



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 7, 2020

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu's Covid-19 count - crossed the 30,000 mark on June 6, to reach 30,152 cases**
- ✓ The state registered 1,458 new cases on the day, while Chennai accounted for the bulk of the cases with 1,146.
- ✓ With this, the capital city's tally has reached 20,993 cases.
- ✓ The state also recorded 19 deaths, the highest daily toll so far, taking the total to 251.

19 DEATHS IN A DAY TAKE TOLL TO 251

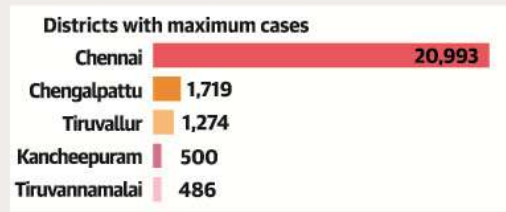
STATE'S COVID INFECTION MILESTONES					
DATE	STATE TOTAL	DISCHARGE	Active	DEATH TOTAL	*In Days TIME TAKEN*
7 May 2020	5,409	1,547	3,822	37	-
15 May 2020	10,108	2,599	7,435	71	8
23 May 2020	15,512	7,491	7,915	103	8
29 May 2020	20,246	11,313	8,776	154	6
3 June 2020	25,872	14,316	11,345	208	5
6 June 2020	30,152	16,395	13,503	251	3

- ✓ Eight of the nineteen patients whose deaths were reported, did not have any comorbidities.
- ✓ While the state has taken two weeks to move from 10,000 cases to 20,000 cases, the last 10,000 cases were added in just 8 days.
- ✓ In case of Chennai, the state has taken 11 days to go up from 5,000 to 10,000, 8 days to go to 15,000 and just 5 days to reach 20,000
- ✓ At the end of the day, 633 patients were discharged, taking the total number of people recovered to 16,395.

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

	Until May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	Total
Cases reported	21,184	1,149	1,162	1,091	1,286	1,384	1,438	1,458	30,152
Recovered and discharged	12,000	757	413	536	610	585	861	633	16,395
Deceased	160	13	11	13	11	12	12	19	251

Persons tested



*Changes in 24 hours ■ As on June 5, 6 p.m. ■ As on June 6, 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.

- ✓ There were 13,503 'active' patients in the state, including 10,223 in Chennai.
- ✓ In the last 24 hours, the state has tested 15,389 people and 16,022 samples across 74 labs.
- ✓ With this, the number of samples tested so far stands at 5,76,695, while 5,50,643 individuals have been tested in the State.
- ✓ Among Chennai's neighbouring districts, Chengalpattu reported 95 cases, Kancheepuram 16, and Tiruvallur 79.
- ✓ The remaining 84 cases were from 24 districts with 14 in Tuticorin alone.
- ✓ In the meantime, the Greater Chennai Corporation is working on a mobile application that will provide data on bed vacancy, Covid care centres for patients and officials
 - ✓ The new App will ensure smooth hospitalization and treatment
 - ✓ The initiative has been conceived by the TN Chief secretary, K Shanmugham

KEEPING COUNT

TN chief secretary K Shanmugham asked corporation to come up with a mobile application that officials should use for allocation of beds and centres



- ✓ As on date, eight government hospitals and four private hospitals and colleges have been converted into Covid health centres with 2,560 beds.

- ✓ Moreover, at least 17 colleges and other institutions have been converted into covid care centres with 5,372 beds.
- ✓ As per data from the health department, 17,433 beds were available across government and private hospitals and covid care and healthcare centres as on June 6.
- ✓ On June 5, health minister C Vijayabaskar announced that the information on the number of available beds and cost of treatment will be available on the website on a 'real-time' basis for people to make informed choices.
 - ✓ The Health Department has put up details of beds (total number available/in use/vacant), Intensive Care Unit beds and ventilators in private hospitals and private medical college hospitals in and around Chennai on its website - stopcorona.tn.gov.in.
 - ✓ On June 6, the details of 15 hospitals, along with contact numbers, were displayed on the page.
- ✓ Meanwhile, senior IAS officer Pankaj Kumar Bansal has been appointed as Special Coordinator for the Greater Chennai Corporation.
 - ✓ Bansal will analyse and work out appropriate intervention strategies in identified high-risk zones.
 - ✓ He will work alongside the Corporation Commissioner and the Special Nodal Officer.
- **The Tamil Nadu health department - has fixed treatment costs for Covid-19 patients at ₹5,000 to ₹15,000 a day, in three slabs**
- ✓ For this purpose, the hospitals have been classified under two categories — Grade A1/ A2 and Grade A3/A4.

