



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Subject: Constitution of State-Level Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Palliative Care in Karnataka

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Preamble,

A proposal has been submitted to establish a State-level technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to guide the planning, implementation, and monitoring of palliative care services in the above single file.

Palliative care is an important part of health care that aims to improve the quality of life of patients and their families who are facing serious and life-limiting illnesses. It focuses on relieving suffering through early identification, assessment and treatment of pain and other problems such as physical, psychological and social issues.

The Government of Karnataka is taking steps to improve the availability, accessibility and quality of palliative care services across the State in line with the National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC).

The State also plans to adopt successful palliative care models implemented in other States. The model implemented in Kerala has shown that a public health-based and community-supported approach can help provide palliative care services to a large number of patients. The Kerala model provides services through home-based care, outpatient services and inpatient care at different levels of the health system. It also involves trained community volunteers and digital support systems.

To strengthen and expand palliative care services in Karnataka in a planned and coordinated manner, there is a need for technical guidance, policy support, monitoring and coordination between different departments.

Therefore, the Government considers it necessary to constitute a State-Level Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Palliative Care to guide the planning, implementation and monitoring of palliative care services in the State.

The Government has scrutinized the proposal and ordered as follows

Government Order No. HFW 119 CGE 2026.
Bengaluru, Dated: 23.03.2026.

In view of the proposal outlined in the preamble, the Government hereby approves to constitute a State Level Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Palliative Care with the following members:

Chairperson

Dr. Raj Kumar Khatri (IAS Retd.)
Former Additional Chief Secretary

Members

1. Director, Health and Family Welfare Services
2. Deputy Director – Non Communicable Diseases (NCD)
3. Deputy Director – Mental Health

Subject Experts in Palliative Medicine

1. Dr. Anuradha Ganigara
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Interventional Pulmonologist & Palliative Care Physician
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4. Dr. Nandini Vallath
Professor & Head
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NGO Representative

One representative from a recognized Non-Governmental Organization working in the field of palliative care such as:

- OBLF
- Pallium India
- Saranam
- Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)
- Karunashraya Trust

Terms of Reference

The Committee will act as the main technical advisory body for palliative care in Karnataka and will perform the following functions:

1. To advise the Government on preparation, implementation and review of the State Palliative Care Policy and guidelines.
2. To recommend standards, treatment protocols and service delivery models for providing palliative care services at primary, secondary and tertiary levels.
3. To advise the Government on policy matters and coordination between departments, including issues related to procurement, storage and use of Essential Narcotic Drugs (ENDs) required for palliative care.

4. To guide the integration of palliative care services with existing State and National Health Programmes, including the Non-Communicable Diseases Programme.
5. To review and provide technical guidance on State and District level action plans for expansion of palliative care services.
6. To advise on infrastructure development, human resources, training requirements and referral systems for strengthening palliative care services.
7. To review programme performance, service coverage, availability of essential medicines and quality of care from time to time.
8. To recommend monitoring and evaluation systems and encourage research, documentation and sharing of best practices in palliative care.

By order and in the name of
Governor of Karnataka


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Under Secretary to the Government,
Health & Family Welfare Department,
(Health 1 & 2)


23/03

To,

1. The Principal Accountant General of Karnataka (G&SSA), (E&RSA), (A&E) Audit Bhawan, Bangalore-560001.
2. The Commissioner, Health and Family welfare Department, Arogya soudha, Bangalore.
3. The Executive Director, Suverna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Arogya soudha, Bangalore.
4. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Arogya soudha, Bangalore.
5. The Director, Health and Family Welfare Department, Arogya soudha, Bangalore.
6. The Concerned Officers (Through ED, SAST).

For Info:-

1. Personal Secretary to Honorable Minister, Health & Family welfare Department, Vikasasoudha, Bangalore.
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3. Personal Assistant to Additional Secretary to Government, Health & Family welfare Department, Vikasasoudha, Bangalore.
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