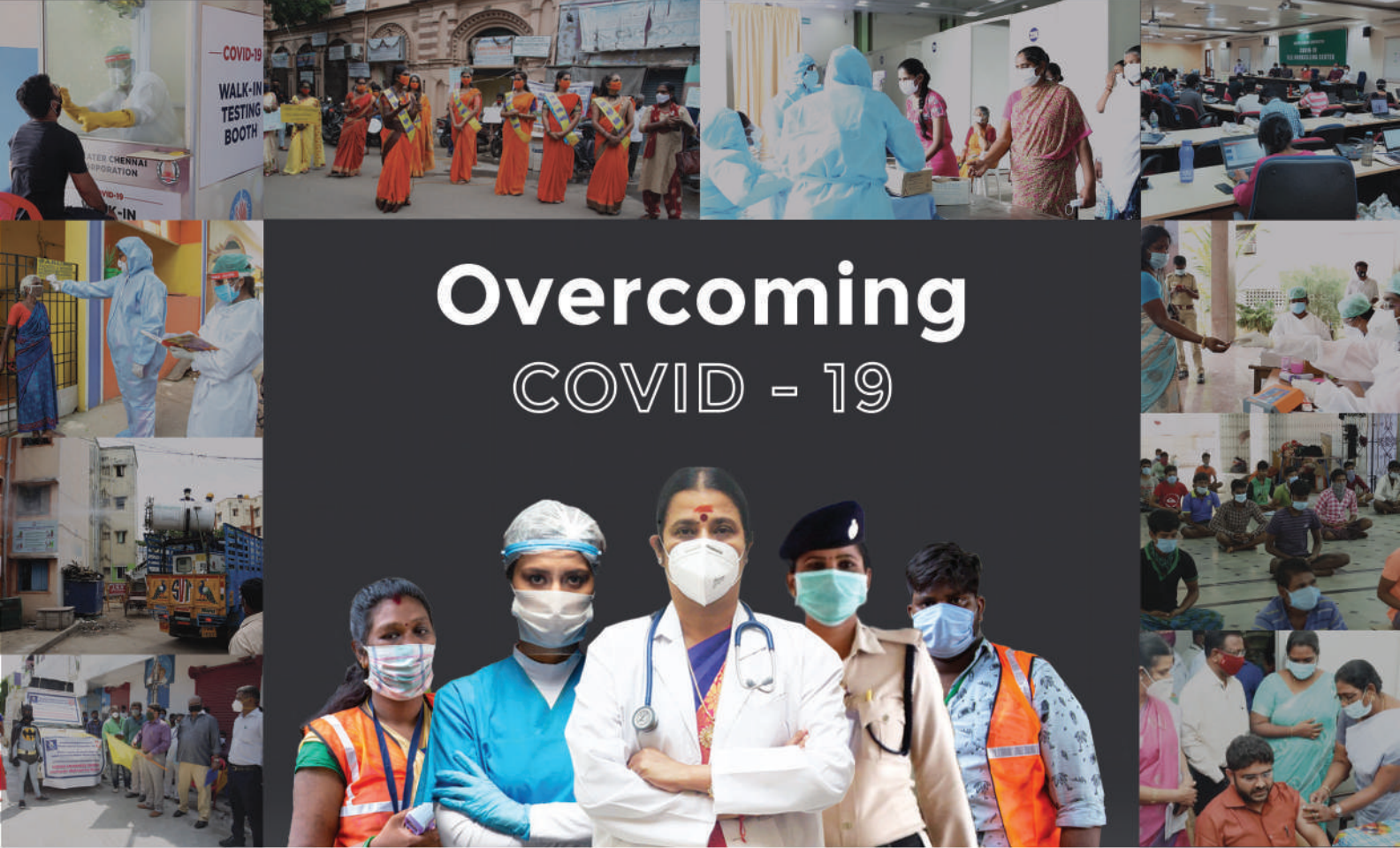


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Fighting COVID-19



The tireless and tactical efforts of GCC moves into the 12th month of its fight against COVID-19.

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) continues to undertake several initiatives to prevent the spread of COVID-19, while extending its support to the people affected.

