

# INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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## Foreign Assistance from different countries to cope with the mounting needs caused by Covid-19

Amid unprecedented surge in the number of Covid-19 cases across India, the global community, which includes Govts of several countries, Partner National Societies, IFRC, ICRC, associations of Indians leaving abroad and People of Indian Origin (PIO), have extended a helping hand in supporting the efforts of the country in its fight against the pandemic.

Medical equipments, medicines, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, test kits, PPE kits, EHI, Food items, etc. are being continuously donated by many.

## From the desk of The Secretary-General



Several states have imposed renewed COVID restrictions and vaccination has been accelerated so that more people can get Covid vaccines as soon as possible. Vaccines are the most effective means to contain the spread of coronavirus. I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Everyone is at risk and precautions must be ensured by following the Covid-19 protocols.

There is enormous pressure on the healthcare system. Facilities are limited and health infrastructure is stretched. Friends & family members are testing positive every day. We have lost a few of our gems to Covid. Dr. Venugopal, Hon. Chairman IRCS, Visakhapatnam, Shri Suresh Kumar Srivastava, Chairman and Shri V.N Mathur, Honorary Treasurer both from IRCS, U.P State Branch their services would never be forgotten. May the noble souls rest in peace.

It is a very difficult time, emotionally & mentally, and it will take some time before it gets better. In this period of uncertainty and unpredictability, the Red Cross staff, and volunteers across the country have been on the frontlines to save the lives of people affected by the unprecedented pandemic. They are delivering the most vulnerable with ambulance services, access to medical care, food parcels, vaccine and other relief.

The situation became critical with the landfall of cyclone YAAS & TAUHATE affecting millions of people in coastal regions of India. IRCS emergency response teams worked alongside the authorities to evacuate people most at-risk in coastal areas, providing first aid, masks & relief items such as tarpaulins for shelter, kitchen sets, hygiene kits & buckets for safe drinking water, etc. & encouraging other critical COVID-19 prevention measures.

We are thankful to all Domestic & International Donors including National Governments and individuals for their generous support during these critical times.

## IRCS (NHQ) MEETINGS

Multiple consultative meetings with the leaders of State/UT branches together with Managing Body Members were held on a regular basis. Based on the meetings the requirements at various places were gathered in terms of quantity and items such as ambulances, mobile vans, blood collection vans, helpline services, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, medical equipment, PPE kits, and other Covid relief items

Weekly meetings on every Monday are being held in which all the activities are shared and a future course of action was discussed with IFRC & ICRC Regional Delegation.

Virtual meetings were held with IFRC South Asia Head of Delegation Mr. Udaya Regmi where assistance for ambulance services as well as blood collection vans, equipments for blood banks, diagnostic and vaccination vans in State and UT branches were identified

ICRC has deputed their staff for logistic support and other Covid-19 response related work.





"Give blood, give life."

"It takes 15 minutes to save a life – Donate Blood."

Thank you, donors!



Voluntary Blood Donation, Red Cross, Ponda,-Goa



Blood Donation Camp- Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Donor Certificate being given, Blood Donation Camp, Gariyabad, Chhattisgarh

## IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

"No one has ever become poor by giving."



### The month of April 2021

Donors – 1362  
Voluntary Donors in camps — 543  
Voluntary Donors in-house — 819  
No. of camps — 16  
Blood/Blood Components issued -1600



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**



Blood Donation Camp at Bagalkote, Karnataka



State Branch and All District Red Cross volunteers- in 30 districts of Odisha were engaged in Blood Donation Camps on the occasion of World Red Cross Day

## Fighting (COVID-19)








**Covid -19 Care Center and Mobile Oxygen Care Unit- Belagavi, karnataka**



25 oxygen concentrators donated to Thiru M K Mohan  
Anna Nagar M L A towards the establishment of the  
covid center in Anna Nagar donated by IRCS,  
Tamilnadu by Harish L Metha Chairman

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|---|---------|-------------|
| Name  | Country | Number      |
| 1. Paramanandha Ganesani  | INDIA   | 96451 70809 |
| 2. Premananda D   | INDIA   | 93054 87121 |
| 3. Anil Ch. Sarathi   | INDIA   | 94437 89925 |
| 4. Senta Barua  | INDIA   | 98606 52974 |
| 5. Kishali Ahluwalia  | INDIA   | 98961 34444 |
| 6. Anjan Sarkar   | INDIA   | 60019 73873 |
| 7. Divyashree Nair  | INDIA   | 77028 78054 |
| 8. Divyashree D   | INDIA   | 60013 36472 |
| 9. Moushumi Das   | INDIA   | 94135 05067 |
| 10. Rajpreet Singh  | INDIA   | 910104344   |
| 11. Rajen Rabi Das  | INDIA   | 94863 73778 |
| 12. Vilasini Mahanta  | INDIA   | 91091 04632 |





