

Indian Red Cross Society

COVID19 Response



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"IRCS volunteers should provide psycho social counselling and support so that there is no stigma or discrimination against COVID19 patients or their families"

Sh. R. K. Jain, Secretary General, IRCS

Our Impact

Total units collected at Nhq: 34

In Mobile Vans: **17**

At Nhq Blood Bank: **17**

91 units collected in 3 camps organized by EG District Branch, IRCS Andhra Pradesh

Dry ration being distributed among 2500 needy families in Muktsar, Punjab

Food packets distributed among 65 families in remote areas of Darjeeling, W.B.

200 needy provided shelter in Tiruvarur, Tamil Nadu till date

8 units of blood collected by IRCS Anand Blood Bank, Gujarat

89,402 migrant laborers provided shelter till date in Haryana

Today's Highlights



Since one month, Red Cross volunteers, **Master Shibu** & team have been tirelessly **stitching face masks** at home. They have already supplied **1000** such masks to IRCS **Sitapur** & plan to continue their efforts to reach the needy



The IRCS **Anantapur** District Branch in **Andhra Pradesh** has adopted a creative approach towards generating awareness on covid19. They are **painting roads** with colorful artwork to attract the attention of the people towards coronavirus

Blood Services



IRCS **Warangal** Blood Bank in **Telangana** collected a staggering **403 units** of blood through 3 camps organized in strict accordance with the COVID19 guidelines

IRCS **Panchmahal** Blood Bank in **Gujarat** organised a blood donation camp to ensure adequate & safe blood supply for the needy in the **tribal** dominated district. 20 units were collected





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 Speak



"I work as a daily wage labourer in Koraput. Due to the lockdown, I got stuck here & could not go home. A volunteer from Red Cross informed me about a shelter home. I have been staying there & getting food everyday. Thanks to Red Cross, I am alive today."

A beneficiary from Odisha

"I am a Thalassemia Major patient & require 2 bottles of blood every 15 days. Red Cross has helped me a lot in coming to the hospital & getting the transfusion done during the lockdown. I am really grateful to Red Cross for this."

Vicky Bhagtani, a blood recipient from Gujarat



In the Media

Shortage of blood could worsen

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The police have been asked to issue passes to such patients to enable them visit hospitals to undergo blood transfusion. The AP chapter of the Indian Red Cross Society said that supply of blood is essential for carrying out life-saving surgeries and for patients suffering with chronic diseases, like thalassemia, which is an inherited blood disorder, and requires frequent blood transfusion. With extension of lockdown up to May 3, the situation will become worse in the state without maintenance and replenishing of adequate stocks of blood. IRCs AP branch authorities said that they are 18

Doc had declined TD ticket

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Aslam, an advocate, said there were umpteen number of instances when Dr Ismail Hussain treated not only health but also helped them financially. Hafeez Khan, Kurnool city MLA, said Dr Hussain was the strength of minority community in the city. He said the doctor was immensely popular. In 1999, the TD offered him a ticket to contest as an

MLA, but he declined. The district medical and health officer said that Dr Hussain died of coronavirus. He said that since the doctor was very popular in the old city area, it is now unimaginable how many people he might have contacted. Daily hundreds of patients come to his clinic, the officer said. The district administration has an onerous task before it to sieve through secondary contacts.

Harichandan seeking his intervention to issue necessary directions to the AP government to allow IRCs blood banks to con-

Workers to get grocery kits in Ballari dist

Donors, NGOs to extend helping hand

K NARASIMHAMURTHY
BALLARI, DHVS

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Grocery packets ready to be distributed in Ballari. (An photo)

Red Cross service

As many as 70 volunteers from Indian Red Cross Society have been continuously working ever since the lockdown to help the destitute and the police personnel engaged in enforcing the lockdown.

The volunteers have been distributing food from 6:00 am till 11:00 pm every day. More than 350 volunteers from various organisations too have come forward to assist them in this endeavour.

SLR Metalics company. At present, packets sufficient for

DENMARK WOMAN WORKS WITH RED CROSS TO PROVIDE FOOD TO NEEDY IN GURDASPUR

Denmark-resident Natasha Natalie Sommer, who is married to Malkit Singh of Gurdaspur, is working voluntarily with Red Cross Society and providing food to the underprivileged people in slum areas. She also talks about precautions to be taken. She says she's proud to be able to serve the society in the current crisis situation.

