

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 1, 2020

TAMIL NADU

- On April 30, Tamil Nadu and Chennai - recorded their highest daily increase in Covid-19 positive cases as on date.
- ✓ The state recorded 161 fresh cases (97 men and 64 women), with the count crossing three digits for the third day in a row, taking its cumulative tally to 2,323
 - ✓ Chennai accounted for 138 of them, taking its overall total to 906 cases
 - ✓ A majority of the 161 cases — 141 persons — were in the 13-60 age group.
 - ✓ There were 13 children in the 0-12 age group and seven persons were aged above 60.
- ✓ No persons were reported dead on the day

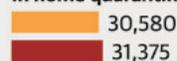
Keeping count | A tracker, across parameters, on how the pandemic has affected the State so far

	Until April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	Total
Cases reported	1,683	72	66	64	52	121	104	161	2,323
Recovered and discharged	752	114	94	60	81	27	82	48	1,258
Deceased	20	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	27

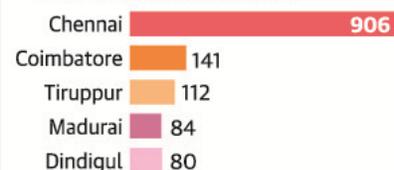
Persons tested



In home quarantine



Districts with maximum cases

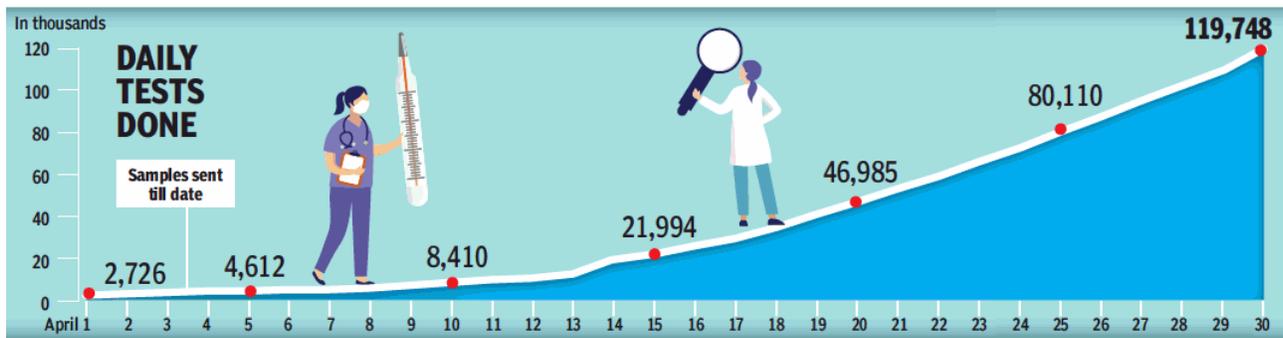


*Changes in 24 hours As on April 27, 6 p.m. As on April 28, 6 p.m.

Active Cases + Discharged + Died will not equal Total Cases as 2 deaths were cross-notified to other States and 1 patient, who initially tested positive for COVID-19, later tested negative after death, as per the Health and Family Welfare Department

- ✓ On the day, 48 people were discharged from various hospitals across the state taking the total number of people to 1,258.
- ✓ However, the number of active cases – people in hospital with Covid-19 infection - has been steadily increasing.
- ✓ It has increased to 1,035 as on date, from 809 reported on April 27

- ✓ On the day, more number of samples were tested with the day's count being 9,787 — an increase of 1,700 from a day earlier.



TURNAROUND TIME FOR TESTING

- The average time taken for test on PCR machine is 5 hours
- Avg time for hospitals/health department to get results is 24 hours
- Two Chennai centres, RGGH and DPH public health lab can do up to 1,000 tests a day
- If there is an overload of samples, govt labs send them to private ones. The labs can claim ₹2,500 per test through the CM scheme. So far 5,000 samples have been sent
- People who go to pvt labs directly are not reimbursed

