

Namaskaar !

My dear fellow citizens,

Today, once again, I am in your midst to discuss the Corona Global Pandemic.

On 22nd March, we resolved to undertake Janata-Curfew. As a nation, every Indian contributed with full responsibility and sensitivity to ensure its success. Children and elders alike, the poor, middle class and the rich, all came together in this hour of crisis. Every Indian made Janata-Curfew a success.

By a single day of Janata-Curfew, India proved that when the nation is facing a crisis, when humanity is facing a crisis, every Indian comes together to overcome it. All of you deserve praise for ensuring the success of Janata-Curfew.

Friends,

You are all seeing and hearing about the developments around the globe regarding the Corona Pandemic through the news. You are also witnessing how this pandemic has rendered even the most developed countries of the world helpless. It is not that these countries are not putting in adequate efforts, or that they lack resources. The fact is that the Coronavirus is spreading so rapidly that despite all preparations and efforts, countries are finding it hard to cope with the situation.

An analysis of developments in all these countries over the past two months as well as opinions of experts, has established that Social Distancing is the only way to effectively deal with the virus. That is, maintain physical distance from each other and stay within the confines of one's home. There is no other way to escape Coronavirus. If we want to restrict the spread of Coronavirus, we will have to break its chain of infection.

Some people are under the misconception that social distancing is essential only for sick people. It is wrong to make such assumptions. Social distancing is necessary for each citizen, each family, and each and every member of the family.

The carelessness or ill-conceived notions of a few can throw you, your children, your parents, your family, your friends, and in fact the entire country, into grave jeopardy. It is impossible to even estimate the price India will have to pay if such carelessness continues.

Friends,

In the last two days, several parts of the country have been put under lockdown. These efforts by State Governments should be taken very seriously.

Keeping in mind health sector experts and experiences of other countries, the nation is about to take a very important decision today. From 12 midnight today the entire country, please listen carefully, the entire country shall go under complete lockdown. In order to protect the country,

and each of its citizens, from midnight tonight, a complete ban is being imposed on people from stepping out of their homes.

Every State of the country, every Union Territory, every district, every municipality, every village, every every street, every locality is being put under lockdown. This is in effect a type of curfew only. A few levels more than Janata-Curfew, it is more stringent.

This is a critical step in the decisive fight against the Corona Pandemic. There is no doubt the nation will have to pay an economic cost for this lockdown. However, at this moment, my utmost priority, and that of the Government of India, State and local Governments is to protect the life of every Indian. Hence, it is my plea and prayer to you to continue to remain wherever you are right now in the country.

In view of the current situation, this lockdown in the country will be for 21 days. The next 21 days are of great importance for us. As per health experts, a period of at least 21 days is critical to break the infection cycle of Coronavirus. If we are not able to manage these 21 days, the country and your family could be set back 21 years. If we are not able to manage these 21 days, several families will get devastated forever.

Hence, you must forget what going out means for the next 21 days. Stay inside your home, stay inside your home, and do just one thing – stay inside your home.

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