

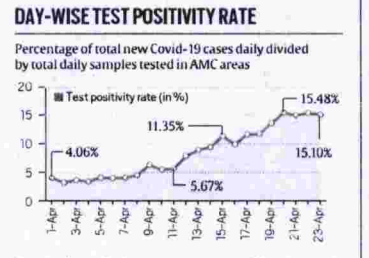
GUJARAT

In April, Covid test positivity rate peaked to 16% in Ahmedabad city

ICMR guidelines, recommendations of a Central team to maintain TPR of less than 5% 'ignored'

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THE TEST positivity rate (TPR) has been spiralling above 22 per cent in Ahmedabad city since March last year, data accessed and analysed by The Indian Express has found.



Data: As submitted by the state government in an affidavit dated April 26 to Gujarat High Court

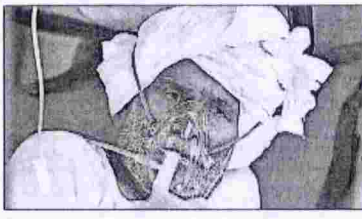
On Tuesday, Ahmedabad city had 48,072 active cases. It had added 5,619 fresh cases till late Monday. "The positivity rate for Ahmedabad city is much higher than what is being shown in the government data."

Recommendations 'overlooked'

A letter to Gujarat Chief Secretary Anil Mukim, dated March 20, 2021, by the Secretary Department of Health and Family Welfare, G. Rajesh Blushan, following a visit of high-level multi-disciplinary central government team to Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Vadodra Municipal Corporation areas had recommended the state to ensure an increase in testing.

and Vadodra, had also briefed Gujarat Principal Secretary (Health) Jayanti Kavi and Health Commissioner Jai Praakash Shrivastava on their observations. In a letter to Jayanti Kavi, dated March 30, Blushan had reiterated "the state should aim at achieving test positivity rate below five per cent in each district by focusing on increasing number of tests".

The central government team, after assessing the ground situation in the cities of Ahmedabad



The city has 48,072 active cases Tuesday. (Nirmal Haridra)

the city conducted a total of 25,452 tests, of which only 8,797 (or 34.5 per cent) were RT-PCR and the remaining 16,655 were RAT. Just a day ago, the city had recorded 9,103 RT-PCR tests.

On two days April 16 and 17, the city maintained an RT-PCR test ratio of 59 per cent. Despite repeated warnings, the RT-PCR ratio maintained by AMC remained around 52 per cent on April 23.

TPR in state above 9% The daily TPR in Gujarat has been on the rise. While on April 22 the TPR stood at around seven per cent, on April 25, when the state reported 1.68 lakh new cases and tested 1.08 lakh samples, the TPR stood at over nine per cent. The state's share of RT-PCR tests has remained less than 40 per cent of the total 1.68 lakh-odd tests conducted each day.

PANCHMAHALS

MISSING COVID PATIENT'S BODY FOUND IN POND

Two days after a patient went missing from a private Covid-19 hospital, the fire department recovered his body from a pond in 1 lakh town of Panchmahals Tuesday. Pragnesh Bhata of Paroli village in Chhogamba who was admitted to the facility on Sunday went missing the same night.

Man scolded for being unemployed, strangles father to death; held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, APRIL 27

A 22-YEAR-OLD man was arrested in Ahmedabad's Meghnani area Tuesday for allegedly strangling his 65-year-old bed-ridden father to death, police said.

According to the police, Anil Patni, a resident of Shanti Nagar society in Meghnani, strangled Lakshman (65) to death allegedly in a fit of rage after the latter chided him for being unemployed.

Police complaint submitted by Lakshman's elder son Ajay said around 9 pm on Sunday, Lakshman had scolded Anil for not contributing to the family's earnings. The next morning, the complainant said, Lakshman was found unconscious in his bed. He was declared dead when the family rushed him to a hospital.

