

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



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Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) distributed blankets at AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi. Families and relatives of patients being treated at AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital got overwhelmed by getting free blankets from the Indian Red Cross Society.



A box of hygiene kit was handed over to the ICRC, Head of the Regional Delegation Mr. Yahia Alibi by Secretary General IRCS, Mr. R.K. Jain.

IRCS (NHQ) MEETINGS

- Some Statutory Committee meetings were held during this month. The important matters considered by the committee included the passing of the annual accounts, approval of construction of warehouse by Uttarakhand state branch, app for blood services, new methods for resource mobilization, increase online membership.
- 50 thousand testing kits have been handed over to the Ministry of Health by the IRCS which were received as gift from Singapore Govt.



IRCS & GNA University, Punjab signed an MoU to complement & supplement humanitarian & community-level intervention. Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna, National Vice Chairman, Sh. Neelkamal Singh Dy Secretary, IRCS NHQ, Sh. C.S. Talwar IAS (Retd.) Secretary Punjab Red Cross and Dr. U. K. Rattan, Vice-Chancellor GNA University were present on the occasion.



From the desk of The Secretary-General

India has now expanded its Covid Vaccination Drive to include everyone over 60 years of age & those aged between 45-59 who have co-morbidities. Several citizens across the country received Covid shots, while lakhs of others registered for inoculation on the government's Cowin platform. Remarkable how our doctors and scientists have worked in a very short time to strengthen the global fight against Covid-19. I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Together, let us make India COVID-19 free!

I would like to thank all the branches for undertaking various humanitarian activities like the distribution of Hygiene kits, Masks, Soap, Sanitizers, Blankets, Food items to the vulnerable and needy during the Covid-19 pandemic and other disasters. I would like to thank all the donors & volunteers for their kind and generous support, you are our real strength, and it is because of your faith in us that IRCS is able to overcome any challenges.

This month, India witnessed a wave of shock and grief when massive floods erupted after a part of the Nanda Devi glacier splintered in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district. Scores of people were evacuated from the submerged areas while a large number of laborers who were working in a power project went missing. IRCS volunteers worked day & night to provide aid to the victims & are actively participating and helping the administration, SDRF & other departments in every aspect. The NHQ provided to IRCS Uttarakhand branch all kinds of support & relief assistance to mitigate the crisis.

IRCS(NHQ) is entering into MOU's with Universities to enhance the participation of youth in Red Cross programs in Disaster Management and First-Aid training. Some of the MOU's have been signed and others are in the pipeline with Universities of the states of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab.

I also take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Nikhil Goel who has been appointed as Honorary Legal Adviser of IRCS(NHQ) and hope that our legal matters shall be dealt professionally under his guidance.

Sometimes, The Blood Can Do What Money Cannot

You Are Not Useless; Know Your Worth By Donating Blood!

Thank you, donors!



**Blood Donation Camp-
Dakshin Dinajpur District Branch**



**Volunteers of IRCS, Imphal West District Branch
(Manipur) donated blood at Blood Centre JNIMS on the
occasion of Valentine Day.**



Fighting (COVID-19)

On the 8th of February, 2021 over 123 health workers have been vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccine shots at Red Cross Bhawan, Kachi Chawni (Covid Vaccine Center). The drive was inaugurated by General Secretary, J&K UT Branch, Sh. Kifayat Rizvi and Sh. Vinod Malhotra, Secretary Indian Red cross society, Jammu region in the presence of CMO, Jammu, and the team of Red Cross Doctors.



**Dr. Rajkumar Shah (MBBS, FCGP, dip
Pharmacy) IRCS,
Pune gets Covid-19 vaccine shot**

Red Cross volunteers assisted in the Covid-19 vaccination drive. Under the directions of District Magistrate Haridwar, C.Ravi.Shanker & CMO S.K.Jha health workers & other frontline staff received Covid Vaccine shots at Rishikul Ayurvedic College.



IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

"Spare only 15 minutes and save one life"



The month of February 2021

Donors – 2304

Voluntary Donors in camps — 1875

Voluntary Donors in-house — 429

No. of camps— 29

Blood/Blood Components issued -2732

**Show your
love. Donate
blood.**



The average adult body has 10-12 pints of blood. Healthy adults may give regularly because the body quickly replaces donated blood.

