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## ***March 23rd, 2020***

### ***What is the news from last one week?***

- ***Coronavirus confirmed as a pandemic by the World Health Organization.***

#### ***What is Pandemic?***

- Pandemics are states of disease that sharply increase in populations around the world with infections taking place more or less simultaneously.
- While it usually refers to infectious diseases, such as plague or influenza, it is often used to refer to other health conditions including cancer, obesity, and even addiction.

## ***What is an Outbreak?***

- An outbreak describes a sudden spike in transmissions in a localised region. For example, in 2019 the Democratic Republic of the Congo saw a steep rise in people contracting the Ebola virus in the nation's east. While the World Health Organisation (WHO) viewed it as a public health emergency, its containment meant it wasn't an epidemic.

## ***What is an epidemic?***

- An epidemic is the rapid spread of disease to a large number of people in a given population within a short period of time. For example, in meningococcal infections, an attack rate in excess of 15 cases per 100,000 people for two consecutive weeks is considered an epidemic.

## ***What are the different stages of the spread of the virus?***

### ***Stage 1 – imported cases***

- These cases are the people who have travelled to foreign countries; places that have confirmed cases of the virus and have come back to India.

## ***Stage 2 – local transmission***

- Like mentioned above, these cases are those people who have come in contact with those have a travel history.

## ***Stage 3 – community transmission***

- This is the stage we need to avoid as there is no way that the virus can be traced back to a certain person.

## ***Stage 4 – an epidemic***

- This is the last stage and what the world saw China grapple with.

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