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2023 was a year marked by both trials and triumphs – a year that required us to stand united in the face of adversity and adapt to new and uncertain realities of the world in which we live in. I express my gratitude to volunteers, staff, community leaders and partners for your unwavering commitment to our collective humanitarian vision. Thank you for your trust in what we do together. Wishing you all the very best for 2024!

I am pleased to inform you that on Dec 18th, 2023, we held the IRCS, Managing Body meeting which was chaired by Hon’ble Chairman and Hon’ble HFM, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. Several important and statutory issues were discussed and decided. Also Dr. Anant Pandhare was unanimously elected as the Vice Chairman of Managing Body. On behalf of IRCS, I congratulate him and look forward to his guidance and support.

I am glad to share that National Headquarters with the support of Canadian Red Cross handed over wearable device project to Kerala state branch this month.

I would also like to congratulate Manipur State Branch for becoming team champions in the National Youth Exchange Programme 2023 organised by IRCS, Punjab State Branch.

On 31st December, IRCS, NHQ bid audieu to Dr. Vijay Vats & Sh. Anil Kumar Bansal. We wish both of them good luck, health & prosperity in their retired lives.

I am glad to note that branches observed a number of activities to create awareness on AIDS, TB and Leprosy and to reduce stigma and discrimination against the patients.

The branches observed many important days in Dec like World AIDS Day, International Volunteer Day, Human Rights Day, World Day of the Handicapped etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.
Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

Online meetings were held on 25th Dec, 2023 to request the branches to share the information relating to the filing of FCRA return by the NHQ with the Ministry of Home Affairs. The FCRA returns of the IRCS were filed containing details received from the branches & inputs received from different departments of IRCS, NHQ.

On 5th December, 2023, Secretary General attended virtual meeting on teams on IFRC Certification working group.

Visit

Indian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters with the support of Canadian Red Cross handed over wearable device project to Kerala state branch in the month of December 2023. The details of assets handed over to the IRCS, Kerala state branch after completion of project include: Wearable Device from ECIL – 500 Nos, Clinical Monitoring software license, Laptop for project monitoring - 05 Nos, Office items including furniture. Dr. Betman Bhandari, Canadian Red Cross Country Representative to India, Mr. Ajit Singh Rawat, DM dept. & Mr. Rajesh Chawla, Finance dept. from IRCS, NHQ visited Kerala State Branch in this connection.

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches

Chairman, Vice Chairman, and General Secretary of the IRCS, Assam State Branch called on the Hon’ble Governor of Assam. Discussions were held on the branch activities and its future actions.

Chairman & Vice Chairman of the IRCS, Bihar State Branch called on the Hon’ble Governor of Bihar. Discussions were held on the branch activities.

General Body meeting of IRCS Karnataka state branch was held at Rajbhavan Bangalore on 19th December 2023. The meeting was presided over by Hon’ble Governor of Karnataka Shri. Tawarchand Gehlot.

A review meeting of District Secretaries of all the District Red Cross Branches in Haryana was organised on 28th December, 2023 by the Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana State Branch under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Sushma Gupta, Vice-Chairperson and Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, General Secretary at District Kaithal. All District Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries and District Training Officers from the 22 District Branches of Haryana attended this meeting.
IRCS NHQ Blood Center

Donating Blood During COVID-19 is Safe!
IRCS NHQ Blood Center timings for blood donation:
Monday- Saturday (except 2nd Saturday): 9 AM - 7 PM
2nd Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays: 10 AM - 6 PM
Note: The NHQ Blood Center is open 24/7 for issue of blood

Blood donation camp, Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh, Odisha

Blood donation camp, Bhavnagar, Gujarat

The Month of December, 2023
Donors — 1837
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1631
Voluntary Donors in-house — 206
No. of camps — 31
Blood/Blood Components issued - 3691 units

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre
A single drop of blood can make a huge difference

Donate blood and save lives

Thank you, donors!

Blood donation camp, Pune, Maharashtra

Blood donation camp, Madhubani, Bihar

Blood donation camp, Imphal West District Branch
Imphal East District Branch of the IRCS observed 48th Nupi Lal Day and held a voluntary blood donation camp at the JNIMS Hospital's blood center. 40 units of blood were collected. In Manipur, the Nupi Lal Day was observed to pay homage to the brave women of Manipur who fought against the injustice of British colonial rule in 1939. The day is observed every year on December 12.
On December 12, 2023, IRCS Imphal East District Branch, Manipur handed over relief items to the IDPs of Veterinary Guest House, Porompat. Smt. Kh. Diana, Dy. Commissioner and President, Imphal East District Branch, and Narendra Ningomba, Chairman IRCS Manipur, as well as Manipur University faculty members, including HOD and Dean School of Social Science, Dr. Th. Purnima, were present.


Darrang District Branch, Assam distributed blankets and mosquito nets among 85 needy that included poor widows, old and physically challenged persons.

Distribution of warm clothes amongst students and needy at Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.

Distribution of artificial aids and appliances to the physically challenged persons by District Red Cross, Faridabad, Haryana in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana.

Distribution of relief items amongst fire victims, Katihar, Bihar.

Distribution of relief items amongst needy and vulnerable people in coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh affected by Cyclone Michaung.

Distribution of tarpaulins and hygiene kits among the dalits in Ukasi village, Bihar.
Volunteers from the IRCS, Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch participated in a school safety program at Taibandal H S School in Sonamura, Tripura.

Training in emergency services and first aid was held in Marjakud village, near Boudh, Odisha.

The IRCS, Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch, took part in a state-level mega earthquake drill at the Sephahijala district headquarters, which was organized by the Revenue Department of Tripura.

