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Dear Friends,

Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, in his address to nation on COVID-19 on Thursday March 19th, 2020 said that India has been monitoring and tracking the trends of COVID-19, in the countries severely affected with it, and have seen the number of cases rising after initial trickle, and hence there should not be any room for complacency, in dealing with COVID-19, in India. Hon’ble PM called on all citizens:

(i) To observe “Janata Curfew” by staying indoors on Sunday, between 07:00 AM to 09:00 PM, as an expression of resolve to emphasize the need to reduce public interaction to the very minimum. At 05:00 PM on Sunday the day of “Janata Curfew” go to your balconies or outside your house and “Clap as a mark of gratitude” to those working round the clock to keep India safe.

(ii) Hon’ble PM also requested fellow citizens to “Keep away from crowds, stay at home, and follow social distancing for few weeks” in view of COVID-19, and urged all citizens to step out from house, only if, it is extremely necessary and “Do all work from home”.

(iii) Hon’ble PM also requested to “Avoid visiting hospitals for routine checkups” and postpone appointment for any non-essential surgery at hospitals for at least 01 month.

(iv) Hon’ble PM also appealed to the “Business Community to be sensitive to the economic interest of all people working and whose services it is using”. It is possible that they may not be able to report to work due to COVID-19 outbreaks. Hon’ble PM requested business community to “Not to cut any wages/ salaries” of employees working under it.

(v) Hon’ble PM in his address assured citizens that there is “sufficient stocks of food, milk, medicines and other essential commodities” and “Don’t resort to panic buying”. Continue to buy as you have in past.

2. As a temporary measure, all international commercial passenger traffic into India will be suspended for one week w.e.f. 22nd March, 2020. Fellow Indian Citizens living in Rakhine and Chin State of Myanmar, can contact on Land Line numbers 043-22919 or 043-22918, in case of any enquiry/ suggestions w.r.t. COVID-19 outbreak.

With regards,

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