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Press Note:

AP Governor cautions people to observe safeguards as normalcy is being restored

Vijayawada, May 20: Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan in a message broadcast over AIR Vijayawada on Wednesday urged the people to be cautious by maintaining physical distance, wearing face masks, frequent washing of hands etc. as efforts are being made to restore normalcy in the wake of coronavirus pandemic. The Governor said people across world have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of damage caused by the spread of corona virus is felt across many sectors.

Governor Sri Harichandan said it is essential that every person remains alert and cautious as the activities are slowly opening up and efforts are being made to restore normalcy since a viable vaccine for the coronavirus is yet to found.

The Governor said it is necessary to carry on with the normal activity in life, duly maintaining physical distance, wearing face masks, washing of hands frequently and by following such other safeguarding measures while observing festivities, functions etc. by staying at home.

He appealed to the people of Andhra Pradesh to keep indoors till 31st May i.e. till the Lock down 4.0 as stipulated by the State and Central governments or till such time as advised by the government.

The Governor said special care needs to be taken about elderly persons above the age of 65 years and children below the age of 10 years and they should not venture out of their homes at any cost.

He said the migrant workers should make use of the shelter and food arrangements and reach their native places safely by the Shramik express trains arranged by the state government.

Governor Sri Harichandan said the Rs.20 lakh crore package announced by Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi for the revival of economy under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' will be beneficial to the MSMEs (Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises), Agriculture and other sectors.

The Governor appealed to the students to make best use of the online classes conducted by various educational institutions through digital mode, as opening of educational institutions may take place after sometime.

As responsible citizens of the country, it is time for us to resolve to overcome this global crisis, by fulfilling all our duties as citizens, and abiding by the guidelines issued by the Central and State governments, said the Governor.

He said a helping hand should be extended to the frontline warriors such as Healthcare professionals, Nurses, Para-medical staff, sanitation personnel, government officials who are rendering yeoman services by protecting people and preventing the spread of corona virus.

He appealed the youth organizations such as NCC, NSS and voluntary organizations such as Red Cross Society, NGOs, civil society members to spread awareness among the people about the importance of staying indoors, maintaining physical distance and wearing facemasks in public etc.

The Governor said he has instructed the Red Cross Society officials to distribute essential items such as face masks, hand sanitisers, food packets, water packets etc. to the needy people particularly the Home-less

poor, labourers, migrant workers are worst affected during these difficult times.

The Governor also appealed to the people to donate generously to the 'PM CARES-Fund' and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and help the governments in mitigating the emergency situation posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Money donated to these funds will be utilised to provide relief and rehabilitation to the people affected the most by this unforeseen calamity.

Governor Sri Harichandan said people should remember that our fight is against the corona virus and not the persons who are affected by it.