

Membership, Volunteer Registry, Pledges, Health Camps.... Mark Red Cross Day across India



The State/ UT, district, sub-district branches, Red Cross health & MCW centres, warehouses, cyclone centres....and scores of schools & colleges across the country celebrated this year's World Red Cross Day. The



celebrations were led by the National Headquarters, as decided by its Managing Body, at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The Managing Body member from Jaipur (Presidential nominee Dr S S Agarwal) and Vice Chairman of the Managing Body Shri Avinash Rai Khanna led from the front

to make it a grand event. As a result, the World Red Cross Day, 2017 was celebrated with great gaiety, fun & fare at Birla auditorium Jaipur Rajasthan on 8 May. Shri Kalyan Singh, President of the IRCS Rajasthan State Branch and Governor of Rajasthan was the chief guest. He contributed the subscription amount to the State Branch to become a life member of the Society and also made a fervent appeal to all to become a member of the society so that Red Cross not only continues its activities but is also able to expand them further in the country. He also said, "Service to needy is a national service and all should partner with Red Cross to achieve it." Many people, then and there queued up to obtain Red Cross membership.

Shri J P Nadda, Chairman and Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, in his presidential address congratulated Vice Chairman Shri Khanna and Dr Veer Bhushan, Joint Secretary, IRCS, Nhq for holding the World Red Cross function of the National Headquarters for the first time outside the national capital Delhi. In his tribute to the founder of the Red Cross, Henry Dunant, whose birthday is celebrated today, Mr Nadda said, "A person with commitment and vision can create a worldwide movement. And, Mr. Dunant was such a visionary." He also lauded the Indian Red Cross for its role in providing safe blood by promoting voluntary blood donation. He added that the thalassaemics, who need regular blood transfusion, are a big beneficiary of this organization. He praised organizations like the Red Cross for supplementing the efforts of the Government of India for checking of viruses, like Ebola, which badly affect large communities in several countries. He said, "In India there are two crore child births every year so the challenges here are enormous. The annual child birth alone is more than the population of several countries put together. But, we have been able to protect our population from globally active viruses and provide health cover to people because of the support received from organizations like Red Cross." He also talked about the importance of organ donation as in India lakhs of people need it and there are lesser number of people donating their organs. He exhorted people to pledge their organs by filling in the form circulated there and save the life of millions of needy in the country.

The Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Rajasthan Shri Kali Charan Saraf, in his address promised to launch a massive 3 month membership campaign in the state. He also said that from present 23, he shall extend the number of active district branches to all 33 districts in the state.

Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, Vice Chairman of the IRCS Nhq, who has been providing astute leadership to the organization, in his address talked about the importance of first-aid in our daily lives. Sharing experiences from his own life he said, "In every household we should have a first aider. It is a priority and we are committed to make it a success."

Dr Veer Bhushan, Joint Secretary, IRCS introduced the theme in his welcome address and provided information about the ongoing activities. Mr Adebayo Olwe Ake, ICRC, Me Bhavesh Saudagar from the IFRC and Dr S S Agarwal, Member Managing Body, IRCs Nhq also shared their thoughts

on the occasion. Mr B L Kothari, Administrator IRCS Rajasthan State Branch, proposed vote of thanks.

A special cover was released through the Rajasthan postal department in which the theme and mission of the Red Cross have been printed.



The IRCS, Nhq also launched its on line Central Volunteer Registry on the occasion. Now schools, colleges and individuals would be able to register/enroll as Red Cross volunteers.



The Chairman also inaugurated a Philately and Photo exhibition that was set up at the venue of the function. Rare collection of postage stamps relating to Red Cross from around the world was displayed by the philatelists.



On World Red Cross Day online essay and photography competitions were also held. The best three adjudged essays were from Chaitali Shah, Malika Jaidka and Prawigya Pariyar. The winner of the Photography Competition was Mr Gagan Gunwant. Ms Malika and Mr Gagan, who were present, received prizes in the function. The Rajsamand district branch was felicitated for highest blood collection during the last year and Mr Shiv Garg from Bhatinda, Punjab, was felicitated for exhibiting his collection of postal stamps on Red Cross. A Red Cross publication highlighting its achievements and activities during last one year was also released.





