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Press Note:

AP Governor greets Red Cross fraternity on World Red Cross Day

Vijayawada, May 07: Governor of Andhra Pradesh and President of the AP State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society, Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, greeted the Red Cross Members, Volunteers and fraternity on the eve of World Red Cross Day on May 8. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is celebrated on this day, all over the world commemorating the birth anniversary of Jean Henry Dunant, founder of the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize. World Red Cross Day is an annual celebration of the principles of the International Red Cross Movement, which is the largest humanitarian organization in the world.

The Indian Red Cross Society celebrates the day with a humanitarian theme every year. The World Red Cross Day 2020 is special for India as it marks the Centenary Year of the Indian Red Cross Society, established in 1920.

However, keeping in view the prevailing unforeseen conditions of COVID-19 pandemic, the theme is marked as "KEEP CLAPPING FOR VOLUNTEERS", duly appreciating and thanking the services of lakhs of IRCS volunteers, who are working in the field as frontline warriors and fighting to prevent spread of the corona virus.

Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said that the IRCS Andhra Pradesh State Branch has been functioning as a vibrant organization and is in the forefront by delivering committed services to save the precious lives

of the people, whether it is the outbreak of corona virus or natural disasters. The Governor appreciated the role played by the volunteers by coordinating with the authorities in the rescue and relief operations of the people affected by the gas leakage incident occurred in Visakhapatnam recently.

The IRCS AP State Branch has established a Control Room with a 'Toll-Free Number 1800-425-1234' to not only serve people in need of help but also to enroll those who are willing to work as volunteers for the organisation.

The AP State Branch of IRCS has organized 21 community kitchens across the state and distributed over 6.2 lakh food packets, 215 tons of rice, vegetables and dry rations and 89,000 pairs of gloves and 2.6 Lakh face masks to the poor, destitute and vulnerable sections of society. Red Cross volunteers are helping authorities at Covid-19 Isolation Centers by delivering different services in association with various Government Departments and other NGOs.

On the occasion of the World Red Cross Day, Governor Sri Harichandan congratulated the Red Cross fraternity and conveyed his appreciation and sense of pride to each and every volunteer working in the field to save the people. The Governor appreciated the role of Dr A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, Shri A.K. Parida, General Secretary and CEO and all other functionaries of the AP State Branch of IRCS in furthering the cause of Red Cross Society movement in the state.