2020 was an emotionally testing and turbulent year. Some loved ones left us and the pandemic created new waves of sickness and fear. There have been many learnings from the year like safeguarding of health, mutual care and support, spreading kindness and increased family bonding.

I would like to thank all the branches for undertaking various humanitarian programs like distribution of food items, masks, soaps, sanitizers as COVID response, clothes and mosquito nets as dengue response and tarpaulins, hygiene kits, and food for Cyclone response.

The pandemic has not yet ended. We should continue to take forward awareness campaigns throughout the country to save human life.

We held several important meetings this month where strengthening of blood services, setting up of the solar panel, emergency response preparation, branding and pre-positioning of stocks were discussed and the plan of action of IRCS for 2021 was decided.

I would like to thank ICRC for providing 20,000 nos. of woolen blankets for poor and needy people for distribution across 15 states of India. I would like to congratulate IRCS-MP state branch initiatives—starting a free drug bank, added medical facilities at a nominal price to the needy and facilities for the treatment of Corona patients at Red Cross hospital, Bhopal.

In 2020, all Red Cross branches, staff, and volunteers in the country participated in some way or other responding to the crisis created by Covid-19. I hope all of us to continue this spirit of giving back to society in 2021. Let’s pledge to continue to work sincerely, honestly and with utmost transparency to show the world that we are truly the leading humanitarian organization on earth.
Blood Donation will cost you nothing, but it will save a life

Punjab State Red Cross Branch in collaboration with Vishvas Foundation, Shiv Kanwar Sewa Samiti, Panchkula PGI, and Govt. Hospital sec 32, Chandigarh organized Blood donation camps for five days. 577 units of blood were collected.

Blood Donation Camp at Rural District Narayanpet, of Telangana. 250 units of blood were collected. District Collector Hari Chandana attended the camp.

IRCS-Chandigarh held a blood donation camp on 17th Dec in collaboration with Blood Bank, Ropar at Gurudwara, Sri bhattha Sahib. 65 blood donors donated their blood.

Thank you, donors!

Mega Women Blood Donation Camp organized by the People’s forum on its 30th foundation day in collaboration with IRCS Odisha.

More than 2000 units of blood were collected.

The month of December 2020

Donors – 1492
Voluntary Donors in camps — 819
Voluntary Donors in-house — 673
No. of camps — 18
Blood/Blood Components issued - 2102

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
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you about the sad demise of our respected Shri Kewal Kishor Bakshi, who left us for heavenly abode on 14th Dec 2020 after meritorious services to the Disaster Management Department. His services for the cause of suffering humanity will remain indelibly imprinted upon our minds. May his soul rest in peace.
3 days of Disaster Management Training (Basic Course) was concluded successfully at IRCS Tehatta Sub District Branch, Nadia.

A Mega Inter-collegiate university-level workshop for students of YRC Karnataka was held at ATNCC college Shimoga. 150 students from 40 different colleges of 2 Districts participated in the workshop.

Social service camp was conducted by IRCS Punjab, Chandigarh in collaboration with IRCS Ropar, Patiala, and Red Cross Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts, District Mohali. At these First Aid Posts, Soaps, Face Masks, and Medicines were provided to the 5084 pilgrims.

At Tumkur university one day workshop for the program officer’s of YRC, NSS & NCC was held in which COVID-19 SOP on Health & Hygiene, First Aid & Emergency Response was covered.

IRCS, Jirania Sub-Divisional Branch, Tripura provided First Aid service to injured players at Football Tournament organized by Binapani Club Authority Jirania, Tripura. Nearly, about 22 players were given immediate first aid.

Training to Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation Staff on the inclusion of DRR and CCA in City Development Plan supported by GSDMA under NCRMP.

On the birthday of Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy IRCS-A.P state branch conducted 96 Blood donation camps across the state. 9287 blood units were collected.

IRCS- Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch- Sepahijala, Tripura organized a “Fit India Movement” rally.

Corona Awareness through Nukkad Natak - Dhamtari
Honorable Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Governor of AP inaugurated the Blood Components Centre, Guntur.

Distribution of materials for 4th Phase of livelihood project “ASHAGEE MANGAL” was conducted at IRCS-MSB. 80 numbers of widow beneficiaries were given materials worth Rupees 50000/- each related to their chosen business plans.

A Multi-Specialty Health camp was organized at PHC Tushnabad, South Andaman on 29/11/2020 by the IRCS. Altogether 350 patients from the rural South Andaman area availed of the specialist consultation services.

A new project namely Injecting Drug Users - Target Invention (IDU - TI Project) has been housed in the premises of Saket Hospital of Punjab State Red Cross Branch at Patiala.

