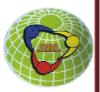




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The city government has traced nearly 75% of Delhi residents who had returned from China after January 15, tracking down 2,885 persons so far, in a bid to prevent a secondary outbreak of the coronavirus here.

#### 10.6M PEOPLE TESTED IN WUHAN

- Coronavirus toll 908. 97 deaths on Sunday, highest for a single day. Over 40,100 cases so far
- ➤ 10.6 million people tested for virus in Wuhan, 99% of city's population, says China
- Indian drug makers

say enough stock of raw materials to make medicines for next 2 months P 10 & 16

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Meanwhile, two of the three Indians infected with the virus in Kerala are free of the infection and have tested negative, state authorities said. They will not be released from hospital till the Centre issues a directive to the effect.

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Delhi's special secretary (health) Satyendra Singh Dursawat told TOI that 3,935 Delhiites had travelled back from China after January 15. "Our team has found 2,885 people so far. Ten, who showed symptoms, are quarantined at Safdarjung and RML hospitals while the rest have been isolated at home," he said.

## Report symptoms of coronavirus on 24x7 helplines set up by govts

The health status of the 2,885 people is being monitored by a team of auxiliary nursing midwives, Dursawat added.

Though there are no positive cases in Delhi yet, officials said isolation facilities have been created in nearly a dozen hospitals, including AIIMS, RML, Safdarjung and Lok Nayak, among others. "We have kept enough personal protection equipment and masks ready to ensure that the health workers involved in screening and treatment aren't affected by it," Dursawat said.



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Both the state and central governments have set up 24x7 helplines for people to report any person with history of travel to China and other affected countries who is experiencing symptoms of the disease.

"It may not be possible for the government to trace all suspected or high-risk individuals in real time. People should be vigilant and responsible in reporting to the centralised helpline numbers if they fall in the category of high-risk individuals. This will include people with history of travel to China, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Taiwan, among others, in the last two weeks, who are experiencing cough, fever or shortness of breath," Dr Randeep Guleria, director of AIIMS, said.

Guleria said the risk of an outbreak in India cannot be ruled out completely. He said usually symptoms appear between two and 14 days of contracting the viral infection. However, in a country like India, where people often neglect government advisories, there is still anxiety on whether a possible outbreak would be controlled in time and preparations to check infection prove adequate.

A senior official of a multinational company in Noida said he returned from China on January 20 with his colleagues. "I haven't been approached by anyone for screening of coronavirus or been suggested isolation at home," the 35-year-old said, adding that he has been going to his office daily after returning from China.

Dr Guleria said, the good news is that India has had a head start in preparations since the outbreak happened elsewhere (in China). "Our system is alert to screen any potential carrier of the virus and test kits are available in ample numbers to timely diagnose positive cases and treat them," he said.

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