



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

Country	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Afghanistan	484	15
Bangladesh <sup>1</sup>	330	21
Bhutan <sup>2</sup>	5	0
India <sup>3</sup>	6412	199
Maldives <sup>4</sup>	19	0
Nepal	9	0
Pakistan <sup>5</sup>	4601	66
Sri Lanka <sup>6</sup>	190	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,050</b>	<b>308</b>

#### Source:

WHO Coronavirus Situation Dashboard (Data as reported on 06:00am CET 10.04.2020),

1 Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, Govt. of Bangladesh (as on 09.04.2020)

2 Ministry of Health, Royal Govt. of Bhutan (as on 09.04.2020)

3 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India (as on 10.04.2020 at 08:00 AM)

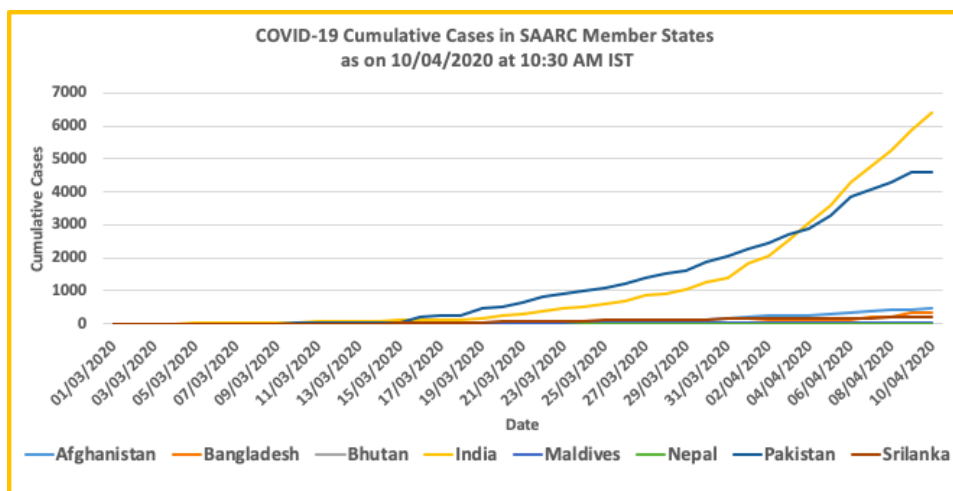
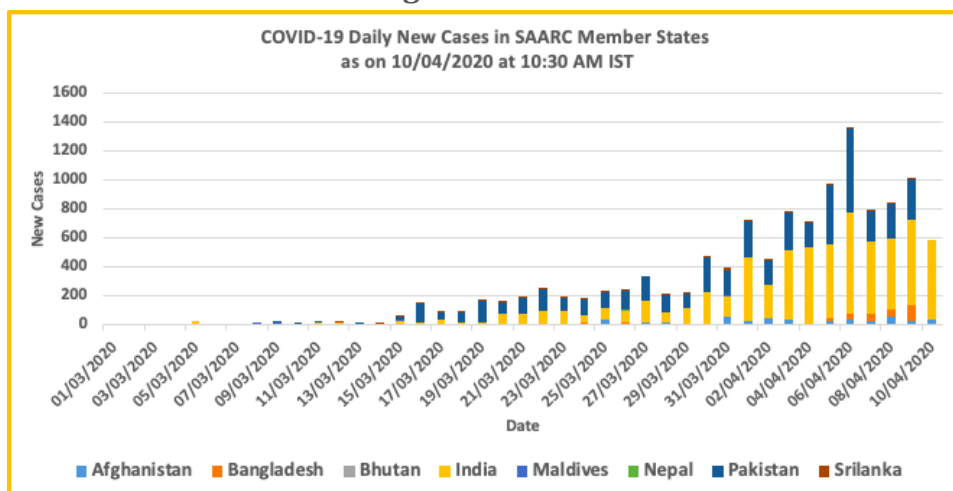
4 Ministry of Health, Republic of Maldives (as on 09 April 2020 -20:46)

5 COVID19 Portal, Govt. of Pakistan (10 Apr, 2020 - 09:17am)

6 Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Govt. of Sri Lanka (as on 05:00 PM, 09.04.2020)

- As of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020- 1,436,198 people have been affected by COVID-19 worldwide. About 85,522 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 12,050 cases and a total of 308 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: A high level meeting of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 was held yesterday.
  - GoM had detailed deliberation on containment and management of COVID-19.
  - GoM reviewed the testing strategy and availability of testing kits across the country along with the strategy for hotspots and cluster management.
  - It also directed that Hydroxychloroquine should be utilised as per prescription and is not advised for patients with cardiac irregularities or those suffering from cardiac disease which can be harmful.
  - Chairperson of the GOM appealed to avoid spreading rumours or un-authenticated information. Government websites to be accessed for any information regarding COVID-19. *(Source: pib.gov.in)*
- 9<sup>th</sup> April marked the 100 days since WHO was notified of the first cases of “pneumonia with unknown cause” in China. *(Source: WHO)*