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Address of Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

**Sri Biswa Busan Harichandan**

at the inauguration of Super Specialty facilities and latest equipment  
at Sri Balaji Medical College, Hospital and Research Institute, Tirupati  
at 11.28 AM on November 25, 2020

Sri B. Madhusudan Reddy, MLA, Srikalahasti, Sri K.S. Jawahar Reddy, EO, TTD, Dr. Narayana Bharat Gupta, District Collector, Sri A. Ramesh Reddy, SP, Sri S. Harikrishna, TUDA Vice-Chairman, Sri Suresh Babu, Director, Renigunta Airport, Sri Tirupathi Panigrahi, Chairman, VBCT & Hi-tech Group, Sri Sai Prakash, Chairman, SBMCH, Sri Suresh Panigrahi, Managing Trustee, Sri Rupesh Panigrahi, Trustee, Dr. Rakesh Panigrahi, Director, Sri Sudhakara Reddy, Dean.

I extend my warm greetings to all the people who have gathered here on this auspicious ceremony.

It gives me immense pleasure to be amongst you all on this auspicious occasion.

It is said that doctors are next only to God. Because after God, it is only the doctors who can give us life. I am happy that today's launch of Super Specialty facilities and latest equipment at the Sri Balaji Medical College, Hospital and Research Institute, is dedicated to the people of Tirupati and Rayalaseema region, who will now have the access to high-end medical care.

I compliment the team of Sri Balaji Medical College, Hospital and Research Institute for making this a reality, as a culmination of several years of hard work, determination, perseverance and focus on achieving this noble objective.

The prestigious Kanchi Kama Koti Peetam with the vision of providing health and education to the poor, lower middle class and the middle class people has started the Sri Balaji Education Medical College. With the an objective to be part of this noble project, Sai Foundation has joined hands with the Kanchi Kama Koti Peetam in taking forward the vision. Vigyanbharathi Charitable Trust has been working for many years for the betterment of the poor and needy people in Odisha.

Their efforts in providing services to the needy people during the Covid-19 pandemic have also won them commendable appreciation. They have also been doing pediatric surgeries for free in Odisha.

To extend their altruistic services, they have joined hands with the Kanchi Kama Koti Peetam and they have come together in making their services to available to the people of Tirupathi and Rayalaseema region.

I appreciate the sincere efforts of all the people behind this noble project, who have come together in making the dream of providing affordable health facilities and medical education, a reality.

Shri Balaji Medical College will be starting its super speciality treatment services with the best available sophisticated and state-of-the-art equipment from today.

Sai Foundation and Vigyanbharathi Charitable Trust in association with Kanchi Kama Koti Peetam have worked hard to make this event possible. I sincerely hope that these three organisations together carry forward the vision of Mahatma Gandhi to provide basic health facilities to all without any barriers.

As Mahatma Gandhi said:

*"Saving a life is one of the most rewarding experience a person can undergo in his or her lifetime."*

Be it rich or poor, the people should have access to advanced medical treatment and care and I hope the 350-bed hospital, will make that possible.

I am confident that Sri Balaji Medical College will produce the best and dedicated doctors. With the super specialty facilities and state of the art equipment made available at the Institute, there will not be any need to travel to neighbouring States for high-end medical care and study of medical education as these services have come within the reach of people of this region.

As you all are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has created chaotic situation in the entire world and posed an indomitable challenge to the mankind, more particularly to the medical fraternity.

I salute the spirit of medical professionals, para-medical staff, frontline warriors for their dedicated, self-less service and sacrifice in protecting people from this dreaded virus.

Hopefully a solution will soon be found to eradicate the COVID-19 pandemic that has wrecked havoc in the lives people all over the world.

The COVID-19 has taught a lesson to all of us that it is necessary that we take care of our health by strictly following the safety guidelines, as no proven medicine is yet available for its treatment.

Here, we should all remember what Mahatma Gandhi said about health:

*"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver"*

This is the beginning of a long road ahead with many milestones yet to be crossed. I congratulate each and every one who has made this possible.

I pray Lord Balaji to shower his blessings for the well being of everyone.

Jai Hind