The Director of NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplantation Organisation) administered pledge for organ and tissue donation.

Shri Avinash Rai

Khanna, Vice Chairman, initiated constitution of Junior and Youth Red Cross in 4 schools and colleges on the eve of the occasion. The students took the Red Cross and other pledges as well to promote global peace, friendship, health and hygiene. The newly enrolled members also participated as volunteers in the Red Cross day celebrations.



REPORTS FROM STATE BRANCHES (Summarised)

Andhra Pradesh

ANANTAPURAMU DISTRICT

A Blood Donation Campaign was organised at Municipal Complex, Anantapuramu 19 units of Blood was collected.

CHITTOOR DISTRICT

Blood grouping and H.B tests conducted for 120 Orphans in Tirupati, by Tirupati Sub-Branch.



KURNOOL DISTRICT



Distributed (8) Sewing missions to Widows, conducted a Blood Donation Camp and collected 28 Blood Units.

Y.S.R.KADAPA DISTRICT

Blood donation camp conducted and 10 Units of Blood collected. A Medical camp was also conducted in which 300 patients benefited.



SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

Thalassemia Blood Transfusion Cell was opened. In a Blood Donation Camp 20 units of blood was collected and in a Medical camp for 272 patients were treated. 500 caps were also distributed.



VISKAHAPATNAM DISTRICT

A medical camp was organised and 210 benefited. BP and Sugar Tests for 78 people. A Blood Donation Camp in which 20 units of blood was collected. Tree plantation programme was organised and 20 plants are planted.



VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT



A medical camp was conducted and 98 benefited. A Blood Donation Camp was organised and 18 units of blood collected.

WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT

Fruits and Biscuits were distributed

to the HIV/AIDS Patients and T.B Patients at Government General Hospital, 42 Leprosy patients at Leprosy home, and 35 HIV patients at Ravi Teja HIV Home.

Blood grouping tests were conducted for 100 students at Govt. ITI College, Blood Donation camp was organised and 10 units of blood was collected.



KRISHNA DISTRICT

A Mega medical camp was conducted and 400 patients were treated for ENT, Dental, Eye check up, Gynaecology, Physiotherapy, BMI Tests, Nutrition check-ups, Blood Sugar



Tests, B.P. and Blood Grouping tests.

Certificates were distributed to the winners of Essay writing and Photography competitions for School students.

GUNTUR DISTRICT

Brochures were distributed on Red Cross Emblem Awareness and Summer precautions. Blood Donation Camp was organised and 10 units of Blood was collected.



PRAKASAM DISTRICT

Organised Eye check-up camp benefitting 62 people.

SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT

The following medical camps were organised:-

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| i) Dental Camp | - 53 beneficiaries |
| ii) Eye check up | - 200 beneficiaries |
| iii) Cataract operations | - 30 beneficiaries |
| iv) Free supply of spectacles | - 30 beneficiaries |
| v) BMI tests | - 350 beneficiaries in 3 camps |

ASSAM

Flag hoisting, seminar, spreading the theme was all pervasive in Guwahati, Assam. In health camp 188 patients were treated and 20 units of blood was also collected. Sixty volunteers actively participated in organizing the activities.

BIHAR



The state branch conducted health camp in which 121 artificial limbs were distributed and conducted a blood donation camp in which 60 units of blood was collected. It also held a

rally. They also disseminated the theme through meetings and media. District branches namely Chhapra, Lakhisarai, Bhagalpur, Katihar, Saharsa, Khagaria, Gopalganj, Gaya, West Champaran and Darbhanga have reported health camps, blood camps, seminars, rallies, dissemination of theme etc. In Katihar, Bhagalpur and Chhapra districts each 15 health camps and in West Chmparan 6 were held at block level. Over 11000 people were treated in the health camps in the state.