As part of its strategy, GCC focused on door-to-door fever surveillance; established fever clinics; tech-enabled contact tracing; and a well-executed quarantine system which enabled early detection of COVID-19 cases. Additionally, GCC provided care and protection to vulnerable people. As a result, the recovery rate in Chennai has increased to 97% with 1% of active cases. The number of people recovered from COVID-19 stands at 2,30,487.

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"I thank the frontline workers and FOCUS volunteers"

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Dear Readers

I am glad to bring to you the second issue of the 'Namma Chennai' newsletter. This newsletter focuses on Greater Chennai Corporation's planning, coordination, and partnership to overcome COVID-19.

Working on a war footing basis to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, ground-breaking plans and methods were strategised by GCC. Preventive measures were devised with appropriate and timely awareness drives about COVID-19 to the citizens. Fever Clinics and camps were organised to diagnose the infection. Volunteers and healthcare workers were engaged to screen and monitor each citizen to prevent and overcome the disease.

Relief Centres were established to accommodate migrants of the City.

COVID Care Centres were set up for patients under the Home Quarantine Isolation Management System. Helplines and Mobile App, Tele-Counselling facilities were launched to monitor the COVID in the City.

'Chennai is the first metropolitan city in the country to have conducted 31,06,498 RT-PCR tests. Prioritizing Maternity, the reduction of MMR had been the priority for Greater Chennai Corporation. Having started the vaccination for citizens above 60 years of age and people above 45 years of age with comorbidities, more than 1 lakh first dose vaccinations have been completed.

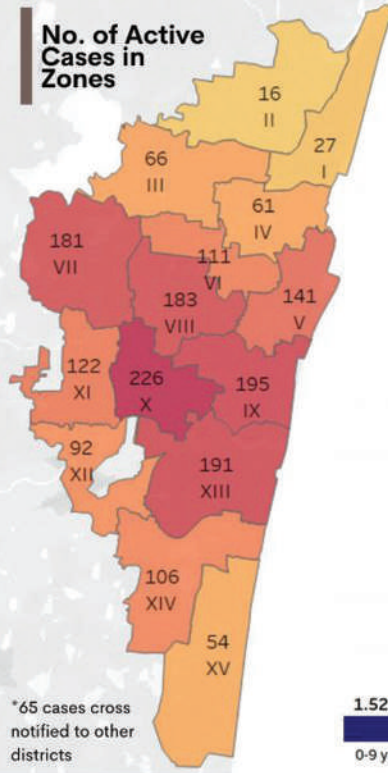
I take this opportunity to thank our brave and selfless frontline workers and FOCUS volunteers on helping us to tackle this pandemic.

Commissioner - GCC & Chairman - CSCL

COVID-19 CHENNAI DASHBOARD

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No. of Active Cases in Zones



TOTAL POSITIVE
2,36,485

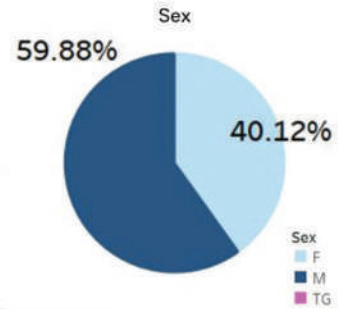
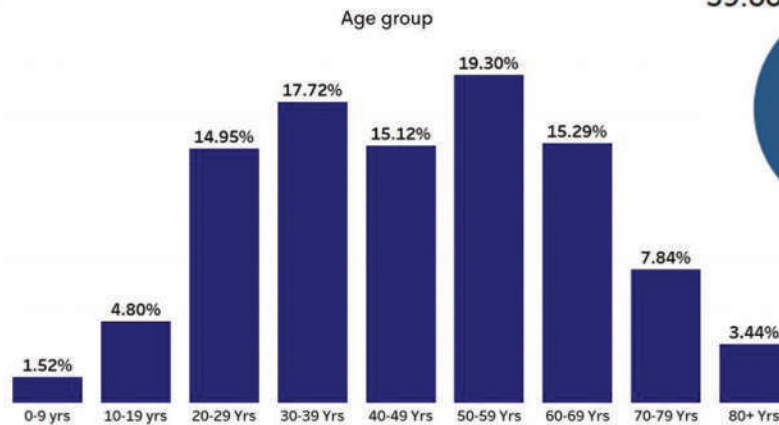
RECOVERED
2,30,487

