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News Update

[Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi holds a telephonic conversation with His Highness the Prince of Abu Dhabi](#)

Prime Minister Modi held telephonic conversation with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and conveyed greetings on Eid-ul-Fitr to the Government and people of UAE. The leaders expressed satisfaction about the effective cooperation between the two countries during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister Modi thanked the Crown Prince for the support extended to Indian citizens in UAE.

[Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi holds telephonic discussion with Prime Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh](#)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held telephonic discussion with H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and conveyed greetings on Eid-ul-Fitr. The two leaders shared their assessment of the damage caused by Cyclone Amphan in both countries and also on the COVID pandemic situation with ongoing collaboration between the two countries. Prime Minister Modi reaffirmed India's support to Bangladesh.

[Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers take measures to reduce prices of N-95 Masks by Importers, Manufacturers and Suppliers as per Advisory issued by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority \(NPPA\)](#)

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers announced categorization of N-95 Masks as an essential commodity under Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Hoarding and black-marketing will now be a punishable offence. NPPA directed all States and Union Territories to ensure availability of surgical and protective masks, hand sanitizers and gloves at prices not exceeding the Maximum Retail Price. The Government has strived to ensure uninterrupted supply of N-95 Masks in adequate quantity during COVID-19 pandemic times.

[Ministry of Health and Family Welfare advises to ensure quality of Personal Protective Equipment through stringent protocols](#)

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare expressed concern over the quality of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) coveralls and advised strict measures to ensure quality of the product. The procuring agency of the Ministry will buy PPE coveralls from manufacturers only after these are tested and approved by one of the eight labs nominated by the Ministry of Textiles for testing the same.

[Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: UPDATES ON COVID-19 – Recovery Rate Improves](#)

Government of India has taken steps along with the States and Union Territories for prevention, containment and management of COVID-19 that are regularly reviewed and monitored at the highest level. Presently the total Indian recovery rate stands at 41.57%

[Sweden has been relatively spared from the deep plunge in GDP](#)

Europa Portal confirms that European economies have seen a deep plunge in GDP, though Sweden has been relatively spared. The surge in working from home means that the IT sector is expected to have a shake-up: not only will more IT professionals working remotely but some jobs will also be lost due to "centralized digitalization".

[Minister for Finance in Sweden is renewing her arsenal in fighting "cheating businesses and crime"](#)

Minister for Finance in Sweden is renewing her arsenal in fighting "cheating businesses and crime" as businesses receive state backing, which is funded by the humble taxpayers. The Swedish and Finnish economies have a lot in common, as they have similar sectors and face similar challenges - unlike Denmark whose economy is likely to be least affected due to its export-oriented food and pharmaceutical sectors.

Central Advisories and Notifications

[Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released guidelines for international arrivals](#)

As per the guidelines all travellers shall give an undertaking that they would undergo mandatory quarantine for 14 days - 7 days paid institutional quarantine at their own cost, followed by 7 days isolation at home with self-monitoring of health. Only for exceptional and compelling reasons such as cases of human distress, pregnancy, death in family, serious illness and parent(s) accompanied by children below 10 years, as assessed by the receiving states, home quarantine may be permitted for 14 days. Use of Aarogya Setu app shall be mandatory in such cases.

State Advisories and Notifications

[Government of Himachal Pradesh has issued order regarding interdistrict movement of people from containment zone](#)

As per the order issued if the person is travelling from containment zone to non-containment zone, the person needs to be quarantined for 14 days and should be tested for COVID -19.

[Government of Uttarakhand has issued an order regarding demarcation of red, green and orange zone in the state](#)

As per the order the zones are demarcated on the basis of active COVID -19 cases. Districts like Almora, Dehradun, Pauri Garhwal, US Nagar and Uttarkashi are in orange zone as there are some active cases in these districts. Districts like Bhagoli, Chamoli, Haridwar, Rudhraprayag, Pittorgarh and Tehri Garhwal are in green zones as there are no active cases in the districts.

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