

UPDATES ON COVID-19

Centre lends a helping hand to NE States in the fight against COVID-19

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The fight against the pandemic across the country has been a concerted and collective endeavour. The Centre has pro-actively and strongly supported strengthening of the medical care infrastructure in the NE States to fight COVID-19.

The North Eastern (NE) states have a comparatively lower number of COVID-19 cases compared to the country. As depicted in the table below, as on date, while the active cases are 3731, the recoveries exceed this at 5715. The death rate continues to be low, with no deaths in Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim.

Sr. No.	State	Active Cases	Recoveries	Death
1	Arunachal Pradesh	121	38	1
2	Assam	2279	4033	9
3	Manipur	702	354	0
4	Meghalaya	3	42	1
5	Mizoram	115	30	0
6	Nagaland	195	160	0
7	Sikkim	46	39	0
8	Tripura	270	1019	1
Total		3731	5715	12

outbreak was complete lack of testing facilities. But today, because of the focussed attention of the Centre through the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the NE has 39 testing labs in the public sector and three in the private sector, totalling to 42 labs.

Serial No.	State	Public Labs	Private Labs	Total Labs
1	Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	3
2	Assam	10	2	12
3	Manipur	2	0	2
4	Meghalaya	6	1	7
5	Mizoram	2	0	2
6	Nagaland	13	0	13
7	Sikkim	2	0	2
8	Tripura	1	0	1
Total		39	3	42

The NE States also suffered from an acute lack of dedicated COVID Hospitals, COVID Health Centres and COVID care Centres. With the help of the Centre, the healthcare infrastructure across all the NE states has been substantially supplemented.

The present status is as follows:

Serial No.	State	Dedicated COVID Hospitals / DCH	Dedicated COVID Health Center / DCHC	Dedicated COVID Center / DCCC	No of Facility
1	Arunachal Pradesh	4	31	51	86
2	Assam	32	267	1001	1300
3	Manipur	2	18	1	21

5	Mizoram	1	15	15	31
6	Nagaland	12	1	1	14
7	Sikkim	1	2	2	5
8	Tripura	1	2	13	16
Total		60	360	1098	1518

Also, Government of India has supported the NE States in stepping up the number of ICU beds, Isolation beds, Oxygen supported beds and ventilators. This has played a critical role in effective clinical management of COVID-19 cases.

Sr. No.	State	Total Isolation beds (excluding ICU beds)	O2 Supported beds	Total ICU beds	No of Ventilators
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1998	178	60	16
2	Assam	67833	1841	598	350
3	Manipur	829	317	48	45
4	Meghalaya	1231	345	83	95
5	Mizoram	709	213	37	27
6	Nagaland	681	142	54	28
7	Sikkim	251	224	20	59
8	Tripura	1277	10	13	7

The Centre has also strongly supported the NE states to step up the availability of N95 masks, PPE kits and HCQ tablets.

	Government Institutions	distributed (lakh)	(distributed (lakh)	distributed (lakh)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1.21	0.66	1.5
2	Assam	3.37	2.01	6.7
3	Manipur	0.95	0.79	2.7
4	Meghalaya	0.75	0.52	1.75
5	Mizoram	0.76	0.31	2.2
6	Nagaland	0.7	0.25	1.75
7	Sikkim	0.80	0.52	0.25
8	Tripura	1.38	1.13	2.5
