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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.

A) Highlights:

- Hon'ble Chief Ministers Message : 'No To Panic, Yes to Precautions'
- 76 samples have been tested and 61 are negative and 14 are pending;
- 1 new COVID-19 positive case has been detected today.



- 453 new foreign returnees arrived in the state as per Bol report. They're kept under strict isolation and being monitored.
- All laboratories are made functional 24*7 starting from today.
- Order has been placed for equipment required for 3 more laboratories at Kadapa, Visakhapatnam and Guntur.
- Dedicated teams and GPS enabled vehicles are working for sample collection.
- 12131 beds have arranged at District and sub District levels for quarantine facility.
- A senior officer is deployed at Government Hospital, laboratories and at Quarantine facilities.
- Special Officers at Mandal Level have been constituted to monitor and follow up all the foreign returnees
- All the Village and Ward level Secretaries have been assigned 10 foreign returnees each to monitor the home isolation of the foreign returnees twice a day
- Principals of Medical colleges have been empowered to recruit manpower to increase capacity of lab's to handle 1000 samples per day (GO MS No. 213 dt. 24.03.2020)

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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	453
2	Total number of foreign returnees under surveillance	14907

II. Surveillance :

1	Number completed 28 days observation	2723
2	Number under home isolation as on date	13290
3	Number under Hospital admission as on date	84

District wise Details

District	Total under surveillance
Anantapur	578
Chittoor	886
East Godavari	1738
Guntur	1177
Kadapa	2173
Krishna	1208
Kurnool	303
Nellore	1026
Prakasam	490
Srikakulam	670
Visakhapatnam	1417

Vizianagaram	145
West Godavari	3096
State	14907

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 12,150 passengers and crew have been screened at these ports of entry. Details as follows:

Visakhapatnam Air port	9889
Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram Port	1425
Krishnapatnam Port	836

III. Sample collected / tested:

* The close contact of a positive patient (P3) with travel history from Madina admitted at TBCD Hospital, Visakhapatnam is tested negative

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Total number of samples tested till 23.03.2020	168	7
Samples tested on 24.04.2020	61	1
Number of results awaited	14	
Total	2!	51

IV. Labs:

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

District	LAB Location	Lab Capacity
Chittoor	SVIMS, Titrupathi	60
Krishna	Siddartha Medical College, Vijayawada	60
East Godavari	Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada	60
Ananthapuram	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 COVIDC-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 31st 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

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 District including Lock down till 31st March 2020.

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 naka bandhi of major junctions. Police personnel have been deployed to allow only emergency staff and residents for daily essential needs with in 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 2738 calls have been received in total. 505 calls have been received today. Necessary action has been taken on these calls. Citizen participation is helping our efforts on these actions. 56 foreign returnees have self-reported on symptoms on our helpline.
- 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)