

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 31, 2020

### TAMIL NADU

- **On May 30, 938 persons (599 men, 338 women and a transgender) - were tested positive for COVID-19 in the state, taking the overall tally of cases to 21,184**
- ✓ Chennai accounted for 616 cases out of the 938 reported on the day.
- ✓ With this, the total number of positive cases in the state capital stood at 13,980.
- ✓ The case count also steadily increased in Chengalpattu district, where 94 more infections were registered.
- ✓ Apart from Chennai and Chengalpattu, fresh cases were reported in Tiruvallur (28), Kancheepuram (22), Salem (23), Thoothukudi (15) and Madurai (10). There were 9 cases in Tiruvannamalai, five each in Cuddalore and Tiruchi, four each in Kanniyakumari and Tiruvarur, three each in Nagapattinam and Tirunelveli, two each in Kallakurichi, Thanjavur and Villupuram, and one each in Karur, Krishnagiri, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Tenkasi, Theni, Tirupattur and Virudhunagar.
- ✓ Meanwhile, 687 persons were discharged from hospitals after completing the treatment on the day.
- ✓ The recovery rate in the State stands around 56%.
- ✓ As on date, a total of 12,000 people have been discharged from hospitals, while the number of active cases stands at 9,021.
- ✓ With six more persons dying in Chennai on the day, the total number of COVID-19-related deaths across the State reached 160.
- ✓ Of the 938 fresh cases, 82 were persons who had returned from other States and countries.
- ✓ Among them, 46 were from Maharashtra and 12 from West Bengal.
- ✓ Of the 2,716 passengers who have returned to the state on international flights since May 9, as many as 89 have tested positive.

- ✓ A total of 12,605 samples were tested on the day, taking the total number of samples tested so far to 4,79,155.
  - ✓ A private laboratory — Karpaga Vinayaga Institute of Medical Sciences, Chengalpattu — has been approved for COVID-19 testing.
  - ✓ With this, there are 43 such laboratories in the government sector and 29 in the private sector.
  - ✓ Meanwhile, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami announced that shooting for small-screen projects will be allowed with up to 60 persons on set from May 31
  - ✓ Health Minister, C. Vijayabaskar said that the government will, in the next few days, fix and announce the rates that could be charged by private hospitals for treating patients infected with Covid-19.
  - ✓ School Education Minister K.A. Sengottaiyan announced that the results of the Class X and XII board examinations will be declared in July
  - ✓ As on May 29, there were 568 containment zones across the State, against 1,143 zones declared on May 22
  - ✓ The number of containment zones in Chennai also came down from 635 last week to 254 as on May 29
  - ✓ Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts have 91, 33 and 18 zones as against 107, 119 and 35 a week before.
- **Senior IPS officer C. Easwaramoorthy – was given full additional charge as Additional Director General of Police, Intelligence.**
- ✓ He takes over the charge from Inspector General of Police, Intelligence, K.N. Sathiyamurthy, who is retiring on superannuation.
  - ✓ Sathiyamurthy has been leading the state's intelligence wing for the past four and half years
  - ✓ He had overseen the tough period of Jayalalithaa's prolonged hospitalization and subsequent death in December 2016
  - ✓ Easwaramoorthy has served in State intelligence divisions over a long period of time.
  - ✓ He also served as SP and DIG in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) from 2007 to 2012.
  - ✓ He served as DIG (Internal Security) from 2012 to 2016 and was later promoted as IG, Internal Security, in December, 2016.
  - ✓ In June, 2019, he was posted as IG/ Additional Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch.
  - ✓ He was given additional charge of the post of IG, Internal Security since last May

## NATIONAL

- **On May 30, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) - released new guidelines called 'Unlock 1.0', as Lockdown 4.0 comes to an end on May 31**

- ✓ The new guidelines allow the opening of malls, restaurants and religious places in all areas except the containment zones from June 8.

