

COVID-19 cases in the SAARC Member States

Country	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Afghanistan	845	30
Bangladesh ¹	1838	75
Bhutan ²	5	0
India ³	14,378	480
Maldives ⁴	29	0
Nepal	16	0
Pakistan ⁵	7481	143
Sri Lanka ⁶	244	7
Total	24,836	735

Source:

WHO Coronavirus Situation Dashboard
(Data as reported on 06:00am CET 18.04.2020),

1 Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, Govt. of Bangladesh (as on 17.04.2020)

2 Ministry of Health, Royal Govt. of Bhutan (as on 17.04.2020)

3 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India (as on 18.04.2020 at 08:00 AM)

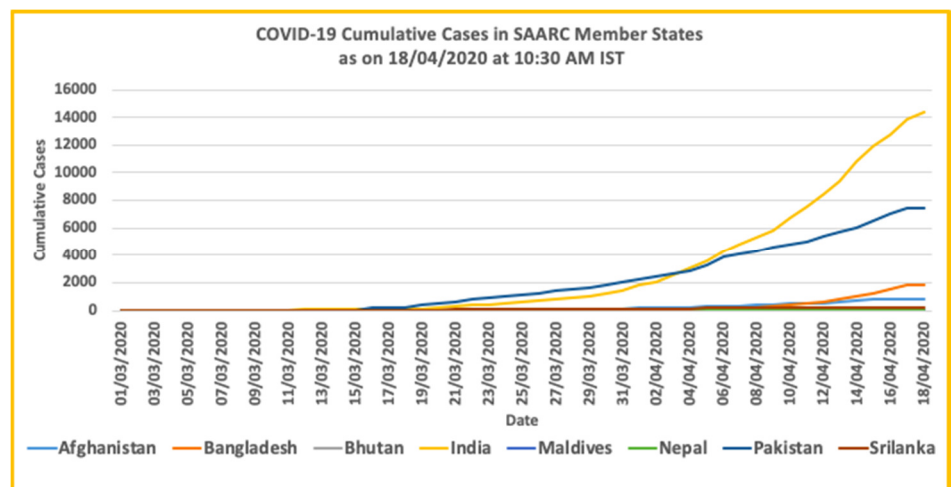
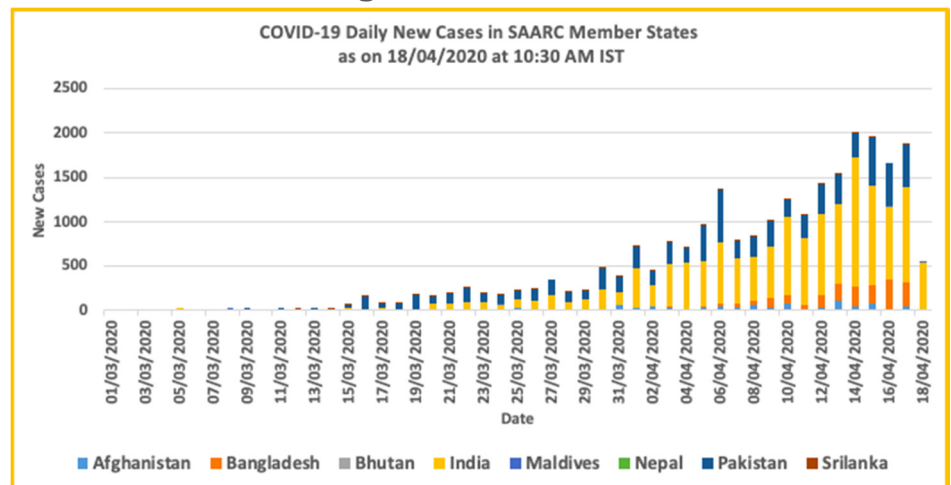
4 Ministry of Health, Republic of Maldives (as on 18 April 2020 -01:29)

5 COVID19 Portal, Govt. of Pakistan (18 Apr, 2020 - 09:45am)

6 Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Govt. of Sri Lanka (as on 10:00 PM, 17.04.2020)

- As of 17th April 2020- 2,074,529 people have been affected by COVID-19 worldwide. About 139,378 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 24,836 cases and a total of 735 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





- Government of India is working with global partners to ensure that effective vaccines can be developed, and made available as soon as possible. India is a participant in the SOLIDARITY trial of the World Health Organization, through which the effectiveness of these therapies is being determined. Scientific task forces are evaluating existing approved drugs and repurpose them for COVID-19. (Source: *pib.gov.in*)
- Before the lockdown, India's doubling rate of the COVID19 cases was about 3 days. For the past seven days, the doubling rate is 6.2 days. (Source: *pib.gov.in*)
- WHO has released public health guidance for social and religious practices and gatherings during Ramadan. The guidance also offers advice to strengthen mental and physical wellbeing as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. (Source: *WHO*)