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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



## From the Desk of The Secretary-General

In recent weeks, our communities have faced profound challenges, and it is in these moments of adversity that our collective strength and compassion should be noticed. The recent tragic stampede in Hathras and the devastating landslides in Wayanad have brought debilitating hardship to people's lives.

The Hathras stampede, which resulted in numerous casualties and injuries, has left families in mourning and communities in shock. Similarly, the landslides in Wayanad have caused widespread damage, displacing many individuals and impacting their daily lives. The scale of these disasters is overwhelming, and the road to recovery will be long and arduous.

In the face of such immense challenges, our Red Cross branches have demonstrated remarkable dedication and resilience. Our volunteers and staff have been providing crucial support to those in need.

The IRCS NHQ bids farewell to Sh. Madan Mohan Rao, who has dedicated over a decade of exemplary service as the General Secretary of the Telangana State Branch. As he embarks on his well-deserved retirement, we extend our warmest wishes for a future filled with good health, happiness, and prosperity. His contribution has left an indelible mark on the branch and we are grateful for his commitment and leadership.

The branches observed many important days in July like National Doctor's Day, World Youth Skills Day, Kargil Vijay Diwas, World Nature Conservation Day, World Hepatitis Day etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.



Dr. Anant Pandhare, Vice Chairman, IRCS visited Jalgaon district branch, Maharashtra. Vice President Gani Memon & Chairman Vinod Biyani provided him information on Red Cross services. During the visit, Dr. Anant Pandhare learnt about the advance technology used at the Red Cross Blood Center. He also expressed satisfaction on the initiatives such as the Red Cross Orthopedic Bank, Oxygen Bank, clinics, etc. While expressing his thoughts at the felicitation ceremony, Dr. Anant Pandhare said, "Being associated with a dedicated service-oriented organization like the Red Cross, you should strive to find personal satisfaction in your work and maintain a mindset of serving every needy person who comes to you with expectation." Chairman Vinod Biyani, Disaster Management Chairman Subhash Sankhla, executive member Mrs. Shantatai Vani, member Shashank Mantri, and all officials and employees were present on this occasion.

**This month, IRCS NHQ provided relief supplies to the following State branches to support people affected by disaster and flood.**

<b>MIZORAM</b> - 500 KITCHEN SETS 500 FAMILY TENTS 1000 HYGIENE KITS	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b> - 500 KITCHEN SETS 2000 PLASTIC BUCKETS 500 TARPAULINS 5000 HYGIENE KITS
<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b> - 2000 WOLLEN BLANKETS 1000 MOSQUITO NETS	
<b>TAMIL NADU</b> - 500 KITCHEN SETS 500 TARPAULINS	<b>NAGALAND</b> - 500 KITCHEN SETS 1000 TARPAULINS 2000 HYGIENE KITS
<b>HIMACHAL PRADESH</b> - 2000 WOLLEN BLANKETS 500 PLASTIC BUCKETS 4000 TARPAULINS 50, 000 FAMILY TENTS 2000 HYGIENE KITS 300 COTTON BLANKETS	<b>KARNATAKA</b> - 500 KITCHEN SETS 1500 TARPAULINS
<b>GUJARAT</b> - 1000 KITCHEN SETS 3000 TARPAULINS 4000 HYGIENE KITS	<b>MAHARASHTRA</b> - 600 BED SHEETS 1000 WOLLEN BLANKETS 404 COTTON BLANKETS 500 KITCHEN SETS 2447 TOWELS 604 PLASTIC BUCKETS 4000 TARPAULINS 1000 HYGIENE KITS
<b>UTTARAKHAND</b> - 4000 WOLLEN BLANKETS 500 KITCHEN SETS 4000 TARPAULINS 2000 HYGIENE KITS	<b>KERALA</b> - 500 KITCHEN SETS 200 TARPAULINS 50 FAMILY TENTS



# Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

SECRETARY GENERAL, IRCS, NHQ ATTENDED VIRTUAL MEETING (3RD) OF GLOBAL THINK TANK ON 19TH JULY, 2024

## Meetings of IRCS State/UT Branches

A review meeting was organised on 26-07-2024 by Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana State Branch under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sushma Gupta, Vice Chairperson and Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, General Secretary at Karnal Club, Karnal. All the Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries and District Training Officers from 22 District of Haryana participated in this meeting.



