…”Volunteers of IRC are working proactively and selflessly in the service of the Nation. In the current circumstances, when movement is restricted due to COVID-19, IRC has come forward to collect blood from donors either by bringing them to the Blood Bank or by collecting it from their location, to maintain a smooth supply of blood services in these testing times. IRC is actively engaged in providing blood and blood components to the needy patients.”

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

Today, Hon’ble HFM & Chairman IRC, Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the ‘Blood Donation Camp’ organized at IRCs NHQ Blood Bank.

He appreciated the initiatives taken by IRCs to encourage donors to come forward during the COVID19 pandemic so that needs of Thalassemics, other blood transfusion dependent patients & the needy can be met. He also encouraged people to come forward and donate blood in the camp.

Hon’ble HFM & Chairman IRCs appreciated & thanked the blood donors at the camp held at IRCs NHQ today. 134 units were collected.

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Our Impact during the Lockdown

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Our 24/7 Control Room

Operational Since: April 13th, 2020

1000+ Calls received

350+ Blood donations facilitated

150+ Blood seekers aided

300+ Other Services facilitated

200+ Food requirements facilitated

Updates from NHQ

Blood Bank- NHQ

Units Issued : 79
Units Available - 180 units of PRBC, 58 units of Platelet Concentrate, 1451 units of FFP
"Working in the 24/7 control room has been an enriching & satisfying experience for me. I am very happy and proud to have gotten this opportunity to help and serve the needy during a crisis situation like this. I want to thank Indian Red Cross Society for placing faith in me in this critical hour.

Aayushi Gupta, a volunteer working in the 24/7 Control Room at IRCS NHQ

A relief consignment, comprising of hand sanitizers, gloves, masks, wipes, disinfectants & shoe covers was received as a gift from UAE. The total weight of the material received is 8 metric tonnes. IRCS NHQ appreciates this kind gesture & is grateful to the donor for their generosity.

"I needed blood urgently for someone in immediate need & was not able to get it anywhere. However, on reaching Red Cross Blood Bank, I got the required units instantly. My friend who accompanied me also donated blood. I too donate blood often & encourage everyone to do so."

Saurabh Verma, a beneficiary at IRCS NHQ Blood Bank

Special precautions taken by NHQ Blood Bank during COVID19:

- Social distancing
- Regularly sanitizing & disinfecting the premises
- Cleaning of couches after each donation
- Protection of donors through head covers, shoe covers, etc.
- Temperature scanning by infrared thermal guns
- Sanitizers used at every station
- Counselling for Convalescent Plasma Donations through 24/7 Control room
- Supporting Thalassemics registered with other blood banks in NCR for transfusion

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