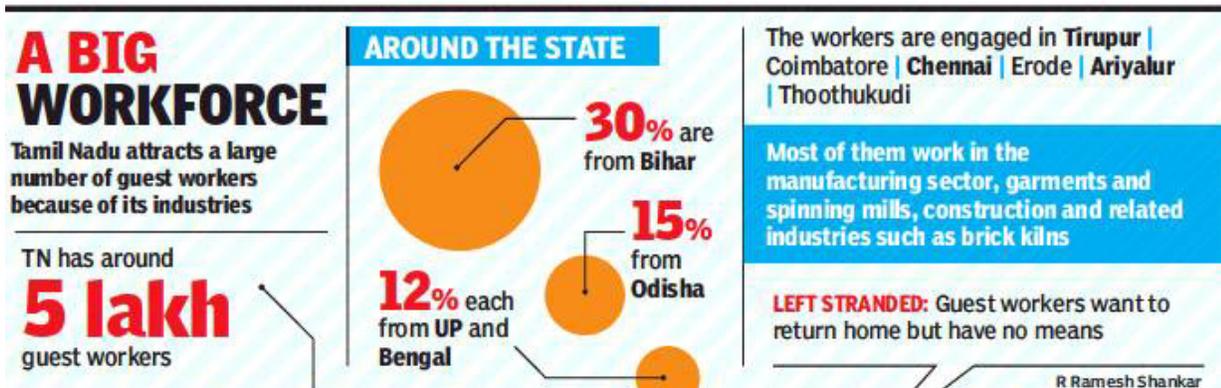
- ✓ Till now, 1,19,748 samples have been sent for COVID-testing.
- ✓ A total of 1,10,718 individuals have been tested so far.
- ✓ Till April 30, a total of 1,978 persons, suspected to have symptoms of COVID-19, have been admitted to isolation wards.
- ✓ The state has 45 testing labs at present, with 34 in the Government sector and 11 in the private sector.
- ✓ Meanwhile, on the day, the number of districts that reported fresh cases increased to 11.
- ✓ Apart from Chennai, there were five cases each in Chengalpattu and Madurai, three cases each in Kancheepuram and Ramanathapuram, two in Perambalur, and one each in Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Ranipet, Salem and Tiruvannamalai.
- ✓ Two districts — Ranipet and Ramanathapuram — that moved to the orange zone (districts with less than 15 cases or no new case in the last 14 days) on April 29, moved again to the red zone (more than 15 cases or doubling time less than four days) after reporting fresh cases.
- ✓ However, Erode, that saw a significant number of cases in the beginning, moved from the red to the orange zone, with its present case tally remaining 70.
 - ✓ This means that there were no new infections reported in the district in the last 14 days.
- ✓ In the meantime, the state health administration has decided to move asymptomatic patients and those with mild symptoms out of hospitals to Covid care centres for isolation and treatment, with enough nurses and doctors.

- ✓ On the day, Chennai corporation commissioner G Prakash said that 98% positive cases in the state capital are asymptomatic
 - ✓ Hence, the civic body has decided to convert rooms in schools and colleges into Covid-19 care centres to set up 22,000 beds.
 - ✓ Already, the Corporation has created quarantine spaces to isolate and treat about 10,000 persons in places like Anna University, IIT-Madras and Chennai Trade Centre and the addition of schools is expected to enhance quarantine capacity in the city.
- **Kovilpatti ‘kadalai mittai’ (chikki or a jaggery with peanuts) - has been granted the prestigious ‘Geographical Indication (GI) tag’ by the GI Registry**

A SWEET AFFAIR	
<p>Vellam (Jaggery) Traditional and organic special, fresh, pale, soft triangular block of jaggery available across Tamilnadu, and particularly in around Kovilpatti like Srivalliputhur.</p>	
<p>Groundnuts Grown in the native black soil in and around Kovilpatti and sourced from the nearby town of Aruppukottai, which are</p>	<p>shelled and roasted.</p>
<p>Water From river Thamirabarani is used in the production which enhances the taste naturally.</p>	

- ✓ The tag recognises the uniqueness of the ingredients used in the manufacture of the sweet procured from the Kovilpatti area.
- ✓ The application seeking GI tag was made by the Kovilpatti Regional Kadalaimittai Manufacturers and Retailers Association on July 3, 2014
- ✓ After a five year wait, the application seeking GI tag for the sweet was published in the official GI journal on November 29, 2019, inviting objections if any.
- ✓ With the announcement, members of the association and some towns and villages in Tuticorin district will have an exclusive marketing right over the candy.
- ✓ Kovilpatti kadalai mittai is a candy made of peanuts held together with glistening syrup, and topped with wisps of grated coconut dyed pink, green and yellow.
- ✓ In Kovilpatti, it is sold as single rectangular chunks, or rather cuboids, sealed in packets.
- ✓ The ingredients include groundnuts grown in the native black soil of Kovilpatti, organic jaggery and water sourced from the Thamirabarani river
- ✓ River Thamirabarani originates in the Western Ghats and flows into the Gulf of Mannar.
- ✓ The other recognised uniqueness of the sweet lies in the production process, which is done using ‘viragu aduppu’ (firewood stove)
- ✓ The GI tags are granted for produce or products originating from and having unique qualities corresponding to a geographical area.
- ✓ It gives exclusive right to its holders over the uniqueness of the product.

