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Coronavirus: Destination Updates

The coronavirus case count in India now stands at 1,908,254 cases with 1,282,215 (67.6%) recoveries according to latest health ministry figures. 39,795 (2.1%) people have died due to the virus.

The coronavirus tally continues to surge in the region even as the fresh guidelines are issued in an effort to resume normalcy. Sri Lanka goes to the polls as COVID-19 risk recedes.

INDIA

With India in the third phase of its lockdown reversal plan - Unlock 3.0, the government has issued revised guideline for International passengers arriving in India. These guidelines will come into effect from 8 August 2020 and will supersede previous announcements. All international arrivals are now required to submit a self-declaration form on the online portal at least 72 hours before they travel. Arrivals are also required to provide an undertaking, one that pledges that they will undergo seven days of institutional quarantine, at their own expense and seven days of self-isolation at their homes. Arrivals who would like to be exempt from institutional quarantine will have to submit a negative RT-PCR test report on their arrival. For details, please see [Revised Guidelines for International Arrivals.pdf](#)

On 31 July, India further extended suspension on international commercial passenger flights till 31 August in the wake of novel coronavirus pandemic in the country. However, the government has allowed gradual movement of passenger traffic via 'Transport Bubble' agreements that have been signed with USA, France, and Germany. India is planning to establish a bubble with the UK soon under which there would be two flights per day between Delhi and London.

This week, India has reported a daily increase of over 50,000 in fresh coronavirus cases pushing the country's tally to over 1.9 million cases and death toll towards 40,000. Over 1.2 million people have recovered from the infection so far. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Delhi have reported the highest number of cases. Maharashtra continues to remain the worst-affected state at 4,68,265 total cases and 16,476 deaths, however, Delhi reported the lowest fatality count in more than a month. The states of Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands have less than 1,000 infections each. Lakshadweep, hasn't reported even a single case till now, becoming the only region in India entirely free of the epidemic.

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