CONGRATULATIONS, Ms. Pooja Verma, who is associated with St. John Ambulance Section. She deals with correspondence and First Aid training reports received from the state branches. We proudly present this STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH recognition to her. We appreciate her efforts towards maintaining the cleanliness at her workstation & her surroundings.

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From the Desk of The Secretary-General

The branches observed many significant days and festivals this month like Independence Day, Geneva Conventions Day, International Youth Day, Raksha Bandhan etc. Such observations give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross.

This month we celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by unfurling Tiranga at home from 13th-15th August, 2022. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate & commemorate 75 years of independence & the glorious history of our people, culture & achievements. The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav means elixir of energy of independence; elixir of inspirations of the warriors of the freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas & pledges; and the elixir of Aatmanirbharata.

I am also glad to know that ICRC’S Trichy, Tamil Nadu & Tehatta, Subdivision Branch, Nadia, West Bengal celebrated Geneva Conventions Day, on 12th Aug, 2022. The entire world celebrates it as the Rules of War Day, which were adopted by the Red Cross in 1949 on this day.

I take this opportunity to welcome our new office bearer, Sh. Nilanjan Chatterjee, IAS (Retd.) who took over as General Secretary of IRCS, West Bengal Branch into the Red Cross family.

My hearty congratulations to Sh. Vijay Kumar Singhal, Secretary, Mumbai City Branch & former member NMB, NHQ on receiving a letter of appreciation for his exemplary work during covid from Hon’ble Prime Minister of India. I would also like to congratulate Dr. Rinderpal Singh Ball for being felicitated by the District Administration of J&K on 75th Independence Day for his contribution to society. I also congratulate Andhra Pradesh, State Red Cross YRC contingent for being awarded the first prize in the Independence Day parade.

I would like to appreciate the state branches for their exemplary work. Keeping in view the recent severe floods in Assam, Uttarakhand, HP, Odisha, Gujarat and other parts of India ICRC, NHQ has released relief items such as family rehabilitation kits, hygiene kits, soaps, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, tarpaulins etc. The branches of ICRC, are continuously working in close coordination with the district administration & helping the needy & vulnerable by providing them with relief materials.

This month several vehicles have been delivered to different state branches for providing aid to the poor and vulnerable. These included ambulances, covid testing vans, mobile testing vans and blood collection vans.

I would also like to congratulate Ms. Pooja Verma for being recognized as the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for maintaining hygiene & cleanliness at the workplace. ICRC also bid adieu to Smt. Shibani Adhikari, Assistant, IRCS, NHQ. I wish her good luck, health & prosperity in her retired life.

IRCS, State/ UT Branch Leadership Meeting is scheduled on 22nd – 23rd September 2022. All the branches may share something unique that the branch is doing which may include best practices or innovative ways of raising funds etc.

ICRC’S Deputy Regional Director for Asia & Pacific, Ms. Patricia Escolano Guiote, visited IRCS, NHQ on 30th August, 2022. She was accompanied by Mr. Kedir Awol Omar, Head of the Regional Delegation, ICRC & Mr. Aziz Syed Shah Abdul, Regional Movement Cooperation Coordinator, ICRC. She was informed about the priorities of IRCS which among others also included starting of a well equipped first aid training centre at IRCS,NHQ. ICRC has promised all possible support in all the initiatives of IRCS.

STATUS OF DELIVERY OF VEHICLES
Till date 78 vehicles have been delivered to different State Branches, which include; 34 Ambulances, 5 Covid Testing Vans, 7- Mobile Testing Vans & 32 Blood Collection Vans.

SUPPORT TO THE VICTIMS OF FLOOD
Relief items consisting of 5000 Blankets, 1000 Buckets, 500 Tarpaulins & 50 Family Tents were distributed amongst poor & needy in Himachal Pradesh.
IRCS NHQ Blood Center

A Man Who Saves One Life Saves All Mankind

Stay healthy and donate blood.

The Month of August, 2022
Donors – 1566
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1319
Voluntary Donors in-house — 247
No. of camps— 34
Blood/Blood Components issued - 3457 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

Thank you, donors!

Donate Blood: Be a Significant Silent Good Samaritan

Blood donation camp was inaugurated by Hon’ble Governor of H.P Sh. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar & Dr. Sadhna Thakur, Member, National Managing Body, and Chairperson H.P Hospital Welfare Committee, at Thunag- Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.

Blood donation camp was inaugurated by Dr. Tarun Joshi, IPS, Hanumakonda, Telangana. He also donated blood for the Thalassemia children.

