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Address of Sri Biswabhusan Harichandan,
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh &
Hon'ble President of Indian Red Cross Society,
Andhra Pradesh State Branch,
on the occasion of 'World Red Cross Day' at the programme held at
Durbar Hall in Raj Bhavan on May 8, 2022

Dear Members of Red Cross fraternity,

My warm greetings and best wishes to you all, on the occasion of "World Red Cross Day".

This is an auspicious day, which marks the birth anniversary of the Founder of Red Cross, Jean Henry Dunant. He built a great humanitarian organization that had its roots in kindness. In fact, being human is being kind as kindness is the hallmark of human essence. Recognizing this, the theme of World Red Cross Day – 2022 has been declared as "Be Human Kind".

I request all the members of Red Cross to take this message to the people in a big way.

Our Andhra Pradesh State Branch of Red Cross exemplified this theme through actions during the difficult times of COVID-19 and afterwards. I am extremely pleased to note that the Red Cross volunteers came out in thousands and helped the needy people throughout the State, in the hour of need. We strived hard by creating awareness, distributing masks, distributing Home Isolation Medical Kits, providing Oxygen Concentrators and especially serving food to lakhs of starving homeless people.

The services rendered by the Red Cross volunteers to the thousands of migrant workers helped them reach their native places and homes safely.

I congratulate our Red Cross teams for collecting whole blood and plasma even during the hard times to save precious lives.

The Centennial Cycle Rally of Andhra Pradesh Red Cross had phenomenal effect on the people of Andhra Pradesh. The participants in the Centennial cycle rally were welcomed with warmth and affection everywhere.

I am thoroughly impressed by the fact that Red Cross is extending its services even to the remotest regions of Andhra Pradesh. It gives me

immense joy to inaugurate virtually “Dr. Biswabhusan Harichandan ji Thalassaemia Centre” at Paderu.

My hearty congratulations to Shri Sumit Kumar, Collector, Alluri Sitharama Raju District and Shri Gopalakrishna, Project Director of ITDA Paderu for their efforts and good work.

I am thoroughly pleased to inaugurate “Old age Home” at Kakinada on this auspicious day. I congratulate Smt. Krithika Shukla, Collector and Shri Y. D. Rama Rao, Red Cross Chairman of Kakinada District for their efforts and good initiative.

I congratulate all the volunteers, especially the Youth Red Cross and Junior Red Cross volunteers, for taking up various service activities including Tree Plantation and Blood Donation, which are close to my heart.

The culture of community service is spreading throughout the State with more and more students joining YRC and JRC. I wish this initiative takes the shape of a big humanitarian cultural movement all over the State.

I congratulate Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, Shri A.K. Parida, General Secretary & CEO and the Andhra Pradesh State Branch team for their dedication, hard work and committed services. I extend my heartiest greetings to all the recipients of Meritorious Service Awards today and request them to uphold and spread the exemplary humanitarian spirit of the Red Cross Society.

Once again, I extend my best wishes to you all on the occasion of “World Red Cross Day”

Jai Hind !