Winters have been severe this year and it’s time to do what we can, to make sure that those who are homeless don’t freeze. With the cold and wind, survival becomes difficult for those who are homeless. IRCS recognizes this struggle and undertook blanket distribution amongst the needy and vulnerable along with essential dry ration and hygiene kits. I appreciate the branches for their exemplary work and dedicated efforts.

This month I got the opportunity to see the demo of the Bhishma Project. I appreciate the initiatives as this indigenous portable hospital can provide critical medical care, making it a lifeline in remote and tough terrains where immediate medical attention is needed, especially after a disaster.

I take this opportunity to welcome our new office bearers, Shri S. K. Pattanayak, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of IRCS WBSSB, Shri Sandeep Kumar Singh, General Secretary, IRCS WBSSB, Mr. John Aguiar, General Secretary of IRCS Goa State Branch and Sh. Jagdish Jindal, General Secretary of IRCS Rajasthan State Branch into our family.

I would like to congratulate the Andhra Pradesh state branch for its new Red Cross Eye Bank at Kakinada district. I also congratulate Mr. Atul Kumar, Secretary of the IRCS, Sub District Branch Pupri, Bihar for being awarded with the Nation Pride Award 2023.

I am pleased to note that Assam Red Cross State branch successfully conducted a three days Eastern Zonal Regional Conclave and Andhra Pradesh State Branch held its Secretaries & State Managing Committee Members Meeting this month.

The branches observed many important days in January, like World Leprosy Day, National Youth Day, Makar Sankranti, Lohri, Republic Day, etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.
Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

- Statement on Integrity Working Group meeting was held on 10th January, 2024
- IFRC Certification Working Group meeting was held on 16th January, 2024
- Selection Committee meetings were held on 5th & 16th January, 2024 in physical and hybrid mode resp.
- Presentation of the ICRC’s Institutional Strategy 2024-2027 meeting was held on 30th January, 2024
- Teams meeting with IFRC AP Regional Director was held on 31st January, 2024

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches

A.P Red Cross, Chairpersons, Secretaries & State Managing Committee Members Meeting was held on 9th Dec, 2023 at Vijayawada, A.P. Secretary General, IRCS, NHQ Sh. R.K. Jain, was the Chief Guest. Officials of 26 District Branches of A.P attended the meeting.

Hon’ble Governor of West Bengal & the President of Indian Red Cross Society, WBSB, Dr. C V Ananda Bose visited IRCS State HQ’s & interacted with all staff members.

New Year Red Cross table calendar was presented to Hon’ble Governor-cum-President, IRCS, Haryana State Branch by Dr. Sushma Gupta, Vice-Chairperson and Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, General Secretary, IRCS, Haryana.

The office bearers of IRCS, Darrang district branch met the district commissioner and President, IRCS, Darrang district branch and apprised him about the activities of the IRCS, branch.
IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference

The Month of January, 2024
Donors – 1614
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1448
Voluntary Donors in-house — 166
No. of camps— 28
Blood/Blood Components issued -2367 units

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 issue of blood

Donate blood and save lives

Thank you, donors!

Blood donation camp, Patna, Bihar
Blood donation camp, Pune, Maharashtra
Blood donation camp, Shimla, H.P

A blood donation camp was organised by IRCS, blood centre in Supreme Court of India on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti. The Chief Justice of India, Hon’ble Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud inaugurated the blood donation camp. 81 people from Supreme Court of India voluntarily donated their blood.
Distribution of Relief Materials

Distribution of blankets, school bags & clothes amongst needy of the slums of Hoshiarpur, Punjab

Blankets & other winter relief materials were distribution amongst street dwellers, underprivileged and needy in Udalguri & Morigaon Districts of Assam.

IRCS, Bihar State Branch distributed blankets in several districts of the state amongst needy and vulnerable.
T-shirts, pants, sarees, mekhela-sadar, warm clothes, school bags, and shoes were distributed by the IRCS, Darrang District Branch, to approximately 200 poor and needy people of flood prone area at Siraseujy Krishi farm under Mowamari GP of Darrang district, Assam.

IRCS, Assam State Branch managed to generate an amount of INR 2 Lakh from the Canara Bank under CSR scheme and received the materials including water purifier, computer with UPS, mattress, pillow, book shelves, reading folding table with chair to be used by the inmates in the Children Home run by IRCS, Assam State Branch at Lankeswar, Guwahati, Assam.

