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MHA activities on COVID-19: during 2020 were as follows:

March 2020

- **5th March:** Union Home Secretary reviewed status of screening people entering India in view of Corona Virus threat.

Link - <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1605440>

- **13th March:** Dispersal begins of 112 evacuees taken from Wuhan, China housed at ITBP Quarantine Facility at Chhawla, New Delhi after they were tested negative in Corona Virus Tests.

Link - <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1606275>

- **14th March:** List of items and Norms of Assistance from the SDRF circulated in the wake of COVID-19 virus outbreak.

Link - <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609259>

- **15th March:** Government closes certain Immigration Land Check Posts for all Incoming Passenger Traffic located at India's borders with Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar.

Link-<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609253>

- **17th March:** Union Home Secretary reviewed level of preparedness to contain Corona Virus Threat with States bordering Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1606768>

- **17th March:** Bureau of Immigration, under MHA, issued a 24x7 helpline to answer queries regarding Visa and travel restrictions, as well as to facilitate foreigners in India in availing consular services.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609242>

- **20th March:** Grant of Consular Services to Foreign Nationals presently residing in India affected by Travel Restrictions.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609240>

- **23rd March: MHA wrote to States/UTs to prevent harassment of people from North East by linking them to COVID-19 outbreak.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609219>

- **23rd March: GoI stopped all incoming passenger traffic on all 107 Immigration Check Posts (ICPs), including ICPs at all Airports, Seaports, Land ports, Rail ports and River ports.**

Link - <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609215>

- **24th March: GoI issued Orders prescribing lockdown for containment of COVID-19 pandemic.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1607997>

- **25th March: MHA asked Private Security Agency Associations to treat Workers on Duty, Pay accordingly and avoid Lay-offs during Lockdown to fight COVID-19.**

- **Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609142>**

- **25th March: First phase of Census 2021 and updation of NPR postponed.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1608107>

- **25th March: MHA issues an Addendum to the Guidelines regarding Nationwide Lockdown.**

Link - <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1608173>

- **25th March: MHA to States: Unhindered Movement of Essential Goods & Services to be ensured during Nationwide Lockdown.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609137>

- **26th March: MHA issues SOPs for Maintaining Supply of Essential Goods during 21-day Nationwide Lockdown.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1608443>

- **26th March: MHA to States: Transportation/Interstate Movement of Animal Feed and Fodder exempted under Lockdown restrictions.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609131>

- **27th March: MHA issued Advisory to all States/UTs to make adequate arrangements for migrant workers, students etc from outside the States.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1608518>

- **27th March: MHA issues an Addendum to the Guidelines regarding Nationwide Lockdown.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1608644>

- **28th March: Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, while reviewing the COVID-19 situation, said the Government has committed all support to Migrant Workers during lockdown period, as per the directions of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.**

Link - <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1608867>

- **28th March: Home Minister Shri Amit Shah chaired 3rd Review Meeting since March 25 on COVID-19 outbreak.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1608941>

- **28th March: Grant of Consular Services to Foreign Nationals, presently residing in India due to travel restrictions in the context of COVID-19 outbreak, till 30th April, 2020.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1613895>

- **29th March: Union Home Minister said Modi Government dedicated to alleviate sufferings of people during the 21-day Nationwide Lockdown.**

Link -<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609073>

- **31st March: Government committed to identify, isolate and quarantine COVID-19 positive TablighJamaat (TJ) workers in India post their congregation in Nizamuddin, Delhi.**

Link -<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1609608>

April 2020

- **2nd April: MHA wrote to States/UTs to take measures to fight Fake News in order to prevent COVID-19 panic.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610146>

- **3rd April: MHA approved release of Rs 11,092 crores under State Disaster Risk Management Fund to All States.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610756>

- **3rd April: MHA wrote to States to ensure Smooth Harvesting and Sowing Operations, while maintaining Social Distancing, during 21-day Lockdown. Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610759>**

- **MHA issues an Addendum to exempt Shops of Agricultural machinery, spare parts & repair; Truck repair shops and Tea industry from Lockdown Restrictions.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610862>

- **6th April: MHA wrote to States to give special attention on keeping the supply of Medical Oxygen smooth and hassle-free across the country.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1611693>

- **8th April: MHA wrote to States to ensure availability of Essential Goods, by invoking provisions of the Essential Commodities (EC) Act 1955, under Lockdown.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1612154>

- **10th April: MHA issued 5th Addendum to exempt Operations of Marine Fishing/Aquaculture Industry and its Workers from Lockdown Restrictions. Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1613150>**

- **12th April:** MHA wrote to all States/ UTs to ensure compliance of Supreme Court directions on Welfare of Migrant Labourers housed at Relief Shelters/Camps. Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1613624>

- **13th April:** Grant of Consular Services to Foreign Nationals till 30th April, 2020 further extended till 3rd May on 17th April.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1613898>

- **14th April:** Government of India decided to extend the nationwide lockdown to fight COVID-19 till 3rd May. Lockdown Measures for containment of COVID-19 in the country to continue to remain in force up to 3rd May.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1614481>

- **15th April:** MHA issued Consolidated Revised Guidelines for the Containment of COVID-19 pandemic in the Country.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1614620>

- **17th April:** All existing Visas granted to Foreigners and all Incoming Passenger Traffic into India through ICPs, except certain categories, suspended till 3rd May.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1615500>

- **19th April:** Union Home Minister reviewed the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, with senior officers of the Ministry. He directed them to discuss with States, the relaxations in lockdown restrictions to be applicable from 20th April and control COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Link-** <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1616061>

- **20th April:** Central Government constitutes 6 Inter-Ministerial Teams to make assessment of situation and augment State efforts to fight and contain spread of COVID-19 effectively.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1616325>

- **21st April:** Union Government directed West Bengal not to obstruct working of Central Teams reg. review and on-spot assessment of implementation of Lockdown.

