

# INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



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**Your Job is not complete until  
your work area is clean**

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### From the Desk of The Secretary-General



This month we held IRCS, State/ UT Branch Leadership Chintan Shivir on 22nd – 23rd September 2022. This meeting was aimed to discuss the functioning of the branches & brainstorming issues relating to transparency in the functioning; first aid training; property & warehouse management; fundraising; self-sufficiency; blood services; utilization of the donations received in cash & kind; automation at NHQ & the branches etc.

I am happy to note that the branches contributed in the meeting enthusiastically & shared their concerns, problems & other issues along with their best practices.

During the Leadership Meeting Hon'ble Chairman emphasised on the National Tuberculosis & Leprosy Eradication Programme seeking Red Cross involvement to reach the remote inaccessible pockets. Hence, I request the branches to draw up their state strategic plans for achieving the goal of eradicating Tuberculosis (TB) and Leprosy in the country by 2025.

For the credibility of the IRCS and as agreed in the meeting, the branches should display their income, expenditure & details of relief distribution on their website. I also urge the branches to go digital and techno-savvy to increase their transparency, credibility & visibility.

I take this opportunity to welcome our new colleague, Sh. SDS DHILLON former IAS, into the Red Cross family, who took over as General Secretary of IRCS, Punjab Red Cross Branch. IRCS also bid adieu to Sh. C.S. Talwar, IAS (Retd.), Secretary, Punjab State Red Cross Branch. I also bid farewell to Sh. Narayan Singh, Driver, IRCS, NHQ who superannuated on 30th September 2022. I wish good luck, health & prosperity in their retired life.

I congratulate Ms. Poonam Walia, for being recognized as the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for maintaining hygiene & cleanliness at the workplace. My hearty congratulations to Sh. Madan Mohan Rao, Secretary, IRCS, Telangana, on extension of his tenure as GS of Red Cross Telangana for another term of 3 years.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Indian Red Cross activities. Branches should focus more on training of the volunteers to enhance their capacity for better response in times of disaster.

I also congratulate the Junior Red Cross, Maharashtra State Branch on its 100th anniversary.

This month 16 blood collection vans have been received by NHQ, which have been delivered, or being delivered to the Blood Centres in different States. They must use them judiciously for the service of humanity. The branches observed many significant days and festivals this month like World First Aid Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, World Heart Day, International Literacy Day & Teachers Day etc. Such observations give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross.

## Meetings of IRCS

### State/UT Branch Leadership Meeting

*Sewa & Sahyog are part of our legacy & they form an integral part of our Sanskar. These also underline & define the motto of IRCS which is known for its work to help & aid humanity in times of need & emergencies" said Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chairman, IRCS during the inaugural function of State/UT Branches Leadership Meeting 2022.*



Hon'ble Chairman IRCS (Hon'ble HFM and Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers, GoI) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated IRCS, State/UT Branch Leadership Meeting 2022, (Chintan Shivir) held on 22nd & 23rd September 2022 at National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi.



# Meetings of IRCS

## State/UT Branch Leadership Meeting

*Hon'ble Chairman of IRCS during State/UT Branch Leadership Meeting stated, "We are always fascinated with the healthcare models of other countries but COVID showed the strength of our system & exposed the weaknesses of even advanced countries". He also added that this reflects our deep adherence to the philosophy of Vasudeva Kutumbakam".*



Mr. R K Jain (IAS) Retd., Secretary General, IRCS welcomed the chief guest and the participants and briefly shared the highlights of the two day agenda of the meeting which revolved around strengthening the management, accounting, auditing, transparency, modernization, computerization and attaining self sufficiency of IRCS, aiming to enhance the relevance, efficiency, transparency and visibility of IRCS.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said that we are successfully implementing TB eradication programme in India in which Red Cross should play an important role. He also advised that IRCS should change with evolving needs of the changing time.

"There are 4.5 lakh leprosy patients in India. We shall provide full support for this project," Hon'ble Chairman said. He added that Red Cross should undertake Leprosy eradication programme with a timeline of 24 months and brand it as a Red Cross achievement.

Hon'ble Chairman exhorted the State/UT Branches to meet the Hon'ble Governor of their respective state/every month and apprise him of the noble cause of the Red Cross in his capacity as the President of the Red Cross which would automatically help the flow of funds and allotment of land. He added that it is the duty of leaders of all State/UT Branches to enhance the credibility of the Indian Red Cross.

Hon'ble Chairman emphasised on the need to use electronics & digital technology to increase credibility and visibility. He added that to bring transparency, Red Cross should have a single platform for data management. He also added that all the Branches should meet every month or for two months virtually than physically with an agenda. Undertake detailed discussions during such meetings and come up with futuristic plans.



*Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Chairman, IRCS, congratulated Red Cross during the State/UT Leadership Meeting for its commendable work. He stated that " Red Cross is identified with hope & asha for people & it epitomises credibility & assured presence.*



# Meetings of IRCS

## State/UT Branch Leadership Meeting



The senior leaders from the branches shared their problems & concerns along with their best practices in the two day "Atma Chintan Shivir"



## Meetings of IRCS

Secretary General visits Singapore: Secretary General Sh. R.K. Jain was invited by the Singapore Red Cross Society in its Humanitarian Conference held on 10th September 2022. Other National Societies along with experts were invited especially to share their views on Covid-19 pandemic management. The SG was one of the key speakers in this conference.

A Special Audit of Accounts of IRCS, NHQ & 4 State Branches, one from each region, was conducted by the Institute of Public Auditors of India. The Audit team has submitted its report after concluding the audit at IRCS, NHQ, New Delhi and State Branches of Assam, Haryana, Gujarat & Karnataka.

Google teams Bihar visit. The team reviewed the progress of the Flood Early Warning Google Project in Bihar. They shared their thoughts during the debriefing session held at the State Branch, which was presided over by the Chairman of the Bihar State Branch.

### Important Meetings State/ UT Branches



Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana State Branch held its 34th Annual General Meeting under the Presidentship of Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya, Hon'ble Governor of Haryana & President of IRCS, Haryana State Branch





Karnataka Red Cross State Branch had its second Managing Committee Meeting on 20th September, 2022.



A meeting on TB eradication, under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, was held between Hon'ble Governor of Telangana & Hon'ble President of IRCS, Telangana State Branch, Dr.(Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan & functionaries of IRCS Telangana State & District Branches.



IRCS Maharashtra State Branch, AGM at Raj Bhavan.



Presentations on Telangana State TB scenario by WHO Consultant from State TB Unit



IRCS, Madhya Pradesh State Branch held a meeting with Hon'ble Governor Sh. Mangubhai Patel at Raj Bhavan, Bhopal, M.P



## IASOWA J&K DONATES BLANKETS AT IRCS, NHQ



The President IASOWA J&K, Dr. Amita Mehta along with its members Mrs. Sapna Agarwal & Mrs. Jyoti Chauhan visited IRCS, NHQ & donated 35 blankets. The delegation also discussed the requirements for mitigating the effects of disasters across the country.



Ms. Priya Sethi, Former Minister in the State Cabinet of J&K honored and applauded the team of IRCS, Jammu branch for their selfless service & exemplary work during the Pandemic.



A group of medical students were sent to participate in Rishi Kashyap Sawasthya Sewa Yatra by the Principal, GMC, Jammu in the presence of Mr. Sat Pal Sharma, Honorary Secretary, IRCS, Regional Branch, Jammu. The aim of the program was to provide the medical services to the people of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir living in far flung areas.

## STATUS OF DELIVERY OF VEHICLES



16 Blood Collection Vans (supported by IFRC) have been received this month at Bahadurgarh, Warehouse. Out of these 8 Blood Collection Vans have been handed over to concerned State Branches.

## SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY & VULNERABLE

Items consisting of 200 Hygiene Kits, 100 Bed Sheets, and 50 Kitchen Sets were distributed amongst the poor and needy at Barshi, Maharashtra

## SUPPORT TO ARMY HOSPITAL, DELHI

Items consisting of 100 Hygiene Kits, 50 Buckets, 100 Tarpaulins, 5 Family Tents & 10 Temporary Toilets were provided to the Indian Army for their desert exercise in Rajasthan.





Minority Affairs Minister Shri. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, donated blood at IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre

## IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

### A Man Who Saves One Life Saves All Mankind



#### The Month of September, 2022

Donors – 2916  
 Voluntary Donors in camps — 2752  
 Voluntary Donors in-house — 164  
 No. of camps— 46  
 Blood/Blood Components issued - 6152 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**



### Donate Blood: Be a Significant Silent Good Samaritan

### Thank you, donors!



Inauguration of blood donation camp by Dr. Tarun Joshi, IPS, at IRCS, Hanumakonda, Telangana. He too donated blood for Thalassemic patients. In the first picture on the left hand side Dr. Vijay P.Reddy, former National Managing Body member is seen presenting him a blood donor certificate.





Blood donation camp, Balod, Chhattisgarh



Blood donation camp, IRCS, Manipur State Branch



Blood donation camp, Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Blood donation camp at Medchal & Malkagiri, districts of Telangana



Blood donation camp, Bhopal, M.P



Shilpa Medical Pharmacy, Jadcherla, Telangana in association with the Red Cross branch Blood Centre organised a blood donation camp on the eve of birthday celebrations of Sri. Vishnukant Chaturbhuj Bhutada, Chairman, Shilpa Medical Pharmacy. 193 units of blood were collected.



Blood donation camp was held at Kachiguda & Charlapally districts of Telangana. 110 units of blood were collected.





Inauguration of blood donation camp at Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh, by Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh Sh.Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar



Blood donation camp, Manipur



414 units of blood were collected in 5 blood donation camps held at Jalgaon, Maharashtra

Blood donation camp organised by IRCS Imphal East District Branch, Manipur as a part of Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav





Inauguration of Red Cross Blood Bank at Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh by Hon'ble Governor Shri Rajinder Vishwanath Arlekar and Dr. Sadhna Thakur, Chairperson, H.P. Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section and Member, National Red Cross Managing Body.



