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High level Group of Ministers reviews current status, and actions for prevention and management of COVID-19 Revised Travel Advisory issued

New Delhi: (DR Gopendra Bhatt) The sixth meeting of the GoM was held at Nirman Bhawan today under the chairpersonship of Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare. Sh. Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of Civil Aviation, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Sh. Nityananda Rai, Minister of State for Home, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State (I/c), Ministry of Shipping, Chemicals and Fertilisers and Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare were present.

The recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries chaired by Cabinet Secretary were placed before



GoM. After detailed deliberations on preventive measures, actions taken and preparedness for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the Group of Ministers took the following decisions:

All existing visas, except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, project visas, stand suspended till 15th April 2020.

This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.

Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders is kept in abeyance till April 15th 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the

port of departure. Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reason may contact the nearest Indian Mission.

All incoming travellers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15th February, 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days.

This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure. Incoming travellers, including Indian nationals, are advised to avoid non-essential travel and are informed that they can be quarantined for a minimum

of 14 days on their arrival in India.

Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel abroad. On their return, they can be subjected to quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.

International traffic through land borders will be restricted to Designated check posts with robust screening facilities. These will be notified separately by M/o Home Affairs. Provision for testing primarily for students/compassionate cases in Italy to be made and collection for samples to be organized accordingly.

Those tested negative will be allowed to travel and will be quarantined on arrival in India for 14 days.

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Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorts the graduates to work with compassion to become good doctors

New Delhi (Niti Bhatt): Union Home Minister, Sh. Amit Shah attends the second convocation of AIIMS, Rishikesh says target of the government to establish one AIIMS in every state.

Union Home Minister, Sh. Amit Shah attended the second convocation of AIIMS, Rishikesh as chief guest today. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Sh. Ramesh Pokhriyal and The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Sh. Trivendra Singh Rawat also graced the occasion. The Chairman of AIIMS Rishikesh Dr. Samiran Nundy and Director, AIIMS Rishikesh Dr. Ravi Kant also addressed the graduates.

The Union Home Minister said that this day marks a path of new beginnings for the 248 graduating students. He said that in last three decades the field of medicine has changed a lot, the doctors now should not worry about individual advancement or earnings, rather they should work to make India the best healthcare provider in the world. He stated that government is keen to establish one AIIMS in each ward, and this will be our target. He said that 157 new medical colleges have been opened in the country with four new colleges in Almora, Rudrapur, Haridwar and Pithoragarh of Uttarakhand state. He added that the government has increased the number of graduate seats by 29,000 and that of post graduation by 17,000. A further addition of 10,000 to post graduate seats is expected. He said that without one MBBS doctor in every village and on post graduate doctor in every subdivision of districts we can not dream of a healthy India.

Sh. Amit Shah elaborated on the Ayushman Bharat scheme which provides a big opportunity for the health care sector. He said that 91 lac people have had an operation under the scheme in the last 2.5 years. Similarly the supply of inexpensive and quality medicine has been ensured by opening Jan Aushadhi Kendra in all 728 districts of the nation. He

added that the government is working on a four pronged strategy to improve health of our countrymen. The first pillar is preventive strategy with promoting Yoga, Khelo India, Fit India and Indradhanush campaign. This will result in lessened disease burden. The second pillar is increasing the medical infrastructure in terms of number of specialist hospitals. The third pillar is to increase the number of qualified doctors. And the final pillar is to provide easy access to healthcare by Ayushman Yojana, Jan Aushadhi Kendras and Healthcare Insurance Schemes.

