



COVID-19 cases in the SAARC Member States

Country	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Afghanistan	784	25
Bangladesh ¹	1231	50
Bhutan ²	5	0
India ³	12,380	414
Maldives ⁴	23	0
Nepal	16	0
Pakistan ⁵	6505	124
Sri Lanka ⁶	237	7
Total	21,181	620

Source:

WHO Coronavirus Situation Dashboard (Data as reported on 06:00am CET 16.04.2020),

1 Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, Govt. of Bangladesh (as on 15.04.2020)

2 Ministry of Health, Royal Govt. of Bhutan (as on 15.04.2020)

3 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India (as on 16.04.2020 at 08:00 AM)

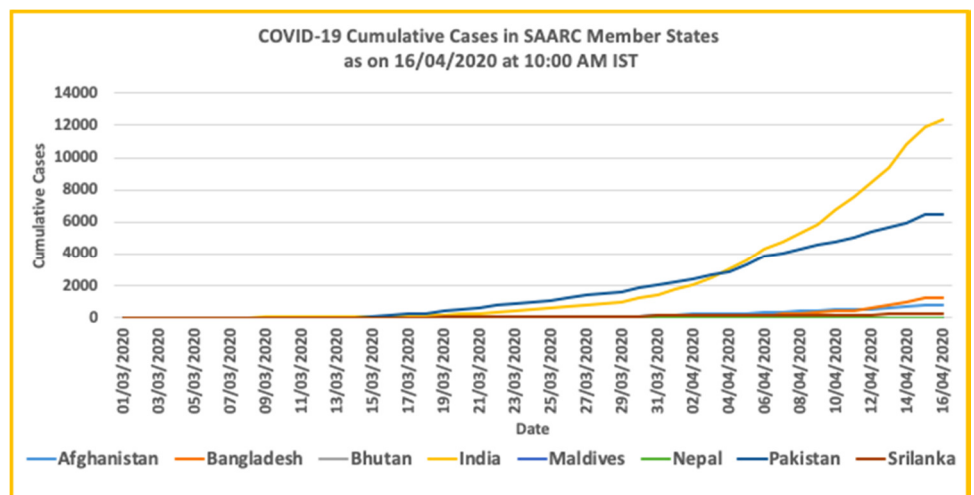
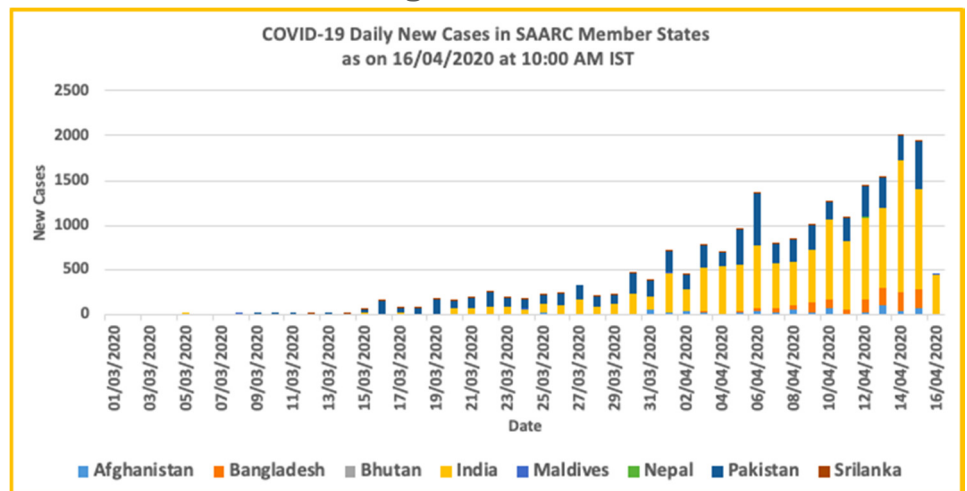
4 Ministry of Health, Republic of Maldives (as on 16 April 2020 -02:46)

5 COVID19 Portal, Govt. of Pakistan (16 Apr, 2020 - 09:32am)

6 Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Govt. of Sri Lanka (as on 08:30 PM, 15.04.2020)

- As of 15th April 2020- 1,914,916 people have been affected by COVID-19 worldwide. About 123,010 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 21,181 cases and a total of 620 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





- To help build capacity in our fight against COVID -19, Ministry of External Affairs through its ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Program) Portal is conducting e-ITEC (web based) short training live webinars for healthcare professionals in SAARC countries on COVID-19 Management Strategies and related aspects. The first session will be led by AIIMS Raipur will start on April 17, 2020 with a total of 4 sessions and is called 'COVID-19 Pandemic: Prevention and Management Guidelines for Health Care Professional'. Registration and further details can be found on MEA's ITEC website: <https://www.itecgoi.in/e-itec.php>. These e-ITEC webinars for training on basic COVID-19 management are 45 minutes to 1 hour interactive sessions.
- India: With a view to manage COVID-19, every district of the country has been divided into-
 - Hotspot districts,
 - Non-Hotspot districts with reported cases, and
 - Green zone districts.

The main criteria of these hotspot districts are those from which more cases are being currently reported or where the rate of growth of cases is more i.e. that doubling rate of cases is less. (Source: *pib.gov.in*)