

**PROCEEDINGS OF  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Virtual)  
HELD ON  
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OF  
INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY**



**Indian Red Cross Society  
National Headquarters**

**CONFERENCE ROOM, INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

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Chairman & NHQ Officials, ICRC & IFRC Joined from NHQ, Governors/ Lt. Governors & others from their respective locations.

**Welcome Address by Secretary General, Shri R. K. Jain, IAS (Retd.)**

I extend a hearty welcome to the Hon'ble Chairman and Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Chemicals & Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya ji, Hon'ble Governors & Lt. Governors, Members of the National Managing Body, Chairman/ General Secretaries of State/ UT branches distinguished Red Crossers who are being awarded Gold Medal and Certificate of Merit, delegates from State/ UT branches and all other participants attending this meeting.

2. At the outset, I take this opportunity to convey the deep appreciation of the Indian Red Cross Society to the Hon'ble President of India for having fixed the date for convening this Annual General Meeting for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21. I also express my sincere thanks to Hon'ble Chairman for agreeing to preside over this AGM at IRCS, NHQ. I would very humbly inform the General Body that it has been less than a year when our current Chairman took over the regime of IRCS. However, within this short duration, the spark of his genius is visible in the Indian Red Cross Society. He has given clear guidelines and directions to take IRCS to newer heights.

3. The pandemic which started spreading its tentacles in February- March, 2020 in India, and impacted all of us, has also opened new opportunities and modes of communication. One could never imagine that the Statutory meetings of the government and corporate world would take place in virtual mode. Sir, this is the first time ever that the AGM is taking place at the IRCS, NHQ headquarters, in which most of the participants have joined virtually.

4. Sir, Red Cross gets opportunities to rise and shine during adversities. The pandemic forced the entire world to be inside their houses. However, the ailing and suffering people required care, support and sometimes intense medical treatment. During such challenging times, IRCS was standing shoulder to shoulder with the Govt. at local level to provide required services through its staff and volunteers during the lockdowns. The services included awareness & advocacy, distribution of personal hygiene items, food and dry ration packs, community

surveillance & counselling, logistic support to quarantine & isolation centres, provision of blood, oxygen related equipments, life supporting devices, medicines etc. IRCS, NHQ had become single point of contact for all kinds of over 400 relief consignments that came into the country from all over the world through ships, cargo & passenger planes, chartered flights and special air-force flights.

5. Red Cross, being a recipient of public money and donations, must ensure that the funds are utilized judiciously and relief items are distributed properly. Complete transparency and accountability are the new mantras of Hon'ble Chairman. Under his guidance, IRCS, NHQ has recently prepared and circulated uniform guidelines for improving and upgrading accounting system and financial management of the branches. I would like to place on record that the inputs provided by the Hon'ble Chairman in developing this document have been very professional. In addition, special audit has been initiated of the accounts of IRCS, NHQ and select four branches. The objective is to assess the ground realities of accounting and auditing and also to build capacities of the staff. The special audit team will also suggest measures to be adopted to streamline the functioning of IRCS at all levels.

6. In order to enhance transparency at the NHQ, all receipts, entire expenditure and all payments are put up on the website on monthly basis. A dashboard is being envisaged which shall contain updated information on donations, stock position of relief items and dispatch & distribution updates of the items by the warehouses and the branches.

7. Indian Red Cross Society continued ongoing projects like SERV, prevention of TB, restoring family links (RFL), helpline services, etc. NHQ also released relief materials such as Tarpaulins, Kitchen sets, Mosquito nets, Sarees, Dhotis, Bed sheets, Towels, Blankets, etc. to cater to the emergency requirements of people affected by floods, cyclones, landslides, etc. WASH programme was undertaken in Odisha to enable rural communities in two coastal districts of Ganjam and Nayagarh to manage water and sanitation systems for improved health and well-being. A flood early warning project, with funding support from Google through the IFRC, is being implemented in the flood prone states of Assam and Bihar. The NHQ is also continuing TB project in few states, under which the TB patients who discontinue their treatment are tracked and motivated by Red Cross volunteers to resume their treatment.

