From the Desk of The Secretary-General

I am happy to inform that this month we conducted elections to the National Managing Body (NMB) of IRCS on 12th October 2023. 12 members of the Electoral College who secured maximum number of votes in their respective regions were declared elected. I congratulate all the newly elected NMB members.

I am deeply grieved to learn about the fatal train accidents in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar where precious lives have been lost. Volunteers from the IRCS state branches were actively involved in delivering aid to accident victims and assisting the local authorities in relief and rescue efforts. I extend condolences to the bereaved families and pray that the injured recover soon.

Children of conflict victims in Manipur are suffering psychologically & academically due to the existing imbroglio. Giving psycho social care to such vulnerable children is very important. IRCS, Manipur deserves appreciation for providing this support at such a vital time.

My congratulations to the Andhra Pradesh state branch for the effective launch of the Red Cross JRC/YRC app to spread awareness and provide humanitarian aid throughout the entire state. I also applaud the IRCS, Nagaland state branch for establishing a new sub-branch.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sh. V Gopal, IRCS, Puducherry UT Branch, for receiving the Kalai Ratna Award 2023 and Sh. Itinder Pal Singh Bali in J&K on receiving the Gandhi Global Family's Seva Puraskar.

I applaud the branch's involvement in a number of Swachhta hi Sewa Pakhwada events, which took place from September 17th to October 2nd, including seminars and competitions in schools, an awareness rally, a cleanliness drive, blood donation camps, and a plantation campaign.

The branches observed many important days in October like World Mental Health Day, Global Handwashing Day, World Polio Day, National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, Gandhi Jayanti etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.

The Indian Red Cross Society Dakshin Dinajpur District Branch, West Bengal conducted a one-day session on Red Cross essential principles, emblem, and disaster awareness for seventy-five girls from Khadimpur Girls High School.

First aid and disaster management training (Social emergency response volunteer) was held by IRCS Uttarakhand state branch at Dehradun from 19th to 21st Oct 2023.
Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

Elections to the National Managing Body of IRCS

The elections to the National Managing Body of IRCS were held on 12th October 2023 at IRCS NHQ. Out of 26 members of Electoral College, 21 members participated in the election. 12 members of the Electoral College who secured maximum number of votes in their respective regions were declared elected. Their term started on 16th October, 2023 for a period of two years.

Northern Region:  
- Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal (Haryana)  
- Sh. Shivdular Singh Dhillon (Punjab)  
- Dr. Himabindu Naik (UP)

Southern Region:  
- Dr. A. Sridhar Reddy (AP)  
- Dr. Justice M. Jaichandren (Tamil Nadu)  
- Dr. Suresh B. Kulkarni (Karnataka)

Eastern Region:  
- Sh. AK Absar Hazarika (Assam)  
- Dr. Binay Bahadur Sinha (Bihar)  
- Dr. Senjam Sunil Singh (Manipur)

Western Region:  
- Sh. Ajaybhai H. Patel (Gujarat)  
- Sh. Gaurish M. Dhond (Goa)  
- Sh. Rajesh Krishna Birla (Rajasthan)

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches

Secretary of Haryana State branch Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal called on the Hon’ble Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat. During the meeting activities of Haryana Red Cross & Gujarat Red Cross were presented to the Hon’ble Governor.

Review meeting of IRCS Telangana state branch was held by Hon’ble Governor of state Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan

Hon’ble Governor of Maharashtra & President of IRCS Maharashtra state branch Sh. Ramesh Bais had an activities update meeting with the office bearers & district heads at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai on 3rd October, 2023.
IRCS NHQ Blood Center

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference

The Month of October, 2023
Donors – 1849
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1649
Voluntary Donors in-house — 200
No. of camps — 28
Blood/Blood Components issued - 4511 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

Donate blood and save lives
Thank you, donors!

Haryana Red Cross state branch organised blood donation camp on the occasion of Seva pakwada from 17 September to 2nd October, 2023

Blood donation camp at Red Cross, Patna, Bihar
Blood donation camp, Durg, Chhattisgarh

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Blood donation camp, Bhavnagar, Gujarat
A blood donation camp was held in Haryana's Chautala village. The IRCS Haryana State Branch hosted this camp in partnership with the Relation Help Foundation National Trust. Raktaveers from 164 villages in Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, as well as many states and towns in India and bordering Nepal, took part and donated blood enthusiastically.

IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre participated in the IPU, Health Mela, 2023

IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre participated in the Health Mela organized by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University at Talkatora Stadium from 5th to 10th October, 2023 to mark its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. IRCS, NHQ, Blood Centre provided Mobile Blood Donation Van for Blood Donation Camp and managed a stall in collaboration with the Blood Transfusion Service (BTS). IRCS, Blood Centre also provided volunteers for the stall and IEC materials including standee, backdrop, and posters on blood donation awareness in Health Mela. Blood Donation Camp was conducted on alternate days by IRCS, Blood Centre and RML Hospital where mobile van of IRCS, NHQ Blood Centre was stationed. In this health mela 252 donors were registered in E-raktkosh and out of them 164 donors donated their blood voluntarily.
Distribution of Relief Materials

Distribution of relief material amongst needy and vulnerable people affected by the conflict in Manipur.

IRCS, Manipur state branch, supplied relief goods to innates who had their homes burned down and were now residing in Lamding High School in Thoubal District.

Vishakhapatnam YRC volunteers had rushed to the train accident spot near Kothavalasa and participated in rescue operations. Vizianagaram district branch sent ambulances and hundreds of YRC volunteers.

Distribution of artificial aids and appliances, Rohtak, Haryana. Hon’ble Chief Minister of Haryana Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar was also present during the event.

Disability Testing Camp, Fatehabad Haryana.

Relief materials received from the IRCS, Assam State Branch were handed over to 150 families severely affected by flood in Darrang. Relief included a kitchen set, tarpaulin, sanitizer, mosquito net and other stuffs.

Distribution of relief material amongst flood victims, IRCS, Sikkim.

Hon’ble Governor of Manipur distributed relief materials to IDP of Churachandpur and Bishnupur districts of Manipur.

The IRCS team of Red Cross Buxar and Ara district branch, Bihar continuously provided aid and relief assistance to the victims of Delhi-Kamakhya Northeast Express train accident.

Distribution of relief material amongst orphanage and blind children, Boudh, Odisha.

Relief material distributed amongst fire victims at Katihar, Bihar.
District level YRC camp was organised at district Red Cross branch, Fatehabad, Haryana

Indian Red Cross Society, Drug de-addiction centre Patiala, Punjab organised an awareness lecture on drug addiction & its side effects in Budha Dal public School Patiala. 120 students participated in the session.

Five days YRC camp was organised by Rohtak, district branch, Haryana

200 people attended a first aid and CPR awareness session at Pratibha Institute in Chinchwad, Pune, Maharashtra including teachers, staff, and college students

CPR awareness training camp, Pune, Maharashtra

A three-day Special First Aid Training program was held for Manipur Police personnel

First Aid Awareness programs were held at youth Red Cross units of various colleges of the Davengere district branch, Karnataka.

The Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, collaborated with the Rashatriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and showcased an online session on First Aid in Emergencies at the Assam Tele Education Centre, Govt. of Assam. 2064 schools participated and 1,85,875 students (grades 6-10) were benefited.

TRIBUTE

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of Mr. Vijay Prakash, MTS, IRCS, NHQ. May his soul rest in peace.
The Red Cross IRCS Karnataka provided technical training on climate change and disaster management to employees of Revenue, Police, Excise, and Panchayati Raj departments at the Government of Karnataka Administrative Training Institute.

250 students of Gujarat Vidhyapith, Sadra (Gandhinagar) received Disaster Management training by IRCS, Gujarat State Branch.

IRCS, KSB held First aid awareness program in conjunction with Seshadripuram Evening College.

One day basic first aid workshop was conducted by IRCS Maharashtra state branch on 14 October for 30 teachers of St. JBCN International School, Mumbai.

First Aid training programme, Thoubal district branch, Manipur.

First Aid training programme at Natco Pharma, Hyderabad, Telangana.

Indian Red Cross Society, Karnataka State Branch, conducted First Aid awareness at Seshadripuram Commerce & Management College, Bangalore.

IRCS, Nagaland opened IRCS Jalukie Sub-Division branch to reach out to all parts of the state for creating awareness and giving humanitarian services.

