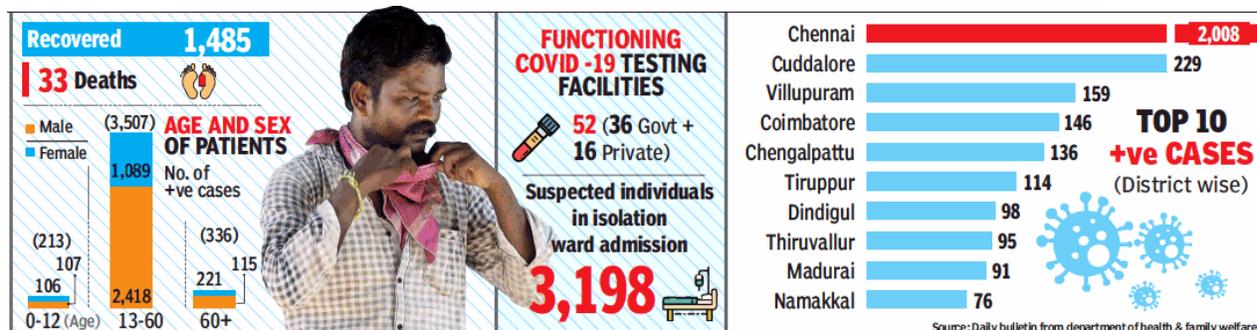
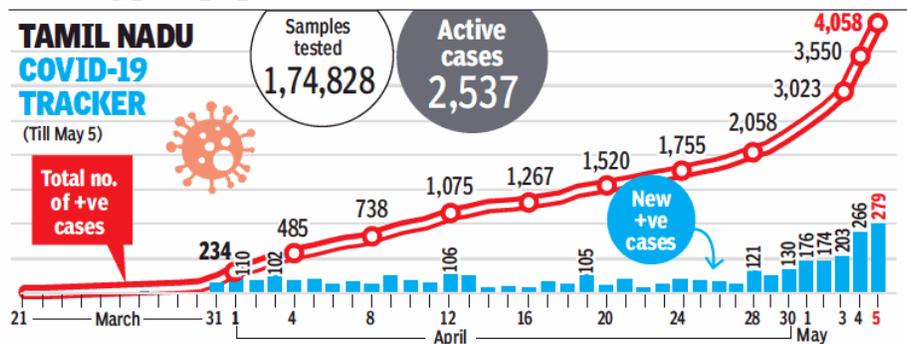


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - MAY 6, 2020

TAMIL NADU

- On May 5, Tamil Nadu - reported another 508 positive Covid-19 cases, taking the cumulative infections in the state to 4,058
- ✓ After recording 266 a day before, the positive cases in Chennai jumped to 279 on May 5, taking the total count in the capital city to 2,008
- ✓ The recent surge in Chennai has brought down the doubling time to 3 days from 9 days as on April 27.
- ✓ Following the spurt, several districts were re-classified from orange to red zone, as 20 of them reported fresh cases.
- ✓ Krishnagiri, the sole district on green zone, was moved to orange after it recorded two cases on the day



