

From the Desk of The Secretary General



Greetings on the arrival of the winter season. With the onset of winters in major parts of India Indian Red Cross starts bracing up for the new challenges every year. A very big number of poor, destitute and other vulnerable people need to be supported. Migrant labour and the poor coming to the cities for better medical services face untold hardships. Like in the past I call upon our volunteers to be in readiness to support these with blankets. I feel that we should be prepared with ideas and materials to assist the most needy in December and January..

I visited Kerala to review the progress in the flood projects and assess their needs and problems. My meeting with staff, Chairperson of the Interim Committee. Justice (Retd) A. Lakshmi Kutty Kumari and the Hon'ble Governor were engaging and the results shall be positive .

I invited the Managing Body members to update them about the progress and status of the initiatives taken during the last few months. Their inputs, suggestions and ideas have been noted and shall be adhered to. A number of activities for the Centenary Year have been planned for which I request all the



National Managing Body members during 2 day long interaction with Sh. R.K Jain, Secretary General, IRCS NHQ on 25-26 November, 2019 at IRCS NHQ

Ahead of the Red Cross movement Statutory Meetings in Geneva, including the 33rd Int'l Conference, Shri R K Jain, Secretary General, visited the ICRC Regional office in Delhi on 27 November. Mr Yahia Alibi, Head of the Regional Delegation, received him where subjects ranging from the meetings to annual plans and other humanitarian issues discussed—27th November, 2019



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Activities envisaged as part of the Centenary Celebrations

- ◆ Coffee table book highlighting 100 years of Indian Red Cross Journey
- ◆ Setting up of IRCS Museum
- ◆ IRCS tableau during Republic Day Parade, 2020 (*subject to approval by Government of India jury*)
- ◆ Red Cross Stamp with Centenary logo
- ◆ Nationwide painting competitions for Junior Red Cross
- ◆ Nationwide First Aid competitions for Youth Red Cross
- ◆ Regional Youth Camp of BIMSTEC Nations
- ◆ International Workshop of National Societies on contemporary challenges being faced by the Red Cross movement.
- ◆ All IRCS branches to hold four events, namely, JRC/YRC activities, Blood Donation and Medical Camp, Swachha Bharat Abhiyan, Sensitization in first-aid on 3rd Saturday of every month from January till April.



Events, Trainings & Courses



28th batch of the Certificate course on 'Health Promotion through Ayurveda & yoga' at Indian Red Cross was inaugurated on 19th November, 2019

The aim of the course is to keep the participants (41 nos) stay healthy and also promote a healthy way of life in the society.

IRCS- NHQ Blood Bank



Month of November 2019

Donors - 2724

Voluntary Donors in camps – 2483

Voluntary Donors in-house – 164

Replacement Donors in-house – 77

Percentage of voluntary donors—97.17%

Trainings & Events...

Glimpses from November, 2019 (From IRCS Branches)



IRCS Nellore District Branch conducting SERV Training program at DKW College Nellore- 28-11-2019 to 30-11-2019



Red Cross, Jirania (Tripura) Branch provided training in first aid medical services at Khayerpur under State Level Mock Exercise drills.



Mock Drill Program was conducted for the YRC Volunteers under SERV Program with the theme of Road Safety and Fire Safety in Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu



IRCS West Bengal, Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur District conducted 3 days SERVs Training (from 15-17/11/19) with 27 participants.



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SERV inter state (Zonal level) Master TOT Training at IRCS Karnataka



6 days of SERV inter state (Zonal level) Master TOT Training was held on 25-30 November, 2019. Revenue Deptt Disaster Management Principal Secretary of Government of Karnataka Shri Anil Kumar IAS inaugurated the workshop.



40 participants from 4 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka were trained according to SERV curriculum. It included 4 days of First Aid course and 2 days of Disaster Management.



IRCS envisions to make Society resilient with SERV trained volunteer in every corner of the country. Every State should have atleast 1 Master

Trainer and NHQ proposes to have zone wise training of Master Trainers.



Donate Blood...

Union Minister Mr Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi visited IRCS NHQ blood bank for voluntary blood donation on 28 November, 2019



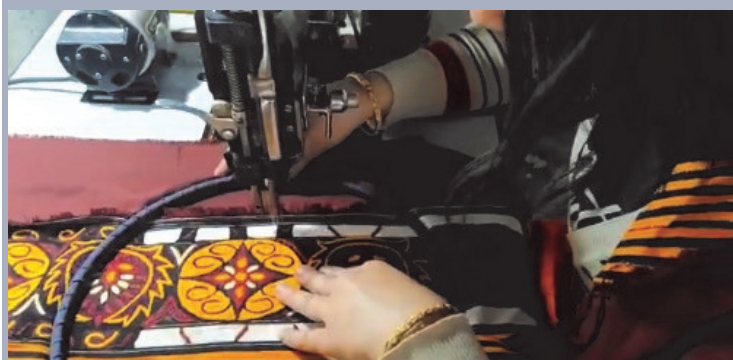
Regular Blood donation plays an integral role in ensuring that millions of people in need have unhindered access to healthy and #safeblood. Leading by example,...
[Click here to Listen to him](#)

Our enthusiastic 'Home Health Aide course' students enjoy their new course books!



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Livelihood program.....



Indian Red Cross's Livelihood project in Manipur has supported Renu in realizing her inherent professional potential; earning her livelihood and blossoming into an independent individual.

She lives in a small rented room with her 2 children. Post her husband's death, she has been struggling to make both ends meet & keep her children in school. As a result, despite being adept at embroidery, she

could not buy an embroidery machine.

Today, she is educating both her children & has emerged as a role model for several other women in her community. And that is not all-she also trains other women and hopes that one day every woman is equipped with knowledge & resources that will make her self-reliant!

[Click here to see her doing embroidery](#)



**Monitoring of
livelihood project at
Koraput district of
Odisha**



Under Micro Economic Initiative of Livelihood program, materials worth Rs 50,000/- each were distributed to 93 beneficiaries during its 3rd phase in Manipur—19 November, 2019

