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India recorded its fourth death due to Covid-19 on Thursday even as fresh cases surged in the country, with more than 50 recorded in the past two days. The latest victim was a 70-year-old man from Punjab, who had returned from a two-week trip to Germany via Italy.

As many as 27 new cases were reported on Thursday from 14 states, taking the total number of cases recorded in India so far to 198. There has been a spike in the number of new cases in the past two days, with 54 being reported from the states. The health ministry has confirmed 173 cases so far.

The virus travelled to new territories with Gujarat and Chhattisgarh reporting their first cases on Thursday.

The Covid-19 casualty, a native of Punjab's Nawanshahr district, was a patient of hypertension and diabetes.

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20 states, UTs affected; four of them have seen deaths

The 70-year-old died on Wednesday morning. Test reports of his samples received on Thursday confirmed that he was suffering from Covid-19. Government officials said he had gone on a two-week trip to Germany via Italy and landed at Delhi on March 6 and left for Punjab the same day. After the man's samples confirmed the virus, authorities completely blocked his village. "We have quarantined around 56 villagers, including 18 from his family, and relatives who came in contact with him," Nawanshahr civil surgeon Dr Rajinder Bhatia said, adding that those quarantined include the doctor, nurse and ward body who attended on him. "He reported typical symptoms of heart attack with chest pain and died in around 25 minutes," said Bhatia.

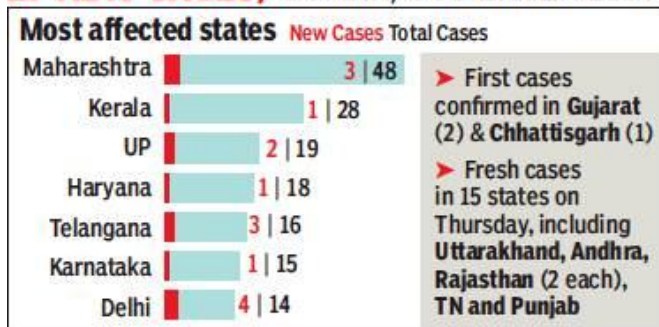
The number of states reporting Covid-19 deaths has gone up to four now, the other three being Karnataka, Maharashtra and Delhi. With Gujarat reporting two confirmed cases and Chhattisgarh one, the number of states and Union territories affected by the dreaded virus rose from 18 to 20 on Thursday.

A 32-year-old man in Rajkot and a 21-year-old woman in Surat tested positive for the virus, principal secretary, health, Jayanti Ravi said.

Of the 23 fresh cases in the country on Thursday, three each were reported from Telangana and Maharashtra, two each from Delhi, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Andhra and Uttar Pradesh, and one each from Haryana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Karnataka, Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

Maharashtra continues to top the list with 48 cases. The three new cases reported from the state on Thursday include a 22-year-old woman with a travel history to the UK, a 49-year-old woman from Ulhasnagar who had travelled to Dubai and a 51-year-old from Ahmednagar who had been to Dubai with his wife. The wife has tested negative. At 28, Kerala has the second highest Covid-19 cases in the country while UP ranks third with 19 cases.

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