirus with 12,881 new cases, 334 deaths in past 24 hours. In public interest, the Delhi government has requisitioned six hotels namely, Taj Mansingh, Crowne Plaza, Hotel Surya, Hotel Sheraton, Hotel Siddharth and Hotel Jivitesh to be converted into extensions of designated Covid-19 hospitals.

The resumption of schools and international air travel is expected to follow in phases pending further assessment of the situation.

Last week, the four hotspot states – with urban centres like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Ahmedabad – bucked the trend of the last month. Their share in the national case load had been declining for the last four weeks as cases from the rest of India increased on account of the movement of migrants. However, the growth of cases in the rest of India has not progress that fast – while hotspot states have continued to frenetically add new case.

The coronavirus case count in India now stands at 366,946 cases, with 194,324 recovered according to latest health ministry figures. 12,237 people have died due to the virus.

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