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Press Note:

AP Governor appeals youth to donate blood and save lives

Vijayawada, June 13: On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day on June 14, Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan appealed to the youth and students to come forward in large numbers to donate blood and save lives. The Governor said no life should be lost in the State for want of blood.

World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on June 14, every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner, an Austrian biologist, physician and immunologist, who distinguished the main blood groups in 1900. For this discovery, Karl Landsteiner received the Nobel Prize in Medicine, in the year 1930.

The World Blood Donor Day event, established in 2004, serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood. The theme of this year's World Blood Donor Day is "Safe Blood Saves Life".

The Governor said voluntary non-remunerated blood donation is critical for high-quality blood service and a system of regular and voluntary non-remunerated blood donation is critical for high-quality blood service delivery. Promoting equity, access, quality and safety of blood and blood components is indispensable to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, said the Governor.

Governor Sri Harichandan said blood collection during the current year is severely affected due to crippling effect of COVID-19 and the subsequent restrictions imposed on organising Blood Donation Camps during the four phases of the lockdown period from 25th April to 31st May. However, all the 18 Indian Red Cross Society Blood Banks in the State have reached out to the Blood Donors and collected about 6000 units during the lockdown period and made available to the thalassemia and sickle cell anemia patients, free of cost, as they need blood transfusion therapy on regular basis.

“I deeply appreciate and thank all those voluntary Blood Donors who have donated blood during the crisis created by COVID -19 pandemic, during the lockdown period and I appeal and urge upon all the students and youth in the State to come forward in large numbers and register themselves as Blood Donors and participate in the ‘Donate Blood - Save a Life’ Campaign”, said the Governor.

The AP State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society, has made arrangements to collect at least 10,000 units of blood in every Red Cross Blood Bank in the State.