

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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### Coronavirus: Destination Updates

**The coronavirus case count in India now stands at 1,638,870 cases with 1,057,805 (64.5%) recoveries according to latest health ministry figures. 35,747 (2.18%) people have died due to the virus.**

The candidate vaccine for novel Coronavirus is back in the news. COVID-19 cases have continued to rise with the gradual lifting of restrictions and governments across the region are looking to ramp up its COVID-19 testing capacity.

#### INDIA

The government this week issued Unlock 3.0 guidelines; the process of phased re-opening of activities. It allows for gymnasiums and yoga institutes to function from August 5 with social distancing measures and revoking night curfew although all other activities banned earlier continue to remain prohibited.

The government has extended the lockdown till end of August in containment zones, where severe restrictions as imposed earlier shall continue to remain in force. Operation of metro rail, cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places shall continue to remain prohibited. Schools and colleges too shall remain closed till August 31. Social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions and other large congregations shall also not be allowed.

The coronavirus tally in India continued to surge even as the fresh guidelines are issued in an effort to resume normalcy. As many as 52,123 fresh cases were registered within a span of 24 hours. This is the biggest one-day spike in cases so far. The government aims to reach 1 million tests per day in the coming weeks, roughly double the current level.

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