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



A Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was organized by Youth Red Cross Unit, Furkating College, Golaghat in collaboration with NSS unit & Blood Bank, Civil Hospital, Golaghat. 15 units of blood were collected.



Punjab State Red Cross Branch in collaboration with Shiv Kanwar Sewa Samiti, PGI, Govt. Hospital Sec-32, Chandigarh and Civil Hospital Mohali organized a three-day Blood Donation Camp. 142 units of blood were collected. They also provided Soaps and Masks apart from certificates to the blood donors.

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International Blood & Plasma Donation Awareness Campaign

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On 23rd March 2021

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28 States
08 Union Territories
1500 Venues
90000 Blood Units

Find The HERO in U
in a **SINGLE DAY**
23rd MARCH 2021

GIVE BLOOD

SAVE LIVES

& Get an Honour From National ICONS

A Guinness Book of World Record Attempt

**Distribution of Relief
Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Blankets
War against COVID-19,Cyclone &Flood**



Food packets distribution kids-IRCS West Bengal



We are grateful to all our major Donors (Aramco, Aviva & Nestle) and Volunteers for their generous support for IRCS relief efforts on behalf of the millions of underprivileged and vulnerable families struggling to survive in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic and other disasters. Thank you for your compassion, patience and respect for being the inspiration the world needs.



Relief material distribution- Fire Victims of Baghbazar Basti - West Bengal



Mask distribution, Kanker,Chattisgarh



Girls Student-Mask distribution- Andaman& Nicobar



Disabled people -blanket distribution -Manipur



HP Kit distribution - Puri



HP kit, Mask & soap-Brahmapada Village , Brahmagiri , Puri District



Mother &Child -blanket distribution- Assam



Bike rider - Mask distribution Odisha



Blanket distribution-Old age home - Manipur



Senior Citizen -HP Kit-Odisha



Beggars-blanket distribution-Assam



Blanket distribution -Manipur



Children of School of deaf -IRCS Pune



Blanket distribution-J& K



Blanket distribution -Assam



Hon'ble Governor & President of Indian Red Cross Society, Raj Bhavan Raipur (Chhattisgarh) Anusuiya Uikey distributed Food packets, soaps, and masks amongst children.



The Chairman of IRCS provided Soaps & Masks to the Heads of different All India Transport Associations. Delhi Taxi and Autorickshaw association General Secretary and his team have distributed these items amongst over 5000 of its members.

UTTARAKHAND RESPONSE



IRCS district team of Chamoli actively participated & helped the administration, SDRF & other departments to aid the victims of the disaster. The volunteers supported the rescue operation by reassuring the affected people and by assessing the requirements in the affected region. Relief assistance was provided by IRCS, NHQ like distribution of food packets, hygiene kits, tarpaulins, blankets, kitchen sets, water purification unit, first aid posts, accommodation and warehouse facilities.



District Magistrate Raigarh, Mr. Bhim Singh flagged off the new ambulance of IRCS Society



IRCS WBSB- 1200 Family Food packets and 1200 Hygiene kits were distributed amongst the Cyclone Amphan affected people at North 24 Parganas District.



Relief materials distributed to the needy tribal people of Kuchiasola Village of Mayurbhanj District.



Indian Red Cross Society, Karaikal district branch distributed hygiene kits received from the National headquarters to the old age home in Karaikal. 300 numbers of hygiene kits consisting of washing soaps, bathing soaps, sanitary napkins, toothpaste, toothbrush and coconut oil were distributed to the needy



Workshops & Trainings



IRCS Imphal West District Branch, Manipur Imparted First Aid Training for 4 days to the Airport Fire service Personal of Fire Station AAI, Imphal International Airport. The training was imparted under the guidance of Dr. Bankimachandra Thokchom, Master trainer First Aid and Master trainer SERV.

Three days Cluster level Youth Red Cross volunteers study cum training camp was held at Boudh Panchayat College Boudh, Odisha. The highlights of the training were the history of Red Cross, First Aid services, Disaster Management, Blood Donation, Road Safety and HIV AIDS, etc.



