



Address of Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
& President of Indian Red Cross Society, AP State Branch
at the inauguration of Radio therapy Block-II at the Red Cross Cancer
Hospital, Nellore on May 24, 2022

Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, IRCS, Andhra Pradesh State Branch,
Sri K.V.N. Chakradhar Babu, District Collector & District President, IRCS,
Nellore,

Sri P. Chandrasekhar Reddy, District Chairman, IRCS, Nellore.

I extend my warm greetings to all the dignitaries present here today.

It gives me immense pleasure to participate in today's programme to inaugurate the newly constructed Radio therapy Block-II of the Indian Red Cross Society Cancer Hospital in Nellore.

I am happy to know that this building will be utilized to install the 'Linear Accelerator' machine and the CT scan machine, used for treatment and detection of cancer.

The Indian Red Cross Society Cancer Hospital, Nellore was started as a "Cancer Detection Centre " in a half acre site in July 2001, after recognizing the need for the cancer care center. Today, this Hospital is located on a 7-acre site with 128 beds facility, providing services in Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology (Radio therapy and Brachy therapy).

IRCS Nellore Cancer Hospital is the one and only Cancer Hospital maintained by the Red Cross Society in India and also among the entire International Red Cross member countries.

I am glad to know that the construction of the existing buildings and procurement of the specialized cancer treatment equipment, has been completed within a budget of Rs. 10 Crore, mobilized through donations.

I congratulate all the Donors for their generous contribution and I extend my heartfelt appreciation for their dedication to develop the Hospital.

I am also happy to learn that the Govt. of India has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3 crores to install a "Cobalt Unit" for Radiotherapy

Treatment, which was inaugurated by Former President of India, Bharat Ratna Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, in the year 2006.

The Indian Red Cross Society Cancer Hospital, Nellore, is spread in an area of 27,500 SQ FT. with a Community Medical Education Hall, Operation Theatres, I.C.U, Consultancy Rooms, Pathology Lab, X-Ray, mammogram, USG Scanning with 128 Beds facility.

I congratulate all the Doctors, Technical, Non-Technical staff of the IRCS Cancer Hospital, Nellore, for their devotion and dedication to help the needy people.

The most popular welfare programme of the Andhra Pradesh government, Dr. YSR Arogyasri, Arogya Raksha & EHS are being successfully implemented in this Hospital. Poor Cancer patients from SPSR Nellore District and the surrounding districts like Chittoor, Kadapa and Prakasam, have been utilizing the services in this hospital and about 150-200 patients are given consultation by various specialists, every day.

I am very proud to say that the existence of this Hospital in this area is a boon to the people and the Hospital has saved the lives of many poor cancer patients in general and "Young Mothers" in particular by providing best possible medical facilities and amenities to the poor cancer patients of Nellore District and parts of Chittoor, Kadapa and Prakasam Districts.

I am happy to learn that the IRCS Nellore is also maintaining 14 other projects apart from this prestigious Cancer Hospital.

The Junior and Youth Red Cross, with an enrolled membership of more than one lakh student volunteers in junior and youth Red Cross has been extending good services during Disaster Management and other Red Cross service-oriented activities.

I congratulate all the Donors & Red Cross Committee members for their dedicated services and efforts in developing the IRCS Cancer Hospital. I appeal to you all to carry forward the good work and the humanitarian activities by serving the society in the true spirit of the Red Cross movement.

Thank you all.

Jai Hind