- ✓ The tag also ensures that none other than the right holders to claim or use the product name attributing to its geographical origin.
- **On May 1, the Tamil Nadu government - will start hosting a portal that will enable migrant people from the state to self register themselves along with details of the place where they are stuck.**
- ✓ Similarly, guest workers and people from other states can use the facility to self-report their details.
- ✓ They can also report whether they want to stay back or return to their native places.
- ✓ The Government teams handling the movement will take the appropriate decision, based on the data generated by the self-registrations



- ✓ Meanwhile, the State has worked out a plan to facilitate the return of people from the state stranded in other parts of the country, 37 days after the lockdown kicked in
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has appointed senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer and additional chief secretary of revenue and disaster management, Atulya Misra as the nodal officer in the State for the purpose
 - ✓ The officer will regulate issues relating to the movement of people, including pilgrims, tourists, students and migrant workers, stranded in different parts of the country during the lockdown.
- ✓ The government authorities would interact with their counterparts in Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to work out the mode of transport for their return journey
- ✓ These four states account for the most number of guest workers in Tamil Nadu
- **On April 30, the Tamil Nadu government - launched a website – ‘www.nonresidenttamil.org’ - to bring back people from the state stuck in various countries.**
- ✓ The government has asked all NRIs from the state to register their passport and visa details on the website.

- ✓ The website would help the government take a headcount of Tamils from the state working across the globe, as the state government does not have a separate department handling the affairs of overseas Tamils
 - ✓ In contrast, the neighbouring state of Kerala has a separate department, Norka, to handle the affairs of nonresident Keralites.
 - ✓ Several thousand Tamils live in countries like Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the US, European countries and the Middle East
 - ✓ Many Tamil fishermen are working in Iran.
 - ✓ In the Middle East, a sizeable section of Tamils are hospital staff, construction workers and employees of department stores.
 - ✓ The state has created adequate infrastructure to quarantine people who are returning from abroad, by booking many hotels for the purpose.
 - ✓ Those who test positive for Covid-19 would be given the option of getting admitted to government or private hospitals.
 - ✓ Based on their financial condition, the government would decide on the financial support to be extended to them
 - ✓ In this regard, the country's defence forces have already been put on alert by the Centre to deploy aircraft and naval ships to evacuate Indians in large numbers from foreign countries, as and when a decision is taken.
- **Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami - has constituted a Special Investment Promotion Task Force (SIPTF) to attract countries interested in shifting their supply chains to India, following the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.**
- ✓ The 14-member SIPTF will be headed by the Chief Secretary
 - ✓ It will submit its first report to the Chief Minister within a month.
 - ✓ The move assumes significance, as countries like the U.S., South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Singapore are likely to diversify and establish supply chains in India due to relocation from other countries after COVID-19.
 - ✓ The terms of reference (ToR) of the committee were –
 - ✓ to identify sectors in which the state could get investments
 - ✓ to formulate a special incentive package to attract and facilitate these investments.
 - ✓ to identify key infrastructure projects, including dedicated industrial townships
 - ✓ to find measures to fast-track clearances to promote these investments
 - ✓ to recommend outreach activities and brand building to position Tamil Nadu as an attractive investment destination
 - ✓ The various members of the committee includes -
 - ✓ Secretaries of Finance, Industries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Departments
 - ✓ Managing director and chief executive officer, Guidance Tamil Nadu
 - ✓ The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes

- ✓ Two nominees from the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO), Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), Korean Chamber of Commerce and Taiwan External Trade Development Council
- ✓ two nominees from the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum and U.S.-India Business Council
- ✓ One nominee each from Enterprise Singapore, Japanese industrial parks, Japanese companies in Tamil Nadu, U.S. companies in Tamil Nadu and Taiwanese companies in Tamil Nadu.

