CONGRATULATIONS Mr. Vikram Singh, who has been associated with IRCS, NHQ since 2010. He is currently working in the St. John section. He looks after First Aid Certificate related work, issue & renewal of Lay Lecturer Certificates, warrants of the Constitution and other related matters. We proudly present this STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH recognition to him. We appreciate his efforts towards maintaining the cleanliness at his workstation & his surroundings.

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From the Desk of The Secretary-General

This month we held IRCS, State/ UT Branch Leadership Meeting in virtual mode on 18th Nov, 2022. The focus subjects in the meeting were to review the status of Leprosy & TB eradication initiative, review the status of the delivery & utilization of the vehicles provided to the branches & purchase of Blood Centre equipment for equipping existing blood centres and new blood centres.

Based on the meeting I would like to point out that few branches have already sent the Action Taken Report. The branches which have not sent the report yet should send it ASAP.

I urge the branches to collect data on Lepers & provide it to NHQ so that a data bank can be created. The branches may also add a capsule on First Aid to Lepers in the existing First Aid & SERV curriculum.

The next review meeting will be held towards the end of December 2022 or during the first half of January 2023.

NHQ held meetings with Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Bihar, Jharkhand, Goa, Chandigarh, Puducherry, Chhattisgarh & Tamil Nadu State branches for Reconciliation & Settlement of Working Advances to ease the process of releasing the project funds to the branches.

I appreciate the work done by the Andhra Pradesh State Branch which provided relief materials to the vulnerable people of remote & tribal hamlets in the State. The dedication of the Red Cross volunteers & the officials of the state branch towards serving the poor and needy are commendable.

I take this opportunity to welcome the new office bearers; Sh. Bibhuti Bhushan Pattnaik, General Secretary of IRCS, Odisha State Branch, Sh. Suprity Chatterjee, General Secretary of IRCS, West Bengal State Branch & Mrs. Deepa Prabhudesai, General Secretary of IRCS, Goa State Branch, into the Red Cross family.

I congratulate Mr. Vikram Singh, for being recognized as the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for maintaining hygiene & cleanliness at the workplace. I also congratulate Mr. Prabir Kumar Das from Boudh district branch, Odisha on being honoured with “Budhadev Samman” for his social service.

I wish good luck, health & prosperity in his retired life.

The branches observed many important days this month like World Toilet Day, National Cancer Awareness Day, National Education Day, World Kindness Day, Children's Day, World Diabetes Day, etc. Such observations give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.

Before you leave.....TAKE A MINUTE TO CLEAN

Hon’ble Governor of Telangana Smt. Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurated the National-level Master trainers training camp on first aid under the auspices of IRCS Telangana. Dr. Vanshree director of IRCS, Blood Centre, NHQ was honored on this occasion.

STATUS OF DELIVERY OF VEHICLES

02 Blood Collection Vans, 14 Ambulances & 2 Mobile Testing Vans have been delivered to Red Cross Branches across India.

SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY & VULNERABLE

400 Kitchen Sets were distributed amongst the poor and needy in Andhra Pradesh. 50 Red Cross Jackets were issued to the State of Jharkhand.
IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

A single drop of blood can make a huge difference

The Month of November, 2022
Donors – 1991
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1622
Voluntary Donors in-house — 369
No. of camps— 32
Blood/Blood Components issued - 3349 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 the issue of blood

Thank you, donors!
A single drop of blood can make a huge difference
Donate blood and save lives

On the occasion of the 52nd birth anniversary of Sant Baba Swarupadas Maharaj, a Blood Donation Camp was organized at Sindhunagar, Gujarat

Blood Donation Camp at Sri Durga Malleswara Siddhartha Mahila Kalasala, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

51 units of blood were collected from the blood donation camp held at Satyasai Temple, Ichhatiguda, Nabarangpur, Odisha

Blood donation camp, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
In an appeal raised by IFRC, around INR 164 Crs. meant for IRCS for Covid-19 response was received by them. A part of this fund is being used to provide equipment to strengthen 97 existing Blood Centres and 22 new Blood Centres in different states. The State/UT branches were consulted for the locations of 22 new Blood Centres. The list of 20 new blood centres, which are ready to install the equipment, has been sent to IFRC. Information for rest 2 blood centres is awaited from state branches and would be sent to IFRC immediately on receipt. In order to ensure that there is no breakage and the equipment are made operational at site, these equipment will be provided and installed by the supplier at the final destination. Some of the equipments which would be provided to blood centres are refrigerators, BCM, tube sealer, ELISA set, donor couch, refrigerated transportation boxes.
Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

The Meeting of the Procurement Committee was held on 9.11.2022. For obtaining technical advice special invitees were requested to participate. After long deliberations the committee approved the agenda, items which included Renewal of agreement for supply of surplus plasma to the fractionators for one year at the same rate as previous year and the committee firmed up the final revised NAT specification based on the observations of Global Advisory Panel for installation of NAT technology in IRCS, NHQ, Blood center.

