

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



YOUR JOB IS NOT COMPLETE.....UNTILL YOUR WORK AREA IS CLEAN



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From the Desk of The Secretary-General



CONGRATULATIONS! We proudly present the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH recognition to Ms. Farzana Siddiqui, Project Coordinator, St. John Ambulance (India) for her UNCLUTTERED DESK. She is involved in the processing of the First aid training reports forwarded by different states centers of St. John Ambulance (India) & branches of IRCS seeking First aid certificates. She also looks after the matters related to awards of St. John Ambulance (India) and RTI responses/verifications of certificates etc. We appreciate her efforts towards maintaining the cleanliness at work station & her surroundings.

The Covid-19 recovery rate in the country currently stands at 96.19%. As on February 4, 2022 over 1.5 billion vaccine doses have been administered in the country. Over 90% of the population eligible to receive the vaccination dose had received the first dose of the vaccine and 65% were fully vaccinated by February 4, 2022.

From January 3, 2022, the country also started administering vaccine doses to children between 15 and 18 years. A booster shot was prescribed over and above the second dose of vaccine as experts witnessed a likely drop in protection against the Covid-19 virus with time.

In India, the government has prescribed a booster dose, aka precaution dose, to health and frontline workers and those over 60 with comorbidities or other health problems. I request all those who come under this category to take the booster dose. Though the heavily mutated variant is said to be highly infectious, which is why it is important that we stay on guard & take necessary measures against Covid-19.

I would like to thank all the branches for undertaking various humanitarian activities like the distribution of hygiene kits, masks, sanitizers, food items, kitchen sets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets to the vulnerable & needy during the inevitable disasters & calamities.

I congratulate Ms. Farzana Siddiqui for being recognized as the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH by maintaining hygiene & cleanliness at the workplace. I hope others to follow the same.

I also take this opportunity to give my best wishes to Dr. Rathin Chakravarty who has joined as new Chairman IRCS, West Bengal state branch. I would also like to welcome Colonel Austin Colaco (retired), who has joined as General Secretary IRCS, Goa State Branch.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Itenderpal Singh, Master Trainer, IRCS, Jammu & Kashmir UT branch for his guidance and induction session to more than ten thousand persons so far in First aid.

Nature is God's most beautiful creation. It felicitates the growth, development and nourishment of all its creatures. The best friend on earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on the earth. Many people have taken steps to make their homes environmentally friendly by changing their light bulbs, recycling their trash and conserving their energy use. Let's take up a resolution in this year to plant more and more trees.



Warehouse construction work is going on at the Uttarakhand state branch to stock relief materials for timely distribution during any disaster or crisis. Early preparedness is important as the state is often prone to natural disasters and calamities. This is supported by the IRCS, NHQ

- ★ On 29th Dec, 2021 eleven no.s of Family Tents were sent to K.J Borah, Delhi Army headquarters for the Republic Day function.
- ★ More than sixty thousand hygiene kits were sent to the poor & needy all across the country.



Donate blood and get real blessings

Thank you, donors!



Voluntary blood donation, JNIMS hospital blood bank & transfusion unit, Porompat, Imphal East district branch, Manipur

Felicitation of blood donors, Patna, Bihar

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

Anybody can save lives



The Month of January, 2022

Donors – 1322
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1014
Voluntary Donors in-house — 308
No. of camps— 19
Blood/Blood Components issued - 1502 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



Blood donation camp, Cuttack, Odisha



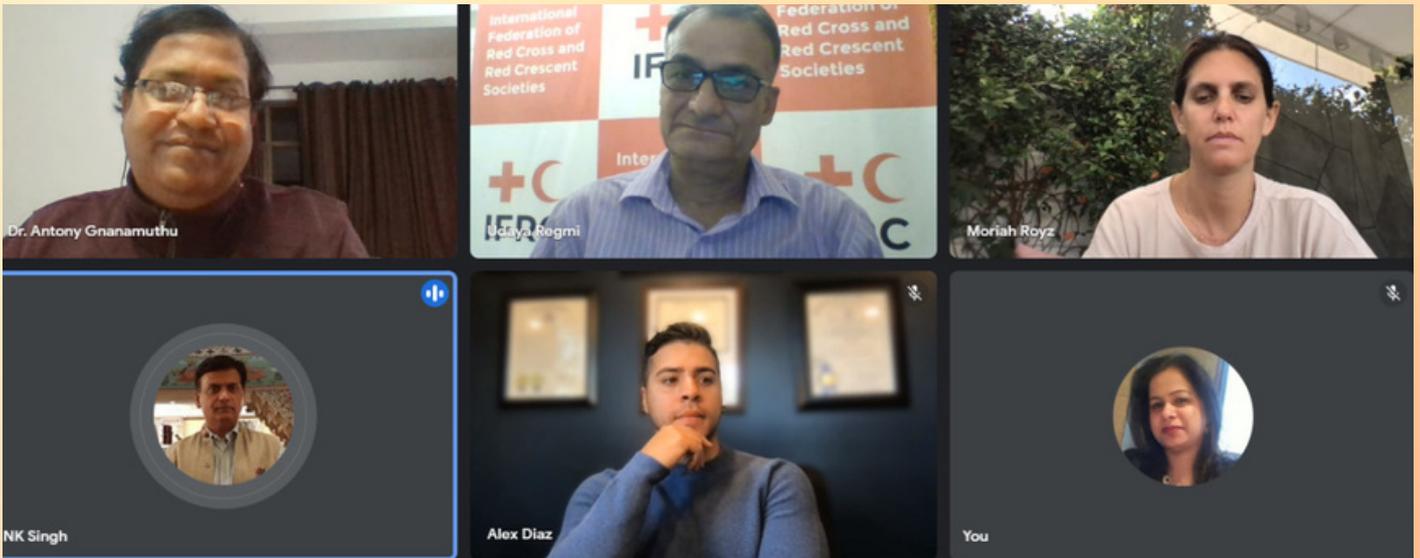
Blood donation camp, Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala



Blood donation camp, Faridabad, Haryana

IRCS (NHQ) MEETINGS

Flood Early Warning Project



Review meeting with Google.org and IFRC was held on 12th Jan, 2022. Donors were informed that both the program states Assam & Bihar have shortlisted the candidates for District Disaster Response Training (DDRT). The partnership of Bihar state branch with UNICEF & Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) to train volunteers in flood alert was also highlighted. The incremental progress in the preparation of the ward contingency plan in the Assam state branch was appreciated. It was also decided that in addition to other modes of flood alert a multilanguage chatbot may also be developed on Google.org.



We had two meetings of the Committees; Finance & Review Committee. The Review Committee has been constituted for the first time by the IRCS to primarily look into the staff's related issues.

The Finance Committee considered important subjects such as Annual Budget, Appointment of Statutory Auditor, Extension of the Internal Auditor, Special audit & Forensic Audit & civil work of the Red Cross properties.

Meetings (State/ UT branches)



At IRCS Gurugram, IRCS, Haryana state branch, Chandigarh organized Award sub-committee meeting.



IRCS, Purba Bardhaman district branch, West Bengal distributed masks

Celebration of Important Days

National Girl Child Day



National Girl Child Day, Shirampur, Maharashtra

Republic Day



First-aid service was provided by Red Cross volunteers, Sonamura sub-divisional branch during 73 Republic Day parade.



National Girls Child Day, Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh



Blood donation camp was held at Patna, Bihar on the eve of Republic Day

National Youth Day



National Youth Day was observed at Boudh, Odisha by YRC unit of Boudh Panchayat College. 25 units of blood was also collected.



Republic Day was celebrated all across the various state branches in the country

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



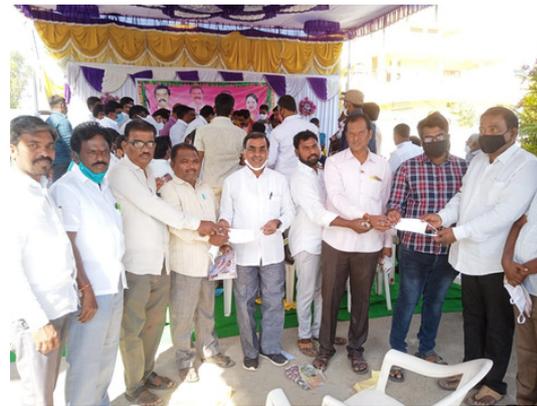
**Distribution of hygiene kits & blankets, Tehri
Uttarakhand**



**Distribution of hygiene kits
Lamtaput, Koraput district,
Odisha**



**Distribution of hygiene kits to
underprivileged families at Imphal
West District, Manipur**



Distribution of masks, Telangana



Distribution of masks, Guwahati, Assam



Distribution of masks, Imphal



**Distribution of masks, blankets &
hygiene kits, Nalanda, Bihar**



**Distribution of masks, sanitizer &
hygiene kits, Mayurbhanj district,
Odisha**



**Distribution of masks, Bardhaman,
West Bengal**



Distribution of soaps & hygiene kits, IRCS Mulugu, Telangana



Distribution of Red Cross jackets, Deogarh, Odisha



Hygiene kit distribution to COVID19 warriors of Gokuldas Tejpal Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra



Distribution of hygiene kits to underprivileged families, Senapati district branch, Manipur state branch.



IRCS, Guwahati district branch, Assam, distributed clothes to the needy of Chandrapur, Guwahati.



A massive fire burnt down 40 huts in the slums of Chaderghat, Hyderabad. IRCS, Hyderabad district branch distributed tarpaulins & kitchen sets to the homeless / fire accident victims (total 40 families)

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.

Awareness on Covid-19



Several activities and an awareness session on covid were undertaken by IRCS, South 24 Parganas, district branch at Gangasagar Mela 2022 which was held from 9th January to 16th January.