Apost-mortem later revealed the cause of death to be asphyxiation due to pressure on neck, police said. "After the post-mortem report came Monday evening, we started questioning the family members who told us that the father had a fight with his youngest son, Anil. During interrogation, Anil told us that around 12.30 am on Monday night, when he was sleeping on the floor, his father allegedly hit him by throwing a blunt object at his face and scolding him for being unemployed. Enraged, Anil strangled his father to death," an investigating officer said.

Anil has been booked under IPC 302 for murder, the police officer added.

Covid-positive trader breaks home quarantine, do social service; booked

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A CASE was filed against a diamond trader, who had been in home quarantine after testing positive for Covid-19 but was found doing social work at a Covid care centre at Patidar Sanjay Wadi.

The trader tested positive for Covid-19 on April 20 along with his wife and sister. However, when officials reached their residence, he was not present at home and his wife and sister did not reveal details to the teams.

The SMC officials then met with officials from the police station and hospital in Surat city that reported 23 deaths. With the recovery rate of 77.43 per cent, 1,369 patients were discharged from government and private hospitals on Monday.

The residential society president who informed them that the diamond trader has been doing social work at a Covid care centre at Patidar Sanjay Wadi. The team led by junior engineer Mukesh Tandel immediately reached the Covid centre and took the diamond trader to his residence. The officials then lodged a complaint with Singhanore police station against him for violating Covid guidelines and home quarantine. He has been booked under IPC sections 188 and 270 as well as the Epidemic Disease Act. Talking to The Indian Express, Tandel said, "The diamond trader, his wife and sister were positive for Covid-19. All three of them were kept under home quarantine for 14 days. During checking, we found him away from home and filed a case." On Monday, 1,452 Covid patients were admitted in private and government hospitals in Surat city that reported 23 deaths. With the recovery rate of 77.43 per cent, 1,369 patients were discharged from government and private hospitals on Monday.

CM inaugurates 250-bed Covid hospital at Hazira steel plant

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GUJARAT Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Tuesday virtually inaugurated a 250-bed Covid hospital set up by ArcelorMittal and Nippon steel (AM/NS) in their plant at Hazira in Surat.

Inaugurating the facility via video-conference, Rupani said, "The state government has increased the number of oxygen beds for Covid patients to 92,000 from 41,000. In the present situation, it is necessary that the hospitals should have an oxygen supply line. The company has set up the hospital near an oxygen plant. We appreciate and welcome the step taken by the AM/NS."

The company has also been supplying 185 MT liquid oxygen to various hospitals in the state, for which it has partnered with INOX air liquid products. The firm's India CEO Dilip Oommen said that the hospital's capacity will be increased to 1,000 beds soon. Oommen said, "Our company is always ready to support the state and central governments. Our Hazira plant is a gas-based plant and we cannot transport this oxygen. So we set up a temporary hospital nearby the steel plant where there will be sufficient supply of oxygen."

Addressing the function virtually from Kazakhistan, ArcelorMittal executive chairman Laxmi Mittal said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called a meeting of industrialists and sought help in the fight against coronavirus. We are committed to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the state government and corona warriors." Surat district development officer Hitesh Koya said, "We have deployed three medical officers, six nurses, one store keeper and one lab technician at the hospital. Depending on the number of patients, we will increase the staff strength."

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MPSEZ UTILITIES LIMITED PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION In the matter of: Petition No. 1884/2020, filed before the Hon'ble Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission for monitoring of RPO Compliance for the FY 2019-20 with reference to the Notification No. 3 of 2010, GER (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2010

PETITIONER Pursuant to Hon'ble GER (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2010, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections / suggestions to the above Petition may file the same with The Secretary, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) 6th Floor, GIFT One, Road 5 C, Zone 5, GIFT City, Gandhinagar - 382355 with the documents on which they want to rely upon in five sets, duly supported by an affidavit on or before 19.05.2021

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