

## India Update over Covid Scenario

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### **INDIA**

India recorded a little over 29,000 fresh Covid infections in the last 24 hrs. This is the lowest daily number since July 13. India's tally has moved to 88,74,290 which includes 4,53,401 active cases, 82,90,370 patients who have recovered (*with a recovery rate of 93.42%*) and 1,30,519 deaths — the toll has been under 450 for three straight days.

Global hopes of vanquishing the coronavirus pandemic were boosted Monday after a vaccine was found to be nearly 95 percent effective in a trial, bringing much-needed optimism amid surging infections and grueling new restrictions. The news from the US biotech firm Moderna comes after similar results. Experts told Moderna's candidate could have an edge over Pfizer's.

Internationally, India has now extended air travel bubbles to 21 nations which are US, UK, Germany, France, the UAE, Maldives, Canada, Japan, Bahrain, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Qatar, Iraq, Oman, Bhutan, Kenya, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Rwanda, Netherland and Ukraine. Talks are going on for including even more nations.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued new set of guidelines for International arrivals due to the rise in the COVID cases in Europe. These international arrivals include all overseas citizens of India cardholders and Persons of Indian Origin, foreign nationals who want to visit the country for any specific reason.

The new guidelines state that the travellers have the choice to not undergo quarantine if they submit a negative RT-PCR report with three days before the flight. According to the circular, travellers should also give an undertaking on the portal or otherwise to the Ministry of Civil Aviation through the concerned airlines before they are given the permission to undertake the journey that they would follow the decision of the government authority to undergo the quarantine and self-monitoring their health for two weeks.

Those who do not want to quarantine can submit a self-declaration form online.

The guidelines also state that people who were not able to undergo the RT-PCR test before their departure and want to seek exemption from the quarantine can do that by availing the test facility at the airport. The Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Cochin Airports have these services available.

The tourists have to submit a negative COVID-19 certification, and if the passengers do not opt for the RT-PCR test at the airport or this service is not available at the airport, they have to undergo a mandatory seven days institutional quarantine and then a seven day home quarantine.

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