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INTRODUCTION

The World Health Organization has been effusive in its praise of the of Government of India in its commitment to combat the novel corona virus. It was heartening to note that the Organization has recognized the resolute leadership provided by our Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. To quote :- "The commitment of the Indian Government from the top level -- the Prime Minister's office himself -- has been enormous, very impressive. This is one of the reasons why India is doing very well."

The Second Wave of COVID threw an unexpected and unprecedented challenge. It was a challenge that had to be faced with resoluteness by concerted efforts of all agencies. Leading from the front, Hon'ble Prime Minister has steered the nation through one of its major crisis. Unfettered by the skepticism that prevailed during the peak of the second wave, the Central Government guided all the States and Union Territories decisively.

The U.T. of Puducherry was one of the beneficiaries of the strong support provided by the Central Government in its combat against covid. The Second Wave of COVID-19 started to peak in the second week of April in Puducherry. Puducherry Administration stepped up its surveillance and containment efforts to prevent the upsurge of Covid infections. The Task Force took upon itself the mantle to manage the battle against COVID- 19 by putting in place scientific and systematic preventive measures narrated in the following Chapters.

The UT went through different stages of lockdown with varying containment measures. To minimize the disruption of the livelihoods caused by the pandemic while at the same time safeguarding the lives, Puducherry adopted partial lockdown instead of complete lockdown with strict enforcement of Covid Protocols.

This Report highlights the challenging issues faced by the Administration, and how rapid, decisive and collective strategies helped Puducherry to deal with COVID-19 crisis and flatten the curve successfully.

COVID TASK FORCE

BACKGROUND

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created an unprecedented worldwide disruption on the Health Systems, led to loss of lives and threw the livelihoods out of gear. The Puducherry Administration was on its toes from the very onset. Multipronged strategy, combined, co-ordinated and co-opted approach was put in place to manage the COVID-19 crisis.

After taking charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan spearheaded the Task Force and strengthened the coordination and effectiveness of the Health Systems. Under the Leadership of the Lieutenant Governor the Administration initiated a series of measures to contain the spiralling Covid infections during the second wave.

The Covid Task Force was formed to provide strategic guidance to the Administration and coordinate the efforts of multi-sectoral and multilateral actors to ensure proper synergy and efficiency.



OBJECTIVES OF THE COVID TASK FORCE

 Provide overall guidance and continuous support to the Health Department and other line departments, Government Agencies and the Private Healthcare Sector involved in Covid response activities and ensure their effective coordination.

2. Develop strategies to contain the spread of Covid.

- 3. Monitor and upscale the Vaccination in the Union Territory.
- Identify the gaps and share lessons learned and good practices.
- 5. Discuss the progress and plan future actions.

6. Recommend strategies to keep the public abreast of the developments regarding Covid preparedness and response.

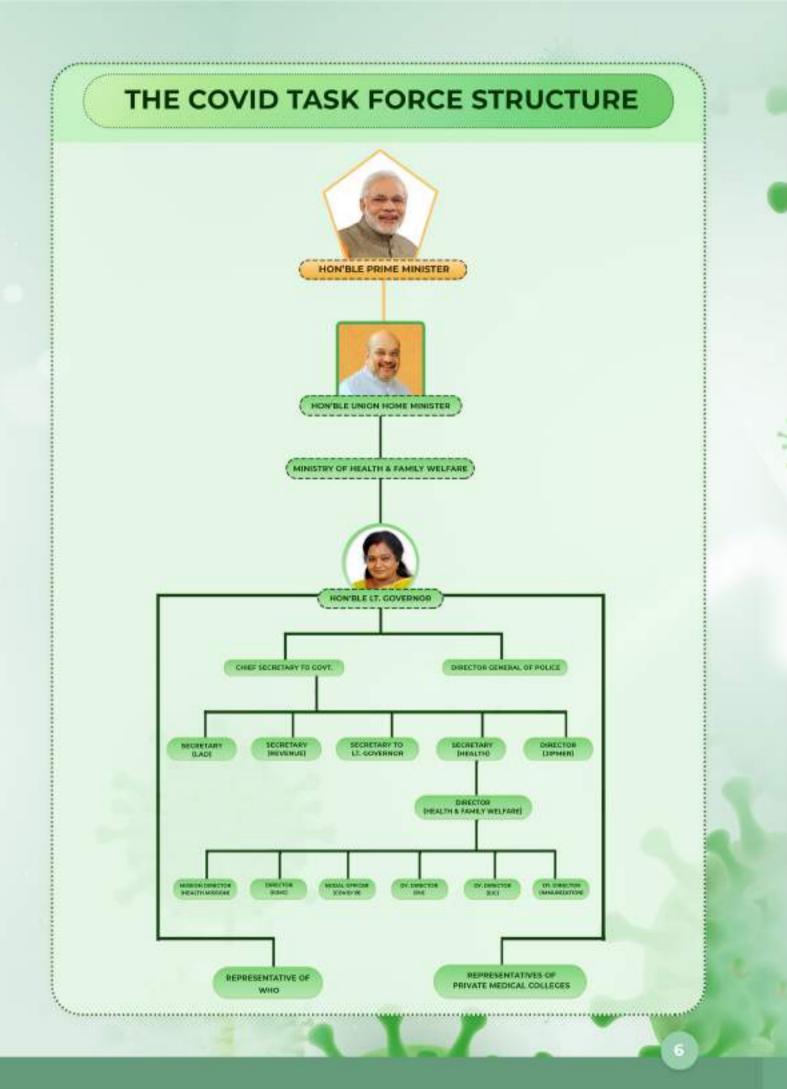
COMPOSITION OF THE COVID TASK FORCE

Headed by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Covid Task Force consists of advisory and decision-making elements from various departments of the Government, Non- Government Institutions and International Organisations.

