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Sh. R.K. Jain, Secretary General, IRCS

**Our Impact**

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**Today’s Highlights**

**Today, IRCS NHQ Blood Bank** conducted a blood donation camp in collaboration with an organization, ‘Seva Bharati’. The camp was organized in Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi & 83 units were collected.

**Volunteers in Udupi, Karnataka** are constantly engaging with communities providing essential services to educate them on safety precautions. Recently, they distributed 700+ masks, sanitizers & soaps at 18 auto rickshaw stands.

**Volunteers in Mon, Nagaland** (near the Myanmar border) have been working tirelessly to ensure the safety of the local people. They are facilitating social distancing, encouraging people to wear masks & providing relief aid.

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IRCS Kerela State Branch

"IRCS connects people who need assistance with organizations and individuals who can provide the appropriate help. They recognize that facilitating human relationships can be a useful vehicle for creating change, and they excel at engaging potential partners who can create, maintain, and enhance the well-being of families, neighborhoods, and whole communities."

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- Active District Branches: 14
- Frontline volunteers: 755
- People reached:
  - Cooked Food Packets: Till date: 25,000
  - Dry Ration Packets: Till date: 6,300
- Distribution of personal protection items:
  - Face masks: 2,00,000; Sanitizers: 2,600;
  - Towels: 7,000
- Ambulances: 4

- Blood Services:
  - 250 volunteers donated blood
- Resources spent on relief aid:
  - Rs. 40,14,688
- Hygiene Kits: 5,500 kits supplied to District Hospitals
- Medicines: 400+ people (free of cost)
- Soft Drinks: 35,000 bottles
- Drinking Water:
  - 3,60,000 litres supplied through tankers,
  - 2000+ one litre bottles distributed

Volunteers Speak

"Whenever a natural disaster occurs, it is always the Red Cross that responds quickly and compassionately. The corona pandemic is unlike anything we have ever seen before. It is my pride and pleasure to be associated with Red Cross, especially during a crisis situation like this. I feel absolutely thrilled to serve as a volunteer."

Sh. Unnikrishnan, SDRT Volunteer, IRCS Kerala

In the Media

"As the pandemic continues to affect our daily lives, it is heartening to see the dedication and hard work of our IRCS team. They are working tirelessly to ensure the well-being of everyone affected by the crisis."

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