

From the Desk
of
**The Secretary
General**

We have started a very useful, relevant and noble course, HOME HEALTH CARE AID on 15 April. Having trained, compassionate and committed people to take care of the aged, infirm and ailing is the cry of the 21 century, especially if it is needed in our home environs. Need of such support is growing steadily, more so in the urban India. This course has been started with the support of Ministry of Skill Development.

Meeting with kind & committed people can be a moving experience. On 30 April IRCS Nhq hosted a bevy of people who are inspirational. Whoever and whatever they are, they have been doing things differently. Some of them started their campaign alone but their selfless nature and benevolence attracted a number of people. Now there is a dedicated team working on their mission.

Such assemblies may leave us overwhelmed. But before the impact is lost, I propose to take, some of it, forward.



IRCS Secretary General, Sri R.K. Jain along with Secretary, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment chairing brainstorming discussion—30 April, 2019 at IRCS, NHQ

Brainstorming Discussion for improvement of IRCS functioning

IRCS National Headquarters hosted a half day consultative brainstorming discussion for improvement of IRCS functioning on 30 April, 2019, under the chairmanship of Sh. R. K. Jain, IAS (retd), Secretary General, IRCS. 20 eminent people from various streams shared their views on way forward for IRCS.



Sh. R.K Jain introduced Red Cross to the participants in the meeting and informed them about the initiatives taken by him.

The participants were a mix of senior serving and retired bureaucrats, CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, NDMA, representatives from select NGOs and Red Cross veterans. The think tank proposed various areas in which IRCS should strengthen its programs such as:

- 1) Use of new technology i.e. App based blood services, disaster response & home care services.

- 2) Leveraging the Red Cross brand.
- 3) Connecting with NGOs, corporate, and institutes at all levels.
- 4) Invest in Youth, invest in a generation.
- 5) First aider in every village, rudimentary to contemporary aid, state of are training methodology.
- 6) Adopt employee-volunteer scheme.
- 7) Open IRCS warehousing for other actors of disaster response as well.
- 8) Trigger mechanism for fast response.
- 9) Emphasis on CPR, road accident care & Basic Life Support (BLS)
- 10) Care for elderly and disabled, adopt Japan's time bank method of door step services.

Their inputs and suggestions have been noted and shall be considered in due course.

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Discussion: Improvement of IRCS functioning

IRCS NHQ Blood Bank

Home Health Aide Course

Branch Activities

Interesting info

Contributions of Red Cross trained volunteers

Events, Trainings & Courses

(Upcoming Event) World Red Cross Day, 2019:

Theme for 8 May: *WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT RED CROSS*

Read Secretary General's message at

<http://www.indianredcross.org/ircs/messages/worldredcrossday2019>

Classes for Home Health Aid Course are underway at Indian Red Cross Society (NHQ). The course has started on April 15, 2019

To address the growing need for Health Care Attendants in the society for serving the elderly, disabled and critically ill persons at home, Indian Red Cross Society has started its first batch of Home Health Aide Course in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Sir Ganga Ram and Safdarjung Hospitals. This shall be a 4 month full time course. The course aims to impart skills to young men and women to render Home Health Care to the needy and to empower youth with skill sets that will make them self reliant and employable.



IRCS– NHQ Blood Bank

IRCS NHQ Blood Bank



Month of April 2019

Donors - 2403

Voluntary Donors in camps— 2184

Voluntary Donors in house— 173

Replacement Donors in house— 46

Percentage of voluntary donors—98.08%



26th batch of 50 hour certificate course on Health Promotion through Ayurveda and Yoga held at Indian Red Cross Society with the support of Ministry of AYUSH, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) culminated on 23 April, 2019. Course was inaugurated on 17.01.2019 with a batch strength of 50 participants.

Mega Blood Donation Camp- 24 April, 2019

IRCS(NHQ), Blood Bank led from the front to participate in a Mega Blood Donation Camp on 24th April, 2019 to celebrate 'Manav Ekta Diwas' at Sant Nirankari Mandal, Burai, where 1321 units of blood was collected from devotees of Sant Nirankari Mandal.

A blood donation camp was conducted under the leadership of IRCS(NHQ), Blood Bank and supported by different Govt. hospitals of Delhi including AIIMS, AIIMS (CNC), Safdarjung hospital, DDU hospital, RML hospital, SSK hospital, Ambedkar hospital, Kasturba hospital, Sushrut Trauma Centre etc.

Different hospitals contributed by providing manpower including doctors, technicians, staff nurse, counsellor, social worker, attendants. Some Thalassaemia parents also volunteered in the camp.



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Lightning Resilient India– Group Chat

The group aims to undertake active campaign against lightning by taking IMD's early warning to community, operationalizing NDMA's lightning action plan, undertaking capacity building through education & training, ensure lightning arresters over schools, hospitals, promote automatic weather stations and undertake research and development in the subject. Overall resolute is to get lightning status of national disaster and reduce deaths by 80% in 03 years specially of farmers, children and physically challenged

Please join in this unique campaign against lightning on extreme climate Change Adaptation and save life.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L0U3xGAJgoXIRW9mQW7kMg>

Red Cross Livelihood Programme, Odisha



Harvesting of Maize at Walmpalli Village of Malkanagiri District, Odisha.



Harvesting of Potato

Community Meeting at Daringbadi Block of Kandhamal district, Odisha regarding selection of new beneficiaries

Celebrating World Health Day—07 April, 2019 ...

Read Message from Secretary General at

<http://www.indianredcross.org/ircs/messages/worldhealthday2019>

From Balurghat, Dakshin Dinajpur District, West Bengal - Sessions on Volunteer Management, Sphere Standard, Meditation, and participation in Blood Donation camp



Mr. Jagadeesh P, A dynamic SDRT member and an active Red Cross volunteer has invented a remotely operated under water robot for observing and monitoring of subaqueous nature with less human potential application.

Mr Jagadeesh was invited to present his project at the international seminar on 'Unmanned Aerial Vehicles' at IIT Roorkee on 06.04.2019.

Soon Jagadeesh will be handing over a well developed robot of this kind to The Indian Red Cross Society, Koyilandy Thaluk Branch, Kerala. Jagadeesh is doing M.Tech at CUSAT.



Red Cross trained CRPF PERSONNEL save the life of a Poll Officer in Jammu & Kashmir. News covered on the front page of Times of India



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Trainings & Events...

Glimpses from April, 2019 (From IRCS Branches)

Odisha: Dibyang trainees practiced the different techniques of the First Aid and presented scenario on different context based accidents. They were trained on different topics such as:- Recovery position, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, Choking, Wounds & Bleeding, Burns, Sun stroke, Dog Bite and Do's and Don't on Lightening etc.



Two Days Basic First Aid training program organized by Odisha State Branch on 2nd and 3rd April 2019



IRCS,WB: Indian Red Cross Society, Karimpur Block Branch of Nadia District has deployed 25 SERVs at AC 77 Karimpur, 11PGE 2019 Murshidabad Parliamentary Election to help the old-age people, disabled persons & other needy for casting their valuable vote.



3 days First Aid training programme for the "DIBYANGA" especially for the Blind, 10-12 April 2019 in Bhubaneswar , Odisha



From Balurghat, Dakshin Dinajpur District, West Bengal: State level Instructors Induction Training of District SERV Instructors (Six Districts-Darjeeling, Dakshin Dinajpur, Uttar Dinajpur ,Malda Jalpaiguri & South 24 Parganas) - 24 SERV Instructors, Anupam Paladhi- Master Trainer-CFMR(2013).

