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Address by the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh  
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan  
on the eve of Armed Forces Flag Day  
on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

On the Occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all the Armed Forces personnel and their families. Indian Armed Forces hold a special place in the hearts of all citizens. Armed Forces Flag Day observed on 7<sup>th</sup> December every year is a special occasion which gives us an opportunity to salute the Armed Forces personnel for their valour, devotion to duty and professionalism of the highest order against the external forces and the internal threats faced by the country.

The Armed Forces personnel fought many Wars thrust on us by our adversaries and sacrificed their lives at the altar of duty. They not only protect the borders of the nation but also rise up to the occasion when the nation faces the situation of distress and handle the situation swiftly in a very systematic manner. The people of the country are not only grateful to them for their sacrifices but also owe a debt of gratitude to them.

The celebration of Flag Day is a reminder about the sacrifices made by our brave Officers and men of the Armed Forces in the Defence of our Motherland. The occasion offers us an ideal opportunity for us all to express our solidarity with the country's Armed Forces personnel through our liberal contribution to the Flag Day Fund.

As with other States in the country, Andhra Pradesh State has also produced heroes who have laid their lives at the altar of duty.

I consider it a privilege and honour to felicitate the Veer Naris and Veer Matas of our State who have lost their dear-ones while protecting our Motherland in the past three years.

I also appreciate the gesture of the employees of Andhra Pradesh Government for accepting to contribute to the Flag Day fund on an yearly basis, which will add considerable contribution to the corpus of the Flag Day fund.

The Flag Day fund is utilized to alleviate distress among the Ex-servicemen, Widows of Ex-servicemen and their families in Andhra Pradesh State, in addition to providing amenities to the serving personnel and families of the Armed Forces.

I congratulate Sri G. Veerapandian, District Collector, Sri G. Rachaiah, Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer, Kurnool district for securing 1<sup>st</sup> place for maximum collection of donations from public. Sri Mutyala Raju Revu, District Collector, Sri K.V.S. Prasada Rao, Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer, West Godavari district, for securing 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Sri D. Muralidhar Reddy, District Collector and Smt. K. Manorama, Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer, East Godavari district, for securing 3<sup>rd</sup> position and I deeply appreciate their efforts for achieving maximum collections through sale proceeds and hundi boxes towards Armed Forces Flag Day Fund for the year 2019.

As famous US General George S. Patton said: *"The soldier is the Army. No Army is better than its soldiers. The soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country."*

Thank you all

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