

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 18, 2020

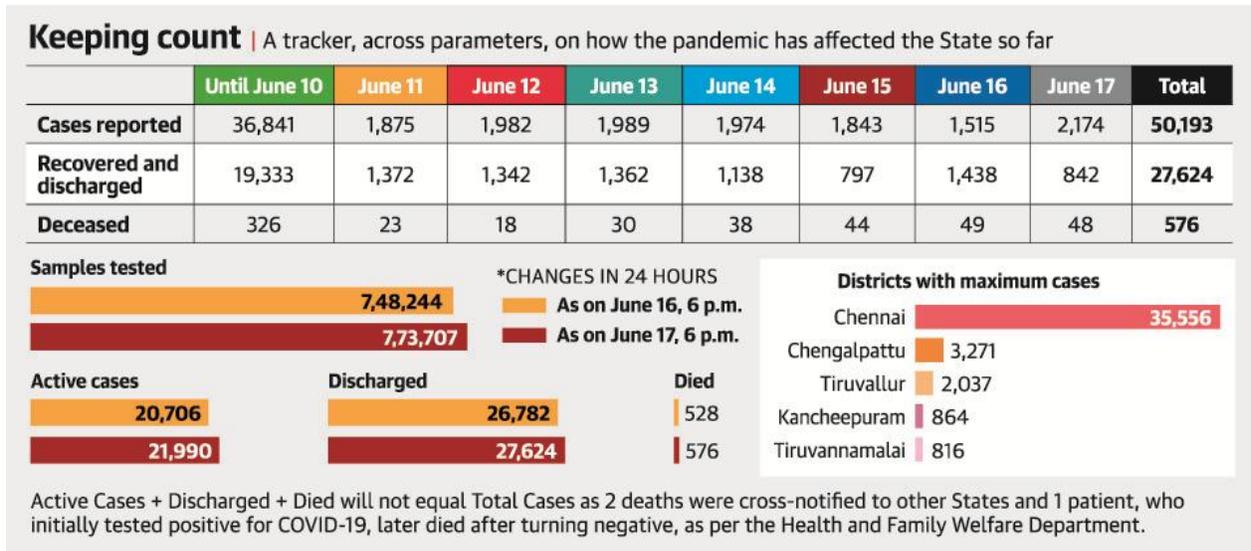
TAMIL NADU

- **On June 17, Tamil Nadu's new Covid cases - crossed the 50,000-mark and reached 50,193, after recording an all-time high of 2,174 fresh infections**
- ✓ With this, the daily case tally crossed the 2,000-mark for the first time in the State.
- ✓ The state has reported 48 deaths on the day, taking the death toll to 576.
- ✓ The state witnessed 97 deaths in the last two days, with 79 of them happening in Chennai alone
- ✓ Chennai has accounted for 1,276 cases on the day, taking its overall tally above the 35,000-mark to 35,556 cases.
- ✓ A total of 80 persons who had returned from abroad and other States to Tamil Nadu tested positive for the viral disease.

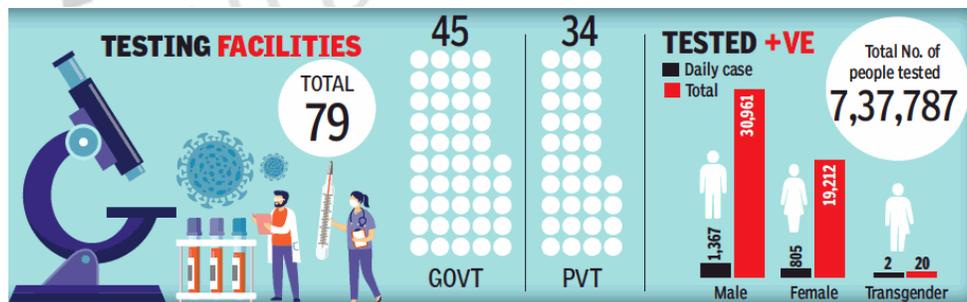
DATE	Total cases	Active Cases	Death Toll	TN Covid-19 fatality rate	Days for count to go up by 10k
15 May	10,108	7,435	71	.70%	69
29 May	20,246	8,776	154	.76%	14
6 June	30,152	13,503	251	.83%	8
12 June	40,698	18,281	367	.90%	6
17 June	50,193	21,990	576	1.15%	5

- ✓ On the day, except Ariyalur, Erode, Perambalur and Tirupur, all other districts reported cases.
 - ✓ Chengalpet reported 162 cases while Tiruvallur recorded 90 new cases
 - ✓ This takes the total number of cases to 2,037 in Tiruvallur, while 3,271 cases were reported in Chengalpet
 - ✓ There were 68 cases in Ranipet, 63 in Cuddalore, 61 in Kancheepuram, 47 in Tiruvannamalai and 43 in Thoothukudi.
 - ✓ Madurai reported 27 cases, while Villupuram had 18 cases.