GOA

The state branch organised a number of activities. The Ponda branch held a Traffic Safety Programme in which traffic rules and advisories were disseminated in public. The state branch conducted a All Goa Poster Design contest on the Red Cross theme for the children. On the same day Goa's Bardez Branch Office cum Clinic was inaugurated by the State Governor and President of the state branch Dr Mrs Mridula Sinha.

GUJRAT



No of camps; 14, no of beneficiaries 2245, which included medical checkup, blood group, blood sugar, haemoglobin and thalassaemia detection.

HARYANA

Every year on the World Red Cross Day the state branch hosts a state level function. This year it was held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. The programme was inaugurated by the Governor of the State and President of the State Red Cross Shri Prof Kaptan Singh Solanki. An awareness rally on the theme was held with JRC students in which 1500 children participated. A blood donation



camp was also held in which 44 units of blood was collected. All the district branches participated in an exhibition in which Faridabad and Jhajjar won first and second prizes respectively.

On this occasion Haryana State Branch also launched its website and two publications highlighting the activities of Red Cross and St John in the state were released. The Secretary of the State Branch, Shri D R Sharma, also informed about the introduction of Management Information System (MIS) by the state Red Cross for better supervision, reporting and enhanced performance by the district branches and project staff. Over 2000 people from all parts of the state participated in the activities.



JAMMU & KASHMIR



In Srinagar the state branch organized essay & painting competitions and also held a blood donation camp.

At Jammu the Divisional branch organized a seminar, Jal dhan oath by school children, medical camps for orthopedics, eyes, diabetes and neurology were held in which 525 patients were treated.

In Udhampur and Poonchh districts function and rally were organized with students, at Ramban a Red Cross mela was held and Red Cross Express was launched, Doda hosted a seminar and Reasi launched fund raising campaign.

JHARKHAND

Several district branches in the state of Jharkhand organized rallies, seminars health camps and theme for the day was disseminated.





Youth, members and volunteers actively participated in the activities.

Jamshedpur had the spot of action that was centre of attraction for the state. The district branch held a massive voluntary blood donation camp in which previous records were broken. In a single day 1060 units of blood was collected.



KERALA

Ernakulam and Kasragod district branches held flag hoisting, seminar, felicitations to their achievers and volunteers and health camp.

Wayanad District :-Two villages were adopted to train 380 Families and 150

tribal's in First aid and self rescue techniques.

Kollam District :- Distributed meals to all patients and companions of the District Government Ayurvedic Hospital Kollam.

Kasaragod District:- Conducted Awareness class on 'Organ and Tissue Donation'.

Kottayam District:- Celebrated World Red Cross Day by felicitating Junior Red Cross Cadets, who secured full A+ in 10th examinations

Palakkad District:- Conducted awareness class on 'Expunging Cancer'.

Malappuram District:- Conducted awareness rally about “Red Cross” by Junior Red Cross Cadets .

Kozhikode District:- Conducted Awareness class on “Lifestyle diseases”.

Thrissur District:- Celebrated World Red Cross Day by felicitating Junior Red Cross Cadets, who secured full A+ in 10th exam.

Pathanamthitta District:- Celebrated World Red Cross Day by conducted one day class on “Home Nursing”.

MADHYA PRADESH

In the state a variety of health camps were organized and over 1500 people were treated. They were also given medicines for their ailments.



In Gwalior a function was held on the occasion in which over 200 people participated. It was informed that the target of collection of 6000 units of blood in a year was achieved, 250 attendants of patients in the city hospitals were provided food twice daily, 500 students were given free coaching for entrance examinations such as PCS, civil services, PET, PMT, 210 people were trained in first aid and the branch spent Rs 18.00 lacs on the treatment of poor patients. Those contributing in the programmes were felicitated.

NAGALAND

Nagaland state branch held a function in which the State Governor and President IRCS State Branch also participated.



PUNJAB

On the eve of World Red Cross Day Punjab Governor and Administrator UT Chandigarh, Sh. V.P.Singh Badnore released the Red Cross Flag at Punjab Raj Bhavan.

