

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 3, 2020

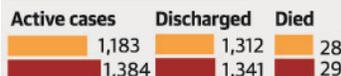
TAMIL NADU

- On May 2, Tamil Nadu's Covid-19 positive count - crossed 200 for the second consecutive day and Chennai again had most of the cases — 174 out of 231.
- ✓ This is the highest ever single-day increase the State has reported till now, which has so far registered 2,757 cases.

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

	Until April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 01	May 02	Total
Cases reported	1,821	64	52	121	104	161	203	231	2,757
Recovered and discharged	960	60	81	27	82	48	54	29	1,341
Deceased	23	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	29

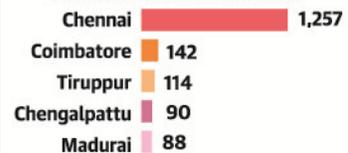
Persons tested



In home quarantine



Districts with maximum cases



*Changes in 24 hours ■ As on 01 May 2020, 6 p.m. ■ As on 02 May 2020, 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.

- ✓ Of the 231 new patients, 158 were men, 72 women and one was a 48-year-old transgender in Chennai.
- ✓ A 74-year-old woman admitted to the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital succumbed to the disease, taking the toll to 29 in the state,
- ✓ Chennai is leading the districts of maximum infections with 1,257 cases, as on date.
- ✓ On the day, the list of cases reported included a 67-year-old patient from Krishnagiri testing positive.

- ✓ But his name was not added to the state's only green district, Krishnagiri, and is reported as being treated in Salem as an 'imported' case.
- ✓ The man, from Nallur village in Krishnagiri, and his family had gone to Puttaparthi in in Andhra Pradesh in March and returned last week.
- ✓ The entire Nallur village has been declared as a containment area and sealed
- ✓ On the day, apart from Chennai, 13 more districts have reported fresh cases — 18 in Ariyalur, 13 in Kancheepuram, seven in Tiruvallur, five in Chengalpattu, two each in Cuddalore, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Tiruppur and Villupuram, and one each in Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem and Theni.
 - ✓ Among these districts, Coimbatore recorded a Covid-19 positive case after a span of eight days.
- ✓ As on date, the number of active cases stood at 1,384 in the state.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the State's single-day sample count crossed the 10,000-mark, touching a total of 10,049 samples.
- ✓ This took the total number of samples tested so far in the state to 1,30,132.
- ✓ In Chennai alone, at least 3,200 samples are tested everyday.
- ✓ On the day, another 29 persons were discharged from hospitals across the State, taking the total number of persons discharged to 1,341.
- ✓ In Chennai alone, a total of 223 persons have been discharged till now, followed by 127 in Coimbatore and 108 in Tiruppur.

FIGHTING CORONA			Number of cases, recovery and death rates due to Covid-19 in various states, including Tamil Nadu			
Name of State/UT	MAY 1 cases	Recovered	R %	Total deaths	D%	No. of test
Maharashtra	11,506	1879.0	16.33%	485	4.22%	1,51,085
Gujarat	4,721	736.0	15.59%	236	5.00%	68,774
Delhi	3,738	1167.0	31.22%	61	1.63%	NA
Madhya Pradesh	2,715	524.0	19.30%	145	5.34%	NA
Rajasthan	2,666	1116.0	41.86%	62	2.33%	1,08,543
Tamil Nadu	2,526	1312.0	51.94%	28	1.11%	1,29,363

- ✓ On the day, another 9 children in the 0-12 age group have tested positive, taking the total number of affected children in the age group to 159.
- ✓ As on date, a total of 2,318 persons in the 13-60 age group and 280 persons aged above 60 have tested positive for COVID-19 in the State.
- ✓ In the testing front, one more private testing facility has been approved by the Centre — the Metropolis Healthcare, Chennai.
 - ✓ With this, the State has 34 testing facilities in the government and 13 facilities in the private sector.
- ✓ A total of 35,418 persons are under home quarantine and 40 in government quarantine facilities.