First aid training and CPR awareness workshop was held for nursing students, Pune, Maharashtra.

First aid training was provided on the spot to the people by the volunteers of Nagaland State Branch.

The IRCS Impal West District Branch organized a Basic First Aid Awareness Program for students in the Department of Physical Education and Sports Science at D.M University, Imphal West. Dr. Bankimchandra Thokchom, Secretary, IRCS Impal West District Branch & First Aid Master Trainer led the program.

First aid training was organized in the High Court premises, Jammu by IRCS J&K along with High Court Bar Association, Jammu. The program was inaugurated by Hon’ble Chief Justice of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh High Court Justice Sh. N Kotiswar Singh along with Hon’ble Justice Tashi Rabastan. A large number of Judges and Advocates attended the event.

Under the supervision of Dr. Koijam Arunkanta (Chairman, Imphal West), the IRCS, Impal West District Branch organized a three-day first-aid training session for newly enrolled youth volunteers at the THAU ground. 25 people attended the training program.
From December 11–13, 2023, the Indian Red Cross Society's West Bengal State Branch in Kolkata hosted a three-day Disaster Management Training at the organization's state headquarters. There were thirty participants from various districts. All trainees and instructors were invited to Raj Bhavan by Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal.

Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, General Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana State Branch inaugurated a five-day District Level Junior Red Cross Training Camp from 11th to 15th December, 2023.

To enhance safety and well being within the Ayurveda College Community, Indian Red Cross Society, J&K-UT today organized First-Aid Awareness programme at Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research for their faculty members and Medical Staff.

Dr. Bankimchandra Thokchom and Dr. Divya Laishram of IRCS Imphal West delivered lecture on health and hygiene and basic first aid and also demonstrated CPR at a 3 days training program on safety & security of children in schools organised by Directorate of Education(S) Govt of Manipur

First Aid Training by IRCS, Pune in K Flex Co.Ranjangoan

IRCS, Imphal West District Branch conducted 3 days First Aid Training program to Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Personal at Imphal International Airport. Altogether 20 personnel attended the training and certificate were distributed to them.

IRCS Maharashtra State branch held a basic first aid session for 20 safety and engineering personnel at the planned Navi Mumbai International Airport project site.
Celebration of Important Days

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day was observed by the Manipur State Branch. Mr. Narendra Ningomba, the Chairman of the IRCS, Manipur State Branch, presided over the program. As resource persons, Dr. AK. Brogen Singh, Prof & HOD, Community Medicine Dept, RIMS, and Dr. I.Homen of the same dept. interacted with the audience.

Celebration of World AIDS Day, Champawat, Uttarakhand

HIV/AIDS awareness rally and workshop, Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh, Odisha

Celebration of World AIDS Day, Pune, Maharashtra

Celebration of World AIDS Day, GDC Kathua, J&K

Celebration of World AIDS Day, IRCS, Drug De-addiction Centre, Patiala, Punjab

Celebration of World AIDS Day, Lakhisarai, Bihar

Celebration of World AIDS Day, Faridabad, Haryana
Celebration of Important Days

International Volunteer Day

Karnataka State branch in association with BMS College for women, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, celebrated International Volunteer Day

Welcome

Sh. Satya Devan. K, Consultant (Administration & Personnel), IRCS, NHQ

Farewell

IRCS, NHQ bid adieu to Dr. Vijay Vats who retired as Medical Officer, IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre and Sh. Anil Kumar Bansal, who retired from the services as Assistant.

Congratulations

The Manipur State Branch became team champion in the National Youth Exchange Programme 2023 organised by IRCS, Punjab State Branch. Out of 6 competitions Manipur State Branch got 1st positions in recitation, solo folk song, poster making, group song, group dance and 3rd place in quiz.
Health Camps and Miscellaneous Activities

Under the supervision of S. Shivdular Singh Dhillon IAS (retd.) Secretary IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Red Cross Drug De-addiction Centre, Patiala, organized an anti-drug awareness talk at DAV Global School Patiala to educate students and teachers. 150 people benefited from this camp.

In Panchkula, the Haryana State Red Cross branch held a First Aid and Home Nursing Lay Lecturer Camp from December 11–18, 2023. This camp was attended by 48 people from 18 districts in the state of Haryana. The camp was inaugurated by Mrs. Sushma Gupta, the vice chairperson, while Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, the General Secretary, was present as the chief guest at the camp’s valedictory function.

IRCS Keonjhar District Branch, Odisha provided an orphaned girl with livelihoods support (one sewing machine with all the accessories and five thousand rupees).

The "seva during Kartik Purnima" program was organized by the IRCS district Red Cross Branch, Puri, Odisha from October 29th to November 27th 2023. Under the program 3098 elderly Habisyalis devotees were provided free food, shelter, and transportation to Shree Jagannath temple.

Health camp for senior citizens, Ranga Reddy district branch, Telangana

Drug awareness and medical check up camp under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan in Shaheedi Sabha at Shri Chamkaur Sahib, Kurali, Punjab
Health Camps and Miscellaneous Activities

An awareness lecture against drug abuse, depression and anxiety was organised in K.J Model High School, Patiala, Punjab.

The IRCS Nagaland Branch took part in the Hornbill Festival.

Health check up camps was organised by the District Red Cross Branch of Faridabad and Gurugram, Haryana.

Inverter was provided to girl students living in Vanvasi Kalyan Hostel, Diggi, Katihar, Bihar.

Red Cross Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Center Nawanshahr, Punjab organized various awareness lectures in the first week of December 2023 under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan.

IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Drug de-addiction centre, Gurdaspur organised an awareness seminar on De-addiction at Govt Sr Sec School for girls, Kahanwan.
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