Punjab State Branch organized its state level function in collaboration with

District Branch, Hoshiarpur on 9th May, 2017 at DAV College of Education, Hoshiarpur. Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, Vice-Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters, New Delhi was the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, he appealed the audience to get First Aid Training and become life member, Patron of Indian Red Cross Society in order to strengthen Red Cross activities in the State.



The state level function was held at Hoshiarpur. Dissemination of the theme, jal dhan & vandhan oath by students, inauguration of the revamped District Red Cross building etc were carried out.

Reports from the districts

1. AMRITSAR

A brief lecture on fundamental principles of Red Cross was given by Shri Avinash Mahindru, Chairman, Bhawan's S.L. Public School, Amritsar. Mrs. Anita Bhalla, Principle of the School welcomes all the participants. Tricycles and wheel chairs were distributed to the handicapped persons by the District Red Cross Branch.



2. BATHINDA

The District Branch celebrated the Day at MGD School for Deaf and Dumb Children, Bathinda. Shri Deepirva Lakra, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President, District Red Cross was the Chief Guest. Shri Shena Aggarwal, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner were Guest of Honour. Brief report of activities was presented by Col. Virender Kumar, Secretary, Distt. Red Cross Branch. The students of Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Bathinda and Govt. High School, Bhagu & Mallwala took oath on "Jal Dhan & Van Dhan". An Awareness Camp about Dengu & Chickengunia was also organized. A blood donation was also organised at Red Cross Bhawan in which 30 units of blood were collected. Flex banners on the theme were also displayed at various place.

3. BARNALA

Shri Ghanshayam Thori, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President, Distt. Red Cross Branch, Barnala was the Chief Guest. Blood Donation camp was organised in Village Jangiana and 34 units of blood were collected. Medical check-up and Eye Check up camps were organized and 155 persons were examined and medicines were distributed free of cost. Students from Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Jangiana took oath on “Jal Dhan & Van Dhan”.



& President, Distt. Red Cross Branch, Barnala was the Chief Guest of the function. Extempore Speech Competition were held in order to aware the general public about social evils. Medical camps were organized at district and block level. Flex banners on the theme and occasion were displayed at various places. School students took oath of “Jal Dhan & Van Dan”.



5. FAZILKA

The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka was the Chief Guest of the function.



Medical check- up camps were organized in the slum areas. The students of various schools took oath of “Jal Dhan & Van Dhan”. The eminent social workers, life members, donors were felicitated.

6. FATEHGARH SAHIB

Shri Upkar Singh, PCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib was the Chief Guest. A medical checkup camp was organized at Village Tarkhan Majra. The students of various schools took oath of “Jal Dhan & Van Dhan” and 8 tricycles and 5 wheel chairs were distributed to the physically handicapped persons during the function.



7. FARIDKOT

Shri Rajiv Prashar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President, Distt. Red Cross Branch, Faridkot was the Chief Guest. A dental check up camp was organized. College students took oath of “Jal Dhan & Van Dhan”. 25 sewing machines were provided to the trainee girls (undergoing training at the centre run by the branch and 5 widows to make them economically independent. 20 kits amounting to Rs.50,000/- were distributed to the girls who are getting beauty parlour training. Eminent social workers, life members, donors were felicitated.



8. GURDASPUR

Shri Amit Kumar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President, Distt. Red Cross Branch, Gurdaspur was the Chief Guest. A blood donation camp was organized on the occasion and 30 students getting First Aid Training donated their blood. A medical check up camp was organized at Primary Health Centre, Village Bham, Distt. Gurdaspur.



9. MOHALI

Shri Charandev Singh Mann, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohali was the Chief Guest. Flex banners depicting quotations on the theme of this year's World Red Cross Day were displayed. Extempore Speech, Essay Writing and Painting Competitions were organized at Paragon Sr. Sec. School, Mohali which were based on female foeticide, drugs and other social evils. The blood donors, social workers and Red Cross volunteers were felicitated.