- ✓ Another 2,099 individuals with suspected symptoms of COVID-19 have been admitted to isolation wards in various hospitals.
- ✓ As on date, the State has managed to keep deaths below 1.1%
- **On May 2, the state cabinet, which met under Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami – extended its support to the Centre’s decision to extend the nationwide lockdown till May 17 in the state**
- ✓ It has also announced several relaxations for non-containment zones, in line with the Centre’s announcement, from May 4

WHAT'S OPEN IN TN NON-CONTAINMENT ZONES

<p>FOR AREAS UNDER GREATER CHENNAI POLICE LIMIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All shops selling essential goods like medicines, groceries will be open from 6am to 5pm ➤ Except saloons, all standalone, neighbourhood shops, including hardware, cement, construction material, sanitaryware, electrical shops, mobile phone, computers, household appliances and opticals to remain open between 11am and 5pm <p> Construction activities allowed if workers available on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Govt & PSUs can do road, construction job ➤ SEZ, EOU, export units can operate with 25% staff (minimum 20 workers) ➤ IT, IT-enabled services can work with up to 10% strength (minimum 20 staff) ➤ Takeaways in restaurants allowed between 6am and 9pm ➤ Plumbers, electricians, AC mechanics, carpenters, and domestic helps must get nod from corporation commissioner/ district collector 	<p>REST OF TAMIL NADU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shops in rural areas shall be open between 9am and 5pm ➤ Except malls and market complexes, all standalone shops shall remain open between 10am and 5pm in corporations and municipalities ➤ All industries allowed to operate in rural and town panchayats with 50% strength (minimum 20 staff) ➤ Textile industries in town panchayats with a population of 15,000 require collectors' sanction ➤ Industrial establishments in SEZs, export oriented units, industrial estates are permitted with 50% strength, textile units in urban industrial estates will not <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>be allowed to work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Export units in urban areas require permission from collectors to operate with 50% strength ➤ Hardware manufacturers can work with 50% staff strength ➤ Spinning mills in rural areas allowed with 50% staff strength subject to shifts, distancing norms ➤ Construction activities where workers are available on site. One-time permission to bring workers ➤ Construction by govt allowed ➤ Electrical, hardware stores shall remain open between 9am and 5pm. No ban on transporting construction material
<p>WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Schools, colleges, educational/training/coaching institutions ➤ Religious places, places of worship and religious congregations ➤ Cinema halls, entertainment parks, ➤ bars, gyms, beach, tourist places, botanical gardens, museums, swimming pools, sports complexes, assembly halls and auditoriums ➤ Air travel, train and public transport, taxi, auto and cycle rickshaws <p style="text-align: center;"></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inter-state transport ➤ Not more than 20 persons permitted for funerals ➤ Existing rules for marriages continue 		

- ✓ The new guidelines has allowed industrial establishments in SEZs, export units, IT and IT- enabled services to operate across the state, and all industries, including textile units, may operate from May 6 in rural and town panchayat areas, subject to certain conditions.
- ✓ However, skilled workers such as plumbers, electricians, AC mechanics, carpenters, home care providers and domestic helps are required to get permission from Chennai Corporation commissioner/collector to resume work.
- ✓ All these relaxation norms should be strictly adhered to the Centre’s red, orange and green zones classification standards.

