

# INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



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## Before you leave ....TAKE A MINUTE TO CLEAN



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### From the Desk of The Secretary-General



Tension is palpable in Uttarakhand's Joshimath where cracks in hundreds of houses have pushed locals to the edge. I appreciate the work done by the Youth Red Cross volunteers who are continuously engaged in humanitarian service without caring for themselves in response to Joshimath's tragedy. I applaud the effort made by the Uttarakhand State Branch, which has continued to offer succour to the vulnerable and needy.

On January 31, 2023, we convened the IRCS, State/UT Branch Leadership Meeting in virtual mode. Reviewing the status of the Leprosy and TB eradication initiative, delivery and use of the vehicles provided to the branches, delivery of blood centre equipment for equipping both existing and new blood centres, status of the online first aid exam, per diem to volunteers and the status of the single online platform, among other things, were part of the agenda considered.

I'm happy to inform that Branches observed a number of awareness-raising events against TB and Leprosy and gave TB patients nutritional kits. Awareness programs were also conducted in an effort to reduce stigma and discrimination against the affected people.

I take this opportunity to welcome our new office bearer, Mr. Ashok Agarwal, IAS (Retd), who took over as Chairman, Chhattisgarh State branch into our family.

IRCS also bid adieu to Smt. Sunita Gaur (Section Officer), Mrs. Meena Satija (Chief Technical Officer) and Sh. Baljit Singh (MTS). We wish them good luck, health & prosperity in their retired life.

I congratulate Telangana State Junior Red Cross Volunteers for winning 11 awards and Bihar State Branch for winning 18 awards at the Inter-State Junior Red Cross Training Camp, held at Kurukshetra, Haryana. This initiative will inspire other branches to organize more such events in future and motivate volunteers to achieve their best.

Many important days were observed by the branches during this month, including World Leprosy Eradication Day, Global Family Day, World Braille Day, National Youth Day, National Girl Child Day, Republic Day etc. Such observations provide us with an opportunity to connect with people and raise awareness about the Red Cross movement.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Smt. Sunita Gaur, who has been shortlisted as the Star employee of January 2023. She has been associated with IRCS, NHQ since 1984. She joined as LDC and retired from the service, as Section Officer on 31st Jan 2023. We appreciate her efforts towards maintaining the cleanliness at her workstation & her surroundings.



Joshimath in Uttarakhand is reeling under an unprecedented crisis that has displaced thousands of people. In response to Joshimath's tragedy, IRCS volunteers are engaged in rendering humanitarian service to the needy.

## STATUS OF DELIVERY OF VEHICLES



08 vehicles (Mobile health unit- 05 & Mobile testing van- 03) have been delivered to Red Cross Branches across India in January 2023





Blood donation camp, Chamba, Himachal Pradesh



Blood donation camp was held at Lokdaira, Khodiyar Mandir Rajpara, Bhavnagar, Gujarat

## IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference



### The Month of January, 2023

Donors – 2274

Voluntary Donors in camps — 2119

Voluntary Donors in-house — 155

No. of camps — 33

Blood/Blood Components issued - 3013 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 issue of blood**



Donate blood and save lives



In collaboration with NIT, Warangal, Telangana, IRCS, Hanumakonda, Telangana held a universal blood donation camp. The camp was inaugurated by A.V. Ranganath, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police Traffic Hyderabad City, and NIT Director Prof. N.V. Ramana Rao. 400 units of blood were collected.

Thank you, donors!



Blood donation camp was held at Jyotirvasu Vidya Peetham, Sangareddy, Telangana. 336 units of blood were collected.





Blood donation camp, Surajpur, Ramanuj Nagar, Chhattisgarh



Blood donation camp, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh



Mega blood donation camp was held at Malla Reddy Engineering College, Maisammaguda, Dhulapally, Secunderabad, Telangana. 224 units of blood were collected.