➤ **The Chennai police - has introduced a 'robot cop' with multiple functions to handle residents who live in containment areas.**



- ✓ It can be controlled using a remote control and has a mounted camera for surveillance.
- ✓ The automated vehicle is called 'Robot Cop LD v5.0'
- ✓ It was deployed in Meenambal Puram Street, a containment area in Mylapore, which is a congested locality reporting more than 11 COVID-19 cases
- ✓ The robot cop has a two-way intercom for direct public announcements and to listen to any communication from the public.
- ✓ A LED display is mounted on the machine to display messages.
- ✓ The robot was specially built for the lockdown in four days jointly by the police, Robthoughts, SCI Fi Innovation, and Callidai Motorworks.
- ✓ It has special features such as steering control for precise mobility and wireless connectivity range for about a kilometre.

STATES

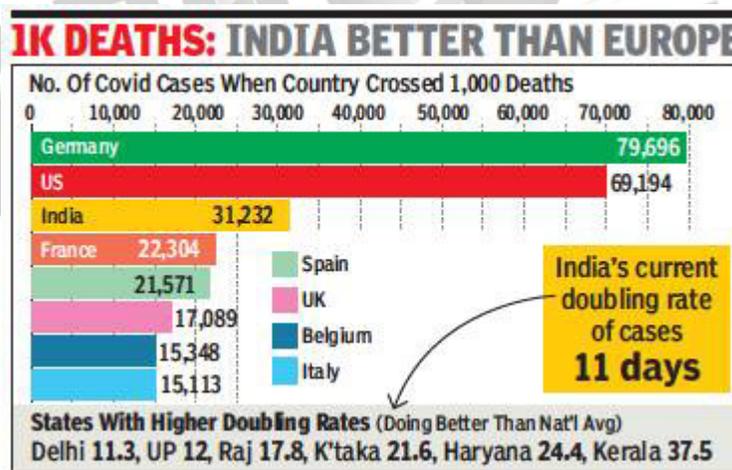
- **The Karnataka government – is considering reopening most commercial and industrial activities across the state from May 4**
- ✓ The activities may resume in areas other than Covid-19 containment zones in the state
 - ✓ Since the beginning of this week, the state government has incrementally allowed functioning of the IT and ITeS sector, select industries, 15 government departments, and agriculture and allied activities, besides standalone shops in the green and orange zones.

- ✓ The government is also planning to allow liquor outlets, shopping malls and a host of commercial activities to operate in the coming week, except in containment zones
- ✓ However, stringent lockdown conditions continue to apply in containment zones.
- ✓ The government is awaiting guidelines from the Union home ministry before rolling out the plan.

NATIONAL

- **On April 30, the number of Covid-19 cases in India surged again, crossing 1,800 for only the second time and reached 1,832, while the day's death toll stayed above 70 for the second straight day.**
 - ✓ The day's total of 1,832 was just eight short of the peak of 1,840 reported a day before
 - ✓ With this, the number of Covid-19 infections in the country now stands just short of the 35,000-mark at 34,866.
 - ✓ With 583 fresh cases, Maharashtra now has crossed 10,000 infections and stood at 10,498
 - ✓ The figure is roughly equal to the number of cases of next three states put together — Gujarat (4,395), Delhi (3,515) and Rajasthan (2,625).
 - ✓ While Maharashtra and Gujarat (313 new cases) reported nearly the same number of fresh cases on the day, numbers surged in Punjab (162), Tamil Nadu (161) and Rajasthan (146)
 - ✓ Both Punjab and Tamil Nadu reported their highest daily numbers, even though Punjab had reported just 34 cases a day before.
 - ✓ Maharashtra recorded the maximum 27 Covid deaths on the day followed by Gujarat (17), West Bengal (11) and Madhya Pradesh (7).
 - ✓ Delhi recorded three deaths while Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan had two each
 - ✓ Delhi's tally now stands at 3515 infections and 59 deaths
 - ✓ Gujarat's toll reached 214 as 17 more deaths were recorded in 24 hours.
 - ✓ Madhya Pradesh recorded 65 new Covid-19 cases taking its tally to 2,625.
 - ✓ Seven more deaths were reported, taking the toll to 137.
 - ✓ After recording single-digit numbers for the past few days, Telangana also recorded 22 new Covid-19 cases and three deaths due to the disease
 - ✓ With this, the coronavirus caseload reached 1,038 with 28 deaths in the state.
 - ✓ Rajasthan also recorded three new Covid-19 deaths, taking the death toll in the state to 58.
 - ✓ Moreover, 146 persons tested positive for the coronavirus infection, taking the total count of infected persons to 2,584.
 - ✓ In Kerala, the state government booked 954 cases against persons for not wearing masks in public after it was made mandatory.