ACTIVE CASES
1,837

DEATH
4,161

NO. OF PERSONS
TESTED 05.03.2021
11,641

Profile of Active Cases



[Data as on Mar 05, 2021]



KABASURA KUDINEER

GCC distributed 17,06,593 sachets of Kabasura Kudineer (a herbal drink to boost immunity).



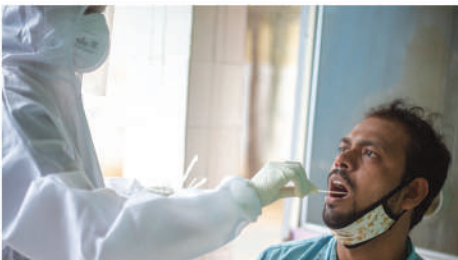
SANITIZATION

GCC appointed volunteers to clean and sanitise public areas.



DOOR-TO-DOOR SURVEILLANCE

Health workers regularly monitored the body temperatures of people, detecting COVID-19 at an early stage.



RT-PCR TESTS

Chennai is the only metropolitan city in the country to conduct 31,06,498 RT-PCR tests.

Preventive Measures Fight against Corona Virus



HOME QUARANTINE

Home Quarantine Isolation Management System (HQIMS) to monitor, isolate, provide home counselling and extend day-to-day services to the infected people.

COVID Helpline Number



GCC COVID Care and Mental Health Control Room Numbers
044 4612 2300/044 2538 4520

Helpline to clarify COVID related queries.

COVID Monitoring App



GCC vidmed App

To monitor COVID patients and their symptoms.

QR Code for vidmed App



Brave FOCUS Volunteers and Sector Workers Breaking the COVID-19 Chain



Preventing the spread of COVID-19 was managed efficiently by drawing a clear plan. The FOCUS volunteers, (Friend of COVID citizen Under Surveillance) sector healthcare workers, and NGO outreach workers were engaged to help manage the pandemic. The Healthcare System's proactive measures helped in the containment of the spread of COVID-19.

Each sector worker visited 100 to 150 houses approximately covering 5-10 streets in an area, screening for symptoms of COVID-19 under the supervision of a person who was incharge of every 15 sectors. A total of 11,957 sector health workers and 754 supervisors were deployed for this important surveillance activity in the City.

These GCC appointed door-to-door sector workers checked the temperatures of individuals of each household, inquired on symptoms to gauge the risk of COVID in that household. If symptomatic, they ensured that the people got tested and the positive cases were isolated. Everyday 10 lakh families were visited by these sector workers.

FOCUS volunteers monitored the individuals under home quarantine and were also of great help to the home isolated people ensuring whether they got their essential needs delivered on time, aiding the affected in the process of recovery.

Most registered FOCUS volunteers were college students or people from the neighborhood. They were paid by the GCC under the Home Quarantine and Isolation Management System. Each volunteer was provided with an ID card, cap, mask, and a backpack. They also had a mandatory roll call at 7AM in the morning.

The phone numbers of these volunteers were shared with the people, so that in case of an emergency they could call them. In addition to this, the volunteers were also involved in the process of contact-tracing.

Integrated Society for a Better Fight Against the Virus



GCC employed transgenders, playing an important role in creating awareness, eradicating stigmas, and making them a part of door-to-door surveillance campaigns. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, GCC by partnering with NGOs took impeccable efforts to promote community participation.

92 NGOs were engaged in the programme, operating in 1979 slums across various zones under the limits of Greater Chennai Corporation. NGOs with transgenders in Chennai participated extensively in the preventive measures carried out by GCC. GCC also provided jobs to transgenders with a monthly payment as healthcare frontline workers covering an average of 120 houses per day.



