

INDIAN STATE STRATEGIES FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE:

Guidelines and learnings

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With Indian states developing their own guidelines and strategies for COVID-19 response, this note documents policy decisions and announcements of all Indian states (except Kerala), subject to its appearance in the public domain. [Appendix 1](#) summarizes [WHO guidelines](#) for community transmission; other technical guidelines for national authorities can be accessed [here](#).

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Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Number of confirmed cases: 11 (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Start conducting [pool tests](#)
2. Suspend all [tourism activities](#)

Andhra Pradesh

Number of confirmed cases: 427 (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Create a [COVID-19 task force](#)
 - b. Advise [foreign returnees](#) to report any symptoms to 24*7 call-centre / toll free helpline number (104).
 - c. Designate dedicated ambulance (108) escorted by rapid response teams for hospitalisation needs
 - d. Issue [order](#) for government access to private hospitals and non-government healthcare institutions
2. Public Health Measures
 - a. [Intensify street-level vigil](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19
3. Essential Services continuity
 - a. Provide a lock down [relaxation period](#) from 6 am to 11 am in urban areas and rural areas from 6 am to 1 pm
 - b. Paste [price list of essential goods](#) outside shops
 - c. Operate [call centre](#) to take complaints about price hike or hoarders
 - d. Use of [state buses](#) for supply of essential goods and delivery of vegetables through mobile vans
 - e. Supply of essential items to [old-age homes](#)
 - f. Prevent interruption in the [transportation of fertilizer](#) needed for agriculture
 - g. Reopen the [aqua-related industries](#) while maintaining social distancing and providing masks and gloves for safety
4. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Door-step [delivery of pension](#)
 - b. Provide [interim bail](#) for select prisoners
 - c. Ensure [full payment to workers](#) during lock down period by government and private sector
 - d. Provide [April ration](#) free of cost, in [advance](#), at doorstep of ration card holders
5. Proposed [exit strategy](#)

- a. Lift the lockdown in districts that have not reported a single case so far, ease restrictions in districts with a mild number of cases
- b. Continue closure of cinema halls and congregations
- c. Limit inter-district movements, restrict movements to Visakhapatnam

Arunachal Pradesh

Number of confirmed cases: 1 (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. [Postpone municipal and panchayat elections](#)
 - b. Set up a 24x7 [control room](#) under Integrated Disease Surveillance Program
 - c. Cancel [tourist permits](#), stop issuance of [protected areas](#) first and [rest of the area](#)
 - d. Set up [help desks](#) for stranded tourists and students (IDSP) to answer queries
 - e. Set up [audit](#) teams for reviewing process of isolation of positive cases, preparedness of healthcare facilities, supply of essential commodities, relief for migrants and daily wage workers
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Issue cash transfer to farmers along with free grains
 - b. Give free cooking gas (LPG) cylinders for three months to [beneficiaries](#) under Ujjawala Yojana
 - c. Provide collateral-free loans to Self-Help Groups
 - d. Issue cash transfer to women PMJDY account holders
 - e. Issue cash transfer to MNREGS workers will get Rs 202 (up from INR 182)
 - f. Provide health workers with medical insurance cover
 - g. Issue cash transfer to BPL cardholders, senior citizens, poor widows, and poor-disabled people
 - h. [Provide food and shelter](#) to migrant workers and homeless people
 - i. [Make cash transfers for two months](#) to workers under Building & Other Construction Workers Board
 - j. Announce a [call for volunteers](#) to assist with COVID-19 response
 - k. Impose [safety restrictions](#) and social distancing
 - l. Identify quarantine and [isolation facilities](#)
3. Essential services continuity
 - a. Develop a digital app, [MeeBuddy](#) to facilitate home delivery of essential goods
4. Public health Measures
 - a. [Develop](#) own hand sanitizer to combat shortages
 - a. Disseminate [rapid information](#) on preventive measures

Assam

Number of confirmed cases: [16](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Suspend [inter-state and inter-district](#) transport services
 - b. Constitute a [state-level Task Force](#) to supervise implementation of decisions
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Order](#) not to terminate employees, wages not to be reduced during lockdown
 - b. Offer [\\$2000](#) to permanent state residents stranded abroad
 - c. Deposit lump-sum money in the bank accounts of [Ujjala account holders](#), tea labourers, daily wage earners, construction workers
3. Essential services continuity
 - a. [Exempt](#) health, public and other services from lockdown
 - b. [Fix prices](#) of medical items
 - c. [Maintain supply chains](#) of food items
4. Public health Measures
 - a. [Close down](#) of cultural establishments, barber shops and similar establishments
 - b. [Transform](#) two stadiums in make-shift quarantine facilities
 - c. [Designate treatment centers](#) for COVID-19 patients in all districts, including conversion of State's medical colleges
 - d. [Pay private hospitals](#) to take those previously admitted to government facilities.
 - e. [Train final year medical students](#) to treat COVID-19 cases
 - f. [Supply of free hand sanitizers](#) by liquor companies
 - g. [Install prefabricated hospitals](#) in partnership with the private sector
 - h. [Take over temporarily](#) estate hospitals, creches and club houses in tea estates give Rs. 5000 to sensitise workers
 - i. [Enforce home quarantine](#) with stamping
 - j. [Ban use of biometrics](#) for attendance

Bihar

Number of confirmed cases: [64](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: Rs. 100 crores

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Set up State Coordination Committee and District Coordination Committees
 - b. Use of 104 call centres as COVID-19 control rooms

- c. Put all medical colleges on high alert
 - d. Defer hearings of all disputes in courts of Board of Revenue till further notice
2. Public Health Measures
 - a. Arrange state vehicles for returnees to reach their villages
 - b. [Order](#) closure of all schools, private coaching institutes, cinema halls, parks and other public places
 - c. Launch [Sahaytha app](#) for migrant returnees
 - d. [Release chatbot](#) for public health information
3. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Direct benefit transfer of mid-day meal
 - b. Announce a dedicated fund for the benefit of poor patients who recover from coronavirus after treatment([Rs 6,600 upon discharge](#))
 - c. Set up “[aapada raahat kendras](#)” for the homeless
 - d. Announce [Rs 1000](#) for ration cardholders
 - e. Announce [Rs 1000](#) for migrant workers
 - f. Announce 3 LPG cylinders free under Ujjwala scheme
 - g. [Transfer scholarship amount](#) of all students (classes 1-12) by direct transfer
 - h. Pay in advance [three-month pension](#) to all pensioners
 - i. Cover treatment costs of COVID-19 patients
 - j. Prove those stuck in other states to get assistance of Rs 1,000 from CM Relief Fund under [Mukhyamantri Vishesh Sahayata](#)
 - k. Pay [government doctors and health employees](#) an incentive equivalent to their one month's basic pay
 - l. Have [SHGs sow and stitch face masks](#)
4. Legal Measures
 - a. [Declare](#) COVID-19 as an epidemic and issue the Bihar Epidemic Diseases COVID-19 Regulation 2020
 - b. Outlaws [consumption of smokeless tobacco and spitting in public](#)
5. Essential Services Continuity
 - a. Issue advisory to Bihar Police to ensure that supply chain of essential food items
 - b. Extend by three months, the deadline for [One Time Settlement Scheme](#) for Pre-GST tax disputes