10. JALANDHAR

Shri Varinder Kumar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President, Distt. Red Cross Branch, Jalandhar was the Chief Guest. A blood donation camp was organized on the occasion in collaboration with Blood Donors Association and 50 units of blood were collected. 4 tricycles, 3 sewing machines and 3 wheel chairs were distributed to the needy. Cultural programme was presented by the students of deaf and dumb school being run by Distt. Red Cross Branch. The students from the local schools took oath of "Jal Dhan & Van Dhan".

11. KAPURTHALA

The District Red Cross Branch, Kapurthala celebrated World Red Cross Day on 8th May, 2017 at Red Cross Bhawan. Mohammad Tayyab, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President, Distt. Red Cross Branch was the Chief Guest. Voluntary Blood Donation Camp with the help of Koshish Blood donation Society, Nehru Yuva Kendra and Distt. Sanjh Kendra was organized in which 35 volunteers donated blood.



12. MOGA

The District Red Cross Branch Moga celebrated World Red Cross Day by organising awareness campaigns on drugs in the rural areas. With district health authorities, medical check camps were organized. Oaths on “Jal Dhan” & “Van Dhan” were taken by the school students.



13. LUDHIANA

The District Red Cross Branch, Ludhiana organized blood donation camps from 28th to 29th April, 2017 and 8th to 9th May, 2017 at Million Exporters Private Limited, Ludhiana which was inaugurated by Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, Vice-Chairman, IRCS, New Delhi. Teams from Civil Hospital & CMC Hospital, Ludhiana collected 200 units of blood. Medical checkup camp was also organized at Red Cross Old Age Home, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana. The inmates of the Home & other old aged persons were examined by a team of doctors. Painting competitions were also organized in schools in association with Education Department. The district branch also started “Sadi Rasaoi” project for providing meals to the needy at very subsidized rates. Shri Pardeep Aggarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President, Distt. Red Cross Branch, Ludhiana was the Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony.

14. MANSA

Oaths was taken by the students of Govt. Sr.



Sec. School, Fafre Bhai. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana was the Chief Guest. Blood Donation Camp was also organized in which 48 units of blood were collected. 60 persons were imparted First Aid Training during the event.

15. MUKTSAR SAHIB

Shri Kulwant Singh, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Muktsar Sahib was the Chief Guest. About 400 students took part in the celebrations. Blood donation camp was held in which 16 persons donated blood. Dental check up camp was also organized. The programme was also attended by 250 girl students from Govt. Girls Sr. Sec.



School, Muktsar Sahib. Oaths were taken by the students on the occasion. Sewing machines to the widows and tricycles to the disabled persons were also given. The social workers, Red Cross Volunteers, blood donors and representative of the various NGOs were felicitated.

16. PATIALA

Shri Sandeep Rishi, PCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Patiala was the Chief Guest. After flag hoisting, demo on First Aid was given by the school students. Awareness programmes on environment protection and social evils were organized. Medical check- up camp was organized in collaboration with Civil Hospital in which 200 patients were examined. Free blood group investigation was also conducted. Dedicated social workers, volunteers and NGOs were

felicitated. Prosthetic aids were also provided to some physically handicapped persons.



17. PATHANKOT

World Red Cross Day was celebrated at Red Cross School for the blinds, Model Town, Pathankot. The Deputy Commissioner & President of Distt. Red Cross Branch, Pathankot was the Chief Guest. The Oaths on “Jal Dhan” & “Van Dhan” were taken by all the school students of the District. Swatch Bharat Abhian was organized and sewadars from Nirankari Mission took active part in the campaign. Medical checkup camp was also organized on the occasion.

18. SBS NAGAR



Oaths on “Jal Dhan” & “Van Dhan” were taken by all the school students of the district. Blood Donation Camp was also organized in which 17 blood units were collected. Flex banners depicting quotations on the theme of this year’s World Red Cross Day were displayed



19. ROPAR

Mrs. Gurneet Tej, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & President of Distt. Red Cross Branch was the Chief Guest. Blood Donation camp was organized at Village Saloura in which 68 youth volunteers donated blood. Medical Check camp was organized at Tibbi Basti (slum area) Village Nanakpura in collaboration with Health Department. Free medicines were distributed to the needy. An Awareness Camp was organized on the occasion to aware the general public about female foeticide, HIV/AIDS, to save water, health and sanitation etc. Programme on Importance of First Aid was also organized.