- ✓ The state has now reported 497 cases of which 111 persons are under treatment in various hospitals.
- ✓ Jharkhand recorded four fresh cases, taking the total tally now to 110, of which 88 are active.
 - ✓ Two patients have died and 20 have recovered
- ✓ Bihar's Covid-19 count reached 422 with 19 new cases.
- ✓ In Kashmir, 33 more persons tested positive for Covid-19 in Kashmir, taking the total number of infections to 614.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the Government has announced that the doubling time for Covid-19 cases has improved to 11 days in the country as against the 3.4 days before the lockdown was imposed
- ✓ Many states like Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab had bettered the national average, recording a doubling time of 11 days to 20 days.
 - ✓ Those doing even better had a doubling time of 20 days to 40 days with Karnataka, Ladakh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Kerala making the cut.
 - ✓ Assam, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh had a doubling time of more than 40 days
- ✓ As on April 30, the recovery rate improved to 25.2% as against 13.1% recorded two weeks ago



- ✓ Among patients who have died of Covid-19 in the country so far, 78% had co-morbidities such as diabetes, heart disorders and chronic kidney ailments
- ✓ The total case fatality rate was 3.2%, and 65% of deaths were men and 35% women.
- ✓ Regarding the age-break of the casualties, 14% deaths were reported among those less than 45 years, while those aged between 45 and 60 accounted for 34% deaths due to the disease.
- ✓ Those between 60-75 years are most vulnerable, accounting for 42% of total fatalities, while those above 75 years accounted for the least 9.2% of total deaths

- **The first patient in Maharashtra to be treated with the plasma therapy for Covid-19 - succumbed late on April 29 at Bandra's Lilavati Hospital, where he was on ventilator for 10 days.**
 - ✓ Ever since the therapy was given to the patient, the 53-year-old didn't test negative for the infection or show any improvement
 - ✓ However, the state has decided to continue allowing more hospitals to carry out plasma therapy trials.
 - ✓ The man was transfused with one dose (200ml) of plasma from a recovered patient on compassionate grounds on April 25
 - ✓ The therapy is based on the belief that the antibodies in the blood component of a recovered patient would help the affected person to overcome the infection.
 - ✓ The patient tested 'positive' for the infection thrice in the last 10 days

- **The road transport ministry – has announced to provide financial assistance to transport departments in states for carrying out sanitisation of state transport undertaking-run buses and bus stations.**
 - ✓ The transport ministry has set aside a fund of over ₹50 crore to assist all the state transport units (STU) for the purpose
 - ✓ Meanwhile, some states have also sought financial help for running buses under STUs which have been hit hard by the lockdown.
 - ✓ The move follows the video conference held by Union minister Nitin Gadkari with the various states including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Delhi, Rajasthan and Telangana
 - ✓ Almost all the states shared the information of declining income to the Centre.

- **On April 30, the health ministry – announced that there was no confirmed treatment protocol for Covid-19 and no vaccines were available till now.**
 - ✓ This announcement comes against the backdrop of multiple vaccine trials done by various organisations in the government
 - ✓ Besides, India is also part of solidarity trials with the WHO.
 - ✓ At present, the country has identified Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) to begin with as a prophylaxis (preventive treatment).
 - ✓ Remdesivir is one protocol which is being examined world over and currently endorsed by US
 - ✓ However, the study on Remdesivir by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) has not conclusively proved its effectiveness.

- **Chak-Hao, a black rice variety of Manipur and Gorakhpur terracotta - have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag on April 30**
 - ✓ The application for Chak-Hao was filed by the Consortium of Producers of Chak-Hao (Black Rice), Manipur and was facilitated by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Manipur and the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC).



