

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



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**KEEP YOUR WORK AREA CLEAN
IT IS PART OF YOUR JOB!**



CONGRATULATIONS! We proudly present the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH recognition to Mr. Manoj Kumar at IRCS (NHQ) for ALWAYS HAVING SUCH AN UNCLUTTERED DESK! He has been working as a Relief Coordinator for Disaster Management & FNS (Family News Service) at IRCS (NHQ). We appreciate his efforts towards maintaining the cleanliness at work station & the premises.



Regional Director of IFRC, Asia-Pacific Mr. Alexander Mathew along with Mr. Udaya Rigmi, Head of Country Cluster of IFRC & Deputy Secretary of IRCS (NHQ) Mr. NK Singh visited Faridabad district branch in Haryana to see their varied activities. Mr. Mathew appreciated volunteers work during the ongoing pandemic.



National Headquarters organising supplies of branded woollen blankets to preposition stocks for distribution during winters.

IRCS (NHQ) MEETINGS



IRCS, Secretary General, Regional Director of IFRC, Asia Pacific & Head of Country Cluster called on Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Chairman of IRCS & Health & Family Welfare Minister.

Flood Early Warning Project

A meeting was held on 03rd September 2021 to review the progress of the Flood Early Warning Alert Project funded by Google through IFRC. It was decided to prepare ward-level contingency plans in program states. Further, a team from NHQ & IFRC visited Assam & apprised the Hon'ble Governor of Assam about the project. Team also met with panchayat leaders & ward members to take their feedback. Panchayat leaders and volunteers informed that alerts are useful.



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From the Desk of The Secretary-General



I would like to thank all the branches for undertaking various humanitarian activities like the distribution of hygiene kits, masks, sanitizers, food items, kitchen sets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, to the vulnerable & needy. Along with healthcare workers & essential service providers, the Indian Red Cross staff & volunteers are selflessly working day & night to safeguard communities against inevitable disasters & calamities. It's because of your efforts that IRCS is able to meet all the challenges.

For most of us, the idea of winter means cuddling under the blanket for warmth, lying in our comfort zone, and sipping coffee sitting beside the fire. But for those on the streets, with every drop in the temperatures, it's a fight for survival. There is no better gift than providing warm clothing to the needy during the winter season. Lakhs of homeless experience bitterness of winter and are at a great risk of suffering from severe illnesses. Hence, IRCS, NHQ is organizing supplies of woollen blankets with IRCS branding to preposition stocks for distribution during winters in hilly states.

We held several important meetings this month where future plans of action were designed & previous work done was reviewed. I am happy to share that this month Regional Director of IFRC, Asia Pacific, Mr. Alexander Mathew, visited the Haryana Red Cross branch & observed varied activities being undertaken by the branch and the Red Cross hospital run by the Delhi Red Cross branch. Mr. Mathew appreciated volunteers work during the pandemic.

Blood is the most essential component of the body and timely transfusion saves lives every year specially accident cases, children suffering from Blood disorders eg. Thalassemia, Sickle cell Anaemia etc. Our country needs approximately 1.45 crore units of blood every year. Hence, I urge all to donate blood as "There is a hope of life to someone in your blood donation."

I request all to continue following covid-19 protocols even after getting vaccinated. We must take another vow -Dawai Bhi, Kadaai Bhi.

Every Blood Donor is a life saver!

Thank you, donors!



Blood donation camp was organized jointly by IRCS, Uttarakhand state branch & 23 Field Regiment, Army Dehradun. 104 units of blood were collected



Blood Donation Camp, Telangana

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

"A drop of blood can save a life! Don't waste it & donate blood."



The Month of AUGUST 2021

Donors – 1910
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1528
Voluntary Donors in-house — 382
No. of camps— 29
Blood/Blood Components issued - 2658 units



Donating Blood During COVID-19 is Safe!

IRCS NHQ Blood Center timings for blood donation:

Monday- Saturday (except 2nd Saturday): 9 AM – 7 PM

2nd Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays: 10 AM – 6 PM

Note: The NHQ Blood Center is open 24/7 for the issue of blood



Blood Donation Camp, Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Blood donation, Balod, Chhattisgarh



IRCS Andhra Pradesh to create exclusive What's app groups for each blood group. The idea is to create a What's app group of blood donors of specific groups, having a capacity of 256 members, so one group for one blood group means 256 donors can get a message at one time during emergencies.



The IRCS, Hojai district branch in collaboration with Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha organised a blood donation camp at Hojai Geeta Ashram. Altogether 20 units of blood were collected.

Celebration of Important Days

Ganesh Chaturthi



Ganesh Chaturthi is a festival which is celebrated all over India to worship Lord Ganesh, is becoming more eco-friendly nowadays. Generally, Ganesh murtis are made of Plaster of Paris, are immersed in water after Ganesh Chaturthi, which harms the water bodies. While eco-friendly idols are degradable & they won't hurt any living creatures in the water. To spare & secure our nature, the IRCS Odisha state branch goes for eco-friendly Ganesha idol. Only clay, black gram, masur dal, wheat, rice & sesame seeds were used.

World Heart Day



World Rose Day



On the occasion of World Rose Day, Dr. Bankim Chandra Thokchom, Secretary, IRCS, Imphal West District Branch handed over face masks to Dr. T. Dhaneshwar Sharma, HOD Radiation Oncology, RIMS, for use by Cancer patients.