- ✓ At the end of the day, 842 people were discharged, taking the total number of recovered patients to 27,624
- ✓ A total of 21,990 people are still under treatment as 'active cases'
- ✓ According to the government bulletin, for the first time, the daily samples tested had crossed 25,000-mark, as 25,463 samples and 24,621 persons were tested over the last 24 hours.



- ✓ A total of 7,73,787 samples have been tested in the State till date.
- ✓ The state's recovery rate is standing currently at 55.8%
- ✓ Anticipating more cases, the state government has placed orders for 2.75 crore triple layer face masks, 38.85 lakh N-95 masks, 21 lakh PPE kits and 15.45 lakh RT-PCR testing kits



- ✓ Announcing more stringent measures, state health secretary J Radhakrishnan said streets in corporation or municipal areas of state will be marked as containment zones if there are three index cases (or households) in the area against the earlier five.
- ✓ In rural areas, an entire village will be made a containment zone if there are three index cases.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the government is planning strict curbs on movement of people and vehicles during the 12-day intense lockdown from June 19 to 30.
- ✓ Autorickshaws and taxis will not be allowed to ply, except for medical emergencies

- ✓ Those who don't wear masks will be fined.

SERVICES ALLOWED | Government on Wednesday amended the lockdown order to allow these services

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Prepaid auto, taxis, private vehicles permitted to ferry passengers from railway stations and airports > E-pass issued to passengers will suffice > Headquarters of banks and financial institutions to function 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with minimal staff > If workers are staying within the premises of industries, they need not be tested for RT-PCR > Sea ports to handle cargo for essential commodities > Tele-com, essential IT/ITES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> services will function with minimal staff > LPG/petroleum tankers, trucks carrying LPG cylinders, lubricants and other petroleum products will be permitted > Vehicles for milk distribution and drinking water supply will be allowed
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- ✓ The Greater Chennai traffic police have warned that those found moving out unnecessarily will be booked under CrPc 144, while their vehicles will also be impounded.
- ✓ On the two Sundays, June 21 and 28, there will be a complete lockdown without any relaxation.
- ✓ Meanwhile, on June 17, chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami reiterated his request to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to allocate ₹9,000 crore as special grant to combat Covid-19 and its after effects on the state's economy.

WHAT THE CHIEF MINISTER ASKED FROM THE CENTRE



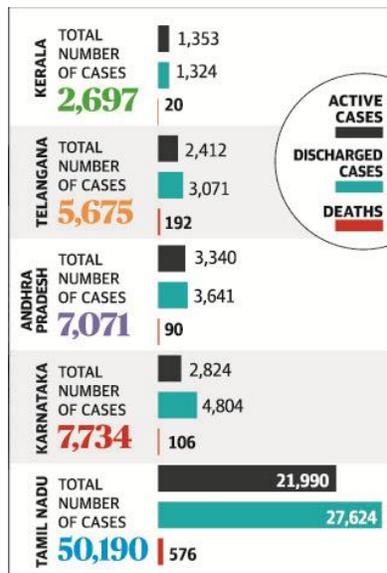
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Instruct SIDBI to provide ₹1,000cr as refinance facility to revive MSMEs > Early approval for external funding projects > Relief package to ease immediate burden on power sector > Release pending custom milled rice subsidy of ₹1,321cr to procure paddy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Provide additional allocation of food grains and pulses free of cost to cardholders > Provide ad-hoc grant of ₹1,000cr from NDRF > Release GST compensation for March, 50% finance commission grants for local bodies > Release second tranche of National Health Mission funds
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- ✓ He also requested the centre to sanction an amount of ₹3,000 crore for medical equipment against the backdrop of surging cases in the State
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu CM was one of the six CMs chosen to speak in the video conference, while the others were from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar and Telangana.
- ✓ In another development, the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the Union territory of Puducherry has forced the government to close its borders with Tamil Nadu from June 17.
- ✓ On June 16, Puducherry chief minister V Narayanasamy declared that people with e-passes too will not be permitted to enter the territory unless on medical emergencies.

- ✓ The UT recorded the highest-ever spike of Covid-19 positive cases in a single day on June 17, following the reporting of thirty more people as 'positive' for the infection.