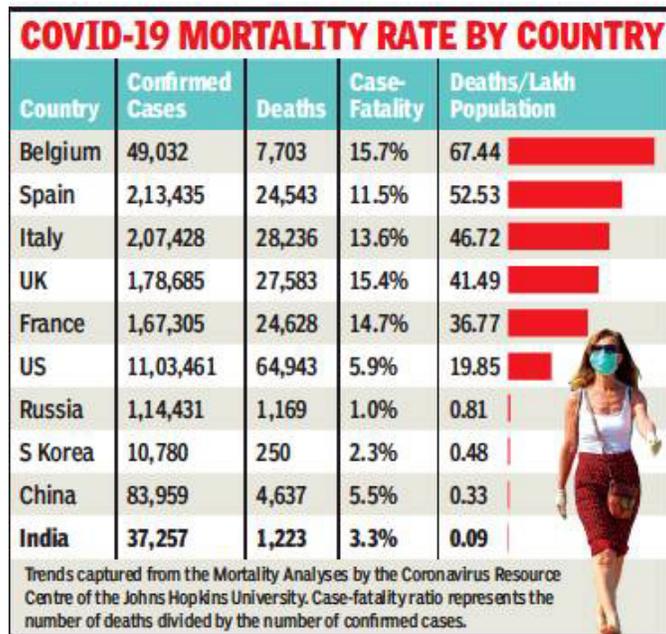
- ✓ For travelling in the city, E-passes for employees and organisations can be availed through web portal, 'https://tnepass.tnega.org'
- ✓ Meanwhile, the Government has announced that MSME sector, rural industries and standalone shops require no special permission from the government to resume operation.
- **On May 3, the Navy and Coast Guard – will line up illuminated ships along the Chennai shore and honk 'foghorns' in honour of Covid-19 warriors**
- ✓ Indian Navy is bringing two ships including INS Sahyadri while the Coast Guard will also arrange its ships along the shore in the evening.
- ✓ The ships will be illuminated and will sound the foghorn, which is usually used as a signal to other ships when visibility is low or when sailing into a harbour.
- ✓ On the day, air force and coast guard helicopters will shower flower petals in the morning over two major government hospitals including the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital
- **The Madurai Corporation – has decided to issue colour-coded tokens - red, blue and yellow - to households outside the containment zones in the city in order to reduce crowds at markets.**
- ✓ As per the norms, each token holder will be allowed to go out to purchase essentials only two days in a week.
- ✓ Those with yellow tokens will be allowed on Mondays and Thursdays, red on Tuesdays and Fridays and blue on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- ✓ On Sunday, no one will be allowed to come out.
- ✓ However, those in containment areas will not be allowed outside.
- ✓ The ward numbers will be mentioned on the tokens, so as to control the movement of public going elsewhere.
- ✓ For safety purposes, only those between 18 and 60 years will be allowed to come out using the tokens.
- ✓ People are advised to wear masks and maintain social distancing when they come out of their houses.
- ✓ People should also restrict themselves to markets nearby and must also carry their tokens, whenever they come out
- **The Puducherry government - has developed a web portal <http://welcomeback.py.gov.in> to bring back people from the Union territory of Puducherry stranded in foreign countries and other states in the country due to the lockdown.**
- ✓ Those stranded can register themselves in the portal, which is maintained by the National Informatics Centre.
- ✓ The government will collect the details of the people registered with the portal and will coordinate with the Union government to bring back people in foreign countries willing to come to India.

- ✓ People are also advised to contact the toll-free number,1077, for any assistance.
- **The administration of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Ariyalur districts - have announced total lockdown in their districts on May 3 to further tackle the spread of Covid-19.**
- ✓ On the day, except for hospitals and pharmacies, no establishments will be allowed to function.
- ✓ Already, people of Thanjavur had already been issued three types of passes in three different colours to come out of their houses on all days, except Sunday, which is a common lockdown day.
- ✓ Ariyalur has been observing Sunday lockdown for the past four weeks which will continue this week as well.

NATIONAL

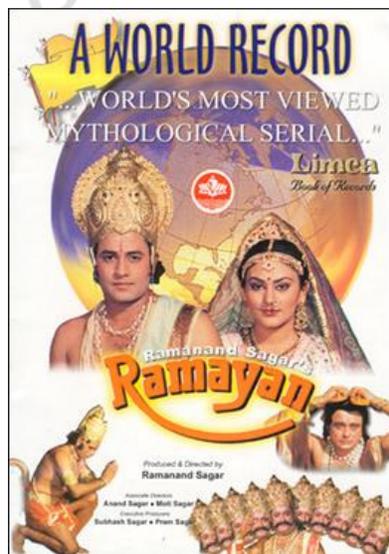
- **On May 2, India - recorded the biggest single-day jump of 2,564 COVID-19 cases, taking the total number to 39,789, as per the estimates from the States**
- ✓ This is the largest rise in cases since January, when the infection was first detected in India, breaking the 2,333 cases record set on May 1
- ✓ On the day, Delhi reported 384 new cases, the capital's highest rise in a single day
- ✓ Meanwhile, fresh cases across the country crossed 2,500 for the first time.
- ✓ India also saw 99 deaths from the virus in the past 24 hours, again the highest number reported so far.
- ✓ The death toll has risen to 1,320, including a 20-day-old infant who died in Jaipur.
- ✓ On the brighter side, over 10,000 patients have now been declared cured.
- ✓ On the day, Maharashtra reported 790 cases, lesser by 218 cases, registered a day earlier.
 - ✓ With this, its total infection count has increased to 12,296
- ✓ Several states, including Tamil Nadu (231), Punjab (187) and West Bengal (127) reported their highest daily rise in cases while the infections also surged in Gujarat (333), Uttar Pradesh (159) and Rajasthan (106).
- ✓ Maharashtra recorded its highest single-day toll from the coronavirus infection with 36 more deaths, taking the total deaths in the state to 521.
 - ✓ Mumbai alone recorded 27 fresh deaths.
- ✓ Delhi's total Covid-19 count has reached 4,122 with the 384 new cases.
- ✓ On the day, Gujarat became the second state after Maharashtra to record over 5,000 coronavirus cases
 - ✓ Three more persons died due to Covid-19 in the state, taking its death toll to 64.

