

Corona Virus (covid-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV 2). This was first identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019. This has now spread almost in every corner of the world becoming 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic. As of April 26, 2020 there are more than 2.89 million cases have been confirmed all over the world across more than 185 countries, resulting in more than 2,02,000 deaths and more than 8 lakh have been recovered.

AS IN CASE OF INDIA:-

Confirmed cases: 26,496

Recovered: 5,804

Deaths: 824

Symptoms includes cough, fever, and shortness of breath and loss of smell. The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact often through small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing and talking. People may also get affected by touching contaminated surfaces or regularly touching their face. Recommended measures taken to minimize the risk of covid-19 includes, washing hands on regular basis, maintaining social distancing, covering your face with mask in case of cough or sneeze and keeping unwashed hands away from your face. Currently there is no vaccine or antiviral treatment has been discovered for this disastrous pandemic COVID-19.

The WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) has declared the 2019-2020 coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 30 January, 2020 and a pandemic on 11 March, 2020.

The pandemic of 2019-2020 has also affected our economy at a very huge scale. The declaration of lockdown by PM Narendra Modi was a major outbreak for the economic crisis to begin. Developing countries like India is facing a huge imbalance of economy in today's scenario. The first lockdown of 21 days has caused much hardships to the people and posed many challenges and much disastrous to the Indian economy as there are no incentives or helping facilities are provided to small businesses nor are there unemployment benefits. But very soon our economy will be stable and things will get better.

Public health measures like those implemented in China and now around the globe, will hopefully blunt the spread of covid-19 while treatments and a vaccine are developed to stop it.

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