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Press Note:

Spread awareness on Covid-appropriate behavior: AP Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan tells Red Cross officials

Vijayawada, April 12: Addressing the Joint Collectors of all 13 districts, officials of Red Cross Society, AP State Branch and district branches through a webinar from Raj Bhavan on Monday, Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said there is an urgent need to spread awareness among people on the Covid-appropriate behavior like compulsory wearing of mask, maintain social distance, frequent hand wash etc.

Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan referred to the five-fold strategy laid down by Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi during his meeting with the Chief Ministers on April 8, on testing, tracing, treatment, Covid-appropriate behavior and vaccination and said that the Red Cross volunteers with the help of district administration carry this awareness campaign forward in letter and spirit.

Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan further said that in the context of the present challenging situation, the role of civil societies and Red Cross volunteers is very crucial to help contain the pandemic by publicizing on the health protocols to be followed by the people. He said an action plan should be prepared and vigorous campaign has to be carried out by enrolling services of Youth Red Cross volunteers to work along with officials of Health department, Health workers and the village/ward volunteers at cluster level.

Governor Sri Harichandan emphasised on the need to create awareness among people on not only wearing mask but wearing it properly, which is another aspect that the public need to be aware of.

The Governor said IEC material should be prepared and distributed among general public and school children highlighting the importance of Covid-appropriate behavior such as wearing mask, maintaining social distance and frequent hand wash. The Governor further said that proper Covid management and proactive testing are the key aspects to be implemented to curb the spread of the virus.

Joint Collectors of all 13 districts have participated in the webinar and explained to the Governor on the action plans prepared by them to launch awareness programmes with the help of Red Cross volunteers and other NGOs. Dr. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman of Red Cross AP State Branch, Sri A.K. Parida, CEO & General Secretary, members of State Management committee, Chairmen of district branches, have participated in the webinar. Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary to Governor and Vice President of Red Cross AP State Branch also attended the meeting.