

# STATE CONTROL ROOM DIRECTOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE ANDHRA PRADESH

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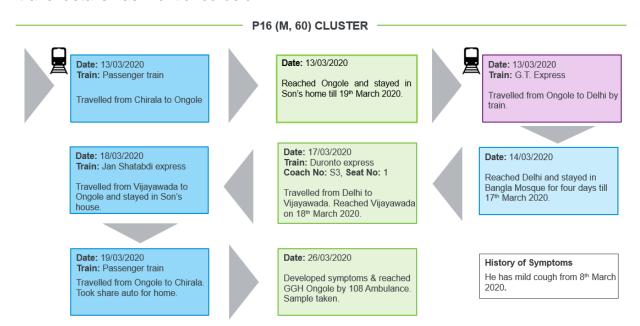
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The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) epidemic affecting all the regions of the World as Pandemic. The WHO also classified risk assessment as Very High at the Global level.

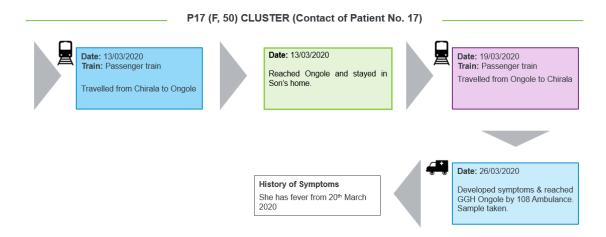
The Government of Andhra Pradesh has undertaken several measures including strengthening of surveillance for prevention, containment and control of COVID-19.

# A) Highlights:

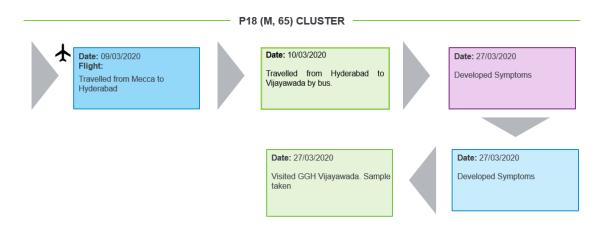
- Hon'ble Chief Ministers Message: 'Stay Home, Stay Safe, Respect Lockdown'.
   Testing & new Cases:
  - 6 new COVID-19 positive cases have been detected today.
  - Patient 14 and 15 are contact of Patient No 10 who went to attend a religious meeting in Delhi:
    - They are from Guntur District. They got into contact with Patient no. 10 on 19th March 2020 and got admitted into hospital on 26th March 2020 and has been under hospital isolation since then.
  - Patient 16 60-year old male from Prakasam district has returned from Delhi. His travel details has mentioned below.



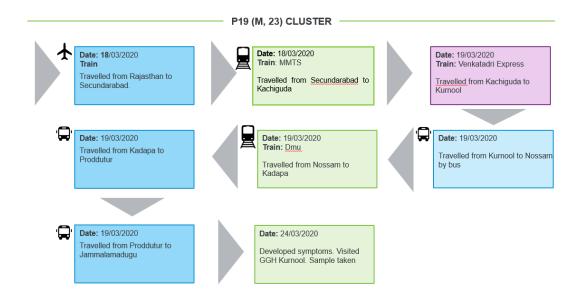
 Patient 17 (Contact of patient 16) – 50-year old female from Prakasam district has returned from Ongole. Her travel details has mentioned below.



 Patient 18 - 65-year old male from Krishna district has returned from Mecca. His travel details are given below.



Patient 19 – 23-year old male from Kurnool district has returned from Rajasthan.
 His travel details has mentioned below.



• A total of 74 samples have been tested today out of which 68 proved negative and 6 are positive.

## Surveillance:

- COVID instant order 11 has been issued to implement the updated ICMR guidelines of testing and to ensure that samples are collected from all the COVID-19 eligible cases.
  - Urban surveillance teams are made responsible for deciding fit cases for sample collection
  - In addition to the 2 designated ambulances at district HQ level, one more ambulance for each division for transport of suspect has to be arranged
- COVID instant order 12 has been issued making Municipal Commissioners in urban areas responsible for:
  - Ensure functioning of ward level surveillance teams
  - Ensuring sanitation around the high-density clusters
- A coordination meeting was held between senior officials of the Health & Family Welfare department and Municipal Administration to ensure that surveillance of foreign returnees and suspect cases in urban areas happen effectively. Urban areas are particularly vulnerable to the spread of COVID-19 because of high density of population in urban areas.
- Primary contacts of any Foreign returnee will be moved to quarantine centres wherever necessary.

