

## **Press Release**

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### **Hon'ble Minister Smt Vidadala Rajani inaugurates SRM AP blood donation camp**

#### **Organised in association with Red Cross Society and STEP Swasakthi Guntur**

Around 140 students, faculty, non-teaching staff, and administrative members of SRM University-AP participated in the annual blood donation camp organised as a part of World Blood Donor Day. "You are really fortunate to be a part of this world-class university", said Chief Guest Ms Rajani Vidadala, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare-Government of Andhra Pradesh. She also acknowledged the CSR initiatives, and commitment toward social cause by SRM Medical College and Research, and the SRM group of institutions.

In his presidential address, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof D Narayana Rao talked about the virtue of regular, voluntary, and unpaid blood donations. He further highlighted SRM University-AP's achievements in building next-generation world-class scientists and innovators. He narrated the university's commitment to creating a conducive research ecosystem.

"This is the fourth time I am donating blood from SRM AP. I feel so proud and happy to be a part of this noble deed,"- says Ms Shalini Jayakumar, Assistant manager- Office of Examinations. She also encouraged women to come forward and donate blood without the fear of after-effects.

The blood donation camp was organised in association with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) and STEP Swasakthi Guntur. Addressing the gathering, Ramachandra Raju- Vice Chairman, IRCS Guntur, appreciated the non-teaching staff for being the leading light to students. Certificates were distributed to the benevolent blood donors of SRM University-AP. Prof D Narayana Rao felicitated the Hon'ble Minister with a memento for her prolific contributions to society.

Dr R Premkumar-Registrar, Ms Suma N- Chief Finance and Accounts Officer (CFAO), Ms Revathi Balakrishnan- Student Affairs Assistant Director, Deans and Associate Deans of various schools, and Directors and Associate Directors of different departments were present at the meeting held at the university auditorium.

World Blood Donor Day is observed on June 14 every year around the world to promote awareness about the need for safe transfusion and honour blood donors for their selfless act of saving lives. This year WHO observes the day on the theme "Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives".