

Embassy of India  
Athens

Dear Fellow Citizens,

The Government of India has decided to extend the complete lockdown in the country till 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

The Government of Greece has also extended the complete lockdown in the country till 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

India has also banned all domestic and international air travel of passengers till 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

Due to the complete lockdown and restriction of movement imposed by the Governments of India and Greece, the infection and death rates have remained low in both the countries. As on 15 April 2020, India has 9756 active cases and 377 deaths due to Covid-19 while Greece has 2170 actives cases and 101 deaths. Had it not been for the swift and timely measures taken by both the governments, these figures would have been much more higher, as in the case of many other countries of the world.

It is the appeal and request of the Embassy of India to all its citizens staying in Greece, including those on short visits, to act responsibly and sensibly during these testing times, for their own safety and security and that of their loved ones. This way they can contribute in the fight against this epidemic.

Our PM has created a special account - Prime Minister Citizens' Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation Fund (PM CARES Fund) - to aid the Government's efforts to fight the Coronavirus pandemic and the contribution can be sent directly to the fund at the following coordinates:

Name of the Account: PM CARES  
Account number: 2121PM20202  
IFSC Code: SBIN0000691  
Swift Code: SBININBB104  
Name of Bank & Branch: State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch  
UPI ID: pmcares@sbi

The Embassy will reiterate to all its citizens, including students, in Greece to look after themselves and stay safe, wherever they are, and follow the instructions issued by the Indian and Greek authorities from time to time.

The Embassy is 'Your Home Away from Home' and is trying its best to help and guide all its citizens. During this period, we all need to maintain patience and calm.

In case any of our fellow citizens have developed the symptoms and tested positive for the corona virus, please send the details by email at: [hoc.athens@mea.gov.in](mailto:hoc.athens@mea.gov.in). In case of any need/help, please contact the Embassy at its **24x7 help line** at: **+30 693 610 3446** or by **email**: [hoc.athens@mea.gov.in](mailto:hoc.athens@mea.gov.in)

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