- ✓ A 60-year-old woman from Chennai admitted to the Kilpauk Medical College Hospital on May 2 died at 9.30am on May 4.
 - ✓ On the same day, a 56-year-old Chennai man with comorbidities admitted on April 26 died at the same hospital, taking the overall toll in the state to 33.
 - ✓ As on date, at least 300 vendors, truckers, load men and staff working in the Koyambedu market complex had tested positive for the infection.
 - ✓ On May 5, all 68 positive cases reported in Cuddalore district were market returnees.
 - ✓ The district, which had 39 positive cases till May 3, now has 229 cases, the second- highest in the state after Chennai.
 - ✓ All cases reported in Villupuram (25), Kallakurchi (38) and Tiruvallur (18) had links with the market
 - ✓ Apart from these districts, on May 5, another 15 in Namakkal, seven in Dindigul, five in Theni, four in the Nilgiris, two in Krishnagiri, and one each in Dharmapuri, Kancheepuram, Madurai, Perambalur, Salem, Tenkasi, Tirunelveli, Tiruchi and Virudhunagar were reported.
 - ✓ On the day, the Nilgiris, which had sent all nine patients home and reported nil cases, noticed another four new cases linked to the Koyambedu cluster.
 - ✓ All the 508 cases reported on the day — 353 men, 154 women and a transgender — were contacts of COVID-19-positive persons.
 - ✓ A total of 76 people were discharged from various hospitals on the day, taking the total recovered after treatment to 1,485
 - ✓ On date, 2,537 active cases were undergoing treatment across the state.
 - ✓ With 11,858 samples tested on the day, the State has so far tested 1,74,828 samples.
 - ✓ A total of 1,65,191 individuals have been tested till now.
 - ✓ Two more private laboratories have been approved - Doctors Diagnostics Centre, Tiruchi and Kovai Medical Centre and Hospital, Coimbatore.
 - ✓ There are a total of 52 testing facilities in Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ With no new case of Covid-19 recorded in Erode in the last three weeks, the district was designated as a green zone from orange on May 5.
- **On May 5, the Tamil Nadu government said Tasmac liquor outlets will not reopen in Greater Chennai City police limits on May 7.**
- ✓ In Chengalpet, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts, too, only 120 of the 400 outlets would be reopened on May 7, as rest of them fall within containment zones.
 - ✓ **In another announcement, the State government has cancelled its order exempting domestic help to resume work in non-containment zones of Greater Chennai Police limits and across the state from May 4.**
 - ✓ **Meanwhile, School education minister K A Sengottaiyan said the Class X exam schedule will be released in June.**

- ✓ **In the meantime, the state discom Tangedco has once again extended the last date for payment of bimonthly bills by low tension industrial, commercial and domestic consumers till May 22.**
- ✓ This is the second extension made by the discom after the lockdown came into effect on March 25
 - ✓ As per the earlier deadline, May 6 was the last date for payment of bills by all the consumers.
 - ✓ The consumers have been advised to pay bills as per the reading in the previous billing cycle.
 - ✓ On the day, the Madras high court has restrained the Tangedco from taking any coercive action such as disconnection of electricity for non-payment of consumption charges by its consumers.
- ✓ As on May 5, more than 2.5 lakh guest workers have registered themselves on the state government's portal for returning back to their home states
 - ✓ Most of these workers were hailing from Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Rajasthan
- ✓ Meanwhile, around 33,000 Tamils stranded in other parts of the country, too, have registered themselves on the government website, seeking help to return home.
- ✓ On the day, the State Chief Minister said that the state was planning to send guest workers in small batches in trains from next week
- **The Tamil Nadu government – has issued an order detailing the guidelines for home isolation of mild and pre-symptomatic Covid-19 patients**
- ✓ The state authorities have already started moving the mild and pre-symptomatic Covid-19 patients admitted to isolation wards of government hospitals to non-hospital care centres for the past two days
- ✓ The reason behind the new move is to keep Covid care centres for people who can't afford stringent home isolation, while hospital beds are reserved for the critically ill, elderly and people with co-morbid conditions.
- ✓ The guidelines were developed based on the recommendations of the Directorate of medical education

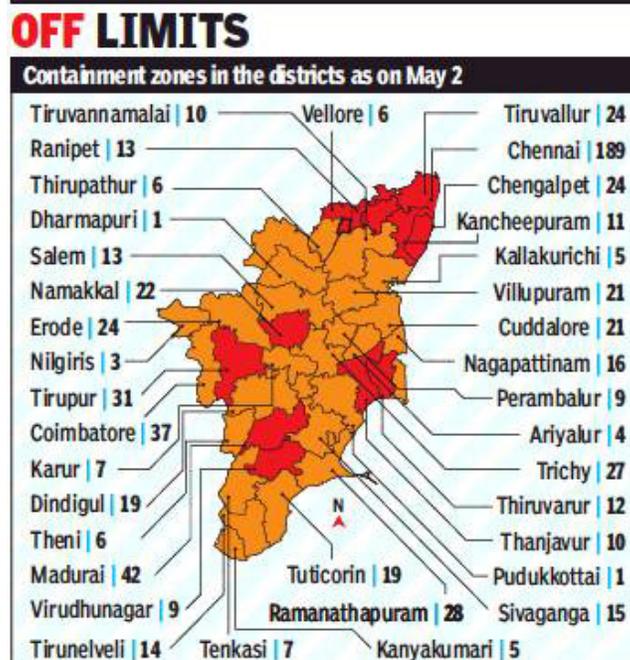
Guidelines for home isolation

- ✓ A patient can be declared eligible for home isolation if the treating doctor feels that he/she has mild or no symptoms.
- ✓ The patients should have a well-ventilated room for isolation, preferably with attached or separate toilet.
- ✓ They must stay away from elderly and those with co-morbid conditions such as hypertension, heart or kidney diseases.
- ✓ Patients should compulsorily download Arogya Setu App on mobile phone and keep it active through Bluetooth and WiFi.
- ✓ They must wear triple layer masks that must be safely disposed after eight hours or soon after it is wet or dirty.