8. Keeping pace with the time & to remain relevant we have a dynamic website, interactive social media channels, app for blood requisition, e-office for file movement & willingness to adopt new technologies for efficient administration and disaster management. Some of the initiatives taken in the area of blood

services include launching of 'eBlood Services' mobile App, starting a Thalassemia Screening and Counselling Centre & Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) facility at National Headquarters. Solar energy plant has also been set up and made operational at NHQ.

9. In Order to streamline the entire process, from training till issue of First Aid certificates, NHQ has already initiated the process to conduct online First Aid examinations for which a project management consultant has already been engaged. The process for selection of a vendor, for conducting online examinations, is nearing completion and pilot phase in Delhi, Haryana and Punjab, is likely to begin shortly. This will bring transparency and successful candidates will be able to download their First Aid Certificates.

10. Building capacities of the branches and making them financially sustainable is the another priority, under which Uttarakhand State branch is being supported to construct a warehouse. In addition, Gujarat state branch run senior citizen home at Ahmedabad is also being upgraded. The branches going in for solar panels on their roof tops shall also be supported by the NHQ. The disaster-prone branches and the branches having warehousing capacity are being provided relief items to pre-position relief material to ensure timely and efficient disaster response.

11. I would also like to inform that on an appeal launched by IFRC Headquarters in Geneva, IFRC received about Rs.164/- crores, which were meant for Covid response by the Indian Red Cross Society. These funds are being utilized to build capacity of the branches and blood centres to respond to such situations more effectively in future. These funds are being used to provide ambulances, blood collection vans, mobile testing vans, blood bank equipments, oxygen concentrators, Paediatric ICU's units, blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits etc. to the branches. A number of other National Societies, associations of Indian diaspora and others have also extended help both in cash and kind. More than 150 vehicles are being given to State/ UT branches, out of which 38 have already been received and distributed.

12. NHQ has provided large quantities of blankets before the onset of winters in 2021 to the hilly States & UT's of Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Uttarakhand and Northeastern states. We have sufficient supplies of essential disaster relief items in the pipelines which is unprecedented in the history of Red Cross. We feel happy to see visual images of distribution of relief items, particularly Hygiene Kits and blankets allotted by NHQ, on social media that is posted regularly by the branches. Some branches have also started Oxygen Concentrator Banks to help the patients. Details of the response by IRCS NHQ and branches are already covered in the Annual Reports which have been circulated.

13. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all our State, Union Territory and District branches, their leaderships, volunteers, and staff for the exemplary work carried out in the field with passion and dedication. Without their support and ground level work, we would not have become the leading humanitarian organisation in the Country. I also take this opportunity to especially thank and laud the generosity of all blood donors.

14. Today I must recognize the key factor behind our achievements this year and for last 100 years have been the volunteers. They are the backbone of Indian Red Cross, who selflessly give their time, energy, and efforts to service the people and help Indian Red Cross achieve its objectives. I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their commitment to the humanitarian work. Sir, Red Cross volunteers will be happy to associate with Govt. programmes which are meant to improve the life of the common people. Sir, the branch officials & volunteers would also like to meet you whenever you visit any state or district in the country. I am sure that this would motivate & stimulate the branches to perform better in future.

15. With these words, I once again welcome all of you and seek the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman to take up agenda items for the AGM.

After this the Secretary General took up the statutory agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

### **Statutory Agenda**

First item was **confirmation of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of IRCS held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.**

### **Confirmation of Proceedings**

"We have circulated the proceedings and posted them on the website," the Secretary General stated, "but no comments have been received from anyone." As a result, we accept it as confirmed. Attendees confirmed the proceedings by nodding and waving their hands. The Secretary General also stated that the chat box is now open for comments. Anyone with comments is welcome to post them in the chat box; we will respond later. There was no response nor any clarification sought in the chat box.

## **Adoption of Annual Reports**

The Secretary General announced that the second agenda item is the adoption of the Indian Red Cross Society's Annual Report for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Secretary General said, "These Annual Reports were already circulated to branches by email on April 25, 2022 and posted on the website. The National Managing Body approved it in a meeting attended by all members of the Managing Body. So, if there are no comments, we can move forward with this. We will also post it on our website." As no one made any comment or observation the reports were approved and adopted.

