



## रवास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्री भारत सरकार

Minister of Health & Family Welfare Government of India



## MESSAGE

Indian Red Cross Society, constituted by an Act of Parliament in the year 1920 has completed 96 years of service to humanity in India. I am happy to say that the organisation has increased its capacity to deal with disasters, respond to health emergencies and participate in social welfare programmes. We have warehouses, health centres, branches, volunteers and members all over the country that are managed by its more than 700 branches having their presence up to the sub districts.

Our response to major disasters has become more professional. Along with necessary hardware, today our teams of volunteers who offer their services as Disaster Response and Water Sanitation Response Team members as well as First Medical Responders is stronger than ever before. The impeccable credibility earned by the organization has resulted in new partnership with donors as well as academia.

What we do for ourselves dies with us but what we do for others is immortal. Henry Dunant's idea of voluntary, impartial and humanitarian service to victims of war has been immortalized in the formation of the Red Cross movement. It is the selfless service of the Red Cross volunteers that we celebrate when we observe his birthday every 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

Let's pledge that we shall do at least one selfless act for the vulnerable and weak every day and also contribute to make our motherland and mother earth become a better and safer place to live, by making small contributions to preserve our climate and environment as well as teach ourselves how to remain vigilant and be prepared for the disasters that we and our communities may face.

I convey my heartfelt thanks to the Red Cross staff, members and volunteers for their courage and humanism and wish all a wonderful year ahead.

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