Indian Red Cross Society, Karnataka State Branch
COVID-19 VACCINE ROLLOUT AWARENESS - KARNATAKA
 Hosted by Indian Red Cross Society Karnataka and Sphere India

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Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc32loh5>
Zoom Meeting ID: 842 4369 2798 **Password:** 941833

23rd February 2021 | 3:00pm-4:30pm

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Participation Issued for

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IRCS, Karnataka State Branch conducted "A COVID-19 VACCINE ROLLOUT AWARENESS" virtual webinar in collaboration with Sphere India. 220 people registered for the program and over 110 persons participated in the awareness program.

Karnataka State Branch successfully conducted 03 days of State Disaster Response Team (SDRT) Training in association with IRCS-Raichur District branch and YRC wing of University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur. 40 participants from various IRCS-Districts branches participated in the training program.



Road Safety Month observed by JRC Bargarh District of IRCS OSB



Road Safety, Odisha

Road Safety Awareness through Nukkad Natak/Rally -Dhamtari, Kanker (Chattisgarh)



Workshops & Trainings



Red Cross Mega-Training on Emergency Response to Police personnel was held at Karnataka State Reserve Police Force 8th Battalion. More than 300 Police personnel including senior police officers of KSRP were trained in casualty handling, first aid services, and other life-saving procedures. Dr.Kumar V.L.S, Devraj, and the team conducted the training based on participatory methodologies.

Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu & Kashmir UT Branch imparted 16 Hours of First Aid Training to the employees of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (Srinagar New IRD), Pampore, District Pulwama (J&K) from 27th January to 30th January 2021. The training was imparted under the supervision of Dr. IPS Bali, Master Trainer.



Career guidance program of GSSS Rangat was held by IRCS North & Middle Andaman UT Branch. Participants (10th class students, teachers, and resource persons) received face masks

Youth Red Cross Unit inauguration cum orientation program of KC Das Commerce College, Guwahati was organized by YRC unit, and IRCS, Assam State Branch on 12.02.2020. The YRC unit was inaugurated by Dr.Hrishikesh Barua, Principal of the college.



Disaster management training was held at Purunakatak College, Boudh, Odisha

Having you as a trained first aider would be a **big plus.**

You can make a difference.
Become a volunteer.



Miscellaneous Activities



Representatives from 35 districts of state attended the Junior Red Cross meet organized by M.P State Branch. This was organized after 8 years.



Convention On Red Cross Movement was organized by Indian Red Cross Society Silchar District Branch, Assam.



Wash awareness session for villagers of Brahmapada Village, Brahmagiri, Puri - District

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Health Camps



Indian Red Cross Society, Pune in association with Jeevan Jyoti Charitable Foundation held a free dental health check-up camp for children of Rasta Peth CSW'S. A total of 19 children participated in the training.



Red Cross M.P State Branch organized a free health check-up camp at Bal Niketan (orphanage home) where 63 kids were examined by the doctors and provided medicines.



A health check-up camp for Apna Ghar and Lions Club Senior Citizen's old age home was organized by Red Cross M.P State Branch.

Congratulations!



IRCS Assam State Branch was awarded a certificate of appreciation by Health Department Govt. of Assam for its valuable contribution made in the fight against Covid-19



Mr. Nikhil Goel appointed as Honorary Legal Advisor to the Indian Red Cross Society (NHQ)



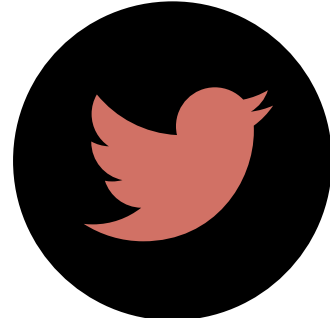
Shri. Harish L Mehta Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, TamilNadu received a memento from honorable Thiru Paneerselvam, Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for his services during a covid-19 pandemic.

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New Initiative- From next month onwards Star Employee of the Month at IRCS(NHQ) shall be awarded for the best efforts of staff towards cleanliness of work station and surrounding areas. The name and photograph of the Star Employee shall be highlighted on different platforms.

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