The Covid Task Force diligently meets every Thursday at Raj Nivas. In the eventuality of absence from the station, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor joins virtually at the meetings held at Chief Secretariat and so far, she has never missed a single meeting.



The meeting commences with an overview of the COVID-19 cases. Key data and trends are presented along with other important information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and additional health issues as well as action taken too is presented.



STRIDES MADE

THE STRIDES MADE - INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

| MONITORING | FEB 2021 | MAR 2021 | APR 2021 | MAY 2021 | JUNE 2021 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Oxygen Beds | 873 | 873 | 1302 | 1866 | 1696 |
| Ventilators | 80 | 90 | 167 | 250 | 192 |
| Isolation Beds | 2082 | 2082 | 2100 | 3377 | 3260 |

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TESTS CONDUCTED PER DAY

| MEASURABLE VARIABLES | FEB 2021 | MAR 2021 | APR 2021 | MAY 2021 | JUNE 2021 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Tested Average/ Day | 1264 | 2384 | 8948 | 9118 | 8098 |
| Total Containments | 0 | 0 | 70 | 69 | 3 |

Total Tests administered as of 30 June, 2021 -13,08198

CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED

| DATE | 1st DOSE | 2 nd DOSE |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 17.02.2021 | 6594 | NIL |
| 30.06.2021 | 4,35,123 | 66,180 |

THE STRIDES IN OXYGEN STATUS (LIQUID MEDICAL OXYGEN)

| HOSPITAL NAME | FEB 2021 | MAR 2021 | APR 2021 | MAY 2021 | ANALYSIS |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GMCRI | 6KL | 16KL | 16KL | 16KL | Reached |
| IPMER | 24KL | 24KL | 24KL | 24KL | the fullest |
| бесн | 11KL | 11KL | 11KL | ΊIKL | capacity of |
| коссн | 6KL | 6KL | 6KI | 6KL | LMO |
| GH-Karaikal | o | 6KL | 6КІ | 6KL | storage |
| FOTAL LMO PLANTS | 47KL | 63KL | 63KL | 63KL | |

Currently we are under the process of erecting LMO tank at GHCD TB sanitorium.

VENTILATOR STATUS IN PUDUCHERRY FOR COVID

| HOSPITAL NAME | PRIOR FEB 2021 | APR 2021 | MAY 2021 | JUNE 30 2021 | ANALYSIS |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| IGMCRI | 3 | 24 | 36 | 36 | Cases trending |
| JIPMER | 48 | 35 | 101 | 45 | downwards so |
| IGGGH | 27 | 0 | 18 | 18 | non covid services initiated and |
| GH-Karaikal | 4 | 4 | 15 | 15 | ventilator beds |
| GH-Yanam | 0 | n | n | n | are used for Non covid services. |
| GH-Mahe | 0 | 4 | 5 | 5 | |
| TOTAL VENTILATORS | 82 | 74 | 186 | 130 | |

CURRENT O2 BED STATUS OF PUDUCHERRY

| S. No | Hospital Name | O2 BEDStatus Prior Feb 2021 Excluding Ventilator beds | O2 BED Status as on May 16, 2021 Excluding Ventilator beds | June 202 | |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | IGMC & RI | 126 | 324 | 524 (324 +200) | |
| 2 | JIPMER | 100 | 370 | 400 | |
| 3 | PIMS | 0 | 100 | 150 | |
| 4 | AVMC | 0 | 60 | 150 | |
| 5 | SLIMS | 0 | 100 | 150 | |
| 6 | MGMCRI | 0 | 150 | 300 | |
| 7 | SVMCH | н 0 | | 230 | |
| 8 | SMVMCH | /MCH 0 | | 150 | |
| 9 | IGGGH | 0 | 140 | 165 (140 +25) | |
| 10 | GHCD | 6 | 0 | 146 | |
| 11 | GH KARAIKAL | 10 | 70 | 335 (70 +265) | |
| 12 | GH MAHE | 10 | 20 | | |
| 13 | GH YANAM | 10 | 30 | | |
| 14 | MGPGI (Dental) | 0 | 0 | 46 | |
| 15 | CHC Karikalampakkam | 0 | 0 | 30 | |
| | TOTAL 02 BEDS | 262 | 1543 | 2776 (1543+123 | |

KEY DECISIONS TAKEN

• Taking cognizance of the spike in the cases, the closure of schools was ordered.

• The Government-run and privately managed colleges in Puducherry were directed to hold classes only through online.

• Private and Govt. Medical Colleges were brought on board to understand the challenges and issues that the stakeholders face in Covid Management.

• Plans laid out for judicious usage of drugs like Remdesivir, improving medical facilities including ventilators, oxygen beds etc.

• Monitoring and implementing the ramping up of the number of ventilator beds and ensuring oxygen supply in a smooth, unhindered manner.

• Health Manpower Planning like Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics etc. was chalked out to meet the Covid Emergency. The possibilities for urgent purchase of additional ambulances based on the need was analysed.

• Fortified the Covid War-Room with additional manpower and allotted 10 additional lines to meet the increase in calls on 104 Helpline.

• Recruitment of non-clinical staff and the medical officers was done on emergent basis. New recruits trained to advise patients, streamline hospital admissions and give relevant information on Covid Vaccination etc.

• Conceptualized advertising/publicity methods to raise awareness on 104 Covid Helpline.

• Ramped up COVID-19 healthcare infrastructure including oxygen storage, oxygenated beds, in all four regions of Puducherry.

 Followed a decentralized approach to enforce covid-appropriate behavior. Outlined the containment zones and sought people's participation to tackle the crisis; involved the RWAs, NSS, NCC volunteers etc in various Covid activities.