## Unlocking the curbs

Several restrictions will be eased in a phased manner in what the government termed as 'Unlock 1.0'



### From June 1

- No more red, orange and green zones; lockdown only in containment zones
- No more permit system for inter-State movement of vehicles
- No restriction on movement within and outside a State

### From June 8

- Malls, restaurants, religious places to open in all areas, except containment zones

### In July

- A decision will be made whether to reopen schools and other educational institutions

### Not allowed

- ▶ Bars, gymnasiums, entertainment parks, cinema halls, metro rail and international air travel

### Advisory in place

- ▶ Night curfew for all non-essential activities to continue from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- ▶ Face masks and social distancing are mandatory
- ▶ Work from home preferable

- ✓ However, the opening of bars, swimming pools gymnasiums, entertainment parks, cinema halls, metro rail and international air travel are still prohibited.
- ✓ There shall be no restriction on both inter-state and intra-state movement, within and outside a State.
- ✓ The permit system for inter-State movement of vehicles has been removed
- ✓ The grading of areas as red, orange and green zones will be abandoned after May 31,
- ✓ The MHA issued the fresh guidelines under the Disaster Management Act, 2005
- ✓ It will be effective till June 30 and supports a “phased reopening” of areas outside the containment zones
- ✓ The lockdown shall continue to be implemented strictly in the containment zones
- ✓ These containment zones and the buffer zones around them will be demarcated by the State governments.
- ✓ All kinds of social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural and religious congregations would remain prohibited.
- ✓ The movement of people between 9 am to 5 pm will remain prohibited throughout the nation, except for essential services.
- ✓ The current phase of reopening, Unlock 1, will have an economic focus in its approach.

## UNRESTRICTED INTER-STATE MOVEMENT

WHAT WILL BE ALLOWED: NO METRO, CINEMA, GYMS FOR NOW

### Phase 1 | To open from June 8

- Religious places
- Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services
- Shopping malls
- Union health ministry to issue SOP in consultations with central ministries; departments concerned



### Phase 2

- Schools, colleges, educational/training/coaching institutions will be opened after consultations with states and UTs
- Based on feedback, decision on reopening institutions will be **taken in July**; health ministry to prepare SOP



### Phase 3

- Based on review, dates for re-starting following activities to be decided:
- **International air travel**, except as permitted by Union home ministry
  - Metro rail, cinema halls, gyms, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums
  - Social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious functions & large gatherings



### CURFEW FROM 9PM-5AM

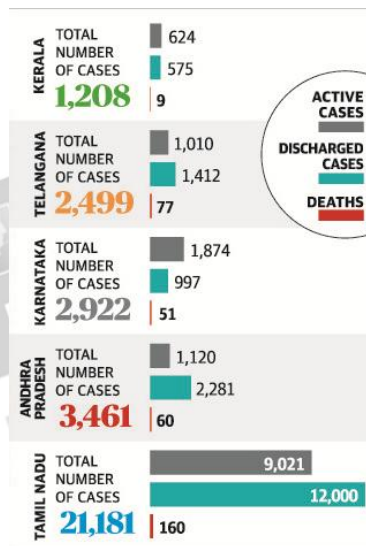
- No restriction on inter-state and intra-state movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/approval/e-permit required
- No state/UT shall stop movement of any type of goods/cargo for cross-land border trade under treaties with neighbouring countries
- However, if a state/UT proposes to regulate movement of persons, it should give wide publicity in advance regarding the restrictions and rules to be followed
- Night curfew will continue on movement of individuals, for all non-essential activities. Revised timings will be from 9pm to 5am

### LOCKDOWN LIMITED TO CONTAINMENT ZONES

- Lockdown will continue in containment zones till June 30
- Containment zones to be demarcated by district authorities based on health ministry guidelines
- Only essential activities allowed in containment zones, strict perimeter control
- States/UTs may also identify buffer zones outside containment zones. Within the buffer zones, district authorities may impose curbs as necessary

- ✓ The decision to reopen schools and educational institutes will be taken in the second phase in July.
- ✓ The government has stated that the dates of opening of international air travel of passengers, operation of Metro Rail, gyms, swimming pools, entertainment parks and cinema halls will be decided based on assessment of the situation during the third phase of the unlocking.
- ✓ The elderly persons above 65 years of age, those with comorbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 have been advised to stay at home, except for essential requirements and for health purposes
- ✓ As per the norms, spitting in public places would be a punishable offence.
- ✓ The Government has also announced that any kind of violation of these lockdown measures would be punishable under the DM Act, 2005.
- ✓ The maximum containment zones are in 13 cities/regions — Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi / New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Thane, Pune, Hyderabad, Kolkata / Howrah, Indore, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Chengalpattu and Thiruvallur.
- **On May 30, India - registered the biggest single-day spike of 8,520 COVID-19 cases, which took the nationwide tally to 1,81,938 cases.**
- ✓ The number of active cases stood at 90,005, while 86,752 people have recovered.
- ✓ The death toll rose to 5,181, with a surge of 207 fatalities.
- ✓ Meanwhile during the past 24 hours, a total of 11,264 COVID-19 patients have recovered, according to the Ministry.
- ✓ Maharashtra is at the top of the worst affected states with over 3,000 cases, taking its total above 65,000 infections