Itinder Pal Singh Bali, received the Seva Puraskar from Gandhi Global Family, presented by the esteemed Padmashree Dr. S.P. Varma.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Celebration of Important Days

Gandhi Jayanti

IRCS, Punjab Drug De-Addiction Centre Patiala organised various activities, including cleanliness drive, plantation drive, blood donation camp, movie presentation etc. under the campaign of Sawach Bharat Abhiyan and on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Swachhta Hi Seva programme was organised by Youth Red Cross unit of Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh Odisha on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

World Mental Health Day

IRCS Punjab, IRC Patiala celebrated World Mental Health Day.

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day

IRCS Manipur organised Voluntary Blood Donation camp on 1st October at RIMS Hospital on National Voluntary Blood Donation Day and as a part of Ayushman Bhavah Campaign ’Seva Pakhwada - Raktdaan Mahadaan’ which started from 17 September to 2nd October. 37 units of Blood was collected.

National Voluntary blood donation day was observed at Kohima college, Kohima, Nagaland.

National Voluntary blood donation day was observed by Karnataka state branch.
IRCS Telangana state branch in association with Govt. of Telangana Dept of Empowerment of Disabled, Senior Citizens & Transgenders organised mobile medicare unit for underprivileged and senior citizens.

Eye checkup camp, Bhiwani, Haryana

Red Cross Integrated Rehabilitation Center for Addicts, Siswan Road, Kurali, Punjab organized an awareness and medical check up camp. 79 people were benefited.

Red Cross Society, Kota district branch, Rajasthan organised a free eye check up and medical camp for auto drivers.

Thalassemia detection camp was held at Mira High School in Palasey by the Indian Red Cross Society, Kaliganj Block, Branch of the Nadia District, West Bengal. 99 participants participated in this camp.

IRCS, Manipur state branch provided psycho-social services to children of conflict victims in Manipur.

YRC volunteers participated in cleanliness drive, Meghalaya

Cleanliness drive, Faridabad, Haryana
Health Camps and Miscellaneous Activities

CONGRATULATIONS!

IRCS A.P State Branch signed an MOU with NCC Andhra Pradesh to work jointly to serve the needy people. Deputy Director General of NCC Mr VM Reddy & IRCS A.P General Secretary, Sri AK Parida, IAS, exchanged the signed copies of the MOU. 75,000 NCC students will get trained in First Aid, disaster management and participate in blood donation.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Review meeting on JRC/ YRC volunteers enrollment was held at Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. Red Cross JRC/ YRC APP, was launched during the event.

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V Gopal, Chairman, IRCS, Puducherry UT branch was honoured by the Hon'ble speaker of the Puducherry UT Assembly with “Kalai Ratna Award 2023” in recognition to his elocution skills.

Red Cross Integrated Rehabilitation Center for Addicts, Siswan Road, Kurali, organized a “Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan” awareness and medical check-up camp in Vill. Makrouna Kalan.

Free medical camp was held by IRCS, Ranga Reddy district branch at lecturers colony near Hayathnagar, Telangana.

Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Drug De-addiction Centre, Patiala organised a seminar in Law Campus of Nancy Group of Colleges Samana on ANTI DRUG AWARENESS AND DRUG ABUSE.

IRCS AP State Branch, NTR District Youth Red Cross Volunteers offering their services on the 4th Day for the lakhs of Devotees on the hill of Kanaka Durga Temple, Vijayawada.
Red Cross conducts medical camp for elders

HANS SENS service
Sircilla

INDIAN Red Cross Society, Sircilla district branch, in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society Karimnagar, conducted a health camp for senior citizens at Mallapur village Boipally mandal on Tuesday. The camp was conducted by Gadda Ravi, Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society, Sircilla District, and Gadda Gaddam, Red Cross village
examinations. Local sarpanch Yellandula Shankar, Durga Reddy, Single Window Chairman, IBCS member Indukula Bhaskar, Mulawyadukonda Konagattu, Director Aila Manohar, single window director Aila Sivaram and medical camp. Up to 125 elders took part in the camp and were given medicines.

Speaking on the occasion, Ravi and Badhakannala Reddy informed that health camps are being organized by Indian Red