Chandigarh

Number of confirmed cases: [21](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Legal Measures
 - a. Issue the Chandigarh Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 through [notification](#)

2. Administrative Measures
 - a. Open a [UT's Relief Fund](#) at Central Bank of India - Indian Red Cross Foundation
 - b. Set up a Curfew Pass system "[COVID-19 Movement Pass Form](#)" which can be filled up online. This is to allow essential services, travel from Chandigarh to outside, Medical Emergency pass, movement of essential goods, government official, specified purpose
 - c. Start a dedicated [helpline](#)
 - d. Constitute [Sector Response Teams](#) for ensuring supplies
3. Essential Services Continuity
 - a. [Publish updated lists](#) of retail shops for groceries and medicines, for home delivery and milk distribution
 - b. Create a mobile [ATM](#). Updates routes every day and shares on the website
4. Public Health Measures
 - a. Release [reports](#) on contact tracing
 - b. Maintain good communication through [press releases](#) to keep citizens updated of the latest decisions, [guidelines](#) that are published through the official COVID-19 related [website](#)
 - c. Set up [isolation centers](#)
5. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Reschedule](#) deposits of fees for all schools
 - b. [Provide food security Allowance](#) to eligible students through Direct Benefit Transfer during 10 working days of March
 - c. Streamline the [delivery of LPG Cylinders](#) to households
 - d. [Transfer monthly food subsidies](#) through DBT for PHC/AAY beneficiaries in advance for 2 months. [Directs](#) beneficiaries to check the corresponding Bank Account

Chhattisgarh

Number of confirmed cases: 31 (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Set up a [war room and deploy a rapid response task](#) force in districts
 - b. Set up [verticals for various activities](#) like the command centre, medical equipment supply, quarantine in-home, facility quarantine, mobility and logistics support, media, data management, contact tracing, community tracing, hospital management and treatment, volunteer doctors, testing, training, planning and management. Place an IAS officer in charge of each vertical with a support team comprising related experts
2. Public Health Measures

- a. Set up [dedicated COVID-19 facilities](#) in each district
 - b. [Identify cases](#) through mass mobilisation of the government machinery. Reach out to every citizen if possible. Digitize this information
 - c. [Use drones](#) for spraying of disinfectants in areas which could be prone to coronavirus spread such as the vicinity of hospitals, market places with concentration of food, medical and essential commodity stores etc
3. Social Protection Measures
- a. Distribute free [food packets](#) to the poor across all districts
 - b. Disburse [ration at subsidised rates](#) for two months for BPL families
 - c. Encourage [remunerative work](#) such as self-help groups to create and sell face masks/soaps/sanitizers, MGNREGA workers to prepare organic manure
 - d. [Free meals](#) for undernourished children between the age of 3-6, primary & middle school students through Anganwadis, MDM+ICDS
 - e. [Special allowance](#) to the staff of the Health Department engaged in the treatment of the coronavirus
 - f. [Discharge prisoners](#) on bail/parole to decongest prisons

Daman and Diu / Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Number of confirmed cases: [0](#)

Strategies Employed

1. [Shut hotels](#) for tourists
2. [Seal borders](#)

Delhi

Number of confirmed cases: [1154](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Legal Measures
 - a. [Notify a lockdown](#) in all its territories on 22 March 2020
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Distribute cooked meals](#) and ration through the existing [night shelters](#) to aid migrant workers and the poor
 - b. Issue [Hunger Helpline numbers](#) to guide and assist people to the nearest night shelter for availing cooked meals
 - c. Provide [financial aid to construction workers](#) whose livelihood has been affected by the lockdown
 - d. Distribute [50% extra ration at fair-price shops](#). Also sets up special centres for [registration of 10 lakh people for ration](#) through Aadhaar cards

- e. [Double the pension](#) for widows, differently-abled and elderly for this month
- f. Waive off [GST](#) for people who are quarantined and opt for a paid hotel facility

Goa

Number of confirmed cases: 7 (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. [Empower Urban Local Bodies](#) to implement public health safety measures and sanitation
 - b. [Open](#) COVID-19 Relief account. [CSR funds](#) can contribute
 - c. [Extend payments](#) of power bills
 - d. Set up [control rooms](#)
 - e. [Restrict transportation services](#) to contain the spread of Covid
 - f. [Provide temporary passes](#) for movement of citizens
 - g. [Advise farmers](#) for safe practices during harvesting
2. Public Health Measures
 - a. [Request self-reporting](#) of cruise ships travelers with symptoms
 - b. [Implement door-to-door screening](#) of potential Influenza Like Illness and Severe Acute Respiratory Infections patients
 - c. [Develop GPS-based tracker](#) of suspected and asymptomatic cases
 - d. [Launch of telemedicine](#) consultation services
3. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Provide additional quota per person](#), free of cost, for three months for AAY and PHH beneficiaries
 - b. [Set-up free](#) canteens and [shelters](#) across the State
 - c. [Convert railway stations](#) and stadiums for providing shelter to homeless people under the Disaster Management Act, 2005
 - d. Set-up a [food helpline](#) to serve cooked meals and distribute with [government buses](#)
4. Legal Measures
 - a. [Create advisory for managing social media](#) and administrators of WhatsApp groups
5. Essential Services Continuity
 - a. Allow factories to [take actions against workers](#) not reporting to work
 - b. Issue guidelines on [preparation of school exams](#)
 - c. [Allow fishermen](#) to sell their products
 - d. [Appeal hotels](#) to ensure services for stranded customers
 - e. Ensure circulation of [mobile ATM van](#)
 - f. [Create lines for reporting blackmarket](#), hoarding and overcharging on supplies

Gujarat

Number of confirmed case: [516](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures

- a. [Initiate](#) Chief Minister's release fund and call for donations from civil society and social organisations. Collection under SBI Saving account
- b. [Empower the sub-national and local levels of government](#) to implement the State's strategies effectively
- c. [Prohibit transportation](#) by passenger vehicles (i.e. State carriages, Contract carriages, Taxi cabs, Maxi cabs) within the State (on 22/03)
- d. [Close schools](#) and educational facilities
- e. [Activate Gujarat Epidemic Regulation](#) and assignment of IAS officers to Health and Family Development wing for administrating