## **Adoption of Annual Accounts**

The Secretary General announced that the adoption of the Indian Red Cross Society's Audited Annual Accounts for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 would be the next item on the agenda. The audited annual accounts, he said, had been approved by the Indian Red Cross-National Managing Body and had been circulated and posted on the website. Because there are no comments, we can adopt the two-year Annual Accounts. Thus, the Annual Report & Annual Accounts of IRCS were adopted.

## **Adoption of Annual Budget**

The annual budget estimate was then presented. The Secretary General stated, "The Annual Budget Estimates of Income and Expenditure of the IRCS for the year 2022-23 have been approved by the Finance Committee and the Managing Body and these have also been circulated." The SG informed that the budget was before the General Body for adoption. Accordingly, the General Body adopted the Annual Budget.

## **Appointment of Statutory Auditors**

Appointment of Statutory Auditors for fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 was the next item on the agenda. The Secretary General informed that the Indian Red Cross Finance Committee has recommended M/s A. J. Mohan & Associates as IRCS Statutory Auditors for a fee of Rs. 24,000 per annum for two years. He added that this fee is a much lower amount than we are currently paying. Members of the Finance Committee had interacted with the firm to find out why the rates are so low, and the firm stated that they reduced the amount because it is a

humanitarian organisation and they only want to charge a token amount. As a result, the Finance Committee recommended, and the Hon'ble Chairman approved the appointment of M/s A. J. Mohan & Associates as IRCS'S Statutory Auditors for two years. The Hon'ble Chairman inquired about the auditors' tenure with IRCS. It was informed by SG, IRCS that Auditors have been only changed this year. The Hon'ble Chairman stated that IRCS should not appoint the same auditor for more than three years.

### **Announcement of Awards**

The SG stated that the last item on the agenda is presentation of awards for the best performing branches and individuals for their humanitarian services, fund raising, blood collection and membership. He mentioned that the awards shall only be announced as it was a virtual meeting. Thereafter, following awards were announced, based on the scrutiny of the nominations by an Internal Committee, recommendations of the Awards Committee and approval of the Hon'ble Chairman.

### **INDIAN RED CROSS MEDAL (GOLD MEDAL)**

Secretary General announced the awards as below.

This is a gold-plated medal and is the highest award of Indian Red Cross Society. This award is given to anybody who has devoted services for the humanitarian cause of Red Cross. These awards are conferred to anybody who has rendered not less than 15 years of service to the Red Cross and there is no discrimination of race, position, or gender. The Society may give up to two medals in one year.

Following are the recipients:

#### **For the year**

#### **2019-20**

Sl.No.	State Branch	Name of the Candidate
1	Telangana	Sh. Mamidi Bheem Reddy, Hyderabad
2	Gujarat	Dr. Prafull V. Shiroya, Choryasi Taluka Branch

**2020-21**

Sl.No.	State Branch	Name of the Candidate
1	Goa	Sh. Gaurish M. Dhond
2	Andhra Pradesh	Sh. Polumahanthi Jagmohna Rao, Chairman, Srikakulam District

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Sl. No.	State Branch	Name of the Candidate
1	Uttar Pradesh	Sh. Akhilendra Shahi
2	Bihar	Sh. Anil Kumar Chamaria
3	Odisha	Sh. Prabir Kumar Das
4	West Bengal	Sh. Shyamal Baran Mukherjee
5	Maharashtra	Dr. Chandra Mohan Gupta
6	Tamil Nadu	Sh. J. Raja Mohamad

**2020-21**

Sl. No.	State Branch	Name of the Candidate
1	Chhattisgarh	Mr. Alexander M. Cherian
2	Jammu & Kashmir	Sh. Jugal Kishore Mahajan
3	Manipur	Mr. Ngao Benjamin Tao
4	Uttarakhand	Dr. Mohd. Salim Ansari
5	Kerala	Mr. K. Gireesh Babu
6	Punjab	Mr. Jatinder Singh Soni

**FUND RAISING & MEMBERSHIP SHIELD**

The two shields, which are given for Fund Raising & Membership, were announced as under:

Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Position (State Branch) Large Shield	1 <sup>st</sup> Position (UT Branch) Large Shield
2019-20	Odisha	Delhi
2020-21	Odisha	Delhi



### Fund Raising and Membership Shield (Small)

Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position (State Branch) Small Shield
2019-20	Andhra Pradesh
2020-21	Haryana

### **BLOOD DONATION SHIELDS**

For collection of highest number of voluntary blood, the name of following awardees were announced:

Year	Name of State Branch
2019-20	Odisha
2020-21	Odisha

For Maximum Blood collection vis-a vis population

Year	Name of State Branch
2019-20	Dadra Nagar Haveli
2020-21	Dadra Nagar Haveli

Thereafter, Secretary General with the approval of the Chairman, opened the house for the views, suggestions, and comments of the Members of General Body. Hon'ble Governors present were requested to give their comments and observations one by one.

