



Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan's Message
to the people of Andhra Pradesh on COVID-19 broadcast on AIR
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As you all are aware, our country has been battling with the corona virus pandemic since March this year.

People across world have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has spread across many countries in the world without any exception. The impact of damage caused by the spread of corona virus is felt across many sectors. Industries have come to a stand still, educational institutions are shut down.

Entire humanity in the world is experiencing the crisis of the COVID-19 calamity. It is essential that each and every citizen remains alert and cautious.

Even though research to find a viable Vaccine for the corona virus is underway in many countries, it may likely to take some more time before the vaccine is found.

Meanwhile it is necessary to ensure that life goes on and it is required for the industry and other sectors to slowly start their activities, even though normalcy may not be restored in the near future.

According to Experts, till such time a viable vaccine is found for the corona virus, it may be necessary to carry on with the normal activity in life, duly maintaining physical distance, wearing face masks, washing of hands frequently and by following such other safeguarding measures.

I appeal to the people of Andhra Pradesh to keep indoors till 31st May i.e. till the Lock down 4.0 stipulated by the State and Central governments or till such time as decided by the government.

Special care needs to be taken about elderly persons above the age of 65 years and children below the age of 10 years. They should not be allowed to venture out of the homes at any cost.

I appeal to the people to observe all festivities, functions, programmes within their homes by strictly adhering to measures such as maintaining physical distance, wearing face masks, washing of hands etc.

The key to successful prevention of spread of the COVID-19 lies with following the guidelines issued by the authorities, such as:

1. Staying indoors
2. Maintaining physical distance of at least one metre.
3. Frequent washing of hands with soap or sanitisers.
4. To always wear a face mask in public.
5. To contact a medical professional at the call centre immediately in case any symptoms associated with the corona virus are noticed.
6. Do not use self-medication.
7. Avoid all non-essential travel

The Central and State Governments have made arrangements for temporary shelter and food for migrant workers before sending them to their native states by Shramik express trains.

Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has announced several relief measures to improve the economic activity in the country that has suffered due to the onset of corona virus. Central government has announced a relief package of Rs.20 lakh crore under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' programme, which will be beneficial to the MSMEs (Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises), Agriculture and other sectors.

I appeal to students to make best use of the online classes conducted by various educational institutions through digital mode, as opening of educational institutions may be delayed further.

As responsible citizens of the country, it is time for us to resolve to overcome this global crisis, by fulfilling all our duties as citizens, and abiding by the guidelines issued by the Central and State governments.

Our Frontline warriors such as Healthcare professionals, Nurses, Para-medical staff, sanitation personnel, government officials are rendering yeoman services by protecting people and preventing the spread of corona virus. We should all support them by extending a helping hand.

I request the youth organizations such as NCC, NSS and voluntary organizations such as Red Cross Society, NGOs, civil society members to spread awareness about the importance of staying indoors, maintaining physical distance and wearing facemasks in public etc.

Home-less poor, labourers, migrant workers are worst affected during these difficult times. I have instructed the Red Cross Society officials to distribute essential items such as face masks, hand sanitisers, food packets, water packets etc. to the needy people.

I request the people to make use of the arrangements for testing and quarantine facilities made by the state government at all district headquarters.

Anybody with symptoms of dry cough, high fever, soar throat, difficulty in breathing should immediately contact the nearest health facility, get themselves tested and seek medical advise on further steps to be taken.

The corona virus is spread through cough or sneeze, personal contact, contaminated objects, mass gathering.

I appeal to the people to donate generously to the 'PM CARES-Fund' and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and help the governments in mitigating the emergency situation posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Money donated to these funds will be utilised to provide relief and rehabilitation to the people affected the most by this unforeseen calamity.

It should be kept in mind that for the present there is no other alternative except to co-exist with the situation caused by corona virus. However, there is no need to be worried about the virus as it is possible to

prevent the spread of the corona virus by avoiding unnecessary travel, maintaining physical distance, wearing face mask in public, frequent washing of hands with soap or sanitiser etc.

It should also be kept in mind that our fight is against the corona virus and not the persons affected by it.

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