20. TARANTARAN

The Deputy Commissioner & President of Distt. Red Cross Branch, Tarn Taran was the Chief Guest. Lecture on drugs and importance of first aid were delivered. A Cheque of Rs. One lac was given to the family of Martyr Paramjit Singh of Tarn Taran District by the Deputy Commissioner & President of District Red Cross Branch. Social workers, Red Cross Volunteers and representative of the various NGOs were awarded.

21. SANGRUR

Smt. Rana Virk, Chairperson was the Chief Guest. Blood Donation Camp was organized and 50 units of blood were collected. Oaths on “Jal Dhan” and “Van Dhan” were taken by the school students of various local schools.



RAJASTHAN

The national level World Red Cross Day function was held at Jaipur in which President of the State Red Cross and Governor of Rajasthan was the chief guest. Chairman of the national managing body and Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India Shri J P Nadda presided over the function. In the city of Jaipur Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, Vice Chairman visited two schools in which over 300 students took jal dhan oath and they also learnt about the Red Cross movement by Dr Veer Bhushan, Joint Secretary.

TAMILNADU



Thanjavur district branch organized a seminar on the theme that was inaugurated by the deputy commissioner. A big health camp was also held in which patients were treated for various ailments and medicines were provided.

In **Cuddalore** “World Red Cross Day” was celebrated on 08.05.2017 at IRCS Cuddalore under the leadership of



Thiru D. Mahaveer Chordia, Treasurer, IRCS Cuddalore District Branch. Appreciation Awards were given to Thiru G. Govindaraj, Thiru V.A.Vimalraj, Thiru S. Pushbaraj, Thiru G. Senthilkumar and Thiru P. Kalyankumar for their yeoman contribution towards Red Cross Movement. Thiru G. Govindaraj and Thiru V.A. Vimalraj delivered Red Cross Day address.

Dindigul



World Red Cross Day was celebrated at District Headquarters Hospital, Dindigul. Thiru T.G Vinay IAS,



District Collector presided and unveiled Jean Henry Dunant photo. As part of the events, Blood Donation Camp was conducted and biscuits were distributed.

Krishnagiri

“World Red Cross Day” was celebrated at IRCS Krishnagiri Office. Thiru M. Govindarajan, Vice Chairman, IRCS Krishnagiri District Branch presided in the presence of Thiru Shanmugam, Secretary, IRCS Krishnagiri District Branch. IRCS



Members and general public attended. Sweets were distributed.

Nagapattinam

Thiru P.U. Shanmugam,
Chairman, IRCS Nagapattinam
District Branch presided
and garlanded the photograph
of Jean Henry Dunant and
offered floral tribute. Thiru K.



Elakkuvan, Secretary, IRCS Nagapattinam District Branch delivered Special address about the theme for this year-“Less Known Red Cross Stories”. IRCS members and volunteers attended the function.

Trichy

World Red Cross Day was
celebrated at Indira College of
Education, Trichy. Thiru G.
Rajasekaran, Chairman, IRCS
Trichy District Branch presided
and delivered Special address.
IRCS Members, YRC Volunteers



and Students attended. Thiru G. Gunasekaran, Manager, IRCS Trichy District Branch proposed Vote of Thanks.

Tiruppur

“World Red Cross Day” was celebrated at Aranmanipudhur Middle School, Tiruppur. Tiruppur District Branch Office Bearers Thiru M. Shanmuga Vadivel, Chairman, Thiru R. Damodharan, Secretary garlanded the photograph of Jean Henry Dunant, offered floral tribute and sweets were distributed to general public. IRCS Members and general public attended.