 Apart from conventional awareness posters and leaflets, door-to-door campaigning was conducted to speed up the vaccination process in Rural areas to help achieve the target of Covid Free Villages.

 SHGs were engaged in community awareness to dispel apprehensions and drive home the benefits of vaccination. Special rewards and recognitions were accorded for best performing SHGs in the form of awards / cash prizes.

 In preparation of an anticipated third wave, a roadmap was prepared to upgrade the health infrastructure, especially the number of Paediatric Covid beds and facilities to treat children.

 Setting up of Post - Covid Clinics to attend to patients who have recovered from Covid-19.

 Treatment Protocol of Black Fungus Disease and availability of Amphotericin and other drugs.

 Sequel to 'Tika Utsav', Series of intensive Vaccination Drives (Vaccination Festivals) was held from 16th June to bring more people under the safety net of immunization against COVID-19.

 Set a dateline to immunize 100 percent 18+ population against Covid-19 by August 15. Measures put in place to sustain the enforcement of Covid Protocols.

OTHER MEETINGS

 Virtual Meeting with Medical Officers of all Primary Health Centres of all regions to assess the current situation of COVID-19, treatment preparedness, preventive measures and increasing Vaccination Drive was held on 7th April.

 High level meeting held on 9th April 2021 to formulate an action plan for effective implementation of Covid Vaccination Program and for observing the 'Tika Utsav' from 11th to 14th of April 2021.

 Meeting held on 9th April 2021 with officials of the Directorate of Indian Medical Systems (AYUSH) to explore ways in controlling rising incidence of COVID-19 cases in Puducherry.

 High level meeting held on 10th April 2021 ahead of the Tika Utsav to review the arrangements to ensure that majority of eligible people get vaccinated.

 High level meeting at Secretariat to assess the present Covid Situation and Vaccination Drive Tika Utsav at Puducherry on 12th April 2021.

Review Meeting with All Regions of Puducherry on 7th June 2021

INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES

1. OXYGEN SISTERS

As Oxygen Level Monitoring is crucial for patients being treated at the hospitals, selected Nurses were appointed to keep track of the patients' blood oxygen level. These nurses, called Oxygen Sisters, attend the Covid Wards and monitor patients every hour with the help of Pulse Oximeters to identify oxygen saturation of the blood.

2. PULSE OXIMETERS BANK

Providing solace to those who were finding it difficult to buy the costly Pulse Oximeter, Karaikal Administration established a Pulse Oximeters' Bank to 'loan' Pulse Oximeters to the home quarantined

3. UYIR KATRU

'Uyir Katru' is a Collaborative Initiative to facilitate immediate enhancement in number of oxygen beds in Puducherry. An oxygen bed provision approximately costs ₹ 12,000/-. Resources were collected in the form of funds, material and manpower. Some benefactors undertook work at hospitals directly. The scheme saw an enthusiastic response by public and philanthropic organizations. A separate account was created for effective fund management. 'Uyir Katru' Initiative helped to increase Oxygen facilities in the UT sufficiently.



4. MASK UP PUDUCHERRY

'Mask-Up Puducherry' campaign was organised to ensure that the public wear masks to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. A dedicated Awareness Van travelled across the Union Territory to spread awareness among the people regarding the COVID-19 protocols and the importance of wearing masks.

5. MEALS AT AFFORDABLE RATES

The Covid lockdown threw life out of gear and people were finding it difficult to make ends meet with a lack of jobs, money and food. Women's Self-Help Groups were mobilized to run community kitchens. Nutritious meals were served at affordable rates (₹ 5) through selected Ponlait outlets to support those who were hit hard by Covid Pandemic.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF LOW-COST MASKS AND SANITISERS THROUGH PONLAIT OUTLETS

The simplest way to contain the pandemic remains compliance with masking norms. With this aim, a scheme for delivering masks and sanitisers at prices that are much lower than the market rates was rolled out through 70 Ponlait Milk Outlets. For the indigent, masks were provided free of cost. Masks were made available through the outlets for ₹ 1 each and 50 ml sanitiser bottles for as little as ₹ 10.



7. THERUMUNAYIL THADUPPOOSI (VACCINATION AT STREET CORNERS)

In order to reach the unvaccinated, Puducherry Administration launched 'Therumunayil Thaduppoosi' vaccination camps at streets. This unique initiative brought into the vaccination net the street dwellers, street vendors and people living in the vicinity. The Health Department had made vaccines available for walk-in appointments where people could register on-site, get their vaccine shot and get information regarding their second dose.

8. EXCLUSIVE COVID SCREENING CENTRE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

An in-house COVID-19 diagnostic facility and exclusive care center was set up for pregnant women with COVID at Rajiv Gandhi Government Women and Children's Hospital, Puducherry.

9. VACCINATION AT THE DOORSTEP

The Health Department started inoculating people at sites outside the hospitals and the PHCs by bringing vaccination services closer to the community while maintaining all necessary precautions and safety measures in accordance with the advisories issued by the Gol.

Vaccination Camps are conducted at the industrial sites to inoculate the workers. To ensure vaccination for senior citizens with ailments and for those who are physically challenged and are unable to approach the vaccination centres like the street population, transgenders etc., vaccination camps are being conducted on the streets. This Community-based, flexible and people-centric approach has evoked good response from the citizens.

10. PRIORITY VACCINATION TO STUDENTS WHO STUDY ABROAD

Considering the travel needs of the students, Lt. Governor issued an order on 7th June 2021 to prioritize vaccination for students in Puducherry who study abroad.

11. DISTRIBUTION OF SIDDHA HERBAL DRINK

Distributed 'Kabasura Kudineer' a Siddha Herbal Drink to frontline workers and citizens.

