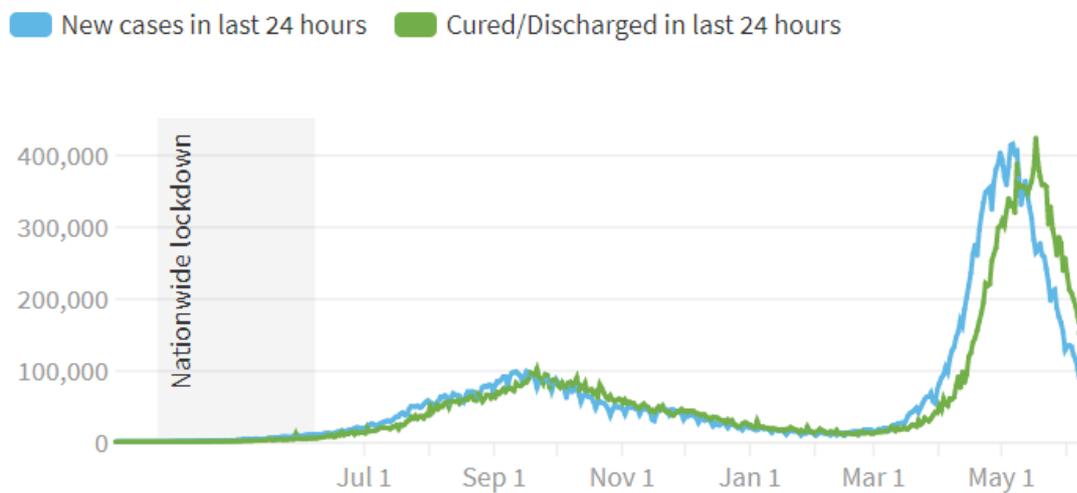


**Dear Valued Customer,**

We hope you; your families and your colleagues are in good health.

Thanks to growing vaccination coverage and decreasing pandemic impact, parts of India are heading towards regular conditions of business. For the time being, the conditions under which we all operate will continue to be disruptive and far from normal. We look forward to continuing our update services as long as the global pandemic influences the economy.

The total number of new cases has started dropping and currently, the country is clocking around 70,421+ cases per day. With many states, started to come out of the lockdown and breaking the chain, it is expected to ease the situation of the pandemic by the third week of June 2021. There is a lot of hope now at the country level as the number of new cases is going down with a total number of cases reported as 29.18 million of which the active being 1.16 million and discharged cases are 27.65 million.



Source: MoHFW • Last updated: 10 June, 08:00 IST

**India Moving in Right Direction**

	Active Cases	New Cases	Air Freight	Ocean Freight	Contract Logistics	Land Transportation	Custom Clearance
<b>India</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>North</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>East</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>West</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>South</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Bengaluru</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Hyderabad</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●

- Business Normal   ● Moderate Impact due to CFS/Port Handling & Customs   ● Operations Halted
- ↓ Trending down   ↔ Status Quo   ↑ Trending Upwards

Normal routine seems to be coming back across West and North India with easing of lockdown measures. South and Bengaluru have started to ease out with lesser restriction. We continue to witness challenges for resources due to the longer timeline for the recovery of affected individuals. Post-COVID Recovery & Vaccination also continue to impact resource availability at some sites.

### **Product Level Status**

- **Air Freight –**

- ✓ **Market Dynamics-**

- Market demand in 2021 is expected to further increase based on recent market developments.
- Due to the unprecedented increase in COVID-19 cases in India, huge movements of incoming humanitarian aid from across the globe of oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, life support equipment and other patient care machinery are witnessed. The consignments are moved through Air due to time constraints.
- Our Global and Indian teams are relentlessly supporting the transportation of relief/aid material from foreign countries to India.
- We have been glad to be associated with India's large MNC with moving of Oxygen Plants and other Health care infrastructure much needed during these challenging times.
- We continue to face restriction in Pax flight due to the current situation in India
- Overall backlogs situation has not improved across all major gateways in the US, FRA, DXB, DOH to India
- The amount of export cargo that is moving through the Chicago/Franklin Park warehouse has created massive congestion. Our customers are shipping unprecedented volumes as a result of ocean to air conversions. Hence please expect some delays in movement while we are working on usage of alternate gateways/airports to avoid delays.
- Air France/KLM has announced to start once a week passenger flight from 26<sup>th</sup> June and will increase to 2x weekly by 8<sup>th</sup> July.

- ✓ **COVID impact on Air Operations -**

- Localized restrictions introduced by state governments and local bodies have restricted the workforce at airports. The cargo operations have not been majorly impacted while customs officials, airport handlers and forwards working with coordinated efforts, however complete lockdown has impacted the movement of individuals and there is restricted movement of staff.
- Given the fact that many of our staff or their families are impacted, we have sent a detailed escalation matrix by region and product. Please reach out to us for any delays on documentation, pre-alerts, quotations, system updates or customer follow-ups.

- **CFS Operations (No Change)**

- Resource shortage is observed in Bengaluru due to labour shortage. This will increase halting charges if trucks do not arrive well in advance.
- We are expected to see delays in the carting and stuffing process due to the pandemic.
- The situation in North Region is improving in operations and trucking

- **Contract Logistics**

- All southern states except Kerala are gradually opening up and now with operations allowed between 0600 hours to 1800 hours for essential as well as non-essential services but with a reduced capacity.
- Kerala continues to operate only for Essential Services till 20th.
- North and West region are opening gradually opening.
  