Blood donation camp was organized by Youth Red Cross unit of Govt.College Of Engineering, Keonjhar, Odisha

Blood donation camp at Red Cross Hospital, Chandmari, Guwahati

Blood donation camp, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad, Telangana

IRCS, Pune, district branch along with Sahyadri Hospital organized Blood donation camp at Godrej company complex, Pirangut

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Hon'ble Governor of Haryana & President of the IRCS, Haryana state branch Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya visited DRCS, Gurugram and inaugurated voluntary blood donation camp.

Blood donation camps were conducted at Secunderabad, Telangana

Mega blood donation camp, Pangode Military Station, Trivandrum, Kerala

Blood donation camp, Pupri, District, Sitamarhi, Bihar

Blood donation camp, IRCS, Karnataka state branch
Ambulances donated by IFRC & IRCS, NHQ were flagged off by the Hon'ble President of IRCS, Manipur State Branch & Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, La. Ganesan. National Merit Certificate announced during the AGM of IRCS NHQ was given to Dr. Sunil Senjam Singh and Patron Membership Certificates were also distributed at Raj Bhavan, Imphal.

Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Dr. Tamilisai, flagged off four mobile blood collection ambulances. The Governor handed over the keys of the blood collection vans to Hyderabad, Nizamabad, Hanumakonda and Karimnagar district branches. She also launched posters of YRC/JRC of Telangana state branch.

For the convenience of blood donors, the blood collection van received through IRCS, NHQ was flagged off by Hon'ble Governor of Haryana, Mr. Bandaru Dattatreya for blood bank at Panipat.
Response to Covid-19

Distribution of Relief Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Medicines/food items etc.

War against floods and other disasters

Covid Vaccination camp, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh

Distribution of hygiene kits, Bhopal, M.P

Distribution of hygienic kits & dinner sets amongst the needy at Mahendragarh, Narnaul, Haryana

Distribution of relief items in Leprosy colony, Boudh, Odisha
IRCS Responded to Floods, 2022 (Odisha, Assam, Himachal Pradesh & other states)

Keeping in view the recent severe floods in different states of India, IRCS, NHQ has released relief items such as family rehabilitation kits, hygiene kits, soaps, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, tarpaulins etc. The district branches of IRCS, in flood-affected states, are continuously working in close coordination with the district administration & helping the needy & vulnerable by providing them relief materials.

IRCS Response to Odisha Floods, 2022

Distribution of hygiene kits to the needy & vulnerable in several districts of Odisha.
Distribution of relief materials amongst the poor and vulnerable affected by floods in Odisha.

IRCS, Odisha Branch installed RO systems in the flood shelter of Kathakota, GP under Kujanga block of Jagatsinghpur.
IRCS Response to Assam Floods, 2022

Distribution of hygiene kits and relief items amongst Assam flood victims

IRCS Response to H.P Floods, 2022

Distribution of relief material to flood victims of Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.

Distribution of relief material to cloud burst affected people of VPO, Baga Sarahan, tehsil, Nirmand district, kullu, Himachal Pradesh.
Distribution of hygiene kits in the slum areas, Kaithal, Haryana.

Distribution of Tarpaulin, Bed Sheet & Hygiene Kits to victims of house damaged due to recent heavy rains Tahsildar, Revally through Red Cross Wanaparthy, Telangana

**Other Activities**

The fully equipped BCTV vehicle donated by NTT DATA Bengaluru, was inaugurated by the visiting dignitaries at the NTT DATA Bengaluru campus.
Meetings of IRCS

On 23rd August, 2022 IRCS, NHQ officers interacted with the Canadian Red Cross team through video conferencing. The CRC team was led by Mr. Kelsey Lemon, Vice President. CRC has funds to be used in India for which ideas were exchanged. IRCS has informed the CRC that the project shall be taken up for implementation after internal consultation at IRCS & the necessary approvals from competent authorities.

Important Meetings State/ UT Branches

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited Sanctioned an amount of Rs. 2.33 Crores under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the upgradation of 5 Red Cross Blood Banks in Telangana. MoU was signed by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Secunderabad, Telangana and IRCS, Telangana State Branch in the august presence of Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon’ble Governor and President, Indian Red Cross Society, Telangana State branch.

Trainings & Workshops

As part of national tuberculosis elimination program, video conference on sensitisation on community support for TB Patients was organised by IRCS, Telangana state branch.

An orientation class for students of nursing from the College of Nursing, Army Hospital, R& R, Delhi Cantt, was held at IRCS, NHQ on 24th August, 2022 in which 40 students and 1 faculty member participated.
Trainings & Workshops

First aid training, Durg, Chhattisgarh

First aid training was imparted to JRC YRC volunteers, Pune district branch Maharashtra.

