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Hon'ble Minister MoHFW & Chairman, IRCS Dr. Harsh Vardhan distributing soaps and masks at Sabzi Mandi, Delhi

From the desk of The Secretary General



The month of October has been an eventful one. After four years we held our AGM. All statutory businesses were transacted smoothly. Hon'ble Chairman presided over the first ever virtual meeting in which he freely interacted with participants, which included, among others, Hon'ble Governors, Managing Body members of Red Cross and National Council members of St John Ambulance (India). I take this opportunity to thank all participants and congratulate the branches and individuals who won medals and prizes. During this centenary year we constituted two new awards, one for the best State/UT branches and the other for best Blood Centres. This is aimed to stimulate healthy competition amongst the Red Cross branches and blood centres.

During the month we also held 9 meetings of different committees. A record 8 committee meetings took place within two days. I thank our Vice-chairman, Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, for chairing these meetings.

With this edition we are now shifting to old format of monthly bulletin to share our news, views and nationwide actions. Your contribution and suggestions are always welcome.

Chairman made a fervent appeal to all participants during **IRCS Annual General Meeting held on 15th October, 2020** that the real vaccine to eliminate Corona virus is proper wearing of masks, hand washing and physical distancing. During festive season all must disseminate this information and practice it religiously.



During the meeting following statutory business was undertaken:-

- i. Confirmation of the proceedings of the last AGM held on 30th August, 2016.
- ii. Adoption of Annual Report and Audited Annual Accounts of the IRCS and St. John Ambulance (India) for the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.
- iii. Approval of Budget of the IRCS and St. John Ambulance (India) for the year 2020-21.
- iv. Approval of the appointment of statutory auditors for IRCS and St. John Ambulance (India) for the years 2019-20 and their remuneration..
- v. Awards were announced to be conferred later for best performing branches, blood centres, distinguished Red Crossers & St. John volunteers/workers as well as St. John Ambulance Centres.

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Indian Red Cross Medal Gold Medal



Dr. Binay Bahadur Sinha,
Chairman, Bihar State Branch
2016-17



Dr. Bhavesh Fulchand Acharya,
Chairman, Gujarat State Branch
2016-17



Dr. Neeli Ramchander, District Chairman,
Nizamabad District, Telangana
2017-18



Sh. Yarlagadda Dasaradha Rama Rao, Chairman,
East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh
2018-19



Dr. Subhash Gupta
Member, Managing Committee, Haryana
2018-19

[Click here for all awards](#)



Book - "Initiatives in Indian Red Cross" written by
Vice Chairman, IRCS Sh Avinash Rai Khanna released during
IRCS & St John Ambulance (India) AGM held on 15 October, 2020

Let's donate Blood & Save Lives!

Life saving blood units were donated as a part of national voluntary blood donation day held at JNIMS, Imphal East, #Manipur



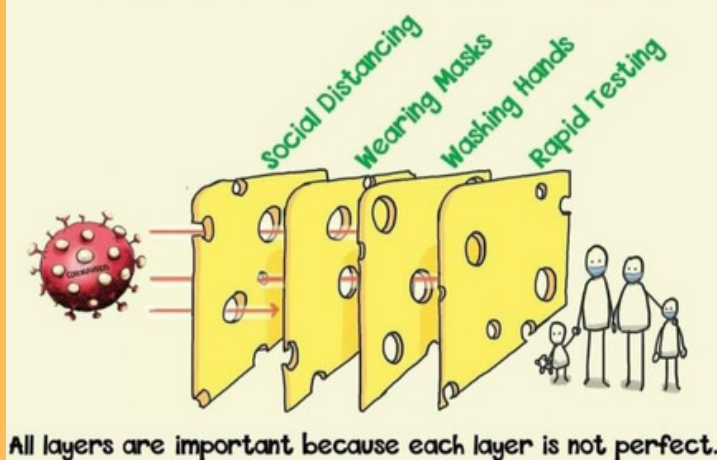
Thank you donors!

The girl in the wheelchair is Monalisa, physically challenged. She donated blood 25th time during blood donation camp organised by IRCS Imphal East District Branch, Manipur



Fighting (COVID-19)

The Swiss Cheese Model



8 self-care activities to try this fall



Savor a warm drink



Try a new hobby



Try some fall fun



Stay warm



Keep a gratitude journal



Contribute to a cause you believe in



Spend time outside



Stay safe

#MentalHealthMatters

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

A single donation can save upto 3 lives

Month of October 2020

Donors - 1806

Voluntary Donors in camps - 1269

Voluntary Donors in-house - 537

No. of camps - 24

Blood/Blood Components issued - 2966



Be the sunshine in someone's life!

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 issue of blood

[Click here to book a Blood Donation Camp.](#)



Mega blood donation camps were organized by IRCS, Telangan on eve of police martyr day

IRCS Soaps and Masks Distribution - War against COVID-19

Three major corporate donors to minimise the impact of Covid 19 to the Indian Red Cross have been Aramco, Aviva and Nestle. They together contributed about Rs 7.20 crores. NHQ procured cotton reusable masks and soaps from this donation which has been distributed almost all over the country.



Sanitary workers-
Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu



Fish, vegetables, Meat Sellers-
Andaman & Nicobar Islands



Chhota Shehara, North 24 Parganas-
West Bengal



Sandeshkhali, North 24 Parganas-
West Bengal



Sonamura - Tripura



Farmers - Jirania
Tripura



Health workers- Port Blair
Andaman & Nicobar Islands



Traffic Police- Jirania
Tripura



BMC workers as a part of
"Swachata Mitra abhiyaan"-Madhya Pradesh



Karur- Tamil Nadu



108 emergency ambulance employees-
Warangal, Telangana



Football players- Jirania
Tripura



Corona warriors- Pune
Maharashtra



Tripura- Smt Niti Deb



Durga Puja- West Bengal



Odisha tailoring unit production

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is a day to promote global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. Held on every 13th October, the day celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reducing the risks that they face.

On the occasion of **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction** on 13 October IRCS Karnataka state branch organized a "Two Day National Level Webinar on Disaster Risk Reduction" on 13th and 14th October, 2020. Thematic areas of the session were based on the Prime Minister's 10 point Agenda and UNDRR Sendai Framework. Sh. R.K Jain, Secretary General inaugurated the event.



Relief Activities



Teams from IRCS Assam continue to work tirelessly to provide relief packages to communities impacted by massive floods in the State.

Distribution of relief materials such as tarpaulin and hygiene material at Charaihagi, Morigaon-Assam



People evacuated and living in Relief centers at Gulbarga District of Karnataka provided with kitchen sets and tarpaulin sheets

Assessment for likelihood of flood in Manipur valley region.



MP State Chairman , Sh. Ashutosh Purohit and General Secretary , Ms. Prarthana Joshi visited Hon'ble Governor Ms. Anandi Ben ji and shared information about work done by state branch during COVID.

Talk on the issue of the importance of first aid training - 23 October, 2020 at by Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna, Vice chairman IRCS at Rayat Bahra University, Punjab

Training on First Aid and life saving Emergency Response was given to trainees at Police Training Center, Government of Karnataka Kadur. Both theory, field demonstration and practical procedures were taught to different batches. All precautions for Covid prevention were taken as per [guidelines](#)

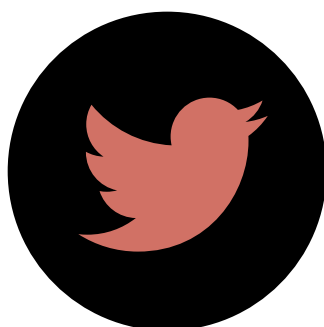


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