- ✓ It was followed by Tamil Nadu and then by Delhi and Gujarat
- ✓ Delhi has reported more than 1,100 cases on the day, taking its total above 18,500 cases
- ✓ Gujarat reported over 400 cases, to take its overall Covid-19 positive count above 16,000 cases.
- ✓ With this, it has become the fourth state to cross the mark.
- ✓ It has also become the second state in the country to have more than 1000 deaths
- ✓ It has the highest fatality rates among the states in the country at 6.2%.
- ✓ The number of COVID-19 cases in Telangana stood at 2,499 as 74 more people tested positive for coronavirus on the day.
- ✓ Six more patients died taking the toll to 77.
- ✓ Kerala reported 58 more COVID 19 positive cases, taking the State's total case load to 1,208 cases.



- ✓ Of the 58 new cases, while 17 are people who had come from abroad, 31 cases were those who had returned from other States.
- ✓ The total number of active COVID-19 cases in the State was 624, all of whom were undergoing treatment.
- ✓ Till date, 575 had recovered from the disease.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh reported 131 fresh cases in 24 hours, taking its overall tally to 3,461
- ✓ The total number of new cases in Karnataka was 141, while the State tally stands at 2,922.
- ✓ India's COVID-19 recovery rate improved to 47.4% on the day as against 38.29% on May 18.
- ✓ The doubling time which in the past 14 days was 13.3, has improved to 15.4 in the last three days.
- ✓ The fatality rate stands at 2.86%

- ✓ A cumulative total of 36,12,242 tests have been done so far for COVID-19, whereas, 1,26,842 samples were tested on the day.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **US President Donald Trump – announced that US is severing ties with the World Health Organization (WHO) over its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic**
- ✓ Meanwhile, the death toll from the disease has started to surge again in the U.S. and Brazil.
- ✓ The virus has killed more than 3,64,000 people and devastated the global economy
- ✓ But countries in Latin America are preparing for difficult weeks ahead, especially Brazil, where the death toll shot up by 1,124 on May 29 and there were a record number of new infections.
- ✓ Trump initially suspended funding to the WHO last month
- ✓ He accused WHO of not doing enough to tackle the early spread of the virus and being too lenient with China, where the virus emerged late last year.
- ✓ U.S. is by far its biggest contributor to WHO, pumping in \$400 million last year.
- ✓ Nearly six million people have been confirmed to have been infected with COVID-19 across the world, and a vaccine still remains elusive.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Europe continues to open up from lockdown after seeing its number of infections steadily fall.

## SPORTS

- **Virat Kohli - is the only Indian, and lone cricketer, in the Forbes' list of world's highest-paid athletes with total earnings of \$26 million**
- ✓ He jumped to the 66th spot in the new rankings from 100 in the previous list of 2020.



- ✓ Kohli's earnings from endorsements stand at \$24 million and \$2 million from salary/winnings.

- ✓ With earnings of \$25 million, Kohli was ranked 100th in 2019 and 83rd in 2018 with \$24 million.
- ✓ Roger Federer, who was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> last year, topped the list for the first time with earnings of \$106.3 million.
- ✓ With this achievement, the World Number 4 has also become the first tennis player ever to top the annual list of highest-paid athletes.
- ✓ The Swiss is currently associated with 13 different brands and receives an amount between \$3 million and \$30 million for representing these companies.
- ✓ Roger Federer is just the second athlete ever, after Tiger Woods, to get to \$100 million in endorsement earnings alone.
- ✓ Football icons Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi are second and third respectively with earnings of \$105 and \$104 million.
- ✓ The others in the top-10 are Neymar (football), LeBron James (basketball), Stephen Curry (basketball), Kevin Durrant (basketball), Tigers Woods (golf), Kirk Cousins (American football) and Carson Wentz (American football).