12. COVID FREE VILLAGES

The Health Department launched 'Covid-free Villages' programme involving the respective MLAs of the Constituencies for the intensified drive to achieve 100 % vaccination of the entire adult population of rural Areas. So far, the following 9 villages have declared 100% inoculated.

- 1. Pudhukuppam
- 2. Thanikuppam
- 3. Chinna Karayamputhur
- 4. M. Pudukuppam
- 5. Irular Colony

- 6. Aakampettai
- 7. Ilayankudi
- 8. Thoppu Theru
- 9. Mathalankudy

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14. Special Camps for Vulnerable Populations

Special Camps were conducted for Auto Drivers, Restaurant Workers, Differently Abled, Children With Special Needs, Transgender Persons and such vulnerable categories.

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THE COVID STRATEGY -TEST / TRACK/ TREAT INITIATIVES

To break the chain of transmission in the UT, Administration adopted five-fold strategy of following Covid Appropriate Behaviour, Test-Track-Treat and Vaccination as per the guidelines by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Testing is the key to identify people who are infected with Covid and hence, to rein in the rising number of infections, the Administration adopted aggressive and comprehensive testing in all possible pockets and among vulnerable populations. Increased number of tests helped trace infected contacts in the localities with large reservoir of infected people found were identified declared hot spots. Localised containment/lock down measures were successfully implemented at the hot spots to cut down the transmission of COVID-19.

Infected individuals were classified based on the severity of infections. asymptomatic, mild and moderate cases were recommended to stay at Home Quarantine while the proper Clinical Management of the severe and critical patients based on holistic Standard of Care approach resulted in sharp decline of cases.

Covid Care Centres were set up to manage the anticipated surge of cases in the Second Wave. Trained AYUSH doctors were involved in Covid Management and AYUSH hospitals were converted to COVID-19 appropriate facilities.

Reasons behind the Covid fatalities in the UT were thoroughly analysed on a regular basis. The Death Audits helped to understand how the fatalities occurred and the reports helped to fill the gaps in Covid Management and prevent future deaths of Covid 19.

While combating the virus, the Administration also focused on ramping up the Vaccination to break the chain of transmission. Vaccination Festivals and decentralized strategies devised in association with the Line Departments like Departments of Revenue, Rural Development and Local Administration helped in increasing vaccination cover at the urban and rural areas in an expeditious manner.



REACH OUT MEASURES

 Inaugurated the renovated Health and Wellness Centre at Thirubuvanai, Puducherry on 17th June, 2021.

 Inaugurated the Covid Care Centre at Pondicherry University Campus on 18th June 2021. This Centre caters to the need of students, faculty and people of the nearby villages.

 Mahatma Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, converted into a Covid Care Facility. This has won the appreciation of Dental Council of India.

CREATING OF COVID CARE CENTRES | ISOLATION | FACILITY

- 1. Police Campus, Gorimedu
- 2. SAI Training Centre, Lawspet
- 3. Pondicherry University, Kalapet
- 4. Bahour
- 5. Mudaliarpet

6. Government Hospital for Chest Diseases - mild to moderate cases are also admitted at this Centre.

 Ayush Hospital at IGMC&RI Campus also converted into Covid Facility

RECOGNITION OF COVID WARRIORS

Support Systems ₹ 5000 (Per month) as stipends to students and volunteers who worked to prevent Covid-19 pandemic.

TESTING INCREASES

Testing through RT PCR increased from 499 to 1793 Testing through RAT increased from 1089 to 7222

Testing is critical in controlling coronavirus disease. Without testing, it is difficult to identify the extent of the transmission of Covid. When the second wave started, Puducherry rapidly increased the number of Tests.

ESSENTIAL DRUGS- INJECTIONS SUPPLY

GOVT. PHARMACY, PUDUCHERRY SI.NO NAME OF INSTITUTION ISSUED 6 1. **GOVT. INSTITUTIONS ESI - HOSPITAL** 356 2. GGH- KARAIKAL 3. GGH-MAHE 20 4. GGH-YANAM 274 5. INDIRA GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE 3086 6. JIPMER 288 7. IGGGH & PGI 12

PVT MEDICAL COLLEGES

| SI.NO | NAME OF INSTITUTION | ISSUED |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. | MAHATMA GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE | 300 |
| 2. | ARUPADAI VEEDU MEDICAL COLLEGE | 186 |
| 3, | PIMS | 150 |
| 4. | SRI LAKSHMI NARAYANA MEDICAL COLLEGE | 320 |
| 5. | SRI MANAKULA VINAYAGA MEDICAL COLLEGE | 342 |
| 6. | SRI VENKATESHWARA MEDICAL COLLEGE | 228 |
| | | 1526 |
| 1. | OTHERS | 2 |
| | 13-05-2021 | 5570 |

OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS SUPPLIED BY GOVT. OF INDIA

| Date | BRAND/ MODEL | Qty Received |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 12-05-2021 | PHILIPS/IA551B | 100 |
| 24-05-2021 | DYNAREX/49194 | 10 |
| 28-05-2021 | SYSMED/OXYFL OW 5 | 10 |
| 28-05-2021 | SYSMED/OXYFL OW 5 | 20 |

| Date | BRAND/ MODEL | Qty Received |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 03-06-2021 | JIANGSU/SZ- 5AW-10L | 20 |
| 26-06-2021 | MEDI WAVES | 20 |
| | | 180 |

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THE COVID STRATEGY - VACCINATION

Vaccination against COVID-19 commenced in Puducherry on 16th January 2021 and since then Puducherry made strides in inoculating all citizens through a holistic, inclusive and community centric approach.

| | | 1 |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PHASE | DATE OF COMMENCEMENT | PRIORITY GROUPS |
| Phase 1 | 16 January | Frontline workers |
| Phase 2 | 1 March | people above 60 years, those with co-morbidities in the age group of 45-59 and frontline workers |
| Phase 3 | 1 May | all people aged above 18 years |

Urgent measures have been taken to expand vaccination to all regions and to all eligible citizens so as to make sure that no one is left behind. An efficient system was developed to address and monitor all the aspects of vaccine administration.

