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The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) epidemic affecting **all the regions of the World** as Pandemic. The WHO also classified risk assessment as Very High at the Global level.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has undertaken several measures including strengthening of surveillance for prevention, containment and control of COVID-19.

**A) Highlights:**

- **Hon'ble Chief Ministers Message:** 'No To Panic, Yes to Precautions'
- 1 new COVID-19 positive case has been detected today from Visakhapatnam District. He is a contact of Patient no. 7 who has returned from Birmingham. He got into contact with patient no. 7 on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and got admitted into hospital on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and has been in hospital isolation since then.
- The Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada & Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada labs have been confirmed by ICMR for COVID-19 Testing Sites.
- The collectors in districts with State COVID facilities have been instructed to make all necessary infrastructural and personnel arrangements to make the state COVID facilities ready.
- New contact tracing guidelines have been communicated to the District Administration for more effective contact tracing.
- In the four State COVID-19 hospitals, arrangements are being made to increase the ICU capacity to 2,680 and ventilator capacity to 330.
- 13 Private Medical Colleges in all districts are being designated as District special COVID-19 hospitals.
- A total of 23,479 beds have been arranged at District HQ and sub districts levels for Quarantine facilities.
- Arrangements have been made for supply of 5.45 lakh N-95 Masks & 1.3 lakh PPEs for SARS-COV2 (COVID-19).
- A COVID-19 instant order 5 has been issued to the District collectors to immediately engage the services of medical professionals of both public and private medical institutions. Further a public call to enlist the voluntary / paid

- services of retired staff of Private / Government / Defence medical facilities.
- A web portal has been developed for real time monitoring of sample collection & testing for patients admitted in hospitals with COVID-19 symptoms.
- All laboratories are made functional 24\*7.
  - Arrangements have been made for supply of equipment required for 3 more laboratories at Kadapa, Visakhapatnam and Guntur.
- Dedicated teams and GPS enabled vehicles are working for sample collection.

## B) Detailed Report

### I. Foreign Returnees:

- The state is dealing with foreign returnees entering from other states in a comprehensive manner. Government of India is communicating a list of foreign returnees into the state on a daily basis. State has augmented this list with house to house survey using the network of Village and Ward volunteers.
- Among these, symptomatic people are sent directly for isolation wards in a special ambulance and asymptomatic people are issued notice for home quarantine for 28 days.

1	New foreign returnees to the State today	Nil
2	Total number of foreign returnees under surveillance	28028

### II. Surveillance:

1	Number under home isolation as on date	27929
2	Number under Hospital admission as on date	99

### District wise Details

District	Total under surveillance
Anantapur	641
Chittoor	1855
East Godavari	3500
Guntur	2440
Kadapa	3625
Krishna	2703
Kurnool	1091
Nellore	1685
Prakasam	1047
Srikakulam	1625
Visakhapatnam	3410
Vizianagaram	410
West Godavari	3996
<b>State</b>	<b>28028</b>

### Screening of passengers at airports / Railway stations

- Universal Screening of all passengers (both domestic and international) from Vizag International airport and Sea ports has been happening. A total of 12,199 passengers and crew have been screened at these ports of entry. Details as follows:

Visakhapatnam Airport	9892
Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram Port	1471
Krishnapatnam Port	836

### III. Sample collected / tested:

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Total number of samples tested till 27.03.2020	317	11*
Samples tested on 27.03.2020	-	1
Number of results awaited	55	
<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>	

\* one more positive case belongs to Andhra Pradesh but admitted in Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, he was directly admitted in Hospital didn't travelled to AP, none of his contacts in Andhra Pradesh

### IV. Labs:

The newly commissioned VRDL at Ananthapuram started processing testing samples for COVID-19

District	Lab Location	Lab Capacity
Chittoor	SVIMS, Tirupathi	60
Krishna	Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada	60
East Godavari	Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada	60
Anantapuram	Ananthapuram Medical College	60

All the existing four labs started testing samples in two shifts and each lab can do 30 tests in a shift.

### V. Measures taken by State Government:

- Government in exercise of powers conferred under Section 2, 3 and 4 of Epidemic Disease Act 1897 issued "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Disease COVID-19 Regulations 2020". Vide G.O.Rt.No.189, HM& FW (B2) Department for containment of COVID-19 in the State.
- Government ordered various measures for containment, control and prevention of spread of COVID-19 through G.Os. 202 & 204.
- Government announced lock down till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 through G.O.Rt.No.209 and several instructions have been issued for streamlining implementation of the lock down through G.O.Rt.No.210 and G.O.Rt.No.211.

- Lockdown has been announced by the State of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Rt.No. 216 dated 24.03.2020 for Containment, Control and Prevention of spread of COVID-19 till 14th April 2020.
  - All the District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Police Commissioners, SPs, DM&HOs, Municipal Commissioners, Sub Collectors, RDOs, MROs and MPDOs are hereby instructed to strictly implement the guidelines of lockdown.
  - Offices of Government of India, Government of Andhra Pradesh, its Autonomous bodies shall remain closed.
  - Hospitals, Medical Establishments, manufacturing units of drugs will work.
  - Medical shops, Pharmacies will work.
  - All commercial and industrial establishments will be closed.
  - All transport services – air, rail, and roadway will remain suspended.
  - All educational, training, research, coaching institutions shall remain closed.

## VI. Positive Action Taken by Collectors / Medical Teams:

- In response to the Government order No.209, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt: 22.3.2020 all the District Collectors have issued proceedings ordering Section 144 under Cr.P.C strictly prohibiting gathering 5 or more persons at one place in their respective Districts including Lock down till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
- Tirupati Municipal Corporation has ensured social distancing even on public places such as roads, markets, etc.



- Srikakulam District Administration has taken initiative to home deliver grocery items on call.



**A SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE**  
**Home Delivery of Groceries At Your Door Step in**  
**Srikakulam Town within 24 Hours**



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**District Collector**  
**Srikakulam**

## VII. Government Advisory:

### General Advisory:

- General Public are advised not to come out of their homes except for essential services
- Senior citizens above 65 years and children below 10 years are advised not to come out their houses except for emergency needs.
- Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief /towel/tissue paper or hand flex while sneezing/coughing.
- Do frequent hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Social distancing shall be practiced.

### Advisory to Foreign Returnees:

- Those who have arrived from the Foreign countries should remain under strict self-home isolation for 14 days from the date of arrival and not to have any close contact with family members, relatives or visitors.
- If symptoms like cough, fever, difficulty in breathing are developed, advised to call 104 and if advised hospitalization, travel in dedicated 108 ambulance escorted by RRT team.

## VIII. Lockdown and Important News :

- On the instruction of Chief Secretary and Director General of Police, strict lock down has been implemented across the State with nakabandi of major junctions. Police personnel have been deployed to allow only emergency staff and residents for daily essential needs within 3 kms of their residence.

### 104 Helpline and COVID dashboard

- Two PRI lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19. A total of 3084 calls have been received in total. 346 calls have been received today. Necessary action has been taken on these calls. Citizen participation is helping our efforts on these actions. 24 foreign returnees have self-reported on symptoms on our helpline.
- COVID dashboard is live now at [http://hmfw.ap.gov.in/covid\\_dashboard.aspx](http://hmfw.ap.gov.in/covid_dashboard.aspx)

State Nodal Officer

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**COVID-19 Help line** (Toll free number): **104** (Round the Clock service)



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