Finally the Home Minister asked the graduates to inculcate empathy. He said that the true knowledge according to Swami Vivekanand comes from our ability to experience the pain of others. This sensitivity is what can turn the graduates into great doctors and human beings.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan remembered the efforts of former Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Smt Sushma Swaraj in expanding the network of premier health institutions like AIIMS. He congratulated the AIIMS Rishikesh in having developed into a super speciality hospital where people from all over the country come to seek relief. He said that occupancy of one hundred percent and wait times of about one year for some services speaks volumes about the popularity of the institute. He congratulated the parents of the graduates and implored the graduates to always remember the sacrifices that their parents have made in this journey. The minister congratulated the graduates in very ably becoming doctors and added that now the challenge is to become good doctors. He said that the young doctors have the responsibility to live up to the reputation of their profession and to the reverence shown to the institute like AIIMS.

The Health & Family Welfare Minister further thanked the professors and teachers at the medical college for their role in imparting the eternal human values and ethics to the students. He paid homage to his school teacher Mr. J. P. Sharma and quoted his maxim that, "Honesty is the only ladder that can help a man climb the heightened height of ecstatic pleasure from the lowest pitch of abject fortune." He said that only the path of honesty, truth, love and compassion

can lead to satisfaction. He reminded the graduates of the Hippocratic oath and their responsibility to do everything with meticulous precision. He added that this day is not the end but a new beginning for lifelong learning. The minister cautioned that it would be an injustice to the patients if the doctors are not updated with the most recent advancements in the medical field. He appealed the graduates to work for creating a 'New India' of their dreams.

Speaking at the convocation Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal congratulated the graduates and said that they were getting the sheepskin on the holy bank of river Ganga and were entering the path laid ahead of them as warriors. The Minister recounted the significant development in the health sector by reminding the audience that we have come from just one AIIMS in the country to now 22. He said that the total number of students in India exceed the population of United States of America. He added that for the general population a doctor is next only to God. He thus cautioned the graduates that every step of their lives would be challenging due to high expectations and reposed faith in their ability to overcome every obstacle.

The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Sh. Trivendra Singh Rawat congratulated the graduates and thanked the AIIMS, Rishikesh in helping implement the Atal Ayushman Yojana. He said that the state has progressed a lot in last three years with respect to health services. Helicopter services have been regularly used to reach hilly areas of state to provide emergency healthcare. The number of doctors have gone up from 1,100 to 2,045.

The response time of ambulances has come down to 24 minutes due to 149 ambulances in the state from the 108 network. The infant mortality rate and the maternal mortality rate have come down significantly. Eight out of thirteen districts now have ICUs in district hospitals. However the aim to taking the rate of institutional deliveries from the current 71% to 90% can only be achieved by reaching the far flung areas of the state. For achieving this goal dedicated health professionals with motivation to serve the people are needed.

SARVE SANTU NIRAMAYAH

COVID-19 "Coronavirus" has put action packed life of our city to stand still. Educational Institutions and Museums, Palaces and Parks have been closed. Cultural shows have been put off. Events have been cancelled. This sudden stop has demoralized many people. Sudden depression is noticed in the society. Most of people are scared and observing all safety measures they can. Many activities like tourism, travel, social, cultural, literary and commercial of Udaipur are experiencing crucial challenges. Every citizen is affected. The daily wage earners are most affected. All sections of the Society are suffering in their own way.

The Art world has also suffered a lot in the present scenario. I talked with few arts related personalities to know their views. Many of them are shocked and look helpless. Art appreciators are also concerned over current conditions. Professor Shreenivasan Ayyar, noted scholar and artist expressed his views like this;

"Artists are the ambassadors of the love and fraternity and representatives of peace compassion, passion and humanity. But the recent dread and terror of Coronavirus has affected the human society deeply with its horrible role, when man from other man is keeping distance and is looking upon every human being with doubts and disgust. Corona's present scenario has forced artist community to stay away from one human being to the other. That is very sad because artists are the creative people who through their productive deeds erect a bridge among the fellow beings of the society. But alas the Virus has sown the seeds of fear due to which many artistic ventures have been postponed and cancelled. We wish that the conditions get better very soon for the welfare of mankind."