## **COVID Hospitals:**

- COVID instant order 7 has been issued directing the District Collector to inspect the State COVID Hospitals and District COVID Hospitals along with senior medical officers to ascertain the status and take instant action to make them fully ready to treat patients. Following actions are to be taken:
  - Ensuring the 2-meter distance between two beds and ensuring oxygen supply for the beds
  - Appointing different nodal officers for the verticals of medical, personnel & training, logistics & maintenance, patient care & data management.
- COVID instant order 8 has been issued to communicate the guidelines for management of Bio-medical waste with respect to COVID-19 in health facilities.
- A video conference was held by senior officers of the Health Department with all Principals of medical colleges, Hospital Superintendents, DMHOs and DCHS of all districts to ensure hospital preparedness and also to ensure proper protocols are being followed for patient management.

# **Information Dissemination to public:**

- Health Department has partnered with Celltick Technologies and major mobile operators in India to communicate Coronavirus instructions and guidance to all citizens of Andhra Pradesh using the state of art cell broadcast system
  - This information would reach not just the smartphone users but also to the feature phone users
  - Cell Broadcast system is a powerful way of reaching a large number of people in the community and functions as public announcement service for alerting in emergencies

# **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	29421

## II. Surveillance:

1	Number under home isolation as on date	29242
2	Number under Hospital admission as on date	179

#### **District wise Details**

District	Total under surveillance
Anantapur	838
Chittoor	2057
East Godavari	3584
Guntur	2606
Kadapa	3971
Krishna	2703
Kurnool	1145
Nellore	1700
Prakasam	1056
Srikakulam	1559

Visakhapatnam	3527
Vizianagaram	488
West Godavari	4187
State	29421

## 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 12,262 passengers and crew have been screened at these ports of entry. Details as follows:

Visakhapatnam Airport	9892
Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram Port	1534
Krishnapatnam Port	836

# III. Sample collected / tested:

Total number of complex tested till 27 02 2020	-Ve	+Ve
Total number of samples tested till 27.03.2020	412	13*
Samples tested on 28.03.2020	68	6
Number of results awaited	65	
Total 496		

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## **District Wise Report**

District	Total Samples tested till yesterda y 8PM	Samples tested in last 24 hrs	Cumulati ve	Result		Results Awaited Testing Labs wise				Patients in Admissio n	
				Positive	Negative	Awaiting	SVIMS	RMC KKD	GMC ATP	SMC VJA	
Anantapur	41	0	41	0	40	1	0	0	1	0	4
Chittoor	45	1	46	1	43	2	2	0	0	0	14
East Godavari	61	8	69	1	64	4	0	4	0	0	9
Guntur	39	12	51	4	39	8	0	0	0	8	45
Krishna	22	6	28	4	20	4	0	0	0	4	18
Kurnool	20	7	27	1	20	6	0	0	6	0	9
Prakasam	20	6	26	3	21	2	0	0	0	2	17
SPSR Nellore	18	1	19	1	14	4	4	0	0	0	10
Srikakulam	9	1	10	0	9	1	0	1	0	0	2
Visakhapatnam	114	15	129	4	110	15	0	15	0	0	30
Vizianagaram	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Godavari	13	0	13	0	12	1	0	0	0	1	2
YSR Kadapa	25	11	36	0	19	17	17	0	0	0	19
Total	428	68	496	19	412	65	23	20	7	15	179

## 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 31st March 2020.

To ensure effective surveillance of home isolation, Srikakulam District Administration has
developed a QR code-based system. QR code posters have been placed on the doors of all
homes under surveillance. Every time Mandal Special Officer and Medical Officer visits the
home, they have to scan the QR code and there is a district dashboard where the District
Control Room monitors the houses visited/pending for the day.



• Facilities at quarantine centre, Krishna District:



• Homeless poor are being provided meals in Eluru





• Food is being distributed to the poor and homeless of Tirupati. 11000 food packets are being distributed in afternoon and at night. The food packets are sponsored by Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD).



• Kadapa District Administration has made arrangements for seamless transportation of essential commodities.



 District Administration in partnership with SHG groups are manufacturing masks in Chittoor.





 Migrant labourers and Homeless were relocated to temporary shelters established in Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) schools. They are provided with Blankets, masks Food and other basic facilities.





# **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 7734 calls have been received in total. 450 calls have been received yesterday. Necessary action has been taken on these calls. Citizen participation is helping our efforts on these actions.
- COVID dashboard is live now at http://hmfw.ap.gov.in/covid dashboard.aspx

State Nodal Officer

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