While expanding the Vaccination ambit, the Administration also had to deal with the vaccine hesitancy, a major hurdle with many refusing vaccines. In order to overcome these barriers, multilingual mass media/social media awareness campaigns were launched to educate citizens about the importance of Vaccination and the importance COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Hon'ble Lt. Governor took up interaction programs through TV, print, radio and digital media. It provided the most required insight to people and helped to allay the apprehensions among public and made them to overcome COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy. Thus, the Vaccination in Puducherry gained momentum and the Administration aspires to achieve 100 % inoculation to adult population by 15th August 2021.

 Vaccination Drive: Spearheading the third phase of COVID Vaccination drive in the UT, Lt. Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan received her first dose of Covid Vaccine and launched a special drive for COVID-19 vaccination for women above 45 at Rajiv Gandhi Government Women & Children's Hospital, Puducherry on 2nd April 2021.

 COVID-19 Vaccination Camp: Intensifying efforts to prevent the spread of Covid, Vaccination Camps were organised at various private medical colleges. The Lieutenant Governor inaugurated the Vaccination Camp at Venkateshwara Medical College Hospital & Research Centre on 3rd April 2021.

 The Lt. Governor inaugurated an intensive COVID Vaccination Program at PHC Reddiarplayam on 7th April 2021. The Reddiarpalayam pocket was declared as a COVID-19 hotspot. Similar intensive vaccination drives were conducted at other identified hotspots.

 High Level meeting was held ahead of the Tika Utsav to review the arrangements to ensure vaccinating majority of eligible people.

 Vaccination Festival (Tika Utsav) commenced at Puducherry on 11th April and concluded on 19th April 2021.

 Inaugurated Covid Vaccinationmega camp organisedby Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Science Medical College & Hospital, Puducherry on 12th April.

 Tika Utsav: Inaugurated Special COVID-19 Vaccination Camp at AarupadaiVeedu Medical College & Hospital at Puducherry on 15th April 2021.

Tika Utsav: Mobile Vaccination Camp held on the 16th
 April 2021 at the Thattanchavady market committee.

 Inauguration of Street Corner Covid Vaccination Camps at M.G.Road and Yanam Venkatachalam Pillai street, Puducherry on 1st June 2021.

VACCINATION FESTIVALS

1ST VACCINATION FESTIVAL (TIKA UTSAV 1.0)

In view of the spike in Covid cases, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi announced 'Tika Utsav', the mass vaccination programme for COVID-19 from 11th April 2021 to 14th April, 2021 to vaccinate maximum eligible people of the 45+ Category.

High spirits and hard work made the first COVID-19 Vaccination Festival a success in Puducherry. Because of the wide reception, the program got extended until 19th April. A total of 73,119 people were inoculated during the 1st Vaccination Festival.

| Date (11 th to 19 th April) | Health Care Workers | Front line Workers | Elderly Population 45-59 | Age above 60 | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| l st Dose | 1,720 | 1,630 | 39,500 | 24,675 | 67,525 |
| 2 nd Dose | 1,453 | 803 | 1,031 | 2,307 | 5,594 |
| Total | 3,173 | 2,433 | 40,531 | 26,982 | 73,119 |

2nd VACCINATION FESTIVAL (TIKA UTSAV 2.0)

The continued cooperation of Citizens in following safety standards and the thorough implementation of the efforts to combat the coronavirus has resulted in a decline in the cases in Puducherry. As part of the measures to ramp up the Vaccination against Covid, A four-day special Vaccination Festival was organised in Puducherry from June 16 to administer jabs to all people above the age of 18. Lt. Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurated the Vaccination Festival at Petit Seminaire Higher Secondary School, Puducherry on 16th June, 2021. The 4-day Vaccination Festival got concluded on 21st June, 2021.

A total of 94,977 people above 18 years received the jabs in the 'Tika Utsav' 2.0.

| Date (16 th to 21 st June) | Healthcare Workers | Frontline workers | Above 18- 44 | Elderly population age 45-59 | Age above 60 | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 st Dose | 266 | 118 | 67894 | 18530 | 4903 | 91711 |
| 2 nd Dose | 526 | 424 | 32 | 1322 | 962 | 3266 |
| Total | 792 | 542 | 67926 | 19852 | 5965 | 94977 |



CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED

 Feb 17, 2021 - 1st Dose - 6594
 2nd Dose - Nil

 June 30, 2021- 1st Dose- 435123
 2nd dose - 66180

NUMBER OF VACCINATION CENTRES

38 Vaccination Centres - For 45 +

7 Vaccination Centres- For 18

COVID TRIAGE TEAM FOR DOORSTEP TRIAGING-MEDICAL STUDENTS TEAM

No. of teams: 30

 No. of patients visited: The Team has almost covered 90 percentage of persons who have turned positive for whom triaging was done at doorsteps.

TECHNOLOGICAL INTERVENTION

The Administration leveraged technology to achieve maximum results. Technological tools like the Video Conferencing was used to coordinate with the geographically separated regions of the UT and the various administrative offices. Increased investment in expansion of the telecom lines in the Covid War Room. Non - Covid Patients were encouraged to use tele-medicine services to meet their healthcare needs.

Technological innovations like the usage of Whatsapp Chatbots helped people in finding verified information on Covid across the UT. E-Registrations helped in crowd control at the offices. While the UT had embraced the transformational technological change, it also tried to address the digital divide through field based conventional approaches.

