

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
(EX-OFFICIO DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY), VISAKHAPATNAM  
PRESENT:: V. VINAY CHAND, IAS

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Sub: COVID - 19 - Visakhapatnam District - Disaster Management Act - 2005 - Taking over of Gayatri Vidya Parishad Hospital, Marikavalasa, Visakhapatnam hospital in view of imminent need for prevention of Disaster situation of COVID 19 for the welfare of the public health - Orders issued - Regarding.

Read: 1.GO.Rt.No.189 Dt.13.03.2020 by Health, Medical & FW Dept, Government of AP  
2.GO.Rt.No.215 Dt.24.03.2020 by Health, Medical & FW Dept, Government of AP  
3.Covid Instant Order No.14, Dt.29.03.2020 by Health, Medical & FW Dept, Government of AP  
4.GO.Ms.No.77 Dt.08-07.2020 by Health, Medical & FW Dept, Government of AP.  
5.GO.Ms. No.78 Dt. 20.7.2020 Health, Medical & FW Dept, Government of AP  
6.GO.Rt. No.768 Dt. 15.12.2020 Health, Medical & FW Dept, Government of AP  
7.GO.Ms. No.44 Dt. 16.04.2021 Health, Medical & FW Dept, Government of AP

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**ORDER:-**

The Government in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read notified containment of COVID 19 in the state of Andhra Pradesh under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Governor of Andhra Pradesh issued the "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Disease COVID- 19 Regulations 2020". In the same reference, the Government defined "Epidemic Disease" as "CORONA Virus Disease 2019" and notified the District Collectors as the Authorized Persons under this Act. The Government specified the Duties & Responsibilities of Health Institutions and individuals in these regulations along with the regulations for enforcement and the penalty for violation by the individuals or the institutions of the above regulations.

The Government in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read issued further regulations as the "The Andhra Pradesh COVID-19 Regulations, 2020" in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897. In the said regulations, the Government notified the District Collector as the "Empowered Officer" under Section 2(1) of the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued orders as follows:

1. Empowering the District Collector & Magistrates to take over the isolation Rooms / Wards / Blocks / Entire Private hospital, as he/she shall deem fit necessary to prevent the outbreak of COVID - 19 and spread thereof
2. All the Public and Pvt. Medical establishments are hereby instructed to comply with the orders of the District Collector and Magistrate, issued in the interest of Public Health.
3. Any Medical Professionals (including Doctors, Nursing & Paramedical Staff etc both working & retired) of both Public & Private Medical Establishments and Institutions should attend the duties as when required as per the instructions of the empowered Authorities
4. Any person/Medical establishment/ Organization found violating any provision of these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860)
5. Empowered officers may penalize any person/Medical establishment/ Organization found violating provisions of these Regulations or any further orders issued by Government under these Regulations.

The Government in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read issued the following orders under the provisions of A.P. Epidemic Disease (Covid) Regulations 2020 and Disaster Management Act 2005.

1. Require private and or non - government medical & health institutions or persons in charge of such institutions to make available all the resources including infrastructure like Isolation beds, rooms, wards, ICU premises, ventilators, testing labs, pharmacies, mortuaries, material, equipment and man power for the purpose of emergency response, rescue and relief.

2. All Specialists, doctors, nurses and other medical and non - medical staff deployed in government / Private and non - Government hospitals shall be utilized for their service, as and when required by the District Administration.
3. All Authorized persons of such private hospitals shall abide by directions of District Collectors or authorized Special Officer appointed by District Collector & Magistrate (Ex-Officio DDMA) in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

The Government in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read inter alia issued orders as follows:-

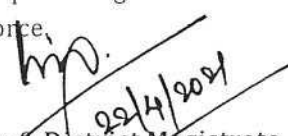
1. Private Hospitals shall be notified by the Government/District Collector as one of the above categories and shall remain so until further review and revision based on the evolving circumstances.
2. If any patient presents with medical / surgical / obstetric emergency, such patient shall be admitted and treated without waiting for the RTPCR test result, duly treating such patients as COVID-19, if they have any contact history or symptoms or both.
3. Any patient presenting for admission at any hospital shall be given best possible medical care and subject to tests specified herein and shall not be denied admission without prior approval of the District Collector or the authority delegated to perform such functions.
4. Every admission, discharge and death shall be reported to the District Collector / Commissioner of Health/ DMHO. Every case of death shall be subjected to 'management audit' to be conducted by a team of doctors of professor cadre to be set up by the Director of Medical Education.

In view of the unprecedented rise in the number of infections in the district, there is an immediate and exigent need to expand the availability of medical facilities in Visakhapatnam District to provide affordable and quality health care to the patients especially belonging to poor and needy sections of the society.

By the powers conferred on this authority under the various orders issued by the Government mentioned in the references above, it is hereby ordered that the below mentioned Hospital is being taken over for the purpose of treating patients for COVID 19.

S. No	Name of the Hospital	Category of the Hospital	Description
2	Gayatri Vidya Parishad Hospital, Marikavalasa, Visakhapatnam	Category A	Exclusive COVID Treatment Hospital

These orders shall come into force immediately and appropriate legal measures shall be initiated for any non-compliance as per the penal provisions in force.

  
 Collector & District Magistrate  
 & Empowered Officer  
 Visakhapatnam

To

The Management, Gayatri Vidya Parishad Hospital, Marikavalasa, Visakhapatnam

The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam for information

The Superintendent of Police, Visakhapatnam for information

The Principal, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam

The District Medical and Health Officer, Visakhapatnam

The District Nodal Officer, Gayatri Vidya Parishad Hospital, Marikavalasa, Visakhapatnam

