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Shaping a More Resilient Future



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Our Fundamental Principles....

-  Humanity
-  Impartiality
-  Neutrality
-  Independence
-  Voluntary Service
-  Unity
-  Universality

Indian Red Cross Society
is an entity of over 1200
Red Cross Branches.

Neither the National
Headquarters nor the
branches are by themselves
the Society.

It is their collectivity
inter-woven together
that makes up the
Indian Red Cross Society.

They inspire, encourage and initiate at
all times, all forms
of humanitarian activities
so that human suffering is
minimized, alleviated &
even prevented
....and thus contribute to creating a
more congenial climate for peace.



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Hon'ble President



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Hon'ble Chairman

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Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Hon'ble Chairman

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Message from the Secretary General



**R.K Jain, IAS (Retd),
Secretary General,
Indian Red Cross Society**

Dear Stakeholders,

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud to share the Indian Red Cross Society's (IRCS) annual report, encompassing our accomplishments and challenges in shaping a more resilient future for all.

A Year of Unwavering Commitment

In FY 2023-2024, IRCS faced unprecedented challenges, with an increase in the number and intensity of disasters and crises across the country. Despite these obstacles, we remained steadfast in our commitment to supporting vulnerable communities, anticipating, preventing, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from disasters, health crises, risks, and vulnerabilities.

Local Humanitarian Action at its Best

Our dedication to local humanitarian action was unwavering. We empowered our network of volunteers and State/UT branches to deliver life-saving services and activities nationwide. IRCS recognizes the power of partnerships and collaborations, and we continued to work closely with local authorities, civil society organizations, and international partners to amplify our reach and impact.

Impactful Initiatives

Our commitment to serving vulnerable populations nationwide resulted in:

- *Millions of individuals impacted by our health initiatives, including first aid training, vaccinations, and blood supply.*
- *Expanded disaster response and recovery initiatives, providing vital support to communities affected by both man-made and natural disasters*

Volunteer Powerhouse

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our unstoppable volunteers, who are the backbone of our organization. IRCS strengthened its volunteer engagement activities, encouraging more young people, including women to join our ranks. Our volunteers made significant contributions to our programs and services, providing crucial support in healthcare, disaster relief, and blood donation initiatives.

A Glimpse into the Future

As we look at FY 2023-2024, IRCS stamped its commitment to:

- *Fortifying programs for disaster response and recovery*
- *Improving volunteer participation*
- *Strengthening alliances and teamwork*

A Message of Gratitude

We are proud of our achievements and express sincere gratitude to our partners, donors, and supporters who have made our life-saving work possible. With their continued support, we are confident that we can build a more resilient and inclusive society.

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INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY: AN INTRODUCTION

The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) is a vibrant, voluntary humanitarian organization with a nationwide network of over 1200 branches. Mission of IRCS is to bring relief during disasters and emergencies and to promote health and care for the most vulnerable individuals and communities. As a proud member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which includes the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and 191 National Societies, we adhere to the seven Fundamental Principles of the Movement.

A Legacy of Service

Established in 1920 under the Indian Red Cross Society Act and incorporated under Parliament Act XV of 1920, IRCS has a rich legacy. The Hon'ble President of India is our President, while traditionally the Hon'ble Union Health Minister is our Chairman. Governance and supervision is managed by our National Managing Body, which consists of 19 members, including the Chairman. Six members, along with the Chairman, are nominated by the President, while the remaining 12 are elected through an electoral college.

Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire, encourage, and initiate humanitarian efforts to alleviate suffering and foster a more peaceful world. We are committed to providing humanitarian and charitable services, such as medical relief, healthcare, blood services, first aid, disaster risk reduction, and other ancillary services to prevent and mitigate suffering without discrimination based on nationality, race, caste, sex, religious beliefs, language, class, or political opinion.

What We Do

Here's a glimpse of the crucial services and initiatives we undertake:

- **Emergency Relief:** We provide immediate relief to victims of disasters and work tirelessly to mitigate their suffering.
- **Blood Services:** Our blood donation camps and services are vital for saving lives.
- **Ambulance Services:** We offer prompt and reliable ambulance services.
- **Healthcare Initiatives:** We focus on improving health, preventing disease, and providing maternity, childcare, and care to elderly.
- **Training and Capacity Building:** We train and build the capacity of our volunteers and staff to ensure effective service delivery.
- **Youth Engagement:** We actively promote youth participation in our activities, nurturing the next generation of humanitarian leaders.
- **Promoting Principles:** We advocate the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- **Global Representation:** We represent Society at international Red Cross statutory platforms and other fora.
- **Peace Efforts:** We strive towards establishing and maintaining global peace.
- **Medical & other Aid to Armed Forces:** We provide aid to sick, wounded, or demobilized members of the Armed Forces, in line with the Geneva Conventions of 12th August 1949.

- **Preparedness and Response:** We act in times of armed conflict and prepare to respond to all tasks covered under the Geneva Conventions during peacetime.
- We work as auxiliary to government in its humanitarian work.

At IRCS, we are dedicated to making a positive impact on society by alleviating suffering and contributing to a peaceful and hospitable environment for all.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Overview of Our Activities and Achievements in Disaster Mitigation, Response, and Recovery (2023-2024)

Welcome to our annual review! Here's a snapshot of what we've achieved together in the areas of disaster mitigation, response, and recovery over the past year.

Emergency Response

This year, IRCS jumped into action to tackle several emergencies across the country, both manmade & natural in which our dedicated teams worked tirelessly to provide:

- **Shelter:** Safe and secure temporary housing for displaced families.
- **Food and Water:** Nutritious meals and clean drinking water.
- **Sanitation:** Hygienic facilities to prevent disease outbreaks.
- **Health Services:** Medical care and support for those in need.

Building Capacity

Red Cross work doesn't stop at emergency response. We're also dedicated to making communities stronger and more resilient. Here's how we did it:

- **Disaster Preparedness Training:** Conducted sessions to help communities understand and prepare for potential disasters.
- **Community-Based First Aid:** Trained individuals to provide immediate care in emergencies, saving lives before professional help arrives.
- **Psychosocial Support:** Offered training to help communities cope with the emotional and psychological impacts of disasters.

These efforts are all about empowering individuals and communities to face future challenges with confidence and resilience.

A. Disaster Response

The monsoon arrived in the country in June 2023, bringing heavy rainfall. During the year floods, cyclones, cold waves and fires impacted several states. The disaster response to the 16 IRCS state branches—namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal—was coordinated with the respective state branches. These branches promptly responded to the disasters, dispatching relief materials from existing stock in various warehouses.



Details of Non-Food items (**Approx. value in INR 7,18,97,162**) released to IRCS state branches for disaster affected population from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 are as under: -

Items	Qty	Unit Price (INR)	Value (INR)
Beds Sheets	158	139	21962
W Blankets	25550	450	10597500
Mosquito nets	13500	245	3307500
Kitchen sets	12900	1630	21027000
Plastic buckets	13500	129	1741500
Tarpaulin	12700	696	8839200
Family tents	100	30000	3000000
Hygiene kits	66750	350	23362500
Total (Approximately value) in INR			7,18,97,162

B. Supplies received in-kind from IFRC, Canadian Red Cross & ICRC under Foreign donation for FY 2023-24

During the financial year 2023-24, IRCS NHQ received supplies (Annexure-1) worth INR 16,41,06,010 (Approx.) with support from IFRC, ICRC and other partner National Societies. The supplies include 13 no. of vehicles (i.e. Blood Collection Vans-11 & Mobile Health Units-2), tarpaulins (39,985 Nos.), woolen Blankets (14,000 Nos.), Hygiene Kits (20,000 Nos.) and Kitchen Sets (9,450 Nos). These supplies had been delivered to the IRCS State/UT branches & IRCS Warehouses.

Details of Relief items received as in-kind from IFRC, CRC & ICRC under Foreign donation for 2023-24 FY (Annexure-1)							
Sl. No.	Particulars	Donor	Program	Date of receiving (Approx.)	Quantity (No.)	Value of Goods per unit in INR (Approx.)	Total value of Goods in INR (Approx.)
1	Tarpaulins	ICRC	PoA 2023	2023-24	15000	1,003	15,045,000

2	W. Blankets	ICRC	PoA 2024	2023-24	6000	423	2,538,900
3	Kitchen sets	IFRC	Google Project	2023-24	1450	5,287	7,666,730
4	Tarpaulins	IFRC	Google Project	2023-24	16985	1,003	17,035,955
5	Hygiene Kits	IFRC	Google Project	2023-24	12000	305	3,663,558
6	Woolen Blankets	IFRC	DREF 2023	2023-24	8000	450	3,599,484
7	Hygiene Kits	IFRC	DREF 2023	2023-24	8000	305	2,442,372
8	Tarpaulins	IFRC	DREF 2023	2023-24	8000	1,003	8,024,000
9	Kitchen sets	IFRC	DREF 2023	2023-24	8000	2,165	17,322,626
10	Blood collection van - 3 Couch	CRC	COVID India Operation	21 & 28, June, 2023	6	6,447,958	38,687,745
11	Blood collection van - 5 Couch	CRC	COVID India Operation	11-Apr-23	5	8,401,769	42,008,845
12	Mobile Health Units	CRC	COVID India Operation	1 & 3, April, 2023	2	3,035,397	6,070,794
Total (Approximately value) in INR							164,106,010

List of 13 medical vehicles delivered in FY 2023-24

Medical vehicles (donated by the Canadian Red Cross) delivered to IRCS Branches during 2023-24					
Sl. No.	Donor	IRCS State/UT Branches	Type of vehicles	Delivery location	Qty
1	CRC	Andhra Pradesh	Blood Collection Van (Small, 3 couches)	Chittoor	1
2	CRC	Andhra Pradesh	Blood Collection Van (Small, 3 couches)	Ananthapuram	1
3	CRC	Bihar	Blood Collection Van (Small, 3 couches)	Purnea	1

4	CRC	Gujarat	Blood Collection Van (Big, 5 couches)	Vadodara	1
5	CRC	Gujarat	Blood Collection Van (Small, 3 couches)	Arvalli District Branch (Modasa)	1
6	CRC	Karnataka	Blood Collection Van (Big, 5 couches)	Bangalore	1
7	CRC	Karnataka	Mobile Health Unit	Dakshina Kannada District Branch (Mangalore)	1
8	CRC	Maharashtra	Blood Collection Van (Big, 5 couches)	Kolhapur	1
9	CRC	Maharashtra	Blood Collection Van (Big, 5 couches)	Latur	1
10	CRC	Maharashtra	Blood Collection Van (Small, 3 couches)	Ratnagiri	1
11	CRC	Maharashtra	Mobile Health Unit	Barshi	1
12	CRC	Telangana	Blood Collection Van (Big, 5 couches)	Mahabubnagar	1
13	CRC	Telangana	Blood Collection Van (Small, 3 couches)	Nalgonda	1
Total					13

C. Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) Operation

The state of Himachal Pradesh was the hardest hit, with at least 330 people lost their lives, 38 missing and more than 100 injured during flood, several districts experienced an entire month's worth of rainfall within a single day. In Manali, roads were swept away by the deluge, leaving both tourists and their vehicles stranded. Over the weekend of August 12-13, 2023, additional torrential rains hit Shimla, triggering landslides and destroying a temple, homes, and buildings, and killing at least 57 people. The landslides washed out several roads, The additional floods and landslides killed a total of 71 people. A massive landslide destroyed roads and buildings in the city of Shimla. Cumulatively, since the monsoon hit on June 24, 170 incidents of cloudburst or landsliding were reported and 9,600 houses were damaged in Himachal Pradesh. The Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Society rendered its services with the volunteers to serve the affected community. The State Branch provided relief individually as well as with its district Red Cross branches the relief items were provided under DREF Operation to the most affected communities in the state.

During the monsoon season, massive landslides wreaked havoc on roads and buildings in Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Pauri Garhwal, and Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand State. The Uttarakhand State Red Cross Society, along with its District branches and volunteers, provided assistance to the affected community, encompassing more than 1,200 families. The Indian Red Cross Society's state branch and district branches distributed tarpaulins, blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, and other essential items to support the affected families.

In view of the above situation, the IRCS, National Headquarter had implemented DREF Operation through IFRC in the two IRCS State Branches i.e. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The total fund was available CHF 5,39,063 (including procurement handled by IFRC).

The following relief items (worth INR 3,18,45,616.93) were distributed by the IRCS Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand Branches under the DREF Operation 2023: -

Distribution of relief items submitted by the State Branches under the DREF 2023						
Sl. No.	Relief items	Himachal Pradesh	Uttarakhand	Total	Unit cost (INR)	Value (INR)
1	Tarpaulin	4170	2793	6963	1003	6,983,889.00
2	Kitchen Sets	3841	3722	7563	2165.33	16,376,377.93
3	Woolen Blankets	5437	5563	11000	450	4,950,000.00
4	Hygiene Kits	3325	6776	10101	350	3,535,350.00
	Total	16773	18854	35627		3,18,45,616.93
	Total (Approximately value) in INR					3,18,45,616.93

Some photographs of disaster and relief distribution:










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देहरादून। राजकीय प्राथमिक विद्यालय ननुरखेड में रेड क्रॉस सोसाइटी द्वारा आयोजित बच्चों को हाजिनिंग किट वितरण किए गए। इस मौके पर प्रदेश के स्वास्थ्य एवं शिक्षा मंत्री धन सिंह रावत मौके पर पहुंचे और बच्चों को हाजिनिंग किट वितरण किया गया। इस अवसर पर शिक्षा मंत्री धन सिंह रावत ने बच्चों के विकास के बारे में बताया और कहा कि खेल के साथ साथ अन्य गतिविधियों करना जरूरी है। उन्होंने कहा कि विनम्रता व्यक्ति को महान बनाती है। संस्कार एवं विनम्रता कला व्यक्ति जीवन में कुछ अच्छा कर ही लेता है। ऐसे व्यक्ति समाज की अमूल्य निधि होते हैं। शिक्षा या पढ़ना खेला कृदना अच्छे संस्कार व विचार होने चाहिए। चैयरमैन कुन्दन सिंह टोलिया ने बच्चों को रेड क्रॉस सोसाइटी के द्वारा किए जा रहे कार्यों की बारे में जानकारी दी है और कहा कि यह संस्था प्रदेश व आम जन के हित में ठोस कार्य कर रही है। विद्यार्थियों को संशोधित करते हुए कहा कि निरंतर चलने का नाम जीवन है। छात्रों को शुभकामनाएं देते जीवन में सदैव सकारात्मक रहते हुए, देश के लिए कुछ करने की प्रेरणा दी। इस मौके पर 169 बच्चों को हाजिनिंग किट वितरण किया गया। इस मौके पर सोसाइटी के कोषाध्यक्ष मोहन सिंह खत्री ने बच्चों को आशीर्वाद दिया और उनके भविष्य की शुभकामनाएं करते हुए कहा कि बच्चे देश के भविष्य हैं उन्हें अपने जीवन में आगे बढ़ना चाहिए और देश प्रदेश के सम्मान-सम्मान व अपने मां बाप का नाम रोशन करना चाहिए यह संस्कार बच्चों में होना जरूरी है। उन्होंने कहा कि देश है तो हम हैं। देश के पीछे सब कुछ अच्छा लगता है। देश को अच्छा करने के लिए हर नागरिक का योगदान होता है। जिस देश का हर नागरिक अच्छा है, तो देश अच्छा हो जाता है।

बागेश्वर में आपदा प्रभावित को बांटी राहत सामग्री



राहत सामग्री वितरित करते रेडक्रॉस स्वयंसेवी। संवाद

बागेश्वर। आपदा प्रभावितों की मदद के लिए रेडक्रॉस सोसायटी का अभियान जारी है। सोसायटी के स्वयंसेवियों ने बूंगा गांव के आपदा पीड़ित को राहत सामग्री उपलब्ध कराई। प्रभावित परिवार मकान ध्वस्त होने से बेघर हो गया था। बूंगा गांव के रतन राम का आवासीय मकान भारी बारिश के दौरान ध्वस्त हो गया था।

बृहस्पतिवार को रेडक्रॉस के जिला कार्यकारिणी सदस्य उमेश जोशी के नेतृत्व में स्वयंसेवियों ने गांव जाकर प्रभावित परिवार को तिरपाल, कंबल, बर्तन और रोजमर्रा की सामग्री दी। सोसायटी के जिला सचिव आलोक पांडेय ने बताया कि मानसून काल में लगातार आपदा प्रभावित परिवारों की मदद की जा रही है। इस मौके पर स्वयंसेवी नीरज पंत, प्रमोद जोशी आदि मौजूद रहे। संवाद

D. Pre-positioning of 1450 Nos of Kitchen sets

IRCS, NHQ procured 1450 Nos of kitchen sets (725 each for Assam and Bihar) during FY 2023-24 from IFRC Google project left over funds.

E. Major Disaster Responses



- On 12 November 2023, a section of the Silkyara Bend–Barkot tunnel, planned to connect National Highway 134 in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, India, caved in while under construction. The collapse occurred at around 05:30 IST and trapped 41 workers inside the tunnel. Rescue operations were immediately launched, with several government agencies. IRCS supported the local authorities in the rescue operation and provided necessary support to the staff.

F. Train Accidents

Balasore train accident

Howrah bound Coromandel Express collided with a stationary goods train in Balasore district, Odisha, derailing most of its coaches. The devastating train accident in Odisha shook the nation, leaving behind a trail of devastation and grief. However, amidst the tragedy, the incident sparked an extraordinary display of compassion and solidarity across India. IRCS volunteers from nearby areas of Balasore provided immediate assistance in rescue operations. Sh. Jacob Kispotta, Commandant NDRF appreciated IRCS volunteers for their support. At the Vishakhapatnam railway station, volunteers from Visakhapatnam district branch of A.P Red Cross state branch distributed buttermilk, cookies, buns, water bottles along with the paracetamol tablets, pain killers and relief sprays amongst the victims of Balasore train accident. The victims were taken from Balasore to Chennai by train. Volunteers from Youth Red Cross KIIT stepped forward to donate blood for the victims of this train accident.



Andhra train collision

The fatal train accident in Andhra Pradesh where precious lives have been lost. Volunteers from the IRCS state branches were actively involved in delivering aid to accident victims and assisting the local authorities in relief and rescue efforts. Vishakhapatnam YRC volunteers had rushed to the train accident spot near Kothavalasa and participated in rescue operations. Vizianagaram district branch sent ambulances and hundreds of YRC volunteers.



BLOOD SERVICES

The Blood Services of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) continued to be a significant area of focus during the year 2023-24. The program played a crucial role in ensuring adequate supply of safe blood and blood products to patients in need, particularly during disasters or any other crisis.

Transfusion of blood is an essential part of modern health care management. IRCS has a robust blood processing and testing infrastructure, with over 100 blood centres across 15 States/ UTs and blood storage centers across the country. During the year, IRCS continued to invest in modernizing its blood processing and testing facilities, ensuring the safety and quality of blood and blood products.

The Blood Centre is running round the clock and provides services to the needy patients. It was designated as Regional Blood Centre by State Govt. in 1996 and has been designated as Model Blood Bank in 2010 by National AIDS Control Organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India and is Certified by the BIS for ISO 9001:2015 and accredited by NABH & NABL.