State/ UT Branch, Leadership Meeting

The meeting of the State/UT Branch leadership was held in virtual mode on 18th Nov 2022. Secretary General thanked all Branches for their active participation in the 2 day “Chintan Shivir” on 22nd & 23rd September 2022 at New Delhi. He expressed his pleasure as branches supported concrete decisions with timeline on various subjects. The status report on Leprosy & TB eradication initiative was discussed. Several branches are taking initiatives to find donors to support these patients & some branches are also supporting the patients from their own resources. The status of the delivery & utilization of the vehicles provided to the branches was also reviewed. It was also decided that one capsule on dressing for Leprosy patients should be included in the first aid training curriculum.

During the month of November, the NHQ held meetings with J&k, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Bihar, Jharkhand, Goa, Chandigarh, Puducherry, Chhattisgarh & Tamil Nadu State branches for Reconciliation & settlement of working Advances to the branches. This is needed to ease the process of releasing the project funds to the branches.

A meeting was held on 16th Nov 2022 to review the utilization of funds received for the Covid pandemic. HOD, IFRC, Mr. Udaya Regmi along with his colleagues also participated. The status of utilization of funds, supply of different kinds of vehicles, and blood center equipment supply, were reviewed. As few branches are now not ready to receive the blood center equipment. The branches which are ready to receive the equipment has been requested to submit their need.

A Workshop on Disaster law & Legislative Advocacy in South Asia & Enhancing Resilience in South Asia through Disaster Law was held on 19th - 24th Nov 2022 at Male, Maldives. It was organised by IFRC & hosted by the Maldivian Red Crescent. Deputy Secretary, IRCS, NHQ, Sh. N.K Singh along with Mr. Ahmad Obaidus Sami, Program Coordinator, South Asia Regional Delegation at IFRC attended the workshops. The focus was to train the participants of the National Societies on advocacy strategy, analyze the national disaster laws of the countries in the region & look for opportunities of working together on new threats.Along with the National Societies officials of the SARCC countries also participated.
A Webinar on Digital Emblem? Benefits, Risks and Possible Solutions was hosted on 3rd November 2022, by ICRC in virtual mode. The report on ‘Digitalizing the Red Cross, Red Crescent, and Red Crystal Emblems: Benefits, Risks and Possible Solutions’ was launched during the event. This report presents cutting-edge research and innovative findings on the idea of a “digital emblem”, discussing its operational relevance and explaining technical solutions. It also highlights the benefits of developing such emblem and possible risks. The event was chaired by Félix Baumann, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Switzerland and a keynote address by ICRC Vice President Gilles Carbonnier, along with five expert panelists.

Meetings of State/UT branches

District Working Committee meeting of the Youth Red Cross, Boudh District, Odisha

Sangli Red Cross District Branch Managing Committee, Maharashtra met Dr. Raja Kalanidhi, District Collector.
Distribution of Relief Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Medicines/food items etc.
War against floods and other disasters

Pune Red Cross Branch administered free CORONA Vaccines to 9037 urban & 8756 rural population in and around the city of Pune.

Distribution of nutritious food items to TB patients under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukth Abhiyan, St. Atmakur, Wanaparthy, Telangana

Maharashtra state branch handed over nutritional kits for 40 patients which last for 6 months to the District TB officer, Colaba ward, Mumbai, under Ni-kshay Mitra program

At Kandi Police Court Station, IRCS Kandi Sub Division Branch handed over Tarpaulins, Blankets, and Mosquito Nets to the police personnel for the detained

Relief items were distributed amongst victims of the fire accident at Tehsil Anni of Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

Distribution of relief materials & hygiene kit amongst poor and needy, Odisha

Flag off of ambulance by Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Smt. Tamilisai Soundararajan
Trainings & Workshops

Appada Mitra volunteers conducted a training programme on Disaster Management at Central Training Institute, Gokulnagar, Tripura. 48 volunteers from different districts and sub-division participated in the program.

First Aid Training organized by IRCS Birbhum District Branch, West Bengal

Junior Red Cross Councillor’s Workshop, Bhopal, M.P

First Aid Training organized by IRCS Birbhum District Branch, West Bengal

First aid training, Imphal West District Branch

First Aid Training & CPR Awareness, Wagholi, Pune, Maharashtra

First aid training, Kozhikode, Kerala

JRC Maharashtra State Branch in association with Young India a unit of CII (confederation of Indian Industry) held a colour competition in BMC school

Volunteer of IRCS, Imphal West District Branch providing first aid to injured polo player

First aid training, Kozhikode, Kerala
An orientation class for students of nursing from Red Cross Bel Air College of Nursing, Panchgani, Maharashtra was held at IRCS, NHQ on 04th November 2022 in which 39 students and 2 faculty members participated.