NATIONAL

- **On June 17, India's daily Covid count - crossed the 13,000-mark for the first time when 13,124 people tested positive for the virus**
- ✓ With this, the country's cumulative caseload stood at 3,67,093
- ✓ The surge in fresh cases came after two days of relatively lower count when the daily tally remained below the 11,000-mark.
- ✓ The number of deaths recorded crossed 300-mark on the day, a day after the country added the highest number of deaths, 2003, to its cumulative toll.
 - ✓ With 344 fresh deaths, India crossed the 12,000-mark, taking the cumulative toll to 12,259.
 - ✓ Out of these, Maharashtra and Delhi accounted for 114 and 67 deaths
 - ✓ On June 16, India had recorded 2,003 deaths, but only 331 of these were fresh casualties, the remaining 1,672 being backdated.
 - ✓ Maharashtra and Delhi again accounted for 1,328 and 344 deaths respectively, which were not included in the Covid count earlier.
 - ✓ The country's case fatality rate stands now at 3.3%, while globally the death rate stands just over 5%
- ✓ According to health ministry, 1,86,934 cases have been cured so far taking the recovery rate to 52.8%, whereas 1,55,227 are active cases under clinical supervision.
- ✓ Maharashtra reported 3,307 fresh cases on the day, taking the state's cumulative caseload to 1,16,752.
- ✓ In Karnataka, eight fresh deaths — the highest in a day — were recorded, as the toll crossed the 100-mark to reach 102.
 - ✓ Meanwhile, 204 new cases were reported on the day, raising total cases to 7,734.
- ✓ Rajasthan recorded 326 fresh cases, taking the state's caseload to 13,542.
 - ✓ With five fresh deaths, the state's cumulative toll reached 313.
- ✓ The two Telugu states of Telangana and Andhra reported their record fresh cases on the day.
 - ✓ Telangana reported 269 new cases, taking the state's cumulative count to 5,675, while Andhra Pradesh crossed the 7,000 mark with 351 new infections, taking the total caseload to 7,071.
 - ✓ One fresh death in Telangana and two in Andhra were also reported
 - ✓ The active cases in Andhra Pradesh stood at 3,340 while 90 persons died as on date.



- ✓ In Kerala, while 75 more persons tested COVID-19 positive, taking the total number of infected persons to 2,697
 - ✓ The number of active cases stands at 1,351, while 20 deaths have been reported.
- ✓ On June 17, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held interaction with chief ministers of 15 states and Union Territories on Covid-19 situation via video-conferencing in New Delhi
 - ✓ This was the second day of his two-day interaction with chief ministers and administrators of states and UTs through video-conferencing
 - ✓ During the discussion, the PM asked states to ramp up health infrastructure and trained manpower to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, while also preparing for Unlock 2.0 to boost economic revival.
 - ✓ The PM also stressed on the importance of testing to quickly track and isolate those infected.



- ✓ He also added that expansion of health infrastructure should be given utmost priority so that every person infected with Covid-19 can receive timely treatment and deaths are avoided

- ✓ Prime Minister also observed that states where Aarogya Setu App has been downloaded in large numbers are witnessing positive results.
- ✓ Earlier, on June 16, he had interacted with chief ministers, LGs and administrators of 21 states and UTs.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On June 17, China - raised its emergency warning to its second-highest level and cancelled more than 60% of the flights to Beijing amid a new coronavirus outbreak in the capital, which was linked to Xinfadi, a wholesale food market.**
- ✓ Chinese officials described the situation in Beijing as “extremely serious”
 - ✓ The city has now reported 137 infections over the last six days, while 31 cases were reported on June 17 alone.
 - ✓ The district authorities have launched a massive testing campaign on June 14, which is expected to cover around 7,00,000 people as on June 17
- ✓ Further, fresh infections spiked in Iran and US states, including Florida, Texas and Arizona
- ✓ The US has the most infections and deaths in the world, with a toll that neared 117,000 on June 17, surpassing the number of Americans who died in World War I.
 - ✓ Arizona reported a daily high of nearly 2,400 new infections for a total of more than 39,000
 - ✓ Texas set a new high for Covid-19 hospitalisations at 2,518, after reporting maximum infections for the eight time in the last nine days.
 - ✓ Texas began aggressively reopening its economy May 1.
- ✓ Further, Canada and the US extended their deal to keep their border closed to nonessential travel till July 21
- ✓ In South Korea, authorities reported 43 new cases amid increased public activity
- ✓ Since the virus emerged in China late last year and spread worldwide, there have been more than 8.1 million confirmed cases and at least 443,000 deaths.

ECONOMY

- **The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral agency led by China - has approved a \$750-million (over ₹5,700-crore) loan to India to help the government in tackling the impacts of the Covid-19.**
- ✓ The government has been utilizing the funds offered by the global bodies such as the World Bank, ADB, New Development Bank and KfW among others to ramp up not only the health infrastructure but also support MSMEs and create platforms such as the one for One Nation One Ration Card.
- ✓ The loan amount will help the government get sufficient funds without adding further financial strain.

- ✓ As on date, AIIB has sanctioned sovereign loans to the tune of \$3 billion to India, including a recently allotted \$500 million Covid19 emergency response fund.
- ✓ AIIB is a multilateral development bank that aims to improve economic and social outcomes in Asia.
- ✓ It commenced its operations in January 2016 and has now grown to 102 approved members worldwide.
- ✓ The bank is headquartered in Beijing, China.