This Blood Centre focuses on encouraging voluntary blood donation. It collects approximately 30,000 units of blood annually. The percentage of voluntary blood collection is 100% in IRCS Blood Centre. The Blood Centre provides about 70% of total collection of blood free of service charges to the patients admitted in Govt. Hospitals in Delhi, HIV/AIDS patients, patients below poverty line, thalassaemia patients, haemophilia patients and sickle cell anemia patients. 900 thalassaemic patients are registered with IRCS, NHQ (which is about 50% of all the thalassaemics in Delhi).

The IRCS (NHQ) Blood Centre is fully equipped to collect blood at its premises and also has mobile teams, which go out frequently to hold Blood Donation Camps. The blood, after collection, is tested for HIV I & II, HBs Ag, HCV, VDRL & Malaria. Blood grouping with Rh D and Antibodies Testing (three cell panel) is done by fully automated advance technology. To ensure effective utilization of blood, besides supplying whole blood, Red Cross also has the facility of component separation that provides different components of blood, like fresh frozen plasma, platelet rich plasma, platelet concentrate, packed cells, cryoprecipitate and platelet aphaeresis.

A. Blood Donation Camps

IRCS continued to organize blood donation camps with safety measures in place to protect donors and staff. These camps were critical in maintaining an adequate supply of blood and blood products for patients in need. IRCS also collaborated with corporate partners and other organizations to organize blood donation drives, resulting in an increase in the number of donors.

Highlights of major camps: -

- **1188** blood donors were provided by Sant Nirankari Mandal in **10** camps.
- Blood Donation Camp was organized at Parliament House on 13th December, 2023 to mark the 18th Commemoration Day of the supreme sacrifice made by Security Personnel on the

altar of duty while thwarting the attack of terrorists on Parliament House on 13-12-2001. **106** people paid homage to the departed souls and saluted their martyrdom by donating blood voluntarily, including the family members of those martyred.

- IRCS organized blood donation camps and drive awareness programmes under Ayushman Bhav Campaign (17th Sept. to 2nd Oct., 23). During this period, IRCS, Blood Centre collected a total number of **1034** units of blood from 21 voluntary blood donation camps.



- IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre participated in the Health Mela organized by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University at Talkatora Stadium from 5th to 10th October, 2023 to mark its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre provided Mobile Blood Donation Van for Blood Donation Camp and managed a stall in collaboration with the Blood Transfusion Service (BTS). IRCS, Blood Centre also provided volunteers for the stall and IEC materials including standee, backdrop, and posters on blood donation awareness in Health Mela. Blood Donation Camp was conducted on alternate days by IRCS, Blood Centre and RML Hospital where mobile van of IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre was stationed. In this Health Mela 252 donors were registered in E- raktkosh and out of them 164 donors donated their blood voluntarily.



- Indian Red Cross Society, NHQ, Blood Centre organized a blood donation camp in Supreme Court of India on 'Swami Vivekananda Jayanti' on 12th January 24. The Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud inaugurated the blood donation camp. 81 people from Supreme Court of India voluntarily donated blood in the camp.



- A total number of **515** units were collected from the voluntary donors in a camp conducted in BITS, Pilani, Rajasthan, from 2nd to 5th Feb. 2024. This has been an annual feature for the last 3 decades.
- During Dengue Viral Haemorrhagic fever the demand for platelets increased manifolds. IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre organised **60** blood donation camps and **2977** units of lifesaving platelet concentrate was prepared and issued to both Government and Private hospitals in and around Delhi round the clock for patients.
- A total of **539** blood donors were provided by JBM (Neel Foundation) in **03** camps organized by them.

- During the year 2023-24, **48769** total Blood/Blood components were prepared. **14714** units of blood components were issued free of cost to the patients admitted in Government Hospitals, thalassaemic and haemophilic patients.
 - **13643** units of blood were issued against processing charges to the patients admitted in private hospitals/ nursing homes.
- During the year 2023-24, Blood Centre, Indian Red Cross Society at National Headquarter collected a total of **21344** units of blood from voluntary blood donors. A total of **368** Blood Donation Camps were conducted in various places like Educational Institutions, Corporate offices, Religious/Social Organizations.

Details of blood units collected and number of camps held during the last five years are given in the following tables:

Total No. of Camps including No. of Blood Units (2019-20 to 2023-24)

S.No.	Organization	No. of blood units collected (in camps)				2023-24
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
a.	Colleges	3751 (42)	1132 (2)	1445(14)	2776 (34)	2188 (34)
b.	Schools	423 (12)	20 (1)		15 (1)	142 (3)
c.	Social Organization	8244 (113)	9061 (166)	7609 (166)	7407 (127)	6678 (117)
d.	Commercial Organization	5339 (98)	538 (14)	1419 (22)	3120 (74)	3666 (80)
e.	Political Organization	648 (12)	603 (9)	285 (6)	67 (2)	56 (1)
f.	Lions Club	70 (2)	57 (1)	17 (3)	43 (3)	-
g.	Services	68 (3)	250 (10)	41 (2)	513 (11)	615 (15)
h.	Red Cross State Branch	2897 (54)	3846 (67)	4218 (66)	5483 (88)	4405 (82)
i.	Banks	465 (12)	293 (4)	87 (2)	420 (10)	560 (12)
j.	Hotels	13 (1)	-		136 (6)	130 (6)
k.	Blood Mobile Van in Public Places with NDMC at Palika Bazar	81 (5)	17 (4)	13 (2)	7 (1)	6 (2)
L.	Ministries	714 (10)	61 (1)	291 (6)	406 (8)	508 (12)
m.	Hospitals	207 (1)	29 (3)	15 (1)	38 (1)	94 (3)
n.	Rotary Club	-	-	-	-	14 (1)
	Total	22920 (365)	14906 (282)	15440 (290)	20436 (366)	19062 (368)

Total Blood Collection (2019-20 to 2023-24), IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre, New Delhi

S. No		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
a.	Voluntary Donors in Red Cross	2466	8727	6922	2929	2282
b.	Voluntary Donors in Camps	22920	14906	15440	20436	19062

c.	Replacement Donor in Red Cross	658	-	-	-	-
	Total	26044	23633	22362	23065	21344
a +	% of Vol. Blood Collection % of Replacement Donor	97.47%	100%	100%	100%	100%
b.		2.52%	-	-	-	-
c.	Total Number of Camps	365	282	290	366	368

B. Screening, Processing & Storage of Blood

Blood is tested for infectious diseases (TTIs) such as HIV, HBs Ag, VDRL & HCV and blood group serology. The screening of Transfusion Transmitted Infectious Marker (TTIs) is done by ELISA Method.

A. Testing report of infectious marker lab

Changes in Blood Screening Statistic during 2023-24:

- Total **HIV Positive Blood Donors** is 0.25%.
- Total **HBs Ag positive Blood Donors** is 0.56%.
- Total **HCV positive blood** is 0.43%.
- Total **VDRL Positive Blood Donors** is 0.30%.
- Total **Malaria Positive Blood Donors** is Nil.

B. Report of Component lab.

To ensure effective utilization of blood, besides supplying whole blood, Red Cross also provides its users with the facility of component separation like FFP, PRP, Platelet Concentrate, Packed Cells and Cryoprecipitate.

Total Blood Components Preparation at IRCS NHQ Blood Centre, New Delhi:

Year	Blood Components Prepared					Cryoprecipitate	Total Blood Component Prepared
	FFP	Plasma	Platelet Concentrate	PRP	Red Cell		
2022-23	7724	15112	5611	161	23056	62	51726
2023-24	8772	1224	6671	62	21024	-	48769

Total Blood Components/Whole Blood/Red Cell Issues:

S. No.	Blood Component /Whole Blood/Red Cell Issued	Free A	Paid B	Total (A + B)
1	Blood Component	655	7012	7677

2	Whole Blood/Red Cell	14049	6631	20680
	Total Issued (1+2)	14714	13643	27924

Excess of Surplus Plasma /FFP to Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.

1.	Excess of Plasma/FFP to Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. (2023-24)	19150
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C. Other Beneficiaries of Blood Centre (NHQ) to whom blood components are issued (2023-24)

- a) **Thalassemia:** In Delhi, there are about 2000 registered thalassemic patients who are receiving blood from various Regional Centers like AIIMS, RML Hospital, Hindu Rao Hospital, LNJP Hospital, GTB Hospital and private blood banks. Out of them 975 patients are registered with Red Cross Blood Centre and more than 200 registered patients are from outside Delhi. IRCS continues to look after approx. 50% of the thalassemic patients residing in and around Delhi and provides Blood/Blood Components to them.
- b) **Support to National Plasma Fractionation Centre (NPFC):** IRCS (NHQ) Blood Centre is a NACO supported blood component Separation Unit. As per NACO guidelines IRCS, Blood Centre has largely supported Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. by sending the surplus Plasma/FFP for fractionation. In the year 2023-24, IRCS (NHQ), Blood Centre has issued about **19150** units of surplus plasma/FFP to Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.

D. Accreditation

Certificate of accreditation for ISO by BIS, NABH and NABL: The IRCS (NHQ) Blood Centre has been certified by IS/ISO 9001:2015, NABH and NABL w.e.f 2012 and 2013. Routine surveillance audit for the accreditation has been conducted by the auditor team in 2023-24 by BIS, NABL and NABH for renewal of accreditation.

- E. External Quality Assurance Programme (EQAS)** IRCS (NHQ) Blood Centre has been enrolled with SDMH, Jaipur (BEQAS), CMC Vellore, AIIMS and Mumbai Red Cross for proficiency for infectious marker and serology testing.

- F. Training:** Trainings were provided by IRCS (NHQ), Blood Centre to doctors, lab. technicians of Govt. hospitals and interns from different institutions to enrich their knowledge on overview of procedures for testing in blood services, safety parameters & transfusion quality management system (TQMS). The visit facilitates the Blood Centres in strengthening the standards of Blood Services which were learnt during the training period and spreads awareness while enlightening the students for blood donations.

Training was imparted on Automated Cell counter, Automated Blood grouping technique, transfusion transmitted infections (TTIs), ADR monitoring, Blood component preparation, Plasma components and documentation of processes.

G. Support for IRCS (NHQ) Blood Centre, Model Blood Centre (2023-24): -

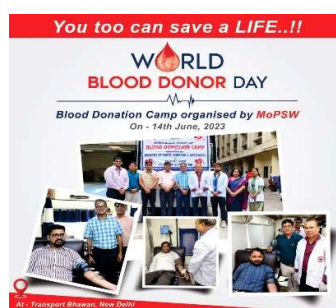
S. No	Grant received from and PFMS Date	Fund Raised through	Total Amount (Rs)
1	DSACS	<u>NACO Support through DSACS</u> Blood Mobile Bus No-7312 for fuel and contingency	3,67,974/-
2	NACO/DSACS	<u>Support for Housekeeping and Security Guard Manpower</u> Housekeeping staff - Rs.72000/- Security - Rs. 120000/- Manpower support from DSACS for Model Blood Centre - Four Lab. Technicians, one Lab Attendant, Two Drivers, one Cleaner and one Attendant for Mobile Bus.	1,92,000/-
3.	Cash / NEFT Received from Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes, Blood Storage Centre.	<u>Processing Charges of blood /blood components</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 89,08,690/- charged as processing charges from the patients admitted in Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes and 6 blood storage Centers through cash/card/UPI. Rs. 19,25,865/- collected from four blood storage Centre for Processing Charges for issue of blood /blood components through NEFT. 	1,08,34,555/-
4.	NEFT Reliance	<u>M/s Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.</u> Amount collected from M/s Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. for 19150 units supply of surplus plasma / FFP.	1,40,01,194/-
5.	MoH&FW	Grant received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.	20,00,000/-
6.	Thalassemic India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Support for Thalassemic Screening Test</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted 13630 CBC test from 1.4.22 to 31.3.23. 1712 HPLC test <u>Manpower Support</u>- One Prog. Coordinator, two Lab. Technicians 	10,000/-
7	Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd.	<u>M/s Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd.</u> Amount received without GST from M/s Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd. for testing of Evaluation of kit at IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre without GST.	19,86,779/-
8.	Donation from Pvt. Co.	<u>Donation from Neutrons under CSR</u> Amount collected in donation from Neutrons under CSR.	29,48,399/-
9.	Donation from Pvt. Co.	<u>Donation from other companies</u> Amount collected in donation from different Companies and others.	3,45,960/-
		Total	3, 26,86,861/-

H. Celebration of Important Days


i. **Celebration of World Blood Donor Day**


A one-week programme (14.06.23 to 20.6.2023) was organised to increase the number of voluntary blood donations by disseminating the benefits of voluntary blood donation to the public. For 2023, the World Blood Donor Day slogan was *"Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often"*.

Blood Donation Camp at Ministry of Port & Shipping & Coaster Ways, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi



Indian Red Cross Society, NHQ, Blood Centre held a blood donation camp on World Blood Donors Day, 2023 on 14th June, 2023 at Ministry of Port, Shipping & Coaster Ways, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi. More than 34 donors donated blood at the camp.

 IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre held a blood donation camp at WHO SEARO, New Delhi. More than 46 donors donated blood at the camp.

 IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre held a blood donation camp at Delhi Paramedical & Management Institute, Vocational Institute, Ashok Nagar, New Delhi. More than 45 donors donated blood at the camp.



ii. **Celebration of National Blood Donation Day**

IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre conducted blood donation camp at LNS Aparajita Indirapuram, Ghaziabad as well as in Red Cross. One weeklong programme (1.10.23 to 07.10.23) was organized to enhance voluntary blood donation by spreading the message of Voluntary Blood Donation.

I. IFRC Support for Strengthening the IRCS, Blood Centers

Strengthening of the Red Cross Blood Centres existing across the country, IRCS, NHQ issued guidelines, to the State Branches to strengthen the Blood Centre. A part of IFRC Fund of INR 164 Cr was used for supplying essential equipment to the existing 100 Blood Centres including 22 new Blood Centres. The equipment were procured, delivered and installed by IFRC in consultation with IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre.

During 2023-24, being a continuous process, the equipment was delivered and installed at all existing and new blood centres. The request of State Branches / Blood Centre to shift the equipment from one blood centre to other blood centre was monitored by the IRCS NHQ.

As we look ahead, IRCS's Blood Services program will continue to focus on expanding blood donation camps and drives, strengthening of our blood processing and testing facilities, and enhancing our community awareness and education programs. We will also work to improve access to blood and blood products for underserved communities across the country. Details of the blood services conducted by the branches are included in the summarized reports of the State/UT Branches.

FUND RAISING & MEMBERSHIP

Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) got the support of its donors, partners and others to support its programs and services during the year. The fundraising and membership activities of IRCS played a vital role in ensuring the sustainability of the organization. The Indian Red Cross Society sources its funds for the welfare activities through various channels. Enrolment of members by its branches in different categories is an important source of fund raising. These enrolments are made in accordance with Rule 3 of the Indian Red Cross Rules 1994.

Enrollment of Members

Presently there are seven grades of members enrolled by State/UT, District / Sub- District Branches. Rates of subscription are as follows: -

1. Patron	Rs. 25,000/-
2. Vice Patrons	Rs. 12,000/-
3. Life Member	Rs. 1000/-
4. Life Associate	Rs. 250/-
5. Annual Member	Rs. 100/- per annum
6. Annual Associate	Rs. 50/- per annum
7. Institutional Member	Rs. 5,000/- per annum

After receipt of the list of names of the enrolled members and corresponding fees from the branches NHQ issues Life Members, Patrons & Vice Patron certificates.

Membership drives were conducted to encourage more people to join IRCS as members. The membership program provides an opportunity to individuals to become actively involved in

the work of the organization and participate in the realization of its mission.

For the Financial year 2023-24 following members were enrolled by the Indian Red Cross Society under different categories:

Serial No.	Category of Membership	No. of Members Enrolled & issued certificates during 2023-24
1	Life Members	12845
2	Life Associate	741
3	Patron	44
4	Vice-Patron	9
5	Institutional Member	61

Of late IRCS, NHQ has been gradually moving towards digitization. In the field of membership as well it has been implemented.

IRCS branches organized several fundraising activities during the year, including appeals through website, social media platforms, and other channels. Branches also organized special campaigns to support disaster response efforts, which received a significant response. The organization also received generous support from individual donors, corporate partners, and international organizations.

We are grateful for the support of our donors, members, and partners during the year 2023-24, and we look forward to their continued support in the years to come. With their support, we are confident that we can continue to provide services to vulnerable populations across the country.

FIRST AID TRAINING

The First Aid training program of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) continued to be an area of focus during the year 2023-24. The program played a crucial role in building the capacity of individuals and communities to respond effectively to emergencies and disasters.

IRCS, NHQ has been making efforts to streamline the trainings in first aid being held all through the country by the branches. One of the initiatives has been to hold examinations in online mode instead of offline mode for evaluating the competency of the trainees.

Online First Aid/Home Nursing & allied subjects Examination of IRCS & St John (I)



First Aid, Home Nursing and allied courses trainings are imparted to the general public and to aerodrome staff, drivers & conductors, armed forces, police, mines & factories staff, NCC, civil defence, home guard, railway employees, teachers and students. 8 days training (minimum 16 hours) is mandatory for professional certificates before taking the First Aid examination. This First Aid certificate is mandatory for some streams of jobs in government sector. The first aid trainings for employees in the corporate sector can be of a minimum of 3 days with a minimum training of 16 hours.

The pilot phase of online examination project was started in Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana in the year 2022 and has been successfully implemented. The key features are as follows:

1. Online registration of candidates (Individual/Corporate & Student)
2. Online payment on final registration
3. Online creation of batches by Training Centres & provision to select batch by the candidates.
4. Centralized attendance recording and calculation for qualifying for examination based on attendance.
5. Multilingual question paper based on the level of examination.
6. Theory examinations on tabs provided by the vendor who is responsible for providing infrastructure for examination.
7. Practical examination by the Training Centre examiner and marks to be given on tab itself.
8. Immediate release of result
9. Certificate generation after 5 days of examination

The National Headquarters issued Proficiency Certificates in First Aid and allied subjects as under:

No. of Online Certificates: **68788**

No. of Offline Certificates: **161742**

IRCS–ICRC COOPERATION ACTIVITY

The IRCS- ICRC supported programmes and activities to disseminate correct and proper use of Red Cross Emblem to minimise its misuse; awareness programmes on Fundamental Principles, First Aid, Junior & Youth Red Cross Program, Digital transformation and Family News Service program.

During the year the IRCS-ICRC cooperation activity covered twelve states and NHQ to conduct following activities: -

- First Aid training
- Youth Program
- Restoring family link (RFL services)
- Emergency prepositioning
- Digital transformation
- Family News Service

The programme is currently being implemented in the following states: Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, IRCS National Headquarter. **The total budget for the ICRC-supported programme is ₹55,379,104.**

A. Master trainers in first aid

IRCS imparts training in First Aid for the benefit of general public and employees of companies, factories, corporates and others through its branches. The trainings are imparted by Instructors/Lay Lecturers authorized by the National Headquarters for this purpose. The Instructors/Lay Lecturers are assessed for their efficiency periodically by Master Trainers deputed by the National

Headquarters. Master Trainers are selected by the National Headquarters from among the Instructors/ Lay Lecturers based on their extra ability and mastery over the subject.

