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**YOUR JOB IS NOT COMPLETE UNTILL
YOUR WORK AREA IS CLEAN....**



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**From the Desk of
The Secretary-General**



CONGRATULATIONS! We proudly present the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH recognition to Mr. Ajit Singh Rawat, Assistant [NDWRT/NDRT/RDRT(WASH)], Disaster Management Section, IRCS (NHQ), for his UNCLUTTERED DESK and never say die spirit. He looks after the Emergency Response, International Assistance & DM program. We appreciate his efforts towards maintaining the cleanliness at work station & the premises.

With concerns over the Omicron variant of coronavirus & the first few cases being detected in India, the entire machinery is again working to contain its spread. Vaccines will remain effective against this variant, but the concern is the high rate of spreading. Since most Omicron cases are asymptomatic, there is a fear that the variant will be spreading faster than Delta as people will ignore this as common cold.

The most effective steps individuals can take to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus is to maintain a physical distance of at least 1 meter from others; wear a well-fitting mask; open windows to improve ventilation; avoid poorly ventilated or crowded spaces; keep hands clean; cough or sneeze into a bent elbow or tissue; and get vaccinated when it's their turn. The danger of a possible third wave of Covid-19 is still lurking hence, I urge all the State & UT branches to make the preparations in advance to handle the same.

I would like to thank all the branches for undertaking various humanitarian activities like the distribution of hygiene kits, masks, sanitizers, food items, kitchen sets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets to the vulnerable & needy during the inevitable disasters & calamities. I sincerely acknowledge the efforts of our front-line volunteers who are putting their lives at risk every day for our safety. We, as a nation, will forever remain in their debt.

I congratulate Kerala state branch for launching its fortnightly web channel program for JRC cadets in vernacular language. I also take this opportunity to congratulate IRCS Karimpur, West Bengal state branch for being honoured by Border Security Force for their commendable job with BSF during COVID 19 pandemic.

Providing a clean work environment helps in maintaining the well-being of employees. In a workplace where litter & waste are disposed of correctly & surfaces are cleaned regularly, employees take fewer days of sick leave, which results in improved overall productivity. I congratulate Mr. Ajit Singh Rawat for being recognized as the STAR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH by maintaining hygiene & cleanliness at the workplace. I hope others too follow the same.

I pay homage to Mr. S.P. Trivedi, Dy. Commissioner, SJAB, TD, JSR whom we lost this month. May God give enough strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.



Indian Red Cross National Managing Body Meeting was held on 29th November, 2021 at Nirman Bhawan. Chaired by Hon'ble Chairman IRCS & Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers Sh. Mansukh Mandaviya, decisions on holding next AGM, approval of annual accounts & reports etc. were taken up for consideration.

Response to Flood & Cyclone during the month:

- 1. Tamil Nadu Flood:** Following items were released to Tamil Nadu for flood response: bed sheets (150) tarpaulins (1500), family tents (100), Total value -Rs/- 35.61 lakhs
- 2. Puducherry Cyclone:** Following items were released to Puducherry for cyclone response: kitchen sets (500), tarpaulins (50) & (50) family tents, Total value- Rs/- 21 lakhs
- 3. Kerala Floods:** Following items were released to Kerala for recent flood response kitchen sets (500), tarpaulins(500), blankets (342) & (25) family tents, Total value- Rs/- 21 lakhs



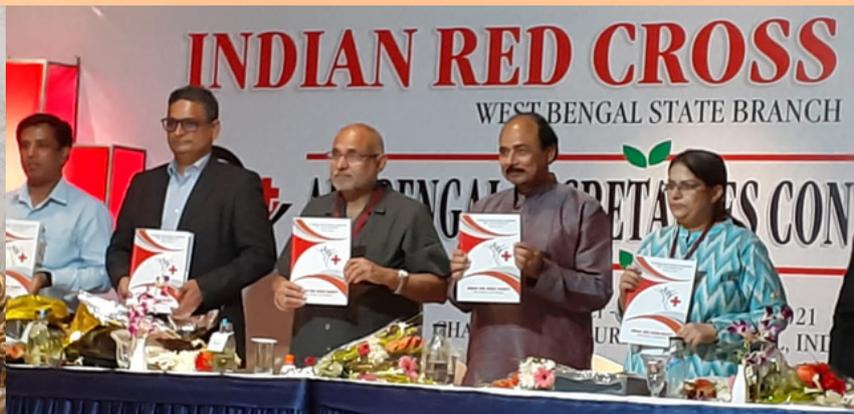
Delegation of Indian Red Cross Society, Delhi Branch called on Hon'ble President of India & President of IRCS, NHQ Sh. Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhawan on the occasion of Red Cross Flag week. A flag was pinned & donation was collected.