An orientation programme was held under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan at Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. Hygiene kits & nutritious food items were also distributed amongst needy & vulnerable.

First Aid Service at State Level Children’s Festival SURAVI - 2022 by Junior Red Cross, IRCS, OSB. About 1000 Students from several districts of Odisha participated in the SURAVI program- Children’s Festival with different projects. They took part in varied competitions like; singing, dancing, drama, quiz, painting & essay writing etc.

Training of police personnel at the State Reserve Police 8th Battalion, Karnataka

Youth Red Cross first aid training camp, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh

District Red Cross Branch, Dehradun, Uttarakhand organized a first aid training at Red Cross Bhawan, Dehradun

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The officer in charge of the YRC unit, Dr. Prabir Kumar Das, YRC Counsellor, Boudh district branch, Odisha was felicitated with “Budhadev Samman” for his social service by the President, Secretary & other members of the Odisha Union of Working Journalists at their Annual Function.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Ajaybhai H. Patel, Chairman of IRCS, Gujarat State Branch has been elected as Senior Vice President of the Prestigious Indian Olympic Association. He is standing next to Ms. P.T Usha, who has been appointed its President.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Mr. Suprity Chatterjee has been appointed as General Secretary of IRCS, West Bengal State Branch

Mrs. Deepa Prabhudessai has been appointed as General Secretary of IRCS, Goa State Branch

FAREWELL !

IRCS bid audieu to Sh.Tilak Raj. He joined IRCS as a Junior Engineer & served the organisation for around 35 long years. He retired from the service on 30th November, 2022. IRCS wishes him health & prosperity in his life ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Bibhuti Bhushan Pattnaik has been appointed as General Secretary of IRCS, Odisha State Branch
Celebration of Important Days

Children's Day

On the occasion of children's day, a get-together of Thalassemic children and their parents was organized at Damani Blood Center of the Indian Red Cross Society, Solapur, Maharashtra. Cake and chocolates were distributed amongst children. IRCS, Solapur, Chairman, Dr. Rajiv Pradhan briefed the parents about the disease & its management.

Children's day was celebrated on 14th November 2022 at Deaf & Dumb School, Kaithal city, Haryana.

Celebration of Childrens day at Rajkiya Purva Madhayamik Vidhyalaya, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Hygiene kits were distributed amongst children.

World Diabetes Day

On World Diabetes Day, 14th November, a camp was organized in which sugar levels of patients were checked & Diabetes Retinopathy was held at IRCS, Goa state branch.

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas was celebrated at Rajbhavan, Telangana.

World Toilet Day

World Toilet Day celebration, Khartuli Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh.

Celebrations of Birthday of Birsa Munda at Horekrishnapur Village. Hygiene kits were distributed amongst tribal villagers by IRCS Bankura District Branch, Jharkhand.
Andhra Pradesh Red Cross team visited Palutla, tribal hamlet in Nallamala reserved forest in Yerragondapalem Mandal in Prakasam district. They traveled 50 Kms inside the deep forest from Yerragondapalem. It took them 4 hours to reach there. It was a challenging trip, as there were no proper roads and it was in a dense forest. There was only one solar lamp in the entire hamlet, where the team stayed. The team of volunteers, including the Andhra Pradesh state branch Chairman, Dr. Arumalla Sridhar Reddy, slept in the Red Cross tents and they took bath, shaved and brushed in the waterfalls. They provided 200 kitchen sets, each worth Rs 10,000 (containing 30 items), hygiene kits, tarpaulins, blankets, sarees, dhotis, footwear and many more items to the vulnerable and needy. They also conducted a mega medical camp, including dental, & provided medicines. The dedication and commitment of the Red Cross volunteers and the officials of the state branch towards serving the poor and needy are really commendable.
Free dental check up camp was organised by the Himachal Pradesh state branch in collaboration with H.P Govt. dental college, Annandale, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. 176 patients were treated.

Ahalya Pradhan, a leprosy-infected disabled woman, aged 80 years, residing in the Leprosy Colony, near Bridge Chhak, Boudh, Odisha died of illness. Youth Red Cross volunteers of Boudh Panchayat College with the support of Satyasai Seva Sangathan, performed her funeral in Swargadwar, Boudh in the presence of CDMO, Boudh, Odisha. He tweeted as well.

District level Youth Red Cross camp, Panipat, Haryana.

The campaign against drug abuse was held across the State of Kerala, by the Junior Red Cross Cadets

IRCS, Pune district branch organised, free medical checkup camp for the school children. Volunteers also distribution masks & educational materials amongst the children of Bibvewadi slums in Pune, Maharashtra

Plantation drive, Megha, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh
Governor Shrimati Tamili Sai inaugurated the National Level Master Training Camp under the auspices of Indian Red Cross.

Relief Materials Distribution by Indian Red Cross Society

People urged to extend moral support to TB patients

Guj launches training prog for first-aid master trainers

Red Cross extends helping hand to the migrant families