"I appreciate the enormous efforts put in by Red Cross to facilitate & motivate the voluntary blood donor movement in this time of crisis. I am pleased to see 40,000+ volunteers spearheading the Red Cross movement across the country & reaching the needy with essential relief aid. I encourage them to continue their efforts & facilitate social distancing by being role models for everyone."

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon’ble HFM & Chairman IRCS

Our Impact

RC Blood Banks in Telangana collected 4441 units of blood in the last one month

RC Blood Bank in Amreli, Gujarat collected 225 units of blood in the last one month

4,96,269 food packets distributed among the needy in Haryana

10000 face masks provided to doctors & health workers in Bhabua, Bihar

Relief aid provided to 2000 people in quarantine centers of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

1424 units of blood collected in Odisha in the last one month

Dry ration provided to 18,593 families in Himachal Pradesh

Today’s Highlights

Hon’ble HFM & Chairman IRCS, Dr. Harsh Vardhan ji interacted with Red Crossers, including the State Leadership today. He appreciated their current work & advised them to continue their efforts towards encouraging voluntary blood donations, facilitating social distancing & creating awareness among the masses

The recent avalanche from Changthang glacier in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand did manage to block the Gangotri NH for days, but could not weaken the determination of RC volunteers who battled against all odds to provide relief aid & other essential commodities to villagers who got cut-off due to the heavy landslide

Updates from NHQ

**Blood Bank- NHQ**

Units Collected : 24
Units Issued : 68
Units Available - 117 units of PRBC, 104 units of Platelet Concentrate, 1134 units of FFP

16,411 RC volunteers have downloaded the Aarogya Setu App till date

220 PPEs & 25,000 face masks received in donation
Red Cross Volunteers are in action across 550+ districts

IRCS Tamil Nadu State Branch

“Due to corona pandemic, Tamil Nadu Govt. implemented Section 144 on March 24. Consequently, many people are facing hardships in meeting essential needs. IRCS Tamil Nadu has provided INR 45.00 lakhs worth of relief aid to 7500 needy families.”

Dr. Harish L Metha, Chairman, IRCS Tamil Nadu State Branch

- **District Branches:** 35 (all functional)
- **Frontline volunteers:** 1186
- **People reached:**
  - **Cooked Food** Packets: Daily: 4153; Till date: 114912
  - **Dry ration** Packets: Daily: 695; Till date: 19462
- **Resource Spent on Relief:** INR 45.00 Lakhs (Relief Materials & Transportation Expenses)
- **Ambulances:** 4; **Free Hearse Vans:** 160
- **180 JSSK Vehicles:** 15688 dialysis & cancer patients transported till date
- **Medicines:** 4625
- **Distribution of personal protection items:** Face masks, sanitizers, etc.: 2,01,992
- **Blood Collection:** Till date: 582 units
- **Resources spent on Personal Protection Items:** Rs.40 Lakhs
- **Associated NGOs:**
  - Rajasthan Youth Association Metro Chennai
  - Rotary Club of Chennai Kilpauk
  - Amruthanjan Health Care Ltd.
  - Coca Cola Pvt Ltd.

**Beneficiaries & Donors Speak**

“I work in a company in Guwahati. Because of the lockdown, the company had to close their operations. As a result, I got stranded here. I have been living in Red Cross’ Shelter Home since then and we have been getting all facilities here. The volunteers are also very helpful and nice. I am really thankful to them.”

Suken Devbarma, from Tripura, living in Red Cross’ Shelter Home in Assam

“I received a call from a Thalassemia patient & rushed to donate blood. Since then, I am trying to create a bridge between donors & receivers to tide over this period of low blood availability caused by covid19. Many donors & organisations have joined the mission & are donating blood for the needy. It is my appeal to all to do their bit & serve the nation at this critical juncture.”

Laxman Swain, Blood Donor & Motivator, JRC Officer, Odisha RC, RC Life Member

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