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From the Desk of The Secretary-General



With summer quickly approaching and heat wave on its way, we must be prepared for the risks of heat caused illnesses and the preventive measures. I suggest everyone to take the essential precautions to protect themselves from the possible dangers of heat waves, such as staying hydrated, avoiding direct sunlight during peak hours, and wearing loosely and light coloured clothes. Elderly, children and individuals with pre-existing health conditions should take special precautions.

During this period educational institutions close and due to the extreme heat the blood donation activity declines. Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a summer break. Voluntary donors are the main source of blood.

This month, important meetings were held which included the Selection Committee, Review Committee, Finance Committee, Medical & Maternity & Child Welfare Committee, and Blood Centre Committee, where important issues were discussed and decided.

I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the Bihar State branch for laying the foundation stone of their new blood centre in Patna city, Bihar.

I also offer my best wishes to the Manipur State Branch for its newly opened office at IRCS, Jiribam District Branch.

I would also like to congratulate Sh. Atul Kumar, Secretary, IRCS, Sub District Branch, Pupri, Bihar, on receiving the Selfless Service National Award for his outstanding contributions in humanitarian services.

I congratulate Dr. Parag Borkar for being appointed as the Movement Cooperation Coordinator at ICRC New Delhi Regional Delegation replacing Mr. Aziz Syed Shah Abdul who took retirement. I also express my warm wishes to Sh. Vedavyas Kuchibhotla who has been appointed as General Secretary of Tamil Nadu State branch.

I'd also like to welcome Sh. P. Paiwang Konyak, Chairman, IRCS Nagaland State Branch to our family.

The branches observed many important days in March, like, World TB Day, National Vaccination Day, No Smoking Day, World Water Day, World Wildlife Day, International Women's Day, Martyr's Day, Holi, etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about the Red Cross movement.



Vice Chairman, Dr. Anant Pandhare together with the Secretary General, IRCS, Sh. R. K Jain called on the Hon'ble President of India and Hon'ble President of IRCS, Smt. Droupadi Murmu. Hon'ble President was briefed about the activities of Indian Red Cross Society.



Indian Red Cross Society, Telangana State Branch, held a voluntary blood donation camp at Chegur RR district, Telangana. Hon'ble President of India & President of IRCS, Smt. Droupdi Murmu graced the occasion. Dr. Smt. Tamilisai Soundaram, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and IRCS State President was also present.

Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

IRCS signed MoU with Canadian Red Cross for redevelopment of Vikhroli warehouse at Mumbai. Under the project the project implementation committee (PIC) constituted for this purpose shall plan & execute construction of warehouse and with added structures to facilitate trainings and self sustaining structures to mobilize resources.

Four important meetings were held this month; Selection Committee, Review Committee, Finance Committee and Medical, Maternity & Child Welfare Committee. All the meetings were chaired by the Vice Chairman, IRCS, Dr. Anant Pandhare, who is the chairman of these committees. Important statutory & other matters falling in the preview of the committees were discussed & decided. The meetings were held on 21st & 22nd March, 2024.

On 27th March, 2024- Dr Muawia Elbukhari, Ambassador of Sudan Embassy called on the Secretary General, IRCS for possible partnership in humanitarian programs.

on 19th March a virtual meeting of the Global Think Tank Group: Fundamental Principles in today's fast-changing world was held Sh. R.K Jain Secretary General attended the meeting.

Meetings of IRCS, State/UT branches



Chairman of IRCS Telangana Sh. Ajay Mishra with his officers called on the Governor of Telangana, Sri C.P. Radhakrishnan. Hon'ble Governor was briefed about the activities of the IRCS Telangana State Branch.



IRCS, Mirik Sub Division Branch, Darjeeling District, organized a blood donation camp. 41 units of blood was collected



Blood donation camp, West Champaran, Bihar

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

Donate blood and be the reason for someone's existence



The Month of March, 2024

Donors – 1811
 Voluntary Donors in camps — 1596
 Voluntary Donors in-house — 215
 No. of camps - 33
 Blood/Blood Components issued - 3373 units



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



Donate blood and save lives



Blood donation camp, Sonamura sub-divisional branch, Tripura

Thank you, donors!



Blood donation camp, Jalgaon, Maharashtra



In observance of 21st Foundation day of IRCS Imphal West District Manipur, a voluntary Blood donation camp was organised at JNIMS Blood Center Porompat



Blood donation camp, Kota, Rajasthan



Blood donation camp, Buxar, Bihar

Distribution of Relief Materials



Volunteers from the IRCS Senapati district branch in Manipur visited the fire victims and provided for relief at Kalapahar, Kangpokpi district.



