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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.

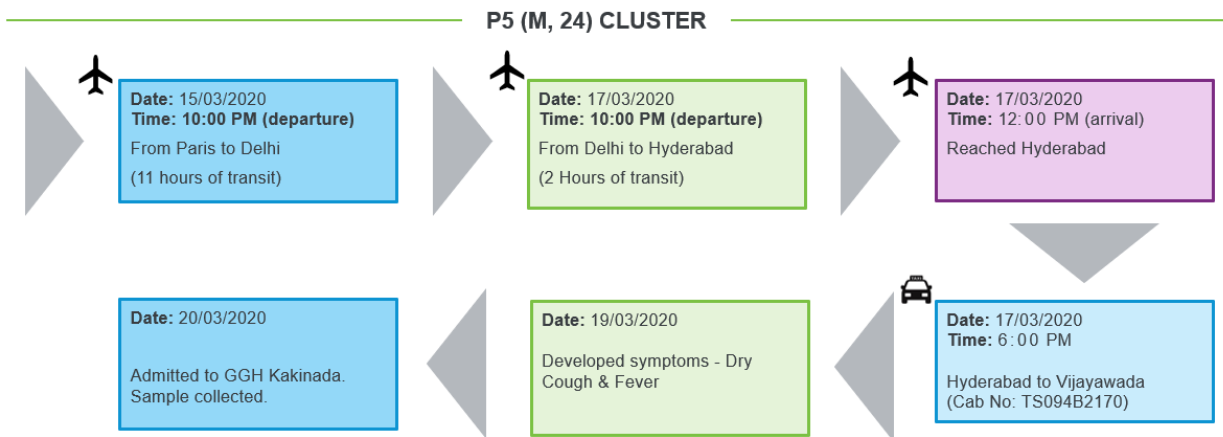
The Government of Andhra Pradesh has under taken several measures including strengthening of surveillance for prevention, containment and control of COVID-19.

The State of Andhra Pradesh is following '**No To Panic, Yes to Precautions**' strategy for control of COVID-19.

Till date 5 COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in AP state.

Patient 6 – Visakhapatnam : 49 years female is a close contact of Patient 3. She is admitted in Hospital on 20.03.2020 and tested Positive on 22.03.2020.

Patient 5 – Krishna : 24 years from Paris to Delhi on 15.03.2020 and then to Hyderabad and Vijayawada on 17.03.2020. He was admitted on 20.03.2020 and tested positive on 21.03.2020.



Universal Screening of passengers from Vizag International airport and Sea ports has been happening. A total of 11640 passengers and crew have been screened at these ports of entry. Details as follows:

Visakhapatnam Air port	9687
Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram Port	1314
Krishnapatnam Port	836

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.

- Foreign returnees' status:

1	Total number of foreign returnees identified	13301
2	Number completed 28 days observation	2222
3	Number under home isolation as on date	11206
4	Number under Hospital admission as on date	53

- Sample testing and results status:

1	Total samples tested as on date	164
2	No. of samples tested positive	6
3	No. of samples tested negative	142
4	No. of results awaited	16

The Government of Andhra Pradesh in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2, 3 and 4 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, has issued "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Disease COVID-19 Regulation, 2020", empowering State/District Authorities to take all necessary measures to prevent, contain and control spread of COVID-19.

Measures taken by State Government :

G.O.No.202 & 204, HM&FW (B2) Dept., have been issued for containing the spread of COVID-19

- Closing of Schools, Colleges and Coaching Centers.
- Private organizations have been encouraged to allow their employees to work from home.
- Restaurants have been advised to ensure hand washing protocols and 1 meter distance between tables.
- Appeal has been given to public at large to postpone all cultural events and to avoid non essential travels.

104 Helpline and COVID helpline

Two PRI lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19. A total of 2084 calls have been received in total. 199 calls have been received yesterday. Necessary action has been taken on these calls. Citizen participation is helping our efforts on these actions. 38 number of foreign returnees have self reported on symptoms on our helpline.

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.

District	Observation					Samples Tested			
	Total No. identified for observation as on date	No. completed 28 days observation period	No. under home isolation as on date	No. hospitalised within last 12 hours	No. under Hospital admission as on date	Awaiting	Negative	Positive	Total
Srikakulam	583	104	478	1	1	2	3	0	5
Vizianagaram	132	19	112	0	1	0	1	0	1
Visakhapatnam	1256	128	1113	0	15	4	35	2	41
East Godavari	2971	871	2091	6	9	8	27	1	36
West Godavari	1224	149	1074	0	1	0	4	0	4
Krishna	1102	158	940	0	4	0	6	1	7
Guntur	1051	200	851	0	0	0	5	0	5
Prakasam	434	65	365	0	4	0	6	1	7
SPSR Nellore	715	45	662	0	8	0	9	1	10
Chittoor	856	78	777	2	1	2	24	0	26
YSR Kadapa	2150	265	1883	0	2	0	11	0	11
Anantapur	287	50	232	0	5	0	5	0	5
Kurnool	540	90	448	0	2	0	6	0	6
Total	13301	2222	11026	9	53	16	142	6	164

Today's updates**Hon'ble Chief Ministers Press Conference**

Hon'ble Chief Minister convened a press conference and announced that isolation is the best way to control and contain COVID-19. The other important decisions of the Government announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister including lockdown till 31.3.2020 are:

- No public transport services shall be permitted. The exception will include transport of all kinds to and fro from hospitals, airports & railway stations etc.
- All non-essential commercial shops shall shut down.