Facts



1,07,821

number of fever clinic camps were set up

52,85,862

people attended the camps setup by GCC

2,10,267

swabs were taken in total

49%

turned out to be the Average OP per camp

Fever Clinics Credited for the Containment of COVID-19

Establishing fever clinics throughout Chennai helped in identifying the COVID-19 affected areas. The fever clinics consisted of Urban Primary Health Care (UPHC) Medical Officers, Divisional Health Officers and Mobile Medical Units. COVID-19 test samples were collected on a regular basis from people who manifested symptoms of COVID-19.

For testing COVID-19, swab tests were carried out collecting samples from nose and throat. As of now, a total of 2,10,267 swab tests were taken.

In North Chennai, the support of the auto drivers enabled us to bring in more people for testing. COVID-19 positive cases were reported daily.

According to that data, fever clinic camps were re-established. The information on fever clinics locations was shared with the public through mobile van announcements. This information was also updated on GCC website and social media platforms for a wider reach.

So far 1,07,821 fever clinic camps were established with the maximum number of fever camps set up in Teynampet. A total of 52,85,862 people attended the camps, in which 2,16,188 had symptoms related to COVID-19. The average OutPatient (OP) count per camp was 49.

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ways to connect
with Greater
Chennai
Corporation

Complaint Helpline
number: **1913**

Namma Chennai App

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and complaints, use the
below link to download
Namma Chennai app.



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GCC WhatsApp Number
94999 33644



100 Relief Centres Established for Migrant Workers in Chennai



Relief centres were
established for migrants,
and homeless people
around the City, ensuring a
safe stay and a healthy
environment. COVID
testing camps were
organised for these
migrants and homeless
people, and those
diagnosed with COVID-19
were sent to COVID care
centres.

Unable to return to their
native places, the
accommodation provided
played a pivotal role in
ensuring the well-being of

the migrant workers. Each
person in the relief camp
was provided with a
'Happy Kit' (Toiletries Kit).
To induce a feeling of
comfort, these relief
camps along with basic
needs like food and
shelter, were also
equipped with televisions
for entertainment and
news, and other sports
facilities. Further, it was
made sure whether
television channels in local
languages of the migrants
were available for access
in these relief centres.

COVID Care Centres as a New Strength

GCC established COVID
Care Centers for the
isolation of COVID-19
patients, both symptomatic
and asymptomatic.

These care centres were
established in Government
and private institutions,
and in tenements of Tamil
Nadu Housing Board and
Slum Clearance Board.
These Care Centres
provided basic support
such as beds, clothing,
toiletries and food,
ensuring that the patients
get the required care and
comfort. With a diet
prescribed by the Rajiv
Gandhi Government

Hospital, the patients were
provided healthy and
nutritious meals, 3 times a
day, along with health
drinks and fruit juices at
regular intervals to increase
their immunity.

Medical Physicians were
available 24*7 at the care
centres and in case of any
emergency, the patients
were transferred to the
nearby hospital for
treatment. In total, 52
COVID care centers were
set up by the GCC and
more than 5000 patients
had benefited from it.

COVID Story



Release of GCC VIDMED App

Tele-Counselling Center



Volunteers working in the Tele-Counselling Center



Street announcements : COVID-19 awareness



Receiving calls from public



Creating awareness in market area



Mapping data

Success Story

Breaking the Wall of Fear



Mrs. Chandra Narayanan

Ms. Chandra Narayanan aged over 86 years, has fought, and won over COVID-19. Her perseverance, the care and treatment received from GCC has made her fight the disease with all her heart, making her the woman we could draw inspiration from.

"If I could win, then anybody can..." she starts, instilling positive hope in the minds of others affected with the virus. Despite the virus taking a toll on her physical and mental health, the combined effort of the doctors, nurses and GCC's healthcare workers helped her to recover soon.







Consultation on COVID-19 vaccination - (Left) Dr MS Hemalatha, City Medical Officer, GCC (Center) Dr J Radhakrishnan I.A.S, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department Govt. of Tamil Nadu, (Right) Ms S Divyadharshini I.A.S, Joint Commissioner Health, GCC Dr M Jagadeesan, City Health Officer, GCC



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'No' to Corona



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