Blankets were distributed to the needy by Sub Divisional Magistrate, Mr. Ishteyak Ali Ansari, Pupri, Bihar

Hon’ble Governor & President HP State Red Cross Society, started the Swachhta Abhiyan from “Indira Gandhi Medical College” under “Swachhta hi seva” Programme launched by the Govt. of India. In which volunteers of HP State Red Cross and Members Hospital Welfare Section participated.
Disaster management, Health & WASH program workshop, Nainital, Uttarakhand

Under the leadership and vision of the Red Cross Gujarat Branch, Chairman Shri Ajay Patel to equip every citizen with crisis preparedness skills, school children received training on topics like thalassemia, CPR, blood donation, first aid, and organ donation.

First Aid Training, Davangere district branch, Karnataka

Stress management workshop held at Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh, Odisha

One Day Training to JRC Counsellors on Disaster Risk Reduction & First Aid Orientation for Nagercoil Educational District, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu

Three days Eastern Zonal Regional Conclave was organised by Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch in collaboration with IRCS, NHQ from 9th to 11th January 2024 at Jroni Resort, Namiji National Park, Sonitpur District of Assam. Participants from West Bengal, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Assam participated in this conclave. Dr. Parag Borkar, Cooperation Program Manager, ICRC and Devji Buchiya, Senior Officer, Programs and Security, IFRC CCD, Delhi office also participated in this conclave.
IRCS, Gulburga, district branch, Karnataka organised a first aid training programme for the employees of Rajashree Cement Factory.

IRCS Imphal west district branch, Manipur organised 3 days first aid training for the nursing students.

The IRCS Nagaland branch conducted a three days first aid training program for 20 Airport Authority of India staff.

Miscellaneous Activities

Camp was organized by Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh under TB Project at Central Jail, Amritsar. The aim of this camp was to provide free medical checkup and screening of suspected TB cases inside the prison.

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Celebration of Important Days

National Youth Day

An awareness program for youth was organised on the occasion of National Youth Day by Youth Red Cross and NSS unit of NESIAS college, Karnataka.

National Youth Day celebration at Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh, Odisha.

IRCS, Punjab State Branch organised Blood donation camp on the eve of the National Youth Day.

Makar Sankranti

Volunteers of Indian Red Cross Society, Sonamura Sub - Divisional Branch, served the needy at the Makar Sankranti fair at Battali, Goumati river, Sephahijala Tripura.

Republic Day

Volunteers of IRCS, Sonamura Sub-Divisional branch provided first aid to the needy at Sonamura sporting association ground on 75th Republic Day.

Volunteers of IRCS, Imphal West District Branch rendered first aid service to the contingent participating in 75th Republic Day celebration.

Volunteers of IRCS, Assam state branch rendered assistance to the contingent during the Republic Day celebration at Darrang district branch.
Volunteers of IRCS Nagaland State Branch visited Leprosy Colony Hospital in Kohima and distributed relief items during Republic Day.

On the occasion of Republic Day, blankets were distributed by the Bihar State Red Cross branch among 100 Mahadalits of Sirsa.

Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch celebrated ‘Dheeyan Di Lori’ (Girl Child Lohri) with a message to save the girl child.

Hon’ble Governor of AP & the President AP Red Cross Sri Abdul Nazeer Ji inaugurated “Red Cross Eye Bank” at Kakinada.

Former Secretary of the Health Department of Bihar Government, Mr. Gorakh Nath and IPS Mr. Mahendra Kumar Basantri Honored Atul Kumar, Secretary of the IRCS Sub District Branch, Pupri, Bihar with the Nation Pride Award 2023 at the IAS Mantra Academy at Patna, Bihar.
Health Camps and Miscellaneous Activities

Health camp, Sangareddy district branch, Telangana

Health camp, Hanumakonda district branch, Telangana

An oral health care awareness camp was organised by Haryana State Red Cross unit of Youth Red Cross at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak

YRC team provided service to the students at youth convention under the Nutana Unnata Abhilasha (NUA) Odisha scheme held at keonjhar, Odisha.

Youth Red Cross society of Abeda Inamdar college conducted road safety awareness program, Pune, Maharashtra

A vocational training program under the employment generation program was organised at Red Cross drug de Addiction Centre Gurdaspur, Punjab

Indian Red Cross Society Punjab State Branch in collaboration with District Tuberculosis Centre and Indian Red Cross Society District Branch Amritsar organized an awareness camp

IRCS, Hoshiarpur, district branch in its quest to help every strata of society, came forward to help the most vulnerable section of society, drug abuse victims by providing them skilling and employment opportunities
रेडक्रॉस ने जतरतमंडो को वितरित की सामग्री

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