

Coronavirus Update

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INDIA

Amid the spread of a new SARS-like virus, novel coronavirus, which has already killed 17 and infected hundreds of people in the neighboring country China, the Indian government strengthened surveillance at the points of entry as part of precautionary measures to screen pneumonia caused by the new coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province in China. Health department has said that situation is under control and there is NO spread of Virus in India.

Health ministry's statement on coronavirus:

Health Ministry has instructed Airport Health Organizations at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Cochin for screening of passengers coming from mainland China at these seven international airports. Signages have been put up at prominent locations in these airports for encouraging public about self-reporting of illness. Immigration officers manning the counters have been sensitized at these airports. Close coordination is being maintained with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to coordinate the screening effort and dissemination of information to inbound passengers through in-flight announcements.

The Health Ministry is constantly reviewing the evolving scenario working closely with Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of External Affairs, Deptt. of Health Research and the Indian Embassy in China. WHO is being consulted for updates on technical inputs. Series of meetings have been taken to review the evolving scenario, preparedness in terms of disease surveillance, laboratory support infection prevention & control, logistics, risk communication and in particular, hospital preparedness and need for coordination and collaboration with other Ministries.

We continue to monitor the situation and will update you as and when required.