Activities under the IRCS-ICRC Program at glance- 2023-24



Name of College: -Govt. Degree College, Chaura Maidan, Shimla. Nos of Students: 41



Sanjauli, Shimla. Nos of Students: 48



Name of Institute: - Govt. ITI Chaura Maidan, District Shimla. And Govt. Degree College Chintpurni, District Una.

IRCS NHQ conducted (FA-MT) training programs at different locations with the support of IRCS State Branches and ICRC during FY 23-24.

Odisha;

- a. IRCS Odisha state Branch organized a 3 days First Aid Training programme for District Red Cross Branch Volunteers from 12th to 14th, July, 2023 at SKCG Autonomous College, Paralakhemundi, Gajpati. Total 30 participants participated in this training programme.

- b. IRCS, Odisha state Branch organized a 3 days First Aid Training programme for District Red Cross Branch Volunteers from 20th to 22nd July, 2023 at Saraswati Mandir APJ Abdul Kalam Convention Hall, Keunjhar. Total 30 participants participated in this training.



- c. The IRCS, Odisha State Branch with the support of IRCS, NHQ and ICRC initiated a comprehensive intervention to improve IRCS District branches in program implementation & management capacity. A two days' workshop on project cycle Management (PCM), Safer Access Framework (SAF) & Branch Development was held on 15th & 16th September, 2023 at Red Cross Bhavan, Bhubaneswar.



Uttarakhand;

A three-day First Aid & Disaster Management Training Programme 2023 was held from 19th October to 21st October 2023 at the District Traffic Park, Gandhigram, Saharanpur, Uttarakhand.



Gujarat;

- a. NDRF Disaster Management Training TOT-2 was held at NDRF Camp Jarod, Baroda district, Gujarat from 01-11-2023 to 07-11-2023 and 20-11-2023 to 25-11-2023. Total 60 people participated in the training program.



- b. IRCS NHQ and ICRC jointly conducted First Aid Master Trainer's (FA-MT) training at IRCS Gujarat from 24 November 2023 to 28 November 2023. 33 participants including doctors, nurses and Lay Lecturers participated in the training program. 15 participants become National First Aid Master Trainer of IRCS.

- B. **FNS/RFL**: Indian Red Cross Society, Family News Services unit carried out various activities like Tracing services, Red Cross Message (RCM) collection & exchange with the help of trained FNS volunteers in and out of the country, repatriation of unaccompanied minors and regular FNS training to staff and volunteers.

Followings are the details of Tracing and Red Cross Message Services for the year

RFL/FNS service	Active	Closed	Total Collected
RCMs	0	41	41
Tracing	3	1	4

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT COOPERATION

In the year 2023-24, the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) forged even stronger bonds with its partners within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Our International Movement Cooperation program has been pivotal in enhancing our relationships with other National Societies and partners worldwide.

The collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), have enabled IRCS to respond more effectively to disasters and emergencies. These partnerships have not only enabled us to share best practices but also to learn invaluable lessons from the experiences of our international counterparts.

This global collaboration has empowered us to enhance our programs and services, ensuring that we serve vulnerable populations across India. By working together with our international partners, we have been able to bring hope and relief to those in need, reinforcing our commitment to humanity.

We invite all the partners and supporters to join us in this journey. Whether through volunteering, donations, or spreading the word, your support can make a significant difference. Together, we can build a more resilient and compassionate world. Your involvement is crucial to our mission, and with your help, we can extend our reach and impact even further.

PARTICIPATION OF IRCS IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) has actively participated in numerous international events and conferences organized by our partners and other organizations. These events have been invaluable in providing us with platforms to share our experiences, exchange knowledge, and learn from the inspiring work of other National Societies and partners worldwide.

Some of the programs

1. IRCS, NHQ, Secretary General, Sh. R.K Jain attended Meeting of the **International Federation Certification Working Group at Doha, Qatar on February 5-7, 2024.** The International Federation Certification Working Group was established by the International Federation to support the development of the new International Federation Certification. The meeting aimed to discuss and agree on the key components of the new Certification system. It focused on reviewing and discussing the standards of the International Federation certification system and certification body options and the group option. The ideas were shared on the commitment that will be carried out before the General Assembly of 2024 and define the next steps in the development of the Certification of the International Federation.



2. IRCS, NHQ, Vice Chairman, Dr. Anant B. Pandhare & Secretary General, Sh. R.K Jain attended **South Asia National Societies (SANS) Leadership Meeting, 6-7 June 2023, Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo-02, Sri Lanka.** Several National Societies like Afghan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldivian, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated in the meeting. Presentation by National Societies on updates, success stories, best practices, and/or unique experiences were made. Discussions were held on What can NS do to enhance cooperation & coordination amongst SANS.



VISITS OF HON'BLE PRESIDENT & HON'BLE CHAIRMAN TO BRANCHES

a. Visit of The Hon'ble President to Telangana State Branch



Indian Red Cross Society, Telangana State Branch, held a voluntary blood donation camp at Chegur RR district, Telangana. Hon'ble President of India & President of IRCS, Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced the occasion. Dr. Smt. Tamilisai Soundaram, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and IRCS State President was also present.

b. Visit of The Hon'ble President to Odisha State Branch

Hon'ble President of India and President of Indian Red Cross Society, Smt. Droupadi Murmu visited her native place, Uparbeda in Odisha. She was given a warm welcome by the Junior & Youth Red Cross volunteers. She also interacted with them. Activities like assistance to poor & needy, first aid demonstration, setting up JRC unit in SLS school were some of the highlights of the occasion.



VISITS OF THE HON'BLE CHAIRMAN

Janaushadhi Kendra: to commemorate the 73rd birthday of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare Minister and Chairman of the IRCS, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and the Hon'ble Gujarat Health Minister and Vice-President of the Gujarat Red Cross, Shri Rushikesh bhai Patel inaugurated Janaushadhi Kendras in Gujarat on 17th September, 2023. Sh. Ajaybhai H. Patel, Chairman of the Gujarat State Branch of the IRCS, played an important role in obtaining funding for the operation of 73 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras in various Gujarat government hospitals. These Kendras shall be run by the Indian Red Cross Society.



VISITS OF THE FOREIGN DELEGATES

a) Bhutan Red Cross

A team of officers from Bhutan Red Cross Society visited IRCS, NHQ on Friday, 29th September. The objective of the visit was to learn and gain valuable insights into the functioning of the National Societies in this region. The visiting team comprised Yeshey Choden (Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator), Sangay Tshong (Program Coordinator), Phub Tshering (Admin and Accounts Officer) & Santosh Subba (IT and Data Administrator). Joint Secretary, IRCS NHQ, Dr Anoop Kumar Puri chaired the meeting. Deputy Secretary Sh. N.K Singh gave an orientation to the team. Officials and staff of IRCS and IFRC were also present during the session.



b) Meeting with IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Officials

Secretary General Sh. R.K Jain had a meeting with IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Officials. Deputy Regional Director- Ms Juja Kim and Head, Humanitarian Diplomacy and Regional Liaison- Ms Hanne Mathisen called on the Secretary General on 11th April, 2023. Mr. Udaya Regmi, Head of Country Cluster Delegation, IFRC, also attended the meeting.



STATUTORY MEETINGS OF IRCS (NHQ)

a) Annual General Meeting at Rashtrapati Bhavan



The Hon'ble President of India and Indian Red Cross Society, Smt. Draupadi Murmu, graced the ceremonial session of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) on 17th July, 2023 at the Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre. More than 300 delegates from across the nation participated.

The AGM was held in the physical presence of Governors and Lieutenant Governors from nine states and Union Territories, while several others joined virtually. Hon'ble President of India felicitated the best performing Red Cross State and UT branches and distinguished Red Crossers for their outstanding contribution to the Indian Red Cross Society. A total of seven awards in three different categories were presented.



The Business Session was presided over by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Chairman of IRCS and Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, GoI. He gave merit certificates to 6 distinguished Red Crossers. He stated that IRCS may win the Nobel Peace Prize for its work. He exhorted Red Crossers to work towards it to fulfill this cherished award. He went on to say,

"Health is not a commerce in India; it is a service in India," emphasising that service is more than just a phrase; it is our culture, and the Red Cross can do a lot in the sphere of service to mankind.

Presentation of Awards

Hon'ble President conferred Red Cross Gold Medal upon Dr. LN Ambati Natraj from Telangana and Dr. Goparaju Samaram from Andhra Pradesh. IRCS, Odisha State branch was given a shield for raising maximum funds and IRCS Jammu & Kashmir UT Branch was given a shield for raising maximum funds in relation to its population for the year 2021-22 amongst the UT Branches. Gujarat State branch and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, UT branch received Blood Donation Shields for highest voluntary blood collection.

Red Cross Gold Medals

- a. **Dr. Nataraj** has been associated with the Red Cross for nearly 27 years. He received IRCS, Gold Medal for the year 2021-22 for his exemplary services which include;

- Organising 150 Blood Donation camps and collecting in total 20,659 units of blood.
- Work during COVID pandemic and collecting donation of over ₹35,00,000
- 100% JRC/YRC Registration in Mahbubnagar District
- Donated blood himself 148 times + 2 times plasma donation.



Dr. Nataraj has also received many other awards including Gold Medals and Certificates by the Governor and others from the year 2000 to 2019. He has so far received 42 Gold Medals, 31 Silver Medals and 45 Merit Certificates.

- b. **Dr. Samaram** has been associated with the Red Cross for over 19 years. He received IRCS, Gold Medal for the year 2021-22 for his exemplary services which include;

- Enrollment of new Red Cross members
- Notable services during covid pandemic & other disasters
- Collection of donation amounting to Rs. 25,00,000.



Dr. Samaram has also received many prestigious awards such as 4 Gold Medals, E-Sewa Awards from Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Meritorious Service Awards, Best State President Award from IMA, honoured by 'Telugu Book' for writing more than 200 medical and health books, IMA A.P State Branch award for the 'Best Medical Science Writer' and "Best Popular Medical Science Books.

Fund Raising and Membership Shields

1st Position (State Branch) Large Shield - Odisha (For FY 21-22)

1st Position (UT Branch) Large Shield- Jammu & Kashmir (For FY21-22)

Odisha State Branch has raised funds to the tune of Rs. 2,220,55,146.67 and contributed to NHQ its share of Rs.33,08,272. It held the first position in the category of State Branches. The % collection vis a vis population is 47.95%.

In the category of Fund Raising and Membership UT Branch Jammu & Kashmir raised the highest funds to the tune of Rs.151246/- and %collection vis a vis population is 1.12%.

Fund Raising and Membership Shield (Small)

2nd Position (State Branch) Small Shield- Haryana (For FY 21-22)

Haryana State Branch has raised funds to the tune of Rs.32,34,350 /-and contributed to NHQ its share of Rs.4,86,217. It held the second position in the category of State Branches. The % collection vis a vis population is 10.85%



Hon'ble Governor of Odisha & President of OSB, Sh. Ganeshi Lal & Sh. Bibhuti Bhushan Patnaik, Secretary, OSB collected the shield from the Hon'ble President of India & President of IRCS



Sh. Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, J&K UT branch collected the shield from the Hon'ble President of India & President of IRCS



Hon'ble Governor of Haryana & President of Haryana State Branch, Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya & Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Haryana State Branch collected the shield from the Hon'ble President of India & President of IRCS

Blood Donation Shields

- a. **Gujarat State Branch** was awarded shield for collection of highest number of voluntary blood in the year 2021-22. It collected 2,77,616 units of blood. The Vice Chairman of Gujarat State Branch Sh. Ajay Desai collected the shield.



- b. **Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu UT Branch** was given shield for maximum Blood collection vis-à-vis population for FY 21-22 (1.349% collection vis-à-vis population). Ms. Charmie Parekh collected the shield on behalf of the branch.



The Hon'ble Chairman IRCS & Hon'ble HFM, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the delegates and presented Indian Red Cross Certificate of Merit for FY (2021-22) during the Business Session.

Indian Red Cross Certificate of Merit (2021-22)

Indian Red Cross Society Certificate of Merit was awarded for the year 2021-22 to the following: -

1. Prof. Dr. Dilip Dasharath Karad, Maharashtra
2. Sh. Bijay Kumar Singh, Jharkhand.
3. Sh. Premraj Nial @Nihal Singh, Odisha
4. Dr. Anil Garg, Uttar Pradesh
5. Sh. Kalyandas Lilaram Ramchandani, Gujarat
6. Dr. Laishram Manglem Singh, Manipur

Prof. Dr. Dilip Dasharath Karad from Barshi Sub district branch, Maharashtra has been associated with Red Cross for 32 years. He was felicitated with the Red Cross Certificate of Merit for his remarkable work which included formation of junior and youth Red Cross units in 16 educational institutions, enrolment of 56 members, collection of donations for Red Cross of over Rs. 40,00,000 and organizing 130 blood donation camps.



Sri Vijay Kumar Singh from East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand has been associated with Red Cross for almost 37 years. He received Red Cross Certificate of Merit for his service to Red Cross which included enrolment of 185 members, organising 82 blood donation camps in which 7500 units of blood were collected, conducting 300 rural health camps, provided ambulance services, free eye camp project, and raised over Rs.38,000 for the branch.

Sh. Premraj Nial @Nihal Singh, from the Sambalpur District branch in Odisha, has been involved with the Red Cross for 15 years. He received the Red Cross Certificate of Merit for his outstanding contributions, which included recruiting 82 members and organising 170 blood donation camps, where 8458 units of blood were collected.



Dr. Anil Garg is the vice chairman of the Ghaziabad district branch, Uttar Pradesh. He has been involved with the Red Cross for 44 years. Dr. Garg received the Red Cross Certificate of Merit for his outstanding contributions to the organisation, which included enrolling 4740 members, conducting first aid trainings, and holding 20 blood donation camps in which 400 units of blood were collected. He also assisted in the delivery of general aid.

Kalyan Das Leela Ram Ramchandani from Dahod District of Gujarat has been associated with Red Cross for over 25 years. He was awarded with the Red Cross Certificate of Merit for his excellent service to the organisation, which included training in first aid, distributing aids & appliances to differently abled, enrolling new members, screening thalassaemic patients, and establishing new taluka level branches.



Dr. Laishram Manglem Singh has been associated with Red Cross Manipur for over 23 years. He received the Red Cross Certificate of Merit for his dedicated volunteer activities, which included enrolling 130 members, organising 26 blood donation camps, and leading relief teams during natural disasters such as landslides and fires.

b) The National Managing Body Meetings

- i. **National Managing Body Meeting** was held on **25th April 2023** at IRCS, NHQ. The Meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Chairman, IRCS, NHQ and Hon'ble HFM, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. The Hon'ble Chairman welcomed 6 nominated members i.e. Smt. Neerja Birla, Dr. Anant Pandhare, Sh. Subodh Singh, Sh. Raj Kumar Nahataa, Dr. S.R. Srinivasa Kannan and Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, who joined this meeting for the first time. Important issues that were discussed include; election of the VC of the Managing Body, providing CGHS facility to the retired staff of IRCS, the amendment to the branch rules, decisions taken in Branch Leadership Meetings etc. In this meeting Dr. Anant Pandhare was unanimously elected as the Vice Chairman of the IRCS Managing Body.



- ii. The reconstituted IRCS, NHQ **Managing Body Meeting** was held on **18th December, 2023** under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Chairman of IRCS and Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, GoI. Dr. Anant Pandhare was elected as the Vice Chairman for his second term in the meeting. The Managing Body approved the decisions taken by the Finance, Awards, Selection, Medical Maternity & Child Welfare & Blood Centre, Disaster Management & Project Monitoring Committee & Committee to review the Acts & Rules of IRCS. The Managing Body also approved the Annual Budget, the Annual Accounts and the Annual Report of the IRCS.



OTHER STATUTORY MEETINGS

- a. Selection Committee meetings held on 5.1.2024, 16.1.2024, 02.02.2024, 15.02.2024, 21.3.2024, 8.4.2024, 9.4.2024.
- b. Finance Committee meetings held on 27.06.2023, 22.3.2024
- c. Review Committee meetings held on 5.1.2024m 16.1.2024, 18.1.2024 and 22.3.2024
- d. Medical and Maternity & Child Welfare Committee meeting held on 21.3.2024.

OTHER IMPORTANT MEETINGS



1. Vice Chairman, IRCS NHQ, Dr. Anant Pandhare accompanied with the Secretary General, IRCS, Sh. R. K Jain called on the Hon'ble President of India and Hon'ble President of IRCS, Smt. Droupadi Murmu on 21st March 2024. Hon'ble President was briefed about the activities of Indian Red Cross Society.

2. On 7th Nov, 2023 Secretary General attended a Virtual meeting with other National Society Leadership in connection with IFRC Presidential elections which were held on 11th December.
3. On 3rd Nov, 2023 Secretary MOUHA called on the Secretary General Sh. R.K. Jain to discuss the shifting of the IRCS premises to a new location. The alternative places suggested were discussed and new locations, such as Nauroji Nagar also came up for consideration.
4. On 13th Nov 2023 Officer on Special Duty to the Governor of West Bengal visited IRCS, NHQ. He was requested to take appropriate measures to constitute an ad hoc committee with few members so that the functioning of the branch is resumed and the important tasks on hand, such as registration of vehicles given by the NHQ, are completed.

5. On 28th Nov 2023 the Country Director of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Mr. Hari Menon, called on the Secretary General. He informed about the priority areas of the foundation in which they have been providing financial support. The Secretary General informed Mr. Hari Menon about the priority areas of IRCS & the fields in which both can work together.

6. On **20th September** Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri, DDG (NACO) joined as Joint Secretary at IRCS, NHQ. He had a meeting cum introductory session with the staff of IRCS, NHQ. He has been given additional charge of the post by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



7. On **5th December, 2023**, Secretary General attended a virtual meeting on teams on IFRC Certification working group.
8. Secretary General Sh. R.K Jain attended a meeting at Vijayawada on 9th December 2023 in which officials of the A.P Red Cross, Chairpersons, Secretaries & State Managing Committee Members were present. Activities of the Red Cross in Andhra Pradesh were presented to the Secretary General.
9. Statement on Integrity Working Group meeting was held on **10th January, 2024**. Secretary General Sh. R.K Jain attended the meeting.
10. Three days Eastern Zonal Regional Conclave was organised by Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch in collaboration with IRCS, NHQ from **9th to 11th January 2024** at Jironi Resort, Nameri National Park, Sonitpur District of Assam. Participants from West Bengal, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Assam participated in this conclave. Dr. Parag Borkar, Cooperation Program Manager, ICRC and Devji Buchiya, Senior Officer, Programs and Security, IFRC CCD, Delhi office also participated in this conclave.
11. On **16th January 2024** Sh. R.K Jain, Secretary General attended IFRC Certification Working Group meetings.
12. On **16th February, 2024**, first virtual meeting of the Global Think Tank Group: Fundamental Principles in today's fast-changing world was held which was spear headed by Mr. Markus Mader. Sh. R.K Jain, Secretary General is also now a member of this Global Think Tank Group. The next meeting was held on 19th March 2024.
13. On **21st February, 2024**, there was a virtual meeting between Sh. R.K Jain, Secretary General and Mr. Conrad Sauve, President & CEO of the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) regarding IRCS and CRC project agreement.
14. On **23rd February, 2024**, a meeting was held in the office of Secretary, MoHFW to discuss the way forward for the shifting of IRCS office.
15. IRCS signed MoU with Canadian Red Cross for redevelopment of Vikhroli warehouse at Mumbai in the month of **March 2024**. Under the project the project implementation committee (PIC) constituted for this purpose shall plan & execute construction of warehouse with added structures to facilitate trainings and make the premises self-sustainable.

