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The General Secretary
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Dear Sir,

At the outset, I do hope you are all staying safe. As you might be aware, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru is now closed for passenger operations, based on a directive from the Government of India. Cargo operations continue, to ensure that people across the Country are able to receive their essential commodities like medicines, medical equipment/kits, household parcels etc. Besides this, Relief Aircrafts and Evacuation Flights also would be operating from your airport on need basis. During this time, it is mandatory for the Airport to have a certain amount of critical manpower to manage operations. It is their unflinching commitment and unwavering resolve that will play a huge role in rest of us leading normal life & finally helping us getting through this situation.

The last few days have proven extremely difficult for some of the staff working in the airport ecosystem making their way to the Airport. While on the one hand they have borne the brunt of the villagers & community, on the other hand they are being ostracised at their homes. Landlords and communities have been asking them to leave their houses/apartments, since their jobs are at the Airport and they are seen as potential carriers of this virus.

To this end, BIAL as the operator of this world class airport would like to appeal to the Residents' Welfare Associations (RWAs) asking them to refrain from evicting employees - both on humanitarian grounds as well as from the perspective of the service they perform. Additionally, they are well protected as per the guidelines given by Government of India and the World Health Organizations and have complete access to protective equipment like masks, gloves and sanitisers. Further, they have received training in managing hygiene and sanitation during this period.

I urge you to give this message all the Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs) across the city. As responsible citizens it is our duty to take care of the all essential service staff whether they are doctors, health workers, airport staff, municipal workers etc. who are going out to work every day to help us lead normal life. We hope that, working together in a calm manner, we show solidarity and demonstrate both 'resolve and restraint' in our fight against COVID - 19. I am confident that we will get through this challenging time and emerge stronger and united as a community. Let's make sure we work through this phase together, only to emerge stronger.

Thanking you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hari K Marar", with a horizontal line underneath.

Hari K Marar
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