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## From the Desk of The Secretary-General



On behalf of IRCS, I congratulate Mr. Jagan Chapagain, Secretary General, IFRC on renewal of his contract, for another term of four years. His unwavering dedication to the Red Cross will surely make the IFRC a far more powerful humanitarian force in the coming years. Looking forward to bigger things in his second inning.

I would like to welcome Sh. Rajesh Krishna Birla who has been elected as the Chairman of Rajasthan state branch. The elections in Rajasthan took place after a long gap and I am sure that the state branch shall emerge stronger under his Chairmanship.

I congratulate Sh. Anil Kumar Chamaria, Member, Managing Committee, IRCS, Bihar state branch, Patna for being awarded with the Appreciation Certificate for his dedicated humanitarian services by Patna High Court Justice Sh. Rajendra Prasad and Red Cross Bihar, Chairman, Dr. Binay Bahadur Sinha.

I'd like to thank all the branches for carrying out different humanitarian actions such as providing hygiene kits, food items, kitchen sets, tarpaulins and mosquito nets to the vulnerable and needy during accidents and tragedies.

I am pleased to note that AP state branch has taken the climate change project which would concentrate on the effects of climate change on the most vulnerable people living in the tribal areas and urban slums, especially women and children.

IRCS, NHQ bid audieu to Sh. V. Murugan, ASO stores, Arakonam, Smt. Hari Dasi, MTS in Uttarakhand & Smt. Usha Devi, MTS at NHQ. We wish them good luck, health & prosperity in their retired life.

Many significant days were observed in this month, including World Red Cross Day, World Thalassaemia Day, International Nurses Day, World Hypertension Day, World AIDS Vaccine Day, Anti-Tobacco Day etc. Such observations give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.

## Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch Welcomes Hon'ble President



Hon'ble President of India and President of Indian Red Cross Society, Smt. Droupadi Murmu visited her native place, Uparbeda in Odisha. She was given a warm welcome by the Junior & Youth Red Cross volunteers. She also interacted with them. Activities like assistance to poor & needy, first aid demonstration, setting up JRC unit in SLS school were some of the highlights of the occasion.



## Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

Secretary General held a meeting with the officers of IRCS, NHQ to review the observations of Statutory Auditors on the Annual Accounts on 22nd May, 2023. Some of the important observations include; non- recovery of the property tax from the previous tenants, nonadjustment of payments made to different parties in the books of accounts, settlement of advances etc.

## Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches



At a meeting held at Kisan Bhavan in Panchkula, Haryana, Dr. Mukesh Agarwal, General Secretary of the IRCS, Haryana State Branch, reviewed the Red Cross activities in the districts of Haryana.



The Indian Red Cross Society, Vizianagaram District branch held its Managing Committee meeting at Red Cross Yoga Center, Vizianagaram.

## Important visits



Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais visited Bel-Air Hospital at Wai, Satara district, Maharashtra on 22nd May 2023. Father Tommy, director, briefed him about the services.





IRCS, Dakshin Dinajpur district branch, West Bengal organised a blood donation camp at Balurghat railway station. 31 donors donated blood in the camp.



Blood donation camp, Krishnanagar Sadar, Sub-district branch, West Bengal. 90 units of blood were collected.

## IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference



### The Month of May, 2023

Donors – 1393  
 Voluntary Donors in camps — 1204  
 Voluntary Donors in-house — 189  
 No. of camps— 25  
 Blood/Blood Components issued - 3912 units



### Donating Blood 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 issue of blood**



### Donate blood and save lives

### Thank you, donors!



Blood donation camp, Bhavnagar, Gujarat



Blood donation camp, Srinagar, Jammu





Blood donation camp, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra



Blood donation camp, Chennai, Tamil Nadu



Voluntary Blood donation camp was organised by the Police Department of Rajpardi, Gujarat and residents of Rajpardi, Jhagdia, district Bharuch, Gujarat



The IRCS, Kakinada District Branch provided Blood Transfusions to the Thalassemia patients and also provided food to the patients and their attendants.



Blood donation camp, Faridabad, Haryana



Single donor platelet machine was inaugurated at IRCS, Srikakulam district branch Blood Centre by President of district branch & Collector Sh. Shrikesh B Lathkar, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh



The IRCS, Ananthapuram District Branch organized a blood donation camp at APCPDCL (Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited). 201 units of blood were collected.



## Distribution of Relief Materials



Distribution of tricycle to the needy by IRCS Jind, district branch, Haryana



Distribution of hygiene kits amongst poor and needy, Cooch Behar, West Bengal



Distribution of relief items amongst needy at Uparbeda village, Odisha, birth place of Hon'ble President of India and Hon'ble President of IRCS, Smt. Droupadi Murmu



Volunteers of IRCS, Imphal West district branch, Manipur, visited various relief camps which were opened by local organizations after a communal riot broke out in the whole Manipur State. Essential items were also distributed amongst the needy and vulnerable.