2. Social Protection Measures

- a. [In-kind transfer](#) of free ration which includes 3.5 kg wheat, 1.5 kg rice, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg pulses and 1 kg salt for 3.25 crore poor in the state for a month free of charge. ([60 lakhs families with ration cards targeted](#) - daily wagers)
- b. [Declare BPL, APL1, APL2 card-holders as Priority Household](#) beneficiaries and give grains
- c. [Advise private establishment](#) not to terminate jobs or reduce wages ([advisory in Gujarati](#))
- d. [Feed citizens](#) of the States locked down in other states through helplines
- e. [Accommodate and feed](#) migrants of other states locked down in Gujarat with help of volunteer organisations
- f. [Give free meals](#) to the elderly living alone in major cities (Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar and Gandhinagar)
- g. [Compensate police forces](#)
- h. [Create a helpline](#) to coordinate food assistance to migrant workers in the State and Gujaratis outside
- i. [Provide for one-month ration](#) at fair price Shop, off-line
- j. [Deliver free meals](#) for isolated elderly major cities

3. Essential Services Continuity

- a. [Initiate control room](#) at State Emergency and Operations Centre (SEOC) to monitor supplies of essential goods and services and build helpline for citizens
- b. [Rope in private manufactures](#) for producing PPE and aim to be self-reliant for [sourcing medical items](#)

4. Public health Measures

- a. Lockdown of [Ahmedabad/Surat](#) on 22/03/2020
- b. Develop a tracking system of home quarantined people. Initially, houses marked with stickers, now develop [an app](#). Set-up teams of volunteers for surveys, monitored by Urban Health Centers with cards. It's coordinated by the local leaders, panchayat office, sarpanchs, TDOs
- c. Regulate [healthcare practices and cooperation of citizens](#) during the outbreak
- d. Define guidelines for [clinical management](#)
- e. [Create awareness](#) through police forces
- f. Provide [free N-95 masks to private doctors](#)
- g. Assign a [state epidemiologist](#)

Himachal Pradesh

Number of confirmed cases: [32](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: [500 Cr](#)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Notify a [lockdown](#) in all its territories on 23 March 2020.
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Provide Rs. 2000 as one time relief for 105,000 workers registered with the Building and Construction Workers Board
 - b. Distribute ration flour and rice for two months to targeted PDS cardholders
 - c. Provide Rs 160.2 crore as first-quarter pension to social security pension holders in the first week of April
 - d. Deposit Rs 3,000 as first-quarter pension to about 534,000 social security pension holders including about 125,000 widows and disabled persons
3. Proposed [Exit](#) Strategy
 - a. Identify hotspots and entirely isolates those from the other parts of the state
 - b. Entrust the supply of food and other essential commodities to the police and the local administration
 - c. Provide no relaxation in curfew in the hotspot areas
 - d. Compensate the economically most vulnerable sections

Jammu & Kashmir

Number of confirmed cases: [254](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Legal Measures
 - a. Order [shutdown](#) of all establishments and services except essential services on 22 March 2020
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Release [wages for daily workers, ration packets for slum-dwellers and destitute and sets up health camps in vulnerable areas](#)
 - b. Allow [two instalments of pension](#) relating to old age, disability and women in distress to be paid immediately
 - c. Provide [two months ration](#) to all persons covered under PDS and children covered under Mid-Day Meal scheme

Jharkhand

Number of confirmed cases: 19 (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: Rs. 12 Cr+ Rs. 50 lakh per district

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Allocate [Rs 50 lakh](#) to each district
 - b. Establish [state-level control room](#)
 - c. Appointment of [nodal officer](#) to handle public grievances received in CPGRAMS
 - d. Setting up a [call centre in Delhi](#) for helping people stranded during lockdown
 - e. Citizen manual for [E-Pass](#) application for vehicles during lockdown
2. Public Health Measures
 - a. Shut down [educational institutions](#) including schools, colleges, and universities (examinations and evaluations to continue)
3. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Open up [600 dal bhat kendra](#) in police stations to feed the poor
 - b. Provide [2 months advance ration](#) to the cardholders, and additional food packets to those stranded
 - c. Provide [ration to families](#) with a pending application for ration cards
 - d. Suspend [biometric authentication](#) for ration distribution. OTP and mobile numbers to be used instead
 - e. Advance payment of [pensions](#) for March and April
 - f. Provide full [wage payment](#) to registered daily workers
 - g. Shelter homeless in [government-run shelters](#) where they can be provided with regular meals
 - h. [Suspend Tuition fees](#)

Karnataka

Number of confirmed cases: [232](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: Rs. [200 crore](#)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures

- a. [Notify state Epidemic Diseases Act](#) to give administration necessary powers to contain spread
- b. [Convene multi-party meet](#)
- c. Begin [private donor coordination](#)
- d. Create a [Telegram account](#) to fact check claims and disseminate information
- e. Develop a [volunteer-driven initiative](#) to prevent the spread of misinformation
- f. Take early [response](#), announce of nine districts including Bengaluru, suspend operations of all non-essential services, and scale testing
- g. Use [drone](#) technology to surveil congregations

2. Public Health Measures

- a. Conduct random testing: Karnataka plans to [randomly test 25,000](#) individuals in two weeks
- b. Work with neighbouring states to manage [migration](#) and protection of migrant workers
- c. Launch [Corona Watch App](#) for community surveillance and tracing
- d. Seek [ICMR](#) approval for plasma therapy treatment of critically ill patients
- e. Partner with industry groups to procure [testing](#) kits
- f. Initiate [mental health counselling](#) for COVID-19 patients
- g. Develop [case management strategy](#), including analysing hospital capacity, launch centralised tele-medical facilities for older doctors

3. Essential Services Continuity

- a. Repurpose [Jan Sevak Scheme](#) to conduct health surveys and supply essential goods during the lockdown

4. Social Protection Measures

- a. Disburse [two months of PDS rations in advance](#)
- b. Suspend [biometric authentication](#)
- c. Release [social security pension](#) of two months in advance
- d. Pay MNREGA wages two months in advance
- e. Issue [loan waiver](#) under Badavara Bandhu (interest-free loan to roadside vendors)
- f. Offer free food through [Indira canteens](#) thrice a day in Bangalore
- g. Arrange for anganwadi workers to deliver food to beneficiaries
- h. Distribute [food packets](#) for daily wage employees

- i. [Prevent termination of employees](#) or deduction of wages due to closure/lockdown of establishments
 - j. [Provision of paid leave](#) of 28 days to employees infected with coronavirus
 - k. Issue [cash transfer](#) of Rs 1000 to 21 lakh construction workers
 - l. Launch a [hunger helpline](#) 155214 for migrant workers.
5. Proposed Exit [Strategy](#)
- a. Continue lockdown in identified hotspots for 2 more weeks
 - b. Extension of restrictions in districts that have reported positive cases
 - c. Follow strict social distancing till 31 May, restrict gatherings of more than 4-5 people, advice senior citizens to stay at home till 30 April
 - d. Continue closure of air-travel and train travel, entertainment, religious, social gatherings and institutions until 30th April 2020. Odd-even rule for private vehicles should be implemented
 - e. Mandate wearing cloth masks in public places
 - f. IT-BT companies and government departments providing essential services and factories should function with only 50 per cent of their workforce at any given time

