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Happy New Year 2023

Before you leaveTAKE A MINUTE TO CLEAN



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From the Desk of The Secretary-General



I extend my warmest wishes for a very happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year to each & every member of Red Cross fraternity including, volunteers, members, staff, officials & their families. I want to take a moment to look back on 2022 and thank you all for your contributions. I want to thank everyone, especially the thousands of volunteers, for all that you do every day to help the Red Cross Movement achieve its mission.

I'm happy to let you know that Branch offices observed a number of awareness-raising events and gave TB patients nutritional kits in an effort to lessen stigma and discrimination around the disease.

NHQ held meetings with Assam, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha & Puducherry State branches for reconciliation & settlement of Working Advances to ease the process of releasing the project funds to the branches.

I am delighted to learn that the IRCS, Punjab state branch has organised a National Youth Exchange Programme. Volunteers shared their life experiences, including interactions with volunteers from other states across the country. Exchange programmes create opportunities for participants to learn from each other.

I applaud the effort made by the Andhra Pradesh State Branch, which has continued to offer relief supplies to the State's most vulnerable residents living in tribal hamlets and has also organised health check-ups and gave away medicines to those in need. Red Cross volunteers and state branch leaders should be commended for their commitment for helping the underprivileged and needy.

I congratulate Ms. Meena Satija for being named the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for upholding cleanliness and hygienic conditions at work. I also extend my congratulations to Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, IRCS Andhra Pradesh State Branch, for setting a global record for the largest-ever online pledges for blood donation from students. I admire his careful preparation and execution in setting a new Guinness Book Record.

Many important days were observed by the branches during this month, including World AIDS Day, International Volunteers Day, International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Human Rights Day. Such observations provide us with an opportunity to connect with people and raise awareness about the Red Cross movement.

I once again extend my warm greetings to all of you and wish health, happiness & prosperity.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Meena Satija, who has been shortlisted as the Star employee of December 2022. She has been associated with IRCS, NHQ since 1985. She joined as Medical Lab Technologist and is currently working in the blood center, NHQ as Chief Technical Officer. We appreciate her efforts towards maintaining the cleanliness at her workstation & her surroundings.



IRCS, Telangana State Branch, Chairman Sh. Ajay Mishra, I.A.S (Retd.) made a courtesy call to Smt. Draupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India and President, IRCS at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad. Hon'ble President was at Hyderabad on an official visit.

STATUS OF DELIVERY OF VEHICLES



Another 13 vehicles have been delivered to Red Cross Branches across India in December 2022



Blood Donation Camp, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference



The Month of December, 2022

Donors – 2093

Voluntary Donors in camps — 1857

Voluntary Donors in-house — 236

No. of camps— 35

Blood/Blood Components issued - 6093 units



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



Donate blood and save lives



Blood Donation Camp, Jalgaon, Maharashtra

Thank you, donors!



Blood Donation Camp, Kundapura, Karnataka



Blood Donation Camp, Singrauli, M.P



Blood Donation Camp, Mahabubnagar, Telangana



New Mobile Blood Donor Coach was inaugurated at Jalgaon, Maharashtra. It was received from NHQ in collaboration with IFRC. District Collector and Red Cross President, Mr. Aman Mittal and District Civil Surgeon, Dr. Kiran Patil donated blood on the occasion.



On the Birthday of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sh. Y S Jaganmohan Reddy, several blood donation camps were held across Andhra Pradesh.



Blood Donation Camp, Pune, Maharashtra



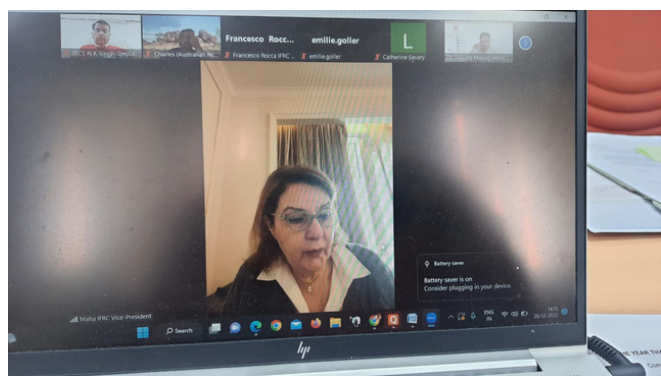
Blood Donation Camp, Imphal West District Branch, Manipur

