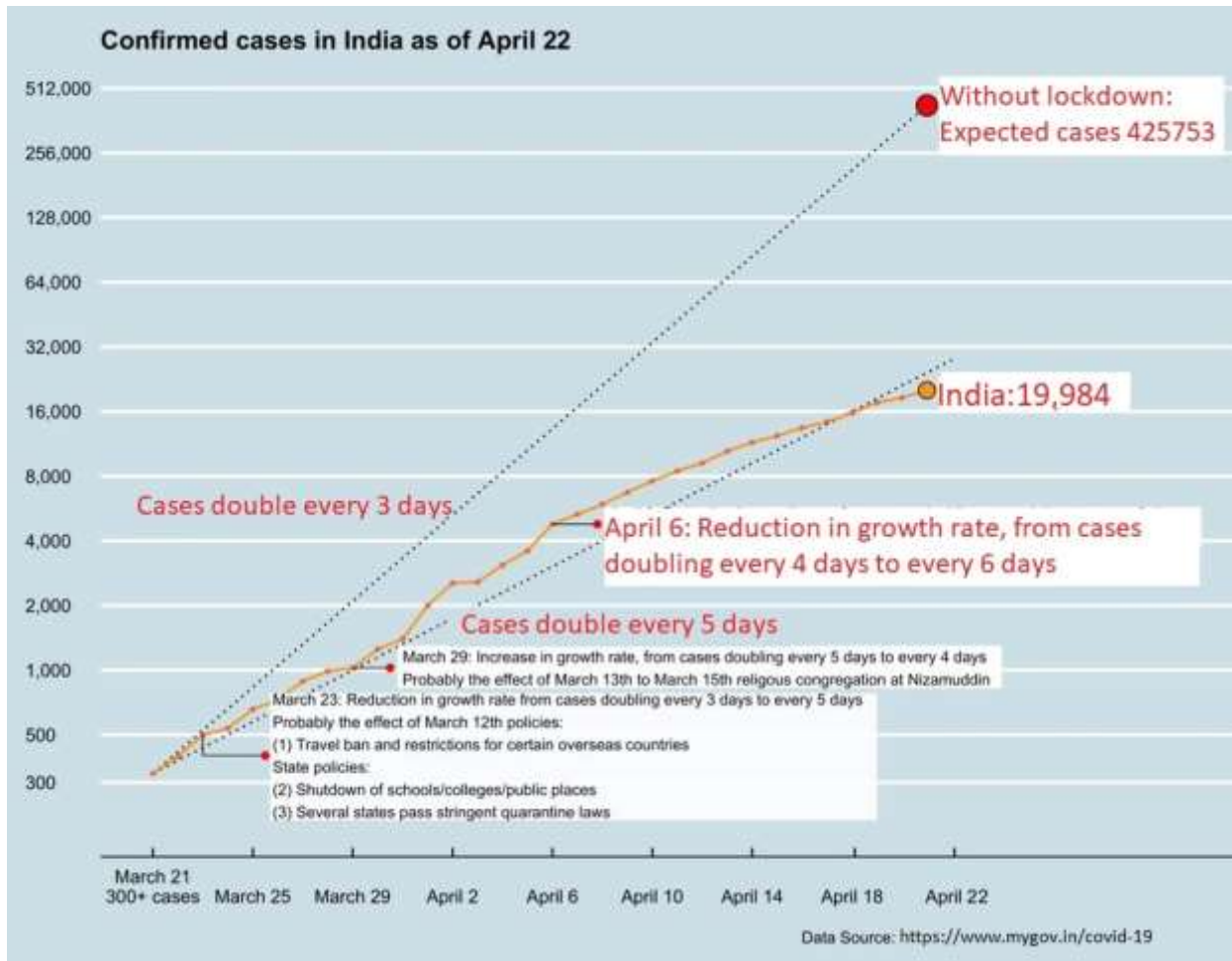


India flattened the COVID-19 curve with the strict lockdown

The Government of India is taking all necessary steps to reduce the spread of the viral disease COVID-19 in our country. The most important factor in preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus locally is to empower the citizens with the right information and taking precautions as per the advisories issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Reduction in growth rate was found after the lockdown. According to Shamika Ravi, a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute, India Center and former member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, the number of cases is doubling every 10 days instead of every three days.

Initially, of course, a very rapid growth was observed when the number doubled every three days, but the curve first began to level from 23 March. The number of cases doubled every three days on 23 March, just two days before the lockdown came into force. At that time the total number of cases in India was 987.

This decline was attributed to the March 13 decision to ban travel to some countries and close schools and colleges. Since coronavirus symptoms take about 14 days to appear, the effect of those mitigation measures on case numbers began to appear only after two weeks.



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