

## **Indian Red Cross Society**

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### Saving Lives, Changing Minds



On a single day, Indian Red Cross Society **Warangal Rural, Telangana** collected a staggering **2552 units of blood!** The blood donation camps were organized to mark the birthday of Sri.Challa Dharma Reddy, an MLA from Warangal Rural on 08.09.2020 by his supporters.



IRCS Karnataka organized a national level webinar on the occasion of International First Aid Day. Sh. R.K Jain, IAS (Retd) Secretary General, Indian Red Cross Society addressed the participants and emphasized on the need to impart high-quality first aid training by IRCS State/UT Branches across the country. The State Branch Chairman, Sh. Naganna, presided over the virtual event. Volunteers from across the country participated in the webinar where 4 Master Trainers, Dr.Bali, Dr. Rudresh, Ms Prachi and Dr. Kumar V.L.S sensitized the participants on the critical role of First Aid in saving lives.



IRCS **Odisha** inaugurated a Tailoring, Embroidery & Fashion Designing training program in its office premises on 15.09.2020. This livelihood program will benefit the community by enabling beneficiaries to enhance their skill-sets and earn their livelihood. Self Help Group members as well as Youth will be imparted training in advanced tailoring in the State.



#### **Donate Blood: Gift Life**

# Stock Availability NHQ Blood Bank

Update from 1st to 15th September, 2020

Units Collected: 911
Units Issued: 1102
Units Available Today336 units of PRBC,

336 units of PRBC, 27 units of PC, 235 units of FFP; 12 units of WB **Red Cross Blood Banks** across the country continue working tirelessly to maintain adequate supply of safe blood for the needy during the COVID19 pandemic. IRCS **Warangal (U)** collected **51 units** of blood on the occasion of cine actor turned politician, Pawan Kalyan's birthday.

IRCS **Navsari** collected **236 units** in three camps whereas **81 units** were collected by IRCS **Amreli** at one camp. IRCS **Anand** collected **76 units** through inhouse donations.

Chatra Blood Bank has been conducting campaigns to encourage donors to step forward and donate blood for the needy, especially Thalassemics.





IRCS Andaman & Nicobar has been engaged in distributing washable cotton cloth masks among corona warriors, such as sanitary workers, supervisors and others. 2800 such masks have already been distributed in Port Blair.





Volunteers of IRCS Assam facilitated social distancing & encouraged students to follow all COVID safety precautions at exam centers. 3rd phase of relief supplies were also flagged off for flood affected areas from Red Cross warehouse in Noonmati.

IRCS **Goa** distributed soaps sent by NHQ, as well as essential supplies & foot operated sanitizer stands to all COVID hospitals in Goa.



Indian Red Cross staff & volunteers in **Odisha** have been working tirelessly to pack and deliver supplies to flood affected communities. A glimpse!





#### Recent Updates





Punjab State Aids Control Society, Chandigarh assisted Care and Support Centre, Patiala, Punjab with Rs 15,000 for stitching masks. IRCS Punjab sourced these masks from female PLHIV workers associated with the center. 2130 masks have been stitched by 5 ladies so far. A mask distribution outlet has also been set up & 200 masks have been distributed among PLHIV.



2 Water Purification Units (WPUs) have been installed by Red Cross staff & volunteers in flood ravaged Morigaon, Assam. With drinking water sources contaminated, these units are a critical need of the hour & will help provide clean drinking water to affected communities.



YRC: Leading the fight against COVID, YRC volunteers in Kurukshetra distributed masks among street vendors as well as others in need, and also educated them on the importance of following all safety precautions. Red Cross staff & volunteers celebrated World First Aid Day across the country. A glimpse from IRCS Manipur!



Mr A K Gehlot, Joint Secretary, Central Information Commission, conducted an orientation session on Right to Information for Indian Red Cross personnel at **National Headquarters**. Washable IRCS masks & soaps were given to the team for use by their needy staff.