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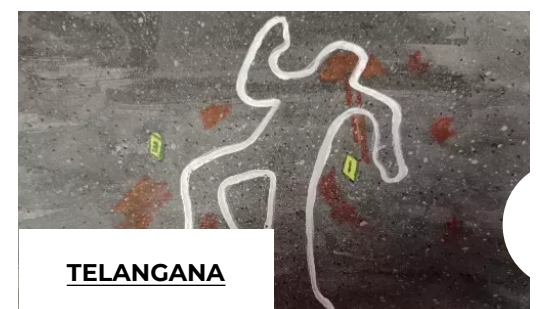
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What was the percentage of C-section deliveries in Telangana as per the NFHS-5 of 2019-21?

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- 60.7%
- 17.2%

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Telangana Govt. Diagnostics Labs Not Open 24/7 As Claimed: CAG Report

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Hyderabad: Laboratories of the state-run Telangana Diagnostics, the nodal facility for conducting medical tests for patients going to government clinics and hospitals, are not open round the clock as claimed by the previous BRS government, a Comptroller and Auditor General report (CAG) has stated.



Certain samples were rejected for reasons that could not be mentioned on record, said the CAG report on public health infrastructure and management of health services tabled in the Assembly on Friday.



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There are around 457 spokes (facilities from where samples are collected) in GHMC limits.

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These are usually 'basti dawakhanas' and primary health centres. Each district has a pathology testing laboratory and there are 20 mini-hubs in GHMC limits where radiology services are provided.

The central hub of Telangana Diagnostics is located at the Institute of Preventive Medicine, Narayanguda.

On August 2, 2024, 7,828 samples were collected from 305 centres. The daily count of samples collected is around 8,000 at the central hub.

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In 2023, over 71 lakh samples were collected in all, of which 50 lakh were from 30 districts and 20 lakh from two central hubs — the other one being in Rangareddy. The laboratory also received accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for its quality testing services in 2023.

“At the time of sample collection, the reason for rejection like hemolysis (destruction of red blood cells in the sample), temperature and others need to be mentioned in the data management system,” an official at the Narayanguda facility said.

Former health minister T. Harish Rao previously claimed that the staff of Telangana Diagnostics have six-month arrears in salaries. The programme officer was not available for comment on this,

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Top Hyderabad Hospitals Lack Fire Safety Certifications: CAG

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The Comptroller and Auditor General's report tabled in the Assembly on Friday stated that these hospitals mentioned above along with Niloufer Hospital and King Koti District Hospital had not obtained a 'no objection certificate' from the competent fire authorities.

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MNJ Cancer Hospital and the Golconda area hospital were found to be not having any firefighting equipment.

Fire accidents in any hospital can be dangerous as it involves the complexity of evacuating patients who are oftentimes immobile. The BRS government's role in these glaring lapses is startling.

The National Building Code of India mandates fire extinguishers in every hospital to ensure the safety of patients, attendants, visitors and hospital staff. Further, as per the guidelines of the Indian Public Health Standards 2012, 'No Objection Certificate' has to be obtained from the competent fire authority to protect the patients, attendants, doctors and other staff and the properties of the hospital from any fire incidents.

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Jogulamba Gadwal hosp. has no OBG, 99% cases refused

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The Jogulamba Gadwal district hospital, with the state's third highest outpatient cases, had a 64 per cent staff shortage, the maximum among 33 districts, according to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report on public health infrastructure and management of health services in Telangana. The report specified there were no sanctioned posts for pharmacists in the district.

The hospital had the third-most number of average outpatient cases per doctor per annum at 19,473, after Narayanpet and Utnoor. The hospital saw 93 patients per hour per counter as per the report, the highest of all districts.

Most significantly, the hospital saw 13.24 stillbirths per 1,000 live births in 2021-22, the highest in the state, ahead of 2.88 in Medchal.

The report mentioned the absence of dedicated obstetrics and gynaecology (OBG) wards in the hospital. The patients are being accommodated in the female wards as the mother and child health centre is not fully functional.

Due to the lack of OBG services, the referral-out rate of the hospital was 99 per cent —almost all cases related to pregnant women and deliveries are referred to other hospitals.