Ladakh

Number of confirmed cases: [15](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. [Direct Rs. 1 Crfund](#) for Leh and Kargil districts through Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)
2. [Issue order](#) to restrict airlines to carry resident passengers only
3. Set up [COVID-19 hospitals](#)
4. Put in place effective measure in [religious and touristic places](#) post orders from the High Court

Lakshadweep

Number of cases: [0](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. [Impose partial lockdown](#)
2. [Prohibit passenger ships](#) from entering under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC)

3. [Set up](#) helpline
4. [Deny entry](#) to foreigners

Madhya Pradesh

Number of confirmed cases: [564](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Distribute PDS [without ration cards](#)
 - b. Provide [assistance](#) of Rs 1000 per labourer to the labourers in the unorganised sector through Sannirman Karmkar Mandal
 - c. Provide cash transfer to [workers registered under the Construction Workers' Board](#)
 - d. Pay advance of 2 months to [pensioners](#) (social security pension, widow pension, old age pension, destitute pension etc)
 - e. Provide free treatment to COVID-19 patients under Ayushman Bharat Yojana
 - f. [Provide](#) food and housing assistance to needy and [migrant workers](#) via helpline numbers
 - g. Announce 2 months advance pension to [pensioners](#)
 - h. Issue cash transfer of Rs 2,000 to protected tribes
 - i. Serve weakly ready-to-eat meals through SHGs
 - j. Distribute food at rain baseras (night shelter homes) to homeless, poor, stranded migrant workers
 - k. Provide food (including PDS) (wheat and rice) to people in isolation, homeless persons, and people left destitute because of the lockdown free of cost. Door-to-door delivery facilitated
 - l. Provide financial assistance to those under home quarantine
 - m. Issue interim bail to those imprisoned upto 5 years or less to decongest jails
2. Administrative Measures
 - a. Set up a [state-level control](#) at Bhopal Smart City for prevention
 - b. Announce [voluntary](#) contribution to CM Relief/Assistance/Support Fund
3. Public Health Measures
 - a. Distribute [pamphlets](#) to motivate children to study at home
4. Essential Services Continuity
 - a. Extend deadlines for filing [property tax](#), annuity tax, Kisan credit card payment and fees of schools and colleges till April 30
 - b. Announce support for the [rabi crop](#)
 - c. [Promote students of all classes](#), except standards 10th and 12th, of the state schools

Maharashtra

Number of confirmed cases: [1985](#) (As on 13 April)

Total size of the economic relief package: [Rs. 450 Million](#)

Strategies Employed

1. Administration
 - a. [CM's relief fund](#) COVID-19. Donations on SBI Saving Account
 - b. [Lockdown](#) from 23/03 to 31/03
 - c. [Reduce capacity of businesses](#) gradually
 - d. [Request the central government](#) for postponement of filing returns, pay taxes. Request for waiving off all the interests, fees, penalties on late compliance for the same
 - e. [Exempt increase of school fees](#)
 - f. [Seal](#) inter-district borders and [issue passes](#)
 - g. [Cancel](#) passenger trains
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Deliver Take Home Ration \(THR\)](#) to children at home
 - b. [Provide three months' ration](#) to people under Below Poverty Line
 - c. [Support farmers](#) by allowing sales of fruit production and exempt all activities associated with farming - such as transportation of seeds and fertiliser from the 21-day lockdown
 - d. [Provide shelter](#) with 262 relief camps for 70,399 migrant labour/ the homeless people to give food and a roof
 - e. [Serve free lunches](#) for sugar factory workers, workers without ration cards are also beneficiaries
 - f. [Increase timings and capacity](#) of Shiv Bhojan's canteens to serve subsidised meals for the [next three months](#) (for Rs5)
 - g. [Provide subsidised rations](#) to orange ration card holders
 - h. [Advise](#) on not terminating jobs for employees of Public and Private enterprises or reduce wages- Emphasis on casual and contractual workers
 - i. [Provide food and medicine](#) to 10 lakh poor and needy persons
 - j. [Provide free daily essentials](#) to ration card holders in sub-districts of Vasai- Virar (Palghar district)
 - k. [Order to maintain salaries](#) of displaced workers and stranded workers
3. Essential services Continuity
 - a. [Exempt](#) essential services from lockdown
 - b. [Control bus services](#) for ensuring essential movements
4. Public health Measures
 - a. [Exempt biometric authentication](#) at ration shops
 - b. [Quarantine](#) travelers
 - c. Define [transportation guidelines](#) for COVID-19 infected persons
 - d. Define SOP for [management of COVID-19 patients](#) by healthcare workers
 - e. Create guidelines for [isolation wards](#) in private and public hospitals

- f. Impose compliance with [quality certification of Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corp. Ltd.](#) for PPE kits and N95 masks
 - g. [Increase number of testing centers](#)
 - h. [Launch interactive](#) WhatsApp's Chatbot
 - i. Make [wearing masks compulsory](#) for citizens in Mumbai
5. Proposed exit strategy
- a. Plan a [staggered exit from lockdown](#)

Manipur

Number of confirmed cases: 2 (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: 10 Cr+ donations

Strategies Employed

1. Administration
 - a. Create [CM's relief fund](#) for which CM and other cabinet members have donated
 - b. [Appoint 10 ministers](#) as 'district in-charges' to implement measures, ensuring [supplies of essential services](#)
 - c. [Lockdown of villages](#), voluntarily
 - d. [Close borders](#), [ban](#) the import of packaged food items from countries that do not comply with the stipulated norms
 - e. [Close](#) schools
 - f. Ask [administrative secretaries and heads](#) to attend offices and [exempt certain offices](#)
 - g. Close [borders](#) and [suspend public transport](#) movement
 - h. Process [only time-bound, emergency, essential and official files](#)
 - i. [Suspend Inner Line Permits](#) and stop issuing for tourism
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Give free ration](#) for one month to NFSA card holders
 - b. [Appoint nodal officers](#) to help stranded migrants and state residents stuck outside
 - c. [Release](#) on parole or interim bail for certain classes of prisoners
 - d. [Provide food and shelter](#) on self-payment basis for stranded travellers in Manipur Bhavans
3. Essential services continuity
 - a. [Arrange for shops](#) selling essential goods and services
4. Public health Measures
 - a. Set up [isolation wards](#) in educational institutions
 - b. Set up a [24/7 control room](#) with a toll free number to answer questions
 - c. [Remove biometric attendance](#) in offices
 - d. [Advise](#) to avoid mass gathering
 - e. Enforce [home-quarantine](#)

