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**Inauguration of Janaushadhi Kendra**

Janaushadhi Kendras were formally inaugurated on September 17, 2023, to commemorate the 73rd birthday of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, by Hon'ble HFM and Chairman of the IRCS, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and the Hon'ble Gujarat Health Minister and Vice-President of the Gujarat Red Cross, Shri Rushikesh bhai Patel. Sh. Ajaybhai H. Patel, Chairman of the Gujarat State Branch of the IRCS, played an important role in obtaining funding for the operation of 73 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras in various Gujarat government hospitals. These Kendras shall be run by the Indian Red Cross Society.

**Distribution of Relief supplies**

Relief items were issued by IRCS, NHQ as under:

- **Andhra Pradesh**: 1500 tarpaulins,
- **Karnataka**: 1000 tarpaulins, 2000 hygiene kits
- **Gujarat**: 1000 tarpaulins, 1000 woollen blankets, 1000 kitchen sets, 3000 plastic buckets
- **Punjab**: 500 tarpaulins, 2000 hygiene Kits
- **Maharashtra**: 1000 hygiene kits, 3000 plastic buckets, 4000 hygiene kits (under process)
- **Uttar Pradesh**: 500 woollen blankets, 700 kitchen sets, 1000 plastic buckets, 5000 hygiene kits (under process)

**From the Desk of The Secretary-General**

I'm glad to note that branches participated in a number of activities during “Seva Pakhwada,” which began on Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday on September 17 with the objective to improve healthcare accessibility and awareness. These activities included blood donation camps, cleanliness drives, organ donation drives, and health camps.

I want to congratulate Sh. Ajaybhai H. Patel, Chairman of the IRCS Gujarat State Branch, on securing financial resources to operate 73 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras at different government hospitals throughout the state of Gujarat.

I am happy to inform that a team of officers from the Bhutan Red Cross visited the IRCS, NHQ. The purpose of the visit was to learn the programs & activities of IRCS and understand its structure. This information will help the BRCS staff, a new National Society, improve its proficiency and successfully address humanitarian issues in their national context.

Keeping in view the recent disasters IRCS, NHQ has released relief items such as tarpaulins, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, buckets & woollen blankets etc. to aid the needy and vulnerable.

IRCS, NHQ bid adieu to Mr. Arun Juriel who retired after serving the organisation for 34 long years. We wish good luck, health & prosperity in his retired life. I also pay homage to Dr. Manoj Mathur, who served as Vice President of the IFRC, Secretary General of the IRCS, and Commissioner-in-Chief of St. John's Ambulance (India), whom we lost this month. He would be recognized for his dedicated and sincere contribution to Red Cross.

The branches observed many important days in September like World First Aid Day, World Rabies Day, World Heart Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, International Day of Charity, World Ozone Day etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.
Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

On 20th September Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri, DDG (NACO) joined as Joint Secretary at IRCS, NHQ. He had a meeting cum introductory session with the staff of IRCS, NHQ. He has been given additional charge of the post by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Important Meetings held this month are;
Selection Committee Meeting - 6th September, 2023.
Meeting on IRCS Act & Rules Committee - 6th September, 2023
Meeting on IFRC Certification: Technical meeting on six focus areas for standard development - 20th September, 2023
Meeting on Senior Leadership Dialogue - 28th September, 2023

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches

Sri K. Madan Mohan Rao. General Secretary, Telangana State Branch called on the Karnataka Red Cross Chairman and Managing Committee members in their office in Bengaluru. They exchanged ideas on improving the functioning of Red Cross in their respective states.

Bhutan Red Cross Society team exposure visit to Indian Red Cross Society, NHQ

A team of officers from Bhutan Red Cross Society visited IRCS, NHQ on Friday, 29th September. The objective of the visit was to learn and gain valuable insights functioning of the National Societies in this region. The visiting team comprised of the following staff members: Yeshey Choden (Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator), Sangay Tshong (Program Coordinator), Phub Tshering (Admin and Accounts Officer) & Santosh Subba (IT and Data Administrator). Joint Secretary, IRCS NHQ, Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri chaired the meeting. Deputy Secretary Sh. N.K Singh gave an orientation to the team. Officials and staff of IRCS and IFRC were also present during the session.
IRCS NHQ Blood Center

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference

The Month of September, 2023
Donors – 1828
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1620
Voluntary Donors in-house — 208
No. of camps— 32
Blood/Blood Components issued - 4800 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

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre
Thank you, donors!

Blood Donation camp, Kamareddy, Telangana. 50 teachers donated their blood.

Blood Donation camp, Jalgaon, Maharashtra

Blood Donation camp, Pipariya, Chhattisgarh

Blood Donation camp, Bokaro, Jharkhand
To commemorate Hon’ble Prime Minister Modi’s birth day and Mahatma Gandhi’s birth anniversary, the Government of India is holding Seva Pakhwada 2023 across the country from 17th Sep - 2nd Oct. This initiative involves the public and government institutions in the areas of health, education, and sanitation. Indian Red Cross Society is holding several blood donation camps at varied State/UT branches, during Ayushman Bhav campaign.
Distribution of Relief Materials

**Distribution of relief items like school kits, food items, water filters by IRCS, Hoshiarpur, district branch, Punjab amongst flood affected people at Govt Anganwadi Schools, Govt Primary Schools, and GSSS Mehtabpur.**

In the relief camps in Abdullapur Miani village, the IRCS, Hoshiarpur district branch, Punjab supplied hygiene kits, ration kits, mosquito nets, and sleeping mattresses amongst the flood affected needy and vulnerable.

