

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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### Coronavirus: Destination Updates

**The coronavirus case count in India now stands at 1,287,945 cases with 8,17,208 recoveries according to latest health ministry figures. 30,601 people have died due to the virus.**

Despite a rising number of COVID-19 cases, governments across the region have begun working towards easing border restrictions in hopes of reviving the coronavirus-hit tourism industry. Nepal lifts its coronavirus lockdown after 120 days.

#### INDIA

India witnessed a spike of over 45,000 in the count of new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours. Maharashtra reported its highest single-day spike of 10,576 Covid-19 cases. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttarakhand and West Bengal also reported biggest 24-hour spikes. With a surge in cases in the past week, state governments have been ordering focused lockdowns in high-risk areas.

India also reported its highest ever number of recoveries on a single day, with 28,472 COVID-19 patients having been cured or discharged from hospitals in 24 hours. India's Covid-19 fatality rate – currently at 2.49 per cent – was “progressively falling” due to an effective containment strategy and aggressive testing according to a statement from the Health Ministry.

In the middle of coronavirus pandemic, the annual monsoon has unleashed its fury causing floods and landslides– West Bengal, Assam and Gujarat are worst hit.

India has signed bilateral air bubble agreements with France and the US that will allow airlines of each country to operate international flights. Similar arrangements with Germany and the UK are being worked out. From India, Air India will be operating flights to France and US under these bubbles.

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