



**GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE,
MANCHERIAL, DIST: MANCHERIAL, TELANGANA**



"COLLECTIVE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19"



Introduction:

Human history had seen many pandemics earlier in its timeline but the disastrous and nightmarish effects of the ongoing COVID-19 are quite different. The world has been struggling till-to-day in arresting the further spread of Coronavirus. This dreadful disease has claimed lakhs of lives since its emergence in November, 2019 in Wuhan, China. The world has metaphorically become a global village, as this virus has not spared any continent.

The case of India in comparison to other countries is quite different due to its large population, density of population, still developing medical facilities in rural India. Nevertheless, all the Indians came onto one line to fight against this dreaded virus by obliging lockdowns and following the COVID instructions carefully. Crores of Indians have been vaccinated so far.

Amongst the Districts that are surrounded by Maharashtra, the district of Mancherial has faced the drastic spread of Coronavirus for two reasons: many patients from Maharashtra visited this District headquarter for treatment; and it is a business hub that attracts many people for the business transactions. However, the people and many government and non-government organizations in Mancherial strived hard to wage a war against Corona and succeeded in it.

The role of GDC Mancherial in its fight against Corona:

Government Degree College, Mancherial, as a higher education institution, had to play a vital role in educating people and responding to the COVID-19. This college responded positively and constructively. With the help of its NSS (National Service Scheme) and NCC (National Cadet Corp) units, this college conducted the following significant activities in barricading to the spread of Coronavirus:

- Sanitizing the entire College campus
- Providing Homeo medicine to the students and the staff
- Arranging Corona testing camp at the college
- Providing awareness to the students through a skit by the students
- Providing awareness to the wider public through radio talk
- Felicitating the COVID Warriors: Doctor, Nurse, and Health Educator
- Educating and encouraging the students for “Young Warrior” programme.
- Establish COVID Helpline Centre at this college for online services

1. Sanitization of the entire College Campus:



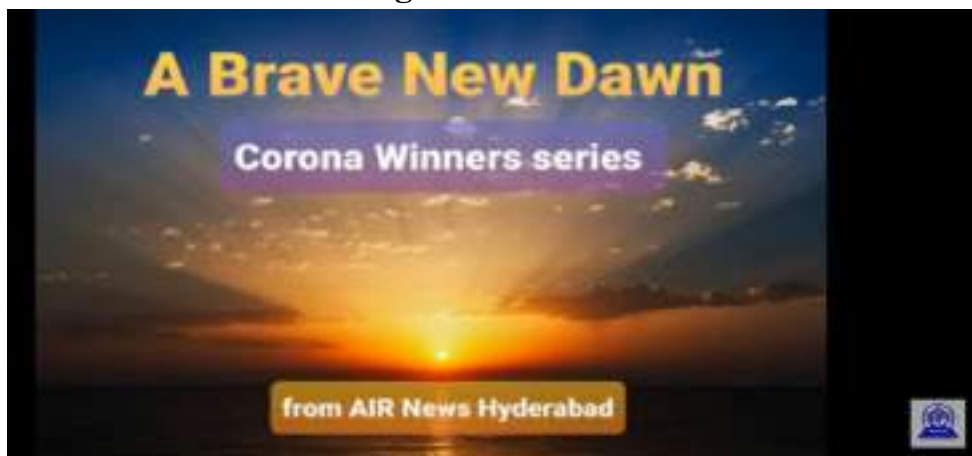
This college had taken immediate measures to prevent Coronavirus in the College campus. To this effect, this college requested the Municipal Commissioner for the campus sanitation. They responded positively and sent the Municipal workers to sanitize the campus on 3.3.2020. Apart from the entire sanitization, this college has purchased a pedestal sanitizing machine for regular sanitization.

2. Distribution of COVID-preventive Homeo medicine



As there is no medicine available for the treatment of Coronavirus and the promising instances of the usefulness of Homeo medicine, the college organized a programme which combined both the awareness on Coronavirus and the distribution of Homeo medicine on 7.3.2020. The renowned ENT specialist, Dr. Neelakanteshwara Rao and Dr. Naveen, B.H.M.S., explained about the Coronavirus and distributed the Homeo medicine to the staff and the students.

3. Corona awareness through “Radio Talk”:



The talk available at: <https://youtu.be/aNLhAcLCZiM>

This college was able to conduct Corona awareness through lectures and various skits but reaching to wider public had not taken place till that time. An opportunity came into its way in the form of All India Radio. When the All India Radio approached the college for the Radio Talk, this college responded immediately and Dr. V. Chakrapani, the Principal of this college, and Smt. K. Premalatha, Lecturer in Chemistry had given their voice for All India Radio, and it was broadcasted from AIR News Hyderabad on 26.10.2020.

4. Corona awareness through Skit:



The U.G. final year students approached the Principal and the teaching faculty with a novel proposal that they would like to present the Corona awareness through Skit. As the youngsters would connect to the skit more easily than the lectures, the college accepted their proposal and the skit was performed on 8.3.2021 on the eve of International Women's Day.

5. Felicitating the Front Line Covid Warriors:



The medical personnel, along with the Police and the Municipal workers, served the entire world in this pandemic situation. Some of them, unfortunately, lost their lives. This college felt that it must be our benign duty to felicitate such noble persons for their invaluable service to the humanity. As part of it, this college felicitated Dr. Kalavathi, Surgeon, Government Area Hospital, Mancherial along with Smt. Joswin, Nursing Superintendent and Alladi Srinivas, Health Educator on 8.3.2021.

6. Corona Test Camp in the college:



The Corona positive cases increased gigantically within the short time of its outburst in Mancherial. In the quick response of this college, it conducted Corona test camp in this college with the help of Government Area Hospital, Mancherial, on 17.3.2021. In this test, all the staff were tested negative but some students were positive in this test. They were sent to the Corona isolation centre, Bellampally. They were cured from the Corona within a week.

7. Re-sanitization of the Campus:



In response to some Corona positive cases among students, the college once again requested the Municipal Commissioner of Mancherial to get the college campus sanitized. The college campus was once again thoroughly sanitized on 18.3.2021.

8. COVID Helpline Centre:



This college has started “Corona Help Desk” to provide online services related to the vaccination centres information, their myths on the ill-effects of vaccine, educating them about the need of adhering to the Corona

protocol. In this Help Desk, the NCC and NSS Co-ordinators acted as the information providers to the people who were in need of Corona information. This help desk is still functioning. It has created a poster and made it available to the public through Whatsapp groups.

9. Young Warrior – Youthful service to the nation:



As per the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), this college provided awareness among the students about the need of each young man to become the Young Warrior against the COVID-19. The students expressed their willingness to extend their online services for the COVID-19 affected people.

Conclusion:

The positive effect of this dreadful virus, Corona is that it has made all human beings as one. Every person has become a social worker in this pandemic. Though the work of this college is little in view of many noble organizations, this college never forgets that “every step counts in the prevention of COVID-19”. This college determined to continue its selfless work to fight against Corona.
