



# Indian Red Cross Society

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### Stock Availability NHQ Blood Bank

Update from 16th to 18th June, 2020

Units Collected : 146  
Units Issued : 284

Units Available Today-  
140 units of PRBC,  
89 units of PC,  
279 units of FFP; 110 units of WB

### Recent Updates

90 units of blood was collected by IRCS Punjab (50 in Barnala & 40 in Jalandhar) on the 'World Blood Donor Day'. The State Branch has been successful in collecting a total of 4406 units during the lockdown period.

Thanks to the skills gained during training, many of the widow beneficiaries enrolled under the Livelihood Project at IRCS Manipur are sustaining themselves during the lockdown period by stitching & selling masks. One such lady even donated masks for Red Crossers.

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, IRCS Goa collected 49 units of blood at a camp organized by Salcete Taluka District Branch. Till date, the State Branch has collected 322 units of blood through 7 camps in the lockdown period.

IRCS Jalpaiguri, West Bengal recently distributed ration packets, tricycles, wheelchairs, hearing aids & other support equipment among 80 disabled people.

Red Crossers have been working hard to motivate people to donate blood during COVID. This World Blood Donor Day saw Mr. Aditya, a young student who recently stepped into adulthood donating blood for the first time. On being asked, Aditya was quick to attribute motivation provided by Ms. Prachi, a Red Crosser from Uttar Pradesh behind his decision to donate blood!



### Despatch to State/UT Branches

#### IRCS Jharkhand:

Face Masks: 1,02,000;  
Gloves: 6000 pairs; Face shields: 540; PPEs: 100

#### For Ranchi Blood Bank

Face Masks: 3000; Gloves: 1000 pairs; PPE kits: 100; Face shields: 270; Thermal guns: 01

The advent of summer followed by monsoon bring with them several diseases. With taps drying up, people have to depend on natural water sources to meet their daily needs. Volunteers in Uttarakhand recently cleaned streams in Meladungri & Ghanghal to ensure water used by people is fit for consumption & does not lead to spread of illnesses. Besides, they also educated the local communities on the importance of keeping one's surroundings clean in order to prevent them from becoming breeding ground for mosquitoes.



### Popular on Social Media- A Video Tribute by IRCS

IRCS extends its heartfelt gratitude to the US Government & USAID India for supporting India with the first tranche of 100 high-quality ventilators that will be deployed for the treatment of critically ill patients. Thank you ICRC New Delhi for this wonderful video tribute! Together we Can!

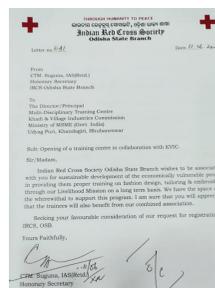


### Creating Livelihoods in the POST COVID Period

Whilst the battle against COVID may be far from over, it is time to devise recovery strategies parallelly so that livelihood opportunities can be provided locally to scores of people who have lost their jobs in the wake of COVID.

Against this backdrop, IRCS Odisha State Branch has fostered a partnership with KVIC (Khadi & Village Industries Commission) that will initially entail provision of commensurate training in different fields to beneficiaries for a period of three months. Collaboration with ITI (Industrial Training Institute) is also being attempted.

Vulnerable groups, especially women, will be the focus of these trainings through on-boarding of Self Help Groups (SHGs) & other local bodies. Trainees will also be provided a certificate by KVIC that will enable them to obtain a loan, supporting them in building a dependable source of livelihood for their families. Given the need of the hour, training will be imparted on stitching of reusable masks, for which good quality cotton cloth, available with the State Branch shall be utilized. Trainees will gradually progress to making T-shirts, caps & other things usually required by Red Cross on a regular basis. The training will be conducted in-house at IRCS Odisha's DPTC (Disaster Preparedness Training Centre).



### A Centurion Donor Completed his 114th Blood Donation



We congratulate Sh. Mahender Gaur for completing his 114th blood donation at IRCS NHQ Blood Bank on the 17th of

June, 2020. A few days shy of turning 65, Sh. Gaur has actively supported various initiatives launched by NHQ Blood Bank to promote voluntary blood donation and create awareness on its importance.

### Saving Lives, Changing Minds