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Responding to Multiple Disasters

Across the country, staff and volunteers from Indian Red Cross Society are responding to a multitude of disasters this monsoon season. From floods to landslides, our teams are on the ground, doing all they can to rescue affected communities & reach the needy with relief aid.

Air India Plane Crash: Recently, Red Cross volunteers in **Kerala** provided care, counselling and transportation at the Kerala Air India plane crash site which led to loss of many lives and also caused severe injury to survivors. Our teams worked tirelessly to provide life-saving support at the accident site and in hospitals.



Flood Response:



affected districts in the State.

Bihar: Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble President IRCS Bihar, Sh. Phagu Chauhan flagged off **15 trucks** carrying relief supplies for the flood affected communities across the State.



Assam: Lakhs of people continue to reel under the impact of protracted flooding in Assam, all while battling the COVID19 crisis. Our team of more than **1,500 Red Crossers** has been working tirelessly to reach those affected with relief aid. Thanks to their hard work, **13,000+** families have been provided shelter through **tarpaulins**. Other relief aid such as dry food, clean drinking water, mosquito nets, hygiene kits, etc. also continue to be distributed.

Uttarakhand: Hon'ble Governor & Hon'ble President IRCS Uttarakhand, Smt Babi Rani flagged off **four trucks** of relief aid for people battling with the aftermath of heavy rain, flooding and landslides in the districts of Pithoragarh, Uttarkashi, Rudrapur and Chamoli at Rajbhawan Dehradun on 05.8.20.



Donate Blood: Gift Life

Stock Availability

NHQ Blood Bank

Update from 31st July to 13th August, 2020

Units **Collected** : 1155

Units **Issued** : 1046

Units Available Today-

268 units of **PRBC**,

21 units of **PC**,

145 units of **FFP**;

197 units of **WB**

The tireless efforts put in by staff & volunteers of IRCS **Cuttack Blood Bank, Odisha** helped in the collection of **9114 units** of blood during the **lockdown** period (between April & July 2020). Kudos to the team!

Moreover, to augment their efforts, "Jiban Bindu" the blood donation wing of the ruling political party in the State, the BJD, a seven day

blood donation camp was organized where 500 units of blood was collected, despite complete lockdown. A big thank you to all generous donors!



IRCS Ahmedabad, **Gujarat** collected **328 units** of blood at a camp by Gurukrupa Foundation whereas **47 units** were collected by Red Cross Anand, **Gujarat**.

To mark the occasion of the birthday of Hon'ble Governor & Hon'ble President IRCS on 03.08.2020, IRCS **Kurnool** District Branch, **Andhra Pradesh** organized an in house blood donation camp, conducted tree plantation and distributed food among street dwellers.



Despatch to State/UT Branches

IRCS J& K: Jammu

Face Masks: **50,000**; PPE: **150**; Face shields: **540**; Gloves: **5000 pairs**

IRCS Tamil Nadu: Jackets: 100

IRCS Maharashtra

Ratnagiri:

Face Masks: **3500**; Gloves: **4000**; PPE: **200**; Face shields: **270**; Thermal Guns: **01**

Pune:

Face Masks: **3000**; Gloves: **4000**; PPE: **100**; Face shields: **270**; Thermal Guns: **01**

Kolhapur:

PPE: **400**

IRCS Karnataka: Bangalore

Body bags: **100**



Owing to torrential seasonal rainfall each year, the State of Kerala is bracing for yet another season of flooding, landslides & other natural disasters. IRCS **Kerala** has started mobilizing larger teams to deal with this crisis on the ground & is also training a minimum of 40 volunteers in all Taluks.

Recent Updates



Teams from IRCS **Manipur** rushed to extend all possible support to people affected in the wake of a fire accident in Imphal West District. 8 shops and establishments turned into ashes, resulting in huge losses to the shopkeepers. Besides, volunteers of Jiribam District Branch organised a large scale program on COVID prevention. They visited Government offices, educational institutions, quarantine centres, civil society organisations & several other places in the district. Our teams also distributed 3-layered masks and gloves among several people.



Amplifying their efforts in the fight against COVID19, Red Cross **Punjab** has installed the first hand washing kiosk under the TB project, 'Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis including MDR-TB,' in the district of Jalandhar. Besides, a foot operated hand washing kiosk has also been installed in Amritsar. This initiative will enable vulnerable sections such as TB patients to practice frequent hand washing and keep safe from COVID19. Several such kiosks will be installed at multiple locations across the project areas in the State.



Under the tree conservation program, the **Youth Red Cross wing of Boudh, Odisha** observed the '**Brikhya Rakhyabandhan Utsav**' at the Boudh Panchayat College premises, in collaboration with the college administration. All participants, including students tied self-made Rakhis around the trees planted within the college premises to emphasize on and celebrate values that can help inculcate a harmonious coexistence between nature and humans.



The COVID crisis has undeniably led to a drop in blood donations. However, the demand has stayed unabated. To meet this rising requirement, IRCS **Uttar Pradesh** is organizing "Life Saving Campaign: Blood Donation Camp" across the state between the 10th and the 17th of August, 2020. The camps have started and generous donors are stepping forward to make their contribution. We are deeply grateful to them for their kindness that will help save many precious lives.