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Coronavirus: Destination Updates

With governments prioritizing reopening, the region assumes the risk of continued surge in corona virus cases. India's total caseload has become the world's second-largest.

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India recorded a single-day spike of 95,735 coronavirus cases and 1,172 fatalities in 24 hours taking the total number of infections to near 4.5 million, as per latest government data. There have also been 72,939 recoveries in the last 24 hours taking the total recoveries to near 3.5 million. Although, public health experts maintain the country's testing figures are still restricted with rapid testing, but capacity has risen to over 1 million each day in the past week. The states of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh make up for over 60 per cent of active cases.

The state of Goa has removed all travel restrictions and quarantine rules for travelers. As per the new order by the government, no testing for domestic travelers coming to Goa be it by road, rail or air, is required. However, compulsory testing will continue for international passengers entering the state by air or by sea.

The World Heritage sites of Taj Mahal and Agra Fort will reopen for visitors on September 21 after six months of closure. However, only 5,000 tourists would be allowed at the Taj Mahal and 2,500 at Agra Fort on daily basis.

The government announced guidelines for 'Unlock 4.0' will remain in force till September 30. Metro services are operational in graded manner. Social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions and other congregations are permitted with a ceiling of 100 people. Open air theatres will be allowed to reopen from September 21. No restrictions will be imposed on inter-state and intra-state movement of people and goods. Schools can reopen for Classes 9 to 12 from 21 Sep on voluntary basis.

The coronavirus case count in India stands at 44,65,863 cases with 34,71,783 (77.7%) recoveries according to latest health ministry figures. 75,062 (1.68%) people have died due to the virus.

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