Distribution of packaged drinking water bottles by volunteers of IRCS, Imphal West district branch



IRCS Hasan, district branch distributed relief materials to the fire victims



Distribution of relief material to the poor and needy, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand



Setting up of Red Cross tents inside relief camps with the help of CRPF personnel, Imphal, Manipur



## Distribution of Relief Materials



Nagaland state branch provided assistance to the displaced people of Kangkupi and Senapati district branches affected by riots in Manipur.



Relief provided to the victims of fire accident, Katihar, Bihar



Distribution of relief materials Senapati district branch, Assam



Distribution of buttermilk & pamphlets to spread awareness regarding heatwave, Naroda, Ahmedabad, Gujarat



Distribution of nutritional food packets to TB patients, Pupri, Bihar



Mobile health van was flagged off by Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Smt. TAMILISAI SOUNDARARAJAN



Sh. Parmod Kumar and his wife, who are both visually challenged, received ration worth Rs. 3,000, hygiene kit and kitchen set.



## Trainings & Workshops



One day sensitization program on disaster management, Imphal, Manipur



Maharashtra state branch conducted a one-day first aid training for staff of Larsen and Toubro Leadership Development Academy, Lonavla, Maharashtra

IRCS, Gujarat state branch conducted a disaster management orientation program for students & staff of the Graduate School of Management Studies at Gujarat Technology University, Ahmedabad.



First aid training, Balod district branch, Chhattisgarh

## Status of Online First Aid Examinations

As on 31 May 2023, **21,839** candidates have registered for Online First Aid Examinations in Delhi, Punjab and Haryana. The training has been completed for **15,983** candidates and online digital First Aid certificates have been issued to **15,562** candidates who passed the examination successfully.





First aid training program, Paschim Bardhaman district branch, Asansol, West Bengal



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Dr. Bankimchandra Thokchom, Secretary, IRCS, Imphal West district branch along with other volunteers conducted a one-day basic first aid training program for junior students at students' summer camp.



4 days Red Cross State Level Youth Camp was held in association with BJS College, Wagholi, Pune, Maharashtra



First aid camp, Howrah district branch, West Bengal



First Aid Training



3- Days Training of Trainers (TOT) was held at Red Cross Bhavan, IRCS, Kakinada district branch, Andhra Pradesh.

First aid training program was organized by Indian Medical Association, Pune, Maharashtra state branch on its 95th foundation day.



# Celebration of Important Days

## World Red Cross Day

World Red Cross Day (WRCD) is celebrated every year on 8th May to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jean-Henry Dunant, our founder and the joint recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize. It is celebrated with a unique theme and varied activities are organised across the globe around the same theme. This year the theme for WRCD was **"Everything we do comes from the heart"**. The theme highlights the universal, human and diverse aspects of Red Cross Movement by focussing on volunteers and their involvement within communities.



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Kohima

IRCS, NHQ celebrated the day in the presence of Sh. R.K Jain, Secretary General, IRCS, NHQ, Mr. Udaya Regmi, HOD, IFRC, CCD, Mr. Kedir Awol Omar, HOD, ICRC, Regional Delegation, staffs and officials of IRCS, NHQ. The participants shared their thoughts on the theme by linking their own experiences.



Distribution of sarees amongst leprosy patients of Boudh district of Odisha on World Red Cross Day.



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Srinagar, Jammu



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Keonjhar, Odisha



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Pune, Maharashtra



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Telangana



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Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Kerala



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Bankura, West Bengal



Book was published on the occasion of WRCD, Ghatal Sub district branch, West Bengal



Celebration of World Red Cross Day, Panchkula, Haryana



Blood donation camp was held on WRCD, Boudh, Odisha

## World No-Tobacco Day



Awareness on ill effects of smoking on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh

## International Nurses Day



In order to express gratitude to the nurses for their dedication and service on International Nurses Day, Deoria district branch, U.P, distributed hygiene kits at district hospital, Deoria.

## World Thalassaemia Day



IRCS, Srikakulam district branch, Andhra Pradesh distributed nutritional kits to Thalassaemic children on World Thalassaemia Day



Thalassaemia Centre Awareness program for parents, Pune, Maharashtra



## Health Camps



IRCS, Parvathipuram Manyam district branch, Andhra Pradesh arranged a "free health camp" at Parvathipuram rural area.



The newest venture of IRCS, Gujarat state branch, a highly advanced Dental Clinic was inaugurated by Sh. Ajay Patel, Chairman, IRCS, Gujarat state branch.

At the Alang GMB-Red Cross, Bhavnagar, Gujarat, Multi Speciality Hospital, a free medical checkup camp led by the renowned cardiologist Dr. Siddharth Mukherjee was held. The camp helped a lot of people with heart disease.

## Miscellaneous Activities



Drinking water facility being provided to the needy, Balod, Chhattisgarh



Financial and medical assistance were provided to the victims of the Bus accident which took place at Jajhar Kotli, Jammu. The pilgrims were traveling from Amritsar to Mata Vaishno Devi, Jammu for darshan.