### **Governor of Telangana, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan:**

In her address to the meeting, Telangana Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan said, "Good morning, everyone. I pay my humble respects to our Hon'ble Health Minister, all Telangana state branch officials, and all other branches. I am very happy to attend this programme because it provides us with a platform to share our perspectives and receive updates on all humanitarian work done, and it motivates us to continue with this noble work of assisting the vulnerable and needy.

During the Covid period, the Telangana branch performed admirably. Programmes were held across the state to encourage youth to participate in voluntary blood donation. I take this opportunity through this platform to thank the Army and Police personnel who donated blood for the thalassaemic patients during the Covid pandemic. During those times, it was extremely difficult to make blood

available for the needy. It was difficult to make such arrangements, but this was made possible due to the tireless and dedicated efforts of Red Cross volunteers and staffs.

We have set up Jan Aushadhi stores in all the branches. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister initiated campaign to promote generic medicines, and we are moving forward with it.

The Junior and Youth Red Cross had started membership drives for blood donors. They have developed a blood donation app. When our Hon'ble President visited Telangana, he launched this one-of-a-kind app. During the pandemic whenever they received messages on Twitter or WhatsApp, they notified the Red Cross and groceries and other items were distributed through Red Cross branches to the vulnerable and needy.

I also hold the charge of the Puducherry UT branch. I would like to mention here that the Puducherry branch has also done exemplary work, particularly for the downtrodden and in remote areas.”

She concluded her remarks by saying, "I am grateful to the National Headquarters for providing ambulances for the tribal population." She also thanked NHQ for the hygiene kits and soaps that were distributed to needy and poor sanitary workers, which she said was very helpful. "I appreciate NHQ's cooperation and assure you that the Telangana branch will do even better in the future," she added. She also displayed a book detailing Red Cross activities in the state of Telangana.

The Secretary General informed her that the IRCS National Headquarters will provide Telangana two ambulances, one large blood collection van, three small blood collection vans, one mobile testing van, and one negative pressure ambulance in the coming months.

### **Governor of Manipur, Shri La. Ganesan:**

Manipur's Governor, Shri La Ganesan, stated, "I am delighted to be here with you all. As President of the Indian Red Cross Society in Manipur, I became more interested in vaccination. I accept that the percentage of those who were immunised at the start was relatively low because most of the Manipur's population comes from tribal areas. People are now getting vaccinated and things are changing. When the Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi ji visited Manipur, I proposed holding a meeting with all religious leaders from the Muslim and Christian communities.

I personally visited schools and colleges to encourage and motivate youths to get vaccinated. Badges were distributed during various public awareness campaigns. The Manipur branch was active, particularly during the pandemic. However, due to a lack of funds, they ran into unavoidable problems.

### **Governor of U.P, Ms. Anandi Ben:**

“First and foremost, I would like to state that the National Headquarters support for Red Cross Society branch is deficient in some way. The TB project has been ongoing since 2021 in Amethi, Varanasi, and Lucknow. However, the branches have yet to receive the funds from National Headquarters. This request has been sent multiple times. Running the TB initiative by the State branch is exceedingly challenging because there is no allocation in the budget for paying salaries to the workers. The TB project by IRCS, NHQ is currently running in only three districts, despite the fact that U.P has 75 districts with a larger population and one of the five TB patients is from U.P. It is requested that you assist us in completing this project.

The SERV project is being implemented in the districts of Deoria, Sitapur, Lakhimpur and Lucknow by the NHQ in New Delhi. Hygiene kits and tarpaulins were distributed at these locations. We have not received any information from the National Headquarters in the year 2022-2023 about this project. The SERV project must be implemented in all districts across the state. There is also a need to implement other projects in the U.P State Branch so that more Red Cross activities can benefit a larger number of people.