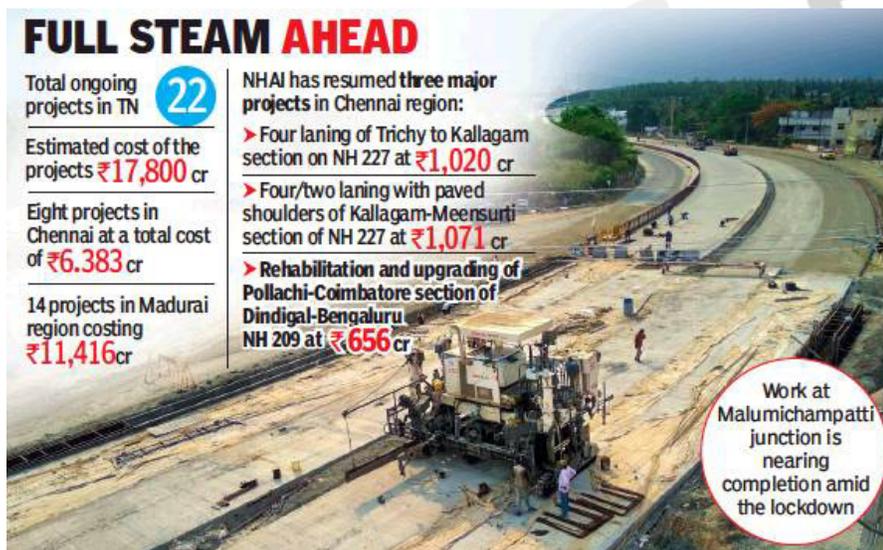
- ✓ The government order also mentions the disinfection process of the house and things used by the patient.

DOS AND DON'TS	WHEN TO CALL DOCTOR?
WHO GETS HOME QUARANTINE? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Patients with mild/no symptoms. > No comorbidities, below 60 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Persistent cough/ fever above 102 degrees F, breathing difficulty > Persistent pain, pressure in chest > Drowsiness, poor feeding in children > Seizures > Decreased urine output
WHAT THEY NEED? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Separate room, separate toilet > Caretaker > Arogya Setu app with Wifi and Bluetooth 	

- ✓ The patient must have a 'caregiver' round-the-clock and there should be a communication link -- a mobile or landline -- between the caregiver and the hospital.
- ✓ The caregiver and close contacts should take preventive medications such as hydroxychloroquine as per doctor's advice, along with zinc (20mg) tablets for 10 days, Vitamin C and multivitamin.
- ✓ They will also be given the Nilavembu Kudineer and Kabasura Kudineer.
- ✓ Caregivers must call doctors if they have any flu-like symptoms or other warning signs of the viral infection.
- **On May 5, the government - notified 711 containment zones including 189 in Chennai, where positive cases and clusters have been reported**
- ✓ The list will be updated on a weekly basis.



- ✓ A containment zone in an urban area with a single case or less than five positive cases It may be a street with residence of a positive case, or a stretch where a positive case resides.
 - ✓ And, if the residence happens to be in the corner of a street, the adjoining street too is a containment zone.
 - ✓ In rural areas, it could be an entire village or village panchayat.
 - ✓ If a cluster (with five or more positive cases), falls in a ward, the entire ward is referred to as a containment zone.
 - ✓ If the residence borders the ward, adjoining wards also falls under the containment zone.
- **The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) - has resumed three major road projects in Chennai region after the relaxation of restrictions by the Centre following the lockdown 2.0.**
- ✓ The estimated cost of these projects is ₹2,800 crore.



