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Inauguration of the new Bel-Air Super Speciality Hospital at Wai, Satara District, Maharashtra

A new super specialty hospital was inaugurated at Wai, Satara district, Maharashtra on 19th March 2023. Sh. Ramesh Bais, Hon’ble Governor of Maharashtra & President of Indian Red Cross Society, Maharashtra State branch inaugurated the hospital in the gracious presence of Sh. Shambhuraj Desai, Hon’ble Guardian Minister of Satara & Dr. Tanaji Sawant, Minister of Public Health, Maharashtra. Padma Bhushan Sh. Aamir Khan, an Indian actor, film director & producer was also present at the occasion.

I would like to welcome Sh. Subodh Singh, Dr. S.R. Srinivasa Kannan, Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Sh. Raj Kumar Nahataa, Dr. Neerja Birla & Dr. Anant Pandhare, the newly nominated members of the Managing Body. As per provision of IRCS Act, 1920 and IRCS (Constitution of Managing Body) Rules, 1992 the Hon’ble President of India (President of Indian Red Cross Society) has nominated these members. I seek their guidance and support in the humanitarian services of IRCS in the country.

I am pleased to inform you that a new super specialty Red Cross hospital was inaugurated this month in Wai, Satara district, Maharashtra. A 75-bed tertiary care hospital with access to modern diagnostic equipment will serve critical patients in Satara and neighboring districts who were so far rushed to far-flung hospitals in Pune and Mumbai.

I’d like to welcome Mrs. Akhale V. Khamo to our family as the new General Secretary of IRCS Nagaland state branch. I would also like to congratulate Smt. Sushma Gupta, Vice Chairperson, IRCS, Haryana state branch, on her re-election as Vice Chairperson of the Haryana state branch. I congratulate Ms. Geeta Thapa of the IRCS, Jalpaiguri district branch, West Bengal, on receiving the Sushma Swaraj Award for her humanitarian work.

I appreciate the work done by the Andhra Pradesh state branch, which has continued to offer relief items to the State’s most vulnerable residents living in tribal hamlets and has also organised health check-ups and gave away medicines to those in need. I commend the Red Cross volunteers and state branch leaders for their commitment.

I'm pleased to report that branches organised a number of TB and Leprosy awareness-raising events and distributed nutritional kits to TB patients. Awareness campaigns were also held in an effort to reduce stigma and discrimination against those affected.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Indian Red Cross activities. Branches should focus more on training of the volunteers to enhance their capacity for better response in times of emergency.

The branches observed many important days this month like National Safety Day, International Women’s Day, National Vaccination Day, World Water Day, World Tuberculosis Day etc. Such observations give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.
IRCS NHQ Blood Center

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference

The Month of March, 2023
Donors – 1841
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1681
Voluntary Donors in-house — 160
No. of camps— 32
Blood/Blood Components issued - 4367 units

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

Thank you, donors!

Blood donation camp, Imphal, West district branch

Blood donation camp, Nagarkurnool, Telangana

Inauguration of the new Physiotherapy Unit at Red Cross Bhawan, Patna, Bihar by the Hon’ble Governor of the state Sh. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Blood donation camp, Sitamarhi, Bihar

Blood donation camp, Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh

Hon’ble Governor of Odisha, Sh. Ganeshi Lal, inaugurated a new Red Cross regional blood center at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Blood donation camp, NIT, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Blood donation camp, Krishnagar, Nadia district, West Bengal

Blood donation camp, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

IRCS, Secretary General, Sh. R.K Jain attended a virtual meeting held in preparation of the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and the 2024 Council of Delegates on 22nd March 2023.

Sh. N.K Singh, Deputy Secretary attended an online meeting of the Steering Committee for Implementation of GRMS on 23rd March, 2023. Updates on global KPIs were shared. The spotlight of the meeting was a discussion on the ways to overcome challenges to resource mobilization and fundraising capacity development of National Societies.

IRCS, NHQ, Deputy Secretary, Sh. Neel Kamal Singh attended an online meeting on the Global launch of IFRC, Organizational Assessment Toolkit for Protection, Gender and Inclusion to better promote the invaluable diversity of its membership and embrace equity, on International Women's Day, 8th March 2023. IFRC PGI experts, National Societies Leaders participated in the event.

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches

Sh. K Madan Mohan Rao, General Secretary, Telangana state branch participated in a meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana Smt. Tamilisai Soundararajan. Hon'ble Governor exhorted the branch leadership to start Jan Aushadhi shops under PM Jan Aushadhi Yojna.

Dr. Senjam Sunil Singh, Member, National Managing Body & Hony. Treasurer, Indian Red Cross Society Manipur state branch met Telangana state branch, General Secretary, Sh. Madan Mohan during his visit to the state. Various issues for strengthening youth activities and for conducting national-level youth exchange programs were discussed.

