

# डॉ. मृत्युंजय महापात्र

मौसम विज्ञान विभाग के महानिदेशक,  
विश्व मौसम विज्ञान संगठन में भारत के स्थाई प्रतिनिधि  
एवं कार्यकारी परिषद के सदस्य

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Dear Friends & Colleagues,

The pandemic situation due to COVID-19 has put all of us a challenge to sustain the socio-economic activities apart from our life and livelihood. We have faced this challenge well so far and I am sure, we will move ahead.

I thank you all for doing your best to stay safe and also keep others safe during these unusual and unprecedented days of the pandemic. Considering the size, volume and the nature of the of work we carry out in the India Meteorological Department, incessantly round the clock, the number of Covid positive cases are bare minimum. It is indeed commendable and could be achieved only with everyone's conscious, concerted and continuous care for each other.

## **HOWEVER, THE THREAT IS STILL NOT OVER!**

It has indeed been difficult to follow safety protocols for so long and often one feels like getting desperately back to the normal life. But the danger may lie in such hurried endeavour. When we reach nearer to our destination, we become impatient and get prone to committing mistakes. Also, on a long journey, like this we tend to be complacent and often over confident, at times, leading to failure of mission!

In the present scenario our mission is to stay healthy & stay safe. Also, it is our duty to keep others healthy & safe. Precautions, such as covering nose and mouth with mask, frequent sanitization, maintaining social distancing etc. have kept us safe and healthy. It is already proven that Covid can be contained by following some basic safety measures we have all been following so far. We are almost through the journey and the days are not far when we get back our normal life. However, such day will come sooner only if all of us stay safer today.

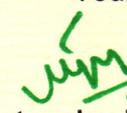
Therefore, I request all of you to maintain the safety protocols religiously.

Please do not violate any of the safety norms wherever you are, be it your workplace, the market or the residential area where you live with your loved ones.

I wish you all to stay healthy and stay safe.

With regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Mrutyunjay Mohapatra)