- ✓ The three projects involves –
 - ✓ the four laning of Trichy-Kallagam section of NH 209 (new number 83) connecting Dindigul and Bengaluru, at a cost of ₹1,020 crore and the four-laning of 26km stretch of Pollachi-Coimbatore section of NH 209, taken up at a cost of ₹414 crore.
 - ✓ Kallagam-Meensuritti section of Trichy-Chidambaram NH 227 at a project cost of ₹1,071 crore.
 - ✓ Balance work of Tindivanam-Krishnagiri section, being implemented at a cost of ₹435 crore
- **The Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment, Avadi - has designed a new KAVASAM software for monitoring the Covid-19 infections in Avadi corporation**

- ✓ The software will assist in tracking and allocating resource to help in identifying and suppressing the Covid-19 pandemic in Avadi corporation
- ✓ The software framework consists of a web-based application for centralized supervision and approval by the super admin and epicenter heads
 - ✓ The super admin will be the overall head, who can create epicenters and allocate it to the epicenter head.
- ✓ The overall status collected from reports can be visualized on the dashboard
- ✓ The software allows highlighting of houses in map with different colours to easily identify suspects.
 - ✓ The epicenter heads/health officers will be responsible for the epicenter allotted
- ✓ They can create team leaders to survey streets and houses within the radius

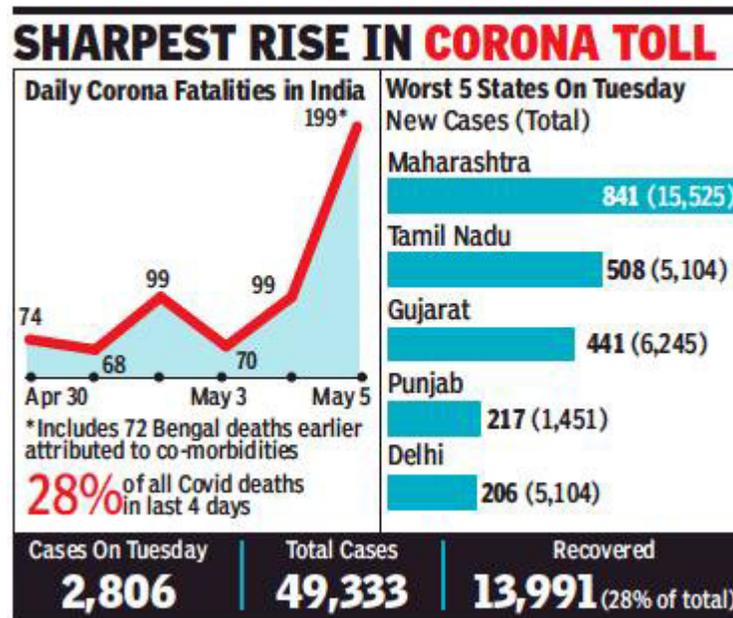
STATES

- **On May 5, the Telangana government - decided to extend the lockdown till May 29, becoming the first state in the country to extend the lockdown beyond May 17, which was announced by the Centre last week.**
- ✓ State Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao made the announcement at a news conference after the state cabinet meet.
- ✓ The CM said that the state can't take the risk by lifting it at a time when it had made considerable progress in controlling the spread of Covid-19
- ✓ The lockdown in the state was supposed to end on May 7, which was now extended by the cabinet by another 22 days.
- ✓ The state government also decided not to give any relaxations in Hyderabad and five other red zone districts, except the construction activity
 - ✓ However, all the economic activity permitted by the guidelines issued by the Centre in orange and green zones will be followed
 - ✓ All shops in district headquarters and villages are allowed to open from 10am to 6pm, while only 50% shops will be allowed to open in municipal towns in green and orange districts.
 - ✓ The night curfew between 7pm to 7am will continue across the state without any relaxation
- ✓ On May 5, the state reported 11 new Covid-19 cases, taking the tally to 1,096.
- ✓ On the day, 43 people were discharged, taking the number of active cases to 439.
- ✓ The state's recovery rate is 57.3%, which is higher than the present recovery rate of 27.40% for the entire country.

NATIONAL

- **On May 5, India - reported a triple digit Covid-19 toll of 199 in a day for the first time, taking the cumulative deaths to 1,687 from across the country**

- ✓ On the day, 2,806 fresh cases were recorded, taking the number of patients testing positive for the virus to 49,333.



