

# Indian Red Cross Society

COVID19 Response



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"Uninterrupted supply of blood is ensured by providing pick and drop facility to donors. Helpline number in every district has also been released for this purpose."

***Sh. Ashutosh Purohit, Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Madhya Pradesh***

## Our Impact

42 Units of Blood collected at IRCS Blood Bank, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Cooked food packets distributed among 5,73,229 people in Haryana

Till date, 2,835 sanitizers have been distributed in Himachal Pradesh

Masks, soaps, bedsheets distributed among 800 needy people in Udipi, Karnataka

Dry ration distributed among 320 needy families in Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir

141 units of blood collected in Palwal, Faridabad & Hissar in Haryana

Masks & sanitizers distributed among 60 elderly people in Jahanabad, Bihar

## Today's Highlights



Volunteers in **Koraput, Odisha** reached **tribal** communities in remote areas with **packed food** supply. The beneficiaries were engaged in a covid19 **awareness** session. Soaps, masks, biscuits were also distributed



In coordination with local counselors, Red Cross volunteers in **Jalandhar, Punjab** conducted a **sanitization drive** in certain parts of the city. The **District TB Center** was **disinfected** along with local **dispensaries** in the area

## Blood Services

**Total units collected at NHQ: 48**

In mobile vans: **20**

At IRCS Nhq Blood Bank: **28**

For **details**, please follow the **link**:

<https://indianredcross.org/ircs/donateblood>



**101 units** of blood were collected at a camp conducted in **IRCS Namakkal, Tamil Nadu**. All covid19 safety measures were followed during the entire process. The collected units have been handed over to a Govt. Hospital



Red Cross Volunteers in action

40,000



Across

500+

Districts in India



## Our Activities

- Community kitchens, distribution of dry ration
- Community surveillance & community service (home delivery of essential items)
- Logistic support to quarantined homes & centers
- Red Cross Ambulances for transporting patients
- Distribution of masks, gloves, soaps, IEC material, etc.
- Shelter Homes, Red Cross Hospitals & Isolation centers
- Establishing link between stranded people & their families
- Maintaining an uninterrupted supply of blood by providing pick & drop facility & collecting blood through Blood mobile vans



## Beneficiaries & Donors Speak



"I was trying to get a mask to protect myself & others from coronavirus. But they were not available due to the lockdown. Volunteers from Red Cross came & distributed masks to many people in my area. They also encouraged us to maintain social distancing & wash our hands frequently."

**Birju Thakur, Barbar from Haflong, Dima Hasao, Assam**

"I received a call from Red Cross U.P. requesting me to donate blood for a patient in need. Since 3 units were required, I asked two of my friends, Mohd. Akib & Mohd. Aleem to also join me. I am happy that I have been able to save a life during covid19."

**Mohd. Faisal, a regular voluntary blood donor, Uttar Pradesh (9696860984)**



## In the Media

### Nearly 150 persons donate blood at IPM

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Hyderabad: Everyday 20 to 30 persons are donating blood at IPM, Narayanaguda after health department had decided to collect blood to meet requirements of state hospitals where blood banks are not functioning since lockdown.

Cyberabad CP VC Sajjanar and cops and members of Cyberabad Security Council visited IPM on Sunday and donated blood which is sure to inspire others to voluntarily come forward in the coming days.

IPM Director Dr K Shankar stated that donors, who are contacting their office, are being told to download an app on their phones and give their consent after which a text message about the slot and time would be sent to a donor's phone.

It may be mentioned here that in view of the covid-19 lockdown and scarcity of blood as no voluntary blood donation camps are being held for two weeks, the Telangana government has de-



cid to collect blood at stand alone blood center at IPM, Narayanaguda.

The government has appealed to donors to contact Hyderabad DMHO office (84979 58597, 04 29569047). Telangana state has nearly 1625 patients suffering from Thalassemia disease. All of them required blood transfusion twice a month.

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### Doorstep blood collection to tide over scarcity in Koraput

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WITH voluntary blood donors unable to step out of their houses due to the lockdown, a group of volunteers have begun using a mobile blood collection van to reach out to them.

The sole mobile blood collection van in the district, attached to Sreevidyalaxman Nayak Medical College and Hospital (MCH), was inaugurated by Health Minister Naba Kishore Dash in October 2019 but had been lying unused for the last three months.

After the Coronavirus outbreak, members of the District Blood Donors and Motivators Forum approached the MCH and local administration to let them run the van to collect blood from donors at their doorsteps.



Members of District Blood Donors and Motivators' Forum | express

Members in both urban and rural areas of the district are visiting their houses everyday for collection of blood. In the last 10 days, they have collected 395 units of blood and handed over to blood bank of the MCH. And members motivated another 250 persons in Semilguda, Nandapur, Boipariguda and Koraput blocks to donate blood.

According to Blood Bank Officer of the MCH, Madhusudan Baliarsingh, 25 to 30 units of

### Volunteers swell ranks of Red Cross warriors fighting Covid-19 battle

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Guntur: For volunteers at Red Cross, a typical day during this lockdown begins at 4am. They distribute food to the destitute, deliver essential commodities, medicines to the aged and masks and sanitizers to frontline warriors. They are relentlessly working to help people stay at home and stay safe.

While the volunteers are sweating it out in the scorching heat, the organisation heads of Red Cross Guntur unit are spending sleepless nights to keep the stocks ready by dawn.

Among them are billionaire Industrialist Penmutsa Ramachandra Raju, who is playing the role of the chairman of the district management team. Dr



Red Cross mission director Penmutsa Ramachandra Raju (extreme right) handing over a rice bag

to leave after completing relief operations. Attending to dozens of calls from people in need, including doctors and nurses, deputing his armies to the field and prevailing upon philanthropists to do their bit make up Raju's daily schedule.

Other such persons are international director of Rotary and Red Cross chairman, Mad

GYN Babu and advisor SVS Lakshminarayana who are using their resources to mobilise donations and stocks to help the needy in the crisis time.

"I am proud of my volunteers who are relentlessly working without taking a penny from the organisation," said Raju.

Around 100-110 volunteers have joined the Red Cross WhatsApp group. They take down instructions from Raju to move to different locations. While some of them collect items such as masks, sanitizers, food packets and fruits from the office, a few others go to markets and ratha bazars ensure that people queue up and follow social distancing. They also spread awareness about Covid-19.

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