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Message of Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
at the Inauguration of Blood Bank established
by Sri Jakkampudi Rammohan Rao Foundation
at Rajamahendravaram in East Godavari district
at 4.30 pm on July 8, 2021 from Raj Bhavan in virtual mode

Sri Jakkampudi Raja, MLA and Chairman of A.P. State Kapu Welfare & Development Corporation, Dr. Jagruthi Nageswara, Smt. Jakkampudi Vijaya Lakshmi and other dignitaries attending the programme. A very Good Evening to you all.

It gives me immense pleasure to participate in today's programme of inauguration of "Dr.YSR - Jakkampudi Rammohan Rao Blood Centre" established by Sri Jakkampudi Rammohan Rao Foundation at Rajamahendravaram in East Godavari district coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of former Chief Minister in united Andhra Pradesh late Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy.

Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, popularly known as Y.S.R. was a charismatic mass leader who had carved a niche for himself in the political arena of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Rajasekhara Reddy was known for his dedication and allegiance towards the upliftment of the downtrodden people as he strongly believed in serving the less- privileged sections of the society.

Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy took up padayatra for 64 days that stretched 1500 km from Chevella in Telangana to Ichchapuram in Srikakulam district in the summer of 2003 that took him closer to the poor and rural people and all sections of the society.

After taking oath as Chief Minister in 2004, Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy allotted a large chunk of the State's budget to the agriculture sector and his policies were always centered on agriculture by giving benefits to small and marginalised farmers. He implemented the 'Jalayagnam' project comprising of a number of irrigation projects, like construction of new reservoirs and lift irrigation systems and canals to increase the area under irrigation within five years.

As Chief Minister, Dr. YSR had designed and implemented several welfare programmes to benefit the farmers and poorer sections of the society on a

saturation mode and he will always remain in the hearts of people of both the Telugu States for his humane approach and concern for the well-being of the people. It is befitting that the State government is celebrating the birth anniversary of Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy as 'Farmers Day' as a tribute to the true son of the soil.

By carrying forward the legacy of Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, the Government of Andhra Pradesh headed by son Sri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has been implementing several farmer-centric welfare programmes such as 'PM Kisan - YSR Rythu Bharosa' setting up of 'Rythu Bharosa Kendras' to provide quality seeds and fertilisers, agriculture implements, warehouse facilities, providing zero-interest crop insurance to farmers under 'YSR Bima' scheme etc. These are a few of the welfare schemes being implemented for the benefit of farmers along with several other welfare schemes covering all sections of the society.

Sri Jakkampudi Rammohan Rao served as an MLA for three terms and also served as a Minister of Roads & Buildings and Minister of Excise during the period from 1989 to 2004.

The age old tradition of '*Manava Seve Madhava Seva*' which means '*Service to Mankind is service to God*' had been the motto of both Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy and Sri Jakkampudi Rammohan Rao during their time. Their names are synonymous with dedication in the service of the people and the society. To honour their commitment towards welfare of people of the East Godavari region and to carry forward their legacy, Sri Jakkampudi Ram Mohan Rao (SJRMR) Foundation was established in February, 2016. Since its establishment, the Foundation has been helping people in the East Godavari region by providing health services, monetary assistance to needy people as well as rendering help distressed people during natural calamities.

I am glad to know that the volunteers of SJRMR Foundation have provided services during the Covid-19 pandemic, to thousands of patients by

arranging oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, distribution of PPE kits, medicine kits for patients in home isolation, free ambulance services and conducting the last rites of unclaimed bodies of persons who died due to Covid-19.

I am happy to learn that the foundation is planning to set up an orphanage at Rajanagaram in Est Godavari district with a capacity to provide shelter to more than 50 children who became orphaned due to loss of both their parents by taking care of their education needs also.

The gift of blood donation is gift of life as there is no substitute to human blood. It is a fact that every two seconds someone in the country needs blood. Thalassemia patients require frequent blood transfusion. There is a need to have a reliable source of blood for the needy in every city. SJRMR Foundation has organized blood donation drive on several occasions in the recent past and collected blood from voluntary blood donors. I congratulate and compliment the members of SJRMR foundation for their efforts to establish Dr. YSR – Jakkampudi Rammohan Rao Blood Center, being launched today. I am honored to be a part of this noble cause that will have an impact on thousands of people.

I request all healthy persons to come forward and donate blood voluntarily and be part of this noble venture which will be boon to the needy people.

Before concluding, I pay my humble tributes to late Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, who was the architect behind several people-centric welfare programmes being implemented even to this day.

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