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## UPDATE ON COVID 2019 ADVISORIES AND NOTIFICATIONS (25 March 2020)

### News Updates

#### **Infections soar in New York as Congress prepares to Vote on \$2 Trillion Aid Deal**

The White house and Congress have decided to deliver \$ 2 trillion in Government relief to the nation increasingly under lockdown and witnessing the twin threats of disease and economic stress.

#### **Ministry of External Affairs COVID-19 Control Center**

Ministry of External Affairs has established functional helpline for coordination on COVID-19 and has also assigned officers to provide assistance for the respective geographical areas.

#### **MHRA Guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory body, Department of Health and Social Care, Government of United Kingdom has come out with an updated guidance for industry covering the COVID-19 outbreak . It also provides information to patients, manufacturers and healthcare professionals through established information channels and alert systems.

#### **Algerian Government allocates USD 100 millions for containment of COVID-19**

Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune ordered allocation of USD 100 millions to the import of pharmaceutical products, personal protective equipment (PPE) and chemical analysis equipment, under the measures to prevent Corona virus. President of the Republic called for priority to the investment in farm products ensuring country's food security, notably cereal chains.

#### **ICMR study on Prudent public health intervention strategies to control the coronavirus disease 2019 transmission in India**

The objectives of this study were to find out if it was possible to prevent, or delay, the local outbreaks of COVID-19 through restrictions on travel from abroad and if the virus has already established in-country transmission, to what extent would its impact be mitigated through quarantine of symptomatic patients.

#### **CORONAVIRUS- RESEARCH TRACKER**

Several bodies have undertaken research for the containment of Coronavirus. An update on the Corona Virus research tracker as on 25 March 2020 has been listed.

#### **Australia extends Coronavirus restrictions**

The Australian Government has extended restrictions owing to COVID-19. This includes restrictions on travel and social gatherings. Mr Scott Morrison said that it was one of the toughest year for Australia as it has registered over 2000 coronavirus cases.

### **Taiwan bans passenger airlines**

Government of Taiwan has banned passenger airlines till 7 April 2020 as a part of Government's efforts to contain spread of COVID-19.

### **UAE approves USD 4 billion to address effects of COVID-19**

The UAE Cabinet approved an additional USD 4 billion to address the effects of the corona virus outbreak, bringing the total stimulus package to USD 34 billion in the country.

### **Foxconn secures enough workers to meet "seasonal demand" at all major Chinese plant**

Taiwan's Foxconn, the top assembler of Apple's iPhones, issued a statement saying that it has instituted rigorous measures to prevent COVID-19 infection. The company is expected to hit a peak production period after July to manufacture iPhones for release in the fall.

### **Hubei Province will open for tourism**

Chinese authorities will start to remove quarantine measures in the central province of Hubei, where the Covid-19 pandemic first erupted, as the country looks to revive a national economy that has nearly come to a halt amid the outbreak.

### **Japan Center for Economy Research survey on economy**

Japan Center for Economic Research (JCER) surveyed economic forecast by 34 think tanks and other private concerns. The survey suggested that Coronavirus pandemic is a big blow after US- China trade war and sales tax hike.

### **China allocates fund for COVID-19 epidemic**

As per Finance Ministry of China, Chinese government at all levels have allocated a combined 116.9 billion yuan of funds for COVID-19 epidemic prevention and control.

### **China's influenza medicine**

As per Chinese Government, an influenza medicine developed by Fujifilm Holdings group member is effective against the novel coronavirus. The government has already begun officially recommending the drug's use. Fujifilm Toyama Chemical developed favipiravir, sold under the brand Avigan.

### **US files 20 Trillion USD lawsuit against Chinese**

A \$20 trillion lawsuit has been filed against Chinese authorities in the US over coronavirus outbreak, claiming coronavirus is the result of a biological weapon prepared by the Chinese authorities.

