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### President of India, Sh. Ram Nath Kovind Flagged Off Red Cross Relief Material for Flood & COVID affected People in Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh



Hon'ble President of India & President of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Shri Ram Nath Kovind flagged off nine trucks of Red Cross relief supplies from Rashtrapati Bhavan for the people battling devastating floods amidst the ongoing COVID pandemic in the States of Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, in the presence of Hon'ble Union Health Minister & Chairman IRCS, Dr Harsh Vardhan, on July 24th, 2020.

The relief material includes items such as tarpaulins, saris, dhotis, cotton blankets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets and bed sheets and shall be distributed among the needy people in the

three states. In addition, COVID-19 protection items such as surgical masks, PPE kits, gloves and face shields are also part of the relief material flagged off by President Kovind. These items will safeguard and protect health workers associated with IRCS medical services in these states as well as the volunteers of IRCS who are at the forefront of flood relief and rehabilitation efforts. This supply is being distributed to the concerned states in continuation to the operations already



being carried out by IRCS to serve affected people across the country.

On the occasion of flagging off, Shri R. K. Jain, IAS (Retd.) Secretary General, IRCS briefed the President on the initiatives and the good work being undertaken by IRCS to serve people affected by floods and COVID-19 in different parts of the country.

**Indian Red Cross Society & Tata Trusts facilitated the shipment of the 1st tranche of 4475 Oxygen Concentrators, donated by Temasek Foundation, Singapore to the Government of India. The shipment was received by Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State (HFW) on July 22, 2020.**

"The Oxygen Concentrators will substantially aid our fight against COVID19 in the remote and far flung areas," stated the Hon'ble MoS. He expressed gratitude towards Indian Red Cross for facilitating the import of these devices in the quickest possible time.

The Foundation has offered to donate a total of 20,000 oxygen concentrators to India. The remaining oxygen concentrators will be received in the month of August 2020. These devices will be made available to States and UTs for use in the management of moderate cases of COVID19.



### Stock Availability NHQ Blood Bank

**Update from 17th to 23rd July, 2020**

Units **Collected** : 483

Units **Issued** : 502

**Units Available Today-**

**332** units of PRBC,

**56** units of PC,

**205** units of FFP; **56** units of WB

### Donate Blood: Gift Life



IRCS **Hyderabad** Blood Bank, **Telangana** collected **326** units of blood in a camp. Besides, **122** units were collected at 4 camps organized by IRCS **Solapur** District Branch, **Maharashtra**.

IRCS **Madhya Pradesh** collected more than **50** units of blood at a camp organized in **Pipriya** whereas **38** units were collected in a camp in **Singrauli**.



Amidst the rising threat of COVID, teams from IRCS **Tripura** are engaged in spreading info on COVID safety precautions. Volunteers are also distributing masks, etc. among those in need.

### IRCS Punjab's TB Project

Since 2009, IRCS Punjab has been running a TB Project, 'Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis including MDR-TB,' with support from IRCS NHQ. The Irish Red Cross Society has been financing this project since the year 2015.

To ensure the safety of TB patients during the COVID pandemic, IRCS volunteers from Amritsar and Jalandhar (project areas) have been regularly visiting homes of TB patients registered with Red Cross to educate them on COVID safety precautions & provide them with masks & sanitizers. During the lockdown period, essential commodities such as food & medicines were also delivered to these patients at their doorstep.

The State Branch is now working on amplifying its COVID prevention activities & installing hand washing kiosks in the project areas.