Between 2016 and 2022, two maternal deaths occurred at the hospital but no review was conducted. "No specific

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response was furnished by the government regarding non-conduct of the maternal death review," the report stated. The hospital had no specialised operation theatres for cardiac, gynaecology and trauma care cases. It also did not have isolation wards for patients with cancer, AIDS, and even for infectious diseases like measles and tuberculosis.

The report observed that the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for patient safety were not available in the district hospitals of Jogulamba Gadwal, Medak, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Narayanpet, Narsampet and Tandur.

The SOPs for disaster management plan for patient safety and monitoring committees were not available in the district hospitals of Jogulamba Gadwal, Medak, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Narayanpet, Narsampet and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri. As a result, the hospitals cannot prepare themselves for unforeseen events, the report stated.





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CAG files report on shortcomings in Telangana's health department

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HYDERABAD: A Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report on Public Health Infrastructure and Management of Health Services in Telangana mentions various irregularities and shortcomings in the state's healthcare system.

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Human resources shortage

In its report, the CAG highlights a shortage of healthcare staff, with a 45% vacancy rate across the department. The position of the director of medical education (DME) had the highest vacancy rate at 56%. The posts of associate and assistant professor in nine medical colleges were found vacant, affecting the quality of education. The health department lacked a policy for appointing specialist doctors and did not maintain a centralised database of staff deployment.

Outpatient services deficit

The report says Fixed Day Health Services (FDHS) were not extended to rural areas. Out of 3,206 sub-centres converted into Health Wellness Centres, 122 lacked medical officers. Imaging equipment in healthcare institutions did not have the required licences from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, and fire safety norms were not met in several district hospitals.

Drug & equipment availability

The state failed to review and update the Essential Medicines List (EML) and Additional Medicines List (AML) every two years, as required. Medicines from 20 therapeutic groups were unavailable in most district hospitals. Additionally, expired drugs worth Rs 390.26 crore were not replaced in time, resulting in huge financial losses.

Infrastructure shortfalls

The report found a shortage of Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, and Sub-centres, with deficits of 69%, 25%, and 29%, respectively. There was also a bed shortage, with 27,996 beds available against a requirement of 35,004. Construction projects for healthcare facilities were often delayed or incomplete, leading to unproductive expenditure.

Financial management issues

The state's expenditure on health was below the target set by the National Health Policy (NHP) 2017, with spending ranging from 2.53% to 3.47% of the total state Budget. The report also found irregularities in fund releases under the National Health Mission, and Central funds for Covid-19 management not being reimbursed.

Immunisation, maternal health

The state showed improvements in TB case management and Measles Rubella immunisation but performed poorly in oral polio vaccine coverage. C-section deliveries were higher than the national average, with a notable increase in private health facilities.

Sustainable development goals

Telangana achieved targets for Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in urban areas but fell short in rural areas. The state's per capita out-of-pocket health expenditure was higher than the national average.

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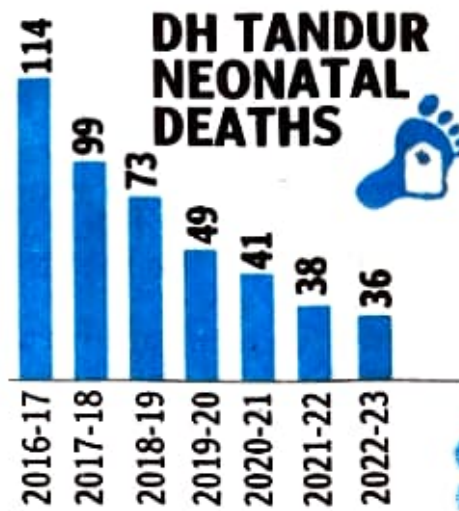
The Vikarabad district hospital at Tandur has an alarming number of neonatal deaths with 36 reported in 2022-23, says the CAG report that was tabled in the Legislative Assembly here on Friday.

While the numbers have reduced consistently from the 99 neonatal deaths in 2017-18, the report specifies the need for investigation into the high neonatal fatalities.

"The number of neonatal deaths in DH at Tandur was very high and the government needs to investigate the specific reasons for such a high incidence of Neonatal deaths," the report mentions.

The hospital is also facing a heavy shortage of staff and infrastructure, with about 61 per cent vacancies for doctors, 49 per cent for nurses and 64 per cent for pharmaceuticals. It does not even have specialised units for gynaecology, trauma and ENT services, the report points out.