AWARENESS | PREVENTIVE PROTOCOL

The key to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic was creating mass awareness both about Prevention and Treatment and the Administration used Media to the maximum extent. Media helped reinforce the adoption of safe health practices like hand washing, usage of face masks and social distancing.

 Launched Vaccination Awareness Program on 21st March 2021 to encourage people to take Covid Vaccination.

 Mobile Campaign Van to promote Mask Up Puducherry and Mask My India and Vaccination Awareness.

 On 8th April 2021, flagged off Mobile Units of the Health Department to generate awareness in combatting COVID-19. A dedicated fleet of vehicles were deployed to educate people on COVID-19 across the hotspots.



 On 16th April 2021, flagged off Mobile Awareness Cum Vaccination Vans on the occasion of 'Tika Utsav' to educate and inoculate farmers at Puducherry Market Committee.

AWARENESS SYSTEMS

Usage of Whatsapp Chatbot

COVID- 19 dashboard

 Utilising social media platforms, Out-of-Home Awareness Platforms for Prevention, Enforcement and Vaccination Protocols. LIVE programs on Facebook and Webinars to educate people on Covid Management and Vaccination.

 Sensitizing people with information- Instruction to the Patients, Instructions to the Care Givers, Do's and Dont's to people in Containment zone, hotspots and general public.

 E- posters to update COVID testing sites, vaccination sites, Bed availability on website and social media handles.

 E- posters / short videos on - How to use Pulse Oximeter in COVID Home isolation.

Special awareness programs on Television, Radio etc.

A DYNAMIC COVID WAR ROOM (CWR)

Covid Helpline 104 Improved infrastructure | Purposed strengthening plans in CWR post Feb 2021.

From 3 helpline numbers the services today include 10 helpline numbers. Members are a composition of not just teachers and counsellors like earlier. Today, includes Allopathy & AYUSH doctors, Police and Technical support team available - 24 X 7.

WORK PROFILE - CWR

Data Analysis for Contact Tracing.

Teletriaging (IVRS) for information directly from the positive cases.

 Daily updates from Medical officers with details of home isolation / referred to any hospital.

Containment data analysis for strict enforcements.

 Weekly Data Analysis and Mining to monitor the Covid Peak Curve.

Real Time Updation of Daily Bulletin and Dashboard.

 Social media platforms for wider and instantaneous dissemination of information.

Updating MHA on a daily basis in required formats.

 Trained team of MBBS students for house-to-house status of positive cases.

Co ordinating with laboratories for Test Reports / Mortality - Age wise analysis.



WAY FORWARD AND CHALLENGES

 The Covid War Room team is strengthened to meet any challenges ahead.

·Technical services | HR | Technology aids are being provided.

The Covid War Room attended more than 10,000 calls from February to June 2021

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Considering the need for raising the supply of trained human resources to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, the UT Administration utilized the services of Volunteers, Medical Doctors and Students, Nursing students and allied Healthcare Professionals.

From providing meals for the needy to ensuring sanitation to gearing up the enforcement of Covid Protocols in the containment zones and crowded public places, the Administration roped in the services of the frontline warriors of the Line Departments.

Supplementing the relief measures initiated by the Government, several NGOs and Industrial Units came forward to provide Covid Relief Materials in Cash and kind.

| EN | IGAGEMENT OF MEDICAL OFFI | CERS AND HEA | LTH STAFF | ON COP | TRACT B | ASIS FOR CO | VID 19 DURING 2021 | |
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| SE.No. | Name of the posts | Puducherry | Karaikal | Mahe | Yanam | TOTAL | Vide GO | |
| 1 | GDMO | 43/85 | 36/45 | 5 | 16 | 100/151 | GO Ms No.30, dated 03/05/2021 | |
| 2 | Nursing Officers | 93/100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93/100 | GO Ms No.31, dated 03/05/2021 | |
| 3 | Nursing Officers | 0 | 57 | 10 | 0 | 67 | | |
| 4 | ANM | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | | |
| 5 | Lab. Technician | 0 | 27 | 0 | 6 | 33 | | |
| 6 | X-ray Technician | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | | |
| 7 | Sanitary Workers (Health) | 0 | 73 | 17 | 0 | 90 | GO Ms No.32, dated 03/05/2021 | |
| 8 | Ward Attendant | 0 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 54 | | |
| 9 | Data Entry Operator | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 | | |
| 10 | Driver | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 9 | | |
| 11 | Field Worker | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | | |
| | TOTAL | 136/185 | 291/300 | 35 | 25 | 488/545 | | |

COMMUNITY CONVERGENCE / PARTICIPATION

A drawing competition was conducted for school children to spread awareness on the benefit of vaccination. Participants were given certificates.

Healthcare workers were felicitated for their outstanding performance during Covid Task Force Meetings.

CSR / COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Complementing the efforts of the Government in preventing the spread of the virus, Industrial Units in and around Puducherry came forward to support the Administration through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. The unlocking of CSR's potential has helped the Administration to strengthen the Health Infrastructure of the UT and support the frontline warriors by rushing the much-needed medical supplies and relief materials.

One Lakh Masks were donated to JIPMER under CSR initiatives.

Hygiene Kits to beneficiaries on the occasion of World Red Cross Day.

AYUSH medicines were handed over to Police Department.

 Hindustan Unilever Ltd., Puducherry provided 10 lakh Sanitizer Sachets.

 World Health Organisation (WHO) provided 50 Oxygen Concentrators to Health Department.

 Shri Shwetamber Murtipujak Jain Trust, Puducherry gave away NBR Masks, Flow Meters, Sanitizers and Disinfectants.

Chemfab Alkalis Ltd. donated 80 oxygen Flow Meter with humidifiers.

 Flow Meter and Regulator donated by Ganesh Electricals and Divine Bharat. 10 Oxygen Concentrators and 150 Pulse Oximeters were donated by CII - Lenovo.