Volunteers of Indian Red Cross Society, Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch, Sepahijala, Tripura, worked with the health workers for the collection of the swab for Covid - 19 Testing



Vaccination in a car- Haridwar, Uttarakhand



Distribution of medicines door to door -Sonamura sub divisional branch, Sepahijala Tripura



SDRT Trained Red Cross volunteers ( State Disaster Response team from IRCS Bellary District branch. Distributed food packets and Mask- Karnataka



IRCS Koppal conducted YOGA and Pranayama for Covid patients at their Covid Care Centre, Koppal, Karnataka



IRCS, Kolhapur District Branch Vice-Chairman Mr. V. B. Patil & Executive Committee members & Life members with the help of grain merchants collected 10000 kg grains & distributed them to children above 18 years who have left the Orphanage homes.-Maharashtra



Dr. Tharun Joshi, IPS Commissioner of Police & DCP Smt. K. Pushpa participated as Chief Guests at IRCS Warangal District, Telangana, on the launch of medical kits and helpline center



IRCS Pune gave 25 ration kits each costing RS 1000 to 25 house maids in Hadapsar area who lost livelihood due to covid 19 pandemic.-Maharashtra



Oxygen cylinder bank at Red Cross orphanage Telangana.



Ration worth Rs 15000 was donated to Luis Braille institution for blinds under Corona Pandemic Response project



In Haryana home delivery of oxygen cylinders is being done by the Red Cross



Dead body management by YRC Volunteers at Ganjam district, Odisha



Inauguration of Covid-19 SIDDHA CARE CENTRE, Tamilnadu



Covid-19 relief material was flagged off by Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben from Raj Bhawan to 11 districts





## Distribution of Relief Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Medicines/food items etc. War against COVID-19 and other disasters



Sanitizer, Surgical Masks, Gloves, Soaps, and a Sachet of Ayush Kudineer (immunity- booster) was distributed to Sanitary Workers of Tirupati Municipal Corporation- Andhra Pradesh



Cooked food distribution  
Keonjhar district -Odisha



Masks distribution - village market-Assam



Food Packet distribution- Haryana



Distribution of Soaps and Masks-Jammu



Distribution of Soaps and Masks-Kerala



Distribution of HP kits- Odisha



Distribution of Food Packets-  
Hyderabad ,Telangana



GIVE BACK Team, Thumakuru, Karnataka  
provided cooked food



Distribution of HP Kits- Telangana



Masks Distribution - Karimpur Block-  
IRCS- West Bengal



Food Packets Distribution -  
IRCS District Branch Srinagar,Jammu



Distribution of Masks- Tehatta, West Bengal



Distribution of Masks,Soaps,Sanitizers-Jirania Sub-  
Divisional Branch,Tripura



Distribution of Medicines-Sonamura ,Tripura



Distribution of Masks-Chennai ,Tamilnadu



Distribution of relief items to fire victims,  
Dharmanagar,Tripura



Distribution of relief items to fire victims,  
Nagaland



Distribution of Masks,Arunachal Pradesh



Distribution of Medicines,Varanasi,U.P

We are grateful to all our Donors and Volunteers for their generous support for IRCS relief efforts on behalf of millions of underprivileged and vulnerable families struggling to survive in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you for your compassion, patience, and contribution.



## Distribution of Relief Materials/Food packets/water bottle/Soaps/Masks/HP kits War against CYCLONE YAAS and TAUKATE

**CYCLONE TAUKTAE and YAAS gave a double blow for communities already facing COVID-19 pandemic in India.  
Indian Red Cross Society will keep supporting the people affected.**



IRCS, Amreli District branch with support from Gujarat State Branch distributed Relief Materials including Tarpaulins, Utensils Set, Buckets & Hygiene kits to a total no. of 47 families affected with CycloneTauktae.11 active Red Cross Volunteers carried out the distribution.

**Volunteers from IRCS West Bengal are evacuating vulnerable people**



**Rescue & restoration operations underway in Odisha & West Bengal Cyclone YAAS-hit areas. IRCS team has evacuated thousands of people to safer zones. Dry food along with water, masks, & matchboxes have been distributed to the Vulnerable**

**Emergency Preparedness .....Odisha State Branch**



**COVID-19 relief; Kenya donates 12 tonnes of  
food products to India.**

The East African country has sent 12 tonnes of tea, coffee, and groundnut produced locally to the Indian Red Cross Society.