- ✓ Of the 199 deaths, Bengal alone accounted for 79 — the highest single-day casualty in any state — followed by 49 in Gujarat and 34 in Maharashtra
 - ✓ With 85 fresh cases on the day, Bengal's total cases went up to 1,344
- ✓ Significantly, Delhi crossed the 5,000-mark with 206 more people testing positive for the disease without any deaths on the day.
 - ✓ This is for the first time after the last three days that Delhi has recorded below-300 numbers.
- ✓ Gujarat recorded maximum deaths in a day with 49 casualties, taking the state toll to 368.
 - ✓ Also, for the first time the number of infections in the state crossed the 400-mark in a single day by recording 441 fresh patients, taking the total number of cases to 6,245.
 - ✓ The situation is serious in Ahmedabad, which reported 349 or 79% of the total cases and 39 or 79% of the total deaths on the day.
- ✓ Maharashtra crossed the 15,000-mark by reporting 984 fresh cases, taking the total number to 15,525
- ✓ On May 5, Union road transport minister, Nitin Gadkari said that documents related to the Motor Vehicle Act and the MV Rules such as driving licence, registration, vehicle fitness documents and permits will be treated as valid till June 30, in case their validity expires between February 1 and June 30.
- **The Government – is planning a massive airlift operation with 64 flights to bring back close to 15,000 Indian nationals from 12 countries in the first week of May (May 7 to 13)**

- ✓ **The operation, as announced by the foreign minister S Jaishankar, is titled ‘Vande Bharat Mission’.**
- ✓ Apart from the Gulf, non-scheduled commercial aircraft were planned to reach out Indians from the US, the UK, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines.
- ✓ The number of Indians expected to return exceeds the 1,90,000, who initially registered and could be as many as 4 lakh people.
- ✓ The major challenge for the Governments lies in the screening of these returnees, followed by placing them in institutional quarantine or admitting to hospitals if they show symptoms.

RETURNEES TO BE ISOLATED

Plan: 64 flights to bring back 14,800 Indians from 12 countries from May 7 in first week. More flights expected later

FARES

- Dhaka-Delhi: ₹12000
- Dubai-Kozhikode: ₹15000
- London Heathrow-Mumbai/Delhi/Ahmedabad/Bengaluru: ₹50,000
- US-Delhi/Mumbai/Bengaluru/Hyderabad: ₹1,00,000

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

- Register with Indian mission in country you are in
- Priority to ‘compelling cases’ for travel

- Pre-boarding thermal screening & only asymptomatic will be allowed to travel
- Plan to keep last 3 rows of plane to be kept vacant for seeing passengers with symptoms in isolation
- Dry meal boxes and water bottles to be given to flyers on boarding
- Passengers to wear masks & crew protective gear in flights
- Quarantine for 14 days in hospital or designated place at own cost

- ✓ The evacuation is being arranged for those distressed people, who are unable to return after India banned international flights to isolate the country from transmission of Covid-19 from foreign countries.
- ✓ Those facing deportation in the Gulf will be on top of the priority list of “compelling cases”.
- ✓ They will be followed by migrant labour, non-permanent visa holders, pregnant women, the elderly, those facing medical emergencies, tourists and students.
- ✓ The MEA has designated senior officials (joint and additional secretaries) to coordinate with each state, where Indian nationals will be landing.
- ✓ In the first week, a maximum number of 3,150 people are expected to return on 15 flights to Kerala from seven countries.
- ✓ This will be followed by about 2,150 returning to Tamil Nadu (Chennai and Trichy) on 11 Air India flights from nine countries starting May 8
- ✓ Of the 11 Tamil Nadu bound flights, two will go to Trichy.

HOMeward BOUND

Flights to TN as operations start tentatively on May 7

CHENNAI	TRICHY
Day 1 Nil	
Day 2 Dubai (two flights)	Day 3 Kuala Lumpur
Day 3 USA via Mumbai	Day 4 Singapore
Day 4 Kuwait	
Day 5 Kuala Lumpur	
Day 6 Muscat, London	
Day 7 Manila, Dhaka	



- ✓ The flights will be operated to Dubai, Kuwait, Muscat, Kuala Lumpur, London, Manila and Dhaka to bring the people back to Chennai.
- ✓ A flight from USA will be operated via Mumbai.
- ✓ About 1,900 will return to Mumbai on seven flights from six countries.
- **The Government – is planning to bring back around 1,000 stranded Indians from Maldives by two amphibious warships under phase-I of the major evacuation operation called “Samudra Setu” (sea bridge)**
- ✓ The operation was launched by the Navy on May 5.



