Scores volunteer for MWS blood camp

ITANAGAR, May 07: First lady Anupama Singh and Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women chairperson Komoli Mossang were among the fifty five volunteers to donate blood during the blood donation camp organized by Muskan Welfare Society (MWS) at Raj Bhavan complex today on the eve of World Red Cross Day.

Governor JJ Singh, who also participated in the camp, saluted the enthusiastic participation of others and urged people to pledge not to allow even a single individual in the state to lose his or her life for want of blood.

“`To a donor, it is a ten-minute exercise but for a recipient, it is life,”’ he remarked.

The camp, organized in collaboration with the Arunachal State Hospital (ASH), the APSACS and the RK Mission Hospital, was conducted by a team of doctors led by ASH CMO Dr Moji Jini.

The volunteers represented a range of organizations such as the MWS, the NSS, the NCC, the ITBP, the BRO, NERHM&H, etc, besides youths from Doinmukh, Poma and Nahurlagun and others.

Anupama Singh, who is also the MWS president, said the camp was an effort to instill individual responsibility towards other members of the society. “Through the voluntary camp, we want to create awareness among on the importance of blood donation,” she said.

Dr Jini highlighted the importance of blood donation through a PowerPoint presentation and clarified myths and misconceptions. “Our blood gets replaced every four to six months, whether we donate or not,” he said.

“As it is not possible to produce blood artificially, we depend on our benevolent donors,” MWS member special secretary Swati Sharma, who coordinated the event, informed that MWS will organize more such blood donation camps in the future.

RKMH secretary Swami Vishweshwarananda in his speech appealed for more blood donors. (PRO to Governor)