- iii. All non-essential establishments, offices, factories, workshops, go-downs etc. if operated should do so with skeleton staff.
- iv. All foreign returnees are directed to remain under strict home quarantine for a period of 14 days or as advocated by local Health Authorities
- v. Police will ensure Beat Vigilance System regarding all foreign returnees across the state.
- vi. General public are required to stay at home and come out only for basic services while strictly following social distancing (2 mtr distance between individuals)
- vii. Any congregation of more than 10 persons is prohibited in public places.
- viii. A 100 bedded Quarantine / Isolation facility should be established at each Assembly Constituency Level.

Each district headquarters shall have 200-300 bed Tertiary Care Treatment facility dedicated for COVID-19 treatment in coordination with private sector

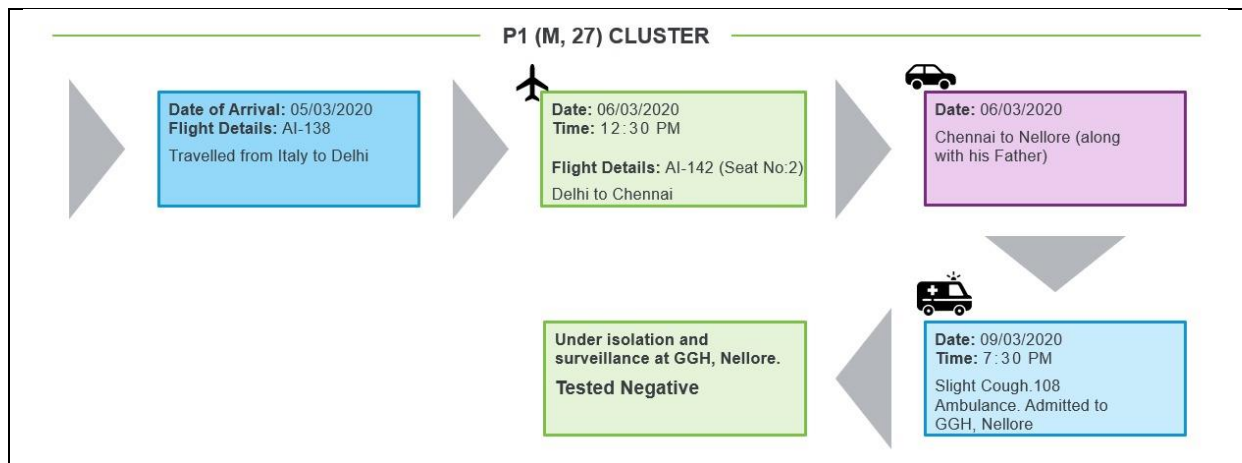
Janatha Curfew :

- In accordance with the appeal given by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and supported by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy garu the citizens of Andhra Pradesh have implemented Janata Curfew and have not come out their houses.
- All shops excepting essential services like dispensaries, Medical Shops and milk booths have been voluntarily closed.
- APSRTC has suspended all operations from 7AM to 9 PM
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy garu accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Chief Secretary to Government, Special Chief Secretary, Health Medical & Family Welfare Department, Officers from Chief Ministers Office and all other staff have come out of his camp office and clapped at 5 PM.
- Citizens have come out in big numbers in to their Balconies / Varanda's at 5 PM and clapped for five minutes to express gratitude to the services of personnel working in essential services amongst sirens blowing.
- Covid Dashboard has been operationalized - http://hmfw.ap.gov.in/covid_dashboard.aspx

Success story of COVID-19 treatment

A patient who returned from Italy was admitted in Government General Hospital, Nellore and tested positive for COVID-19 was successfully treated in Government General Hospital, Nellore and tested negative today.

The patient had a travel history from Italy to Delhi and from there to Chennai by flight, from Chennai he travelled by Car to Nellore where he became symptomatic with Cough, Fever and was admitted at Government General Hospital, Nellore on 9th March 2020 in COVID-19 Isolation ward. There he was examined and underwent investigations for COVID-19 disease and was tested positive.



All the contacts of the patient were traced immediately which includes his father, mother, driver and friends. They were all quarantined and advised home isolation samples of them have been collected, which tested negative for COVID-19.

The patient was well taken care by Dr Sambasiva Rao, Superintendent, GGH, Nellore and Dr Narendra, Associate Professor of Pulmonology who treated him assisted by Staff Nurses, Paramedical, supporting and Sanitation staff. The patient responded well to the treatment and recovered.

Repeated samples were taken on 21st & 22nd March 2020 as per protocol and both of them have tested negative. Now the patient is stable and will be discharged soon.

This success story is demonstrating the capabilities of the Specialists available in the Government sector in handling critical cases. It also demonstrated the capabilities of the hospital administration and sanitation staff in containing spread of disease within the premises of hospital and surrounding though the patient is stayed for 14 days in Hospital.

All inpatient care protocols and measures for treatment of COVID-19 have been implemented. Bio Waste Management of the patient wastes is done as per protocols envisaged to prevent spread of infection. Doctors and other health care workers have used Personal Protection Equipment and hand sensitization to protect themselves.

The isolation ward has been sanitized regularly and the entire hospital has been sanitized at periodical intervals with 1% hypochlorite to prevent spread of infection.

State Nodal Officer

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