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.

I am pleased to inform you that on April 25th, 2023, we held the IRCS, Managing Body meeting chaired by Hon’ble Chairman and Hon’ble HFM, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. In his opening remarks Hon’ble Chairman mentioned that health in India is not trade but is considered a service. Hon’ble Chairman emphasised that frequent meetings of Managing Body should be held at different locations. Several important and statutory pending issues were discussed and decided. Some of the important agenda items were providing CGHS facility to retiring/retired staff of IRCS, implementation of Nucleic Acid Technology (NAT) in IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre, status of the pilot phase of Online First aid examination, Annual Report & Annual Accounts of IRCS for the year 2021-2022, Annual Budget of IRCS for the year 2023-2024, report on disaster management activities since the last meeting of the Managing Body etc.

Also Dr. Anant Pandhare was unanimously elected as the Vice Chairman of Managing Body. On behalf of IRCS, I congratulate him and look forward to his guidance and support. I’m glad to note that branches observed a number of activities to eradicate TB and Leprosy in country during this month. Awareness programs were also organised in an effort to reduce stigma and discrimination against the patients.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. Prabir Kumar Das, secretary of the Boudh district branch, Odisha, for being awarded as Centurian Blood Donor by Hon’ble Governor of Odisha.

IRCS, NHQ bid audieu to Ms. Chander Prabha Kapur. We wish her good luck, health & prosperity in her retired life.

The branches observed many important days in April like World Health Day, World Haemophilia Day, World Earth Day, World Malaria Day, World Autism Awareness Day etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.
Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

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 on 11th April, 2023. Mr. Udaya Regmi, Head of Country Cluster Delegation, IFRC, also attended the meeting.

Secretary General, IRCS, NHQ attended a virtual meeting on Movement Working Group on Integrity on 6th April, 2023

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches

IRCS, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district branch organized a Managing Committee Meeting at the collectorate office, Amalapuram, Andhra Pradesh

IRCS, Andhra Pradesh state branch conducted its State Managing Committee Meeting at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference

The Month of April, 2023
Donors – 2242
Voluntary Donors in camps — 2106
Voluntary Donors in-house — 136
No. of camps— 26
Blood/Blood Components issued - 3757 units

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 issue of blood

Donate blood and save lives

Thank you, donors!

Blood donation camp, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal
Blood donation camp, Pupri, Bihar
Blood donation camp organised at Nirankari Bhawan, Hyderabad, Telangana

Blood donation camp, Sidhpur, Gujarat

19 thalassemic patients were transfused blood at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Blood donation camp, Thoubal district branch, Manipur
Distribution of Relief Materials

Distribution of relief items and blankets to poor and needy in the slums of Jammu

Distribution of wheelchairs, Kunrool district branch, Andhra Pradesh

Distribution of relief items to the fire victims of Pupri, Bihar

Distribution of relief items including blankets, hygiene kits and medicines to needy, Uttarakhand
Distribution of Relief Materials

- Distribution of blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets to poor and needy, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh
- Distribution of blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets to poor and needy, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh
- Distribution of masks and sanitizers among police personnel, Pune, Maharashtra
- Distribution of sanitary napkins and hygiene kits to the girl students of Govt. schools of Jammu
- Distribution of nutritious food to TB patients, Katihar, Bihar
- Provided immediate relief and groceries to the victims of the fire accident at Srikakulam District Branch

K. Arunkanta, Chairman of the IRCS Imphal West District Branch, and volunteers distributed food in honor of the Bhagwan Mahavir Janm Kalyanak Mahosav.
IRCS, Bagalkot district branch, Karnataka conducted free artificial limb fitting camp. 138 beneficiaries were provided with artificial limbs.

IRCS, Manipur state branch handed over tarpaulins, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to needy and vulnerable.

Red Cross volunteers extended humanitarian services to the affected population in one of the remotest terrains in Karbianglong district of Assam.

On the occasion of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti, Mobile testing van was flagged off by Hon’ble Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Mangubhai C. Patel.

Andhra Pradesh Red Cross branch received Rs. 40 lakhs from Hon’ble Governor, S. Abdul Nazeer.
The Srikakulam district branch, Andhra Pradesh donated ten iron beds worth Rs 1,20,000 to the district Leprosy and Tuberculosis control office.

IRCS, Guntur district branch, Andhra Pradesh distributed Jumbo Umbrellas to the homeless and street people.

