

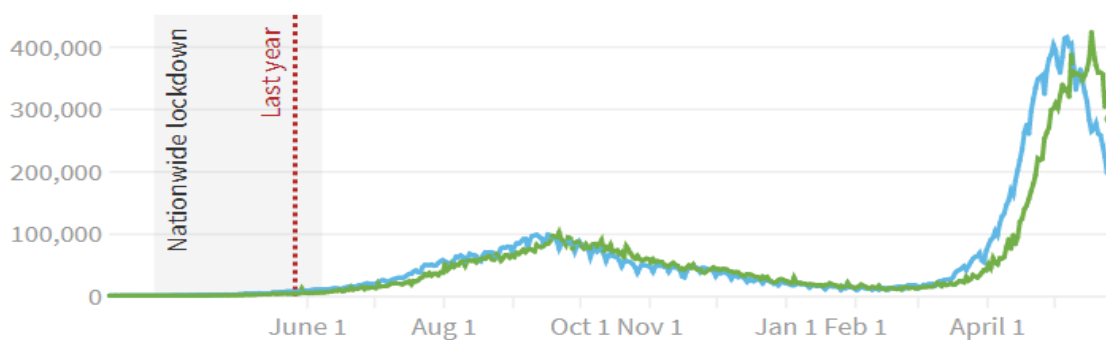
Dear Valued Customer,

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

The total number of new cases has started dropping and currently the country is clocking around 200,000+ cases per day in comparison to two weeks ago of 300,000+ cases. With complete lockdown in many states, India is working on breaking the chain.

DB Schenker in India is impacted with many of our colleagues, family members and partners being affected due to surge in the cases and contagious nature of this mutant. There is some hope at country level as the number of new cases are going down with total number of cases reported as 27.3 million in which the active are 2.41 million and discharged cases are 24.63 million.

■ New cases in last 24 hours
 ■ Cured/Discharged in last 24 hours



Source: [MoHFW](#) • Last updated: 27 May, 08:00 IST

India Moving in Right Direction

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

● Business Normal
 ● Business Operation Impacted
 ● Operations Halted

↓ Trending down
 ↔ Status Quo
 ↑ Trending Upwards

Air Freight: We remain operational at all major gateways with minimum resources and restrictions as per local geography.

Ocean Freight: We remain operational at all port's locations, however restriction to movement and time window for cargo delivery and collection is applicable in many CFS

Land Transport: We remain operational taking into consideration lockdowns of varying degrees across the country

Product Level Status

- **Air Freight –**
 - ✓ **Market Dynamics-**
 - 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
 - ✓ **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 -**
 - Resource shortage is observed in North and South CFS 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.
- **Contract Logistics -**
 - In Hyderabad/Telangana, where we are operational from 0600 hours to 1000 hours only due to the lockdown guidelines from the state government.
- **Custom Clearance -**
 - 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 (No Change) -**

- In Hyderabad/Telangana, all goods vehicles for loading and unloading will be permitted from 2100 to 0800 hours. 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

● **Ocean Freight -**

- Pipava Port remains closed till 31st May 2021.
- Space & Equipment challenge 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 the booking delays.
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India Country Overview:

The number of cases in the last 24 hours has crossed 2.11 lakhs+, pushing the total number of cases to over 27.30 million and the total death count to 3.15 lakhs +. Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, and a few more are the worst affected states in India due to the spike of COVID – 19 cases.

Major countries like United States, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Canada, Pakistan, New Zealand, Oman, Nigeria, UAE, Iran, Australia, France, Sri Lanka, Netherlands, 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 31st May 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:

	Full	Weekend	Curfew	Date
Chhattisgarh	✓			31 st May
Delhi	✓			31 st May
Haryana	✓			31 st May
Jharkhand	✓			3 rd June

Karnataka	✓			7 th June
Kerala	✓			30 th May
Maharashtra	✓			1 st June
Punjab		✓	✓	31 st May
Rajasthan	✓			8 th June
Tamil Nadu	✓			31 st May
Telangana	✓			30 th May
Uttar Pradesh	✓			31 st May
West Bengal	✓			15 th June

Bangladesh Overview

Bangladesh ongoing country-wise lockdown has been extended till 30-May-2021 but this time it has been relaxed. 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. Restaurants can also serve food, keeping half the seats empty. But all educational institutes will remain closed until 12th June 2021.

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 very slow due to the global pandemic impact and EID festival holiday. However, factories are re-opening now. There is no backlog at Dhaka airport. Nevertheless, there is a pile-up for the US and Canada outbound cargo from ex DAC. Onward connection from HUB to the US and Canada is challenging now due to high-value cargo gravity. Expected transit time to US destination 8-9 days, it may need additional 2/3 days depending on the situation. Airfreight rates are quite stable to major lanes except the US and Canada have increased. Most of the major carriers are operating freighters/charters ex DAC. Customers are welcomed to place any sort of booking.

In Ocean Freight, due to Cyclone 'Yash', just passed but four children drowned in tidal water and a rickshaw-puller was crushed under a tree in Barishal division. 27 Upazilas in nine districts were affected by the cyclone. the maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla, and Payra to hoist signal number two to avoid after cyclone tidal effect. Besides, Chittagong port observing scarcity of open space of devanning container at LCL shed. At the same time, LCL limited spaces are frequently occupying FCL containers since FCL yards are badly congested & causing longer time for devanning longer time of LCL cargo. Usually, it takes 10-15 days for devanning for an LCL shipment but now it takes three weeks. As per the port officials, it might 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 & drivers on the Indian side of the border is still affected due to the ongoing lockdown across the country. The vehicle rate is increased which is estimated to 35% amount compared to the normal flows. Congestion at Petrapole LCS as of 19th May 2021: Overall it takes 14 days more to import goods from India to Bangladesh. More than 1150 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 1,497 fresh COVID - 19 cases and 17 death in the last 24 hours until Wednesday, taking the tally total to 793,693 cases and the number of deaths to 12,458.

 **Global update:**

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

Feel free to contact us at marketing.india@dbschenker.com for any kind of support. Let us maintain social distancing but we can continue to remain digitally close. Wishing you a safe & healthy period.

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