- f. [Maintain distribution of newspapers](#) to constant flow of information

Meghalaya

Number of confirmed cases: [0](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Create CM's [COVID-19 Relief Fund](#)
 - b. [Issue fund](#) through MLA scheme
 - c. [Set up](#) COVID-19-response Task Force
 - d. [Define protocol](#) to exit the lockdown
 - e. [Restrict entries](#) in the State
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Create [student shelter homes](#) for stranded students
 - b. [Coordinate help](#) for migrant and students
3. Essential Services Continuity
 - a. [Ensure delivery at home](#) of essential commodities and prescribed levels of [alcohol](#)
 - b. [Advise wholesale market and retailers](#) for ensuring adequate quality of food items
 - c. [Develop a strategy](#) and guidelines for open market to address shortages
 - d. [Fix prices](#) of masks and hand sanitizers
4. Public health Measures
 - a. [Provide 10 hand wash facilities](#) for public use in various locations around Shillong
 - b. [Call for healthcare professionals](#)
 - c. [Establish set-up process and administration](#) for developing [Corona Care Centers](#)
 - d. [Frame measures](#) to contain the spread of the virus
 - e. Operate [COVID-19's website](#) for contact tracing through [self-reporting of location](#) while in quarantine or isolation
 - f. Compensate [daily wagers](#) (MGNREGA workers, [construction workers](#), muster roll workers, casual wage worker in government/semi government)
 - g. [Website](#) for donation with details instructions
 - h. Release a [music video](#) 'Stop Corona', targeted at children
 - i. [Act against](#) those who spread fake news
 - j. Set-up [helpline and email](#) for COVID-19
 - k. [Set-up WhatsApp lines](#) to submit data for claiming compensations
 - l. [Use of the app "Stay Safe Meghalaya"](#)
 - m. Ensure transparent [communication](#) through COVID's website to inform of the state's decision, track quarantined persons

Mizoram

Number of confirmed cases: 1 (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Create [CM's relief fund](#). MLAs contribute
 - b. Set-up [five task forces](#) on transport medical, migrant workers, insurance, animal husbandry
 - c. [Set-up sub-committees](#) to look after preparedness and management of the outbreak
 - d. Set-up [local level Task Forces](#)
 - e. [Close the airport](#)
 - f. [Suspend movement](#) of passengers and goods
 - g. [Ensure teaching](#) through virtual material and online options
 - h. Landlords are exempting tenants from paying rent
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Supply free rice](#) to BPL, AAY and registered under the Building & Other Construction Workers Board
 - b. [Release of prisoners](#) to reduce crowd in jails
 - c. Provide [insurance scheme to health workers](#)
 - d. [Provide cash assistance](#) to farmers through DBT
 - e. [Accommodate stranded passengers](#) at Mizoram Houses across the country
3. Essential services Continuity
 - a. Coordinate [networks](#) of tailors and garment industry to stitch PPE for frontline workers
 - b. Develop [strategy](#) for supporting farmers
4. Public health Measures
 - a. Set-up a [state control room](#)
 - b. Distribute [PPE and hand sanitizers](#)
 - c. Set up a [committee](#) to improve medical infrastructure, such as virology laboratory to test samples
 - d. Set-up a [medical operation team](#) to control the spread of COVID-19
 - e. [Clean streets](#) with fire tenders filled with low-concentration bleach and DDT solutions
 - f. Involve private hospitals to [ramp-up capacity](#) of the healthcare system
 - g. [Appeal retired health personnel](#)
 - h. Advise against public [gathering](#)
 - i. [Prohibit sample testing](#) by private labs

- j. Build [quarantine centres](#)
- k. Take action [against circulation of wrong information](#) on social media
- l. Develop [an app](#) to [communicate with citizens](#)
- m. Announcements over mikes and loudspeakers are asking people to stay indoors

Nagaland

Number of confirmed cases: [0](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Create [CM's relief fund](#) to [allocate resources to authorities](#) and associations
 - b. [Constitute](#) a special action group on COVID-19 to institute preventive measures
 - c. Develop [mitigation strategy](#)
 - d. [Leverage existing volunteering programmes](#) to recruit more people
 - e. [Offer free counselling](#) through telephone
 - f. [Create e-learning](#) with online courses
 - g. Train police forces to use thermal scanners
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Define [guidelines for farmers](#) to continue their activities and protect them
 - b. [Give financial aid](#) to workers under B&CW Welfare board
3. Essential Services Continuity
 - a. [Prevent shortage](#) of water
 - b. Set up [permits for movement](#) and regulate [transportation of essential goods](#)
 - c. [Report law and order](#) for goods and services
 - d. [Ensure normal salaries and wages bills](#) for month of March
 - e. [Identify firms to perform home-delivery services](#)
4. Public Health Measures
 - a. [Spray disinfectants](#) in public spaces such as bus stations
 - b. [Ban unhealthy public habits](#) such as spitting
 - c. [Suspend biometric attendance](#) in government buildings
 - d. [Involve local level authorities](#) to monitor home quarantine
 - e. Identify [hospital for COVID-19](#)
 - f. Take [actions against non-cooperative](#)/reluctant healthcare personnel
 - g. [Fix prices](#) of surgical masks
 - h. [Stock-up](#) on PPE
 - i. [Requisition buildings of private entities](#) for converting into quarantine facilities in addition to [government buildings](#)
 - j. [Regulate private hospitals](#) to ensure best care of infected patients
 - k. [Track citizens](#) of the State who are travelling back or decided to stay back
 - l. [Prepare](#) healthcare facilities and administration for handling COVID outbreak

- m. [Publish notice](#) with safety guidelines for the public
- n. [Impose home quarantine](#) for citizens entering the state after 6th March
- o. [Determine logistic principles](#) for testing
- p. [Define measures](#) to contain community transmission of COVID-19
- q. [Screen people entering](#) the State at entry points of the borders
- r. Take actions [against persons spreading rumour](#)
- s. [Develop app](#) accessible through [Nagaland Health Project website](#)
- t. [Engage help of teachers](#) to educate and communicate children around COVID-19 and provide [IEC](#) material
- u. [Broadcast COVID-related messages](#) through radio in English and local language
- v. [Spread information](#), guide on the use masks and disposal of medical waste through announcements coordinated by Gaon burhas (village chiefs) and NGOs
- w. [Use drones](#) to spread information about COVID-19
- x. [Use twitter handle](#) of the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare for official updates

Odisha

Number of confirmed cases: [54](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: Rs [2200 cr](#)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. [Determine use of CM's Relief Fund](#)
 - b. Release [assistance](#) to districts
 - c. Set-up a [task force](#) to oversee the movement of goods in the state
 - d. Set-up [control rooms and helplines](#) across the state
 - e. [Partner with NGOs](#) for mitigation measures
 - f. [Empower district and local level officials](#)
 - g. [Defer salaries](#) and wages of public and government servants
 - h. Set-up a [control room](#) for stranded migrant workers
 - i. Avail [e-Mulakat](#) in jails
 - j. Establish [District Level Committee for emergency procurement](#)
 - k. [Protect privacy](#) of infected person and relatives in media
 - l. [Delegate financial power](#) to head of department and collector
 - m. Set-up [online self-registration](#) of travelers to monitor home quarantine
 - n. [Add projects](#) under the MLALADS guidelines
 - o. [Close residential schools](#) of SC&ST Departments and arrange for financial incentives
 - p. Suspend [intra-state bus services](#)
 - q. Empower [Municipal Corporation](#) for taking decision of emergency procurements