- ✓ The 16,900-tonne INS Jalashwa and 5,750-tonne INS Magar, will reach Male on May 8 and 10, respectively.
- ✓ After evacuation, these people from Maldives are to be kept in quarantine at Kochi.

- ✓ As part of the overall Samudra Setu operation, the Navy is keeping another 12 other warships on standby for the proposed mass evacuation of Indians from the Gulf region.
- ✓ Two of them are already out at sea, and will head to UAE if the government decides to deploy them to that country.
- ✓ INS Jalashwa, formerly known USS Trenton, was bought from the United States in 2006
- **The Indian Railways - has deployed over 70 special trains to transport nearly 80,000 stranded guest workers, students and tourists in the past five days to their respective states**



- ✓ A total of 55 special trains had started or completed the single one-way trip till May 4 and nearly 30 more trains were scheduled on May 5
- ✓ These trains were operated primarily from stations including Bengaluru, Surat, Sabarmati, Jalandhar, Kota and Ernakulam.
- ✓ Each train carries about 1,000 passengers.
- **The National Testing Agency (NTA) – has decided to conduct Engineering entrance examination JEE (Main) from July 18 to 23 and the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) for admission to medical colleges on July 26**
- ✓ This was announced by the human resources development minister Ramesh Pokhriyal on May 5.
- ✓ More than 15 lakh students across the country have registered for NEET this year, whereas more than nine lakh have registered for JEE (Main), which is a qualifying exam for JEE (Advanced) for admission to IITs.
- ✓ The National Testing Agency (NTA) has already given students an option to change their opted centres for the two tests, as many of them have shifted to different places following the lockdown
- ✓ The two crucial exams were postponed due to the nationwide lockdown to check the spread of Covid-19.
- ✓ The minister also said JEE (Advanced) may be held in August and dates for UGC NET –2020 and pending CBSE Board examinations for Class X and XII Board will be announced soon.

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **On May 5, the Supreme Court - ruled that Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act is applicable to the co-operative banks as well.**
- ✓ The verdict empowers co-operative banks to recover their dues by selling the assets of defaulters like other banks
- ✓ A five-judge Constitution bench of Justices Arun Mishra, Indira Banerjee, Vineet Saran, M R Shah and Aniruddha Bose held that co-operative banks registered under the state law will come within the ambit of SARFAESI Act
- ✓ The Act, enacted by Parliament, aims for setting up of special mechanism for speedy recovery of bank dues.
 - ✓ Under Section 13 of the Act, it is open to the bank to enforce the security interest without intervention of court or tribunal and appeal to Debts Recovery Tribunal is provided.
 - ✓ It allows banks and financial institutions to take possession of securities given for financial assistance and sell or lease the same or take over management in the event of default.

INTERNATIONAL

- **UK – is set to become the first country in Europe to confirm over 30,000 deaths, with the official records pegging the toll at 29,502.**
- ✓ Only the United States has suffered more deaths than Britain, till now.

TRACKING OUTBREAK			
Countries	Infected	Death	
United States	11,92,119	70,115	187 countries/ regions hit
Spain	2,18,011	25,428	
Italy	2,13,013	29,315	36,28,824+ infected globally
United Kingdom	1,96,238	29,502	
France	1,69,583	25,204	2,54,430+ have died
Germany	1,66,490	6,993	
Russia	1,55,370	1,451	11,84,499+ have recovered
Turkey	1,29,491	3,520	
Brazil	1,08,620	7,367	
Iran	99,970	6,300	Source: Johns Hopkins University

- ✓ China marked its third week with no new virus deaths as global deaths surpassed 2.50,000

