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Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

participates as a Chief Guest at the programme organised by
the Indian Red Cross Society, Andhra Pradesh State Branch,
attempting to create Guinness World Record for

"Most People to Sign up to Donate Blood in 8 hours"

at Fr. Devaiah Memorial Auditorium, Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada
on 15th February 2020

I am very happy to be with you all on this delightful occasion of the Indian Red Cross Society, Andhra Pradesh Branch, attempting to create a Guinness World Record for the "MOST PEOPLE TO SIGN-UP TO DONATE BLOOD IN 8 HOURS".

At the outset I appreciate the young volunteers who have come forward to express their willingness to save precious lives of the people by signing up to donate blood. This gesture of compassion by the youth of Andhra Pradesh will be recognized all over the world over, as Guinness Book registers this event as a World Record. This truly makes me proud.

The noble mission of the Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering and to render humanitarian response in the face of emergency, by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. This spirit of humanism unites the 97 million volunteers of Red Cross throughout the world.

The Indian Red Cross Society was established under a statute of the Parliament in 1920 and has around 700 branches all over the country. This year, Indian Red Cross Society is completing 100 years of its glorious humane service in India and to mark this occasion Centenary Celebrations are planned in thematic way nationwide.

This programme of our youth is a truly remarkable tribute to the Indian Red Cross Society, on her 100th year in the service of people.

Andhra Pradesh Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society is working with 13 District Branches and 192 sub-branches at Mandal level. The total strength of membership is around 1.14 lakhs.

Blood banking is a core activity of the Indian Red Cross Society and Andhra Pradesh has 18 Blood Banks working all over the State. It is the largest procurer and supplier of blood in the State. Last year alone, it has collected 82,055 blood units in 1125 camps all over the State.

I appreciate the voluntary, honorary blood donors for their life-saving gift of blood and to raise awareness of the need for regular blood donations to ensure the quality, safety and availability of blood and blood products for the patients in times of need. Transfusion of blood and blood products helps save millions of lives every year. It can help patients suffering from life-threatening condition to live longer with a higher quality of life and it also supports complex medical and surgical procedures. Blood donation plays an essential, life-saving role in maternal and child care and during the emergency response to man-made or natural disasters.

My dear young friends, please remember that the blood you donate gives someone, a chance at life. One day that 'someone' may be a close relative, a friend, a loved one of yours —or even "you".

I personally believe that awareness on importance of Voluntary Blood Donation should be created and spread among the youth and I wish that no one should lose life due to non-availability of safe blood in our state.

I hope that a new generation of motivated voluntary blood donors like you will form a pool of resources that will provide the safest blood possible for use, whenever it is needed to save a life.

I once again congratulate the Chairman Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy and all members of the Managing Committee of the Indian Red Cross Society, A.P. State Branch and the District and Sub Branches, who are part of this prestigious and historic event and the Young Volunteers who came-in to Sign-up to Donate Blood today.

The world is watching us, as we create not only a World Record but also a mark of humanism and compassion.

I wish you all the best!

Jai Hind