

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

Country	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Afghanistan	114	4
Bangladesh <sup>1</sup>	49	5
Bhutan <sup>2</sup>	4	0
India <sup>3</sup>	1251	32
Maldives <sup>4</sup>	17	0
Nepal	5	0
Pakistan	1625	18
Sri Lanka <sup>5</sup>	122	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3187</b>	<b>61</b>

#### Source:

WHO Coronavirus Situation Dashboard  
(Data as reported on 18:00 CET 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020),

1 Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, Govt. of Bangladesh (as on 30.03.2020)

2 Ministry of Health, Royal Govt. of Bhutan (as on 30.03.2020)

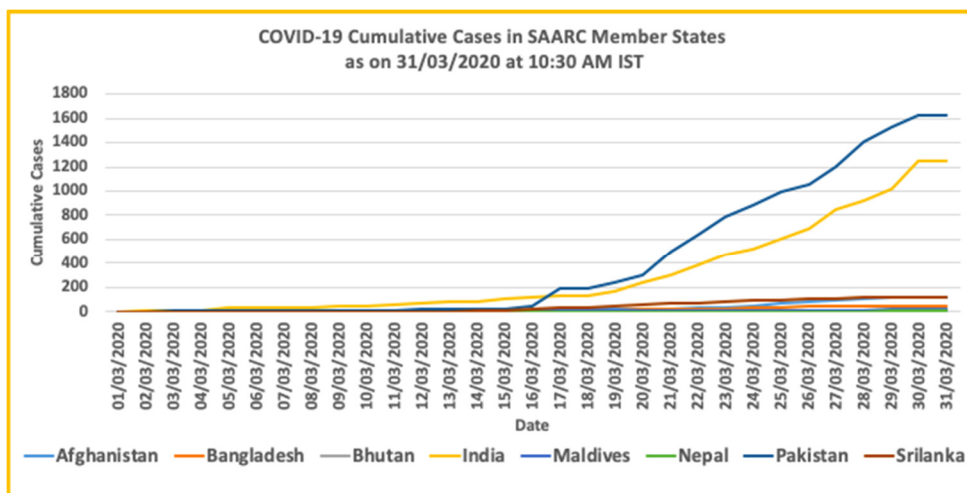
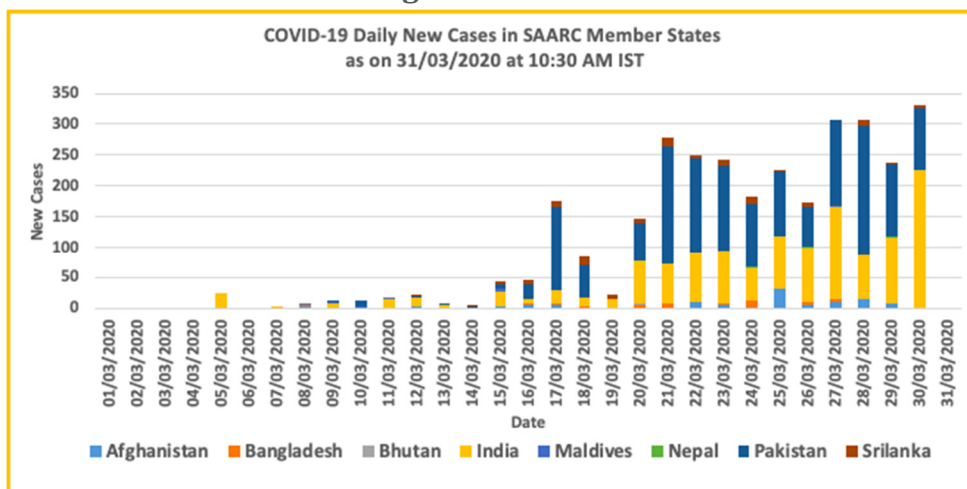
3 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India (as on 30.03.2020 at 09:30PM),

4 Ministry of Health, Republic of Maldives (as on 30 March 2020 - 22:39)

5 Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Govt. of Sri Lanka (as on 07:00 PM, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

- As of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020- 693,224 people have been affected by COVID-19 worldwide. About 33,106 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 3,187 cases and a total of 61 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





- Prime Minister of India held a videoconference with the Heads of all of India's Embassies and High Commissions worldwide to discuss responses to the global COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The Prime Minister complimented Heads of Missions for their efforts to evacuate Indians stranded abroad in some of the epicentres of the crisis.
  - Heads of Mission also reported lessons learned in other countries, and their best practices, in the global fight against COVID-19.
  - In our neighbourhood, Heads of Mission underlined measures to assist the national responses of those countries, using the special fund created at India's initiative for SAARC countries to combat COVID-19. *(Source: pib.gov.in)*
- WHO has updated the operational planning guidelines to help countries maintain essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The document includes a set of immediate actions that countries should consider at national, regional, and local level to reorganize and maintain access to highquality essential health services for all. *(Source: WHO)*