- r. Define [critical administrative roles](#)
 - s. Regulate services of [Aadhaar centers](#)
 - t. Punish [cruelty against animals](#)
2. Social Protection Measures
- a. [Transfer](#) four months' advance salary for doctors, medical and paramedical staff
 - b. [Deliver rations](#) to all elderly persons under Public Distribution System at doorsteps; cooked food to be provided in rural areas
 - c. [Distribute 3-months provisions of food grains](#) to beneficiaries under NFSA and state food security scheme
 - d. Provide registered street vendors Rs [3000](#) for the lockdown period
 - e. Release selected [prisoners](#) to prevent the spread of COVID-19
 - f. [Provide incentives](#) of Rs [15000](#) to those who self-declare foreign travel
 - g. Provide ration entitlement to [pregnant women and lactating mothers](#)
 - h. Secure livelihood of [MGNREGS](#) by issuing job-cards, prioritising individual beneficial activities
 - i. [Manage free canteens](#) at local level
 - j. [Provide food](#) for sick, destitute and indigent in rural areas
 - k. [Ask employers](#) not to terminate jobs or reduce wages
 - l. [Renew licenses of Fair Price Shops](#) for part-year (until July)
 - m. [Delivery at doorsteps](#) of Take Home Rations (THR) and rations for Home Cooked Meals (HCM) for beneficiaries under SNP
 - n. Provide migrant workers food and shelter
3. Essential services Continuity
- a. [Determine critical and essential activities](#) to continue
 - b. Continue [supply of livestock feed](#)
 - c. [Prohibit labour strikes](#) for workers of the water and sanitation sector
 - d. Ensure uninterrupted supply of [milk and milk produces](#)
 - e. Ensure [free movement](#) of essential goods transporters and their access to services
 - f. [Define essential industries](#) and [services](#) that will function during lockdown
 - g. Create [state monitoring unit](#) for goods and services
 - h. [Arrange for smooth movement](#) of goods and services
 - i. Establish conditions for [emergency procurement of raw materials](#)
 - j. Allow [trade license certificates](#) as document of authentication for circulation of goods
 - k. Provide incentives for suppliers of medicines
4. Public health Measures
- a. Set-up [precautionary measures](#) for urban areas
 - b. Implement [complete shutdown](#) of 2-days in specific area
 - c. [Assess the capacity](#) of hospitals and isolation facilities
 - d. Define framework for [establishment and operations of COVID facilities](#)
 - e. Define [roles and responsibilities](#) of COVID facilities

- f. Establish COVID units within [government hospitals](#)
- g. [Requisition private](#) healthcare facilities resources
- h. [Mobilise technical assistance](#) from government medical colleges and hospitals
- i. [Deploy AYUSH doctors](#)
- j. [Open COVID-19 zones](#) in private hospitals
- k. Train MBBS [students](#) to treat COVID-19 patients
- l. [Convert available schools and hostels](#) for hosting stranded migrants
- m. Prepare and manage [quarantine centers](#) at the district level
- n. [Establish standalone SOP](#) for COVID units
- o. Establish [process for general hospitals and nursing homes](#) when COVID case is detected
- p. [Train students](#) of medical colleges
- q. [Seek for senior professionals](#) to advise the government, [engagement of microbiologists](#)
- r. Establish [a control room](#) to function 24/24
- s. Define [guidelines for management](#) of temporary health centers for quarantine centers
- t. [Increase healthcare workers](#) by 25% and requisition vehicles
- u. Issue [safety measures](#) to be followed in workplaces, [factories](#) and [businesses](#)
- v. Define precautionary [measures for jails](#)
- w. Set-up [precautionary measures for mass gathering](#), camps activities, educational facilities hostels of destitutes and old age homes (also earlier on the [13th march](#))
- x. [Requisition hostels facilities](#) to convert for quarantine units
- y. [Engage anganwadi workers](#), ASHA and SHG members to sensitise people in rural areas
- z. [Manage IEC COVID-related activities](#) through [webportal](#)
- aa. Set-up [COVID19 portal](#) for communication and awareness

Puducherry

Number of confirmed cases: 7 (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Impose strict [border controls](#)
 - b. Be transparent with public / industrialists about challenges faced, including for [financial aid](#)
 - c. Prepare [schools](#) for online education
 - d. Enlist support of [NCC](#) cadets for managing social distancing and distribution of food
2. Essential services Continuity

- a. Doorstep [delivery](#) of essential goods
3. Public health surveillance and healthcare services
 - a. Undertake [random sample](#) testing at primary healthcare centres for COVID-19
 - b. Introduce automated [self-evaluation](#) application to identify at-risk patients
 - c. Collaborate with cricket associations to transform [cricket stadiums](#) into quarantine facilities
 - d. Enlist support of volunteers and [ASHA](#) workers to undertake intensive checking and awareness programmes
 - e. Collaborate and discuss developments with [private sector hospitals](#)

Punjab

Number of confirmed cases: [151](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: 116 Cr

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Announce a [statewide lockdown](#) on 22 March 2020
 - b. [Announce donations](#) of IAS officers' and cabinet ministers' one month salary to the CM relief fund
 - c. Request [the Centre to release Rs 150 crore](#) for building isolation wards and other buildings necessary to treat coronavirus patients
 - d. Set up [COVID Relief Fund](#)
2. Social Protection Measures
 - e. Declare an [immediate relief of Rs 3,000 to each registered construction worker](#) in the state as a direct transfer
 - f. Earmark [Rs 20 crore](#) out of the Chief Minister Relief Fund for providing free food and medicines to the needy in the state
3. Essential Services Continuity
 - g. Local government departments [deferred the due date of making payment of water and sewerage bills by one month](#) in all Municipal Corporations and Councils
 - h. [Request commercial banks](#) to defer loan instalments for Agriculture/Crop loans, and waive off interest for three months

Rajasthan

Number of confirmed cases: [804](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of the economic relief package: [Rs 2000 crores](#)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures

