

From the Desk of
The Secretary
General

The month of September witnessed unprecedented rains in some states that included, among others, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, UP, West Bengal. Our branches responded with water, fast food, first-aid teams, tarpaulins, hygiene kits and kitchen sets. Our SERV (Social Emergency Response Volunteers) teams led from the front. Rains have not stopped and several urban areas, including areas in Bihar's capital Patna, are still inundated.

After a disaster, assessment of the area and the victims is critical and requires a professional approach. To address this expertise the IRCS NHq with the help of ICRC and its global professional trainers organised a training in assessment at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The first module of the training was attended by the staff and volunteers of disaster prone states and those running livelihood projects. The participants stand empowered after the training as a field visit to test their skills was also included in the module.

During the month IRCS NHq also conducted a three day workshop on Communication & Resource Mobilisation at New Delhi. Some State Branch Secretaries also attended the programme.

I take this opportunity to welcome Ms CTM Suguna, IAS (Retd), who has taken over as the State Secretary of the Odisha State Branch.



Training on Livelihood need assessment (module 1) at Puri, Odisha 23rd - 27th September, 2019 in the presence of Governor of Odisha Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Ms CTM Suguna, the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer Maj Kalpana Das and Mr R K Jain, Secretary General, NHQ

Governor of Odisha & President of the Odisha State Branch, Prof. Ganeshi Lal. Ms CTM Suguna, the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer Maj Kalpana Das and Mr R K Jain, Secretary General, NHQ graced the occasion.



Professor Ganeshi Lal, the Governor of Odisha, said that we can not differentiate the impact of the disaster, instead we should work to preserve the lives of people.

Secretary General mentioned the role of Red Cross during cyclones Fani, Titlay and the 1999's super cyclone. During all disasters, the Red Cross was one of the main actors to assist the affected communities. He added that in Red Cross the basic duty is to serve the society and to help those who are in need. He also emphasized the role of training exercise in process of learning and how a well planned project is pivot to it's successful implementation. Role of IRCS is to supplement the activities of the Government and to create resilience in the community. The occasion coincided with the taking over of the state branch by Ms CTM Suguna.

Three-day workshop - Red Cross Communications & Resource Mobilisation in collaboration with ICRC- 03-05 September 2019.

Importance of consistent and powerful public communication across all Red Cross branches and significance of visibility of Red Cross work across different media networks were discussed during workshop. Participants shared success stories, challenges and ideas for cooperation to bring uniformity across the country in what and how branches communicate about their activities and programmes.

Further details available at <https://indianredcross.org/notices/Commwksghp2019.pdf>



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Events, Trainings & Courses

Celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi



Image: Mahatma Gandhi in the center, middle row with other [#RedCross](#) volunteers during the Zulu revolt 1906



The Values of Indian Red Cross Society - Dignity, Empathy, Service, Harmony

IRCS- NHQ Blood Bank



Percentage of voluntary donors—98.13%

Month of September 2019

Donors - 2845

Voluntary Donors in camps — 2609

Voluntary Donors in-house — 183

Replacement Donors in-house — 53



Household water treatment manual now available at <https://indianredcross.org/ircs/ourpublications> in English, Hindi, Tamil and Bengali languages

Green action



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1919-2019

8 tips to tackle climate change:



Become a climate activist



Vote and support green policies



Participate in climate gatherings



Express your opinion and listen to others



Support tree planting (e.g. bamboo)



Organize a local clean-up



Share your knowledge



Become a volunteer

Courtesy: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

The best thing you can do is take action [#ForClimate!](#)

<http://bit.ly/IFRCClimate>



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Swachhata Hi Sewa

Say No to Single Use Plastic

IRCS Campaigns across Tripura, Haryana, Maharashtra, West Bengal—Good work done by our highly motivated Youth Red Cross volunteers More at <https://indianredcross.org/ircs/events/swachhatahisewa2019>



World First Aid Day

14 September, 2019

Message by Secretary General, IRCS, NHQ

Read at:
<https://indianredcross.org/publications/SGMessageWFAD.pdf>



Awareness and demonstration for First Aid and CPR during observation of world First Aid Day 2019 with the theme "First Aid and Excluded People" at Deaf and Mute Govt School Takyel Manipur at <https://twitter.com/i/status/1172872099012042753>
Mock Drill in Assam and workshops in Haryana and Odisha



Nukkad Natak on Stop single use plastic by Utrkhand IRCS Available at <https://vimeo.com/364724304>

Flood Response by Indian Red Cross Bihar and other State Branches— September 2019

Great humanitarian work by SERV and PfR volunteers, YRC members of Indian Red Cross



More at <https://www.indianredcross.org/ircs/events/glimpses>



Helping victims during
Uttarakhand cloud burst

