Inauguration of Thalassemia Screening and Counselling Centre at IRCS, National Headquarters, New Delhi by Hon’ble HFM

Hon’ble HFM and Hon’ble Chairman IRCS, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the Thalassemia Screening and Counselling Centre at Indian Red Cross Society’s National Headquarters (IRCS NHQ) Blood Bank on August 18, 2020. Haemoglobinopathies, such as Thalassemia and Sickle Cell disease are inherited red blood disorders that can be prevented. These illnesses are chronic, life impairing and in some cases, life threatening. Besides, they impose a heavy emotional and financial burden on families. Patients of Thalassemia require lifelong blood transfusions and iron chelation therapy, which additionally places a heavy burden on our healthcare services.

Congratulations IRCS NHQ at this achievement, Dr Harsh Vardhan wrote on his Facebook page, “This is a huge milestone for us as we step closer to achieving our vision of providing accessible and affordable blood services for all.”

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Stock Availability

NHQ Blood Bank

Update from 14th to 31st August, 2020

Units Collected: 1293
Units Issued: 1952
Units Available Today: 365 units of PRBC, 27 units of PC, 166 units of FFP; 00 units of WB

Red Cross blood banks across the country continue making all possible efforts to motivate donors to step forward and donate blood for the needy. Recently, 84 Red Cross volunteers from Wayanad district, Kerala donated blood to make their contribution during these trying times. Besides, IRCS Tamil Nadu Blood Bank collected 166 units of blood during a camp whereas 115 units were collected by IRCS Anand, Gujarat.

Donate Blood: Gift Life

Despatch to State & UT Branches

IRCS Andhra Pradesh
Face Masks: 4,000
PPE: 1,000
Gloves: 10,000

IRCS Chhattisgarh
Face Masks: 45,000
Gloves: 8,000
PPE: 150
Face shields: 270
Thermal guns: 01
Mrs. L. Tanuja, a beneficiary under the ‘Ashagi Mangal Livelihood Project’ being implemented by IRCS Manipur has received her training in embroidery. Thanks to her hard work and dedication, she has been able to master the production of an extremely rare & exquisite traditional artwork, ‘Shaphi Lanphi’ (a hunting and war cloth). Despite its high price, Tanuja’s immense skill has helped generate a huge demand for this shawl, not only in Manipur but in other states & countries as well. Kudos to women like her!

As heavy rains wreak havoc in Warangal, Telangana, Youth Red Cross volunteers are doing all they can to raise funds for those affected. These young champions are also busy packing & distributing dry food, clothes, medicines, blankets & other essential relief aid among the needy!

Indian Red Cross extends its heartfelt gratitude to The Govt. of Vietnam for their generous gift of 50,000 masks that will augment our fight against COVID19 and help safeguard the people of India. IRCS wishes to thank the Indian Ambassador to Vietnam for his continued support, and expresses appreciation for the Indigo Airlines airport manager in Hanoi, Mr Krishna Chaturvedi, for sanctioning free transportation of these supplies to Delhi.

Indian Red Cross Uttar Pradesh ran a very successful week long blood donation campaign across the State from the 10th till the 17th of August 2020, collecting a total of 685 units of blood. Many generous donors stepped forward to donate blood for people in need and make their individual contribution towards our collective fight against the COVID19 pandemic.

Aiding rebuilding efforts after the deadly Amphan cyclone, the Red Cross team in West Bengal has been engaged in distributing family relief kits among communities that have been affected. The relief packets contain one saree, one mosquito net, one sanitary napkin pack and 4 washable & reusable masks. While several needy families have already been reached, volunteers continue working tirelessly to reach many more people in need.

IRCS Puducherry Branch has been actively engaged in distributing soaps that were sent by IRCS NHQ, among corona warriors as well as needy people.