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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.

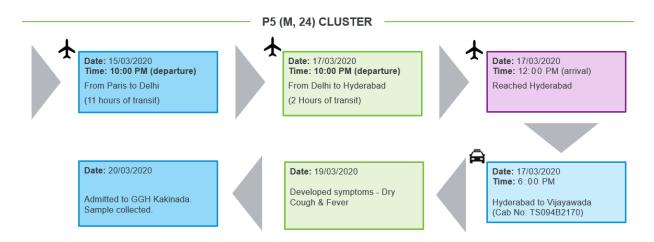
The Government of Andhra Pradesh has under taken several measures including strengthening of surveillance for prevention, containment and control of COVID-19.

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

Till date 6 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	11026
4	Number under Hospital admission as on date	53

Sample testing and results status:

1	Total samples tested as on date	178
2	No. of samples tested positive	6
3	No. of samples tested negative	150
4	No. of results awaited	22

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.

	Observation					Samples Tested			
District	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	475	2	4	3	4	0	7
Vizianagaram	132	19	113	0	0	0	1	0	1
Visakhapatnam	1256	128	1116	6	12	8	37	2	47
East Godavari	2971	871	2089	1	11	4	32	1	37
West Godavari	1224	149	1075	0	0	0	4	0	4
Krishna	1102	158	939	4	5	4	6	1	11
Guntur	1051	200	851	0	0	0	5	0	5
Prakasam	434	65	364	0	5	0	6	1	7
SPSR Nellore	715	45	662	0	8	0	9	1	10
Chittoor	856	78	775	1	3	3	24	0	27
YSR Kadapa	2150	265	1885	0	0	0	11	0	11
Anantapur	287	50	232	0	5	0	5	0	5
Kurnool	540	90	450	0	0	0	6	0	6
Total	13301	2222	11026	14	53	22	150	6	178

Today's Updates

Government issued G.O.Rt.No.209 H&FW Dept (B32) dated 22.03.2020, (copy available in public domain)

The Government has already issued GO Rt.No. 202 and GO Rt. No. 204 multiple restriction and social distancing measures have been communicated, it is imperative that in proactive manner a statewide lockdown is observed to prevent onset of community transmission of the Corona-virus. Therefore, in continuation to the measures enunciated in GOs cited above the following measures

to ensure that such a lockdown will come into force with immediate effect across the state of Andhra Pradesh up to 31st March 2020:

- i. No public transport including inter-state transport services shall be permitted. The exception will include transport of all kinds to and fro from hospitals, airports & railway stations etc.
- ii. All non-essential commercial shops shall be shut down.
- iii. All non-essential offices, factories, workshops, go-downs etc. if operated should do so with skeletal 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 (Collectors to monitor and update on online portal).
- v. Police will ensure Beat Vigilance System regarding all foreign returnees across the state. For this, police should take help of Mahila Samrakshna Karyadarshi (mahila police).
- vi. General public are required to stay at home and come out only for basic services while strictly following social distancing (2m distance between individuals) guidelines issued earlier.
- 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.
- ix. Each district headquarters shall have 200-300 bed Tertiary Care Treatment facility dedicated for COVID-19 treatment in coordination with private sector.
- x. Collectors will maintain strict vigilance on essential commodities and medicines. Clear advertisements regarding rates & stocking in this regard shall be communicated and any violation by individuals/establishments shall be dealt strictly under relevant provisions of the IPC. A toll free number should be set up by District Collectors for complaints in this regard
- xi. Farmers and individuals involved in production of food grains/essential commodities will be allowed to take up their activities by maintaining social distancing norms.

State Nodal Officer

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