AT A GLANCE

Fee fixed by govt for pvt hospitals (non-insurance)

➤ Admission to general ward of all hospitals (A1 & A2) | ₹7,500 a day

➤ Admission to general ward of all hospitals (A3 and A4) | ₹5,000 a day

➤ Admission to ICU | ₹15,000 a day

Fee fixed by govt for pvt hospitals under health insurance scheme

➤ Admission to general ward of all hospitals | ₹5000 a day

➤ Admission to ICU of A1 and A2 hospitals | ₹10,000 - ₹15,000 a day

➤ Admission to ICU of A3 and A4 hospitals | ₹9,000 - ₹13,500 a day



Fee recommendations by IMA

CATEGORY	Maximum fee per day (₹)	For 10 days (₹)
Mild infection	23,000	2,31,820
ICU charges	43,000	4,31,411
Doctor and health workers' fee	9,600	—

- ✓ According to a release from state health minister C Vijayabaskar, hospitals in the A3 and A4 categories – as listed on the state health insurance webpage (<https://www.cmchistn.com>) – can charge a maximum of Rs 5,000 a day for treatment of Covid-19 in the general ward, while multi-specialty hospitals in A1 and A2 category can charge a maximum of ₹7,500.
 - ✓ For treatment in ICU, hospitals cannot charge more than ₹15,000, irrespective of the grades of hospitals
 - ✓ As per the government, legal action will be taken against hospitals that charge more than the prescribed fee
 - ✓ Two days ago, the state brought treatment of Covid-19 patients in private hospitals under the chief minister's health insurance scheme, covering more than 1.57 crore people.
 - ✓ According to the State government, the tariff cap on private hospitals was fixed by a committee headed by the Health Secretary
 - ✓ Recently, the state bench of IMA had proposed a tariff of ₹2,31,820 for 10 days for patients with mild/moderate symptoms in COVID Care Centres and ₹4,31,411 for 17 days for patients with severe symptoms, requiring treatment in hospitals and ICUs.
- **On June 6, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami - announced that the State government would bear the higher education expenses of M. Nethra, daughter of salon owner C. Mohan from Madurai**



- ✓ Thirteen-year-old Nethra has been appointed as a "Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor" for United Nations Association for Development And Peace (UNADAP).
- ✓ The UNADAP recognition provides an opportunity to Nethra to address the upcoming Civil Society forums at the UN conferences in New York and Geneva
- ✓ The position gives her a responsibility to speak to world leaders, academics, politicians and civilians, encouraging them to reach out to the poorest of the poor
- ✓ Nethra was also awarded the Dixon Scholarship, carrying an amount of Rs 1,00,000.
- ✓ Mohan spent his savings of Rs 5 lakh and donated essential items to about 600 families, based on the suggestion of his daughter during the lockdown
- ✓ In fact, during the lockdown, Mohan had no income as his salon was closed for two months.

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned about the initiative in his recent "Mann ki Baat" radio programme on May 31
- ✓ During his programme, the PM said Mohan, who owns a salon in Madurai, had spent his entire savings to help people in distress during the Covid-19 lockdown.
- ✓ According to Mohan, he had saved the amount for his daughter Nethra's education, who's currently studying in eighth standard.

NATIONAL

- **On June 6, India - registered a surge in new infections with over 10,000 cases being reported for the first time**
- ✓ After reporting 10,434 cases, the country's total Covid-19 caseload went past Spain to reach the fifth spot among the countries with the most number of infections
- ✓ The day also reported as many as 297 deaths, the highest single-day toll from the virus so far.
- ✓ With this, India has reported 6,939 deaths from the disease, translating to a case fatality rate of 2.8%.
- ✓ The rise in cases comes despite the fact that 1,37,938 samples were tested, down from 1,43,661 tested a day earlier, according to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- ✓ India's tally of coronavirus cases now stands at 2,46,549 as on June 6, having overtaken Spain's count of 2,41,310 during the course of the day.
- ✓ Now, only the US (19,06,060 cases), Brazil (6,14,941), Russia (4,58,102) and the UK (2,86,294) have recorded higher number of cases.