16. On **27th March, 2024**- Dr Muawia Elbukhari, Ambassador of Sudan Embassy called on the Secretary General, IRCS for possible partnership in humanitarian programs.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

a) Elections to the National Managing Body of IRCS



The elections to the National Managing Body of IRCS were held on 12th October 2023 at IRCS NHQ. Out of 26 members of Electoral College, 21 members participated in the election. 12 members of the Electoral College who secured maximum number of votes in their respective regions were declared elected. Their term started on 16th October 2023 for a period of two years.

Northern Region - Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal (Haryana)
Sh. Shivdular Singh Dhillon (Punjab)
Dr. Himabindu Naik (UP)

Southern Region - Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy (AP)
Dr. Justice M. Jaichandren (Tamil Nadu)
Dr. Suresh B. Kulkarni (Karnataka)

Eastern Region - Sh. AK Absar Hazarika (Assam)
Dr. Binay Bahadur Sinha (Bihar)
Dr. Senjam Sunil Singh (Manipur)

Western Region - Sh. Ajaybhai H. Patel (Gujarat)
Sh. Gaurish M. Dhond (Goa)
Sh. Rajesh Krishna Birla (Rajasthan)



b) Project BHISHM

Project BHISHM is a joint project of the Indian Navy and the DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) to develop a world-class hospital in disaster affected areas. The heart of this innovative disaster hospital lies in its 72 cubes, each of which contain an array of essential equipment and supplies. On 5th January the Bheeshma Cube was brought to the Constitution Club, New Delhi. IRCS Vice Chairman, Sh. Anant Pandhare and Managing Body Members; Dr. Senjam Sunil Singh, Sh. Shivdular Singh Dhillon & Dr. Arumalla Sridhar Reddy, Secretary General Sh. R.K Jain, Joint



Secretary, Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri, Dr. Vanshree Singh, Director, IRCS Blood Center and officials of IRCS, IFRC & ICRC attended the demo session.

The cube has an operation theatre, a mini-ICU, ventilators, blood test equipment, an X-ray machine, a cooking station, food, water, shelter, a power generator, and other facilities. These 72 cubes contain almost everything needed for the survival of 100 patients for a period of 48 hours. It can treat more than 200 patients at a time.



c) Press Institute of India and ICRC Annual Media Awards 2023



Deputy Secretary, IRCS, NHQ Sh. N.K Singh attended 17th edition of the Press Institute of India and ICRC Annual Media Awards at Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 24th Nov 2023. The awards were given for the best article and best photograph on a humanitarian subject. The theme for 2023 was stories of resilience in humanitarian disasters, response and challenges. The inaugural address was given by Mr. Kadir Awol Omar, HOD, ICRC. Sh. Rajendra Ratnoo, Executive Director of NIDM was the special guest. The panellists

included; Dinesh. C. Sharma, senior journalist and author, Gayatri Ramanathan, Journalist and communications professional, Urvashi Sarkar, Journalist and author, Surinder Oberoi, Senior Journalist, Divya Pushkarna, Disinformation Advisor, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Marie- Servane Desjonqueres, Senior Communications Advisor, ICRC.

YOUTH PROGRAM

a) Background

IRCS NHQ and branches have been running Junior and Youth Red Cross activities since 1925. Juniors are the students in the schools registered under the program. Similarly, Youth are the members that are enrolled through their colleges registered by the Red Cross branches at the local level. The program has a very large membership as most of the Govt. run schools are covered. This is one of the important Red Cross activities throughout the world.

IRCS injected fresh life into the Youth Program with the support of ICRC in schools/colleges and communities in the selected States. The target states for this program were Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Jammu & Kashmir.

This program has three key objectives –

- To enhance the understanding of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and its Fundamental Principles.
- Promote peace and harmony among the youth and the selected communities.
- To strengthen the capacity of the YRC regarding hygiene promotion, household water treatment, basic first-aid and promote peace and harmony in society.
- To contribute towards increasing the awareness on role of youth and behavioral changes in the selected communities on hygiene promotion, household water treatment and basic first aid.

b) Several activities were undertaken during the FY 23-24 in State/UT branches

- i. IRCS Gujarat State Branch had organized 25 CPR training courses in different colleges to strengthen Youth Volunteers.



Felicitation of College Principal and Youth Counsellor: -

There were more than 5000 colleges joined the youth Red Cross Program. Principal and Counsellors were felicitated for joining humanitarian activity of Red Cross.



ii. Junior Red Cross/Youth Red Cross camps were held in several districts of J&K-UT branch



iii. YRC Volunteers Capacity Building Program; The IRCS, Odisha State Branch, held a cleanliness effort on Gandhi Jayanti, October 2, 2023. Govindpur Higher Secondary School volunteers visited the nearest adopted village, Sitla, and attended a session at the U.P School. All U.P School students were taught the best hand washing methods.

The District Level Orientation Program was held at Puri, Cuttack & Kendra Pará districts of Odisha under the Red Cross Youth Program.



On September 10, 2023, DKN College Eranch, Cuttack hosted a district-level orientation function on its campus. In addition to D.K.N College volunteers, chosen volunteers from U.N Autonomous College and Govindpur Higher Secondary School attended the orientation course. On the same day, Sastri Smurti Degree College held a program on its campus, in which volunteers from the other two selected colleges participated.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

1. TB Project:

- a) **TB Mitra Program:** In India there are around 30,00,000 TB patients out of which 10 lakhs have given consent to share their personal details to receive kits under this program. The details of those patients can be shared with IRCS based on availability of donor and assurance that details will be treated confidentially and used only for the purpose of distribution of kit and rations.

During the year 2023-2024, nearly 32,000 nos. of TB patients were supported by registering donors. TB Patients were adopted by 16 state/UT branches (Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Punjab, and Uttarakhand, Utta Pradesh).

b) Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis including MDR-TB

TB is one of India's major public health problems. According to WHO estimates, India has the world's largest number of tuberculosis patients. Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) is playing an increasingly important role in ensuring that TB cases are treated successfully and find out ways & means to minimize stigma and discrimination against patients. With the aim to reduce the burden of MDR TB, IRCS addresses needs of the vulnerable people, arrange for the retreatment of patients and engages with those patients who are likely to default. While undergoing treatment these patients are being followed up and supported to enable full adherence to DOTs. Since 2009, IRCS has been working in support of TB patient in targeted communities in some states.

During the year 2023-2024, nearly 1200 patients were covered in the project districts in the states of Gujarat, Haryana and Punjab with the adherence rate of above 95%. The project covered awareness meetings, care and support patients counselling, IEC activities & discussion sessions at the government health facilities at their TB units & door to door services. Health checkups & TB screening camps were also organized.

Goal and Objectives:

- To ensure that Category II TB patients, i.e. those who have stopped DOTs treatment without completion, are put back on treatment until they are cured.
- To ensure effectiveness of treatment by providing care and nutritional support to the most vulnerable TB cases.
- Prevention of Multi Drug Resistant TB.
- To reduce the number of deaths, illness and impact from Tuberculosis and MDR TB in target areas.
- To reduce the stigma and discrimination around TB through behavior change communication campaign and inclusion of TB patients in important fora.

Target areas and nos of patients

Sl. No.	State	Districts	Patient
1	Haryana	Faridabad & Palwal	300
2	Gujarat	Ahmedabad district, Ahmedabad Urban & AMC	500
3	Punjab	Amritsar & Jalandhar	600
		Total	1400

Haryana: The TB programme was extended in the year 2023-2024 under which a target of 300 TB patients was kept in the districts of Faridabad and Palwal. During the year 2023-2024, 446 TB patients were enrolled in Faridabad & Palwal district, out of which 261 were cured, 6 transferred out, 2 failures, 07 deaths and 170 were under treatment as on 31st March 2023.

Proper attention was paid on awareness activities during the year. In this regard, 26 advocacy awareness meetings and 107 Mohalla Meetings were arranged in Faridabad & Palwal by the Red Cross volunteers and district Coordinators so that the TB suspects living very close to the TB patients and others in surrounding areas should come forward for early diagnosis & treatment. Hand bills on the TB were distributed in the community. The volunteers held 1390 and 99 counselling sessions at DOT centres in Faridabad and Palwal respectively. 2313 and 942 home visits were made by Faridabad and Palwal district coordinators and volunteers.

The adherence report from the Haryana state branch shows that patient's adherence rate is 99%. Following is the adherence report:

Adherence report

Nos. of patients enrolled	No of cured patients	No. of patients undergoing treatment	Death/transfer.	Dis. Cont./failure	Default	No. of patient adherence	% of patient's adherence (without default)
446	261	170	08	07		446	99%

Gujarat: The TB programme was extended in the year 2023-2024 under which a target of 500 TB patients was kept in the districts of Ahmedabad. During the year 2023-2024, 500 TB patients were enrolled in Gujarat district, out of which 435 were cured, 55 TB patients under treatment, 10 deaths as on 31st March 2023.

Proper attention was paid on awareness activities during the year. In this regard, 20 advocacy awareness meetings and Mohalla Meetings were arranged by the Red Cross volunteers and district Coordinators so that the TB suspects living very close to the TB patients and others in surrounding areas should come forward for early diagnosis & treatment. Hand bills on TB were distributed in the community.

The adherence report from the Gujarat state branch shows that patient's adherence rate is 99%. Following the adherence reports:

Adherence report

Nos. of patients enrolled	No of cured patients	No.of patients undergoing treatment	Death/transf.	Dis. Cont./failure	Default	No. of patient adherence	% of patient's adherence (without default)
500	435	55	10	-	-	500	99%

Punjab: The Irish Red Cross supported the TB Project in the Punjab state branch for the year 2023-2024 under which a target of 600 TB patients was kept in the districts of Amritsar and Jalandhar. Volunteers conducted 1137 counselling sessions at the DOT centres and made 2948 home visits to TB patients. The project staff and volunteers also organised 160 group awareness meetings and 176 Mohalla meetings. The volunteers distributed 8740 TB hand bills.

Adherence reports

No. of patients enrolled	No of cured patients	No of patients undergoing treatment	Death	Failure/transferred out	Defaults	Patient starts treatment from private	No of patient adherence (without default)	% of adherence ensured
1015	342	651	22	-	-	-	-	100%

INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) plays a vital role in humanitarian efforts across the country, and its Information and Public Relations (PR) activities are crucial in building awareness and fostering engagement. Through strategic communication and outreach, the IRCS highlights its mission, initiatives, and impact, effectively informing the public and encouraging participation. Celebrating important days such as World Red Cross Day, National Blood Donation Day, and disaster preparedness week, the IRCS uses these occasions to enhance its branding, promote its services, and underscore its commitment to community welfare. These events not only raise awareness but also mobilize resources and volunteers, reinforcing the society's presence and mission in the public eye.

1. **World Health Day 2023** was observed on April 7th, with the theme *"Health for All."* This theme emphasized the importance of ensuring that everyone, everywhere, has access to quality health services without facing financial hardship. The day aimed to raise awareness and mobilize efforts towards achieving universal health coverage and promoting global health equity.



2. **World Malaria Day 2023**, observed on April 25th, focused on the theme *"Time to Deliver Zero Malaria: Invest, Innovate, Implement."* This theme underscored the urgency of investing in malaria prevention and treatment, fostering innovation to develop new tools and strategies, and effectively implementing these solutions to achieve the goal of a malaria-free world.



3. **World Red Cross Day 2023** was celebrated all over India on May 8th with the theme *"Everything we do comes #fromtheheart."* This theme emphasized the compassionate and heartfelt nature of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, highlighting the dedication and empathy that drive volunteers and staff to support communities in need.



4. **World First Aid Day** 2023, commemorated on September 9th, emphasized the theme **"First Aid and Road Safety."** The campaign aimed to raise awareness about the critical role of first aid in mitigating injuries and saving lives, especially in road traffic accidents. It underscored the importance of prompt and effective first aid responses to reduce the severity of injuries and improve outcomes in emergencies on the road.



5. **National Voluntary Blood Donation Day** 2023 was observed on 1st October with the theme **"Donate Blood, Save Lives."** The day highlighted the crucial role of voluntary blood donors in ensuring a stable and safe blood supply for medical emergencies and treatments across the country. It aimed to raise awareness about the importance of regular blood donations and encouraged more people to participate in this life-saving act.



6. **Earth Day** 2023 was celebrated on April 22nd with the theme **"Invest in Our Planet."** This theme emphasized the need for governments, businesses, and individuals to invest in sustainable practices and innovations to combat climate change and protect the environment for future generations. The day was marked by various activities, including tree planting, clean-up drives, educational events, and advocacy campaigns to promote environmental awareness and action.



7. **World No Tobacco Day** 2023 was observed on May 31st with the theme **"Commit to Quit."** The day aimed to raise awareness about the health risks associated with tobacco use and encourage people to commit to quitting smoking and other forms of tobacco consumption for a healthier life.



8. **World Thalassemia Day** 2023, observed on May 8th, highlighted the theme of **"Empowering individuals with thalassemia to live longer, healthier lives."** It emphasized raising awareness about thalassemia, promoting access to quality healthcare, and supporting those affected to lead fulfilling lives.



9. **International Nurses Day 2023** was observed on May 12th, celebrating the crucial contributions of nurses in healthcare. The theme for the year, "Nurses: A Voice to Lead - A Vision for Future Healthcare," highlighted nurses' pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare through leadership and advocacy.



10. **World Organ Donation Day 2023** was observed on August 13th. This day is observed every year to raise awareness about the importance of and help people understand organ donation as organ transplantation can help in saving and transforming the lives of people who have been fighting to survive. The theme for the year, "Step up to volunteer; need more organ donors to fill the lacunae" highlighted on an international appeal to the local populace to stress the significance of making an organ donation pledge, hence lowering the amount raised for the need for an organ.



11. **International Women's Day 2023** was observed on 8th March 2024. The theme for International Women's Day 2023 was, 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality'. It recognizes and celebrates the women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education.



12. **World Cancer Day 2024**, celebrated on February 4th, centered around the theme "Equity. Access. Now." This initiative highlighted the urgent need for equal access to cancer prevention, treatment, and care worldwide. The campaign aimed to raise awareness about disparities in cancer outcomes based on socio-economic factors and geographical location.



13. **World TB Day** 2024, observed on March 24th, focused on the theme *"Invest. End TB."* It highlighted the importance of investing in TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care to achieve the goal of ending tuberculosis globally. The day aimed to raise awareness about the impact of TB and mobilize support for efforts to eliminate this infectious disease.



14. **National Youth Day** 2024 commemorated the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda with the theme of *"Empowering Youth for a Resilient Future."* on 12th January. The day celebrated the ideals and contributions of Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing the role of youth in building a strong and resilient society through empowerment and active participation in nation-building activities.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Wearable Device Project

ECIL develops a wearable health monitoring system (WHMS) device in association with AIIMS, Rishikesh. The system consists of an intelligent wearable instrument developed by ECIL for measuring vital parameters of Covid-19 patients like body Temperature, amount of blood oxygen (SpO2), Heartbeat Rate and Respiration Rate, and patient location. Novel application software remotely displays these parameters on a Mobile Phone, Laptop, or Desktop Computer for monitoring by the doctor from any location. The system will reduce the exposure of doctors or frontline healthcare personnel to serve Covid patients and can be easily installed on Hospital premises, Quarantine Centers. The device was tested successfully on different patients, including Covid-19 patients at AIIMS, Rishikesh, TATA Memorial & BARC-DAE hospitals in Mumbai.

Indian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters with the support of Canadian Red Cross handed over wearable device project to IRCS Kerala state branch in the month of December 2023. The details of assets handed over to the IRCS, Kerala state branch after completion of project include; Wearable Device from ECIL – 500 Nos, Clinical Monitoring software license, laptop for project monitoring - 05 nos, office furniture etc. Mr. Betman Bhandari, Canadian Red Cross Country Representative to India, Mr. Ajit Singh Rawat, DM dept. & Mr. Rajesh Chawla, Finance dept. from IRCS, NHQ visited Kerala State Branch in this connection.



2. **Google project**

Thousands of people living in the Brahmaputra and Ganga River basin in the states of Bihar and Assam face recurrent floods that impact lives and livelihoods every year. During 2019, 8.8 million people in Bihar and 50 million in Assam were affected by monsoon flooding. In order to reduce the impact of flood disaster in Assam and Bihar, the IRCS in collaboration with IFRC & Google Inc., conceived and implemented a project since June 2020 but official agreement signed on 21 January 2021, entitled as “*Improving Flood Early Warning Alert Systems: Empowering people to action in Assam & Bihar States*” with a total budget of CHF 7,40,400, out of which CHF 305,991.69 transferred to IRCS to implement the project. The project was implemented in four districts (Lamkhimpur, Morigaon, Dhemaji and Majuli) covering 78 Panchayats in Assam and 3 districts (Sitamarhi, Muzaffarpur and Khagaria) covering 76 Panchayats in Bihar.

The goal of the project is to build flood resilience, protect human lives & livestock, assets and protect livelihoods of vulnerable communities through improved flood alert system and community engagement for preventive actions. This is a collaborative effort between Google, IRCS, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC), the relevant ministries of the Government of India, the State Disaster Management Authority, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Central Water Commission (CWC), UNICEF and administrations at the district and village levels.

The project aimed to build flood resilience in Assam and Bihar by educating key decision-makers (IRCS national and state leadership) and volunteers at the Panchayat level to disseminate this knowledge throughout communities. *Under the Google project more than 630 volunteers trained in Bihar and 613 in Assam.*

The project ensured constant vigilance by establishing 24/7 flood control rooms at state and district levels. These centres monitored and circulated flood alerts, especially crucial during monsoons. The control rooms were well-equipped with technology (LCDs, laptops, internet, video conferencing) for communication purposes, along with essential supplies (raincoats, torches, megaphones) and basic furniture for smooth operation.

During floods in 2022, alerts from government agencies (CWC) and ICIMOD were efficiently relayed through the project's network established under the Google Project. This network functioned by cascading messages from state headquarters to districts and then down to panchayats. Assam specifically benefitted from volunteer training in four districts, including panchayat-level training with mock flood drills, and control room management training for both volunteers and IRCS staff. To facilitate communication and review meetings, a video conferencing facility was also set up at the IRCS Assam headquarters.