- ✓ A member of the Lokpal, Justice (retired) A K Tripathi, who was recently diagnosed with Covid-19, is among the latest casualties of the viral infection in the state.
 - ✓ Gujarat too recorded its highest number of deaths on the day with 26 persons declared dead, taking the total number of Covid-19 deaths in the state to 262.
 - ✓ West Bengal recorded as many as 15 deaths on the day, followed by six each in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, three each in Delhi and Karnataka and one each from UP, Telangana, Bihar and Haryana.
 - ✓ There have been 26 coronavirus-related deaths in West Bengal in the past two days, taking the state's toll to 48.
 - ✓ Also, 127 new positive cases were reported in the past 48 hours, taking the total number of active cases in the state to 659
 - ✓ Punjab, recorded 187 new cases, taking the state's Covid-19 count to 772.
 - ✓ Telangana reported 17 new cases taking the overall tally to 1,061.
 - ✓ In Uttar Pradesh, 157 people were tested positive for coronavirus, taking the state's tally to 2487.
 - ✓ Karnataka reported two Covid-19 deaths, while the number of infections crossed 600 with 12 fresh cases registered on the day
 - ✓ Andhra Pradesh registered 62 more Covid-19 cases, taking the overall tally to 1,525.
 - ✓ Bihar recorded two Covid-19 deaths and 56 new cases, taking the total death toll in the state to 4 and positive cases count to 481.
 - ✓ In Odisha, 8 persons were tested positive for Covid-19, taking the state's tally to 157.
- **The Government – has announced that the country's fatality rate of 3.3% of total confirmed coronavirus cases and deaths of 0.09 people per 1 lakh population is one of the lowest among all the affected countries**
- ✓ The figure is significantly lesser than other countries, including South Korea which is seen as a top performer in containing the disease and China that resorted to measures like mass quarantine to limit the pandemic.
 - ✓ South Korea is one among the early countries to have been infected with the Covid-19 outbreak
 - ✓ It has done well by confining its total count to 10,780 cases and deaths at 250.
 - ✓ Its case-fatality rate is among the lowest at 2.3% while deaths per lakh of population have been at 0.48, higher than China at 0.33 and India's 0.09, which is the lowest among all major countries
 - ✓ China, with official statistics of 83,959 cases and 4,637 deaths reported so far, has a case-fatality rate of 5.5%.
 - ✓ So far India has 37,257 total cases and 1,223 deaths.



- ✓ However, the situation is very troubling in some European countries and the United States.
- ✓ The deaths per lakh of population due to Covid-19 has been the highest in Belgium at 67.44, followed by Spain, Italy, UK, France and US at 53, 47, 42, 37 and 20 respectively.
- ✓ The case-fatality ratio, which is the total deaths out of the reported Covid-19 cases, in these countries is also high
- ✓ It ranges from 12% to 16%, except in US where it is 6% with 65,000 deaths, reported so far out of 11 lakh confirmed cases
- **On May 2, the directorate general of civil aviation (DGCA) – has announced that the International and domestic passenger flights will remain suspended till 11.59pm of May 17, following the extension of the nation-wide lockdown by two more weeks.**
 - ✓ This restriction shall not apply to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by DGCA
 - ✓ The announcement also made it clear that the airlines will be given time, like a week or 10 days, to resume operations.
- **Karnataka, Maharashtra and Assam – have announced their decision to open the liquor shops amid the Covid-19 lockdown, while Kerala backtracked on their earlier decision to open the booze industry**
 - ✓ After 47 days, standalone liquor shops in Karnataka have been allowed open in all districts from May 4.
 - ✓ However, in red zone districts, the outlets outside the containment zones may alone reopen.