BUT FAR BEHIND BRAZIL, UK ON FATALITIES

New Cases On Saturday 10,360	Country	At India's Present Stage Of Cases		Current Cases
		Deaths	Growth Rate %	
Deaths On Saturday 297	Russia	2,212	5.6	4,58,102
	US	6,053	16.2	19,06,060
Recovered 1,18,382	India	6,939	4.5	2,46,475
	Brazil	16,118	5.8	6,14,941
	Spain	27,134	0.1	2,41,310
	UK	34,466	1.6	2,86,294

Sources: ECDC, Johns Hopkins & data from state govts

- ✓ However, India's death toll is far lower than Brazil, Spain and the UK at the same stage of cases.
- ✓ Only Russia and the US had a lower toll at the same case stage (around 2.4 lakh) among the six worst-hit countries.

Going up a rung

With 10,258 new COVID-19 cases recorded as on 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, India overtook Spain to become the fifth most-affected country. Between May 30 and June 5, **India recorded 8,970 new cases every day on an average, the third-highest in the world**

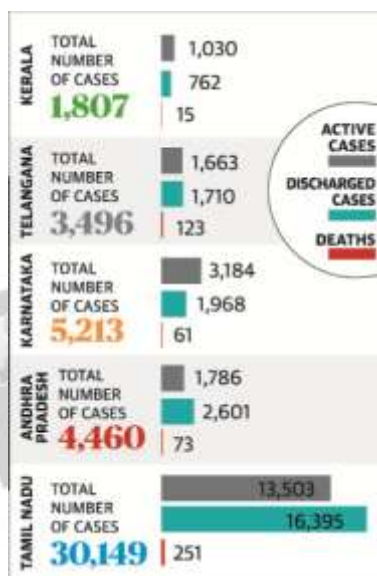


Sprayed on: Children, who came to Ghazipur Mandi in Delhi to collect leftover vegetables on Saturday, getting sprayed with sanitiser. ■ SANDEEP SAXENA

Country	Cases	Deaths	Avg. new cases (May 30-June 5)
U.S.	18,98,401	1,09,137	21,623
Brazil	6,14,941	34,021	21,396
Russia	4,58,102	5,717	8,805
U.K.	2,86,292	40,548	1,732
India	2,46,465	6,941	8,970
Spain	2,40,978	27,134	345
Italy	2,34,531	33,774	326
France	1,90,180	29,114	465
Peru	1,87,400	5,162	5,588
Germany	1,85,416	8,667	286
Iran	1,69,425	8,209	2,927
Turkey	1,68,340	4,648	889
Chile	1,22,499	1,448	4,552
Mexico	1,10,026	13,170	3,628
Saudi Arabia	98,869	676	1,997

- ✓ The previous highest daily count of Covid-19 cases was recorded on June 4 with 9,651 cases
- ✓ The earlier peak of death toll, 295, was recorded on June 3.
- ✓ The country's recovery rate stands close to 48%.
- ✓ The doubling rate of the country stands at 17 days, which is among the fastest in countries with the most infections.
- ✓ Maharashtra yet again reported the highest number of cases as on date with 2,739
- ✓ On the day, at least nine states recorded their biggest single-day surges till date.
- ✓ They were Tamil Nadu (1,458 new cases), Bengal (435), Haryana (355), Assam (244), Jharkhand (106), Andhra Pradesh (210), Telangana (206), Odisha (173) and Goa (71)
- ✓ Further, Delhi has reported 1,320 cases, Gujarat (498), Karnataka (378), Uttar Pradesh (382), Bihar (233), Rajasthan (253), Madhya Pradesh (232) and Kerala (108).
- ✓ Maharashtra recorded 120 Covid-19 deaths, its second highest toll in a day so far.
 - ✓ The previous highest was reported on June 5 with 139 casualties.
 - ✓ Of the 120 deaths, 58 were in Mumbai, the city's highest fatalities for a day, taking its toll to 1,577.
- ✓ Further, Delhi has reported 53 deaths, while Gujarat reported 29, Tamil Nadu 19, Bengal 17, Madhya Pradesh 15, Rajasthan 13, UP 11 and Telangana 10 deaths.
- ✓ Maharashtra's overall toll is now 2,969, moving close to the 3,000 mark.