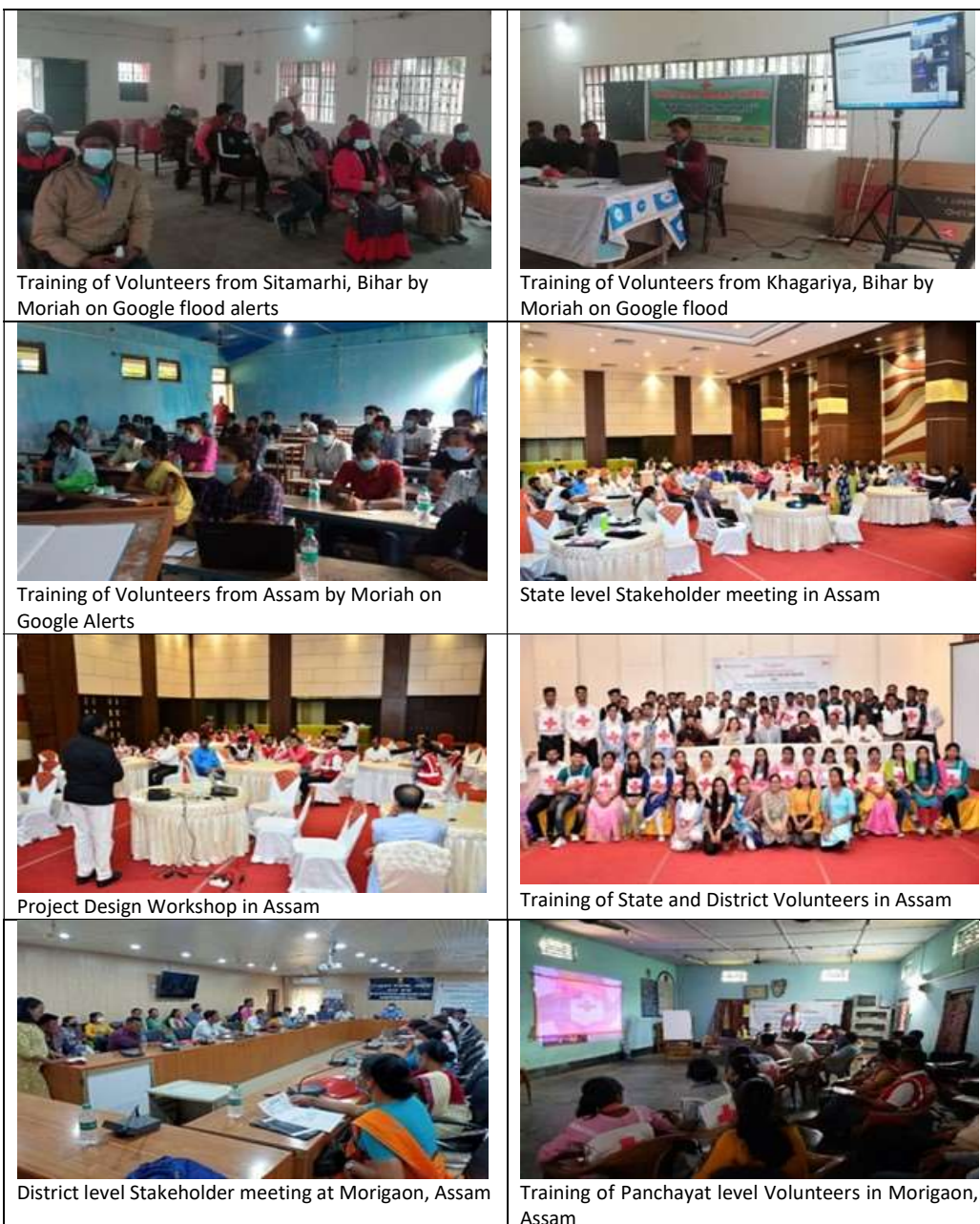
To help households that have lost all their belongings due to flooding, the IRCS planned to preposition essential items such as Kitchen sets, hygiene kits and tarpaulins. Prepositioning these items not only helped these households maintain their dignity, but also helped to reduce the response time.

NHQ also provided the following relief items with a value of Rs. 3,44,01,301 as pre-positioned in Google Implementing State Branches, which are mentioned as under: -

Google project	Kitchen sets	Tarpaulins	Hygiene Kits
Assam	1007	14985	9600

Bihar	1007	2000	2400
Bahadurgarh WH			10000
Total (Relief items)	2014	16985	22000
Values (in Rs.)	10,648,824	17,035,955	6,716,523

Some of the photographs related to Google Project are as under: -





3. **Orientation classes for Nursing Students**

During this orientation, students are introduced to the core values and mission of the IRCS, with a focus on how these principles align with their nursing education and future practice. IRCS goal is to provide them with a comprehensive understanding of the Red Cross's programs, services, and the essential role they will play in advancing to the IRCS collective mission.

IRCS expect to engage in discussions about the importance of humanitarian service, gain insights into IRCS organizational structure, and familiarize them with the resources available to support their development. Additionally, this orientation covers key aspects of professional conduct, ethics, and the impact of nursing in community health.

IRCS encourages students to participate actively, ask questions, and take full advantage of this opportunity to connect with peers and mentors from across the country. Their journey with the IRCS is not just about enhancing their skills, but also about contributing to a larger cause that makes a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

During the period 27 IRCS orientation classes were conducted at IRCS, NHQ for Nursing Students from across the country. About 1894 students benefited from the classes.

Sl.No.	Name of college	Date of Class	No.of Student
1	National Forensic Science University Gujarat	05.06.2023	14
2	ES college of Nursing,	19.06.23	105
3	Sandra Shroff Rofffwl College of Nursing, Gujarat	28.06.23	46
4.	Father Muller College of Nursing, Karnataka	25.07.23	146
5.	Lami Memorial College of Nursing, Mangalore	11.08.23	96
6.	The Kaikere Rukmini Shetty Memorial College of Nursing, Mangalore	06.09.23	53
7.	The Laxmi Memorial College, Mangalore	13.09.23	52
8.	The Laxmi Memorial College of Nursing, Mangalore	14.09.23	47
9.	Shree Devi College of Nursing, Mangalore	15.09.23	82
10	KMC College of Nursing, Tiruchirappalli	20.09.23	54
11.	Narnaryan Shastri Instt.of Nursing, Ahmedabad	21.09.23	37
12.	Sabari College of Nursing,Puducherry	17.10.23.	43
13	Bel-Air College of Nursing, Maharashtra	07.11.23	38
14	College of Nursing Medical Directorate Lamphelpat, Imphal (Manipur)	30.11.23	53
15	Masood College of Nursing, Mangaluru	06.12.23	89
16	Dr.D.Y.Patil College Of Nursing, Mumbai	15.12.23	87
17	Athena College of Nursing, Bengaluru	12.02.24	95
18	St.Joseph's College of Nursing,M.P	19.02.24	42
19	Holy Spirit Instt.of Nursing Education, Mumbai	19.02.24	52

20	All India Instt. Of Medical Science, New Delhi	23.02.24	117
21.	K.Pandarahah Ballal Nursing Instt. College of Nursing	27.02.24	61
22	Vellalar College of Nursing, T.N.	09.02.24	94
23	Karavali College of Nursing, Manglore	05.03.24	84
24	Julekha College of Nursing,Mangalore	06.03.24	62
25	Kanachur College of Nursing, Mangaluru.	08.03.24	89
26	Vikram College of Nursing, Mysore.	15.03.24	57
27	Laxmi College of Nursing, Mangalore.	19.03.24	99
	Total		1894



SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM THE BRANCHES

ANDHRA PRADESH

Andhra Pradesh State Branch (APSB) has completed 67 glorious years of dedicated volunteer service to the people of Andhra Pradesh, with the aim of protecting life, health, and human dignity irrespective of caste, creed, class, gender, or nativity. Andhra Pradesh State Branch has 26 District Branches and 143 Sub District Branches

Activities undertaken by the branch during FY 23-24 are as under:

A. Membership Enrolment: -

Membership enrolment during 2023- 24 is as under:

Patrons	50 Nos.
Vice Patrons	46 Nos.
Life Members	3176 Nos.
Life Associates	620 Nos.
Annual Members	2205 Nos.
Annual Associates	92 Nos.
Institutional Members	195 Nos.
Total Members	6384 Nos.

A total of 2,23,786 from 1421 educational institutions were registered with the Junior Red Cross, and 1,74,361 students with Youth Red Cross during the year 2023-24. Details of JRC/YRC membership for the period of 2023-2024

B. Blood Services

- During 2023-24 the IRCS has conducted 1130 blood collection camps, collected 65,664 blood units, and issued 1,01,822.
- A total of 1003 Thalassemia patients were registered during this year, and 4804 units of blood were issued free of cost to them during the year 2023 24.

C. Relief activities and distribution

a) The Godavari River authorities issued a second flood warning for Bhadrachalam in Telangana and Dowleswaram in Andhra Pradesh on July 28, 2023. As many as 119 pregnant

women were evacuated. In Eluru district scores of affected tribal people were shifted to the nearby hilltop areas. The Government of Andhra Pradesh provided the victims with oil, red gram, and vegetables. A.P. State Branch sent relief materials to affected District Branches to the flood victims in Eluru, Konaseema, and Paderu Districts distributed to victims.

b) Cyclone Michaung affected parts of Andhra Pradesh severely. Due to heavy rainfall, residential areas were flooded with flood water causing grave hardships for the people. AP Red Cross distributed 1950 hygiene Kits, 2200 Tarpaulin sheets, 600 kitchen sets, 50 Mosquito nets, and 52000 masks.

c) The following relief was distributed to the IRCS district Branches for distribution to the needy and poor families during 2023- 24.

D. Disaster Management Activities

- The IRCS, A.P. State Branch, has a dedicated professional field team with 26 professional staff spread over the 26 districts of A.P. The teams played a proactive role during the COVID pandemic & disasters.
- IRCS, District Branches have observed International Disaster Risk Reduction Day on October 13, 2023, and conducted awareness programs on DRR for AASHA workers, SERV, Panchyath Secretaries, Grama Volunteers, and Sachivalaya Secretaries at their respective areas every year.

E. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

- **"Prana Mitra" Volunteer Training:** IRCS, Kakinada District has taken up a unique initiative of Training Youth of the coastal Mandals of the District to serve in disasters under the " Prana Mithra" program. A total of 850 volunteers were trained with the support of ONGC.
- IRCS District Branches have organized Professional First Aid Training of 16 hours for the corporate and individuals. During the year, the district branches have conducted 87 senior professional first aid training programs covering 2156 students and employees trained in First Aid from various sectors and companies.

F. Health and Awareness Camps

- As a part of the health activities, IRCS-District Branches organized mega health camps in their respective districts. Dentists, Orthopedicians, Ophthalmic surgeons, and Gynecologists provided free services in different slums and interior unreachable areas.
- The IRCS, APSB & its IRCS District Branches have participated in the Jagananna Aarogya Suraksha Campaign in all respective IRCS Districts, and Red Cross Volunteers have been assisting the physically handicapped and senior citizens attending the Health Camps.
- 'LAKAMSANI VIREEN MANAS' Red Cross Eye Bank: Shri. S. Abdul Nazeer, Hon'ble Governor and President IRCS, AP State Branch in the presence of our State Chairman Dr A Sridhar Reddy, District Collector and President IRCS Kakinada inaugurated 'LAKAMSANI VIREEN MANAS' Red Cross Eye Bank and laid Foundation stone for Red Cross Childcare, Women

Welfare and skill Development Center at Kakinada on 31st January, 2024. Sri. Lakamsani Satyanarayana MD Sri Sairama Frozen Food has donated Rs.45.00 lakhs to the Eye Bank and M/s. Gemini Edibles & Fats India Ltd., came forward to donate Rs.43.33 lakhs for Childcare, WWSD Center construction

G. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

- During the academic year 2023-2024, all District Branches have enrolled in Government & Private Schools registered under JRC /YRC institutions and enrolled under J/YRC students. The JRC / YRC Units have conducted rallies, competitions, and awareness programs on special occasions in their respective districts during the academic year 2023-2024
- **Crowd Management:** Teams of Youth Red Cross Volunteers of IRCS, Srikakulam, NTR, and Bapatla districts volunteered in crowd management during popular festival days like Radha Saphami, Samudra Snanalu and Navarathri.
- **Tree plantation:** All IRCS District Branches observed Red Cross events and special days as a part of the Junior and Youth Red Cross activities as per the guidelines of IRCS, NHQ, New Delhi. In this connection, 70,592 trees have been planted in 26 Districts by the Junior/Youth Red Cross volunteers under the Climate Action Initiative (CIA) during the year.
- **Blood Grouping:** The IRCS organized blood grouping activities for all JRC/YRC volunteers to know their blood group. A total of 21300 NSS volunteers were grouped and Blood grouping cards were issued.

H.Celebration of Important Days

The IRCS AP State Branch celebrated World Red Cross Day 2023 at Raj Bhavan on May 8, 2023, with Hon'ble Governor Shri S. Abdul Nazeer as Chief Guest, acknowledging their commendable services during the COVID-19 pandemic and urging expansion of services to remote tribal areas. District Collectors and philanthropists were honored with Red Cross medals for their contributions.

I.Other Activities

- **Heat Waves:** The IRCS APSB gave instructions to all District Branches to take up activities to mitigate the sufferings of the people on precautions to be taken. AP Red Cross had taken up many service activities, such as drinking water points on the roadside and at public places.
- All IRCS district branches provided wheelchair services and volunteer assistance to physically challenged, senior citizens, during the Spandana Programme in all District Collector's offices.
- AP Red Cross swung into action in the ghastly rail accident on the night of 2nd June in Balasore of Odisha state. The IRCS Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram volunteers have participated in relief activities.

PUNJAB

A. Blood Services

To boost up the voluntary blood donation movement, the State Red Cross Branch has organized 68 voluntary blood donation camps in collaboration with local NGOs during the Year and collected 4801 blood units.

B. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

- a) An inter-state level Junior Red Cross camp was held in Moga to promote Red Cross objectives. The camp featured various inter-school activities, including group song competitions, poster making, solo song competitions, and a written quiz. Students learned about Red Cross activities such as health habits, cleanliness (Swachta Abhiyan), health awareness campaigns, blood grouping camps, blood donation demonstrations, and first aid training.
- b) IRCS Punjab held a state-level Junior Red Cross camp at Revalsar (Mandi). The camp aimed to promote Red Cross objectives and featured various inter-school activities such as group song competitions, poster making, solo song competitions, and a written quiz. Students learned about health habits, school cleanliness (Swachta Abhiyan), health awareness campaigns, blood grouping camps, blood donation demonstrations, and first aid training.
- c) IRCS Punjab state branch organized State Level Youth Red Cross Training cum Study Camp at SD Saravhitkari Vidya Mandir Talwara District Hoshiarpur. In this camp, total 172 Youth Red Cross Volunteers from Govt and Non Govt Colleges from the various Districts of Punjab participated actively. S.Shivdular Singh Dhillon IAS(retd), Secretary Punjab State Red Cross was the Chief Guest. Apart from the other activities, First Aid Training and demonstration on CPR were also conducted.

C. Disaster Management Activities

Even as floods raged in the Ravi River on the Indo-Pakistan border, in Punjab, IRCS Gurdaspur district medical teams walked through flood waters right up to the people marooned in the last villages on the Indo-Pak border and organized a free medical check-up camp. In this camp, free medicines were distributed to the flood-affected families.

D. Medical and Awareness Camps

- Under the activity of the Tuberculosis Project, the volunteers delivered awareness lectures on Tuberculosis, how it spreads, and the precautions that need to be taken to avoid Tuberculosis. In light of this, the IRCS Punjab State Branch Staff and Volunteers jointly organized these campaigns and created awareness among individuals from April to June 2023.
- In the spirit of "Seva Pakhwada," a free 'Mega Multispecialty Health Checkup Camp' was held in Chandigarh, inaugurated by Punjab Governor Sh. Banwarilal Purohit. Organized by the Red Cross Society Punjab with contributions from various health organizations, the camp offered medical checkups, drug de-addiction awareness, and free medicines to the community.

- Red Cross Organises Medical Camp at Border Area Ferozpur (Punjab): Continuing its community service activities, the Red Cross Society, Punjab organized a medical camp where villagers were examined and free medicines were given.
- With a view to keeping students away from the ill effects of drugs, the IRCS Punjab drug de-addiction centers organized various de-addiction awareness campaigns at Schools this quarter. The campaigns are aimed to address the issue of drug abuse in the society so that the fight against the drugs could be strengthened at ground level
- On August 7, 2023, IRCS Gurdaspur organized an awareness seminar at the Employment Exchange office in District Complex Gurdaspur under the "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" mission. The seminar highlighted the serious public health issues related to drug abuse and encouraged attendees to become brand ambassadors of the campaign by spreading awareness about drug addiction in their communities. The audience committed to actively disseminating the anti-addiction message and discussing drug abuse to dispel myths.
- The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, organized First Aid Medical and Blood Donation Camps in memory of Baba Zorawar Singh, Baba Fateh Singh, and Mata Gujri Ji. These camps, which included participation from the Drug De-addiction Centre Patiala team, were held over three days from December 21 to 27, coinciding with the Sacrificial Week.

E. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

The IRCS, Punjab State Branch, organized a First Aid & Home Nursing Lecturer refresher training camp at the Bharat Scout & Guide Camp Site in Raiwala, Uttarakhand. A total of 42 participants from different districts of Punjab attended the camp, where experts provided training on first aid in emergency situations and evacuation.

F . Relief activities and distribution

- Hon'ble Governor flagged off eight vehicles carrying relief material for disaster-hit people in Punjab. The relief material, which includes hygiene kits, tarpaulin, kitchen sets, blankets, etc was distributed to families affected by the natural calamity.
- On International First Aid Day, ration kits were distributed to TB patients at HMV College Jalandhar by the State Secretary, S. Shivdular Singh Dhillon IAS (retd). This initiative aims to support TB control and treatment programs by providing essential food items and supplies, helping patients maintain proper nutrition, and adhering to their treatment regimen, which is crucial for successful recovery.

Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch donated wheelchairs. This initiative is aimed at addressing the essential needs of elders and differently abled individuals. This donation of wheelchairs took place under the presence of Sh. Sanjay Tandon, Member Finance Committee Punjab State Red Cross and other staff members of Punjab State Red Cross.

- Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab district Taran-Taran function organized a function in which 50 Umbrella Sewing machines were distributed to the needy. These sewing machines were distributed in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner cum President of the district Red Cross Branch and SDM of the Taran-Taran district.

G. Celebration of Important Days

- **WORLD RED CROSS DAY CELEBRATION:**

The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Punjab State Branch celebrated World Red Cross Day at Punjab Raj Bhawan with Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, presiding. Ten motorized tricycles, ten sewing machines, and ten nutrition kits were distributed. The Hon'ble Governor, of Punjab flagged off a new hearse van. Additionally, a voluntary blood donation camp saw 180 students and Red Cross volunteers donating blood in collaboration with Chandigarh University, Mohali.

- **WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY:**

The IRCS Punjab State Branch, in collaboration with the Strategic Institute for Public Health Education & Research, PGI Chandigarh, celebrated World No Tobacco Day on May 28, 2023, with a Walkathon cum Cyclothon, free medical check-ups, and awareness camps on tobacco's health risks. The event featured a First Aid Post, Dental Checkup Camp, Drug De-addiction briefings, and a Cancer screening camp in partnership with Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre.

- **International Yoga Day:**

The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2023, with enthusiasm. Instructor Mr. Shivam led the session, starting with an introduction to yoga and its benefits for mental and physical health. The session included yoga prayers, warm-ups, and simple Asanas performed by staff members, with explanations of their importance.

Rakhi Celebration:

- Nursing college students showed care and support by tying handmade rakhis on the wrists of individuals admitted to the Drug De-addiction & Rehabilitation Centre at Saket Hospital, Patiala. The rakhis were themed around "Nasha Mukh Bharat." Hon'ble Health Minister of Punjab, Dr. Balbir Singh, along with the Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of Patiala, attended the event. Dr. Singh addressed the inmates and praised the efforts of the team.