- ✓ On May 5, Hong Kong announced plans to ease major social distancing measures, including reopening schools, cinemas, bars and beauty parlours after the reduction in the local transmission of the deadly coronavirus.
 - ✓ There have been no new confirmed infections in 10 of the last 16 days and the cases that have been recorded came from overseas travelers, who are quickly quarantined.
 - ✓ Globally, the number of infected persons crossed 3.6 million, while around 1.2 million have recovered from the disease
- **Iranian Parliament - authorised the replacement of the country's currency, rial with another basic unit of currency called the toman.**
- ✓ Each toman will be worth 10,000 rials under the new system.
 - ✓ The COVID-19 pandemic, appears to have played a decisive role, contributing to a further devaluation of the rial since February.
 - ✓ Iran was turned into a regional epicentre of the disease, claiming 6,300 deaths and close to 1 lakh infections
 - ✓ Since 2018, when the Trump administration walked out of the nuclear agreement and reimposed sanctions on Iran, the value of Iran's currency has fallen by roughly 60%.
 - ✓ Iran's government has changed the national currency, the rial, by basically slashing four zeros off its face value, indicating the impact of inflation in the country due to American sanctions and economic mismanagement.
 - ✓ The Guardian Council, a body of conservative clerics that supervises Parliament, is expected to ratify the law in this regard soon
 - ✓ Then the Central Bank will have two years to implement the change — removing rials from circulation and issuing tomans instead.
 - ✓ The change is the outcome of a draft Bill presented in early 2019 by the Governor of Iran's central bank, Abdolnasser Hemati.
 - ✓ He noted that the currency has been devalued 3,500 times since 1971 and that Iran had no choice but to “save the face” of its national currency
 - ✓ As on May 4, the rial's exchange rate was 1,56,000 to the dollar.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **CSIR's Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) and Tata Sons – have come together for the widespread rapid mass testing for Covid-19 using a new paper-based test trip, Feluda, from this month end**
- ✓ Feluda was developed by IGIB, which is a lab of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
 - ✓ The name Feluda refers to the fictional detective created by Satyajit Ray



- ✓ The main advantages of the completely indigenous scientific invention, Feluda are its affordability, quick results, relative ease of use and non-dependency on expensive Q-PCR machines.
- ✓ CSIR-IGIB and Tata Sons have signed a MoU for licencing the technology related to the development and commercialisation of the Feluda kit for rapid and accurate diagnosis of Covid-19.
- ✓ The Feluda employs Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR) based technology for Covid-19 detection
- **Two separate groups of scientists in Israel and the Netherlands - have developed antibodies that they claim can defeat the novel coronavirus**
- ✓ The “monoclonal neutralising antibody” developed at the Israel Institute for Biological Research is expected to neutralise coronavirus inside carriers’ bodies
- ✓ The Israel scientists have patented the antibody formula, after which a global manufacturer would be sought to mass-produce it.
- ✓ The antibody is monoclonal (derived from a single recovered cell) and hence has more potent value in yielding a treatment.
- ✓ Elsewhere, there have been coronavirus treatments developed from antibodies that are polyclonal, or derived from two or more cells of different ancestry
- ✓ Israel has reported 16,246 COVID-19 cases, so far, which includes 235 fatalities and 10,064 recoveries.
- ✓ The antibodies are proteins, which are naturally produced in human bodies in order to attack the foreign particles that invade human bodies
- ✓ Earlier, India has planned to conduct rapid anti body testing for surveillance purpose, even though it is still using RT-PCR to confirm the virus.
- ✓ The RT-PCR takes 4 to 5 hours to produce results.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Scientists from Utrecht University in the Netherlands, too, claimed to have created a monoclonal antibody — 47D11 — that targets the spike protein that gives the coronavirus a crown-like shape and lets it enter human cells.
- ✓ In the experiments, it didn’t just defeat the virus responsible disease but also a cousin equipped with similar spike proteins, which causes SARS.

AWARDS

- **Three Indian photographers from Jammu & Kashmir — Mukhtar Khan, Yasin Dar and Channi Anand — have won Pulitzer Prize 2020 in the category of feature photography.**



