

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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### Coronavirus: Destination Updates

There is a gradual ease of travel restrictions, however, the region continues to face challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis.

#### INDIA

India's coronavirus count has risen to over 3.3 million with 75,760 new cases in the last 24 hours. The fresh cases marked the biggest one-day jump in the country so far. Over 2.5 million people have recovered from COVID-19, taking the recovery rate to over 76 per cent as per statement released by the Ministry of Health. Maharashtra remains the hardest-hit state in the pandemic, accounting for 718,711 cases, followed by three southern states, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

While scheduled international passenger flights continue to remain suspended in the country, India has started the process of opening up its air corridors and special international flights have been operating under Vande Bharat Mission and bilateral air bubble arrangements with the United States, UK, France, Germany, UAE, Qatar, Maldives and negotiations are ongoing to include 13 other countries to establish similar arrangements. The government has announced standard operating protocol for inbound and outbound travel aligned to the scheme. Please see [Standard Operating Protocol \(SOP\)](#) for details.

The coronavirus case count in India now stands at 33,10,234 cases with 25,23,771 (76.2%) recoveries according to latest health ministry figures. 60,472 (1.8%) people have died due to the virus.

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