- **World Organ Donation Day**

The IRCS Punjab Red Cross State branch celebrated World Organ Donation Day with School children. On this occasion, the expert spoke about the significance of organ donation. Also, the Secretary of Punjab State Red Cross S. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon IAS (retd) enlightened the minds by highlighting the importance of organ donation, noting that it provides a lifeline to people facing terminal illnesses enabling them to regain health and rebuild their futures.

- The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, celebrated 'Dheeyan Di Lori' (Girl Child Lohri) to promote the message of saving the girl child and providing equal opportunities for girls. Newborn daughters and their parents participated, and Secretary S. Shivdular Singh Dhillon IAS (retd.) distributed sweets to congratulate the parents. Staff members from both the Punjab and Haryana State Branches participated enthusiastically. The celebration concluded with "Lohri Poojan."

- The IRCS, Punjab State Branch, celebrated International Women's Day at their premises, attended by 130 women and special guests. Mrs. Prajakta Avhad, Chairperson of the Child Welfare Council Punjab, was the chief guest. Dr. Smita Sharma from Punjab University gave a keynote address on the challenges faced by women and the need for collective action. The event featured cultural performances by students. The celebration concluded with the distribution of hygiene kits to all attendees.
- On December 5, the IRCS Society, Punjab State Branch celebrated International Volunteer Day with enthusiasm. The event began with a tribute to Bhai Ghanayia Ji by the dignitaries. Dr. Vandita Pahwa from Tata Memorial Centre Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, New Chandigarh, also gave a presentation on volunteers and togetherness, followed by Mr. Pritam, Sr. Volunteer, who shared his experiences.

H. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

- An inspection of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Drug De-addiction Centre, Saket Hospital Patiala was held and grant in aid was done By DSSO Sh.Varinder Singh Bains, DMC Dr.Jaswinder Singh, Dr.Harjot (psychiatry department) . They all were very satisfied by the management and services going on in the hospital.
- Sh. Harish Dayama IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police paid a surprise visit to Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Drug De-addiction Centre, Gurdaspur interacted with all the 30 youngsters getting treatment against addiction and motivated with this impressive counseling to shun addiction and join the mainstream so as to make Drug free Punjab.

I.Other Activities

- IRCS Punjab under the CSR initiative of Vardhman AE has set up a new State Of Art "Red Cross Vocational Training Centre for Women. A total of three courses will be run under this center with an updated curriculum which includes computer training, steno & typing, beauty & wellness. Along with this, it will also include computer accounting, sessions on IT, and GST return filling for commerce students.
- Wings: An Initiative by Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State
IRCS, Punjab District Hoshiarpur launched a pioneering initiative in Punjab called the "Wings" Project for Special Children. This project aims to help special children earn a livelihood by opening four tuck shops in educational institutes in Hoshiarpur. Eight special children were trained for nearly three months to learn hospitality and service skills to run these canteens. These children have successfully started running the tuck shops.
- On October 7, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Drug De-addiction Centre Patiala organized an awareness activity. Students from the Ashoka Group of Nursing Institute, Patiala, created handmade paintings to raise awareness against drug use. Each student demonstrated their painting to the inmates to motivate them to give up these harmful substances. The event was attended by the entire staff and admitted inmates.

- A Blood Donation Camp was held in the remote backward area of Punjab at the rural area Government College, Pojewal, by the Indian Red Cross Society volunteer group of the College in collaboration with other NGOs. S. Shivdular Singh Dhillon IAS (Retd), Secretary of Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch inaugurated the Camp. He laid special emphasis on encouraging and promoting volunteering for the Blood Donation movement in this remote area.

Manipur

Since March 1, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch, has served the community with dedication and humanitarian principles. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they raised awareness and distributed protective items. Amid the 2023 conflict, they provided relief, conducted First Aid training, and promoted Social Behavioral Change in camps, thanks to their committed volunteers.

A. Blood Services

During the conflict, the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch continued blood donation drives at JNIMS and RIMS hospitals. They also organized outdoor programs at DM College of Arts and T.S. Paul Manipur Women's College in collaboration with RIMS, aiming to engage the community and raise awareness despite the challenging circumstances.

B. Relief activities and distribution

- During a visit to a widow whose house was burnt down by fire in Naojai village, Maram, the Indian Red Cross Society provided 2 woolen blankets, 2 mosquito nets, 2 hygiene kits, and a tent for temporary stay
- A team visited Ngamun and Lhangcham villages to assist Myanmar nationals fleeing political unrest, distributing relief items to approximately 200 individuals.
- Visits were made by the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur to Churachandpur on April 19, 2023, and to Senjam Khunou/Senjam Chaprou on April 20, 2023. During these visits, relief items including tarpaulins, mosquito nets, and hygiene kits were distributed.
- 600 hygiene kits distributed to Bishnupur, Imphal East, Imphal West, Kakching, Kangpokpi, and Thoubal districts, sourced from UNICEF, Assam and NE states
- On May 3, 2023, during a communal dispute, relief efforts were conducted by the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch. Relief materials were provided to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Kwakta, Bishnupur area. Relief items were distributed in relief camps located at Moirang Sandhong, Shribon Mandap, Chingu Thangjing Guest House, and Khuyol Keithel.

- From May 6th to 11th 2024, the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch, conducted extensive relief operations and health camps. They set up tents at 2nd MR campus, 86th and 145th CRPF camps, distributing relief supplies across Bishnupur, Imphal East, Imphal West, Kakching, and Thoubal districts.
- In May 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch initiated ambulance services, transporting over 100 individuals with gunshot wounds and assisting 75 agitating women and students to receive hospital admission during conflict incidents, protests, and demonstrations.
- On September 1, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch received relief materials from IRCS National Headquarters and distributed them to approximately 5000 families in relief camps across various districts, facilitated by District Branches and Commissioners. Donors were acknowledged for their generous support.

C. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

- A team of nine members conducted dissemination cum first aid training at various locations in the Jiribam district. The training sessions were held in Lamkhai Bazar, Kadampokpi, JIMPAL Hall, Lalpani, and Kalinagar. The topics covered included first aid techniques, disaster preparedness, and health education.
- The IRCS, Manipur conducted first aid training for villagers, security personnel, and other organizations during conflict situations. Additionally, they organized a 3-day first aid certificate training in the Thoubal and Kakching District Branches. First aid training programs are ongoing for various organizations.

D. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

- Office bearers of the IRCS, Manipur State Branch, met with Miss Anusuiya Uikey, Honourable Governor and President of IRCS Manipur State Branch, to apprise her of the present status of the State Branch.
- On July 17, 2023, officials from the IRCS, Manipur State Branch, met with the President of India and Union Health Minister to discuss the situation in Manipur. They requested relief materials for internally displaced persons (IDPs), alongside the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, highlighting the urgent needs and ongoing humanitarian efforts in the region.

E. Celebration of Important Days

- On April 7, 2023, the IRCS, Manipur State Branch, observed World Health Day at their office premises. Dr. Y. Radheshyam Singh, Dr. Y. Mohen Singh, and Dr. RK. Nimai Singh attended as chief guest, president, and guest of honor, respectively. The theme for the observance was "Health for All," with a special focus on youth.

- On April 25, 2023, World Malaria Day was observed with a significant event at T.S. Paul Manipur Women's College, Mongshangei, where the Youth Red Cross (YRC) unit was inaugurated. Dr. Brogen Singh Akoijam, serving as the resource person, highlighted key aspects of malaria prevention and treatment during the ceremony.

F. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

A one-day sensitization program on Disaster Management was held at SAIRAM, Patsoi, attended by a 7-member youth team from the I, Manipur State Branch (IRCS, MSB). The program featured Mr. Kanai Senju, an instructor from Tokyo Disaster Prevention, Japan, as the resource person, sharing valuable insights and practices in disaster preparedness and management.

G. Medical and Awareness Camps

- From May 6-11, 2024, the IRCS, Manipur State Branch, conducted health camps at NB College, Imphal East, and Sekmai Relief Camp, in collaboration with the IMA and other partners, provided essential medical services to those affected.
- The IRCS, Manipur State Branch, conducted 13 programs focused on Psychological Support, collaborating with psychiatrists and clinical psychologists. These programs included awareness sessions, children's interaction and entertainment programs, and treatment with medication. Free medications were provided to internally displaced persons (IDPs) as part of these initiatives.

H. Other Activities

- With assistance from the IRCS, Assam State Branch, the IRCS, Manipur State Branch acquired 2000 kitchen sets and 1500 hygiene kits. These supplies were transported via two trucks on the Imphal-Dimapur road, facilitated by the Senapati District Branch despite road closures, ensuring essential items reached Imphal.
- The IRCS, Manipur State Branch, collaborated with UNICEF and Northeastern states for Social and Behavioral Change (SBC) initiatives, focusing on WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) activities. Initially engaging in 50 relief camps, these efforts later extended to additional districts. Activities included constructing temporary toilets, installing water filter units, and distributing hygiene and dignity kits to promote better health and sanitation practices among affected communities.

TRIPURA

The Tripura State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society was established in Agartala on September 15, 1959. It currently operates with 7 District Branches across the state, comprising 1116 active Red Cross Volunteers and 1089 Members (including 21 Patrons). The West Tripura District Branch has merged with the State Branch, located in Agartala, which serves as the district headquarters as well. The State Managing Committee (SMC), formed on April 29, 2021, has implemented various new and innovative outreach activities to support people in distress, including during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic that affected the state two years ago.

B. Blood Services

Four voluntary blood donation camps were organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch. These camps were held at Tripura University, the Blind Association of Tripura, and the battalion headquarters of the 124th and 128th CRPF Units.

C. Relief activities and distribution

1) A wide range of outreach activities were conducted to support people in distress, including distribution of face masks, sanitizers, hygiene kits, hand washing soaps, sarees, dhotis, plastic buckets, and blankets across the state.

2) Distributed a large number of hygiene kits to girl students in various schools across Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, and West Tripura Districts.

D. Disaster Management Activities

- Organized under the Disaster Management initiatives of the District Magistrate and Collector of West Tripura District, the Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch conducted a School Safety program.
- The North, Sepahijala (Sonamura), and Gomati District Committees of the Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch, organized mock drills in various locations within their respective districts to prepare for disaster scenarios.
- Participated in two seminars organized by the Principal Secretary (Revenue) and the District Magistrate (DM) & Collector of West Tripura on disaster preparedness and Kaal Baishkhi storm. The role of Red Cross volunteers was highlighted, and important data was shared during these events.
- In association with the District Administrations all the Branches organized mock drill for rescue to safety & security of the people facing disaster in the likely event of earth earthquake attack including training on first aids.

E. Medical and Awareness Camps

- A wide range of outreach activities were conducted to support people in distress, including distribution of face masks, sanitizers, hygiene kits, hand washing soaps, sarees, dhotis,

plastic buckets, and blankets across the state.

- Organized a health and sanitary awareness program for girl students at Shankaracharya School and Shishu Bihar School, focusing on puberty education to enhance their understanding and knowledge.

F. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

1) Four First Aid training programs were conducted by the Tripura State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society. These included two programs for players and coaches of the Tripura Cricket Association, one for employees of the Airport Authority of India at Agartala Airport, and another for GAIL employees at their office premises.

2) First Aid and Red Cross activities training courses were conducted for students at the BRAM Nursing School in Agartala by the Tripura State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

3) The North Tripura District Committee organized First Aid training for employees of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) stationed at the Dharmanagar terminal.

4) IRCS Tripura state branch conducted First Aid training for GNM students at the Government Nursing College in Agartala.

5) IRCS Tripura state branch conducted First Aid training for 4th semester M.Sc. students at BRAM Medical College & Teaching Hospital in Agartala.

G. Celebration of Important Days

Celebrated both the International Day of Yoga and the World Red Cross Day at the Municipal playground in Bordowali, Agartala and at the Red Cross Bhavan in Agartala, respectively. These events saw significant participation from the community.

H. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

His Excellency the Governor of Tripura, also serving as the President of the Society, graciously visited the Red Cross facility on November 22, 2023. During his visit, he inspected the facility and engaged in detailed discussions with the State Managing Committee (SMC) members present regarding the Society's operations.

I. Other Activities

Organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch, the Walkathon program aimed to promote good health among Tripura's youth. This initiative was sponsored by ONGC, Tripura Asset.

Arunachal Pradesh

A. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

A team of Junior Red Cross members and interns from Rajiv Gandhi University organized voluntary donations for Sikkim flash flood victims from October 12 to October 14, 2023.

B. Disaster Management Activities

A massive fire broke out in Karsingsa, Arunachal Pradesh on January 23, 2023, caused by a short-circuit, which affected 5 households and displaced 19 individuals. The Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, responded swiftly the following day, distributing relief items to assist the fire victims.

On January 26, 2023, a fire incident in Larmuk Potom Village, West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, left 22 family members homeless. The Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, swiftly distributed relief items to support the affected families.

Two houses were destroyed in a fire outbreak at Jipu village, Lower Siang District, on February 4, 2023, leaving 10 family members homeless. The IRCS, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, responded promptly by distributing relief items to support the affected families in Jipu Village.

C. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

The Indian Red Cross Society conducted First Aid Training of Trainers in Faridabad, Haryana, Delhi-NCR.

D. Relief activities and distribution

- Distribution of hygiene kits to orphaned and Puroik students of G-Sector School, Naharlagun was conducted by the Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch.
- On October 13, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch distributed blankets and hygiene kits to 74 orphaned and 25 Puroik students of G-Sector School, Naharlagun.
- In February 2024, the Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, conducted a distribution of hygiene kits to students at Government Upper Primary School in ESS Sector, Itanagar, Gyan Mission Orphanage in Jollang, and Donyi Polo Hearing and Impaired Mission School in Itanagar.

E. Celebration of Important Days

- WORLD RED CROSS DAY CELEBRATION:

The celebration of World Red Cross Day, 2023 took place at TI-IDU, IRDCS, Naharlagun, organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch.

F. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2023 at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar was held with Lt. Gen. K.T. Parnaik.

G. Other Activities

- Dr. Emi Rumi, Honorary Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, Arunachal Pradesh State Branch, and Shri Geli Ete, Secretary of the IRCS West Siang District Branch, received certificates of appreciation for their commitment to adopting 10 TB patients from Papumpare and West Siang Districts, Arunachal Pradesh, for a period of one year under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Abhiyan.

GOA

A. Blood Services

The Indian Red Cross Society, Goa, organized multiple blood donation camps at various locations, including BPS Sports Club Margao, Club Mahindra, Indian Overseas Bank, and Bloom Suites Calangute. These events aimed to encourage community participation and support local blood banks.

B. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

- First Aid and bandage training sessions were conducted at St. Thomas Higher Secondary School in Aldona Bardez Goa, V. M. Parulekar Higher Secondary School in Verem Goa, Loyola High School in Pernem Goa, Pradnya High School in Margao Goa, and Guardian Angel Higher Secondary School in Curchorem. These sessions equipped students with essential skills to enhance their preparedness and response to emergencies.

The installation ceremony at Government High School, Dauseriem, marked the official establishment of a new junior Red Cross unit. The event celebrated the commitment to fostering humanitarian values and community service among students.

- The residential camp at Loyola High School, Margao, provided students with an immersive experience in leadership, teamwork, and community service. The camp focused on developing practical skills and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

C. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

First Aid and bandage training sessions were conducted at IHM Porvorim Goa, Paradeep Phosphate, TCPL Kundaim Goa, United Spirit Bethora Goa, Crown Hotel Panaji Goa, and GMR Mopa, equipping participants with essential skills to enhance their preparedness and response to emergencies.

D. Medical and Awareness Camps

The Indian Red Cross Society, Goa, also organized an eye check-up camp at Kharewada, providing essential eye care services to the local community

ASSAM

As a part and parcel of such a great humanitarian organization, the IRCS, Assam State Branch could maintain its heritage in the neediest hours of the nation. In the past, through its dedicated services in the Tibetan Refugee camps at Missamari in the year 1959, Language disturbances in the Goreswar Relief camps in the year 1961-62, the Indo- China war of 1962, deadly epidemic of 1965, East Pakistan refugee camps at Garo Hills during the East Pakistan civil War 1966 and Bangladesh Liberation war 1971, the Society earned international reputation.

B. Blood Services

IRCS, ASB has been continuing the blood services through the following ways ;

- a. Collect Blood by organizing Voluntary Blood donation camps in collaboration with Govt. Blood Banks & Red Cross Blood Bank.
- b. Awareness about blood donation.

C. Relief activities and distribution

- IRCS, Assam State Branch is running an Orphanage at Lankeswar, Jalukbari, Guwahati with 20 boys and the children belong to families either affected by flood and ethnic violence or as per guidelines of the Social Welfare Department and State Child Protection Society. The children are studying at the local schools and are monitored by a competent pool of staff. The Orphanage provides homely shelters, food, education, caretaking, health & security to orphans at Red Cross Orphanage.

D. Disaster Management Activities:

IRCS, ASB is always ready to assist the public affected by any hazard time to time. Following many humanitarian actions are carried out under this branch for the benefit of the people.

- a. Trainings for community volunteers/ Red Cross Members etc.
- b. Awareness about Disaster preparedness.
- c. Early warning for flood & weather forecast.
- d. Rescue & sheltering. e. Humanitarian Aid distribution.
- f. Psychosocial support to victims.
- g. Rehabilitation & livelihood support.
- h. Raise platforms for flood prone areas.

E. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

IRCS, Assam State Branch conducted more than 37 nos. of commercial First Aid training in various organizations like Oil India Limited, ONGC, Indian Oil Corporation, Britannia Ltd., etc. In the year 2023

IRCS, ASB has been implementing its first aid services for the last several years in the following categories

- a. First Aid Training for employees of hazardous sectors, and corporate companies.

b. First Aid Training for students, community volunteers, members/ employees of other organizations/ institutions, etc.

The Red Cross Hospital is a flagship program of the Indian Red Cross Society and presently it is running 3 Hospitals in Guwahati, Silchar & Karimganj. It has been providing health care to the community with a particular focus on Maternity and Child Health Care, as well as providing OPD, immunization, and rural health services. Apart from the Red Cross Nursing Training Centres are claimed to be North East India's oldest Nurses' Training Institute. Presently there are nursing institutes in the states in Guwahati & Silchar. The following services are available under this service.

- a. Health services through Red Cross Hospitals.
- b. Free Health Checkups, and medicine distribution camps.
- c. Ambulatory services. d. Health Awareness programs. e. ANM Trainings.

F. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

- A.K. Absar Hazarika, Chairman & Deba Prasad Sarma, Hony. General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch visited IRCS, NHQ and conducted a meeting with the Secretary General, IRCS National Headquarters (NHQ) regarding various branch development activities on 9 th February 2023.
- A moment of the delegation of the Indian Red Cross Society Assam State Branch met with the Honorable Governor and the President of the State Branch on 30th March 2023 and 21st December,2023 and briefed him about the various developmental activities in the State.
- The Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch in collaboration with the Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhijan to showcase an online session on First Aid in Emergencies at the Assam Tele Education Centre, Govt. of Assam. The event was a Virtual Studio-Based Event for Government School Children in Assam. On October 7, 2023, our team held an hour-long LIVE and Interactive Academic session on First Aid Training in Emergencies, with 2064 schools participating and 1,85,875 kids (Grades 6-10) benefiting.
- The Annual General Meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society (NHQ) at the Bhavan, New Delhi on 17th July 2023 and presided over by the Honorable President of India. Hon'ble Governor of Assam & the President, IRCS ASB along with the Vice- Chairman and General Secretary attended the meeting.