- ✓ Mumbai recorded 1,274 fresh cases, taking the city's tally to 47,354 cases, with the case fatality rate at 3.33%.
- ✓ Gujarat reported 498 Covid-19 positive cases, taking the tally to 19,617.
 - ✓ It has also witnessed the death of 29 Covid-19 positive patients in 24 hours, taking the toll to 1,219.
 - ✓ Of these, Ahmedabad alone reported 289 cases and 26 deaths on the day.
- ✓ On the day, Kerala reported 108 positive cases, crossing the three-digit mark for the second consecutive day
 - ✓ Of the new cases, 64 came from abroad and 34 from other states
 - ✓ As on date, the total number of persons under treatment is 1,029 while 762 have recovered from the infection.
 - ✓ The state has also reported a death, taking its toll to 16



- ✓ Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh recorded its highest single day spike in Covid-19 cases with 210 new infections, taking the cumulative tally to 4,460.
 - ✓ However, no deaths were reported on the day.
 - ✓ There are currently 1,786 active cases in Andhra Pradesh with 2,601 recoveries and 73 deaths.
 - ✓ The state tested 12,771 samples, which is the highest tested on a single day
 - ✓ Telangana recorded a sharp surge in Covid-19 positive cases with 206 people testing positive
 - ✓ With this, the total Covid-19 cases in the state stand at 3,496
 - ✓ The state has also reported 10 deaths, taking its death toll to 123.
 - ✓ Karnataka's Covid-19 count touched 5,213 on the day, with 378 new cases.
 - ✓ With two more deaths reported, the toll in the State remains at 59.
- **The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) - has decided to open 'online' legal assistance services in each district**
- ✓ The legal services will be provided by a panel of women lawyers to victims of domestic violence and child abuse

- ✓ The domestic violence and child abuse saw a major spike during the lockdown triggered by coronavirus outbreak.
- ✓ Senior-most SC judge, Justice N V Ramana is the Chief of Nalsa



- ✓ Earlier, Nalsa has collaborated with state and district legal services authorities to establish 'one stop centres' (OSCs).
 - ✓ It has also achieved significant success in getting the Supreme Court's order for release of undertrial/convicts not accused of heinous offences on parole to decongest overcrowded jails to check the spread of Covid-19 in jails
 - ✓ According to Justice Ramana, state legal services authorities have assisted the SC-mandated high-powered committees to ensure release of nearly 80,000 prisoners — 58,797 undertrial prisoners and 20,972 convicts — on parole.
 - ✓ Further, Nalsa has provided legal aid and assistance in 1,559 domestic violence cases to women, 16,391 convicts, 1,882 labourers and 310 tenants among others.
 - ✓ It has also launched a toll free National Legal Helpline 15100 to assist the victims.
- **As on June 6, the top 10 states with highest confirmed cases — Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Gujarat, Rajasthan, UP, MP, West Bengal, Karnataka and Bihar — together account for 84% of the total cases and 95% of the fatalities.**

TESTS, COVID & FATALITY			
States	Covid Tests/million	Confirmed cases/million	Fatality rate
Delhi	12,198	1,329	2.69%
Tamil Nadu	7,407	379	0.82%
Rajasthan	6,224	131	2.16%
Karnataka	5,482	74	1.18%
Maharashtra	4,404	657	3.55%
Gujarat	3,531	281	6.22%
Bengal	2,595	75	5.01%
MP	2,374	109	4.27%
UP	1,532	43	2.64%
Bihar	769	40	0.61%

Note: States arranged in order of highest tests per million of population. More tests may not mean more confirmed cases. Data sourced from covid19india.org (as on June 6)

- ✓ The top 10 states with highest Covid cases together have reported over 2 lakh cases as against total countrywide cases of 2.37 lakh.
- ✓ More than 6,300 deaths have been reported in these states out of 6,650 across India.
- ✓ Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Maharashtra, in that order, have carried out maximum tests per million population.
- ✓ However, Delhi, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Rajasthan have maximum confirmed cases per million
- ✓ Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, MP and West Bengal have registered highest deaths, together accounting for 83% of the 6,650 deceased.
- ✓ But on a case-fatality rate or number of deaths per 100 cases, the top five are Gujarat, West Bengal, MP, Maharashtra and Delhi, in that order.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On June 5, the WHO - approved the use of masks by the public to reduce transmission of the coronavirus.**
- ✓ Since the beginning of the pandemic, surprisingly, the WHO had refused to endorse masks.
- ✓ Even in its latest guidance, the WHO made its reluctance abundantly clear, saying the usefulness of face masks is “not yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence”
- ✓ However, it further said that governments should encourage mask wearing because of “a growing compendium of observational evidence”.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia reimposed a curfew in Jeddah for two weeks starting on June 6, halted prayers in the city’s mosques and suspended work in offices because of a rise in the Covid-19 cases.
- ✓ On June 6, Russia reported 8,855 cases, pushing total to 458,689, and 197 deaths in the past 24 hours.
- ✓ Spain will start opening its borders to foreigners from July 1.