- ✓ Pubs, bars and restaurants are not allowed to sell liquor even over the counter.
 - ✓ In Maharashtra, sale of liquor will be allowed with certain conditions in all zones, except in containment areas and shops in markets and malls.
 - ✓ The Assam government, meanwhile, allowed reopening of liquor outlets across the state selling IMFL and country spirit with immediate effect.
 - ✓ Assam government had earlier allowed the opening of wine shops from April 12 but had to reverse its decision after three days following a directive from the Centre.
 - ✓ Incidentally, Kerala decided to go back on its earlier attempts to allow liquor sale even after the Centre lifted its ban
- **On May 2, India - crossed the milestone of 1 million RTPCR Covid tests, clocking 75,000 tests in a day with 419 laboratories at work throughout the country.**
- ✓ Apart from these labs, 15 institutions spread across the country are working as 'depots' for supplying testing kits/ material to these labs.
 - ✓ The Government has been using the services of 14 mentor institutions like AIIMS, PGI Chandigarh, CMC Vellore, JIPMER Puducherry, SGPIMS Lucknow, AIIMS Bhubaneshwar, etc to assist and train these medical colleges, labs and hospitals in carrying out the tests.
- **Ramanand Sagar's epic portrayal, 'Ramayan' of the late 1980s - has created a world record by becoming the highest viewed entertainment programme in the entire world**



- ✓ The mythological series was aired again after over three decades on popular demand

- ✓ The epic serial became one of the favorites of the public, as most of the 1.3 billion population in India have been sitting at home since March 25 due to the national lockdown
 - ✓ The show becomes most watched entertainment show in the world with 7.7 crore viewers, as on April 16
 - ✓ Sagar's epic show has overtaken the popular "Game of Thrones" in terms of viewership.
 - ✓ The final episode of "Game of Thrones" single-night viewing recorded 19.3 million (1.93 crore) people watching the finale in May last year
- **A 35-year-old Covid positive patient admitted at BMC-run KEM Hospital, Parel - became the first in Maharashtra to receive a novel biologics (drugs which contain components of a living organism) as part of a clinical trial to treat Covid-19.**
- ✓ The drug, Itolizumab, was given as an infusion to the patient over an eight-hour period on May 2
 - ✓ It was manufactured by Bengaluru based biotech major, Biocon, to treat a skin condition called psoriasis
 - ✓ Itolizumab is one of the drugs that Biocon has 'repurposed' to fight Covid-19-related complications.
 - ✓ The drug has been classified as a "humanized anti-CD6 monoclonal antibody" or a laboratory-produced molecule
 - ✓ It was meant to function as 'substitute antibodies' that can restore or modulate the immune system's attack on foreign cells.
- **On May 2, the Railways - operated over a dozen Shramik specials from different stations to transport stranded migrant labourers, students and tourists back to their homes**



- ✓ The final number of trains could around 20 trains, which were scheduled to carry roughly 20,000 passengers.
- ✓ Earlier on May 1, five trains were operated as the point-to-point train service for passengers who are identified by the respective state governments.

- ✓ Some of the routes on which trains operated included Kota-Dhanbad, Nasik-Lucknow, Vasai Road-Gorakhpur, Bhiwandi-Gorakhpur, Sabarmati-Kanpur, Ahmedabad-Agra, Surat-Behrampur, Ernakulam-Danapur, Tirur-Danapur, Kozhikode-Dhanbad, Thiruvananthapuram Central-Hatia and Calicut-Dhanbad.
- ✓ On May 2, almost all the trains that were operated originated from Southern, Central, Western and South Western zones
- ✓ As of now, the railways have about 20,000 sleeper coaches, which are ready for use.