 EASORN Pharma made a donation of one thousand bottles of 100 ml Hand Sanitizer, 100 Bottles of 500 ml Hand Santizer, 5,000 Masks, 20 boxes of Hand Gloves and 200 Face Shields.

 Trust for Youth and Child Leadership donated Cheque for 1.2 lakhs for 'Uyir Katru'.

Isha Foundation contributed Health and Food Supplements.

 Covid Relief Material contributed by member units of Pondicherry Chamber of Industries - 03 Patient Oxygen Monitors, 10,000 Masks,
 1600 Hand Sanitizer, 4 Floor Cleaning Machines and 5 PPE Kits.

Snam Alloys made a donation by handing over 2 Ventilators.

 Chemfab Alkalis provided 2 Ventillators, 50,000 Latex Gloves and 20 Oxygen Flow Meters.

 CII Member companies: 1,00,000 3 Ply Masks by Snam Alloys Pvt, Ltd., 1 Multipara Monitor and 5 Tabletop oximeters monitors by Hotel Surguru and Shri K. Amarnath, Past Chairman, CII Puducherry & Vice President.

25,000 N95 Masks by Servo Packagings.

 Hindustan National Glass & Industries Ltd. 600- N95 Masks, 400-N95 Premium Masks, 6500-3 Ply masks.

Hotel Jayaram - 5 oxygen Flow Meters.

Marico Ltd - 20,000 Latex Gloves.

 Lenovo- 10 Oxygen Concentrators, 150 Pulse Oxymeter, Ventilators and Medial accessories.

• Aided by the Department of Industries, Rotary Club of Puducherry donated Covid Relief Materials to Health Department. Distribution of ration kits to Sanitary workers, Rickshaw Wallahs and Autorickshaw Drivers.

French Entrepreneurs' Club donated medical equipments including
 500 PPE kits, 500 Non-rebreather (NRB) Masks, 23 Non-invasive
 Ventilation (NIV) Masks worth 2.5 lakhs to Health Department.

 Doha Bank donated 500 PPE Kits through Shri. Ve. Vaithilingam, Member of Parliament, to Health Department.

 Sri Kumaran Stores, Puducherry handed over 1 lakh discount coupons to be handed over to the vaccinated people.

 Azim Premji Foundation donated over 100 oxygen concentrators and 50 BiPAP Machines to the Health Department.

 Navayugam Foundation donated Sanitizer Sachets, Masks and Gloves.

 Lenovo India donated Medical Ventilators & other medical accessories for Covid Management.

Lucas - TVS Limited along with its sister concern India Nippon
 Electrical Ltd. provided 10 Oxygen Concentrators.

Midtown Mayum Ladies Branch handed over Ayurvedic Vetiver
 Face Masks and Surgical Masks.

 DMV Companies, Agrotech Integrated Farmer Producer Company Limited and Arun Agencies collectively contributed PPE Kits.

 AIR Foundations contributed 50 BiPAP Ventilators and 50 Oxygen Concentrators.

Certificates of Appreciation provided to CSR partners in recognition of their services

UYIR KATRU

Envisaged by the Health Department, 'Uyir Katru', is a collaborative initiative to provide emergency Covid Care and to facilitate immediate enhancement in number of Oxygen beds in Puducherry by contributing to a separate bank account - Project 02- Uyir Katru, bearing Account No. 7021477172, , Indian Bank (IFSC IDIBOOOP042), Mahatma Gandhi Road, Puducherry.

 The first contribution was made by Thiru Ve. Vaithilingam, MP for ₹ 10 lakhs.

Metal Scope India Pvt Ltd donated 3 Lakh Rupees.

• Shyam Prasanna a Class 5 student of Jawahar Vidyalaya donated his kitty savings of ₹ 2,773.



Trust for Youth and Child Leadership donated ₹ 1.2 lakh for Uyir Katru.

 A number of Corporates, Organizations, Philanthropists, Youth and children have come forward to support this project.CII member firms, including Hindustan Unilver, EATON, Snam Alloys, Integra and Metalscope, Atithi, CCAL and Heritage Round Table supports for augmenting the oxygen beds in IGMCRI and GHCD, Puducherry.
 161 beds were converted into oxygen-facilitated beds by installing centralized oxygen plant, oxygen pipelines, flow meters, and oxygen regulators to individual beds.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Bridging the gap in the Remdesvir shortage, Hon'ble Lt. Governor made measures to get 1,000 vials from Telangana Government.



SUPPORT BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

The most needed financial support under India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package to the State Health Mission through the National Health Mission, the multiple special economic packages by the Finance Ministry and the medical infrastructure support etc. helped the UT to tide over the crisis to a certain extent.

The technical support of the Public Health Experts of the apex medical institutes/bodies like Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Epidemiology had also been utilized to adapt strategies according to the changing nature of the Pandemic. On 8th April, 2021, Lt. Governor attended a Virtual meeting convened by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi with Chief Ministers and Administrators to discuss the current COVID-19 situation and vaccination strategy ahead to check the emerging second peak of Covid.

 Lt. Governor launched 'the Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance' (PMJAY) scheme in the UT at a function held at MOH Farook GHSS, Puducherry.

| SI.NO | HEADING | BUDGET |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | S & M | 7.03 Crore |
| 2 | M & E | 2.00 Crore |
| 3 | C.SS - ECRP | 24.83 Crore |
| 4 | Vaccine | 50.19 Lakhs |

BUDGET ALLOCATION

POST COVID MANAGEMENT

A few patients, who recovered from COVID-19 infection, contracted the black fungus infection (Mucormycosis) in Puducherry. Although it's not a contagious disease, it affects people with diabetes and people with low immunity. Indiscriminate steroid medication is another reason for contracting the disease. It's advised to avoid self-medication to prevent such diseases.