COMMITTEES

- **The Centre - has set up a new task force to examine subjects relating to age of motherhood, reducing maternal mortality rate, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues.**
- ✓ The announcement for this task force was made earlier in the Union budget speech for 2020-21 by the Finance Minister.
- ✓ The task force will be headed by former Samata Party president Jaya Jaitly
- ✓ It is expected to submit its report by July 31.



- ✓ The former Samata Party president, Jaitly is also an activist, curator of Indian handicrafts and the founder of the Dastkari Haat Samiti.
- ✓ The task force includes ex-officio members — Dr Vinod Paul, member (health), Niti Aayog, secretaries of the ministries of health and family welfare, women and child development, higher education, school education and literacy and legislative department.
- ✓ Besides there are three members — Najma Akhtar (New Delhi), Vasudha Kamath (Maharashtra) and Dr Dipti Shah (Gujarat)
- ✓ The task force will deal with the subjects examining the correlation of age of marriage and motherhood with health, medical well-being and nutritional status of mother and neonate/infant/ child, during pregnancy, birth and thereafter.
- ✓ During the analysis, the task force will take into account key parameters like infant mortality rate (IMR), maternal mortality rate (MMR), total fertility rate (TFR), sex ratio at birth (SRB) and child sex ratio (CSR).
- ✓ According to the ministry of women and child development, this task force will suggest suitable legislations and amendments in existing laws to support its recommendations along with a timeline.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital, on June 4**
- ✓ According to the MoU, both the institutes will work together for cooperation in space situational awareness and astrophysics.
- ✓ As per ISRO, for future endeavours in space exploration, it is important to be self-reliant in R&D in space environment, astrophysics and solar sciences with the signing of MoU.

AWARDS

- **India's first solar-powered ferry, Aditya - is among 12 such ferries that have been shortlisted for the Gustave Trouvé Award.**
- ✓ It is the sole entrant from Asia.

- ✓ Currently, Aditya is operated in the Vaikom-Thavanakadavu route in Kerala by the Kerala State Water Transport Department (KSWTD)



- ✓ There are three award categories - one for electric boats up to 8m in length, electric boats more than 8 m long and electric ferry boats (passenger boats), the category in which Aditya is in the contest.
- ✓ Gussies Electric Boat Awards were instituted in memory of Gustave Trouvé, a French electrical engineer and pioneer in electric cars and boats.
 - ✓ Trouvé was a prolific inventor with over 75 patents.
 - ✓ Back in 1881, he developed a 5-m-long prototype electric boat.
- ✓ Aditya was built by Navalt Solar and Electric Boats, Kochi.
- ✓ It is currently in its third year of operation, being launched in 2017.
- ✓ As on date, the vessel has transported 11 lakh passengers clocking a distance of 70,000 km, without a single drop of fossil fuel, saving over 1 lakh litres of diesel to KSWTD
- ✓ The ferry normally operates 22 trips a day, covering a total of 66 km, carrying 75 passengers per trip.
- ✓ It needs just ₹180 per day in energy cost, compared to about ₹8,000 for a diesel-run ferry of similar size
- ✓ According to KSWTD, the public-transport solar-electric ferry has saved ₹75 lakh, as on January 2020.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Food Safety Day – May 7

- ✓ In 2018, the UN General Assembly declared June 7 as the World Food Safety Day.
- ✓ The day was first observed on June 7, 2019
- ✓ The observance of the day strives to draw global attention to the health consequences of contaminated food and water.
- ✓ June 7, 2020 is the second anniversary of World Food Safety Day (WFSD).



- ✓ Theme 2020 - Food Safety, Everyone's Business
- ✓ The day is celebrated to reinforce the call made by the Geneva Conference and Addis Ababa Conference in 2019 on "The Future of Food Safety".
- ✓ The Addis Ababa Conference was the first International Conference on Food Safety.
- ✓ The Conference discussed priorities to reach Sustainable Development Goals and also support UN Decade of Action on Nutrition.
- ✓ The UN Decade of Action on Nutrition is a commitment of United Nations for the years 2016-25.