INTERNATIONAL

- **The US Food and Drug Administration - has allowed emergency use of experimental anti-viral drug 'remdesivir' to treat Covid-19 patients.**
 - ✓ The drug was previously used as a failed treatment for Ebola
 - ✓ It's the first authorised therapy for Covid-19 in the United States
 - ✓ India, which is part of WHO's solidarity trial on the drug, is also planning to import the drug to commence the local trials in the country.
 - ✓ At present, there are only limited stocks of the drug which is under different trials in various countries.
 - ✓ As per a government sponsored study in US, the drug reduced the time of recovery by four days — from 15 days to 11 days — in hospitalised Covid-19 patients.
 - ✓ But the drug was found not to significantly reduce fatality rates.
 - ✓ With this, Remdesivir has become the world's first drug that has offered some evidence of being effective for Covid-19
 - ✓ The company, Gilead Science Inc, was donating 1.5 million vials of the drug in the US to help Covid-19 patients.
 - ✓ The donation is expected to be enough for at least 1,40,000 patients, depending on the number of days they need to be treated.
 - ✓ In general, 'emergency-use authorisation' allows products to be used for treatment without obtaining full data on their safety and efficacy, which has to be submitted later, as trials continue.
 - ✓ While there are also 'compassionate use programme' for Remdesivir, India is not part of it.
 - ✓ Compassionate use programme involves using a new, unapproved drug to treat a severely ill patient in case where there is no other treatment available.
 - ✓ Remdesivir is currently tried against Covid-19 because it disables the infection mechanism by which certain viruses, including the coronavirus, make copies of themselves and potentially overwhelm their host's immune system
 - ✓ Meanwhile, Japan has also begun a special approval process for remdesivir as a potential treatment for Covid-19

- ✓ Covid-19 pandemic has killed more than 2,30,000 people worldwide and infected over three million
- **On May 2, Russia - reported 9,623 new cases of COVID-19, its highest daily rise since the start of the pandemic**
- ✓ This brings the total infections in the country to 1,24,054, mostly in the capital Moscow.
- ✓ The death toll nationwide rose to 1,222 after 57 people died in the last 24 hours
- ✓ Globally, around 3.4 million people were reported to have been infected with the viral disease, while over 2.1 lakhs have succumbed to the disease

TRACKING OUTBREAK			
Countries	Infected	Death	
United States	11,17,979	65,416	187 countries/ regions hit
Spain	2,16,582	25,100	
Italy	2,09,328	28,710	33,92,771+ infected globally
United Kingdom	1,83,495	28,204	
France	1,67,305	24,597	2,41,193+ have died
Germany	1,64,478	6,736	
Turkey	1,24,375	3,336	10,68,848+ have recovered
Russia	1,24,054	1,222	
Iran	96,448	6,156	
Brazil	92,630	6,434	Source: Johns Hopkins University

- ✓ Meanwhile, Singapore has decided to ease some curbs put in place to contain the spread of the virus over the next few weeks
 - ✓ Selected activities such as home-based businesses, laundry services and barbers will be allowed to operate from May 12, while some students will be allowed to go back to schools from May 19.
- ✓ On May 2, the UK government announced a new 76-million-pound funding to help domestic violence victims feeling trapped due to the lockdown
- ✓ Meanwhile, the death toll from the deadly virus crossed 28,000 in the UK
- ✓ The funding will be used to provide safety and accommodation for victims of abuse and the recruitment of workers for victims of sexual violence and for charities supporting those in need.

OBITUARY

➤ **Justice A K Tripathi (Retd) – Lokpal Member (62 years)**

- ✓ In a first high-profile death due to coronavirus in the country, Lokpal member Justice A K Tripathi (retd) - passed away at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi on May 2



- ✓ He was one of the four judicial members of the Lokpal
- ✓ Justice Tripathi had tested positive for coronavirus last month, and he was in the ICU since his admission at the AIIMS on April 2
- ✓ Justice Tripathi was a former chief justice of Chhattisgarh high court
- ✓ He had also served as an additional advocate general in Bihar.
- ✓ Later, he was elevated as additional judge of the Patna high court and later the chief justice.
- ✓ He was appointed the judicial member of the Lokpal on March 23 last year.