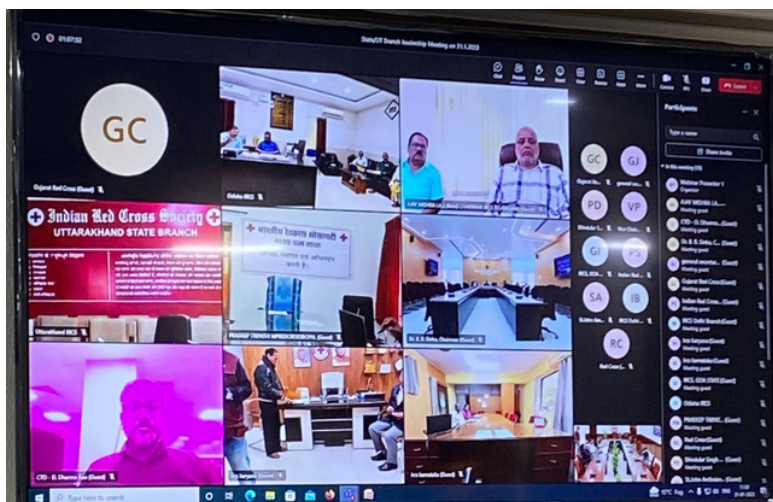


Blood donation camp, Hyderabad, Telangana



# Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

## State/ UT Branch Leadership Meeting



The meeting of the State/UT Branch leadership was held in virtual mode on 31st Jan 2023.

The ATR received from the branches was examined. Non-responsive branches were urged to forward the ATR to National Headquarters. It was also informed that online reconciliation meetings with 19 branches had been held to settle outstanding balances.

It was clarified that branches are not permitted to open FCRA accounts. However, they must have a dedicated utilization account to receive FOREX funds from National Headquarters.

The Tuberculosis and Leprosy projects were also discussed. The status of the single online platform, as well as the delivery and utilization of vehicles and blood center equipment, were discussed.

It was revealed that the Online First aid exam project is being piloted in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi and is running smoothly at all levels, including attendance, online exams, pass percentage and certificate downloading. According to the Secretary General, this will increase the revenue generated by First Aid trainings and provide relief to candidates seeking First Aid certification. Issue of payment of per diem to volunteers was also discussed during the meeting.

## Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches



Sh. Udaya Regmi, HOD, IFRC, Sh. Batman Bhandari, Canadian Red Cross, Sh. D Dharma Rao of PMTB MBA and CA Ranjit Karthikeyan, Chairman of the Kerala State Branch called on the Hon'ble Governor of Kerala, Sh. Arif Mohammed Khan.

## Visits by Vice President Kelsey Lemons



On January 11, 2023, Kelsey Lemon, Vice-President, of International Cooperation and Programs, Canadian Red Cross, paid a visit to NHQ. She met IRCS officials. The working approach, priorities, strategies, and fundraising process of IRCS and CRC were discussed. On January 12, 2023, she also paid a visit to the IRCS hospital in Seemapuri, New Delhi. Patients of tuberculosis were given nutritional support kits.



IRCS, West Bengal, Central TB Division-Gol, and the Government of WB met to discuss the program's progress against tuberculosis. The meeting was attended by D. Dharma Rao, Consultant, CTBD, Gol, as well as representatives from WHO and the Department of Health and Family Welfare, GoWB. Mr. S.J. Gomes, the DM Coordinator for the IRCS WBSB, was present at the meeting.



## Distribution of Relief Materials



Distribution of blankets, Patna, Bihar



Distribution of wollen cloths, Jammu



Distribution of hygiene kits, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh



Distribution of blankets, Katihar, Bihar



Distribution of blankets and hygiene kits, Mahabubnagar, Telangana



Distribution of blankets, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh





## Distribution of Relief Materials



Distribution of hygiene kits Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Distribution of blankets, Manipur



Distribution of blankets, hygiene kits and soaps, Keonjhar, Odisha



About 500 blankets were distributed to the needy and vulnerable by the volunteers of IRCS, Bhavnagar, Gujarat in cooperation with Janbarkat Pharma Company



## Trainings & Workshops



A District level Youth Red Cross Camp was held at Kuchinda College, Sambalpur, Odisha



A seminar on "Health for All" was held at Boudha Mahotsav Ground, Boudh, Odisha



Apada mitra volunteers training programme at CTI, Gokul Nagar, Sipahijala, Tripura



Disaster management mock drill and flood rescue operation conducted in the Gomati river of Sonamura Sub-Division, in Sipahijala district, Tripura



District level Youth Red Cross Training Camp, Palwal, Haryana



First Aid and CPR training for 120 CRPF jawans in Talegoan, Maharashtra.