Vaccination was carried out in the tribal areas of Nagarkurnool district of Telangana.



Covid awareness session at Balod & Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh



Covid awareness session was held at Manipur along with the distribution of hygiene kits.



Covid vaccination (under 15-18 years) was held at Saint Teresa convent school, Jalgaon, Maharashtra. Total 164 vaccination took place.

Trainings & Workshops



First aid & fire safety training program was organized by IRCS, South 24 Paragana, West Bengal.



First aid training program in association with Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Telangana

Health Camps

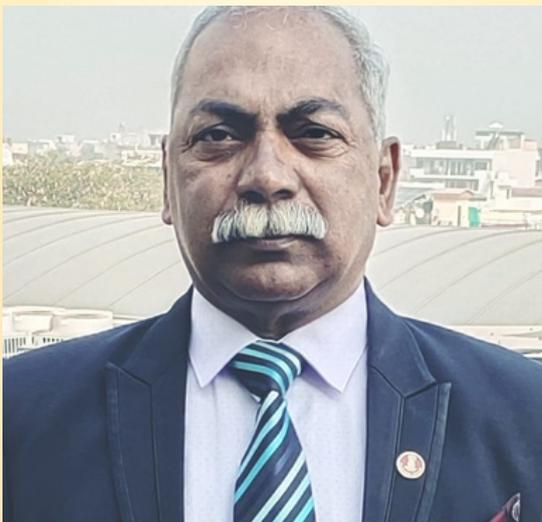


A one-day health camp was organized at Jiribam district of Manipur for detection of Diabetics, High Blood Pressure for persons above 40 years of age. Along with this, a dental check-up & cancer awareness campaign was also organized. The camp was conducted in collaboration with Jiri branch IRCS.



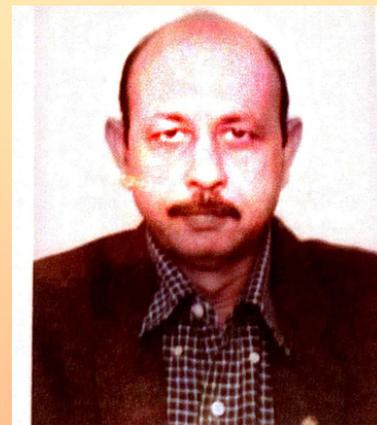
Health checkup camp & food & medicine distribution, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

CONGRATULATIONS !



Hearty welcome new General Secretary of Goa state branch Mr. Austin Colaco, a retired Colonel from Indian Army.

TRIBUTE !



Mr. A.K Saxena, Account Assistant, NHQ is no more with us. May God give enough strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss. May the departed soul rest in peace.

Welcome !

Ms. Shikha Chopra, Information Systems Development Manager. She has joined back IRCS-NHQ

M/S Manoj Vatsal & Co, Chartered Accountant has been appointed as internal auditor of the society for 2 years.

Miscellaneous Activities



Dr. Rathin Chakravarty, a distinguished medical professional & spirited social activist has taken over as Chairman, IRCS, West Bengal.



Employees and volunteers of District Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Center Palwal transporting needy people to night shelters.



Dr. Itenderpal Singh Bali, Master trainer with IRCS, regional branch of Kashmir was awarded with the certificate of appreciation for his dedicated services. He has inducted & appraised more than 10 thousand persons so far in First aid. The award was presented to him by divisional commissioner of Kashmir on the eve of Republic Day



IRCS, West Bengal got an appreciation for the indispensable help in rescuing the accident-affected passengers of train (Bikaner-Guwahati Exp.) on 13th Jan, 2022 by NF railways, Alipurduar junction, West Bengal.

Miscellaneous Activities



IRCS Chittapur & Kalaburagi branch, Karnataka distributed 3 sewing machines to the wives of deceased person died from Covid-19 & groceries kits were given to the people recovered from Covid.



Punjab state Red Cross, organised a social service camp on the occasion of Maghi Mela at Sri Muktsar Sahib. Seven first aid posts were organised to facilitate the pilgrims who visited the mela to pay their obeisance, 756 people were provided first aid services, 2 injured people were transported to the civil hospital and more than thousand masks were distributed.



Volunteers of IRCS, Dakshin Dinajpur district branch, West Bengal sanitized railway station & the train compartments.



IRCS, Adilabad district branch, Andhra Pradesh conducted a medical camp at Burki habitation centre with the support of Kalogi university, RIMS Nursing College, NIN & NSS.



IRCS, Telangana provided oxygen concentrators to the corona patients



Tree plantation, Imphal west District branch, Manipur

"To plant in a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

We are but stewards of this planet for future generations to enjoy. Our children will inherit this planet, so we have to make sure that we are leaving them with a liveable and sustainable environment. Planting trees is one way that we can protect the environment, get cleaner and fresher air, and make our surroundings pleasing to the eye. Educating children about the importance of planting trees wherever possible is our responsibility

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