The Governor of Himachal Pradesh, provided fruits, juice, and hygiene kits to 110 cancer patients at Indira Gandhi Hospital.



Under the Central Government's ADIP scheme and on behalf of Artificial Limbs of India (ALIMCO), Red cross District disability center distributed assistive materials to 225 disabled persons in Jalgaon, Maharashtra



Mr. Ishteyak Ali Ansari, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pupri, Bihar, provided relief materials such as kitchen sets, blankets, and tarpaulins to 05 fire-affected families in Hardiya Panchayat.

Congratulations



Flag off of ambulance by the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland Sri La Ganesan



Sh. Atul Kumar, Secretary, IRCS, Sub District Branch, Pupri, Bihar was honored for his continuous selfless service to the humanity and blood donation. He was honored with the Selfless Service National Award for his remarkable contribution in the field.



Red Cross Kishtwar district branch of IRCS, J&K provided relief materials to the fire victims of Kharian, Inderwal and Chatroo.



Foundation stone for the new blood centre was laid in Patna City, by the Hon'ble Governor of Bihar, Sh. Rajendra Arlekar. Dr. B. B Sinha, Chairman of the IRCS Bihar Red Cross, honored the Hon'ble Governor on the occasion.

Trainings & Workshops



Disaster risk reduction workshop was held in a remote village, Jamkkol, Boudh District, Odisha



The Imphal West district branch of IRCS Manipur organized a basic first aid awareness training for fourth semester B.Sc. nursing students.



Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana State Branch inaugurated State Level Red Cross Aapda Mitra Disaster Response Camp on 18th March, 2024 in association with Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Govt of Haryana.



First aid training was conducted for 35 foliage trekkers by Pune district branch, Maharashtra



First aid training programs were held at two different places of Jiribam district of Manipur

Miscellaneous Activities



Pulse Polio vaccination campaign was held by IRCS Pune district branch, Maharashtra

Miscellaneous Activities



Volunteers from the Sonamura Sub-Divisional Red Cross Society carried out a rescue and fallen tree removal operation in Kentali hamlet, Nalchar R D Block, Sonamura, Sepahijala, Tripura.



Members of IRCS, Darrang District Branch, Assam visited Mollapara hamlet in the district of Darrang, Assam. There was a community level awareness meeting about first aid. Some sanitizing products, such as tissue papers, soap, and tarpaulins, were handed over to the masjid committee.



An awareness seminar against drug addiction was organised by IRCS Gurdaspur, Punjab at Government High School, Talwandi Nahar, Gurdaspur



Disaster management training to staff members of Ramco Group Textiles company, Rajapalayam, Tamil Nadu



First aid training on industrial emergencies was conducted for the employees of Rajashree and Ultratech cement factory by Gulbarga district branch, Karnataka

YRC Orientation workshop was organised by Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana



A R Khan, Jt. Secretary, IRCS, DB Keonjhar, disseminated HIV/AIDS awareness among YRC and NCC Cadets at Dharanidhar University Keonjhar.



IRCS, Punjab State Branch organized first aid & home nursing lecturer refresher training camp from 8th to 12th March, 2024 at Bharat Scout & Guide Camp Site at Raiwala , Uttarakhand



IRCS, Imphal West District Branch provided basic first aid training to the students of GoAviator Academy. 25 students attended the session.



IRCS Malda district branch participated in a full scale mock drill exercise with NDRF on March 30, 2024 at Malda station/yard near Bio-gas plant.



First aid training was provided to the employees of Giripremi forest department by Pune district branch, Maharashtra. 42 people participated in this training program.



IRCS West Bengal Branch conducted first aid training at State Headquarters. 20 employees from Saraswati Press Ltd. undertook this training.



First aid training was held by IRCS Pune district branch, Maharashtra



IRCS Imphal West district branch organized a first-aid training program for CRPF jawans. Dr. Bankimchandra Thokchom, Master Trainer in First Aid, conducted the training session.



The Red Cross and First Aid Committee of SPPND Government Degree College Samba in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society (J&K) organised an enlightening awareness programme on First Aid and Drugs De-addiction.



First aid training, Dehradun, Uttarakhand



Volunteers from the IRCS Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch took part in a flood rescue simulation drill at the Sonamura Reserve Tank in cooperation with the Tripura Fire And Emergency Department.



First Aid training program to Employees of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Warangal, Telangana



As a part of capacity building program, Imphal West District Branch of IRCS Manipur State conducted basic first aid training for students of BSc. and Diploma of Operation Theatre Technology and Medical Lab Technology



YRC Orientation workshop was held at Kurukshetra University. 155 colleges participated in this event.