- ✓ For Gorakhpur terracotta, the application was filed by Laxmi Terracotta Murtikala Kendra in Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Chak-Hao is scented glutinous rice which has been in cultivation in rural pockets of Manipur over centuries
 - ✓ The rice is characterised by its special aroma and is normally eaten during community feasts, served as Chak-Hao kheer.
 - ✓ It has also been used by traditional medical practitioners as part of traditional medicine.
 - ✓ This rice takes the longest cooking time of 40-45 minutes due to the presence of a fibrous bran layer and higher crude fibre content.
 - ✓ The direct sowing and transplantation of rice seedlings are widely practised in the State's wetlands.
- ✓ The terracotta work of Gorakhpur is a centuries-old traditional art form
 - ✓ In this art form, the potters create various animal figures like, horses, elephants, camel, goat and oxen with hand-applied ornamentation.
 - ✓ Some of the major craftsmanship forms include the Hauda elephants, Mahawatdar horse, deer, camel, five-faced Ganesha, singled-faced Ganesha, elephant table, chandeliers and hanging bells.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On April 30, the US toll - went past 60,000, a figure that President Trump had suggested might be the total death count in US**
- ✓ There is an increase in the daily death count — with the toll crossing 2,500 in the past 24 hours after it had dipped below 1,500 per day for much of the previous week.
- ✓ On the brighter side, several countries recorded zero fresh domestically transmitted coronavirus cases, or no new cases at all, thanks to solid social distancing and virus testing policies in place for months
- ✓ For the first time, South Korea reported no new local cases and just four cases among people who came in from outside.
 - ✓ It had reported its peak of 909 cases on a single day on February 29



Countries	Infected	Death	
United States	1,053,036	61,547	185 countries/ regions hit
Spain	239,639	24,543	
Italy	205,463	27,967	3,247,648+ infected globally
United Kingdom	172,478	26,842	
France	166,628	24,121	230,615+ have died
Germany	162,123	6,518	
Turkey	120,204	3,174	
Russia	106,498	1,073	1,005,832+ have recovered
Iran	94,640	6,028	
China	83,944	4,637	Source: Johns Hopkins University

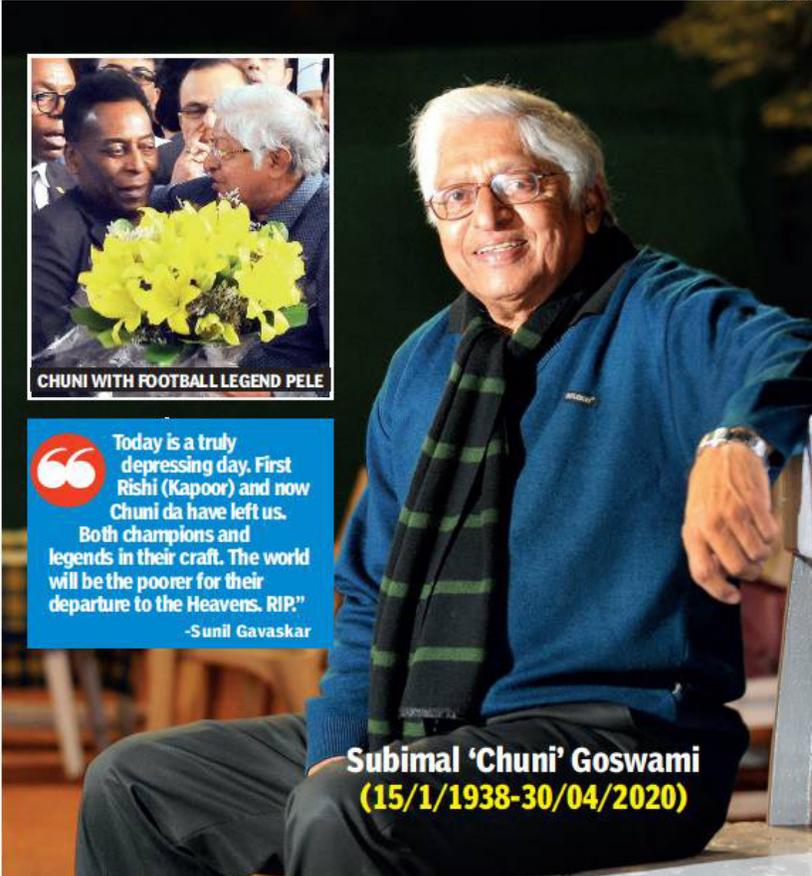
- ✓ The East Asian nation had the world's second-largest coronavirus outbreak for a while, after the virus emerged in China late last year.
- ✓ The same outcome has been mirrored in Hong Kong, which reported that there had been no new cases for five straight days.
- ✓ Other countries having similar successes includes Australia, which reported just nine new cases on April 29, and New Zealand had two days over the last week with just one new infection.
- ✓ However, Russia's infection count surpassed 1,00,000, with record daily spike of 7,099 cases and toll exceeding 1,000.
 - ✓ Its Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin was among those who tested positive.
 - ✓ Russia recently surpassed Iran and China in the total number of confirmed infections and is now eighth in the world in virus cases.

