The year 2020 threw unforeseen and unprecedented challenges for life. Normally, it takes many years to make a vaccine but in such a short span of time, not one, but two ‘Made in India’ vaccines are ready. This is a proud moment for all of us as the Covid-19 vaccination drive is the world’s biggest inoculation exercise yet. Scientists gave nod to two made-in-India vaccines after being sure of their effects, do not pay heed to rumors, propaganda. I urge all Red Crossers to continue following Covid-19 protocols even after getting vaccinated. We must take another vow — Dawai Bhi, Kadaai Bhi.

I would like to thank all the branches for undertaking various humanitarian activities like the distribution of Hygiene kits, Masks, Soap, Sanitizers Blankets, food items to the vulnerable and needy. Red Cross staff & volunteers are selflessly working to safeguard communities against the dangerous consequences of COVID-19, often risking their own health and their families. I would like to thank all the donors and volunteers for their generosity and support, you are our Heroes, and it’s because of your efforts that IRCS is able to meet the challenges.

We held several important meetings this month where decisions relating to the installation of the Solar Energy Plant at IRCS premises were taken. To strengthen the IT support system and effective communication network across State and UT branches in the country, a meeting was held amongst officers of IRCS and ICRC.

I congratulate Chandigarh UT branch for winning the best Tableau Award during Republic Day 2021 function at Chandigarh which depicted the dead body management of over 700 COVID patients. I would also like to appreciate the hardwork and efforts of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and IRCS (NHQ) team for providing services selflessly to the sick and injured people during the Republic Day celebration and incidents of violence in India’s capital Delhi during a protest march by farmers.

Red Cross Movement globally has been advocating tree plantation primarily to address concerns on climate change and global warming. Mr. R.K Jain, IAS (Retd.) Secretary General IRCS and Mr. Udaya Regmi, Head of CCST, IFRC planted saplings to spread the message of tree plantation at IRCS (NHQ) premises.
Blood is life, pass it on!
SBI supported Voluntary Blood Donation Camps all across India in collaboration with IRCS.

Thank you, donors!

Your little effort can give others second chance to live life.
Mega blood donation camp was held in Mancherial conducted by Smt. K. Surekha Rao Trust Secretary, Late Sri Kokirala Raghupathi Rai Memorial Charitable Trust and Trust Chairman Sri Prem Sagar Rao. 530 units of blood was raised.

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre
Anybody can give blood!

Donate Blood
Save Life

The month of January 2021
Donors – 2117
Voluntary Donors in camps — 1590
Voluntary Donors in-house — 527
No. of camps— 30
Blood/Blood Components issued - 1588

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

Fighting (COVID-19)

Even as vaccines become available and are distributed, please continue to practice the 3 protective measures:
Wear a mask, Watch your distance & Wash your hands.

Your immune system remembers the disease and how to fight it. If you are then exposed to the germ in the future, your immune system can quickly destroy it before you become unwell.

The vaccine is therefore a safe and clever way to produce an immune response in the body, without causing illness.

Till everyone is vaccinated, let us not forget our responsibilities even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, continue taking all precautions
Distribution of Relief
Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Blankets
War against COVID-19, Cyclone & Flood

We are grateful to all our major Donors
(Aramco, Aviva & Nestle) and Volunteers for their generous support of IRCS relief efforts on behalf of the millions of underprivileged and vulnerable families struggling to survive in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic and other disasters. Thank you for your compassion, patience, respect, perseverance, awareness for seeing the need and responding, and for being the inspiration the world needs.

Blanket Distribution by Honorable Governor of Tripura Ramesh Bais and Governor of Bihar Phagu Chauhan
Workshops & Trainings

Workshop on Covid 19 and Road safety issues for YRC students was held at ATNCC College Shivamogga, Karnataka.

Red Cross Mega-Training on Emergency Response to Police personnel was held at Karnataka State Reserve Police Force 8th Battalion. More than 300 Police personnel participated in the training.

IRCS, Jammu & Kashmir UT Branch imparted 16 Hours of First Aid Training to the employees of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

Two Days Workshop training on basic First Aid & Emergency Response was organized by IRCS Imphal West District Branch Manipur, at Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Aviation Fuelling Station, Imphal.