On the occasion of Red Cross Flag week a flag was pinned & the donation was also collected from LG Delhi (President of NCT Delhi Branch) by the delegation of IRCS, Delhi Branch



Dr. B. B. Sinha Chairman of IRCS Bihar state branch met Hon'ble President Sh. Ram Nath Kovind ji at Raj Bhawan, Patna. Hon'ble President was on a visit to Patna.



All Bengal Secretaries Convention organised by IRCS, West Bengal state branch was held at Chalsa, Jalpaiguri district, from 16-19th November 2021. Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna, Vice Chairman, Dr. Vanashree Singh- Director, Blood Bank, IRCS (NHQ), Chairman of West Bengal state branch & Secretaries from all districts & sub divisional branches participated in the convention. Branch development, COVID 19 activities & future plan of action were discussed.

IRCS (NHQ) MEETINGS

• Flood Early Warning Project

National Monitoring Committee Meeting was held on 2nd Nov, 2021. The progress of the Flood Early Warning Alert Project funded by Google through IFRC was reviewed & directions were given to the branches for the further implementation of the project. It was mentioned that the 75% of the funds received from the headquarters have been spent by Bihar. Assam has spent almost the entire funds that were released to them. Bihar state branch informed that they have held meeting with Bihar State Disaster Management Authority & decided to train ten thousand Apada Mitras on flood early warning alerts in Bihar through BSDMA. They also informed that the state branch has been approached by UNICEF for imparting similar training to their volunteers. A two member team of IRCS & IFRC also visited Assam state branch in the last week of November. They collected Ward Flood Contingency Plans and reviewed the progress under the project.



- The Video Conferencing Cum Communication equipments were installed in several states during the month. The VC facilities were provided to Uttarakhand, U.P and Jammu & Kashmir UT branch by the ICRC. The IT team of ICRC installed the systems.

IRCS (STATE/UT) BRANCHES MEETINGS



AGM of IRCS, Guwahati district branch was held on 21st Nov, at Red Cross Hospital Auditorium, Chandmari, Guwahati



IRCS, Karnataka State Branch, held its 2019-20 AGM on 30th Nov, 2021, at Glass House, Raj Bhawan, Bengaluru, Karnataka

“Anybody can give blood”



Blood donation camp was organized by IRCS, Uttarakhand state branch in collaboration with Dev Bhoomi Institute Dehradun. 110 Units of Blood was collected.

Thank you, donors!



Blood donation camp was organized by L & T Sarai, Singrauli ,M.P

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”



The Month of November, 2021

Donors – 1626
Voluntary Donors in camps — 792
Voluntary Donors in-house — 834
No. of camps— 16
Blood/Blood Components issued - 3401 units



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



Blood donation, Tripura



Hon'ble Governor of Haryana and President of the state branch Sh.Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated a blood donation camp at Gurugram, Haryana, & encouraged blood donors as well.

Celebration of Important Days

Deepawali



On Diwali IRCS, Savangi paud village, Maharashtra distributed sweet boxes, clothes and sweaters.

Chhath Puja



Distribution of masks at Chhath puja ghat, IRCS, Uttar Dinajpur district branch, West Bengal

Constitution Day



Nehru Yuva Kendra (Govt. of India), Udalguri in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Udalguri; Indian Red Cross Society, Udalguri and MRSD NGO Udalguri organised a programme to celebrate the Constitution Day at Udalguri, Assam

World Toilet Day



World Toilet Day celebration by IRCS, Pune, Maharashtra

National Unity Day



As a part of nationwide celebration of National Unity Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Karbi Anglong district branch of IRCS in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra organised a free health check-up & vaccination awareness camp. Free medicines were also distributed during the program.

**Distribution of Relief Materials/Soaps/Masks/HP kits/Medicines/food items etc.
War against COVID-19, floods and other disasters**



Nellore district branch in Andhra Pradesh distributed relief materials consisting of kitchen sets (18 types of steel items, aluminum utensils), tarpaulins, mosquito nets, plastic buckets and hygiene kits to 60 needy families.