Session on first aid in modern college of Arts, science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind, Pune for BBA (Computer Application) 100 Students

First aid training for teaching staff of Dastur School, Pune, Maharashtra

Emergency first aid training, Boudh, Odisha

First aid training, Pune, Maharashtra
Trainings & Workshops

More than 70 officials of GSRTC participated in Disaster Management Training Program organized by Indian Red Cross Society Gujarat State Branch.

Red Cross, Gujarat held an interactive event for the youth. The event centered around discussions on Disaster Management Training.

IRCS, Haryana State Branch organised three days state level youth Red Cross orientation workshop.

Volunteer induction program was conducted by Indian Red Cross Society, Imphal East District Branch, on 20th August 2022 at IRCS, Manipur State Branch Office.

IRCS, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, volunteers provided first aid.

Education Support Program for HIV AIDS affected students was conducted at the Red Cross premises in Gaddiannaram suburb in Hyderabad, Telangana.
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Farewell!

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My Dear Vijay Kumar Singhal ji,

With your active participation, India has scripted history yet again!

Our journey of Covid Vaccination started on 16th January 2021 and on 17th July 2022; we reached another significant milestone. It was a memorable day for the country as we completed administering 200 crore vaccine doses, an outstanding achievement in our fight against Covid-19.

Saving lives is crucial, especially during a once-in-a-century global pandemic. Our vaccinators, healthcare workers, healthcare support staff and frontline workers have played a critical role in protecting Indians. This is a laudable example of dedication to duty and delivering when it is most necessary.

From the coldest mountains to the hottest deserts, from faraway villages to dense forests, the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme has left none behind and showed that New India excels in last mile delivery.

The scale and speed that India imparted to the world’s largest vaccination programme have been spectacular and this has happened due to the efforts of people like you.

On this historic occasion, I applaud your contribution to India’s COVID-19 Vaccination Programme and appreciate you for being at the forefront of such a crucial life-saving mission.

This achievement of 200 crore vaccine doses showcases the strength of the democratic, compassionate and service-oriented ethos of our Nation. The story of India’s courage to deliver during a crisis will be cherished by generations to come.

My best wishes to you and your family!

Jai Hind!

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Prime Minister

New Delhi
16th July 2022

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Celebration of Important Days

**Raksha Bandhan**

Youth Red Cross & Eco club, celebrated Raksha Bandhan in a unique way by tying Rakhi around the trees at Boudh, Odisha.

**International Humanitarian Day**

On International Humanitarian Day, IRCS, Imphal West District Branch conducted a First aid awareness program for NCC Cadets, Imphal.

**Geneva Convention Day**

IRCS Trichy, Tamil Nadu celebrated the Geneva Convention Day.

IRCS, Tehatta Sub Division Branch, Nadia, West Bengal, observed Geneva Conventions Day.
Celebration of Important Days

Independence Day

YRC volunteers of IRCS, Hassan district branch, Karnataka participated in the Independence Day parade. The team was awarded second prize for the parade.

IRCS, South 24 pargana district branch, West Bengal held first aid camp during the Independence Day parade.

Blood donation camp was held on Independence Day, Purba Bardhaman district Branch, West Bengal.

Distribution of flags to common masses, Pupri, Bihar

Patriot’s Day

In observance of Patriot’s Day of Manipur, 8 volunteers of IRCS, Imphal West District Branch donated blood at RIMS, Imphal.

Hunger Marchers Day

First aid post was opened on the occasion of 57th Hunger Marchers Day, 27th August, 2022 at DM University campus, Imphal, Manipur.
Health Camps

Health camp was organized by Dharampal Premchand Ltd., Changsari, Assam in collaboration with IRCS, GDB and Blood Bank GMCH.

Eye check up camp, Arvi, Maharashtra

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra visited Tapola primary health centre, Panchgani being run by Red Cross

A rural health and environment awareness rally was conducted by IRCS, Wardha district branch, Maharashtra.

Miscellaneous Activities

Himachal Pradesh, state level plantation drive of Red Cross was inaugurated by Hon’ble Governor Sh. Rajinder Vishwanath Arlekar & Dr. Sadhna Thakur, Member, National Managing Body & Chairperson Hospital Welfare Section of Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross at Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.

Free health camp, Bhopal, M.P

Tree plantation drive, Narharpur, Chhattisgarh
**Media Coverage**

**GOVERNOR FLAGS OFF MOBILE BLOOD COLLECTION AMBULANCES**

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**Governor hoists tricolour at Raj Bhavan**

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**POWERGRID inks MoU with Red Cross Society**

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**Workshop for Jr Red Cross teachers held**

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