Congratulations

A Helpdesk has been put up at the entrance of the IRCS West Bengal State Branch Headquarters (Kolkata) for distributing and exchanging information about the RCRC Movement activities.



Celebration of Important Days

International Women's Day



One day legal awareness program cum observance of International Women's Day in association with IRCS Senapati district branch and Senapati District Women's Association. Blankets were distributed amongst widows and other needy on the occasion.



Distribution of sewing machines by Indian Red Cross Society, Jalandhar district branch, Punjab on the eve of International Women's Day

International Women's Day



On the occasion of International Women's Day, hygienic kits, new clothes and radiation kits were gifted to HIV-affected women and children in Jalgaon, Maharashtra.



Celebration of International Women's Day, Punjab State Branch

Shaheed Diwas



The HP State Red Cross and District Red Cross Branch Shimla held a blood donation camp on March 23rd at Ridge, the mall Shimla, to commemorate Shaheed Diwas. 39 units of blood were collected at the camp.

Holi



The Hospital Welfare Section of the HP State Red Cross hosted the "Holi Milan Utsav" with "Specially Abled Children". The Lady Governor and President of the Hospital Welfare Section of the HP State Red Cross distributed fruits, juice, cookies, and hygiene kits to children.

World TB Day



Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh in collaboration with Lions Club, Jalandhar and Indian Red Cross Society District Branch, Jalandhar celebrated WORLD TB DAY. Nutrition Kits were distributed to the TB Patients

Congratulations



A temporary office of the IRCS, Jiribam District Branch, Manipur was inaugurated by Chairman, IRCS, Manipur State Branch on 28th March, 2024.

Health Camps



A two-day health screening camp was organized at Jalgaon Khurd, Maharashtra under CSR of Orient Cement Limited in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, Jalgaon. On this occasion, sugar and blood pressure examination of 130 senior citizens, blood group examination of 187 students, hemoglobin examination of 110 (all women) were done. Apart from this, all the specialist doctors examined 310 patients.



IRCS, Jalgaon, Maharashtra organized a health check up camp for poor and needy women in association with women's and child care health plus organisation. 85 women and children were treated in the camp.



Rangla Punjab, a festival, was held in Amritsar from February 23 to February 29, 2024, in which the IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh collaborated with the IRCS, Amritsar, District Branch. At this event, the Red Cross was provided with a stall to raise awareness about tuberculosis. The primary goal of this programme was to raise awareness of the disease and its impact on world health, as well as to encourage early detection and treatment.

Miscellaneous Activities



IRCS, Purba Bardhaman district branch, West Bengal State Branch sponsored a district cultural competition on 31st March at Ichlabad Vivekananda Girls High School. Nearly 1200 children took part in this cultural competition.



Under the project name "REDCROSS PRANAMITRA VOLUNTEERS' Training," the IRCS Kakinada District, Andhra Pradesh has launched a novel initiative to teach 850 Ward/Village Secretaries of the district's six coastal Mandals for disaster management, first aid, and fire rescue operations. With meticulous attention, the ONGC-sponsored project was carried out by offering 27 three-day training sessions led by master trainers. Presentation ceremony of certificates, hand books and t-shirts for 326 trainees of Kakinada city was also held.



Hon'ble Governor, Haryana-cum-President dedicated 82 units of Sanitary Pad Dispensing and Disposal Machines valued at Rs. 15 lakhs from Haryana Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh for installation at 82 women's college in Haryana through the State Red Cross.

Health Camps



Health camp, Medchal–Malkajgiri district, Telangana



Congratulations

Sh. Vedavyas Kuchibhotla has been appointed as General Secretary of Tamil Nadu State branch.



Dr. Parag Borkar has been appointed as the Movement Cooperation Coordinator at ICRC New Delhi Regional Delegation.

Welcome

The Nagaland Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Sri P. Paiwang Konyak, has been appointed as the Chairman of IRCS Nagaland State Branch.



Miscellaneous Activities



Health camp, Kallakal Medchal, Telangana was inaugurated by the Chairman Sh. Ajay Mishra (IAS, retd.)



IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Drug De-addiction Centre, Patiala organised No Smoking Day to create awareness about the destructive impacts of smoking



The Punjab State Red Cross Branch in collaboration with district Red Cross Branch, Ropar organised social service camp for providing services to the visiting pilgrimages during Holi Mohalla Shri Anandpur Sahib.



An awareness lecture was organized by the IRCS, Punjab State Branch Drug De-addiction Centre, Patiala at PRTC Headquarters, Driving Training School, Patiala to educate drivers, conductors, and students

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