IRCS, West Bengal state branch had a meeting at IRCS, SHQ with Ms. Roma Banerjee, Inter-Sectoral Engagement Expert & Mr. Sayantan Ghosh, Capacity Building Expert.
Distribution of Relief Materials

Himachal Pradesh Red Cross along with hospital welfare section distributed hygiene kits among the patients of regional Ayurvedic hospital, Shimla

Distribution of hygiene kits, Pupri, Bihar

Distribution of masks and hygiene kits amongst sanitary workers of Jiribam municipality council, Manipur

Volunteers of Red Cross Arunachal Pradesh distributed relief materials to the fire victims at Itanagar
Distribution of Relief Materials

Distribution of nutrition kits at Colaba Municipality under Nikshay Mitra by Maharashtra state branch

DRCS, Gurugram distributed ration kits to the migrants and TB patients

Volunteers of IRCS Kerala provided relief assistance to people who participated in the Attukkan Pongala, festival

IRCS Tehatta sub-district branch, West Bengal organised the distribution of aids and appliances for physically challenged people.

Distribution of cooked food, Surajpur, Chhattisgarh
At Hola Mohalla festival at Anandpur Sahib, Anandpur, Punjab Red Cross, first aid posts were set up for the pilgrims. Ambulance facilities were also provided to the needy.

First aid training was provided to the employees of Foliage Cooperation, Pune, Maharashtra. 26 people took part in the training program.

First aid training was given to the workers of Gits Food Products Pvt.Ltd, Hadapsar, Pune, Maharashtra.

Telangana State Branch conducted basic first aid & CPR awareness program for Forest range officers at Telangana State Forest Academy, Dulpally, Medchal Malkajigiri District.

Inter state Youth Red Cross training camp for boys was held at Kurukshetra, Haryana by the Haryana state branch. Sh. N.K Singh, Deputy Secretary, also facilitated sessions in the camp attended by 19 State/UT branches.
Trainings & Workshops

Punjab state Red Cross branch organized two days Youth Red Cross counselor's workshop

Capacity building training on disaster preparedness, Kantamal Block, Boudh, Odisha

District level Red Cross training camp, Ambala, Haryana

First aid training program for home guards and police personnel, Hospet, Karnataka

Brigade officers training camp, Panchkula, Haryana
Punjab state branch organised, state-level junior Red Cross camp

Basic first aid & CPR awareness program was held for the employees of Eenadu Entikyala, Mancherial, Telangana

CPR awareness program, Hyderabad, Telangana

Disaster management training at MMCollege, Baunsuni, Boudh, Odisha

First aid training program, Jiribam, Manipur

First aid training, Senapati district branch, Manipur

Volunteers from the IRCS, Imphal West district branch, Manipur provided first aid to the players, during the 2nd Imphal, West district polo tournament.

First aid training, Pune, Maharashtra

First aid camp was held for the employees of Saint Gobain Sekurit India Chakan, Pune, Maharashtra. 22 people participated in the program

First aid Post was opened at Irilbung Kalika, Imphal East Manipur on the eve of Manipuri New Year 2023.

First Aid Training and CPR awareness workshop was held for the workers of Rohan Builders Kharadi, Pune, Maharashtra, 21 people participated in the training program

First aid workshop conducted at Bombay Baptist Church, Colaba, Mumbai, Maharashtra
World Tuberculosis Day

An awareness camp on TB eradication was held at Kanker, Chhattisgarh

An awareness camp on TB eradication, Balod, Chhattisgarh

International Women's Day

Celebration of International Women's Day by offering sweets to the leprosy patients at the leprosy colony, Boudh district, Odisha

International Day Of Forests

Celebration of International Day of Forests, Nadia, West Bengal

National Safety Day

Health checkups and first aid awareness camps were organised at Howrah maidan metro station, Howrah, West Bengal on the occasion of National Safety Day

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ms. Geeta Thapa, Indian Red Cross Society, Jalpaiguri district branch, West Bengal honoured with Sushma Swaraj Award for her valuable contribution and recognition in outstanding public service.

Smt. Sushma Gupta, Vice Chairperson, IRCS, Haryana state branch and Member, National Managing Body, re-elected as the Vice Chairperson of the Haryana state branch for 3 Years

6 nominated Managing Body Members by the Hon'ble President of India (President of IRCS)

Smt. Neerja Birla, Member, National Managing Body, Aditya Birla Education Trust, Mumbai

Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Geeta Diagnostics Complex, Darbhanga, Bihar

Shri Raj Kumar Nahataa, JMRK Legal Associates, New Delhi

Dr. Anant Pandhare, Medical Director, Dr. Hedgewar Hospital, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Vaidyakiya Pratishthan, Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Shri Subodh Singh, Chairman, S. N. Sinha Institute of Business Management, Ranchi, Jharkhand

Dr. S.R. Srinivasa Kannan, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

WELCOME!