IRCS Nagaland state branch distributed relief material to the families who were affected by fire.

Distribution of protein kits amongst TB patients, Fatehabad, Haryana.

Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Ms. Anusuiya Uikey, visited displaced Relief Camps in Kangpokpi district and provided relief materials to the victims of ethnic violence with the Indian Red Cross Society Senapati District branch.

Distribution of relief materials in relief camps amongst the victims of Manipur ethnic conflict.

Distribution of protein kits amongst TB patients, Pupri, Bihar.
First aid and CPR training was imparted to the Police personnel, Telangana, State Branch.

First aid training at Annai Satya Stadium, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. 1100 Aapda Mitra & Red Cross Volunteers participated.

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CPR training van is running across different districts of Haryana and imparting CPR awareness amongst people. The Picture is of CPR awareness at Panipat, Haryana.

Dr. Kumar VLS conducted 5 days training program for class A and B officers of Government of Karnataka Administrative Training institute.

Orientation class was held on 19th Sep at IRCS, NHQ for the students of KMC COLLEGE OF NURSING, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. 44 students participated along with one teacher.

Training program on Emergencies Management was organized at YRC unit Sharavathi Dental College & Hospital Karnataka for Interns and post Graduate students.

Farewell

Sh. Arun Juriel retired from the services as Assistant. He joined the IRCS, NHQ as Operator in 1989 and served the organisation for 34 years.

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Celebration of Important Days

World First Aid Day

On World First Aid Day, first aid training was given by YRC at Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh, Odisha.

The IRCS Punjab State Branch organized International First Aid Day in collaboration with District Red Cross Branch, Jalandhar at HMV College Jalandhar.

World Heart Day

IRCS, Darrang district Branch, Assam in collaboration with Government Pensioners Association Sahitya Chora celebrated World Heart Day & organized an awareness meeting at Mangaldai Sanatan Dharma Sabha Auditorium to demonstrate CPR.

Ganesh Chaturthi

IRCS Nagaland observed World First Aid Day.

Red Cross Pune, Maharashtra held a First aid post at Dagdusheth Halwai Ganapati temple during Ganesh Festival.
Health Camps and Miscellaneous Activities

IRCS, Rangareddy District branch, Telangana organized a free medical camp for senior citizens under Mobile Medicare unit (MMU) project.

Dengue Awareness Program was organized by IRCS Kaliganj Block Branch, Nadia, West Bengal on 1st September '2023 at Kaliganj Satyacharan Pal Girls High School & Bara Kulberia High School.

An awareness session on hand washing was conducted for the students of St. Joseph of Cluny, Puducherry.

Awareness on Nasha Mukti Abhiyaan, Fatehabad, Haryana.

Awareness camp on Drug De-Addiction was held by RC-IRCA Gurdaspur at Golden group of institutes Gurdaspur, Punjab.

IRCS, Punjab State Drug-de addiction & Rehab Centre, Patiala, Punjab organised a free medical checkup camp in Gurudwara Sant Kutiya Dera Sant Baba Pritam Singh Patiala.

A free "Mega Multi-speciality Health" checkup camp was organised at Sec-39, Anajmandi, Chandigarh, in the spirit of “Seva Pakhwada.”
CORPORATES BRIEFS

RED CROSS INTRODUCES ONLINE BOOKING Facility FOR PATH LAB TESTS

In a big leap towards making healthcare accessible, the Gujarat State Branch of the Red Cross Society, known for its humanitarian services, has launched an online booking system for pathology laboratory tests. Leveraging world-class technology and high-tech facilities, the Red Cross Pathology Laboratory offers a seamless experience, with transparency and accuracy that are at par with international labs and at highly reasonable prices. Red Cross Society also enables patients to book lab tests and free sample collection from their doorstep with the Indian Red Cross Pathology app. Patients can also make payments and view their reports online on the app.

Governor Tamilisai wish tribal youth to become industrialists

In a significant effort to empower tribal youth, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Radha Roshni, has expressed her desire for tribal youth to become industrialists. Speaking at an event organized by the Tamil Nadu State Federation of Youth Congress, the Governor emphasized the need for tribal youth to take up entrepreneurship and become role models for future generations.

Media Coverage

Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch observes World First Aid Day.

Akashwani News Kohima, 9th September, 2023 The Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland (IRCNS) State Branch observed World First Aid Day today under the theme “First Aid in the Digital World”, at Conference Hall Red Cross Complex Kohima, with Kheloo M. Medicine, M.C Member as resource person. The IRCNS organized First Aid Training for the managing committee members, Staff of IRCNS and Tenants of Red Cross Complex. The training empowered individuals with knowledge and confidence to respond effectively in any emergency situation.