IFRC support for strengthening the IRCS Blood Centres

In an appeal raised by IFRC, around INR 164 Crs. meant for IRCS for Covid-19 response was received by them. A part of this fund was used to provide equipment to strengthen 97 existing Blood Centres and 22 new Blood Centres in different states. The State/UT branches were consulted for the locations of 22 new Blood Centres. The equipment were provided and installed by the supplier at the final destination. Some of the equipment which were provided to blood centres are refrigerators, BCM, tube sealer, ELISA set, donor couch, refrigerated transportation boxes. These blood centres were also given blood collection vans (3 or 5 couches) which will increase voluntary blood collection in their centres.



Meetings of IRCS, NHQ



IFRC governance held an online meeting on 20th December, 2022 with the leadership of the National Societies in Asia Pacific region. The objective of the meeting was to look back at the year gone by and get to know the priorities of the national societies in 2023. The President of IFRC Mr. Francesco Rocca, Vice President for Asia Pacific Ms. Maha Barjas Al-Barjas, Under Secretary General Mr. Xavier Castellanos Mosquera talked to the participants.

IRCS NHQ was represented by Mr. N.K Singh, Deputy Secretary, who shared the highlights of IRCS action in 2022 & the priorities of the national society in 2023.

During the month of December, the NHQ held meetings with Assam, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha & Puducherry state branches for **reconciliation & settlement of working advances** to the branches.

On 1st Dec 2022, a meeting was held on; **National Society resource for integrity-related resource platform and think tank project.**

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches



On December 23, 2022, Pandurang K. Pole, the Divisional Commissioner for Kashmir Division, called a meeting of officers to discuss the infrastructure of the Blood Centre that the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) J&K had created in Srinagar.



On December 15th, 2022, Annual General Meeting of Telangana state branch was held.

DISCLAIMER

We wish to caution our lay faithful against fraud text messages using social media accounts to transfer funds to "Indian Red Cross Society - Disaster Relief" bank account.

We wish to state that the Indian Red Cross Society has not authorised any individual, corporate, trust, firm or body to collect money on its behalf. All fund transfers and card payments may be done through our official website indianredcross.org only.

For those who have received similar text messages, please report to the IRCS, NHQ at 9319982104 or 9319982105 body text



An innovative effort involving the Commissioner of Collegiate Education and the Andhra Pradesh Red Cross...

The Government of Andhra Pradesh will establish Inclusive Centers for the first time in the nation under the Commissioner of Collegiate Education in all Government Aided Degree Colleges in Andhra Pradesh to support the youth in battling social ills and to raise awareness on issues like human trafficking, counseling, entrepreneur development, legal literacy, and Youth Red Cross.

Distribution of Relief Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Medicines/food items etc. War against floods and other disasters



Distribution of hygiene kits, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh



Distribution of hygiene kits, Bhopal, M.P



Distribution of tricycle, Balod, Chhattisgarh

Distribution of relief items among fire victims by IRCS, Anantnag district branch, J & K

Distribution of relief items & hygiene kits, Anakapalli district, Andhra Pradesh

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Distribution of blankets to needy & vulnerable, Keonjhar, Odisha



Distribution of relief items to fire victims by Avanigadda Red Cross branch, A.P



Distribution of blankets, Katihar, Bihar

Trainings & Workshops



Training of Community volunteers on disaster response, Delhi



State Red Cross Branch, Uttarakhand, organized first aid training at Adventure Wing Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, Rishikesh



One day training program on Red cross history, movement, principles, objectives, emblem and volunteerism to the YRC volunteers in Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh Odisha



First aid & CPR training, Pune, Maharashtra



Training was provided to the officials of Airport Fire and Emergency services at Belgaum Airport, Karnataka



IRCS, Kamareddy district branch, Telangana conducted Youth Red Cross and Basic First Aid Awareness training



IRCS, Uttarakhand state branch held three days vouchers training at Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Apada Mitra Volunteers training programme, on Disaster Management at CTI, Gokulnagar, Shipahijala, Tripura

3 Days first aid training for Red Cross volunteers was concluded at Handwara, Kupwara district of Kashmir.



JRC Manipur, team participated in the National Youth Exchange Program at Amritsar (24-29 Dec 2022). In another activity JRC volunteers conducted a plastic-free campaign around the state branch office at Imphal.



