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Message of the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh  
**Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan**  
on the occasion of visit of Officers of 61<sup>st</sup> Course of National Defence  
College to Raj Bhavan on April 8, 2021.

A very good morning to you all.

I welcome you all to my State of Andhra Pradesh, popularly known as Sunrise State which has been consistently ranked No. 1 in 'Ease of Doing Business' in industrial promotion.

Andhra Pradesh has the longest eastern coastline with abundant natural resources and is a land of world-renowned temples and monuments with rich cultural and traditional history dating back to Buddhist period. I am very sure that your visit to the state would be an enriching learning experience.

I have been briefed that the members present here are undergoing the 11-months long unique course on 'National Security and Strategic Studies' at the National Defence College, New Delhi, which is held every year from January to November.

I am happy to know that the group of 20 members visiting Andhra Pradesh is part of the 107 members undergoing the 61<sup>st</sup> course at NDC, consisting of Officers from Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, Indian Audit & Accounts Service, including six officers from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan led by Major General Manoj Kumar, SM of Indian Army, Faculty of the NDC.

The National Defence College, popularly known as NDC, founded in 1960 in New Delhi is India's apex institute of learning for the study and practice of National Security and Strategy. Over the years, NDC has earned a reputation for excellence and gained worldwide recognition.

The study at the College is dedicated to imparting knowledge on strategic, economic, scientific, political and industrial aspects of national defence for select senior officers of the armed forces, civil Government services of India and from foreign countries holding higher leadership positions and responsibilities.

I am happy to learn that since its inception, the College has trained 3999 officers and in the last 60 years members from 69 countries have also participated in the course at the NDC.

I wish you all a fruitful visit to Andhra Pradesh and hope you will carry good memories of your visit to the State.

Jai Hind.