- a. Open [CM's Relief Fund](#) and ask donations from bureaucrats
- b. Constitute [Task Forces for health and economy](#)
- c. Give funds to [DISCOMS](#)
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Transfer two month's pension via [Cash transfer](#) to 78 lakh beneficiaries
 - b. [One-time relief of Rs.1000](#) for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, state BPL, ration-cards AAY holders, construction workers and registered street vendors without pension scheme
 - c. [Gives free ration](#) for two months for families under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) list and subsidised wheat
 - d. Distribute ration packets to the needy, [who are not included in the NFSA list](#)
 - e. Provide to [beneficiaries](#) who are specifically street vendors and daily workers. This includes items of need such as flour, pulses, rice, oil etc.
 - f. Serve cooked food to about 2,00,000 people with help of [Akshay Patra Foundation](#)
 - g. Protect [payment of salaries and jobs for all factory workers](#)
 - h. [Take over private hospitals](#) for taking care of COVID patients in some districts
 - i. Defer [electricity bills](#) for two months for industries, commerces and agricultural activities and [certain residential units](#)
 - j. [Extend to 3 months the amnesty of outstanding power bills](#) on residences and agricultural connections and [apply discount](#)
 - k. Create [shelters](#) for migrant workers
 - l. Provide [free hybrid corn seeds](#) and [bajar seeds](#) to farmers
 - m. Provide [free equipment](#) to economically weak and marginal farmers
 - n. Provide [additional loans](#) to farmers
 - o. Defer [water bills](#) to all consumers for two months
 - p. [Give cash-transfer](#) to support health professionals
 - q. [Accommodate housing personnel](#) in quarantine shelter
3. Essential services Continuity
 - a. Set up [e-passes](#) for supervising movements during the lockdown through RajCop Citizen app
 - b. Authorize [e-commerce companies](#) to continue home delivery
4. Public health measures
 - a. [Restrict gathering](#) of 5 or more people
 - b. [Extend services of healthcare professionals](#) retiring end of March to end of August

Sikkim

Number of confirmed cases: [0](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Social Protection Measures
 - a. [Give free rice, dal, oil, salt, potatoes and onions](#). Quantities differ depending on family size and situation
 - b. Use CM's relief package for [compensation of vulnerable groups](#). Give daily wage of INR 30 to labourers working in pharma companies; one-time INR 3000 for police, healthcare workers, truck drivers etc. working during the lockdown
 - c. [Provide insurance](#) to front-line workers
 - d. Give a [three-month](#) moratorium on all loans - State Bank of Sikkim
2. Essential services continuity
 - a. Prohibit sales of [hand sanitizers](#) and [N95 masks](#) to general public
3. Public health measures
 - a. [Start screening people](#) early - 28 January

Tamil Nadu

Number of confirmed cases: [1043](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: Rs. [3,280](#) Cr

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Use creative art forms of communication, such as [puppetry](#) to debunk myths and tackle misinformation about COVID-19
 - b. Coordinate with the [centre](#) to release funds for procurement of PPE, testing kits, ventilators, surgical masks
 - c. Create a common pool of funds from [MPLACDs scheme](#) for COVID-19 relief measures
 - d. Enlist support of [NCC](#) cadets for managing social distancing and distribution of food
 - e. Take action against [NGOs](#) / politicians distributing food, and violating lockdown. Circulate instructions for donors to give food supplies for distribution to collectors instead
 - f. Suspend operations of [industries](#), including, steel, manufacturing, textile, chemicals, for the interim of the lockdown
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Transfer [Rs 1000](#) to rice ration card holders and provide free ration
 - b. Shift to [token based system instead of DBT](#) for cash transfers
 - c. Make available rice, dal and oil for [identified unorganized workers](#), food will be supplied through Amma Canteens
 - d. Arrange home delivery of food to [elderly](#) (those who depend on Anganwadis)
 - e. Provide additional wage of Rs 1000 to [platform vendors](#)

- f. Issue [two-day special salary](#) for MGNREGA workers and [50%wages for MGNREGA workers](#) for wages lost between March-May
- g. Encourage initiatives, such as [Bar Council relief fund](#) for needy advocates
- 3. Essential services Continuity
 - a. Provide [funds](#) for supplying essential commodities to stranded workers
 - b. Issue protocols for contactless [home delivery](#)
 - c. Impose [time restrictions](#) for the operations of markets, excluding medical shops and restaurants etc.
 - d. Ensure [smooth transit](#) of trucks at inter-state borders
- 4. Public health Measures
 - a. Conduct [thermal screening](#) of passengers travelling from affected countries, followed by a 28 day home quarantine period. Admit passengers with symptoms to isolation wards in hospitals
 - b. Stress on [surface hygiene](#) to disinfect areas frequently touched by hands
 - c. Engage corporations to conduct [infection control measures](#) in public places
 - d. Deploy [interactive voice response systems](#) to collect COVID-19 data from non-smartphone users
 - e. Stress the importance of and commitment towards increased [testing](#)
 - f. Launch online [mental health facilities](#) to deal with anxiety related to the pandemic
 - g. Let community led [transgender care](#) initiatives flourish
 - h. Launch innovative [testing kiosks](#) outside quarantine centres
 - i. Discourage use of [disinfection tunnels](#), to avoid creating a false sense of security
 - j. Order [PCR and rapid testing kits](#)

Telangana

Number of confirmed cases: [504](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

- 1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Launch official information dissemination [application](#) to counter fake news
 - b. Encourage and [motivate](#) frontline staff, including healthcare staff and police officers
 - c. Impose [salary pay-cut](#) for government employees in compulsion of dire economic situation
 - d. Institute [bureaucrat](#) led crisis management team to respond to COVID-19
- 2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Release [12 kg rice per ration card](#) in addition to Rs. 1500 each
 - b. Give Rs.1500 to each [white cardholder](#) towards the purchase of oil, dal, vegetables etc

- c. Provide Rs 500 and 12 kg rice for [migrant workers](#)
 - d. Declare [paid holiday](#) during lock-down period
3. Essential services and supply during lock down
 - a. Enlist support of municipal corporation and police to deliver essential goods in clusters
 - b. Set-up police [helpline](#) to ensure smooth supply of essentials
 - c. Recommend lockdown [exemption](#) to food processing units
4. Public Health Measures
 - a. Launch app to [monitor quarantined](#) persons
 - b. Draft university students involved in the study of public health in the [containment strategy](#). This includes surveillance, epidemiological modelling, among other things
 - c. Identify [containment clusters](#), and ensure adherence to quarantine and social distancing measures.