G.Celebration of Important Days

- IRCS Guwahati District Branch has celebrated World Health Day- 2023 at the Red Cross Hospital Campus
- IRCS Margherita Sub District Branch has observed the International Yoga Day- 2023 and organized a Yoga camp in Margherita where many people and youth Red Cross volunteers have participated.
- The IRCS Margherita Sub-District Branch celebrated Human Rights Day 2023 in Margherita by organizing a seminar on "Human Rights and its Relevance" and "Dignity, Freedom, and Justice," where many dignitaries delivered speeches on these topics.
- Indian Red Cross Society, Dibrugarh District Branch celebrated World Red Cross Day in 2023.

H. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

IRCS, ASB has been implementing its JRC & YRC program last several years in the following ways

- a. Junior Red Cross Programs in schools & Youth Red Cross Programs in colleges through its J/YRC Units to promote humanitarian values in societies through students.
- b. To promote behavioral change in society through students and make the J/YRC volunteers an Agent of Behavioral Change.
- c. Enhance the National & International friendship among students and encourage volunteerism among them.

- **I. Medical and Awareness Camps**

IRCS Dima Hasao District Branch has conducted Health awareness programs in various places in the district to educate people on how to maintain good health.

- The IRCS Morigaon District branch has organized Free medical health checkup camps with a supply of medicines at various places in the district in collaboration with different local bodies in their respective areas during the year.
- The IRCS Karbi Anglong District Branch has conducted several Free Health Camps and provided free medicines to the beneficiaries at different places in the district during the year. The branch has distributed Mosquito nets to the needy people at the health camps.

J. Other Activities

The IRCS Assam State Branch, in collaboration with the IRCS Karbi Anglong District Branch, is planning a major agricultural project in Bi-Sarpo village, Karbi Anglong district. They conducted a preliminary assessment and survey in the proposed area. The project includes establishing a school and a basic health center to serve seven villages. Additionally, an agricultural initiative will be launched on the proposed land. All preliminary formalities with the relevant authorities have been completed.

Since 2021, the Indian Red Cross Society Assam State Branch has been enhancing the Flood Early Warning Alert System in four highly flood-prone districts with support from IRCS National Headquarters, IFRC, and Google. They have now initiated a collaboration with Monday.com to incorporate digital emergency response and preparedness tools into the system.

Maharashtra

Since March 1, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch, has served the community with dedication and humanitarian principles. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they raised awareness and distributed protective items. Amid the 2023 conflict, they provided relief, conducted First Aid training, and promoted Social Behavioral Change in camps, thanks to their committed volunteers.

A. Blood Services

25th April: The Ch. Sambhaji Nagar District Branch organized a Blood Donation Camp in memory of the Late Ku. Sarika Kabara, in collaboration with Lions Blood Bank. The event was successful, collecting a total of 25 units of blood.

B. Relief activities and distribution

- 20 nos of Oxygen Concentrators were sent to the Jalgaon District Branch, further Maharashtra State Branch facilitated 12383 pulse oximeters to Solapur, Jalgaon, Barshi Sub District, Arvi and Wardha, and 200 nos of Resuscitation bags to Jalgaon District Branch from Vikhroli warehouse
- India Ratings & Research Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, as part of their CSR partnership with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Maharashtra State Branch, disbursed a total of Rs. 1.17 crore for various initiatives. This funding was allocated towards purchasing surgical equipment, including a surgical loop with LED light and various endoscopes, for Bel-Air Hospital in Wai. Additionally, the funds were used to buy equipment for a new Blood Storage Centre at the Indian Red Cross Society Jalgaon District Branch and to acquire a blood bag centrifuge and storage freezer for the Indian Red Cross Society's Gopabai Damani Blood Centre in Solapur.
- As part of their CSR partnership with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Maharashtra State Branch, Fitch Group of Company, Mumbai, disbursed Rs. 30 lakh. This funding was allocated towards purchasing OPD and operation theatre equipment for Bel-Air Hospital in Wai, acquiring a blood storage freezer (BR-300) for the Indian Red Cross Society's Gopabai Damani Blood Centre in Solapur, and purchasing a school bus for mentally disabled special children at the Indian Red Cross Society in Kolhapur.
- Addressing menstrual hygiene challenges, IRCS-Mumbai distributed 4,147 Sanitary Napkin Hampers to menstruating school and college-going women between 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. Each hamper included 12 packets of sanitary napkins, with each packet containing 10 sanitary napkins and 4 panty liners.

C. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

Since April 2023 till March 2024, the branch have conducted a total of 27 First Aid training sessions, training 550 participants in total. These programs are designed to enhance the capacity of individuals, particularly staff members, to save lives during emergencies. The training is provided to NGOs, Housing Society Associations, companies, institutions, and groups of individuals who wish to be trained.

- The Ch. Sambhaji Nagar District Branch organized a First Aid and CPR Workshop to enhance emergency response skills.
- IRCS Mumbai Conducted 16 First Aid and CPR training sessions, benefiting 345 participants during the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. This initiative aims to equip individuals with essential life-saving skills and enhance workplace safety and team morale.

D. Disaster Management Activities:

The Maharashtra State Red Cross has committed to providing Disaster Management Equipment on a returnable basis to vulnerable wards of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) from June to October each year. The equipment includes 7 life buoys, 11 life jackets, 3 electronic lights, 7 whistles, 3 ropes, 5 pairs of dotted gloves, and 1 tin trunk, totaling 37 items.

E. Celebration of Important Days

- **8th May:** The Ch. Sambhaji Nagar District Branch celebrated World Red Cross Day with various events. These included a program at AYME Hall, workshops on heart attack prevention and first aid techniques, observance of International Red Cross Day at Bal Sudhar Gruh, and celebrations at Government Medical College.
- On 8th May 2023, the IRCS Nashik district branch broadcasted a feature on Red Cross by Dr. Sunil Aundhkar on Sindhudurg Radio Station for World Red Cross Day served to amplify their message of humanitarian service. Felicitating veterans like Brigadier A. M. Varty and Major P. M. Bhagat honored their longstanding contributions.
- They conducted a tree plantation drive in honor of World Environment Day, promoting environmental conservation.
- On June 30, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society Branch Solapur, Family Planning Association, and Ashwini Sahakari Hospital & Research Center jointly honored six distinguished doctors on "Doctors Day" at Ashwini Sahakari Hospital & Research Center, Solapur.
- World Health Day, April 7, 2023, saw a health camp organized at Rasta Peth and M.G. Road by IRCS Pune, offering general check-ups, hemoglobin tests, sugar screenings, ECG, chest X-rays, bone density tests, and dental and eye check-ups for a total of 37 patients.
- On World Women's Day, March 8, 2023, IRCS Pune organized a comprehensive medical camp at Rasta Peth, providing free health services including screenings for sugar levels, blood pressure, bone density, breast examinations, mammography, ECG, dental, and ophthalmic check-ups, benefiting 42 patients.

- To mark World Thalassemia Day on May 7, 2023, IRCS Pune hosted a drawing and painting competition for Thalassemia children, organized by Art India Foundation. Participants received gifts and snacks, promoting awareness and support for Thalassemia awareness.
- On December 1, 2023, for World AIDS Day, the Indian Red Cross Society's Solapur branch participated in a rally organized by the DAPCU office (MSACS) Solapur, using their Ambulance Van to raise awareness about AIDS in the society.

F. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

- Junior Red Cross organized visits and programs at schools and colleges like St. Thomas Public School and IMCC College, Pune.
- Junior Red Cross conducted awareness programs at City Pride School, Keystone School of Engineering, and others.
- Junior Red Cross set up a water distribution center and First Aid booth at LIC building.
- Activities conducted by schools & colleges under Junior Red Cross, with the theme "Let Communities Lead."
- Junior Red Cross volunteers underwent orientations and supported PMC's pulse polio immunization campaign at various centers.

G. Medical and Awareness Camps

- **5th August:** In collaboration with Lions Club Midtown, the Ch. Sambhaji Nagar District Branch conducted a blood grouping and diabetic check-up camp at Kachner, covering approximately 350 students. This camp aimed to promote health awareness and early detection of diabetes among students.
- Nashik District Red Cross conducted an awareness lecture on 9th April 2023 a Viral Fever for Social Work Students of MVP College of Social Work underscored their proactive approach in educating youth about prevalent health issues.
- On April 15, 2023, a health check-up camp was organized at Red Cross Bhavan, Thane Branch in collaboration with Mali Samaj Sanstha Thane. The camp featured services rendered by Dr. Shirish Kulkarni (Skin Specialist), Dr. Pradeep Hule (Ortho), and Dr. Sanjay Kadam (M.O.), with a total of 30 patients examined.
- On August 29, 2023, Ulhasnagar Sub-District Branch conducted a health check-up camp featuring Bone Mineral Density (BMD), Hemoglobin, Height & Weight checks at our center through Krishna Diagnostics, Dombivli. Approximately 64 patients benefitted from the camp.

H. Other Activities

- The Canadian Red Cross has offered to develop the Vikhroli warehouse. A preliminary site meeting and informal discussions on the construction model were held with CRC/NHQ representatives. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Term Sheet between the Canadian Red Cross and NHQ is now awaited. The Chairman will discuss the project's development status during his next visit to IRCS, NHQ New Delhi.
- The Indian Red Cross Society's School for the Deaf in Pune focuses on quality education and holistic development, providing therapeutic interventions and academic activities aimed at fostering independence and responsibility among students. Monthly evaluations ensure ongoing improvement in school performance and teaching quality.

Meghalaya

A. Relief activities and distribution

- Relief materials were distributed to Mr. Joitsing Khongjee, a resident of Nongkhleung Village, Pynursla Block, by the Indian Red Cross Society, Meghalaya State Branch, Shillong. The distribution was conducted by the General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, and Field Assistant.
- On 4th July 2023, relief materials were distributed to two families whose houses and a shop were gutted by fire in Mairang.
- On December 21st, 2023, the Vice Chairman visited Lumplaring and distributed blankets donated by the IRCS Meghalaya to the poor.
- In February 2024, the General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, and other officials of the Meghalaya State Branch conducted a series of visits across various locations in West and East Jaintia Hills, Mawsynjri Kharang, Jaiaw, Myllem, Nongshiliang, Mawlai, Saw Lad, South West Khasi Hills, and Pynursla to distribute humanitarian aid to those in need.

B. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

- From April to July 2023, First Aid and Search and Rescue training sessions were conducted for Elite Task Security & Service Agency at their training center in Laitkroh, Mawjrong. These sessions, led by Ms. MGR Shabong, Mr. P. Deb, and Miss I. Swer from the IRCS State Branch, saw participation from a total of 33 participants in April, 33 participants in June, and 73 participants in July.

- On 28th-29th September 2023, IRCS conducted First Aid and Search and Rescue training for Tornado Security Agency at their training center in Mawiong. The training concluded with a mock drill.
- From June 6th to 14th, 2023, the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute organized First Aid and Search and Rescue training sessions in collaboration with DDMA EKH, Government of Meghalaya. These included a two-day session for Martin Luther Christian University on June 6th-7th, a one-day session for government officials on June 12th, and another two-day session for A&G on June 13th-14th. The training was conducted by the IRCS Meghalaya State Branch to enhance emergency response capabilities.
- Throughout July and August 2023, the District Disaster Management Authority, in partnership with the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute, conducted multiple training sessions on First Aid and Search and Rescue across various locations including Nongkwar Secondary School, Pynthorumkhrah Golf Links Higher Secondary School, etc. These trainings, facilitated by the IRCS Meghalaya State Branch, concluded with mock drills to enhance emergency response preparedness.
- In early 2024, IRCS Meghalaya conducted First Aid and Search and Rescue training: 30th Jan for Power Grid Corp. with 25 participants, 1st-2nd Feb for Elite Task Security at Laitkroh with 30 participants; earlier from 22nd-25th Jan, Tornado Security in Mawiong trained 66 participants.
- In March 2024, the IRCS Meghalaya State Branch conducted several First Aid and Search and Rescue training courses, including sessions for Tornado Security Agency and Elite Task Security & Service Agency, with participant numbers ranging from 31 to 35. All trainings were led by Ms. MGR Shabong, Mr. P. Deb, and Miss I. Swer.

C.SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

- On 25th April 2023, a J/YRC Sub-Committee meeting was held at the State Headquarters to discuss the tentative program for 2023-2024 and other agenda items. The meeting was chaired by Smti. I. Sohtun, Deputy Director of DSEL, Education Department. A total of 22 members were present.
- On 22nd May 2023, a Programme Officer and Counsellor meeting was held at the State Headquarters to discuss the tentative program for 2023-2024 and other agendas. The meeting was chaired by the General Secretary, with a total of 28 members present.
- On 17th July 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society's Annual General Meeting was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, presided over by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India and IRCS President. The meeting, chaired by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Health Minister, took place at Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre, with Mr. R.O. Wallang IFS (Retd), Chairman, and Mr. Andrew N. Sawian, General Secretary of IRCS Meghalaya State Branch, in attendance alongside several Governors and Lieutenant Governors.

- From 11th to 15th August 2023, IRCS Meghalaya State Branch participated in the Independence Day celebrations. Mr. P. Deb, Organizer, along with six members from YRCS of Synod College, assisted the medical team during the event. On the same day, the team also visited the Raj Bhawan.

D.Celebration of Important Days

- On 8th May 2023, World Red Cross Day was celebrated at Raj Bhavan in the presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya and President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Meghalaya State Branch, Shri Phagu Chauhan. The program included cultural presentations by various JRCS units and the release of the World Red Cross flag by the Governor. The event was attended by life members, students, counselors, program officers, state government officers, and dignitaries. The celebration concluded with light refreshments.
- On 8th March 2024, the Youth Red Cross Unit of St. Mary's College observed International Women's Day, aiming to raise awareness about gender equality and women's rights while acknowledging and appreciating the contributions of women in various fields.

E. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

- On 8th June 2023, the JRC Unit of Gorkha Pathshala Higher Secondary School organized a blood donation camp at their auditorium in collaboration with the IRCS Meghalaya State Branch, State Blood Transfusion Council, and National Health Mission. A total of 14 units of blood were collected.

From 25th to 29th September 2023, JRC/YRC units of various institutions were requested by the state headquarters to conduct a cleaning drive competition as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Prizes for the competition were distributed during the annual day celebration, as per the JRC units' participation.

- On November 9th, 2023, the Youth Red Cross Unit and the NSS Unit organized an awareness program and blood donation camp in collaboration with Pasteur Institute and Red Cross Society, Shillong, Meghalaya. The program commenced with an awareness talk delivered by Dr. B. Passah, a specialist in transfusion medicine, in the presence of 200 participants. In total, approximately 68 donors participated in the camp.
- On 29th March 2024, the NSS Unit of St. Mary's College, in collaboration with the Youth Red Cross Unit, organized an outreach program with a visit to Jyntah RCUP (SSA) School.

F.Medical and Awareness Camps

- On 11th July 2023, a free medical health camp was conducted along with the distribution of relief materials at Low-u-Sib for the displaced persons of Manipur by the IRCS Meghalaya.

G. Other Activities

- On October 12th, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society, Meghalaya State Branch participated in the state-level Megha Mock Exercise conducted by MSDMA. This exercise was observed by members of the National Disaster Management Authority, district-level officials, and other agencies. Polo and adjoining areas, including Shillong Secondary School and Forest Colony, were selected as identified locations for the mock exercise.
- On 23rd March 2024, the Indian Red Cross Society, Meghalaya State Branch, attended the one-year anniversary celebration of the Elite Task Security & Service Agency at their training center in Laitkroh, Mawjrong, as special guests. The ceremony was attended by Shri A.N. Sawian, General Secretary; Ms. M.G.R. Shabong, Assistant General Secretary cum Coordinator; Mr. P. Deb, State Organizer cum First Aid Trainer; and Miss I. Swer, staff of the IRCS State Branch.
- On 15th March 2024, the Indian Red Cross Society Meghalaya State Branch celebrated "Coalesce 2024" at City Hut Dhaba, featuring a welcome song, discussions on the roles of life members, a presentation on Red Cross history, and a motivational speech by the Chairman.

Jammu & Kashmir

A. Blood Services

A total of 26 blood donation camps were organized, with 24 held in Jammu and 2 in Srinagar. These camps collected a total of 1,531 units of blood, with 1,420 units collected in Jammu and 111 units collected in Srinagar.

B. Relief activities and distribution

(a) Ex-gratia assistance of Rs. 2 lakhs each was provided to the 10 next of kin of accident victims in Jhajjar Kotli, Jammu, totaling Rs. 20 lakhs.

(b) Cash assistance totaling Rs. 2,95,500 was provided to 24 poor cancer, kidney, and heart patients.

(c) Free sanitary napkins were distributed to 900 female beneficiaries.

C. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

Drug de-addiction efforts included 5 camps, benefiting 470 individuals.

- First Aid Awareness Camps (1 day)

- Jammu: 1,182 trained

- Srinagar: 340 trained

- First Aid Training Programs (4 days and 8 days)
- Jammu: 1,522 trained
- Srinagar: 468 trained
- Total Persons Trained in First Aid
- 555 trained in total

Between May 2023 and March 2024, a series of First Aid Awareness Camps were conducted across various locations in Jammu and Kashmir. These camps reached diverse groups, including trainees, students, staff, legal professionals, and drivers. Where a total of 1,522 participants benefited from this.

D. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

Junior Red Cross/Youth Red Cross organized 14 camps, benefiting 2,700 individuals.

E. Medical and Awareness Camps

A total of 853 diagnostic tests for various ailments were performed at the Diagnostic Centre (Lab.) at nominal charges.

F. Other Activities

The Family Welfare activities conducted by IRCS Jammu and Kashmir included treatment for 41 antenatal cases and administration of 8 TT ANC doses. They distributed 272 condoms, provided 14 cycles of oral pills, dispensed 22 packets of Chhaya tablets, and administered Inj. Antra as part of contraceptive services. Additionally, on March 3, 2024, IRCS administered a total of 489 Pulse Polio doses to children under 5 years old, with 265 doses in Jammu and 224 doses in Srinagar.

NAGALAND

The Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland (IRCSN) was formed in the year 1982 and ever since it has provided assistance, relief, and support to the people of Nagaland. The IRCSN has engaged in various disaster response, health and medical services, blood donations, and community welfare.

A. Blood Services

During Sewa Pakhwada, a Blood Donation Camp was held on 22nd September 2023 at Model College, Kohima, in collaboration with the Kohima District Blood Donors Association (KDBDA).

In collaboration with the Kohima District Blood Donors Association (KDBDA), a Blood Donation Camp was held at Kohima College, Kohima, on 1st October 2023, celebrating Voluntary Blood Donation Day.

