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Press Note:

Follow COVID-19 protocols in conduct of examinations – AP Governor

Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan tells Vice Chancellors during video conference

Vijayawada, July 17: Addressing the Vice Chancellors and other administrators of State Universities through video conference held on Friday at Raj Bhavan in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said COVID-19 protocols should be adhered to in conduct of examinations for final year students as per UGC guidelines. The Governor who is also Chancellor of State Universities said the higher education institutions are constrained to go for conduct of online classes in virtual mode because of the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic. He said online classes cannot replace the traditional class room teaching methodology. Governor Sri Harichandan said to overcome the challenges posed by the corona virus pandemic, the education institutions have to restructure and redesign the curriculum for conducting classes through online system by developing suitable e-content.

The Governor while interacting with the Vice Chancellors of 20 State Universities who participated in the meeting through video conference expressed satisfaction for the innovative methodologies adopted by the Universities in finishing the left over syllabus of the previous academic year through online mode and also the steps taken to commence the next academic year. The Vice Chancellors of State Universities who participated in the conference said they are fully prepared to conduct examinations for

the final year students of Undergraduate and Post Graduate courses, as per UGC guidelines either in off-line or online mode, duly following the COVID-19 protocols.

Sri Audimulapu Suresh, Minister for Education who participated in the conference said it is necessary for the higher education institutions to re-design, re-format and re-orient curriculum to meet global standards while facing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic,. The Minister said in spite of the unfavourable conditions created by the pandemic, the government will not compromise in upholding the sanctity of the education system and maintaining integrity in the conduct of examinations.

Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy, Chairman, AP State Council of Higher Education, Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary to Governor, Sri M.M. Naik, Special Commissioner, Collegiate Education, also participated in the conference.