The Hon'ble High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya Mr.Willy Bett had personally visited Mumbai from Delhi on 28th May 2021 and handed over the donation to the Red Cross at the IRCS office.









## Congratulations!

An ad-hoc committee has been constituted in Madhya Pradesh to supervise the work of the state Red Cross branch as the tenure of the previous committee had expired. The committee consists of the following ;

Additional Chief Secretary, MP Govt, Health and Family Welfare Department or the officer nominated by them. Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Department, Bhopal Commissioner, Bhopal Division, Bhopal, Member Coordinator



Congratulations and welcome to the new General Secretary-IRCS, Tripura, Shri. Prasenjit Biswas and General Secretary H.S Balasubramanya -IRCS, Karnataka State Branch

## Tribute!

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of some of the respected members of our Red Cross Family. Their services for the cause of suffering humanity will remain indelibly imprinted upon our minds. May their soul rest in peace.



Dr.Venugopal, Hon. Chairman Indian Red Cross Society, Visakhapatnam District Branch passed away due to Covid.

Shri V.N Mathur, Honorary Treasurer, Indian Red Cross Society, U.P State Branch passed away due to cardiac respiratory failure.

Shri Suresh Kumar Srivastava, Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society U.P State Branch died due to Covid-19.



## Celebration of Important days

### WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY



Pledge on World No Tobacco Day - Kendrapara, Odisha

### WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY



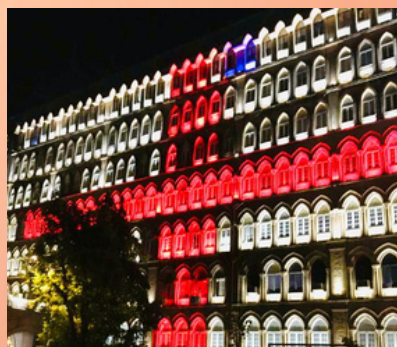
World No Tobacco Day Balod, Chhattisgarh

### WORLD NURSE DAY



रेडक्रास वालंटियर्स कोरर द्वारा विश्व नर्स दिवस पर उनका सम्मान और सेवा के लिए आभार व्यक्त करते वालंटियर्स

## WORLD RED CROSS DAY, 2021



Red Cross display on the building of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai Headquarters on the eve of World Red Cross Day 2021



Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh



Plantation drive, Homeguard office, Mangalore, Karnataka



### World Red Cross Day observed in State Webinar on activities held

The Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch observed the World Red Cross Day here on Saturday on the theme 'Unstoppable'.



राष्ट्र, 8 मई (स.ज.): विश्व रेडक्रास दिवस के मौके पर इंडियन रेडक्रास सोसाइटी ने रक्तदान का आयोजन किया। शनिवार को धाजप अंबेडकर नगर मंडल और बरह बैक महल इंदिरा गल के सहयोग से लक्ष्मण चौक स्थित हिंदू नेशनल इंटर कॉलेज के सभागार में विश्व का दिन हुआ। मुख्य अतिथि विश्वक कर्मानाथ ने विश्व का उद्घाटन किया। उन्होंने कहा कि संक्रमण के दौर में अपनी जान को परवाह न करते हुए पीढ़ियों को मदद के लिए रक्तदान करने वन्दन के समान है। इस दौरान 138वीं बार रक्तदान करने वाले युव रेडक्रास कोटी के अध्यक्ष वर्मा के जन्म को सलाम करते हुए युवाओं के लिए प्रेरणादायक बहामा। राज्य रेडक्रास सोसाइटी के चिव डॉ. पमरस अंसारी ने रेडक्रास के संस्थापक हेनरी ड्यून्ट के जीवन पर प्रकाश डाला। इस दौरान स के उपस्थिति में हरीस चंद, जिला नर्सिंग सभापति, मैनेजिंग कमिटी के सदस्य मोहन खत्री, धाजप



Food packets distribution, Kanker, Chhattisgarh

Blood donation camp Odisha

Blood donation camp Uttarakhand



हैं। इस अकाश पर संकेतकण सिंह, श्रद्धाकाश तिवारी, अमरवीर सिंह, दीप शर्मा, दीपिका शर्मा, राजकुमार, विजय सिंह मौजूद थे।



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