A mock drill on fire safety was held at IRCS, NHQ on 14th Dec, 2022. The officers and staff members of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, IFRC and IRCS witnessed and participated in the Mock Drill



IRCS Haryana state branch organised 6 days state-level junior training camp for girls at Shri. Nangli Bela Ashram, Bhupatwala, Rishikesh Road, Haridwar. 136 juniors and 28 counselors from several districts of Haryana participated in the training program.



First aid and CPR workshop was held for 24 students of Diploma in Mountaineering, organized by Pune University and GGIM (Giripremi) on 24 th Dec 22

IRCS, Arunachal Pradesh launched satellite OPIOID substitution therapy

An orientation programme for junior Red Cross was conducted at North & South Goa, with 72 and 62 participants respectively.



The District Coordinators of Junior Red Cross gathered at Kottayam, Kerala and discussed about the Red Cross syllabus for the next academic year.

Celebration of Important Days

World Aids Day



WORLD AIDS DAY, Boudh, Odisha



WORLD AIDS DAY, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh

World Disability Day



World Disability Day was celebrated by Youth Red Cross at D. Y Patil College, Pune. 80 Students, Teachers and Staff attended the program

CONGRATULATIONS !



Govt. of Andhra Pradesh felicitated Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, IRCS Andhra Pradesh State Branch for the Red Cross cooperation in achieving Guinness World Records - online pledge for blood donation by 1,29,451 students. A record number of pledges were made within 24 hours breaking the past record of 71,121 in South Africa.

CONGRATULATIONS !



IRCS, Kozhikode District Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ranjeev Kurup has won the JCI India Senior Members Association Out Standing Zone Vice Chairman Excellence Runner up award in SMA Delhi National Convention

➤ Dr. Harish L. Metha has resigned as Chairman of Tamilnadu state branch and the Vice Chairman Mr. Thomas V Johns has taken temporary charge of the post.

Health Camps



TB /Health check up camp, Shastri Nagar, Rewari, Haryana



TB eradication awareness rally, Narnaul, Haryana



TB awareness program by district Red Cross Branch, Ambala



Thalassemia prevention program was held at Bhavnagar, Gujarat

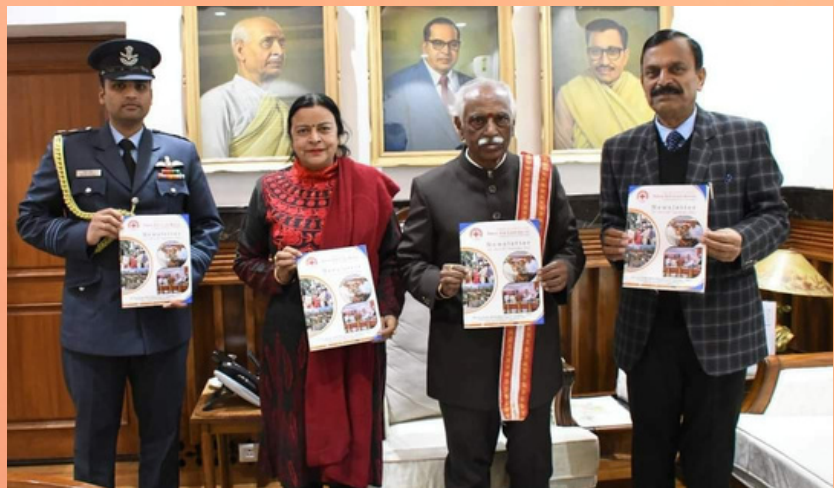


A picnic and bird watching program at Sukhna reservoir near Aurangabad, Maharashtra was organised for special kids of Aarambh Autism center

Miscellaneous Activities



Mr. Hugo and Mr. Manik Saha, representatives of the IFRC inspected the various activities being carried out at the Red Cross De-addiction Center premises, Sector 14, District Red Cross Society, Faridabad, Haryana



The quarterly newsletter of the IRCS, Haryana state branch was released by Hon'ble Governor Bandaru Dattatreya at Raj Bhavan, Haryana



Road Safety Awareness Program, Pawal, Haryana

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