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COVID-19

Pneumonia of unknown cause detected in Wuhan, China was first reported to the WHO Country Office in China on 31 December 2019. On 11 February 2020, WHO announced a name for the new corona virus disease: **COVID-19**.

Corona virus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus. The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing. You can protect yourself by washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face, and avoiding close contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with people who are unwell.

Corona virus disease spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or objects that has the virus on it, then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.

Government of India is taking all necessary steps to ensure that we are prepared well to face the challenge and threat posed by the growing pandemic of COVID-19 the Corona Virus. With active support of the people of India, we have been able to contain the spread of the Virus in our country. The most important factor in preventing the spread of the Virus locally is to empower the citizens with the right information and taking precautions as per the advisories being issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Keeping in mind the need for having a dedicated national fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected, a public charitable trust under the name of 'Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund' (PM CARES Fund)' has been set up.



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Donations to **PM CARES Fund** would qualify for 80G benefits for 100% exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961. Donations to **PM CARES Fund** will also qualify to be counted as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure under the Companies Act, 2013.

• PM CARES Fund has also got exemption under the FCRA and a separate account for receiving foreign donations has been opened. This enables PM CARES Fund to accept donations and contributions from individuals and organizations based in foreign countries. This is consistent with respect to Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF). PMNRF has also received foreign contributions as a public trust since 2011.

As we SAI TIRUPATI UNIVERSITY (Sponsored by Global Health Research and Management Institute) will donate the fund to help the PM CARES Fund to Central Govt. & State Govt. in kind of donation of fund, supply of PPE Kits, Masks N-95, normal masks, supply of ration kits for poor & needy people, food packets at distant areas where resources are not available for living of needy people.