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WHO has declared the recent Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) epidemic affecting **152** countries as Pandemic. WHO also classified risk assessment as Very High at the Regional and Global level. In this context, Andhra Pradesh has strengthened the surveillance for containment, control and prevention of COVID-19.

• Screening and Management status:

1	Total Number identified for observation as on date	840
2	Number completed 28 days observation	250
3	Number under home isolation as on today	560
4	No. under Hospital Observation	30

• Sample testing and results:

1	Total samples tested as on date	92
2	No. of samples tested positive	1
3	No. of samples tested negative	75
4	No. of results awaited	16

ACT:

State has invoked section 2,3,4 of Epidemic Disease Act 1897 to contain the spread of COVID-19 transmission. By invoking the Act, the District Collectors and District Medical and Health Officers are empowered for containment of any area if required.

Measures taken in the state:

A 24x7 Control Room has been set up in the State (0866-2410978).

104 Help line (Toll free number) has been operationalized for providing health advises on COVID-19.

Government of Andhra Pradesh have notified the District Collectors as District Nodal Officers for taking measures towards containment and surveillance of COVID-19 in their respective districts.

General Advisory:

- Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief /towel while sneezing /coughing.
- Do frequent handwashing with soap and water.

Advisory to Foreign Returnees:

- Those who have arrived from the Corona Virus Disease affected countries should remain under strict home isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India, irrespective of whether they have the symptoms or not.
- They are advised not to have close contact with other family members, allow any visitors, go out to public places.
- If symptoms like cough, Fever, difficulty in breathing are developed, put on a mask and contact the nearest government health facility by availing free transport through dedicated 108 ambulance or call the 24X7 Control room 0866-2410978.

State Nodal Officer