OBITUARY

- **Subimal 'Chuni' Goswami (82 years, Football legend)**
- ✓ The legendary forward led the Indian football team to gold in the 1962 Jakarta Asian Games
- ✓ The football genius breathed his last in Kolkata on April 30, after a prolonged illness.
- ✓ It has to be recalled that another football legend Pradip Kumar Banerjee had passed away just a month ago.

- ✓ The duo formed a lethal attacking triumvirate along with Tulsidas Balaram, who came to be known as “Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshwar” of Indian football.
- ✓ Balaram now remains the only surviving member of the trio.

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Subimal 'Chuni' Goswami
(15/1/1938-30/04/2020)

CHUNI FACTFILE	Captain of India's gold medal-winning team in Jakarta Asiad.	Runs: 1592
Position: Forward	FOR STATE/SANTOSH TROPHY	FOR BENGAL IN RANJI TROPHY (1962-63 to 1972-73)
State awards: Arjuna (1963) and Padma Shri (1983).	Bengal: 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 (champions thrice)	100: 1
FOR INDIA	Goals: 25 goals	50: 7
Debut: May 26, 1958 Vs Burma at Tokyo Asian Games	CLUB	Highest: 103
Matches: 36 (16 as captain)	Mohun Bagan: 1194-1964	Wickets taken: 47
Goals: 13 goals	Goals: 145	5 wkts in an Innings: 1
ACHIEVEMENTS	CRICKET (ALL ROUNDER)	Best Bowling: 5/47
	First-class matches: 46	

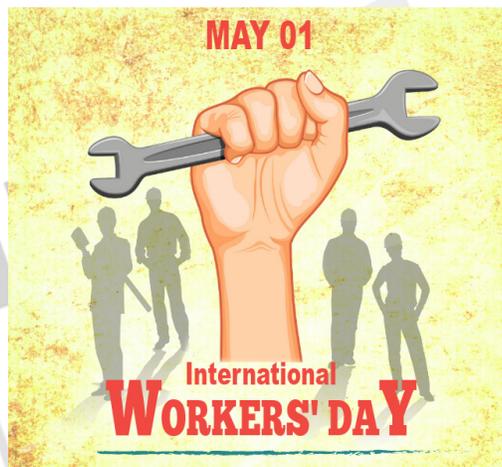
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- ✓ Goswami remained a loyal Mohun Bagan player, having represented them uninterrupted from 1954 to 1968, presiding over the club's golden period in the 1960s.
- ✓ He helped the green-and-maroon Mohun Bagan win 31 trophies while scoring 200 goals during this spell for the club.
- ✓ Goswami represented India in 36 official international matches, including 16 as captain. He scored 13 international goals.
- ✓ He was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 1963 and the Padma Shri in 1983.
- ✓ He was a rare “all-rounder” in every sense of the term, who could have earned name and fame in any other sport.

- ✓ He played for Bengal in the Ranji Trophy for three seasons, leading the side in 1968-69 and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Cricket Association of Bengal in 2012.
- ✓ He had a first-class cricket career consisting of one century, seven fifties and 47 wickets
- ✓ He is still remembered for how he demolished the mighty West Indies in the 1960s, in a friendly first-class game.
- ✓ In his debut soccer game itself, he scored a goal against Burma in the 1958 Asian Games in Tokyo.
- ✓ Four years later, he led the national team to next Asian Games glory, which is still regarded as the country's best performance on international stage.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