- ✓ Among the three, Mukhtar Khan and Yasin Dhar are from Kashmir while Channi Anand belongs to the Jammu region.
 - ✓ All the three photographers have been working with Associated Press (AP).
 - ✓ 'The Associated Press' was awarded the feature photography prize for images showing life in Kashmir after India revoked its semi-autonomous status.
 - ✓ 'Reuters' won the breaking news photography award for pictures of the Hong Kong protests.
 - ✓ 'The New York Times' picked up the most awards as the 2020 Pulitzer Prize winners were announced virtually on May 4, following the COVID-19 outbreak.
 - ✓ 'The Times' bagged three awards, including for Brian M. Rosenthal's investigative report into New York City's taxi industry which revealed predatory loans that took advantage of vulnerable drivers.
 - ✓ It also won the international reporting prize for a series of stories on Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime.
 - ✓ The Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 and administered by Columbia University
 - ✓ It is awarded for the achievements in magazine, newspaper, online journalism, musical composition, and literature.
 - ✓ The award was instituted according to the provisions in the will of Joseph Pulitzer, who made his fortune as a newspaper publisher.
 - ✓ Pulitzer prize is awarded every year in 21 categories with each winner receiving a cash award and a certificate.
 - ✓ A gold medal is awarded to the winner in Public Service Category.
- **Russian President Vladimir Putin - has awarded North Korea's Premier Kim Jong-un, a commemorative World War II medal**



- ✓ The medal was awarded to Kim for his role in preserving the memory of Soviet soldiers, who died on North Korean territory
- ✓ The event marked the 75th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany during World War II which took place from 1939 to 1945.
- ✓ Russia's Ambassador in North Korea, Alexander Matsegora, presented the award to the country's Foreign Minister Ri Son-gwon on May 5.
- ✓ Last year, Russia invited Kim to visit Moscow on May 9 and attend the parade marking the 75th anniversary of the victory.
- ✓ In 1948, diplomatic relations were established between Soviet Union and North Korea.
 - ✓ During Korean War, the Soviet military forces supported Korean People's Army.
 - ✓ After the Japanese surrendered following the World War II, Soviet Union and USA agreed to split Korea as North Korea and South Korea.
 - ✓ The North Korea aligned with Soviet and formed Democratic People's republic of Korea.
 - ✓ The South Korea aligned with western allies and formed Republic of Korea

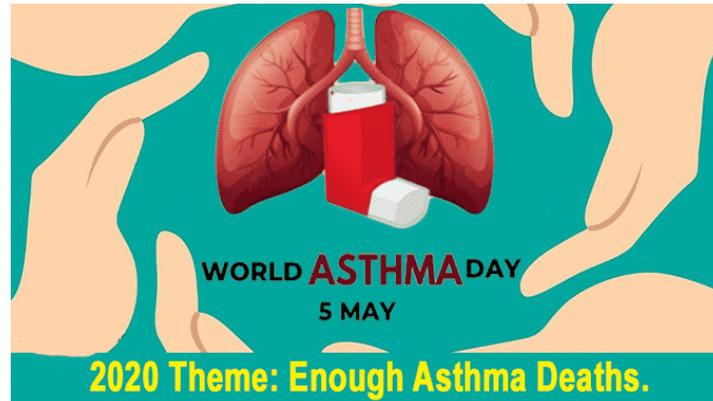
SPORTS

- **The 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games - have been postponed to 2023, as its dates were clashing with the Tokyo Olympics.**
- ✓ Tokyo Olympics was scheduled to take place from July 23 to August 8, 2020, but following the Covid-19 outbreak, the games were postponed and rescheduled for 2021.
- ✓ The seventh Commonwealth Youth Games were originally scheduled from August 1 to 7, 2021 and expected to take place in Trinidad and Tobago.
- ✓ The Commonwealth Youth Games are organized by the Commonwealth Games Federation.
 - ✓ The first Commonwealth Youth Games were held in Edinburgh, Scotland from August 10 to 14, 2000.
 - ✓ It was then conducted in 2004, 2008, 2011, 2015 and 2017
 - ✓ The age limitation for the athletes to participate in the event is 14 to 18 years.

- ✓ The 2008 Commonwealth youth games were conducted in Pune, India.
- ✓ It is held once in every four years

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Asthma Day – May 5



- ✓ The day aims to create awareness about the dangers of asthma to the general public
- ✓ It is organized by Global Initiative for Asthma.
- ✓ The day is observed on first Tuesday of May every year.
- ✓ Theme 2020 - Enough Asthma Deaths
- ✓ According to the WHO, around 235 million people are suffering from asthma all over the world.
- ✓ It is one of the non-communicable disease
- ✓ The Global Initiative for asthma was launched in 1993 in association with World Health Organization, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.
- ✓ In India around 6% of children and 2% of adults are affected due to asthma
- ✓ The first World Asthma Day was celebrated in 1998 along with the World Asthma Meeting in Spain and Barcelona.