Free Ambulatory services were provided to the patients by IRCS, J&K State Branch



Mobile Blood Collection van donated by IRCS, NHQ was inaugurated by Peddapalli district Judge Sh. M. Nagaraju Garu at district court premises, Karimnagar district branch, Telangana



## Response to Covid-19



Covid vaccination drive, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh



Covid vaccination drive, Bhakhara, Chhattisgarh

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



Distribution of hygiene kits, Charkhi Dadari, Haryana



Distribution of hygiene kits & food packets in different districts of Odisha



Distribution of hygiene kits, kitchen sets & relief items to poor & needy, Jalgaon, Maharashtra





Distribution of relief material to BPL families at Sangla, Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh, by Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh Sh. Rajinder Arlekar



Distribution of battery-operated wheelchairs with a joystick to poor & needy at Sangla, Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh by Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh Sh. Rajinder Arlekar



Hygiene kits were distributed at Guru Brihaspati Divyang Bal Upvan Kendra, Kaithal by the district branch



Under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan distributed food packets for the TB patients. 20 donors adopted TB patients through the Hyderabad district branch.



## Trainings & Workshops



IRCS Tamil Nadu State Branch organized SERV Instructor's Training



IRCS, Gulbarga, district branch, Karnataka held Advanced First Aid Training Workshop



First Aid Training of Sashastra Seema Bal Jawans at Srinagar, J&K



## Trainings & Workshops



First Aid Training, Hadapsar, Pune, Maharashtra



First Aid & CPR Training, Pune, Maharashtra



First Aid awareness programme & blood donation motivation programme for employees of Federal Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana



First Aid Training at HAL, Sunabeda, Odisha



Marathon held at Kakching, District, Manipur



International Youth Exchange Programme 2022 on the Web was organised by the Japanese Red Cross. Maharashtra State Branch youth took part in it.



## Trainings & Workshops



First Aid Training program,  
Mahabubnagar, Telangana



First Aid & Basic Life Saving Techniques" for Sasstra Seema Bal personnel,  
Kokrajhar, Guwahati District Branch



Mock Drill session by Indian Red Cross Society, Imphal, West District Branch, Manipur,



An orientation class for students of nursing from the College of Narnarayan Shastri Institute of Nursing, Jetalpur, Ahmedabad was held at IRCS, NHQ on 21st September 2022 in which 35 students and 2 faculty member participated.



## WELCOME !



A hearty welcome to Sh. SDS DHILLON, who has been appointed as the new General Secretary of IRCS, Punjab State Red Cross Branch.

## CONGRATULATIONS !



Sh. Madan Mohan Rao, Secretary, IRCS, Telangana, on the extension of his tenure as GS and CEO of Red Cross Telangana for another term of 3 years.

## Farewell !



IRCS bid adieu to Sh. Narayan Singh. He joined IRCS as Driver and served the organisation for around 41 long years. He retired from the service on 31st September 2022. IRCS wishes him health & prosperity in his life ahead.



Sh. C.S. Talwar, IAS (Retd.) , Secretary, Punjab State Red Cross Branch. He contributed Rs. 9 Lakh of his provident fund to the State Branch on superannuation.



# Celebration of Important Days

## World First Aid Day



World First Aid Day Faridabad, Haryana



Distribution of Hygiene kits on the Occasion of World First Aid Day, Kaithal, Haryana



World First Aid Day at Samaritan School Auditorium Hall, Senapati District, Manipur



## Teachers Day



Celebration of Teachers Day, Hyderabad District Branch, Telangana



World First Aid Day -2022 was observed at several districts of Odisha (Boudh, Nabarangpur, Bhadrak, Sundargarh, Puri, Nuapada, Balasore, Sonepur, Baragarh, Ganjam, Koraput & Malkangiri etc.)



## Health Camps



Health camp, Magarlod, Dhamtari Chhattisgarh



Health camp, Manipur

Rotary **HELPING HAND FREE** Indian Red Cross Society, Solapur Br., Rotary Sewa Trust, Osmanabad & Rotary Club of Osmanabad jointly organise



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Below Elbow  
Mechanical Functional  
PROSTHETIC HAND

**FREE CAMP**

**HUMBLE APPEAL TO VISIT THIS CAMP**

We cordially invite YOU to visit this CAMP and witness the Gift of Mobility.

Sunday 25.09.2022 | 10.00 am to 3.00 p.m.

Venue : GOPABAI DAMANI BLOOD CENTRE, Dufferin Chowk, SOLAPUR

Awaiting your gracious presence.

Rtn. Kalidas Jaju  
President - RC Solapur

PP Rtn. Jayesh Patel  
Hon. Secretary - IRCS, Solapur

Rtn. Pramod Dandwate  
President - RC Osmanabad

PDG Dr. Rajiv Pradhan  
Advisor

## Miscellaneous Activities



Tree Plantation Drive, Manipur



Cleanliness Drive Balod, Chhattisgarh



Awareness camp on right to vote, Saloni, Chhattisgarh



Cleanliness Drive, Dhamtari Chhattisgarh







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