- **Custom Clearance (No Change)-**
  - In Tamil Nadu, only essential goods are being cleared by FTWZ while the movement of their staff is restricted.
  - We anticipate delay's in customs clearance activities across all gateways due to an increase in COVID – 19 cases and reduced staff at customs.
  - All import and export-related activities are affected due to travel and social distancing restrictions at work.
  - We will have delays in clearance activities due to curfew/lockdown, restrictions on the movement of people, public transport, imposition of essential services pass, restrictions on the workforce at the office etc.
  - The customs have implemented the submission of documents through e-mail for specified items to minimize human contact and staff to work during office hours.
  - The priority for clearance shall be given to COVID-19 related products or equipments and vaccines etc.
  
- **Land Transportation -**
  - In Hyderabad/Telangana, there shall be complete lockdown in all parts of the State from 6.00 PM to 6.00 AM of the following day. The lockdown restrictions shall not apply from 6.00 AM to 6.00 PM.
  - Apart from that only oxygen and domestic gas cylinders carrying vehicles, oxygen tankers, medical equipment and water tankers, dairy, fish, and meat-related transportation to cold storage points will be allowed
  - Some receivers continue to have limited operations. All shippers may check the delivery possibility with the consignee to avoid cost for storage or return shipments.
  
- **Ocean Freight**
  - Space & Equipment challenges with the carriers are expected to continue for 2-3 months more due to the unpredicted demand and limited capacity inducement.
  - Required 2-3 weeks advance forecasting to avoid booking delays.
  - There are changes in the port rotation and blank sailings for the Exports, expected delays in the sailings.
  - Imports Ex South China impacted, possible congestion at the ports as the Yantian port operation is slow due to increasing COVID cases.
  - Given the fact that many of our staff or their families are impacted, we have sent a detailed escalation matrix by region and product. Please reach out to us for any delays on documentation, pre-alerts, quotations, system updates or customer follow-ups.
  - Volume pressure ex APAC to all destinations remains strong; to last at least until the end of Q3 / 2021.



### **India Country Overview:**

The number of cases in the last 24 hours has crossed 70,421 +, pushing the total number of cases to over 29.18 million and the total death count to 3.59 lakhs +.

Major countries like United States, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Canada, Pakistan, New Zealand, Oman, Nigeria, UAE, Iran, Australia, France, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Maldives, Thailand, Bangladesh, Italy, Israel, Singapore(restricted), Germany, Taiwan, Nepal etc have put India under the international travel ban due to the rising number of COVID – 19 cases.

India has extended the scheduled international commercial passengers from/to India till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. These restrictions don't apply to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by DGCA. However, International scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes by the competent authorities on case to case basis.

### **India lockdown status:**

	Started Unlocking	Full	Weekend	Curfew	Date
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>		✓			30 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Delhi</b>	✓	✓			21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Haryana</b>	✓	✓			21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Jharkhand</b>		✓			16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Karnataka</b>	✓	✓			21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Kerala</b>	✓	✓			16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Maharashtra</b>	✓	✓			21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Punjab</b>	✓	✓			15 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Rajasthan</b>	✓		✓	✓	15 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	✓	✓			21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Telangana</b>		✓			19 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	✓		✓	✓	Until further
<b>West Bengal</b>	✓	✓			1 <sup>st</sup> July

### **Bangladesh Overview**

With the COVID positivity rate surging in India-Bangladesh bordering districts, the government has extended the countrywide restrictions till 16<sup>th</sup> June-2021 to check virus transmission. All tourist spots, resorts, and community and entertainment centers will remain closed during the period. Restaurants and food shops are allowed to stay open from 0600 – 2200 hours every day. Restaurants can provide either dine-in (50%) or takeaway services. All educational institutes will remain closed until further notice. Now inter-district bus, train and launch services will resume across the country on the condition that they operate at half their capacity for a week.

On the Air Freight side, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has approved the resumption of international passenger flights in and out of Bangladesh for 26 countries, with certain strict rules in place. India, South Africa and 10 other countries are not allowed for incoming and outgoing passengers. Overall cargo movement at DAC airport is increased due to the ease of the COVID situation in Europe. There is no backlog at Dhaka airport. Almost all the major carriers are operating ex DAC outbound flights. Airfreight rates also on an upward trend due to overall increasing demand. Onward connections from HUB to the US and Canada is challenging due to high-value cargo gravity. Expected transit time to US destination be around 8-9 days, it may need additional 2/3 days depending on the situation.

Chittagong port is observing scarcity of open space of devanning container at LCL shed. At the same time, LCL limited space are frequently occupying FCL container since FCL yard is badly congested and causing longer time for devanning of LCL cargo taking almost 3 weeks. As per the port officials, it might take 3-4 weeks to solve the issue. However, with the continuous effort of our operation team, we are moving our cargo as per our client's demand.

At land transport, the availability of vehicles and drivers on the Indian side of the border is hugely affected due to the ongoing lockdown across the country. Indian government does not allow trucks to move from one state to another states if the commodity is non-essential. The vehicles rate is increased which is estimated to be +/-35% amount compared to the normal flows. Congestion at Petrapole LCS as of 06th Jun 2021: Overall it takes +/- 14 days for Importing goods from India to Bangladesh. More than 4000 vehicles are in the Petrapole queue. The daily average movement of vehicles from India to Bangladesh is +/- 250 while earlier it was 400 per day.

Bangladesh has registered 2,436 fresh COVID - 19 cases and 47 death in the last 24 hours until Sunday, taking the tally total to 826,922 cases and the number of deaths to 13,118.



#### **Global update:**

Please refer to the [global COVID updates on the corporate website.](#)

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