

**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IRCS ON  
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**



Dear Volunteers, Colleagues, and Friends,

Today, on International Volunteer Day, we celebrate the indomitable spirit and dedication of volunteers around the world. Each of you embodies the essence of humanitarianism, tirelessly working to uplift communities, provide support in times of need, and foster resilience in the face of adversity.

As we reflect on the incredible contributions of volunteers throughout our history, we are reminded that your efforts are the backbone of the Indian Red Cross Society. Your compassion, skills, and unwavering commitment transform lives and bring hope to those who need it the most. Whether responding to natural disasters, supporting health initiatives, or advocating for vulnerable populations, your actions resonate far beyond the immediate impact.

In this year's theme, "**#Protect Humanity**," we reaffirm our collective responsibility to support one another. Volunteerism is not just about giving—it's about creating connections, building trust, and nurturing solidarity within our communities. As we navigate the complexities of a changing world, your role as a volunteer becomes even more crucial.

I encourage each of you to share your stories and experiences. Let us inspire one another by highlighting the positive changes that your contributions have fostered. Together, we can raise awareness of the power of volunteerism and encourage others to join our mission.

On this special day, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your dedication exemplifies the values of our Movement and reminds us that together, we can make a profound difference. Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with us, for your unwavering support, and for sharing your time, skills, and compassion with those in need.

Happy International Volunteer Day!

With profound gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.K. Jain'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

R.K. Jain, Secretary General

Indian Red Cross Society