Mrs. Akhale V. Khamo, taken over as the new General Secretary, IRCS Nagaland state branch.
Health Camps and Miscellaneous Activities

Distribution camp of artificial supportive equipment for differently abled people, Tehatta district branch, West Bengal

Thalassemia screening & sickle cell prevention control camp was conducted at Nadiad by IRCs Gujarat state branch

Junior Youth Red Cross at Thrissur district branch has taken the initiative to feed animals and birds with water during the summer. This task is carried out each year by students from all over Kerala.

Health camp, blood donation camp and eye check up camps were held at, Krishnagar, Nadia district, West Bengal
The Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR) district of Andhra Pradesh contains the small hamlet of Gabbilala Gondhi, which is situated at the base of a forest. The "Konda Reddis" tribe resides in an isolated hamlet that is far from mainstream society.

The Konda Reddis are one of the most backward tribal groups present in India. It is a prominent community in Andhra Pradesh. They live in the hilly forest regions of Alluri Sitharama Raju District and Srikakulam (Andhra Pradesh) on both banks of the Godavari river. They live in interior forest areas that are largely cut off from the outside world. Traditionally, they were shifting cultivators, and recently, some of them have adopted settled agriculture and horticulture. The collection of non-timber forest products and basket-making supplement the sources of their livelihood. The tribals live in small mud, bamboo, and thatched houses. There is no electricity in this area.

Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman of the AP Red Cross, has instructed the state branch and district branch to conduct a survey of the tribal hamlet in order to enable the Red Cross to conduct a service programme in that village after receiving the information from the neighborhood Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO). On March 19, 2023, Chairman Dr. Sridhar Reddy personally led a group of Red Cross personnel and volunteers and organized a Mega Service Camp in that hamlet, bringing with him a group of medical experts. Everyone received a health checkup, and medicines were also given. Eye screening camp for the tribals was also held. Eye specialists have screened the vision of senior citizens and prescribed refractory glasses, which were handed over by the AP Red Cross.

AP Red Cross concentrates on the Welfare of Tribals in Unreachable Areas

Myanmar is a bordering country to the state of Manipur, India. Moreh town of Manipur is bordering Myanmar which is 110 Kms away from Imphal. Because of the political unrest and internal conflicts in Myanmar, many Myanmarese nationals came to Moreh, Tengnoupal District (India) by crossing the International Border. They are taking shelter at Moreh and many neighboring villages in India. A team of Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur State Branch consisting of Dr. Y. Mohen Singh – Vice President, Narendra Ningomba – Chairman, Athokpam Nabachandra – General Secretary, Premjit Naoroibam – Treasurer, L. Kuber Meetei – MC Member, L. Rajesh Singh – Volunteer and Y. Sanjit Singh – EC Member went to Moreh in the early morning of 29th March, 2023 at 6.30 am. The team along with three other Volunteers of Moreh namely Chandrajit Sharma, R. Krishna and Amit Nath visited two other villages namely Ngamun and Lhangcham village. The team met with some of the Myanmarese nationals who took shelter in these villages. Around 3000 Myanmarese came to the Indian side by crossing the International Border, but the team came across around 300 in these two villages. The team distributed 100 numbers of Mosquito Nets and 50 numbers of Hygiene Kits to them. The team had a meeting with the Volunteers of Moreh and discussed about opening Tengnoupal District Branch.
Indian Red Cross Society launches CPR awareness programme

Training people is important because we need a large number of first responders so that the golden hour of a cardiac arrest patient can be saved before medical help reaches the patient, said Dr. Abha Sharma, state president of the Maharashtra branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

The Red Cross has made a significant contribution to society by training people in the field of medical science and starts many awareness campaigns for the benefit of the general public.

Sahyog's mega blood donation drive on Mar 25

To develop the process of responsive blood donation, Sahyog, the membership club of India's leading blood bank and blood bank association of India, is conducting a mega blood donation drive on March 25 from 9 am to 3 pm at the National Blood Bank, Mumbai. The drive is being held in collaboration with the Mumbai police to provide medical assistance to the needy.

Yuvashakti to be associated with Raj Bhavan Governor

At a function held in the presence of the chief minister, the governor, and other dignitaries, the Yuvashakti foundation was announced as the state's official youth association. The foundation will work towards the welfare of the youth and to create a sense of belonging among them.

Media Coverage

The article discusses the latest media coverage related to different events and organizations, including the training conducted by the Indian Red Cross Society, a blood donation drive organized by Sahyog, and the announcement of Yuvashakti as the state's official youth association.
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