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Hon'ble Governor said, "It gives me pleasure to be here at the inauguration of the Oxygen PSA Plant and COVID Intensive Care Unit being jointly organized by Vijaya Group of Hospitals and Nokia-Wish Foundation India.

Covid-19 pandemic has made our communities to go through a lot over the past few months. While all of us are trying to adjust to the new 'normal' way of life, and resuming our routines, hospitals have an additional responsibility to work without interruption towards the care of patients as well as ensuring the health of the frontline workers. I always have appreciation and great regards for the services of all doctors, nurses, other cadres of Health Sector and all the front-line workers. They did and are doing wonderful work. Hats off to you! Please give them a big applause.

India stood as a country - class apart – while handling this pandemic. Despite being the world's second-most populous country, with more than 1.3 billion people, the nation took swift action in controlling the rapid spread. In spite of the preparedness, the second wave hit our country hard. When you have an overwhelming situation and the need is so high, there will be disparity between what is available and what can be delivered. Oxygen is something that needs to be looked at, calculated and prepared for - just like every other resource. It has to be done in particular time so you can provide for the needs of all patients who come to you. The initiative by Vijaya Medical &

Educational Trust to plan proactively for the future needs of the patients and setting up of the Oxygen concentrators is highly appreciated.

The role of private hospitals in catering to the huge demands of the Covid-19 patients during the second wave has been immense. And as one of the first few private hospitals in Tamil Nadu to be recognized to treat Covid-19 patients Vijaya Hospitals has made a significant contribution. True to the vision of the founder Shri B. Nagi Reddy, this Trust today has set up the oxygen concentrator plant and COVID Care ICU which will ensure good health care at a subsidized rate. I also appreciate the Nokia – LEHS WISH Foundation to have funded the project and be part of such a noble act. I call upon other Corporates to come forward and do a similar yeomen service.

With the speculations of the third wave affecting the country, vaccination against Covid-19 will be the way forward. The most effective vaccination programmes in the past effectively eradicated certain deadly diseases, such as smallpox which was achieved by combining the mandatory preventive vaccination programmes with coordinated education efforts. Corona virus mortality rate is the highest among elders and people with co-morbidities or conditions that affect their immune system. Hence the eligible citizens should come forward to get vaccinated in large numbers. As responsible citizens we should motivate others to get vaccination and support the government in the efforts to control this deadly disease.

In this context, let me quote Mother Teresa who said, “I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things”.

Considering its large population, India has indeed managed the Covid-19 situation with a mix of strategies better than many developed countries. We are into a new normal as we cannot shut down our livelihood options. Gradually, we have ramped up testing, isolation and treatment for the affected. With more testing, we are able to catch infections early and treat those infected, which is why we have a low death rate and a high recovery rate.

A famous physician once said, “We cure sometimes, control often, comfort always”! We still are in an era where total cure or total prevention remains elusive for a number of ailments. We must however, “care always”, and this tradition of “care” is something that has enriched Indian culture and our family systems for centuries. It is

very important in my view that we preserve these traditions of yore and perpetuate those for global benefit.

With the continuing pandemic scenario, I appeal to the people of Tamil Nadu to continue their support and co-operation to the Government by following the Covid Protocols strictly, such as maintaining social distance, proper wearing of masks, following high standards of personal hygiene, avoiding gatherings, etc. and achieve 100% Covid vaccination.

Life is a beautiful gift of God. We must learn to treasure it and use this special gift for the benefit of the society.

I appreciate the painstaking efforts of organizers. I wish them the very best. May they be greeted with success in all their endeavours.”

On this occasion, Tmt. B. Bharathi Reddy, Managing Trustee and CEO, Vijaya Medical & Educational Trust, Mr. Srinivasan K Kidambi, Head of BBN enterprise, Nokia, Mr. Rajesh Ranjan Singh, Chief Executive Officer, LEHS|WISH foundation, Tmt . B. Vasundhara Reddy, Trustee, Vijaya Medical & Educational Trust, Thiru. B. Nagi Reddy, Trustee, Vijaya Medical & Educational Trust, Tmt. B.L. Aradhana Reddy, Trustee, Vijaya Medical & Educational Trust and other dignitaries participated.

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