Despite these shortfalls, doctors see a large patient load with 16,673 OPD patients per doctor per annum.



(Source: CAG report)

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OPD services for obstetrics and gynaecology (OBG) and paediatric (PD) are presently delivered through the MCHC (Mother and Child Health Centre) in the district.

There is no specific operation theatre for cardiac, gynaec and trauma care. It is without any functional equipment, while the government's response to the same was that the cost of repairing the equipment would be around 50 per cent of the equipment cost, hence, they would rather go for new equipment.

Meanwhile, the district coordinator for health services, Tandur, Dr. Pradeep Kumar denied the claims in the report.

"The hospital is located in a remote area border-

ing Karnataka but it is functioning very well. The MCH here ranks among the best with around 458 deliveries being done on an everyday average," Dr. Pradeep Kumar pointed out.

He said that the hospital's 25 doctors attend to 800-1000 OPD patients every day.

"The MCH also takes referrals from private hospitals. Even terminally ill patients are sent here and hence the high number of deaths that are shown in the report," he added.

He said that the equipment is functioning well. While trauma patients are extended services in the hospital, having cardiac OTs are not possible in any district hospital, he said.



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CAG Finds Telangana Doctor-Population Ratio Below National Average

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The CAG report highlights critical vacancies in primary and secondary healthcare centers, revealing a significant gap in doctor-to-population ratios. (Representational Image)



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CAG: Huge gap in no. of surgeries in govt hosps

'Disparity An Indicator Of Efficiency'

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Hyderabad: A wide disparity in the number of surgeries performed by each surgeon in govt hospitals across Telangana has been highlighted in the latest report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), adding that the number of surgeries is an indicator to measure the efficiency of hospitals.

For example, each general surgeon at Hyderabad district hospital performed 17 surgeries on average in 2021-22, while at Medak district hospital, the figure was 641 surgeries per doctor.

"Analysis of the operation records of district hospitals and community health centres revealed significant variation in the number of major and minor operations performed per surgeon in a year,"

'INADEQUATE FACILITIES AT HOSPS'

- Report finds significant gap in number of major & minor operations performed per surgeon in a year
- 17 surgeries performed on avg by each general surgeon at Hyderabad district hospital in 2021-22
- 641 surgeries performed on avg by each doctor at Medak dist hospital during same time



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the report said.

While there are no guidelines or rules about the number of operations a surgeon should perform, it varies depending on a number of factors. On average, each surgeon is given two days for operations, during which they perform operations according to the patient load and their own capacity. "For example, a junior doctor may be able to perform two to three operations a day, while a senior doctor with a lot of experience may be able to do eight to ten operations a

day. It is not only capacity and experience but also the demand for surgeries that determines how many operations a surgeon performs," said a professor of general surgery at a tertiary hospital.

The most common surgeries are hernia, appendix, bowel gangrene, varicose veins, gallbladder stones, thyroid and amputations, the doctor added.

Meanwhile, the CAG report also pointed out that some hospitals don't have proper operating theatres.

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"As per a Andhra Pradesh report, expired drugs valued at 200 crore were not replaced in

orders (POs) issued by the corporation, drugs were supplied for 13,950 POs, leaving 2,066 POs unsupplied. Drugs and medicines (706) worth 17 crore having leftover shelf life ranging from 1 to 89 days were issued by central stores to 1,259 health facilities during the period 2016-17 to 2021-22," read the report.

However, no penalty on the suppliers was levied as per tender conditions. Also, contrary to the agreement conditions, the corporation issued 19 POs beyond the agreed rate contract (RC), resulting in an excess payment of 1.6 crore to nine suppliers, as per the report. That apart, deficiencies in drugs storage facilities were observed in all the three central medicine stores at Hyderabad, Mahabubnagar and Warangal, making the drugs susceptible to damages, contamination and theft, and risk to patients.

The Telangana State Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TSMIDC) procured only 197 to 298 items instead of the 530 items (in the last four to five years), which meant that many healthcare facilities were left without essential supplies, the report stated.

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The state health department had not maintained a centralised database of sanctioned strength, actual persons in position and district-wise deployment data of doctors, nurses and other personnel in healthcare facilities, pointed out the CAG report.