On the invitation of the police department, the Karnataka Red Cross team trained police personnel on Emergency Response, Casualty Handling, Injuries Management & life saving measures.

Road Safety Awareness through Nukkad Natak -Dhamtari, Chattisgarh
Miscellaneous Activities

Eco Ambulance vehicle was received by HP State Red Cross Society sponsored by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam. It was further donated to Mental Hospital & Rehabilitation Center Tutikandi, Shimla.

Punjab State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society participated in Maghi Mela by setting up first-aid posts in collaboration with District Red Cross Branches to serve the visiting pilgrims of Maghi Mela at Sri Muktsar Sahib from 13th to 15th January 2021. About 700 people were provided Masks, Soaps, and Medicines.

Ashagee Mangal livelihood project was started in the year 2016 in Manipur and till now 322 widows are benefitted, including 80 beneficiaries in the year 2020. The widows were given a grant of Rs. 50,000/- in kind to start/expand their business like grocery, fish farm, flour mill, embroidery, loom, hotel, poultry, piggery, etc.

Organized free eye check-up camp for beggars on 2nd Jan 2021 at Nirasharita Parihara Kendra, Shantidhama, Ballari. 156 beggars were screened by Dr. Vijay Nagaraj out of which 26 needs Cataract surgery which will be taken up shortly.

IRCS Pune distributed 100 Ration kits & Energy drinks to CSW’s in the Red Light area. This activity was held under the guidance of Faraskhana Police Station with the help of Social Workers. This COVID-19 response program was sponsored by IRCS (NHQ) through the Maharashtra State branch with support from ICRC.

Health Camps

Announcement!

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(HOWRAH BRANCH)

Welcomes you to the Inauguration Ceremony of the Building of 1st Children’s Hospital in Howrah District “HOWRAH CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL“ on 6th February, 2021 (Saturday) at 2pm in Red Cross Bhavan, Howrah Maidan.

The project aided by Co-operative Bank will be inaugurated by Mr. Arup Roy, Hon’ble Minister, Department of Co-operation, Govt. of West Bengal.

Mr. Prasun Banerjee, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Howrah Sadar, will be present as our Chief Guest for the occasion.

Your gracious presence is earnestly solicited.

Mrs. Mukta Arya, IAS (District Magistrate Howrah)
Chairperson, IRCS Howrah Branch

Dr. Sujoy Chakravarty
Secretary, IRCS Howrah
IRCS Odisha has distributed 155 First Aid books in Braille (Odia & English) to the Blind School & Blind Association on the occasion of World Braille Day 2021

**Celebration of Important Days**

**Republic Day-2021 Celebrated in Unique Way!**

India Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade team provided first aid services selflessly to the sick and injured people during the Republic Day celebration in India’s capital Delhi.
Congratulations!

The Vice-Chairman of IRCS Mr. Avinash Rai Khanna was felicitated for his service to the society by Rayat Bahra University.

IRCS, Imphal West received a certificate of appreciation for a contribution towards the efforts to mitigate the hardships of COVID-19 pandemic.
Experts review working of Red Cross Society

Our Correspondent

A STATE-level team under the supervision of State Secretary Pradyut Sahu visited the district to review the working of Red Cross Society running under the guidance of President of Red cross Society Rajat Brarad.

It was reported here that recently a programme was organized at lunchtime in Governor Arunima Ullery's residence, indicatedparator as "Excellent District", and Vice President of Red Cross Society Abhimanyu M Chaitanya as "Excellent Officer".

During the visit, the team visited the Red Cross Society and other institutions under the guidance of the president and discussed the working of the society. The team also appreciated the efforts and services of the Red Cross Society in the district and the state.

On this occasion, Deputy Director of Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr Chaitanya De Watson, along with others were present.

On the eve of Republic Day, Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch distributed relief material to the inmates of Niladri Seva Pratisthan, Khuris of District Pati, Honorary Secretary IRCS CSR CEM, Suman Jaiswal (IAS) visited NPS camp and interacted with inmates who are deprived and disabled.

The Common Times

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New Initiative- From next month onwards Star Employee of the Month at IRCS(NHQ) shall be awarded for the best efforts of staff towards cleanliness of work station and surrounding areas. The name and photograph of the Star Employee shall be highlighted on different platforms.

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