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Chief Secretary  
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Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.
2. Directors General of Police of all States/Union Territories.
3. Commissioners of Police of Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Kolkata and Chennai.

Subject: Precautionary measures for maintaining peace and public tranquillity on the occasion of Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 respectively.

Sir/Madam,

The festival of Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti would be celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 across the country. Further, it is informed that Government orders for Lock Down due to imminent threat of outbreak of COVID-19 has caused strong resentment amongst a section of Muslims, as it is perceived to be affecting their regular religious prayers in mosques. At the same time, a section of Hindus is very resentful to continuation of mass prayers at mosques in some States. In the event of visit by Hindus to temples during ongoing Navratri and forthcoming Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti would likely escalate Muslims' resentment. Such an irritant on both sides might lead to communal unrest in the country. Hence, the State Governments/UTs need to closely monitor the developments.

2. It is requested to take all the required precautionary measures for maintenance of law and order, peace and public tranquillity. Vigil may be maintained over circulation of objectionable content on social media and action may be taken for their blocking/removal.

Yours faithfully,

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