Free Health Check-up for Children by IRCS Pune. 20 children examined and given free medicines.

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Manipur State Branch Volunteers, Chandel district & Moreh town visited the remote village at Indo Myanmar Border, to educate proper handwashing methods, distribution of mask, hand sanitizer, soap, and food packet for children at Molcham village.

On Losar (Buddhist new year), a total of 160 blankets & more than 200 soaps were distributed to SOS & Mahabodhi old age home by IRCS-Leh.

Distribution of juice and milk beverages, mask and soaps to TB patients enrolled under Red Cross TB Project in Amritsar & Jalandhar, Punjab.

Health Camps

Miscellaneous Activities
Celebration of Important Days

Hon'ble Union Minister of State Home Affairs Govt of India
Sri Nityanand Rai attended the NCC DAY at Patna

International Volunteers Day-2020 60 plus volunteers from various parts of Karnataka participated in 5 hours Live virtual event organized by IRCS-karnataka

World Aids Day

Right now, we have to avoid hugging. The risk of passing on coronavirus with close contact is real.
Chairman of IRCS-Bhopal Mr. Ashutosh Purohit made some new announcements on enhancing the medical facilities at IRCS Bhopal. Specialist doctors will now examine patients at Red Cross Hospital for just Rs 50/-Sonography ultrasound could be availed by patients for just Rs/-550. About 10 specialist doctors will be provided at different times on different days. A Drug bank will be made in Red Cross Hospital and the needy will get medicine for free.

IRCS, Karnataka Chairman Sri. S. Naganna was honored by the Department of Health and Family Welfare for organizing maximum number of Voluntary Blood Donation Camps

New Announcements

IRCS-Chandigarh with the support of ITC LTD Food Division, Kapurthala provided beverages consisting of 1,18,314 juices & 18,810 milk to the District Red Cross Branches in the State of Punjab

Relief to fire victims

The relief provided to victims of fire outbreak Bhuragaon- District branch- IRCS Assam Date:11.12.2020

Chairman of IRCS-Bhopal Mr. Ashutosh Purohit received Patliputra Gaurav Samman-2020

Dr. Apoorva Sharma took over as Secretary of IRCS, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Daman & Diu UT branch.

Congratulations and welcome to the New State Secretary-IRCS Chhattisgarh Shri Pradeep Kumar Sahu

Mr. Dilip-Youth Red Cross Coordinator & Media In-charge-IRCS Karnataka represented India among 192 countries at Global event IVD-2020 held on 4th Dec, 24 hours live virtual event

IRCS-CHATTISGARH Officers and Volunteers awarded with Governor's Award

Fire victims rebuilding homes with IRCS OSB support

Congratulations!
Media Coverage

Red Cross spreads warmth with blanket distribution drive

(A.O. Bureau) Bhubaneswar, Dec 23: As the winter chill turns harsh with each passing day, the Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch is spreading warmth among the underprivileged people of the society like migrants of other states, IIs, Chandigarh, Mysore, Andhra pradesh etc, and the street dwellers by carrying on blanket distribution drive. The motto of the initiative is to combat the cold wave of winter. The purpose of distributing blankets to the needy is to spread the message of kindness, love and sacrifice to the society. Likewise every year too, the drive is being carried in different parts of the state. Odisha Red Cross opens its hearts to help both the homeless and those struggling to make ends meet. Under the guidance of Honorary Secretary IRCs OSiMs, CTM, Sagarika (I.A.S, Red) this distribution programme is made at different parts of cities like Utara, Suaret, Dhibali, Kalia, Rajmahal Square, Ram Mandir Square, Acharya Vihar square, Kalining Stadum, Muster carried out for many days. Junior Red Cross Officer Laxman Swain, First Aid Coordinator, Gobinde Das, Gyananda Prasad Saboo, Chandan Kumar Das and Sanjay Kumar Baru were involved in this noble job.

Jagadalu Red Cross unit adjudged top performer

The Indian Red Cross Society, Jagdalpur district in Bastar, was conferred with the award for the best performing unit in Chhattisgarh. The award is in recognition of the institute’s actions related to prevention of the spread of Covid pandemic. Governor Anusuiya Lilee felicitated the Bastar branch of Red Cross Society that had scaled up its preparedness to combat the challenges of Covid-19 under the chairmanship of Rajit Banali, the Bastar district collector, and vice-president Alexander M Cherian.

We are excited to serve you with the best possible experience. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask.
Tender - Operation and care of 3 Nos. lifts (Otis make), 884 kgs, 13 passengers installed at Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), National Headquarters (NHQ) building, 1-Red Cross Road, New Delhi. Interested parties click on the below link:

https://indianredcross.org/ircs/sites/default/files/liftmaintainance.pdf