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Press Note:

Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan hails Red Cross services during Covid-19 lockdown

Vijayawada, March 25: Andhra Pradesh Governor and President of Indian Red Cross Society, AP State Branch, Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan participated in the closing ceremony of the cycle rally organized by AP State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society, to mark the centenary year of Red Cross in the country, virtually from Raj Bhavan on Thursday.

Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan congratulated participants of the cycle rally who took part in the rally separately from Srikakulam and Anantapur and reached Vijayawada on Thursday and the success of the event was evident from the huge turnout of Junior and Youth Red Cross Volunteers in every district and throughout the cycle rally. Governor Sri Harichandan said that the Cycle Rally could successfully convey the objective to create awareness among the people on the three themes 'Blood Donation – Save life', 'Tree plantation – the planet', 'clean environment – for a healthy life'.

The Governor congratulated Dr. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman and Sri A.K. Parida, General Secretary & CEO of AP Chapter of IRCS and members of the State Management committee for demonstrating their leadership skills and Team work and making the event a grand success. He also appreciate the services of District Collectors & Presidents of IRCS District Branches, Police personnel and other chief functionaries at the district-level

who have participated in the event and extended their support and contributed for the success of the cycle rally.

Governor Sri Harichandan recalled the services rendered by the Red Cross volunteers during the Covid-19 crisis in an exemplary and commendable manner. He said the IRCS units responded to the crisis by offering their services by distribution of food, dry rations, vegetables, face masks, gloves, sanitizers etc. as well as dissemination of information, advocacy by supplementing the efforts of the Government in its activities to prevent spread of the virus. He said the IRCS volunteers helped the migrant workers by coordinating with the State government authorities for their transportation for arranging buses, trains to reach their native places.

Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman of AP State Branch of IRCS said 13 lakh Junior and Youth Red Cross Volunteers were enrolled during the previous year. Sri A.K. Parida, General Secretary & CEO, Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary to Governor and Vice President of IRCS AP State Branch, Sri A.Md.Imtiaz, Collector & District President, have also participated in the programme.