Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID19)

Situation Report – 20

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SAARC Disaster Management Centre (IU)

COVID-19 cases in the SAARC Member States

Country	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Afghanistan	**367**	**11**
Bangladesh[1]	**164**	**17**
Bhutan[2]	**5**	**0**
India[3]	**5194**	**149**
Maldives[4]	**19**	**0**
Nepal	**9**	**0**
Pakistan[5]	**4072**	**58**
Sri Lanka[6]	**185**	**6**
Total	**10,015**	**241**

- As of 7th April 2020- 1,279,722 people have been affected by COVID-19 worldwide. About 72,614 lives have been lost. *(Source: WHO)*

- SAARC region comprises of over 21% of the world's population which remains vulnerable towards COVID-19. The Member States have reported 10,015 cases and a total of 241 deaths in the region.

- Based on the day wise data of COVID-19 cases in the SAARC Member States, time-series graphs below shows the trend of daily cases and cumulative figures:

Regional Situation

COVID-19 Daily New Cases in SAARC Member States as on 08/04/2020 at 10:30 AM IST

COVID-19 Cumulative Cases in SAARC Member States as on 08/04/2020 at 10:30 AM IST
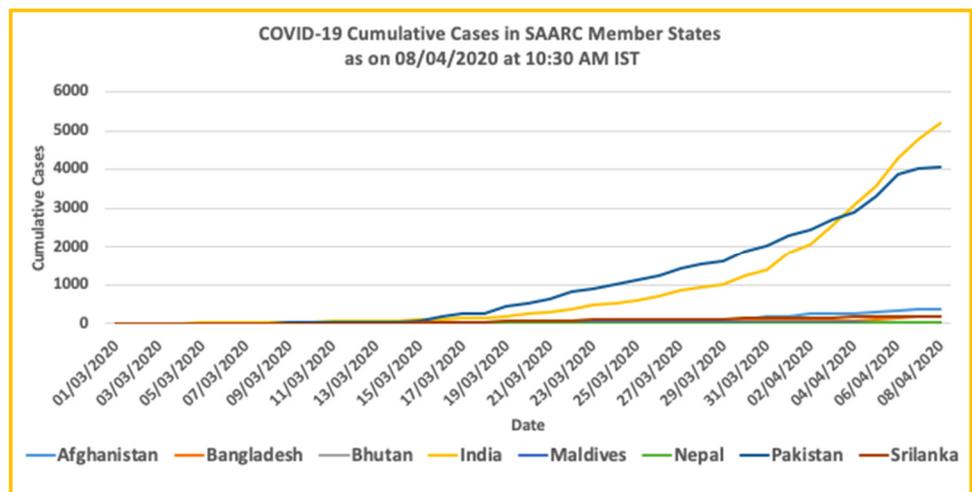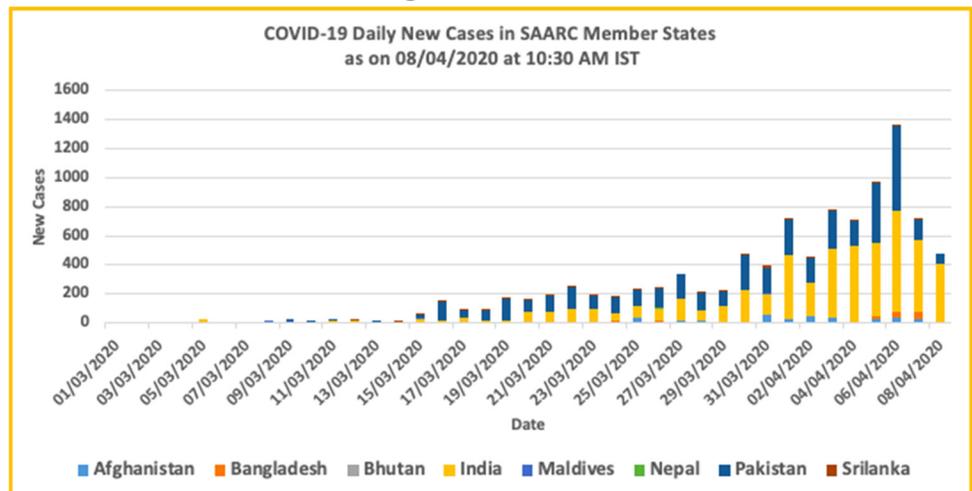
- The Prime Minister of India gave following message on World Health Day (7th April), "Let us not only pray for each other's good health and well-being but also reaffirm our gratitude towards all those doctors, nurses, medical staff and healthcare workers who are bravely leading the battle against the COVID-19 menace". *(Source: pib.gov.in)*

- The Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Human Resources Development, India launched a mega online challenge - SAMADHAN - to test the ability of students to innovate. The students participating in this challenge will search and develop such measures that can be made available to the government agencies, health services, hospitals and other services for quick solutions to the Coronavirus epidemic and other such calamities. Apart from this, through this "Samadhan" challenge, work will be done to make citizens aware, to motivate them, to face any challenge, to prevent any crisis and to help people get livelihood. *(Source: pib.gov.in)*

- On 7 April, World Health Day, this year WHO pays tribute to the incredible contribution of all health workers, especially nurses and midwives. Nurses are the largest component of the health workforce and play a fundamental role in combatting COVID-19 and achieving Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. WHO has published the first-ever report on the state of the world's nursing workforce. It renews calls on governments to invest in nurses. *(Source: WHO)*