42 Nehru Yuva Sangathan Volunteers from various parts of Keonjhar received First Aid and Disaster Preparedness Training.



Mr. A R Khan, Jt Secretary DRCB Keonjhar, Odisha, provided First Aid awareness and training to self-help groups and artists.





A First aid training program was held at Vidhyarthi Gruh, Pune, Maharashtra. 130 participants attended the training program.



First aid post at Banipur Dr. B .R Ambedkar Sports School, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal



First aid services being provided by YRC volunteers at the annual athletic meet Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh, Odisha



IRCS Maharashtra state branch concluded 3 days First aid training program at Aga Khan Habitat India unit, Mumbai, Maharashtra



Inter State Junior Red Cross training camp, Kurukshetra, Haryana



NSS, First aid awareness camp, Pune, Maharashtra

First aid training, Raipur, Chhattisgarh





Women volunteers of IRCS, Imphal West District Branch rendered first aid service to injured polo players.



Volunteers from the IRCS Imphal West District Branch, as well as Dr. Y. Mohen Singh, Chairman of the Manipur State Branch, provided first aid to the participating contingents during the 74th Republic Day Celebration.



First aid training, Narnaul, Haryana



First aid training, Chinchwad, Pune, Maharashtra



A talk on women's health was held under Nirbhay Kanya Abhiyaan at Pune University, Maharashtra.



# Celebration of Important Days

## Republic Day



Republic Day was celebrated all across the IRCS State/UT branches.

## World Leprosy Eradication Day



The Youth Red Cross of Boudh Panchayat College commemorated World Leprosy Eradication Day in the Leprosy Colony, Boudh district, Odisha. Dry food and sweets were distributed to the leprosy patients.

## CONGRATULATIONS !



IRCS, Telangana State Junior Red Cross volunteers Won 11 awards at the "Inter State Junior Red Cross Training Camp in Kurukshetra, Haryana

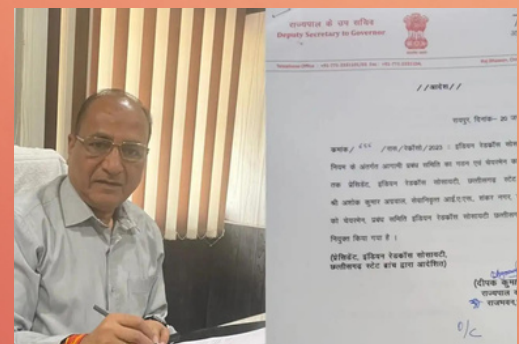
Aurangabad, representing the state of Bihar, won the top spot at the national level and 18 awards at the Inter-State Junior Red Cross Training Camp tournament held in Kurukshetra.

## FAREWELL !



IRCS bid adieu to Mrs. Meena Satija (Chief Technical Officer), Smt. Sunita Gaur (Section Officer) and Sh. Baljit Singh (MTS). IRCS, wishes all good health & prosperity in their life ahead.

## WELCOME!



Mr. Ashok Agarwal, IAS (Retd.) taken over as Chairman of the Chhattisgarh State Branch



## Health Camps



Health checkup camp Deoria, U.P



IRCS, Wardha, district branch under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme Project organized a health check-up camp



Health camp, Bastar, Chhattisgarh



Mega health camp, Patna, Bihar. More than 1000 patients were examined. Mrs. Sita Sahu, Mayor, Patna, was the chief guest.



Various types of tests were conducted by the mobile health unit, Shimla, H.P. More than 60 patients were examined.



Road Safety Week, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha



Road Safety Week, Palwal, Haryana

## Miscellaneous Activities



The Karnataka Red Cross State Branch is providing pilgrims with a large number of masks, hygiene kits, and first aid kits designed specifically for the Special Kashi Vishwanath Darshan trains. Volunteers from the state branch are also travelling with the pilgrims on each train to provide assistance and support as needed. Each train carries about 1500 pilgrims.







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