Monthy Report of Activities of
Indian Red Cross Society

From the Desk of
The Secretary General

The month of September witnessed unprecedented rains in some states that included, among others, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, UP, West Bengal. Our branches responded with water, fast food, first-aid teams, tarpaulins, hygiene kits and kitchen sets. Our SERV (Social Emergency Response Volunteers) teams led from the front. Rains have not stopped and several urban areas, including areas in Bihar's capital Patna, are still inundated.

After a disaster, assessment of the area and the victims is critical and requires a professional approach. To address this expertise the IRCS Nhq with the help of ICRC and its global professional trainers organised a training in assessment at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The first module of the training was attended by the staff and volunteers of disaster prone states and those running livelihood projects. The participants stand empowered after the training as a field visit to test their skills was also included in the module.

During the month IRCS Nhq also conducted a three day workshop on Communication & Resource Mobilisation at New Delhi. Some State Branch Secretaries also attended the programme.

I take this opportunity to welcome Ms CTM Suguna, IAS (Retd), who has taken over as the State Secretary of the Odisha State Branch.

Governor of Odisha & President of the Odisha State Branch, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Ms CTM Suguna, the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer Maj Kalpana Das and Mr R K Jain, Secretary General, NHQ graced the occasion.

Professor Ganeshi Lal, the Governor of Odisha, said that we can not differentiate the impact of the disaster, instead we should work to preserve the lives of people.

Secretary General mentioned the role of Red Cross during cyclones Fani, Titaly and the 1999's super cyclone. During all disasters, the Red Cross was one of the main actors to assist the affected communities. He added that in Red Cross the basic duty is to serve the society and to help those who are in need. He also emphasized the role of training exercise in process of learning and how a well planned project is pivot to its successful implementation. Role of IRCS is to supplement the activities of the Government and to create resilience in the community. The occasion coincided with the taking over of the state branch by Ms CTM Suguna.

Three-day workshop - Red Cross Communications & Resource Mobilisation in collaboration with ICRC- 03-05 September 2019.

Importance of consistent and powerful public communication across all Red Cross branches and significance of visibility of Red Cross work across different media networks were discussed during workshop. Participants shared success stories, challenges and ideas for cooperation to bring uniformity across the country in what and how branches communicate about their activities and programmes. Further details available at https://indianredcross.org/notices/Commwkshp2019.pdf
Celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi

Image: Mahatma Gandhi in the center, middle row with other #RedCross volunteers during the Zulu revolt 1906

The Values of Indian Red Cross Society - Dignity, Empathy, Service, Harmony

IRCS– NHQ Blood Bank

Month of September 2019

Donors - 2845
Voluntary Donors in camps — 2609
Voluntary Donors in house — 183
Replacement Donors in house — 53

Percentage of voluntary donors—98.13%

Household water treatment manual now available at https://indianredcross.org/ircs/ourpublications in English, Hindi, Tamil and Bengali languages

8 tips to tackle climate change:

- Become a climate activist
- Vote and support green policies
- Participate in climate gatherings
- Express your opinion and listen to others
- Support tree planting (e.g. bamboo)
- Organize a local clean-up
- Share your knowledge
- Become a volunteer

Courtesy: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
The best thing you can do is take action #ForClimate! http://bit.ly/IFRCClimate
Swachhata Hi Sewa
Say No to Single Use Plastic

IRCS Campaigns across Tripura, Haryana, Maharashtra, West Bengal—Good work done by our highly motivated Youth Red Cross volunteers More at https://indianredcross.org/ircs/events/swachhatahisewa2019

World First Aid Day
14 September, 2019

Message by Secretary General, IRCS, NHQ

Read at: https://indianredcross.org/publications/SGMessageWFAD.pdf

Awareness and demonstration for First Aid and CPR during observation of world First Aid Day 2019 with the theme "First Aid and Excluded People" at Deaf and Mute Govt School Takyel Manipur at https://twitter.com/i/status/1172872099012042753

Mock Drill in Assam and workshops in Haryana and Odisha

Nukkad Natak on Stop single use plastic by Uttrakhand IRCS Available at https://vimeo.com/364724304

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Flood Response by Indian Red Cross Bihar and other State Branches— September 2019

Great humanitarian work by SERV and PfR volunteers, YRC members of Indian Red Cross

Helping victims during Uttarakhand cloud burst

More at https://www.indianredcross.org/ircs/events/glimpses