Tripura

Number of confirmed cases: [2](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: [229 crore](#) + donations

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. [Constitute](#) several task forces with different expertise
 - b. Postpone [tribal polls](#)
 - c. [Relax certain taxations](#)
 - d. Set up a [working group](#) to assist state residents stranded in other states
 - e. Use video conferences for [hearing of urgent cases](#)
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Distribute free ration for [15-days](#) to BPL cardholders under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)
 - b. [Distribute](#) food packets twice daily to the homeless and daily wage earners
 - c. [Disburse](#) two months' pension in advance
 - d. [Set up](#) community kitchens to distribute food twice a day to poor and homeless people
3. Public Health Measures
 - a. Convert 18 buildings into quarantine centres and hospitals. Fifty ambulances were launched recently for emergency health services
 - b. Set-up 24x7 toll-free number coordinating [emergency ambulance services](#)
 - c. [Enforce hand wash](#) at entrance of villages
 - d. [Spread awareness](#) with door-to-door visit of the CM
 - e. [Release explanatory videos](#) of CM

- f. Educate people through a [“Putul Nach”](#) (puppet dance)

Uttar Pradesh

Number of confirmed cases: [483](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: Rs. 611 cr

Strategies Employed

1. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Direct transfers to [MGNREGS workers](#) and clearance of arrears
 - b. Enable [cash transfers](#) to daily wage earners and labourers, beneficiaries include rickshaw pullers, hawkers and kiosk owners
 - c. Provide [cash transfer](#) of Rs 1000 to self employed cart owners, small shop owners and rickshaw pullers
 - d. Provide Antyodaya, MGNREGA workers one month stock of [food grains](#) (20kg wheat, 15kg rice) to be provided free of cost
 - e. Transfer [pension](#) in advance for the months of April and May
 - f. [Free ration](#) of one month to AAY workers
 - g. Provide [gas cylinders](#) for one month
 - h. Set up state camps for 14 day quarantine for migrants returning from other states.
 - i. Free treatment to Corona patients and protection of their salary during treatment period
 - j. Provide additional cash transfer of [Rs.1000 to those not covered](#) by any schemes
 - k. Prisoners serving jail term of less than 7 years are [released on parole](#).
 - l. [Cancel rent of one month](#) for students, workers, labourers in Noida
2. Administrative Measures
 - a. Appoint [31 nodal officers](#) for facilitating support to citizens of Uttar Pradesh living in other states of the country
 - b. Establish [a 24x7 control room](#), and send daily reports
 - c. Declare [state disaster](#) to relax procurement procedures for emergency medical equipment and corona-related medical consumables
 - d. [Direct](#) contact with gram panchayats to quarantine migrant workers returning to their villages
3. Public Health Measures
 - a. Engage [religious leaders](#), clerics to discourage visits to religious sites.
 - b. Set up isolation wards in all [75 districts](#)
 - c. Seek permission to begin [pool testing](#)
4. Legal Measures
 - a. Enforce strict action including [jail](#) for those who don't cooperate in the state's effort or spread misinformation or rumours to create panic in the society

- b. Enforce [Epidemic Diseases Act](#)
- c. [Provide paid leave of 28 days](#) by employers to workers infected or quarantined;
Paid leave by employers if government orders closure in Noida
- d. Make masking [mandatory](#)
- e. Issue [e-curfew passes](#)
5. Essential Services Continuity
 - a. Announce essential commodities to be delivered to doorstep ([10000 vehicles identified for the same](#))
 - b. Set up [527 community kitchens](#)
 - c. Issue detailed guidelines issued with respect to distribution and harvest of seasonal crops and to ensure supply of essential items

Uttarakhand

Number of confirmed cases: [35](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. [Notify a lockdown](#) as early as 22 March 2020
 - b. [Deliver essentials at the doorsteps](#) of senior citizens, the sick and the helpless
2. Social Protection Measures
 - a. Directly transfer Rs 1000 to the accounts of all [registered labourers](#) (3 lakh) in the state
 - b. Decide to release [855 prisoners](#) from 11 jails of Uttarakhand to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection in overcrowded correctional facilities
 - c. [Prevent government and private schools from fee collection](#) until after the COVID 19 situation normalises
3. Public Health Measures
 - a. [Develop a mobile application](#) to keep a track on suspected COVID-19 cases in the state
 - b. Take over [control of all private hospitals with 100 or more beds](#) and reserve 25% of these for COVID 19 patients

West Bengal

Number of confirmed cases: [152](#) (As on 13 April 2020)

Total size of economic relief package: [200 cr](#)

Strategies Employed

1. Administrative Measures
 - a. Create a [state emergency relief fund](#) to collect donations

- b. [Enforce lockdown](#)
 - c. [Suspend classes](#) in universities and schools
 - d. [Maintain](#) 2020-scheduled examinations for higher secondary and 11th standard students
 - e. [Suspend inter-states trains](#), [inter-state buses](#) and restrict public gathering
 - f. [Stop movement](#) of non-essential cargo
 - g. [Limit activities](#) in tea plantations
 - h. [Extend validity](#) of permits
2. Social Protection Measures
- Offer Rs 10 lakh [insurance for frontline workers](#) - doctors, nurses, police, army personnel
- a. [Provide free food grains](#) to AAY, SPHH, PHH, and RKSY-1 beneficiaries through PDS until 30th September
 - b. [Order employers](#) of the commercial industries to pay full wages to employees.
 - c. [Protect students and labourers](#) from eviction
 - d. Exempt workers from [payment of rent](#) for a month
 - e. Arrange [temporary shelters](#) with food, etc, to migrants involving NGOs/civil society to augment these services. Place migrants who came back in quarantine
 - f. [Provide food and shelter](#) to stranded workers by the employers
 - g. Distribute free rice to households with [children under the ICDS and Mid-day Meal scheme](#)
3. Essential services Continuity
- a. [Implement safety restrictions](#) through lockdown, excluding essential services
 - b. Issue [list of essential goods and services](#)
4. Public Health Measures
- a. Create a [fund](#) of Rs 200 crores to use to institute thermal screening, PPE etc.
 - b. Issue [precautionary measures in prisons](#). [Stop](#) interviews in prisons
 - c. Allow [work from home](#) for all private and government employees
 - d. Provide [hand wash](#) options at Fair Price Shops, MS-HSD and Auto-LPG retail outlets and cooking gas dealers
 - e. [Cancel leaves](#) of employees from the Health and Family Welfare department
 - f. [Appoint](#) medical officers, nurses and staff to quarantine centres
 - g. Mobilisation of [dengue surveillance team](#)
 - h. [Post B.Sc Nursing students](#) to healthcare facilities
 - i. Increase railway frequency to lower crowding, coupled with sanitization of public transport and installation of hand sanitizer machines for increased safety
 - j. Make [mask wearing compulsory](#)
 - k. [Support COVID-19 awareness campaign](#) with running of RCT by Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo
 - l. Create a [song](#) promoting social distancing and awareness of the lockdown (singer and state minister Indranil Sen sang it)

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Highest priority

1. Enhance whole-of-society coordination mechanisms to support preparedness and response, including the health, transport, travel, trade, finance, security and other sectors. Involve public health Emergency Operations Centres and other emergency response systems early
2. Sensitize the public to their active role in the response
3. Engage with key partners to develop national and sub-national preparedness and response plans. Build on existing plans such as influenza pandemic preparedness plan
4. Enhance hospital and community preparedness plans; ensure that space, staffing, and supplies are adequate for a surge inpatient care needs

Secondary priority

1. Establish metrics and monitoring evaluation systems to assess effectiveness of measures. Document lessons learned to inform on-going and future preparedness and response activities
2. Prepare for regulatory approval, market authorization and post-market surveillance of COVID-19 products (e.g. laboratory diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines), when available

Read the entire guidelines [here](#).