Despite having the largest population in the country, there is no Red Cross Blood Centre in the state. The patients in the state are in constant need of blood. Hence, new Blood Centers must be established in each district of the state. The establishment of a new blood center appears to be a difficult task due to lack of funds. I believe that a recurring grant from the NHQ is required for the establishment of blood centers in various districts of the State, so that more and more people can benefit.

Concerning the Blood donation programme, we have spoken with and are connected with various universities and colleges and held several blood donation camps. People are receiving blood on time as a result of these efforts and they are also registering for platelet donation. However, I believe that some kind of donation and support is required for the blood programme.

It is our responsibility to realize our Hon'ble Prime Minister's dream of eradicating tuberculosis from India by 2025. The TB eradication programme is progressing well with the assistance of the Uttar Pradesh State Government and the Raj Bhawan.

During World Tuberculosis Day, we spoke with 75 districts and adopted 85,000 TB patients.”

**Mr. Alexender M.Cherian, Vice-President & District Coordinator, IRCS Bastar District**

**Branch, Chhattisgarh:**

“First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to you, sir, for nominating the Chhattisgarh State Branch for the Merit Certificate Award. I would like to propose that the Red Cross Society should join and connect with all government plans & projects particularly those pertaining to the health. During the pandemic, the NCC, NSS and Scouts were attached to the government's plans and policies for relief work, but the Red Cross was left out. The Red Cross is one of the most effective organizations to reach out to the vulnerable and marginalized communities at the grassroots level. We can reach remote areas where even the government has difficulty in reaching out. I also propose the establishment of Generic Medical Stores through the Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.”

He stated that 120 generic medical stores were opened in Chhattisgarh as part of the Central Government's Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana. However, these medical stores are on the verge of closing due to their remote location, i.e. they are not located on hospital grounds. Under this Yojana, these generic medical stores should be located on the campuses of medical colleges and hospitals so that patients can easily access them. He requested that this Yojana be implemented by an order by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**Sh. Polumahanthi Jaganmohna Rao, Chairman, Srikakulam District Branch (Andhra Pradesh):**

Mr. Jaganmohan thanked the Hon'ble President of the society and the Hon'ble President of India, the Hon'ble Chairman of the society and the Hon'ble HFM, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya ji, the Secretary General of the IRCS, the NMB members of NHQ, the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh and the Governors of all other states in attendance in his remarks. “I thank all the Gold Medal recipients. I attribute the achievement of all my IRCS members who participated in doing service to the needy and vulnerable round the clock,” he stated. “My responsibilities have grown and I am now even more motivated as a result of receiving this medal,” he added.

“Under the capable leadership of Dr. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman, IRCS, Andhra Pradesh state branch, we are undertaking numerous projects and activities throughout the state of Andhra Pradesh. The activities included Junior Red Cross

and Youth Red Cross promotion, plantation programmes, orphanage and old age home maintenance, and so on. We are also carrying out the SERV programme. Our other activities include distribution of funds to the needy and poor marginalised people, distribution of food amongst more than 3.5 lacs of people, funeral of 300 dead bodies, distribution of dry ration, masks, and other items to 2000 people." Finally, he stated, "With the assistance of NHQ, we have provided a lot of assistance to all needy people."

The Secretary General took the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman to request that everyone should write down what they want to say. The chairman was then requested to address the Red Cross General Body.

### **Address by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Chairman:**

"Today, I am presiding over the AGM for the first time after the authorization of the Hon'ble President of India. I welcome you all. Due to the Covid Pandemic, the AGM is being held virtually. In the future, we will also meet face to face. The Red Cross Society, in my opinion, makes a significant contribution to the health sector. The President of the society is the Hon'ble President of India and the President of the society in the state branches is the Hon'ble Governor. This demonstrates the large canvas of Red Cross Society. Work of the Red Cross is consistent with our culture. Health was never a business for the country, but rather a service. It is necessary to consider how the Red Cross can function as a service organization. I believe that the Red Cross has the best opportunity to serve in the health sector in the country because it is a system that has been in place for years and where people also work enthusiastically.

