



Raj Bhavan

Press Note :

Environment protection is responsibility of everyone

– AP Governor Harichandan

Vijayawada, January 01: Speaking on the occasion of a cultural programme 'An Evening with Governor' by members of Junior Red Cross, held on Wednesday at Raj Bhavan on the occasion of New Year, Governor of Andhra Pradesh and President of Indian Red Cross Society, AP Chapter, Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said it is the responsibility of everyone to protect the environment by planting as many trees as possible. Governor said the impact of climate change is already being felt across the country and it is high time that necessary remedial measures are taken without further delay. The Governor said keeping this in view, the AP Chapter of Indian Red Cross Society, has decided to focus on two important activities, one of which is large scale tree plantation, while mobilising voluntary blood donation is the other one.

Sri Harichandan said protection of the environment is the most pressing and immediate priority and tree plantation should be taken up in right earnest on a mission mode. The Governor said every School, every College and every institution should allocate space for tree plantation and every campus must be filled with greenery. The Governor further said that the volunteer force of

Junior Red Cross and Youth Red Cross is making a difference in this noble activity with their active participation. He further added that the next priority is Blood Donation and that not a single life should be lost in the state for want of blood. He said blood should be available to everyone who needs it and whenever it is needed. The Governor also said it is the collective responsibility of people to save lives by donating blood voluntarily as every single life is precious and must be saved.

Later, members of Junior Red Cross presented cultural programmes, dance drama performances on the theme of patriotism and national integration.

Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, AP Chapter of Indian Red Cross Society, Sri Arjuna Rao, Joint Secretary to Governor have also participated in the programme.