Lokpal – a recap

- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind appointed former Supreme Court judge, Pinaki Chandra Ghose as India's first Lokpal on March 19, 2019
- ✓ Lokpal is a three-member, anti-corruption watchdog comprising a chairman, judicial and non-judicial members.
- ✓ The members of the Lokpal include eight distinguished personalities comprising former High Court judges and civil servants.(4 judicial and 4 non-judicial)
- ✓ During the launch, the appointed judicial members of Lokpal includes Justices Dilip B Bhosale, PK Mohanty, Abhilasha Kumari and AK Tripathi
- ✓ At the same time, the non-judicial members appointed were former Maharashtra Chief Secretary Dinesh Kumar Jain, former SSB chief Archana Ramasundaram, Mahender Singh, and Dr IP Gautam.
- ✓ Out of these appointments, Justice Dilip B Bhosale has resigned from the post due to some personal reasons later.

SPORTS

- **Discus thrower Sandeep Kumari - has been handed over a four-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit for failing a dope test**
- ✓ The failure result comes nearly two years after her sample was confirmed clean by the NDTL.



- ✓ Kumari had won the gold at the National Inter-State championships in June 2018 at Guwahati.
- ✓ Her results from June 26 to November 21, 2018, will now stands cancelled
- ✓ Kumari's four-year ban will begin from June 26, 2018, the date of her sample collection.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ International Astronomy Day – May 2



- ✓ International Astronomy Day is celebrated twice a year, once on September 26 and next on May 2.
- ✓ On this day, astronomical institutions, planetariums, museums organize several activities and aims to create awareness about the world of astronomy.
- ✓ The first International Astronomy Day was celebrated in 1973.
 - ✓ It was started by the then president of Astronomical Association of Northern California.
 - ✓ Initially the celebrations began in the United States and later it spread to other parts of the world.
- ✓ The Astronomy Day is also a part of the National Astronomy Week, which is held in United Kingdom
- ✓ The International Year of Astronomy was celebrated in 2009.
 - ✓ The year 2009 marks the 400th anniversary of observations of Galileo and also Kepler's findings in 17th century.

- ✓ For the first time, in 1609, Galileo identified craters and mountains on the moon which changed the entire perception of space.
- ✓ The celebration of the year was coordinated by the International Astronomical Union.

GUIDE TO LOCKDOWN 3.0 – A REPORT

WHAT'S NOW ALLOWED, WHAT ISN'T	Sector	Green		Orange		Red		Containment zones
 <p>* Inter-state movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities as permitted by the MHA</p> <p>** Allowed with some curbs, responsibility on RWAs and people calling them in</p> <p>*** Nothing specific about autorickshaws</p> <p>**** All govt offices shall function with officers of the level of deputy secretary and above to the extent of 100% strength. Remaining staff will attend office upto 33% as per requirement</p> <p>***** Select industries with restrictions</p> <p>**** * Liquor shops can open across zones (though for red zones malls and market complexes are closed so only standalone shops)</p>	Airlines, railways, metros		NO		No		No	No
	inter-state road movement	*	No	*	No	*	No	No
	Educational entities		No		No		No	No
	Hotels, cinemas, malls		No		No		No	No
	Religious place, gatherings		No		No		No	No
	Barbershop, spas, salons	**	Yes	**	Yes		No	No
	Movement between 7pm and 7 am		No		No		No	No
	Movement of senior citizens, pregnant women		Stay home		Stay home		Stay home	No
	OPD, clinics		Yes		Yes		Yes	No
	Taxis	***	Yes	***	1+2		NO	No
	4 wheelers		2+1		2+1		2+1	No
	2 wheelers		1+1		1+1		1+0	No
	Plying of inter district bus		50%		NO		No	No
	Plying of intra-district bus		50%		No		NO	No
	Industrials		Yes		Yes	****	Yes	No
	Select urban industries		Yes		Yes		Yes	No
	Urban in-situ construction		Yes		Yes		Yes	No
	Standalone shops in urban areas		Yes		Yes		Yes	No
	E-comm essential goods		Yes		Yes		Yes	No
	Private and govt services (non-core)	****	Yes	****	Yes		33% employees	No
Farm activities		Yes		Yes		Yes	No	
Courier and postal services		Yes		Yes		Yes	No	
Goods traffic		Yes		Yes		Yes	No	
Liquor, pan, gutka shops		Yes		Yes	**** *	Yes	No	
Banks, finance		Yes		Yes		Yes	No	
Gyms, clubs, swimming pools, malls		No		No		No	No	