## **Central Advisories and Notifications**

### **Ministry of Shipping declares carriage of goods by water and loading / unloading as essential service.**

Ministry of Shipping in its order dated 23 March 2020 declared transport service for carriage of goods by water and any service connected with loading, unloading, movement or storage of goods in any port as essential service. However, Ministry noted that some States are restricting

the movement which causes congestion at ports and affect goods movement. The Ministry directed all District Administration to be sensitized so that port operations are not affected.

#### **Ministry of Corporate Affairs announces Special measures under Companies Act, 2013 and LLP Act, 2008 in view of COVID-19 outbreak**

Ministry of Corporate Affairs, under Companies Act, 2013 (CA-2013) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act, 2008, took special measures to reduce companies and LLPs compliance burden and other risks, in view of outbreak of COVID-19. This will support companies and LLPS to focus on taking necessary measures to address the COVID-19 threat, including the economic disruptions caused by it.

#### **Ministry of Home Affairs issues advisory to all States and Union Territories to ensure unhindered movement of essential goods and services during the lockdown period.**

Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an advisory for setting up of 24\*7 Control Room/ Office with Helplines (at State/ District level) to address any grievance or undue problems faced by the providers of Goods/ Services including inter-state movement and to ensure continuity of supply chain of essential commodities and services.

### **State Advisories and Notifications**

#### **Government of Goa issues Advisory to curb false news and Misinformation on Corona Virus**

The Social Media platforms have been advised to initiate awareness campaign on their platform for the users not to upload and circulate any false news which are likely to create panic and disturb tranquillity.

#### **Invocation of Powers of National Disaster Management Authority u/s 6(2)(i) of Disaster Management Act by the Government of Goa**

Based on the National Disaster Management Authority directions, Government of Goa has issued orders for strict implementation for complete lockdown for containment of COVID-19

#### **Punjab State Power Corporation Limited issues advisory not to disconnect connection of Small Power and Medium supply consumers**

The State Government, in view of the Corona virus outbreak has decided that in case of all small power and medium supply power consumers, there will be no disconnection up to 15.04.20 on account of their non-payment of current electricity bills. However, in the case of medium supply consumers there will be no extension in the payment of their dues.

#### **Government of Telangana issues advisory on Precautionary measures to be taken at Construction sites**

In view of the lockdown in the entire State, the Government of Telangana has issued advisory to all builders and developers to educate the labours on Corona virus and its side effect and its containment through safe practices.

#### **Government of Rajasthan issues advisory for screening of people coming from other States**

The Health Department, Government of Rajasthan has issued a detailed guideline for all people coming from other states in view of COVID-19.

## International Advisories and Notifications

### Republic of Guinea issues travel advisory

The Republic of Guinea issued an advisory which suspends commercial flights from affected countries, except cargo flights, suspension of issuance of visas, movement of people to and from affected countries, etc.

### Japan's Border Enforcement Measures

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan introduced Border Enforcement Measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus. These include denial of permission to land, visa restrictions and Quarantine at entry point.

### Singapore travel advisory

Singapore in its updated travel advisory and travel restrictions mentions mandatory submission of health declaration before proceeding with immigration clearance. The Government is implementing enhanced precautions for UK / US returnees.

### Media Briefing by Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, South Africa

Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, South Africa briefed the media on various interventions made by the country which was stated by the Hon'ble President Cyril Ramaophosa's address to the nation. He further mentioned that more interventions and programmes would be finalised over the next few days.

### Tunisia update on COVID-19

Tunisia suspended all work at all administrative state and public institutions until April 4 to limit the spread of coronavirus. institutions and public servants included in the new measure to abide by the rules of comprehensive quarantine and only leave their homes when it is required by their concerned departments, provided that any work that can be done remotely proceeds as such.

### Sudan update on COVID-19

Sudan has ordered the closure of all its borders due to pandemic fears. One person has died and two cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed.

### South Sudan update on COVID-19

The newly formed transitional government of national unity has banned all international flights coming into or going out of the country due to fears of Coronavirus. The government also banned public buses from neighbouring countries.

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