The Red Cross's work is directly visible to everyone. People are aware that the Red Cross is doing a good job in the health sector. Today, in any town in the country, the Red Cross is preserving its name and identity in society through its work. We must think about how to strengthen this institution. How can we highlight the work of Red Cross in the society? In my one-year experience, I believe that two or three things should be changed so that we can serve society much better through the Red Cross. This institute is led by people with good reputation in the community. Whether they hold a meeting or issue a press release, it becomes news in the media. As a result, new initiatives for the betterment of the people should be undertaken by the Red Cross at both the state and district levels."

Hon'ble Chairman further stated, "By connecting with the Red Cross at both the state and district levels, we can create more and more opportunities for young

volunteers and youths to serve the society. Today's youth have a lot of potential and vibrancy and they want to serve the society as best as they can.”

He continued, “Tuberculosis is one of the curses that almost completely engulfs the nation. To end tuberculosis in India, participation from all development sector players, including Red Cross, is desired. All NGOs and other social service providers should combine their resources and turn it into a movement of the people. The approach used in UP, in which nutritional supplements are given to TB patients needs to be replicated across the nation. A kit of wholesome food should be sent to the families of TB patients once every month.

Red Cross has a lot of responsibility because it is regarded as the most credible organisation in the health and disaster response sectors. The Hon'ble Prime Minister wants the country to be tuberculosis-free by the end of 2025. It is our responsibility to work in that direction to achieve a TB free India by that time.

Red Cross is well-known for blood donation but it is quite limited. There is a need to motivate and encourage more and more people to come up for voluntary blood donation. More people need to be inspired to donate blood in order to increase the amount of voluntary blood donation. This will make Red Cross more vibrant and active. I have no doubt that the Red Cross would be able to achieve it on its own.

I would like that we meet at least once every three months to review our work, workout the changes to address the challenges and prepare plans for the next steps to reach the goal. TB eradication campaign could be an excellent opportunity to strengthen and revitalise the Red Cross.

I express my appreciation for the 150 ambulances, blood collection vans and testing vans that are being delivered to the Red Cross branches and blood centres across the nation to provide health and blood services at the doorsteps of the people.

It is my expectation that in the coming days, the Red Cross will make a special place for itself by providing quality health services to the people of the country. Red Cross should become the centre of coordination for non-governmental organisations at both the state and district levels. Industries want to make good use of their income by releasing grants under CSR. Health sector is a top priority for them. We should try to get Red Cross included in corporate CSR initiatives to make health care more accessible.

As Presidents of the State & UT branch, the Governors involvement in Red Cross operations would help the organisation gain a lot of credibility and visibility.

Thanks for your participation in the meeting.”

The vote of thanks was given by Deputy Secretary Sh. N. K. Singh.

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to Hon'ble Sh. Ram Nath Kovindjee, President of India and President of Indian Red Cross Society, for selecting the date for the AGM. Hon'ble President had enrolled as a member of Red Cross in Delhi over 20 years ago.

I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the Managing Body of IRCS, NHQ, Red Cross officials, members, and volunteers to Dr. Mansukh Mandviya ji, our Hon'ble Chairman and Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, for presiding over this General Body Meeting, which is taking place for the first time at our premises.

The Hon'ble Governors' participation in this meeting and sharing of their ideas and opinions is also gratefully acknowledged by IRCS, NHQ.

Additionally, I want to express my gratitude to the National Managing Body members who have worked diligently and aggressively to make the Indian Red Cross one of the nation's most well-known humanitarian organizations.

I also acknowledge the assistance of the partners, including but not limited to the ICRC, the IFRC, the Canadian Red Cross, and other governments and national organizations, whose assistance and contributions are included in the reports for the fiscal years 2019–20 and 2020–21.

I also thank the State and Union Territory branch Chairman, Secretaries, and Committee members who were present online to observe the proceedings of this AGM on behalf of the National Headquarters.

I also congratulate and thank the awardees for their participation in this meeting. I am confident that the recognition bestowed upon the awardees will inspire others to do more humanitarian work in the country.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues who worked on the documentation for this event, including the reports, accounts, and proceedings, as well as the coordination with the branches. A special thanks to the colleagues who organised all of the logistics and provided the appropriate atmosphere for the meeting to run smoothly.

I would also like to thank the IT team at the IRCS, NHQ for their assistance in the hybrid conduct of the AGM, the proceedings of which were aired live for the Red Cross audience worldwide.

With the proposed vote of thanks, the meeting closed.