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CORONA VIRUS

Corona virus outbreak was first reported in Wuhan ,China on 31 December 2019.It is a large family of viruses that causes illness. It ranges from common cold to more severe disease like Middle East Respiratory Syndrome(MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome(SARS-cov).The novel corona virus is a new strain of virus that has not been identified in human so far.



HOW IT SPREADS?

The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs , sneezes ,or speaks .These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air. They quickly fall on floors or surfaces. You can be infected by breathing in the virus if you are within 1 metre of a person who has COVID-19, or by touching a contaminated surface and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth before washing

your hands. It is also caused by some animals like bats and cattels.







<u>SYMPTOMS</u>

*Fever

*Runny nose

*Cough

*Vomiting

*Diarrhea

HOW LONG DOES CORONAVIRUS LIVE ON DIFFERENT SURFACES?

The family of viruses that includes the one that causes COVID-19 can live on some of the some of the surfaces you probably touch on a daily basis. Some of them are:

*METAL: 5 days



*WOOD: 4 days



*PLASTIC: 2 or 3 days

*CARDBOARD: 24 hours

*COPPER: 4 hours

*ALUMINIUM: 2 to 8 hours

*GLASS: up to 5 days



*CERAMICS: 5 days

*PAPER: 5 days

PREVENTIONS:



Some of main preventions are as follows:

- 1. Wash your hands frequently
- 2. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, hand and nose
- 3. Corner your cough with the bend of your elbow or tissue
- 4. Avoid crowded places
- 5. Stay at home
- 6. Stay aware of the latest information from WHO

WHAT MEASURES HAS BEEN TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT?

The government of India confirmed that India's first cases of corona virus disease 2019 on 30 January 2020 in the state of Kerala. When an university student from Wuhan travelled back to the state. On 19 March PM MODI asked all citizens to observe "janta curfew" from 7am to 9pm on Sunday, 22 March. At the end of the curfew is just the beginning of a long battle against "COVID-19". On 24 March he announced the nationwide lockdown from midnight of that day ,for a period of 21 days up to 14 April.

The lockdown restricts people from stepping out their homes. All transport services like road, air and rail were suspended with exceptions. For transportation of essential goods, fire, police and emergency services. Educational institutions, industrials establishments and hospitality services were also suspended. Services were also suspended. Services such as food shops, banks and ATM's, petrol pumps , other essentials and their manufacturing are exempted. It is also declared by the Government that anyone who fails to follow the restrictions can face upto a year in jail.

An estimated 139 million migrant workers from the countryside work in India's cities and town.With factories and working place shut down,they were left no livelihood. In the first few days of lock down.Television screens captured long processions of migrants works walking miles to go back to their native villages often with families and young children on shoulders.



On 9 April the Government of Odisha extended the lockdown in the state till 30 April 2020.On 10 April , the Government of Punjab also extended the lockdown till 1 May. On 14 April 2020,Hon'ble Prime Minister extended lockdown up to 3 May 2020.

On 26 March, Finance minister **Nirmala Sitaraman** announced Rupees 170000 crore stimulus package to help those affected by lockdown. The package was aimed to provide food security measures for poor household through direct cash transfers, free cereals and cooking gas for three months. It also provided insurance coverage for medical personnel.

1.Under **Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Klyan Ann YOJNA(PMGKY**), an additional 5 kg of rice/wheat will be given to 80 crores individuals over the 5 kg they already get along with a 1 kg pulses per household gor a period of three months.

2. Government also announced that there will be Rupees 50 lakh insurance cover for each health care worker for three month.

3.Wages under **MNREGA** will also be increased by Rupees 2000 per worker on average as additional income to help daily wages labours.

4.Under **"Jan dhan Plan** "20 crore women account holders will be covered under the reliefs package and a compensation of Rupees 500 per month for the next three months.

5.BPL families will get free cylinders for three months under the **"Ujjawala Scheme**".

6.Rupees 31000 crore fund is released for augment medical testing screening and providing better healthcare facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELIEF BY FINANCE MINISTER ON COVID-19

1.Last date for returns extended to 30 June 2020

2.Delayed payments interest rate reduced from 12% to 9%

3.No extension but on delayed deposit of TDS,only reduced interest of 9% will be charged till 30 June 2020,reduced from 18%

4. Aadhar, panlinking date extended to 30 June 2020

5."Vivaad Se Vishwaas" Scheme has been extended to 30 June 2020.Additional charge of 10% that would have been levied, is being removed till 30 june 2020

6.The minimum balance criteria of Bank Account was also waived off for a period of three month.

7.Debit card holders who withdraw cash from any bank ATM can do it free of charge for thenext three month.

8.Submission of 15G,15H date is extended to 30 June 2020