B. Relief activities and distribution

- The President of IRCSN, Shri La. Ganesan, along with the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland, launched an ambulance, marking a significant milestone in the organization's efforts to enhance healthcare infrastructure.
- On 5th March 2024, relief materials were provided to the owners of a burnt house, demonstrating humanitarian support during a time of crisis.
- On 20th March 2024, the Kohima District Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society handed relief materials and monetary assistance to fire victims in Kitsubozou, Kohima. The items were received by the Chairman on behalf of the victims.

C. Disaster Management Activities:

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) organized a Capacity Building on Disaster Preparedness Training on 7th and 8th March 2024 at the Conference Hall, Cathedral Kohima, where the Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch provided a demonstration on First Aid.

D. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

- First Aid and CPR Training was provided to the staff of Kohima Mariani Transmission Ltd. (KMTL) in Zhadima.
- The Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland (IRCSN) State Branch, in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland Mon District, organized a successful First Aid Training program on 13th October 2023. The training equipped 127 students with essential life-saving skills.
- The Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch conducted a three-day First Aid and CPR training for 20 members at Dimapur Airport Fire Station from 29th to 31st January 2024, including participants from various states.
- A two-day First Aid and CPR training program was held on February 5th and 6th, 2024, at the PAWF Centre GX Studio, Opp. Chekiye Gate, Dimapur, with 11 fitness trainers from PAWF Nagaland actively participating.
- The Jalukie Sub-Branch, under the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), conducted a First Aid Training on 26th October 2023.

E. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

During the year 2023-2024, the IRCSN State Managing Committee met 10 times; 4 Quarterly meetings, 2 Sub-Committee meetings, and 7 Emergency meetings.

A Secretaries Meeting was held on 31st May 2023 at the Red Cross Complex. Secretaries from various districts attended the meeting, including representatives from Noklak, Tuensang, Peren, Dimapur, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Kohima, Tsemnyu, Wokha, Mokokchung, and Phek.

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch was held on 26th - 27th July 2023 at Raj Bhavan. The ceremonial function took place on 27th July 2023, with the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland, who is also the President of IRCSN, and the Managing Committee Members of IRCSN in attendance.

F.Celebration of Important Days

On World Red Cross Day, 8th May 2023, First Aid Training was provided to students of G Rio School, Kohima. This event involved the Youth Red Cross and Junior Red Cross members and included the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland, who is also the President of the Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch.

On Republic Day, 26th January 2024, the Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch visited the Kohima Leprosy Clinic in Mechozou, Nagabazar Kohima, distributing relief materials to patients.

G. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

The Junior Red Cross organized a cleanliness drive in Mon Town on 30th September 2023. Participants, including students and volunteers, gathered to clean public areas, promoting community hygiene and environmental awareness.

H.Medical and Awareness Camps

During the Hornbill Festival 2023, IRCSN participated actively, offering emergency services, and promoting Red Cross principles through informative standees, fostering health and safety awareness among festival attendees.

IRCS Mon, in collaboration with DAPCU, NTEP, DTCC, Mental Health, AFCH, and a medical team, conducted a Drugs and Mental Health seminar at Tizit. The seminar involved school children, teachers, police, and social workers, and it took place on 26th March 2023.

An orientation program on Red Cross was conducted for Managing Committee Members and staff of the Indian Red Cross Society Phek District, scheduled for 8th March 2024. The session aimed to educate participants about Red Cross principles, roles, and responsibilities for the period 2024-2026.

I. Other Activities

The Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland (IRCSN) launched a Sub-Division Branch in Jalukie Town, under the Peren District Branch, on 27th October 2023 at the ADC Office Premises. The launch was conducted by Mrs. Akhale V Khamo, General Secretary of IRCSN.

The Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland formally announced the appointment of the new Chairman of IRCSN, Shri P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, on 4th March 2024 at Raj Bhavan, Kohima, Nagaland.

ODISHA

The Indian Red Cross Society, Odisha State Branch, is a leading and vibrant unit within the Red Cross movement. It is committed to nurturing moral values and promoting voluntary service among its volunteers. Through comprehensive training programs in first aid, disaster management, school and road safety, fire safety, HIV/AIDS awareness, WASH initiatives, and climate change, it equips volunteers and counselors with the skills needed to contribute effectively to society. This collective effort aims to establish a peaceful society and promote the well-being of all humanity.

A. Blood Services

A blood donation camp at ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel Beneficiation Plant in Keonjhar Dubona, jointly organized with the Indian Red Cross Organization, collected 74 units of blood and was inaugurated by Mr. RK Sharma and Mr. AR Khan.

B. Relief activities and distribution

- On May 5, 2023, school kits were distributed to students at SLS Residential School, Pahadpur, Mayurbhanj district.
- On May 5, 2023, JRC volunteers warmly welcomed the Honorable President at Pahadpur, Mayurbhanj District. Relief materials were distributed to needy tribal communities, and school kits were provided to students at SLS School, Pahadpur.
- The Red Cross reached the unreached village of Dibakacha in Jashipur Panchayat, Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj, where essential facilities such as safe drinking water, nutritious food, healthcare, education, communication, and electricity are lacking. They also distributed essential items to the residents of the village.

C. Disaster Management Activities:

During the Bahanaga train collision on June 2, 2023, IRCS counselors provided crucial emergency services like first aid, crowd and dead body management, and organized blood donation camps across Balasore, Bhadrak, and Cuttack, supporting victims and rescue efforts effectively.

D. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

First Aid Lay Lecture Training sessions were conducted for JRC counselors at Red Cross Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, with three batches held on July 21-27, 2023 (26 participants), August 22-28, 2023 (23 participants), and October 12-18, 2023 (25 participants).

District-level JRC Study-cum-Training Camps were organized across 26 districts to enhance the skills of JRC volunteers and to select participants for the State-level camp.

E. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

The JRC District Executive Committee Meeting for 2023-24 convened to strategize and coordinate activities, involving counselors, volunteers, and officials to plan and implement youth-focused humanitarian initiatives across the district.

- **F.Celebration of Important Days**

World Health Day, themed "Health for All," was commemorated on April 7, 2023, across all JRC Educational Districts. To celebrate this occasion, health awareness programs were conducted at the school level throughout the districts.

On the occasion of World Red Cross Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Red Cross founder Jean Henry Dunant, volunteers and counselors of the Junior Red Cross from various schools participated in a special program. World Red Cross Day was also observed at the school level across all JRC districts.

- On June 5, 2023, World Environment Day was observed by JRC wings from various schools across the district through activities such as plantation drives, awareness rallies, and distribution of plants.
- On June 21, 2023, International Yoga Day was celebrated across all districts with yoga sessions organized at various schools. Yoga promotes physical, mental, and spiritual well-being among participants.
- On June 14, 2023, World Blood Donor Day was marked by the Indian Red Cross Society, Odisha State Branch, with a State-level Felicitation Program. Twelve JRC counselors from different districts were honored with the Blood Hero Award for their outstanding blood donations during the period from June 2022 to May 2023.
- On September 9, 2023, World First Aid Day was observed with the theme "First Aid in the Digital World." All JRC districts organized awareness camps at schools and communities to educate volunteers and community members on first aid techniques.
- World AIDS Day was observed on December 1, 2023, across all districts of Odisha with events held at different schools to raise awareness among students and community members about HIV/AIDS.

G. Junior / Youth Red Cross Activities:

JRC counselors and volunteers from Cuttack district joined together to provide various services during the event, including conducting a cleanliness drive.

The Junior Red Cross wing of the Indian Red Cross Society, Odisha State Branch, organized a First Aid Service Camp at the State-level children's festival SURAVI-2023. Emergency care was provided to injured or ill individuals at the JRC First Aid Stall during the event.

H.Medical and Awareness Camps

A social service camp was inaugurated on November 8, 2022, during Baliyatra in Cuttack, Bhadrak, and Sonapur, providing various services including first aid, stretcher assistance, cleanliness drives, blood donation, and awareness programs on health issues like HIV/AIDS and Dengue, benefiting thousands of attendees.

I. Other Activities

During the Ratha Yatra, JRC counselors from multiple districts joined the State branch to serve approximately 20 lakh devotees across Puri, Mayurbhanj, Kendrapara, Nabarangpur, and Dhenkanal, offering services like water distribution, first aid, and maintaining cleanliness.

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Gujarat

A. Blood Services

Three more Red Cross Blood Centres at Kutch District, Gir-Somnath District and Vadodara District have become functional during the year under Report. Now, 24 Red Cross Blood Cent and 16 Blood Storage Units are functioning in the State.

B. Relief activities and distribution

- During the floods in July 2023. Red Cross DM team along with volunteers from local Red Cross Branches rushed to the flood-hit areas in Sutrapada City, Gir-Somnath District, Narmada, Kutch Porbandar. Devbhoomi Dwarka and Junagadh District and distributed relief materials besides providing First Aid and food packets.

C. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

- Conducted School Safety Program in different Government Primary Schools benefitting 17521 students & teachers.
- In the year 2023-24 Full 3 days First Aid Training were conducted at various corporate including government entities like Gujarat Environment Management Institute (GEMI) Lab and National Dairy Development Board, to multinational like. Godrej Infra, Torrent Research Centre, J.k Lakshmi cement, Chiripal group, Arvind group & Troika pharmaceutical. Also, demonstrations of CPR and basic awareness of First aid was conducted in public places li gardens and Riverfront area so that the public is benefited.
- First Aid Awareness and CPR training was conducted for school & College students respective through Junior Red Cross and Youth Red Cross program.

D. Junior/Youth Red Cross Activities:

With a view to make the youths to involve in more and more activities of Junior & Youth Red Cross prgoramme and thereby make them competent to contribute in the growth of our Nation, various activities for the year 2023-24 were planned.

E. Disaster Management Activities:

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) accepted the request of Gujarat Red Cross and conducted Disaster Management Training in which trained 60 Red Cross Volunteers in two batches of 30 each. The trained volunteers would impart training to a large number of volunteers throughout the State. These volunteers are Eveready to render services during disasters. More than 33,000 volunteers have been enrolled who along with local people will be ready to move to the disaster hit areas on short notice to help the affected people.

G. Celebration of Important Days

- International Women's Day was celebrated by Youth Red Cross students. A drawing competition was also organized on the day.

H. Medical and Awareness Camps

- Gujarat State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society continued to provide physiotherapy services to the needy patients at concessional charge through its ISO certified Physiotherapy Centre. Qualified and experienced Physiotherapists provide physiotherapy to patients who are alling orthopedic, neurological and such other problems.
- Artificial Limb Centre is one of the major humanitarian services run by Gujarat Red Cross since 1972. Under the visionary leadership of our Chairmanshri- needy persons with disability (PWD) are being fitted/provided with Modular Technology Artificial Limb at subsidized rates More than 1700 beneficiaries across Gujarat along with neighboring states like Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have been fitted these appliances so far.
- Gujarat State Branch of IRCS continued the activities under Tuberculosis Project - India during the year 2023-24 for controlling TB in Ahmedabad-both urban and Rural areas.

I. SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat-Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel visited "VATSALYA-Senior Citizen Home on the occasion of Nutan Varsh-14th November 2023. Hon'ble Chief Minister took lunch with the seniors and greeted all.

J. Other Activities

Gujarat Red Cross successfully completed Five batches of Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (DMLT). The said one year course provides valuable education and imparts useful training to the candidates. It is a Gujarat University affiliated course.

Tamil Nadu

A. Blood Services

The Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch operates a 24/7 state-of-the-art blood bank. organizing 67 camps and collecting 3,945 units of whole blood in 2023-2024. They prepared 8,578 blood components, issued 7.218 units to hospitals and nursing homes, and provided 1,173 units free to deserving cases referred by government hospitals.

B. Relief activities and distribution

- In March 2023, IRCS-TNB dispatched 300 hygiene kits to nine district branches and one sub-district branch, and distributed 204 kits to Arasu Sevaillam in Tambaram
- Relief materials were dispatched to multiple locations, including Chennai, Chengalpattu, Thiruvallur, and various organizations, benefiting communities and institutions such as the Fishermen community and government hostels.

C. Capacity Building Activities and Trainings

The Indian Red Cross Society organized multiple First Aid training sessions in early 2023:

- - Poppies Knitwear staff in Tirupur: 30 employees trained from January 31 to February 2.
- Junior Red Cross Counsellors in Namakkal: One-day session on February 7.
- Red Cross Volunteers in Namakkal: Three-day SERV training from February 8 to 10.
- - Nehru Yuva Kendra volunteers in Tiruvarur: 50 volunteers trained from February 16 to 18.
- - Aviagen India Poultry staff in Tirupur Two batches, each with 30 employees, trained from February 21 to 23 and February 27 to March 1
- - Drivers and conductors in Thanjavur: Training conducted from March 2 to 25.
- Real Knit Fashion staff in Tirupur: 15 employees trained from March 27 to 29.

D. Disaster Management Activities:

- On February 1, 2024, a Disaster Management awareness program was conducted for the YRC and NSS Units of Rose Mary College of Arts and Science for Women, Tirunelveli covering Red Cross activities, flood rescue methods, rope and knot techniques, early warning systems, and health hazards during disasters.
- On December 19, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society Thanjavur District Branch sent 15 trained volunteers to assist in flood rescue operations in Tirunelveli, coordinating with local officials to provide aid to affected families.

D.SPECIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS

- The Ad-hoc Committee held a JRC Conveners Meeting on August 26, 2023, at the IRCS-TNB premises to strengthen and implement JRC activities at the school level, with 41 convenors participating.
- On March 28, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society Tamil Nadu Branch held a review meeting at IRCS-TNB, more, for 23 school headmasters and teachers regarding the School Health & Hygiene Promotion Program.

E. Junior/Youth Red Cross Activities:

The Junior Red Cross Society conducted several First Aid and Disaster Management training sessions in 2023:

- -Karbagam Vinayaga College of Nursing, Pudukottai: 80 nursing students trained on April 21.

JKKM College of Nursing. Erode: 60 nursing students trained on April 25 and 26.

- - Anna Institute of Management: Disaster management program for government officials in Nagapattinam from July 17 to 20, and in Thiruvavur from July 19 to 21, with Mr. Benjamin conducting sessions.

- - Bannariamman Technology College, Erode: One-day disaster management training for YRC.

volunteers on July 18. • - Bishop Heber College, Trichy: One-day disaster management training for YRC volunteers on July 27

- Sri Ramakrishna Arts and Science College, Coimbatore: One-day disaster management training for YRC volunteers on August 17.

F.Celebration of Important Days

- On the occasion, Celebration of World First Aid Day held on 09.09.2023 to Navy Wing Cadets of National Aided School, Mannargudi, Tiruvavur District was conducted. 80 Cadets benefited.

G.Medical and Awareness Camps

- Free Medical Camp was organized & conducted on 02.09.2023 at Mis. Madras School of Social Work, Kilkondaiyur Village, Karlapakkam Post, Tiruvallur District. 154 Patients benefited from this Camp.
- Free Medical Camp was organized & conducted on 03.09.2023 at Mis. Sagaya Annai Church, Mannurpet. Chennai, 97 Patients benefited from this Camp.

- The IRCS-TINB Day Care Hospital organized a free medical camp for Raj Bhavan employees on January 8, 2024, at Bharathiyar Mandapam, Guindy, Chennai, with Hon'ble Governor Thiru. R.N. Ravi as Chief Guest and Dr. Justice M. Jaichandren welcoming attendees.

H. Other Activities

- Mr. K. Palanivel conducted sessions on studying emotional and academic problems in children.

IRCS bids a Dieu to;



IRCS bid audieu to Ms. Chander Prabha Kapur. She joined IRCS, NHQ as Junior Social Worker and served the organisation for 38 long years. She retired from the service as Chief Social Worker.

Smt. Usha Devi, MTS, IRCS, NHQ.



Smt. Hari Dasi, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand

Sh. V. Murugan, ASO, Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu



Sh. Arun Juriel retired from the services as Assistant. He joined the IRCS, NHQ as Operator in 1989 and served the organisation for 34 years.



IRCS, NHQ bid adieu to Dr. Vijay Vats who retired as Medical Officer, IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre and Sh. Anil Kumar Bansal, who retired from the services as Assistant.

REMEMBRANCE, FELICITATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS!



St. John Ambulance, Kaithal district branch, Haryana enrolled 55 life members.

Yuva Red Cross counselor and secretary of the Boudh unit of the IRCS-ORB Prabir Kumar Das received an award from Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lal for being Centurian Blood Donor Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lal for being Centurian Blood Donor



Sh. Anil Kumar Chamaria, Member, Managing Committee, IRCS, Bihar state branch, Patna was awarded the "Appreciation Certificate" for his dedicated and distinguished services rendered to the humanitarian causes.

IRCS, Nagaland opened IRCS Jalukie Sub-Division branch to reach out to all parts of the state for creating awareness and giving humanitarian services





Itinder Pal Singh Bali, received the Seva Puraskar from Gandhi Global Family, presented by the esteemed Padmashree Dr. S.P. Varma.

IRCS A.P State Branch signed an MOU with NCC Andhra Pradesh to work jointly to serve the needy people. Deputy Director General of NCC Mr VM Reddy & IRCS A.P General Secretary, Sri AK Parida, IAS, exchanged the signed copies of the MOU. 75,000 NCC students will get trained in First Aid, disaster management and participate in blood donation.



Review meeting on JRC/ YRC volunteers enrollment was held at Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. Red Cross JRC/YRC" APP, was launched during the event.

V Gopal, Chairman, IRCS, Puducherry UT branch was honoured by the Hon'blespeaker of the Puducherry UT Assembly with "Kalai Ratna Award 2023" in recognition to his elocution skills.





Dr. Samaram, Chairman, IRCS NTR District, AP state received the Andhra Pradesh Government award, Dr. YSR Award, from Hon'ble Governor of AP and the Chief Minister for his outstanding services.

The Manipur State Branch became team champion in the National Youth Exchange Programme 2023 organised by IRCS, Punjab State Branch. Out of 6 competitions Manipur State Branch got 1st positions in recitation, solo folk song, poster making, group song, group dance and 3rd place in quiz.



Hon'ble Governor of AP & the President of AP Red Cross Sri Abdul Nazeer ji inaugurated Red Cross Eye Bank at Kakinada

Former Secretary of the Health Department of Bihar Govt., Mr. Gorakh Nath and IPS Mr. Mahendra Kumar Basantri honoured Atul Kumar, Secretary of IRCS Sub district branch Pupri, Bihar with the Nation Pride Award 2023 at IAS Mantra Academy at Patna, Bihar.



Dr. S. Lawrence NDRT/RDRT, Trichy, Tamil Nadu was awarded for his meritorious service in Red Cross for more than 25 years by Trichy district collector.

Vishakhapatnam blood centre in Andhra Pradesh got the NABH Certification. This is the first blood centre in Andhra Pradesh to obtain NABH Certification.



Sh. Atul Kumar, Secretary, IRCS, Sub District Branch, Pupri, Bihar was honored for his continuous selfless service to the humanity and blood donation. He was honored with the Selfless Service National Award for his remarkable contribution in the field.



Foundation stone for the new blood centre was laid in Patna City, by the Hon'ble Governor of Bihar, Sh. Rajendra Arlekar. Dr. B. B Sinha, Chairman of the IRCS Bihar Red Cross, honored the Hon'ble Governor on the occasion.

A Helpdesk has been put up at the entrance of the IRCS West Bengal State Branch Headquarters (Kolkata) for distributing and exchanging information about the RCRC Movement activities.