Administration has helped Hospitals, including JIPMER for procuring Amphotericin B, the medicine for Mucormycosis from Government of India.

Post - Covid Wards were set up and the administration has also set up additional beds and wards to contain the anticipated third Covid Wave.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS TAKEN

| Rt. No. | Subject | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 04-03-2021 | Purchase of 600 nos. Of hospital cots for the management of COVID-19 pandemic | | | | | |
| 04-03-2021 | Expenditure Sanction to the tune of Rs 4,88,598/- towards purchase on one no of Deep Freezer for the use in Microbiology Department of IGGHPGI, Puducherry through GeM | | | | | |
| 06-03-2021 | Expenditure Sanction to the tune of Rs 7,28,000/- towards purchase of one number of "Fully Automated Bio ChemistryAnalyser" for the use of IGGHPGI, Puducherry through GeM | | | | | |
| 10-03-2021 | Revision of cost for RTPCR Testing of COVID-19 in the Private institutions / hospitals & Private Laboratories in the UT of Puducherry | | | | | |
| 10-03-2021 | Release of GIA for 4,20,85,920/- Under COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health Preparedness Package to Pondicherry State Health Society. | | | | | |
| 31-03-2021 | Purchase of 3000 nos. of injection Remdesivir 100 mg by utilizing the NHM fund for the management of Covid-19 pandemic | | | | | |
| 31-03-2021 | Release of 2nd Installment of GIA for Rs 6,10,16,000/- under COVID- 19 Emergency Response & Health Preparedness Package (CSS Head to PSHS Puducherry for the year 2020-21 | | | | | |
| 25-04-2021 | Increasing the number of ventilator beds at ICU in Hospital of Indira Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Kadirkamam | | | | | |
| 21-04-2021 | Engagement of 138 nos. Of General Duty Medical Officers contract basis by conducting walk in interview for tackling COVID- | | | | | |
| 22-04-2021 | Engagement of 100 nos. Of Nursing Officers on contract basis to conducting walk in interview for tackling COVID-19 | | | | | |
| 22-04- 2021 | Purchase of 5000 nos. of injection Remdesivir 100 mg from I Hetero Heath care Private Limited and another 5000 vials from I Cipla Limited Mumbai | | | | | |
| 25-04-2021 | Single Quotation of Medical Oxygen cylinder and release of secur deposit amount of Rs 5,00,000/- for 100 nos. cylinders from N national Oxygen Limited Thiruvandarkoil Puducherry | | | | | |
| 25-04-2021 | Seeking approval for the purchase of 3000 vials of Inj. Remdesivir for an amount of Rs 58,46,400/- from the firm M/s Dr. Reddy Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad on single quotation basis by utilizing the NHM funds. | | | | | |
| 25-04-2021 | GIA for Rs.2,48,17,651/- to Pondicherry State Health Society under COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health Preparedness Package | | | | | |

IMPORTANT DECISIONS TAKEN

| Rt. No. | Subject | | | | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 04-05-2021 | Purchase of 2100 vials of inj.Remdesivir for use in UT of Puducherry for Rs.40,92,480/- from M/s Dr.Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad | | | | | | |
| 04-05-2021 | Enhancement of honorarium to the contractual staff of Puducherry State Health Society working in Health Department, Puducherry | | | | | | |
| 04-05-2021 | One Time Remuneration to all the staffs working in COVID-19 relate activities at UT of Puducherry | | | | | | |
| 04-05-2021 | Purchase of Ayurveda/Siddha/Homeopathy medicines for the use ISM units in UT of Puducherry for 2020-2021 | | | | | | |
| 12-05-2021 | Leasing of 500 nos. Of Medical Oxygen Cylinder from M/s. National Oxygen Ltd. Thiruvandarkoil | | | | | | |
| 12-05-2021 | Purchase of 25 vials of Inj. Tocilizumab 400 mg | | | | | | |
| 12-05-2021 | Purchase of 1900 vials of Inj. | | | | | | |
| 12-05-2021 | Erection of 10 KL LMO storage plant at GH Karaikal through VRV Asia Pacific Pvt. Ltd. | | | | | | |
| 04-06-2021 | Approval of the Govt. For the purchase of 75,000 nos. of Rapid Antigen Test Kits for Rs.310.80 lakhs under NHM | | | | | | |
| 04-06-2021 | Expenditure sanction for Rs.1,12,00,000/- for purchase of 10,000nos. of Truenet Chips (Combo kit) | | | | | | |
| 07-06-2021 | Extension of lockdown due to Covid from 07-06-2021 | | | | | | |
| 10-06-2021 | Approval to purchase of 1,00,000 nos. of RTCPR kits for use in IGMC&RI and JIPMER using NHM funds | | | | | | |
| 12-06-2021 | Seeking expenditure sanction of purchase of 9500 vials o Remdesivir from M/s. Prem Pharma, Chennai for Rs.2,92,60,000/ and 1500 vials of Remdesivir from M/s. Sun | | | | | | |
| 12-06-2021 | Seeking expost facto administrative cum financial approval purchase of 610 vials c Inj. Liposomal Amphotericin Rs.37,03,550/ | | | | | | |
| 17-06-2021 | Release of GIA for Rs.65,00,000/- under CSS Head (SCP) for implementation of National Health Mission activities for 2021-22 | | | | | | |
| 21-06-2021 | Task Force Committee - On allocation, supply and distribution medical oxygen in the UT | | | | | | |
| 21-06-2021 | Containment of Resurgence of Covid-19 | | | | | | |
| 24-06-2021 | Purchase of 10,000 Triple layer mask for Rs.26,250/- for elections- GEPLA, 2021 | | | | | | |
| 29-06-2021 | Containment of Resurgence of Covid-19 | | | | | | |

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