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### Press Note:

Covid-appropriate behavior and vaccine only weapons to fight Covid-19 pandemic – AP Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

Vijayawada, May 01: Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan in an appeal to the people of Andhra Pradesh telecast over Doordarshan regional channel on Saturday said the outbreak of coronavirus disease had posed an unprecedented challenge before the entire world and the public health situation across the world and the country was witnessing the most critical situation.

To deal with such enormous challenge, it is essential to behave responsibly by adopting the health protocol strictly follow the Covid-appropriate behavior and take all necessary precautions as advised to curb the further spread of the corona virus, said the Governor.

Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan urged the people not to be complacent about the danger of contracting the Covid-19 virus and it is high time for everyone to always remain alert and take necessary precautions to protect each individual, their family members and the society around them and this is not the time for any laxity in behaviour.

He said the country today is witnessing a new high in the number of Covid cases on daily basis with new strains of virus circulating, which appear to be more contagious and the present pandemic situation is putting an enormous pressure on the medical resources and health infrastructure and the government is putting all efforts in optimum utilization of the resources for maximum benefit of the people.

The Governor called upon the civil society organisations, Red Cross volunteers, voluntary organizations etc. that they have a crucial role to play in creating awareness among people and steps to be taken to contain the pandemic from spreading further.

Governor Sri Harichandan appealed to people to immediately seek help from 104 Call Centre in case any mild symptoms of Covid virus are detected and to avail advice of expert doctors available at the call centre round the clock and said fatalities can be reduced if mild symptoms are followed up by testing and treatment without any delay.

The Governor recalled the fivefold strategy laid out by Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi of testing, tracing, treatment, Covid-appropriate behavior and vaccination as the only weapon to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

He said people's negligence by not adhering to Covid appropriate behavior and following Covid protocols appears to be the contributing factor behind vast number of cases being reported all over the country during the second wave and said it is a matter of grave concern and there is an urgent need to prevent further spread of the virus with the active cooperation of everyone in the society.

The Governor said wearing mask is an important measure to suppress transmission of the virus and save lives as masks can prevent further transmission of the virus and said home isolation is the best option if any Covid-related symptoms such as fever, cough and difficulty in breathing etc. and they should seek immediate medical advice by dialling the 104-call centre.

Governor Sri Harichandan said the fight against Covid-19 can be successful only with active cooperation of every member of the society and appealed to the people of Andhra Pradesh to strictly follow the Covid-appropriate behavior and take all necessary precautions to curb further spread of the corona virus.