Under Kerala flood relief project,2021, IRCS, Karnataka in association with Infosys Foundation & coordinated by Sri. Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Pavagada, Tumkur district distributed Hygiene kits and relief materials to the vulnerable and needy.



Distribution of hygiene kits & blankets by Jammu & Kashmir, UT branch



Distribution of masks by Red Cross volunteers, IRCS,Manipur



Distribution of masks amongst farmers, children & other vulnerable people at Imphal East, Manipur



Distribution of relief material, Bahour, Puducherry

IRCS, Deoria, U.P distributed flood relief material

Distribution of hygiene kits & maggi packets, IRCS, Alipore, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal



Hon'ble Governor of Haryana distributed wheel chairs among Divyangs & sewing machines to poor women.



Food distribution by Red Cross volunteers in Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu

Distribution of relief materials to the disaster affected families of Nainital, Uttarakhand

Rescue boat prepositioned by RC Volunteers for rescue works, Tamil Nadu

We are grateful to all our Donors and Volunteers for their generous support for IRCS relief efforts on behalf of millions of underprivileged and vulnerable families struggling to survive in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you for your compassion, patience, and contribution.

Trainings, Workshops & Health Camps



RAKSHAK training of the trainer, Road Safety Program, Govt. of Odisha was held at Phulbani for two days. The participants were from Boudh, Kandhamal & Nayagarh districts of Odisha. It aimed at reducing the death rate by 25% in road accidents.



Free Health Check Up camp was organised by IRCS, Guwahati district branch



First aid training, Manipur state branch



A first-aid orientation camp was organised for the senior citizens, Chandmari, Assam



3rd Health check-up and screening camp was organized by Punjab Red Cross branch



First Aid Orientation program and distribution of masks was held at Mental Hospital Yerawada, Pune, Maharashtra



Community level awareness programme on Disaster Management at BAC hall of Mandai RD Block, Jirania, Tripura West



Community level awareness programme on Disaster Management and First Aid was organised by DM and President of the district branch, Belbari, West Tripura,



Disaster Action Team (DAT) was formed with the support of IRCS, Gujarat state branch at Porbandar district branch to provide technical support & guidance to the volunteers.



COVID-19 awareness campaign was organised by IRCS, Kandi S.D Branch, Murshidabad, West Bengal.



Under project Rakshak hand holding session took place after TOT programme at Koraput, Balasore, Sambalpur & Phulbani at Odisha.

Congratulations!



Fortnightly web channel program for JRC cadets was launched in vernacular language, Kerala



Border Security Force honored Honorary Secretary, IRCS Karimpur, West Bengal for their commendable job with BSF during COVID 19 pandemic

Tribute!



Mr. S.P. Trivedi, Dy. Commissioner, SJAB, TD, JSR is no more with us. May God give enough strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss. May the departed soul rest in peace.

Miscellaneous Activities



IRCS, Odisha state branch provided financial assistance to two heart patients (kids), one cancer patient & two girl child for higher education. District branch gives regular humanitarian aids to the needy & poor under the leadership of the district branch Chairman cum DM, Mr. Ashish Thakare, IAS



Junior Red Cross Unit, Government Higher Secondary School, Dumali, Kanker, Chhattisgarh appealed to people above 18 years of age to get their names included in the voter list



IRCS, Gujarat state branch honoured senior citizens living in Vatsalaya Dham by giving shawls. Doctors from Indian Society of Anaesthesiology took a note on the ongoing activities by visiting the old age home. Dr. Vibhuti Ben Shah (M.D. Anaesthetist) donated Rs/-25000 to the organization.



State Emergency Operation Centre of Tamil Nadu was assisted by RC volunteers



Thalassemia screening at college of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Godhra, IRCS, Gujarat state branch.



Sh. Latkar, IAS, District collector inaugurated Dental & Ayurvedic clinic at Red Cross Bhavan, IRCS, Srikakulam, A.P



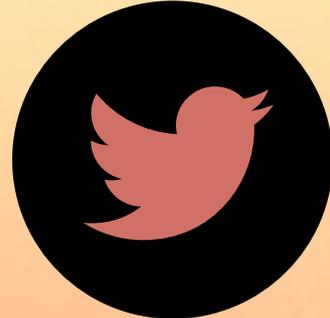
Volunteers of IRCS, Sonamura, sub-divisional branch participated in a "Swachhta Abhiyaan" at Sonamura CHC, Tripura

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