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"The availability of doctors showed an increasing trend from 2017-18 to 2021-22,

45%," it said. The report further pointed out shortage in the number of community health centres, primary health centres (PHCs/UPHCs) and sub-centres/basti dawakhanas, as against the prescribed population norms, to be nearly 69%, 25% and 29% respectively.

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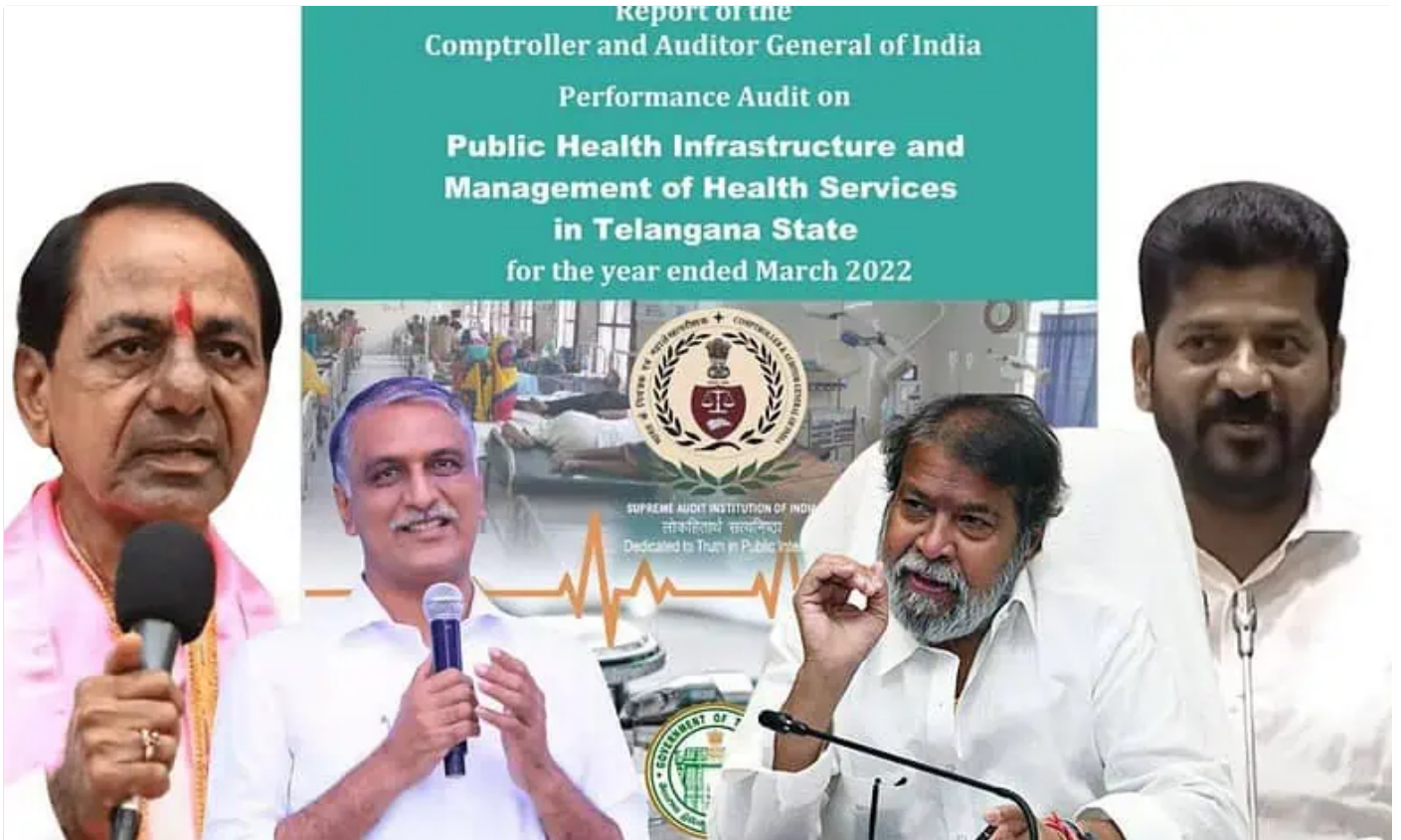
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Telangana faced hospital beds shortage, Rs 390 cr loss over expired drugs: CAG report

The performance audit, which covered the period from 2016-17 to 2021-22, examined seven departments and programs.