Distributed hygiene kits to the tribal people at Parvathipuram Manyam, Andhra Pradesh

Distribution of nutritious food to T.B. patients, Jalgaon, Maharashtra

Distribution of nutritional kits to Tuberculosis patients by Vizianagaram district branch, Andhra Pradesh

Relief materials and other essential items were provided to the fire victims at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
First aid training program at Cotton Spinning Mill, Guntur district branch, Andhra Pradesh

First aid training program, Degree College, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh

Fire accident management training in different villages of Boudh district, Odisha

Capacity building training on disaster preparedness, Kantamal Block, Boudh, Odisha

First aid training, Howrah district branch, West Bengal

First aid training, Jukkal, Kamareddy district, Telangana

First aid training, Pune, Maharashtra

Disaster management training, MM College, Baunsuni, Boudh, Odisha

Basic first aid training was conducted for the officers and workers of HCC, of Mumbai Coastal Road Project, Mumbai, Maharashtra

Disaster management training, Deesa, Gujarat

IRCS, Davengere district branch, Karnataka along with GMIT Engineering college conducted a workshop on first aid for volunteers of NSS and YRC.
Trainings & Workshops

First aid services were provided to pilgrims of Vaisakhi fair at Talwandi Sabo district, Bathinda, Punjab

First aid & CPR training, Mumbai, Maharashtra

First aid training, Jalgaon, Maharashtra

Fire safety week was celebrated at Imphal in the presence of district administration, Manipur fire service, Factories dept. officials, Mutual aid members

Flood relief training camp was held at Brahma Sarovar, Kurukshetra, Haryana

First aid post, Thoubal district branch, Manipur

First aid and CPR training were provided to 17 fitness instructors at Classic Fitness Academy, Mumbai, Maharashtra

First aid training was held for the workers of Patel Engineering Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, Maharashtra
Celebration of Important Days

World Health Day

- Distribution of hygiene kits on the occasion of World Health Day to Paramedics at various hospitals in Jalgaon, Maharashtra
- Disaster preparedness and basic first aid training were held at 4 villages of Boudh, district, Odisha on the occasion of World Health Day

Celebration of World Health Day, Bhubaneswar Odisha

Celebration of World Health Day, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal

Celebration of World Health Day, Manipur state branch

World Malaria Day

- Awareness rally was held on World Malaria Day at Srikakulam district branch, Andhra Pradesh
- An awareness camp to prevent mosquito infestation was held at Kholi area of Alang, Bhavnagar, Gujarat, on the occasion of World Malaria Day

Observation of World Malaria Day by IRCS, Imphal west district, Branch

Earth Day

- Distribution of mosquito nets was held on the occasion of World Malaria Day at Jiribam district branch, Manipur
- Earth Day was celebrated at Kantamal, Boudh, Odisha in collaboration with Save the Children (NGO)

Earth Day
Health Camps

Health awareness & health checkup camp was held at Gopalpur Primary School campus, Malda district branch, West Bengal.

Free health camp was organised for the rural community of Parvathipuram, Andhra Pradesh.

Health camp was organised for dumb & deaf children at Wardha district branch, Maharashtra.

Health camp, Pune, Maharashtra.

Miscellaneous Activities

Ex-Vice President of India, Shri P. Venkaiah Naidu, visited the IRCS, Srikakulam district branch, orphanage home. He suggested ways to improve the functioning of the old age home, for the betterment of senior citizens and children.

TB awareness program was conducted in the slum areas of Sirsa district, Haryana.

IRCS, Kandi sub district branch, Odisha delivered ORS-based purified drinking water to the needy.

Health checkup camp, Hardoi, Haryana.
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

Farewell!

IRCS bid adieu 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. IRCS wishes her good health & prosperity in her life ahead.
Red Cross Holds Multi-Purpose Programs at President’s Village

Bhopal: Under the aegis of Honorary Secretary Indian Red Cross Society Madhya Pradesh, Shri Madhav Bhandari Pattnaik and Senior Superintendent of State Jaipur Red Cross Branch, Dr. Sanjay Sureshwar, programs have been organized at the President’s Village Panchshilpur, Rajasthan on May 16th.

In this regard, Mr. Shiv Sagar informed that the Red Cross is not only famous for providing medical support to the villagers for their routine medical needs and also for the donation of blood. The organization has been making efforts to ensure that the villagers are not only provided with medical treatment but also with food and clothes.

The organization has also been organizing programs to ensure that the villagers are provided with the necessary amenities and also to support the needy. The organization has also been organizing various programs to support the needs of the villagers and also to support the needs of the society.

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