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Dear farmers and farm women,

My wishes for the well-being of all farmers across the country at this critical time as we all face the pandemic of COVID-19. Our Government has taken several steps in order to prevent the spread of infection, protect and ensure safety of our people from this deadly contagious virus disease.

This is the time to religiously follow the appeal of Honourable Prime Minister of maintaining personal hygiene and isolation by everyone of us for arresting the community transmission of the disease and endangering of millions of lives. The disease crisis has coincided with the harvesting season of rabi food crops such as wheat, millets, pulses and oilseeds and other crops. We need to take precautions as we will be engaged in harvesting of grains, fruits & vegetables, milk, eggs and fishes. Similarly, proper sanitation is required for using shared or hired machinery for harvesting. Simple measures on washing of hands with soap, alcohol rub and maintaining isolation distance at personal level and proper cleaning of shared machinery are to be followed.

Also, for tackling any emerging issue related to management of crops, livestock and fisheries, you are advised to consult and be in touch with our scientists in Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), ICAR research institutes and State Agricultural Universities for timely advisories.

With my sincere wishes for your well-being.

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