Charul Lail Choyal, a young painter from Udaipur said "We as young artist of Udaipur are mostly dependent on the tourists majority are badly impacted because of the shutdown. It has impacted the economy and as our medium is not a necessity so suffered majorly. Our trust 'PN Choyal Memorial Trust' was all prepared to organise an All India artists camp to be held between March 22 to 29 in which artists from Chennai, Shantiniketan, Kurukshetra, Pune, Bhopal, Vadodara, Jaipur and Delhi had booked their air tickets and train tickets.

Due to the State notice, we are forced to cancel the event with a big financial loss as well as the service to young generation of art students".

Odissi dancer and young teacher Krishnendu Saha has recently shifted from Kolkata to the Lake city to start his new journey. He is disciple of Guru Sharmila Biswas belonging to the lineage of Stalwart Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra. Krishnendu says "young artists like me who strive for preparation of their shows have received very tough blow. Neither they are allowed to continue with their shows nor do they have permission to conduct any workshops. Even the Schools who have great potential to sustain these artists are facing constraint. Up to last week I had a very busy schedule of performances on National platforms where as shifting to this dream city I have no work for next few weeks. Even if I think of creating new thematic composition, I start with enthusiasm but suddenly I get scared of present scenario which leaves me in uncertain situation. "Deepak Dixit, a senior artist who runs "Dharohar", Daily evening Cultural show at Bagor Ki Haveli, Gangaur Ghat (WZCC) is disappointed with the current situation and says "Dharohar Programme has been running for about 20 years and attained great popularity amongst the tourists. More than 35 artists survive on this prestigious programme. These days Tourists come to experience Dharohar but go back sadly. Postponement of this event till 31 March has caused financial crises to us as well as our Folk and Tribal artists." Kishan Dadhich, a senior Poet, Writer and Art Critic of Udaipur expressed that Coronavirus has disturbed people who survive on artistic expressions. Poetic recitals are being avoided. Poet and writers can exchange their views on phones only. This has isolated creative persons is miserable.

Dr. Laique Hussain, Director, Bhartiya Lok kala Mandal informed that their Daily evening shows and Museum are closed. Their concerts have been cancelled. The Institution is facing financial constraints. Celebration of World Theatre Day has also affected. The performers and Natyansh drama teams who were ready with their shows have to cancel staging plays. This current time is challenging. And challenges can be conquered with will power and following all the instructions of Health organizations. Cleanliness and calmness can help us combat with this crises. Nothing will remain forever. This time too will go. Let us not be disheartened and be pure positive. We shall fight the Coronavirus with internal power.

We must spare some time to sit in quiet, meditate and pray for everyone. Almighty God will give wisdom and wellness to all. We pray for all as we say 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah.. Sarve Santu Niramayah.. Sarve Bhadrani Pashantu ,Maakashchit Dukhabhagbhavet...

- Vilas Janve

Fagotsav



"On Fagotsav (Holi Festival) we have great pleasure in presenting two rare unpublished paintings from CHITRALAYA GALLERY of young Art Collector SURAJ SONI, Bijoliya:

Maharana Shambhu Singh Playing Holi: Mewar School, 1860

Maharana Shambhu Singh and Pancholi Shyamnath throwing up Gulal (colored Powder) and running below before it fell down, Kamdars and other present with Chatra (small sized Umbrella), Nishan (Sun) and Chanwar (fly-whisk).

Radha-Krishna Playing Holi (Fagotsav Krida) Devgarh School, 1825, BRIJ KI HOLI

"Fagotsav- Gopis playing with Rang Gulal (colors) with Radha-Krishna, depiction of palace and garden. Transparent white costume of Shri Krishna: Pagdi (turban), Patka (waist sash), Jama (type of man's coat) and transparent costume of Gopi's also. Gopies are playing melodious musical instruments like Turhi Naad (Trumpet Sound), Dhap ki thaap, dholak (drum). A shower of Gulal- The courtyard is like a carpet of red and yellow colors."