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1616755>

- **22nd April: Union Home Minister interacted with Doctors and Senior representatives of IMA; assured them of their Security in the fight against COVID-19.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1616965>

- **Union Home Minister directed adequate security to Healthcare Professionals, Medical Staff and Frontline Workers to prevent violence against them.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1617162>

- **24th April: Central Government constituted Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCT) to assess and augment State efforts to fight COVID-19.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1617834>

- **25th April: MHA issued Order to States/UTs to allow Opening of Certain Categories of Shops, except those in Single and Multi-brand Malls.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1618049>

- **29th April: Centre facilitated Inter-State Movement of Stranded People including Migrant Labourers in the country.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1619318>

May 2020

- **1st May: Special Trains operated for Movement of Stranded Persons across the Country.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1620024>

- **Extension of Lockdown for a further period of Two Weeks w.e.f. 4th May.**

Link - <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1620095>

- **4th May: Government of India started facilitating the return of Indian Nationals stranded abroad on compelling grounds in a phased manner. The travel was arranged by aircraft and naval ships. SOP was prepared in this regard. Indian Embassies and High Commissions prepared a list of distressed Indian citizens. Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1620953>**

- **5th May: MHA issued SOPs for movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country, as well as, for those persons stranded in India who are desirous to travel abroad for urgent reasons.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1621290>

- **7th May: Travel restrictions imposed by MHA to remain in place till prohibition on International Air Travel of passengers to/from India, except certain categories.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1626100>

- **11th May: MHA issued SOP to facilitate Train travel.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1622917>

- **15th May: MHA to States/UTs: Ensure Migrant Workers do not have to walk back home, and perform the journey only in buses & ‘Shramik’ Special Trains. Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1624232>**

- **16th May: National Migrant Information System (NMIS) - a central online repository on Migrant Workers - developed by NDMA to facilitate their seamless movement across States.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1624540>

- **17th May: Extension of Lockdown up to 31st May. Under the new guidelines, States and Union Territories (UTs) were delineated Red, Green and Orange zones taking into consideration the parameters shared by the Health Ministry. Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1624763>**

- **20th May: Conduct of 10th and 12th Board Examinations exempted from Lockdown Measures.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1625407>

- **20th May: MHA amended Lockdown Guidelines to facilitate Domestic Air Travel for Stranded Persons in India.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1625578>

- **24th May: MHA issued SOPs for movement of Indian Nationals stranded abroad, besides persons stranded in India.**

Link- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1626629>

- **30th May: New Guidelines to fight COVID-19 to be effective from 1st June 2020. Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1627965>**

June 2020

- **3rd June: Relaxation in Visa and Travel restrictions to permit certain categories of Foreign Nationals to come to India.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1628988>

- **14th June: Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah chaired a meeting to review COVID-19 situation in Delhi.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1631512>

- **15th June: Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah chaired meeting of all political parties in Delhi on the COVID-19 situation in the national capital.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1631667>

- **15th June: Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah made a surprise visit to LNJP Hospital in Delhi to inspect COVID-19 facilities.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1631723>

- **16th : Following Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah's directions, all Delhi hospitals speed up last rites of COVID-19 deceased.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1631964>

- **17th June** : Slew of steps taken to tackle the COVID situation in Delhi pursuant to series of review meetings chaired by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1632196>

- **18th June**: Union Home Minister held review meeting on COVID-19 preparations with senior officials of NCR; from health surveys to testing and cap on in-patient private hospital costs, COVID-19 management in Delhi streamlined.

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1632370>

- **21st June**: Union Home Minister chaired a high level meeting where report of Dr. V.K. Paul Committee on containment strategy of COVID-19 in Delhi was presented.

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1633260>

- **23rd June**: Union Home Minister said “Around 20,000 beds including 250 ICU beds for COVID patients will be added in the National Capital by next week”. Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1633751>

- **29th June**: MHA issued new Guidelines for Unlock 2.

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635227>

July 2020

- **2nd July**: Union Home Minister held a meeting with Chief Ministers of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for a unified Covid19 strategy for NCR.

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635978>

- **5th July**: Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and RakshaMantri Shri Rajnath Singh visited the 1000 Beds with 250 ICU Beds SardarVallabh Bhai Patel COVID19 Hospital in Delhi.

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1636695>

- **6th July**: MHA permitted conduct of examinations by Universities and Institutions.

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1636867>

- **29th July: MHA issued Unlock 3 Guidelines, opened up more activities outside Containment Zones.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642115>

August 2020

- **22nd August: MHA asked States to allow unhindered movement of persons and goods and services during Unlock-3.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1647890>

- **29th August: MHA issued new Guidelines. Unlock 4 opened up more activities outside Containment Zones.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1649623>

September 2020

- **30th September: MHA issued new Guidelines for Reopening.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1660432>

October 2020

- **22nd October: Graded relaxation in visa and travel restrictions.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1666713>

- **27th October: MHA extended the Guidelines for Reopening.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1667821>

November 2020

- **15th November: Union Home Minister directed slew of measures for controlling the spread of Covid-19 in Delhi at a review meeting.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1673080>

- **2^{5th} November: MHA issued Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution.**

Link- <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1675624>

December 2020

- **28th December: MHA extends guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution.**

Link - <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1684156>