



Address of the Hon'ble Governor
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan,
at the inauguration of Blood Components Unit,
Indian Red Cross Blood Centre, Guntur
on December 30, 2020

It gives me immense pleasure to meet you all online once again today on the occasion of inauguration of Blood Components Unit at Indian Red Cross Blood Centre in Guntur.

I am delighted to note that all the functionaries, staff and volunteers of Red Cross are working hard in the post-lockdown period and extending committed services to the needy people.

I am happy to know that all the Districts Branches are carrying forward the regular activities of IRCS such as enrolling Junior Red Cross/Youth Red Cross volunteers, tree plantation programmes. I appreciate all District Units for rendering commendable services to the community.

It gives me immense satisfaction to know that all the blood centers are making serious efforts to organize blood donation camps to regularly and promote voluntary blood donation and they have also provided 4,294 units of blood to 813 Thalassemia children. This is indeed a remarkable achievement for a noble cause.

IRCS Blood Centres have collected a record number of 9,287 units from Volunteers by conducting 99 Blood Donation Camps across the State recently on 21st December, 2020 by the public primarily mobilized by the YSRCP in connection with the Birthday of Chief Minister Shri Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Blood donation is a noble cause and every blood donor is a life saver and a hero to someone, somewhere, who received the gracious gift of life. Blood donation is a real act of humanity and sometimes a life can be saved by donated blood than money. Blood is a most precious resource possessed by us and gives us the ability to save a life by donating blood and share this invaluable gift with someone in need.

The 18 Red Cross Blood Centers and 9 Blood Centers with component separation units in the State are rendering humanitarian services of highest order by saving thousands of precious lives

Today, I am absolutely elated to know that the services of IRCS State Branch are further strengthened with the Guntur Red Cross Blood Center joining our prestigious line of blood centers with component separation capability. I consider this as a proud moment for all of us.

In this regard, it is pertinent to make a mention of the unstinted support extended by the Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation and their service units, Rotary Club of Guntur and Rotary Club of Adarsh for their commendable services.

I appreciate their assistance to the Red Cross Blood Center in Guntur by enhancing and upgrading the Blood Center into a full-fledged Components unit by providing sophisticated equipment, a Blood Donation van worth Rs. 33 Lakh and an Emergency Ambulance worth Rs. 26 Lakh. This act of kindness of Rotarians would go a long way in serving the people with dedication by the Red Cross.

On behalf of the Indian Red Cross Society, Andhra Pradesh, I place on record my commendation to the Rotary International, Rotary Foundation, Rotary Club of Guntur and Rotary Club of Adarsh for their support to the noble cause.

Indian Red Cross Society, Guntur District Branch established way back in 1937 is one of the most active branches in the state and has been serving people of the region with facilities such as a Maternity Home, an Orphanage and a Blood Bank. The volunteers of Guntur Red Cross Branch have really worked hard during COVID-19 Lockdown period and rendered help to thousands of hapless migrant labourers.

I hope the Rotary organizations will continue to extend their help to carry forward the noble cause of humanitarian mission of Red Cross.

I congratulate all the staff, functionaries and volunteers of Guntur Red Cross of Guntur Branch for their commitment and dedication towards well-being of the people.

“It gives me immense pleasure to Declare the Red Cross Blood Center and Components Lab in Guntur Open for service of the people.”

Thank you all for joining me in this proud moment.

Jai Hind