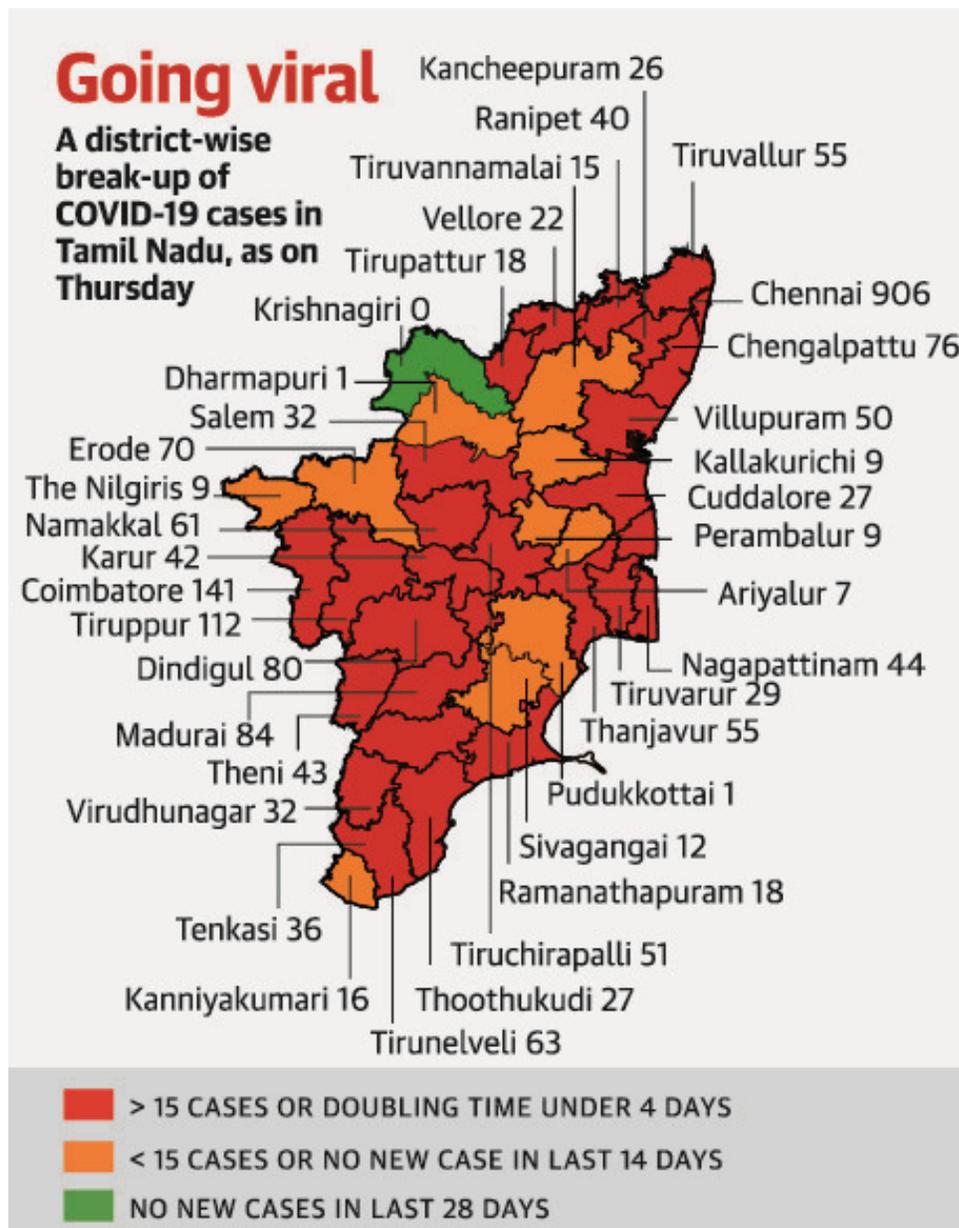
➤ **International Workers' Day or the Labour Day or Workers' Day – May 1**



- ✓ The International Labour Day is observed to commemorate the contribution of workers and remember the historic labour movement in building the world that we live in today.
- ✓ Every year, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) – a UN agency, celebrates the day
- ✓ On this day, the ILO holds rallies and demonstrations over the globe and aims to create awareness about the key issues faced by workers around the world.
- ✓ The day is predominantly celebrated by the working classes and is promoted by the international labour movement, socialists and communists.
- ✓ Over 90 countries, including North Korea, observe the day as a national holiday.
- ✓ In India, the first celebration of the Labour Day was organised in Madras (now Chennai) by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan on May 1, 1923.
- ✓ The Labour Day is celebrated to commemorate the happenings of the Haymarket affair (Haymarket Massacre) in the Chicago on May 4, 1886
- ✓ The Haymarket Massacre was a big event wherein workers were on general strike demanding for eight-hour workday

- ✓ The event led to the death of four demonstrators, due to the police firing and bombing
- ✓ Earlier, at its National convention in Chicago in 1884, the American Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions resolved that "eight hours shall constitute a legal day's labour from and after May 1, 1886"
- ✓ To commemorate the 1886 May 4 event, the Second International, a pan-national organisation of socialist and communist political parties, marked May 1 as the Labour Day in 1891.

COVID-19 UPDATE IN TAMILNADU AND CHENNAI



A rising trend

Royapuram and Thiru Vi Ka Nagar remain the zones with the maximum cases, contributing to nearly 50% of the cases in the city

