



## **Raj Bhavan**

### **Press Note:**

#### **Farmers are backbone of the country – Governor Harichandan**

Vijayawada, November 11: Speaking at the programme organized to release the book on 'Crop Holiday' authored by Dr. Yalamanchili Sivaji, former Rajya Sabha Member, at a private function hall in Vijayawada on Monday, Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said farmers are the backbone of the country and that every possible support should be extended to the farming community to overcome their distress. Governor Sri Harichandan said both State and Central governments are implementing several welfare schemes for the benefit of farmers such as YSR Rythu Bharosa and PM Kisan Samman Yojana to alleviate problems faced by the farming community.

The Governor said while fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of various agriculture produce, it should be kept in view that the prices are remunerative to the farmers.

Governor Sri Harichandan complimented Dr. Yalamanchili Sivaji, author of the book 'Crop Holiday' for bringing to light the factors that led to the historic decision of the tobacco farmers of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2000, to declare a crop holiday. The Governor said the decision on crop holiday by farmers resulted in policy makers becoming aware of the agrarian crisis and farmers distress and also encouraged farmers to come together and fight for resolution of their issues.

Dr. Y. Lakshmi Prasad, Chairman of AP Official Language Commission, Y. Raghunath Babu, Chairman of Tobacco Board, Y. Venkateswara Rao of Rythu Nestham, Dr. P. Dayachari, former Chairman of Tobacco Board, A. Sridhar Babu, Secretary of Tobacco Board have also attended the programme.

Later, several prominent tobacco farmers were felicitated by the Governor, on the occasion.

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