

## Andhra Pradesh government strengthens efforts to curb AMR

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### To take AMR awareness to the grassroot level through the available healthcare infrastructure

The Andhra Pradesh government is proactively taking steps towards containment of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by releasing Andhra Pradesh Action Plan for Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance (APAPCAR) and thereby becoming the 4<sup>th</sup> only state to acknowledge the danger ensuing in the near future.

AMR is accepted to be the next biggest healthcare challenge that needs immediate attention which has the potential to impact the global economies if concrete measures are not taken on a war footing.

Under the Chairmanship of M T Krishna Babu, IAS, Special Chief Secretary Health, Medical and Family welfare, Andhra Pradesh Govt, Commissioner J Nivas, IAS, the initiative was taken to mobilise the implementation of APAPCAR.

As a part of this initiative, a global workshop on awareness of AMR involving all the stakeholders (from human, animal, agriculture, environmental, and drug control departments) and knowledge partners from across the globe was conducted in November 2022.

A final event report on the global workshop has been now prepared by the consortium members which is one of its kind, documenting the knowledge contribution from the scientists from around the globe and also included the discussions of the multi-sectoral stakeholders on key performance indicators (KPIs) to monitor and evaluate the progress on AMR. This report will be shared with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the Centre and other states so that this can be a model to help with implementation strategies of AMR across the country.