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In a video conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses CM B S Yediyurappa, Governor Vajubhai Vala and others at the 25th Foundation Day celebrations of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

# Modi praises Karnataka for fighting Covid better

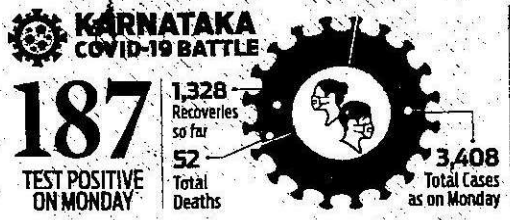
PM gives push for tele-medicine, warns mobs against attacking docs

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IN a morale booster to health-care professionals in the state, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday appreciated "the efforts of the Karnataka government in handling the Covid-19 situation".

He condemned attacks on doctors in the past and warned mobs that violence, abuse and rude behaviour against Covid warriors is not acceptable. "Steps have been taken to protect you from any form of violence, and we have provided an insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh for those on the frontline," he said, assuring health-care workers.

Stressing the importance of technology in overcoming healthcare delivery issues, he said that doctors and other



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and achieve advances in tele-medicine and evolve newer models to make it popular on a larger scale.

Virtually addressing the 25th Foundation Day at the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, he said that the Arogya Setu mobile app has been downloaded by 12 crore people, which has helped the government in fighting Covid-19.

Modi pointed out that the country has established four pillars of health over the last

eral health of the population. "The first is preventive health-care, with yoga, Ayurveda and general fitness. More than 40,000 wellness centres have been opened with the focus on controlling lifestyle-related diseases," he said.

The second pillar is the "success of Swachh Bharath Mission", while the third is better medicare delivery. To improve the medical education infrastructure, postgraduate medical institutes will be set up in every district across the country. "We have established 22 more All-India Institutes of Medical Sciences,"