Vellore

Free Medical Camp was conducted in association with Sri Narayani Hospital & Research Centre and CMC Eye Hospitals on the eve of “World Red Cross Day” on



06.05.2017. Dr. N. Balaji, Director Narayani Hospitals & Research Centre inaugurated the camp in the presence of IRCS Vellore District Branch Office Bearers Medical Officers from CMC Eye Hospitals and Sanjivini Hospitals conducted the camp.

“World Red Cross Day” was celebrated on 08.05.2017 at IRCS Vellore District Branch office. Dr.C. Indernath, Secretary, IRCS Vellore District Branch welcomed the gathering. Thiru D. Thilagarajan, Zonal Manager, Canara Bank inaugurated the function and distributed sewing machines, sarees and dress materials to the downtrodden. 106 persons benefitted. IRCS Vellore District Branch Members, Patrons and general public attended. Thiru K. Pandian, Treasurer, IRCS Vellore District Branch proposed Vote of Thanks.



SUB BRANCHES

Chidambaram Sub Branch

“World Red Cross Day” was celebrated at G.V. School for Special Need Children. IRCS Chidambaram Sub Branch Office Bearers Thiru Meenambika Sethumadhavan, Chairman, Thiru Sakthi Natarajan, Vice Chairman and Thiru K.G.



Natarajan distributed the chairs to G.V. School for the benefit of the Children. IRCS Members and School Officials attended.

Perambur Sub Branch

Free Health Camp was organized on 05.05.2017 to mark “World Red Cross Day” at an Old age Home. 100 inmates were examined and medicines were distributed free of cost.



Free Eye Checkup Camp was also conducted on 08.05.2017. Thiru R. John Joseph, Asst. Commissioner of Police was the Chief Guest. 150 persons were screened out of whom 38 were referred for cataract surgery. 56



spectacles were distributed free of cost. As part of the celebrations, best service awards were distributed and various welfare amenities distributed to general public. IRCS Members, Police Officials, KRM School Officials and general public attended.



Thiruvidadaimaruthur Sub Branch

General Awareness Programme was organized under the leadership of Thiru V.M. Bhaskaran, Chairman, IRCS Thiruvidadaimaruthur Sub Branch. General public and IRCS Members attended.



Virudhachalam Sub Branch

On 08.05.2017, Free Eye Check up camp was conducted in coordination with Arvind Eye Hospital on the eve of "World Red Cross Day". Adv. R.S. Manikhandarajan, Secretary, IRCS Virudhachalam Sub Branch inaugurated the camp in the presence of IRCS Members. Food packets were distributed to the general public. 300 persons benefitted.



FUNCTION AT STATE BRANCH

Thiru K. Shankar IPS, Addl. Commissioner of Police South, Chennai inaugurated the function. Dr.D. Vadivel Mugundhan, Vice President, IRCS TNB hoisted Red Cross Flag. The statue of Jean Henry Dunant was garlanded. The State Branch organized free



Medical Camp consisting of General Medicine, Orthopaedics, Gynaecology & Obstetrics, Physiotherapy, Ophthalmology, Diabetology, Neurology, where in medicines and pathological services, X-Ray, ECG & Ultra Sound facilities were provided free of cost to all 700 beneficiaries. “Blood Donation Camp” and “Distribution of Appreciation Awards /Certificates” to Medical Officers, Red Cross Volunteers, Principals of various Colleges / Higher Officials from Educational Department for their humanitarian services towards Red Cross Movement was also done. Dr. Harish L Metha, Chairman, IRCS TNB inaugurated the Blood Donation Camp.



Dr.D. Vadivel Mugunthan, Vice President, IRCS TNB distributed Appreciation Awards & Certificates. 700 people participated.



TRIPURA

Red Cross Day was observed by organizing a seminar on the theme that was inaugurated by Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble

Governor of Tripura (President, Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch). Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Life Members and Life Associate Members were also present in this programme.



A Blood Donation camp was held in which 28 units of blood was collected. . The branch also held a workshop on “Healthy Ageing” on that day in which 20 participants of various age groups participated.

UTTARAKHAND

A medical camp was held by the Dehradun district branch in which 215 patients were treated. Children were felicitated for their winning entrees in the competition and a seminar on the theme was organized.