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Hyderabad: A recent Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report has uncovered significant irregularities and deficiencies in Telangana's public health infrastructure and management of health services.

The performance audit, which covered the period from 2016-17 to 2021-22, examined seven departments and programs, including human resources, healthcare services, and financial management.

One of the key findings is a severe shortage of healthcare staff, with a 45% vacancy rate across the department. The position of Director of Medical Education (DME) had the highest vacancy rate at 56 percent, and several posts for associate and assistant professors in nine medical colleges remained unfilled, adversely affecting the quality of medical education.

The report also highlights the state's failure to extend Fixed Day Health Services (FDHS) to rural areas and the lack of medical officers in 122 out of 3,206 sub-centres converted into Health Wellness Centres. Additionally, many healthcare institutions lacked the necessary licenses for imaging equipment, and several district hospitals did not comply with fire safety regulations.

Regarding drug and equipment availability, the state failed to review and update the Essential Medicines List (EML) and Additional Medicines List (AML) every two years, as required. Expired drugs worth Rs 390.26 crore were not replaced in a timely manner, leading to substantial financial losses.

The CAG report also found shortages of Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, and Sub-centres, with deficits of 69%, 25%, and 29%, respectively. The state also faces a bed shortage, with only 27,996 beds available against a requirement of 35,004.

The report highlights that Telangana's expenditure on health remained below the targets set by the National Health Policy (NHP) 2017, fluctuating between 2.53% and 3.47% of the total state budget. Irregularities in fund disbursement under the National Health Mission and the failure to reimburse Central funds allocated for Covid-19 management were also noted.

The CAG's findings underscore the urgent need for reforms in Telangana's healthcare system to address these critical gaps and improve service delivery for its residents.

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Frequent power outages hit govt hospitals in state, says CAG report

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Hyderabad: A few cases of power disruption in govt healthcare facilities forcing doctors to use torchlight to treat patients have been reported in the Bhuvanagiri Govt Hospital recently and Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital a few months ago.

It turns out that power outages are far more frequent in many govt health facilities. In fact, district hospitals in Medchal-Malkajgiri, Kondapur and Uttoor did not have the 24-hour uninterrupted and stabilised power supply during the year 2021-22 as per the latest report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

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● Inverters, backup generators in govt health facilities non-functional, says report

● Generator or inverter not available in CHC Amberpet, UPHC Niloufer & PHC Duggondi

● Power disruption can lead to panic among patients, say doctors



“Although inverters and backup generators have been installed in CHC Wardhannapet, UPHC Azampura, Gaganmahal and PHC Geesugonda, they were non-functional. Further, generator or inverter was not available in CHC Amberpet, UPHC Niloufer and PHC Duggondi. As a

result, the availability of 24-hour uninterrupted power supply to these health institutions cannot be vouchsafed,” read the CAG report.

“Power disruption for 5-10 minutes can lead to panic among patients. This can also cause hindrance to doctors and medical staff in measu-

ring vitals leading to a huge difference in treatment. In the emergency department, power disruption can prove to be dangerous for patients who come with trauma injury or conditions such as heart attack and kidney failure,” said a doctor from a tertiary centre which recently had faced a power disruption.

During such times, usually power is supplied through generators but they too come with their own risks. “Distribution of electric load along with the load balancing to various equipment and installations in a facility is very important since overloading at any point can either damage the equipment or lead to a fire hazard,” the CAG report has further pointed out.

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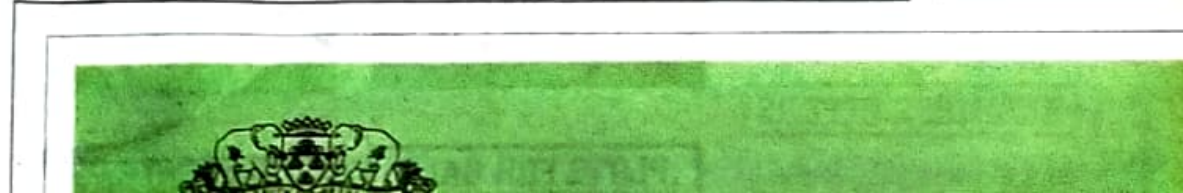
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