



#### COVID-19 cases in the SAARC Member States

Country	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Afghanistan	714	23
Bangladesh <sup>1</sup>	1012	46
Bhutan <sup>2</sup>	5	0
India <sup>3</sup>	11,439	377
Maldives <sup>4</sup>	20	0
Nepal	16	0
Pakistan <sup>5</sup>	5988	107
Sri Lanka <sup>6</sup>	233	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,427</b>	<b>560</b>

#### Source:

WHO Coronavirus Situation Dashboard (Data as reported on 06:00am CET 15.04.2020),

1 Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, Govt. of Bangladesh (as on 14.04.2020)

2 Ministry of Health, Royal Govt. of Bhutan (as on 14.04.2020)

3 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India (as on 15.04.2020 at 08:00 AM)

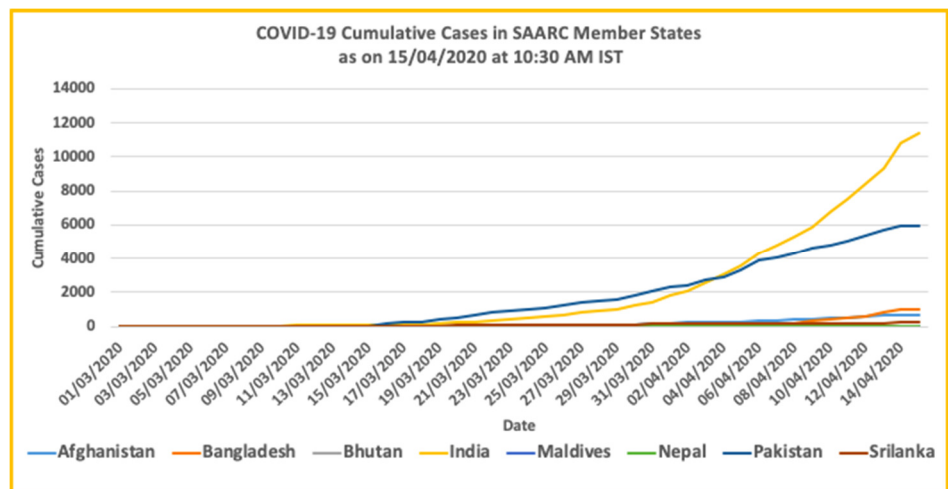
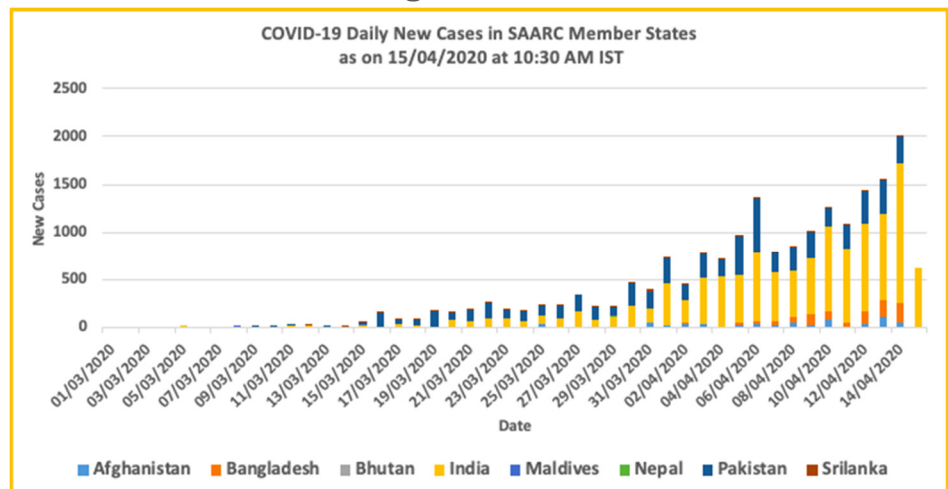
4 Ministry of Health, Republic of Maldives (as on 14 April 2020 -20:43)

5 COVID19 Portal, Govt. of Pakistan (15 Apr, 2020 - 09:25am)

6 Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Govt. of Sri Lanka (as on 10:30 PM, 14.04.2020)

- As of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020- 1,844,863 people have been affected by COVID-19 worldwide. About 117,021 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 19,427 cases and a total of 560 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





- India: Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad has developed COVID Sample Collection Kiosk (COVSACK). It is a kiosk for use by healthcare workers for taking COVID-19 samples from suspected infected patients. Patient under test walks into the Kiosk and a nasal or oral swab is taken by health care professional from outside through the built in gloves. The Kiosk is automatically disinfected without the need for human involvement, making the process free of infection spread. The design of kiosk cabin reduces the requirements of PPE change by health care workers. *(Source: pib.gov.in)*