## CONGRATULATIONS !



Sh. Anil Kumar Chamaria, Member, Managing Committee, IRCS, Bihar state branch, Patna was awarded the "Appreciation Certificate" for his dedicated and distinguished services rendered to the humanitarian causes.

## FAREWELL !



Smt. Usha Devi, MTS, IRCS, NHQ.



Smt. Hari Dasi, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand



Sh. V. Murugan, ASO, Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu

IRCS bid adieu to Smt. Usha Devi, MTS, IRCS, NHQ. She served the organisation for 23 long years. IRCS also bid adieu to Sh. V. Murugan, ASO, Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu. He joined the organisation as storekeeper. Smt. Hari Dasi, MTS at Red Cross hospital, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand also superannuated from the service this month. IRCS wishes all of them good health & prosperity in their life ahead.

## CONGRATULATIONS !



Mr. Jagan Chapagain, IFRC, Secretary General on his second term as Secretary General of IFRC, Geneva Headquarters



Elections of the state Managing Committee of Rajasthan were held on 23rd May 2023 in which Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer were elected. Sh. Rajesh Krishna Birla was elected as the Chairman and Sh. Vijay Khatri as Vice Chairman.

Sh. Harish Chandra, Deputy Secretary, IRCS Uttarakhand state branch, will serve as General Secretary in charge till the new General Secretary for the state branch is appointed.



## Health, Hygiene and Environment campaign launched



AP Red Cross in partnership with REC Ltd, has launched a "Health, Hygiene and Environment" campaign in Vijayawada city in collaboration with KBN College Youth Red Cross volunteers.

The pilot project was launched at Kedareswarapeta slum in Vijayawada city covering 100 households. Dr. A . Sridhar Reddy Chairman AP State Red Cross and Sh. Ashwini Kumar Parida , IAS(Retd.) Chief Executive Officer, AP Red Cross, Ms. Jayanthi, Regional Officer, REC Ltd., Vijayawada, Dr. Narayana Rao, Principal, KBN College and Sh. BVS Kumar, State Coordinator, Blood Centres, AP Red Cross, participated in the program.

The Climate Change initiative launched by AP Red Cross for the first time in the country will focus on the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable people in the tribal areas and urban slums of the state, particularly women and children.

Community surveillance is undertaken in the most backward urban slums by each volunteer who will cover 50 households over a period of one week. Women, children and adolescent girls in the urban slums will be the main focus and they will be enlightened on the impact of climate change on them and locally support mitigation and adaptation solutions concerning health, hygiene and environment.

Fifty colleges with 5000 youth Red Cross volunteers will cover one lakh households in the poor urban slums in Vijayawada city by August 15, 2023. Hygiene kits and dust bins along with pamphlets on health, Hygiene and Environment were distributed to each family.





Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch Welcomes Hon'ble President



Baripada: Various programs were organized by the Indian Red Cross and Odisha Red Cross to give a grand welcome to Her Excellency Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu.

On this occasion, An awareness programme was organised at SLS School and school kits were also distributed to the students.

Press Media ENGLISH DAILY

Red Cross services are invaluable. Palamuru University Vice Chancellor Mr Lakshmi Kant Rathore.

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the pioneer



Medals presented to Collectors

'Health, Hygiene and Environment' campaign launched



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Red Cross launches 'Health, Hygiene & Environment' campaign



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World Red Cross Day DC Srinagar inaugurates Blood Donation Camp at DC Office



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Red Cross representatives meet the Governor Tamilsai

Khammam, May 17: During the visit of State Governor Tamil Sai Soundara Rajan to Khammam district, representatives of Khammam District Red Cross Society had a courtesy call today at MSP Guest House.

टीबी के मरीजों में पौष्टिक आहार लैग बंटा

पौष्टिक आहार लैग बंटा: टीबी के मरीजों में पौष्टिक आहार लैग बंटा. This article discusses the nutritional needs of TB patients and the challenges they face in obtaining adequate nutrition.

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विश्व तंबाकू निषेध दिवस पर दलाई गार्ड शायर

कॉलेज में रेडक्रॉस सोसाइटी व राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजना का हुआ संयुक्त कार्य. This article reports on a joint event organized by the Red Cross Society and the National Service Scheme (NSS) at a college.

मानवता की सेवा के लिए रेडक्रॉस बेहतर माध्यम

मानवता की सेवा के लिए रेडक्रॉस बेहतर माध्यम. This article highlights the role of the Red Cross in providing humanitarian aid and services to the community.

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रेडक्रॉस की ड्रेस व जूट का बैग लाना किया

रेडक्रॉस की ड्रेस व जूट का बैग लाना किया. This article reports on an initiative by the Red Cross to encourage people to bring their own dresses and jute bags.

World Red Cross Day Celebrated in Puri

World Red Cross Day Celebrated in Puri. This article reports on the celebration of World Red Cross Day in Puri, Odisha.

Mahabubnagar May 9 (Press Media) Bags, note books and fruits were distributed free of cost to the students of Sannidhi Ashram in Mahabubnagar on Tuesday, the second day of the week-long festival organized in celebration of the World Red Cross Day.

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