On the eve of World Rose Day, a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was held at Blood Bank, RIMS. The program was jointly organized by Life Savers Manipur & IRCS, Imphal West District Branch. Altogether 27 units of blood was collected.

World First Aid Day



On World First Aid Day, the IRCS Imphal West district branch, Manipur conducted a basic first aid program with the theme "Be a hero of school & in your community" at Imphal Oil Depot (Malom) & Thangmeiband.



World First Aid Day, Imphal West district branch



World First Aid Day was celebrated by Punjab Red Cross.

Teachers Day



On the occasion of Teacher's Day Red Cross Arvi Branch, Maharashtra arranged Blood Donation Camp

Distribution of Relief Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Medicines/food items etc. War against COVID-19, floods and other disasters



Distribution of hygiene kit, Sitapur, U.P



Distribution of hygiene kits, Shirampur sub-district, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra state branch.



Dry food items distribution at Blind Association, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



Distribution of oxygen concentrators to DMHO of local Govt. Hospitals & hygiene kits to sanitary workers by Narayanpet Municipal Commissioner, Telangana.



Hygiene kits distribution, Akola district Red Cross, Maharashtra



Distribution of Mask, Telangana



Distribution of Red Cross masks at special vaccination center Penbair, Wanaparthy district, Telangana



Distribution of hygiene kits, IRCS, Arunachal Pradesh



Distribution of relief material, Dakshin Dinajpur district branch, IRCS West Bengal



Distribution of masks in Bharati Vidhyapeeth Police Station, IRCS, Pune



Disaster relief Distribution, Bageshwar, Uttarakhand



The IRCS, Andhra Pradesh state branch distributed Covid screening kits



Dry food items with mask handed over to Open Learning System (OLS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha for fifty inmates

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Advance preparation for the cyclone Gul Aab, Odisha state branch



Distribution of hygiene kits, IRCS, Arunachal Pradesh



Launch of free distribution of sanitary napkins, hygiene kits, IRCS, Mumbai



Under the Mission Shakti program, hygiene kits were distributed to women constables and women employees of SBT Public School in the presence of DM Deoria, U.P



Distribution of relief materials to flood effected victims, Boudh, Odisha



Red Cross volunteers in Andhra Pradesh served food to more than 5,000 homeless people



Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagadish Mukhi symbolically handed over an Advanced Life Support Ambulances (ALS) to the Red Cross hospital



IRCS Nizamabad and District Collector Sh. Narayan Reddy Garu distributed tarpaulin sheets and one hygiene kit to each flood effected family

We are grateful to all our Donors and Volunteers for their generous support for IRCS relief efforts on behalf of millions of underprivileged and vulnerable families struggling to survive in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you for your compassion, patience, and contribution.

Covid-19 Vaccination Drives



Free community vaccination drive was organised by IRCS, East Godavari district branch, Kakinada, A.P in association with Reliance Foundation



Covid vaccination, Shirawali, Maharashtra



Mega vaccination camp, Majuli district, Assam



Vaccination drive, Kasrud, Mahabaleshwar Tehsil of Satara district in Maharashtra



Awareness Drives



First aid awareness program for Junior Red Cross Unit, Odisha



Awareness programme on dengue fever & cleanliness drive at Sambalpur, Odisha



Udalguri district took part in the Fit India Freedom Run public awareness program

Trainings & Meetings



FA Training at IRCS Pune.



3 days of Disaster Management Training has been organised by IRCS Tehatta SD Branch, West Bengal



First Aid training camp was organised in association with educational district branch Cuttack, Odisha



Indian Army conducted 3 days training program for Kalimpong rescue team of 39 volunteers from 19 villages in and around Kalimpong district in West Bengal



First Aid training was held at Navodaya central schools, IRCS Telangana



Mock drill was organised on Disaster management, First Aid training at Umakanta for class 12 students at Agartala, Tripura by the West Tripura District Administration



First Aid Training in Company MIDC Chakan, IRCS, Pune



St. John Ambulance (India) and IRCS state headquarters, Chhattisgarh conducted three days of First-Aid Training at Raigarh, Chhattisgarh



First Aid training for students and teachers at Sonepur district, Odisha



State level JRC First Aid training camp, Cuttack, Odisha

Congratulations!



Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath honoured the people with Purvanchal Samman at Varanasi who have offered their tireless services during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Uttar Pradesh. Sardar Surendra Singh Khalsa, a life member of the Red Cross from Ballia district also received this award.

Farewell!



**Manoj Aggarwal, Senior Technical Officer, IRCS Blood Bank,
Thank you for everything and good luck!**

Sad to see you go but wishing you happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life. Thank you for the good memories that we shared together since the past 32 years of your dedicated service to IRCS Blood Bank.

Miscellaneous Activities



Distribution of anti-deworming medicine at Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh



HB Test and health education, Birwadi, Maharashtra



Andhra Pradesh Red Cross branch taken up plantation drive in a big way
1,000 saplings were planted in several districts



POSHAN week was celebrated in coordination with the Health Department
and Rangat Sub divisional branch of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation of a
multi-specialty building of the Red Cross Society in Silchar



Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), a government-owned coal mining company in India
donated Ambulance to Manchiryal Red Cross branch, Telangana

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