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Press Note:

AP Governor participates in the video conference held by the President on COVID-19

Vijayawada, March 27: Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan participated in the video conference convened by Hon'ble President of India Sri Ram Nath Kovind on Friday. In the video conference that commenced at 9.50 AM on Friday participated by the Vice President of India, all Governors and Lt. Governors, the President Sri Ram Nath Kovind interacted with the Governors and Lt. Governors of selected states, which are affected most by the spread of novel corona virus COVID-19.

Speaking during the video conference, Vice President Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu appealed to the religious leaders to create awareness among people to not to congregate for prayers and to observe necessary precautionary measures to contain the spread of the disease. The Vice President said that the mantra should be to 'Test, Trace, Isolate and Treat'. The Vice President also advised the Governors to utilise their vast experience in public life to guide the administration in taking necessary steps to contain spread of COVID-19. He said the services of Indian Red Cross should be utilized. He said that the governments should exercise caution and care to ensure supply chain of essential commodities, availability of food for students, arrangement of shelter and food for stranded migrant laborers. The Vice President advised the Telangana

government to mobilize the services of film industry, literary bodies and private sector in a big way to create awareness about the virus and also to ensure that the students from other states are taken care of.

President Sri Ram Nath Kovind advised all the Governors and Lt. Governors that the entire country together should fight against the spread of COVID-19 by collaborating with each other, by maintaining isolation, social distance and requested the Governors and Lt. Governors to guide their respective state administrations on the steps to be taken for successful containment of the virus.

The President said that the Governments should rope in the services of NGOs to complement the efforts of the state govt.

Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan issued statement later that the state government is making all attempts to ensure availability of essential commodities. He said the state government is focusing on tracking movement of people who have recently come from foreign countries, by conducting door to door survey and isolating them to avoid any transmission. He also emphasized on the role of Red Cross Society and other NGOs in spreading the awareness about social distancing, the Dos and Donts for containing the spread of the disease and help in providing food and shelter to the vulnerable sections like beggars, destitute, homeless etc. He said that the Video Conference was very useful in understanding comprehensively the approach of different state governments in dealing with the crisis and getting benefit from the combined experience of all Governors/ Lt Governors, Vice President and President of India.