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World Health Day Message

"The health of the society is only a reflection of the health of the individual."



Health is wealth, a phrase used most often, and it is so because when you have good health, you have almost everything. Without it, wealth becomes insignificant.

The ancient Indian seers emphasised the importance of health as "*Sariramadyam khalu dharma sadhanam*" - *to fulfil our dharma, begin with the body.*

Every year on 7 April, the World Health Organization (WHO) commemorates the anniversary of its founding in 1948. It is celebrated with a distinct theme, and a variety of activities are planned all over the world around that theme. The goal of the day is to focus everyone's attention on global health issues.

This year's theme for World Health Day 2023 is **Health For All (#HealthForAll)**. World Health Organization is striving towards achieving this goal by creating awareness about the fact that health is a human right and everyone should have access to health care at the right time and at the right place.

India is committed to achieving Universal Health care for all. To achieve it all stake holders, need to play their supplementary role.

The world is gradually emerging out of the shadows of the horrifying psycho-economic hammering of COVID-19. Those affected may have unexpected health complications requiring medical as well as psychological interventions. I expect Red Cross health services to also be in preparedness to attend to the emergencies that may emerge in the coming times.

The National Headquarters has provided ambulances, mobile health units and blood collection vans to the branches for delivering medical & blood services to the community at their doorsteps. I am sure that the recipient branches shall use these vehicles on regular basis in the service of humanity.

I congratulate the branches for having shown great promise to great service in support of the TB & Leprosy eradication program of the govt. of India. This needs to be sustained to achieve the target.

I greet all the volunteers, staffs and members of Indian Red Cross on this occasion.


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