The IRCS Bihar State Branch provided a briefing on its various programmes to the Hon'ble Governor of Bihar, Sh. Rajendra Arlekar at Raj Bhawan. Delegation consisted of Dr. B.B. Sinha, Chairman, Vice Chairman Sh. Uday Shankar Prasad Singh, Sh. Dinesh Kumar Jaiswal, Member (Treasurer) and Sh. I B Pd, Chief Finance officer.

Red Cross Kozhikode District Branch conducted Annual General Body Meeting. The meeting was graced by Adv. K Radhakrishnan, State Chairman of IRCS Kerala, who inaugurated the meeting. Mr. Madancheri Satyanathan, District Chairman, presided over the meeting. The meeting also honored First Aid Master Trainers for their exceptional service. The occasion was marked by the distribution of certificates and identity cards to new Red Cross members.



### BID ADIEU

Madan Mohan Rao has been relieved of his duties as General Secretary of the Telangana State Branch after 10 years. Sri Ajay Mishra, Chairman is holding the additional charge until further arrangements are made.

*Thank you, donors!*



Voluntary Blood donation camp was held in SBI, Boudh on Bank Day, 01-07-24 in support of District Red Cross branch, Boudh, Odisha.



Blood donation camp organised By Chandra Shekhar Azad Charitable Trust Panchkula, Haryana in collaboration with the Haryana State Branch.

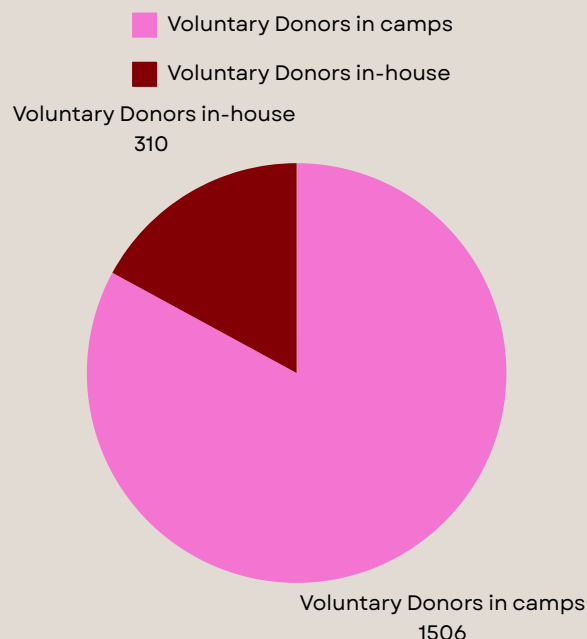


Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, in collaboration with the NSS Department of Chandigarh University, organized a blood donation camp at the University campus.



Blood donation camp, Munger, Bihar

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



BLOOD/BLOOD COMPONENTS ISSUED - 3878 UNITS  
NO. OF CAMPS - 33 TOTAL NO. OF DONORS -1816



# TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS



Training on BLS and First Aid for Paramedical students, IRCS Davengere District branch, Karnataka

*THE DESIRE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ONE'S OWN NATION CAN BE- AND MUST BE-MADE COMPATIBLE WITH THE WELFARE OF ALL HUMANITY.*



IRCS Imphal West district branch conducted first aid training for the employees and workers of IOCL Malom Oil Depot.



Volunteers of IRCS, Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch gave first aid to players at State Football tournament of Tripura



IRCS, West Bengal State Branch conducted first aid and disaster management training for the employees of NTPC Kahalgaon



First aid training was organised by IRCS Pune District Branch, Maharashtra at Maher, shelter home, Pune



# TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS



Darrang District Branch, IRCS organised orientation programme on first aid



First aid training, Pune, Maharashtra



JRC First aid training, Peruvallur, Kerala

*EVERY DAY SEES HUMANITY MORE VICTORIOUS IN THE STRUGGLE WITH SPACE AND TIME.*



Volunteers of IRCS, Imphal West District Branch under the guidance of Dr. Bankimchandra Thokchom conducted basic first aid training in connection with the observance of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam CPR week (21 July to 28th July) at various institutes/colleges.



IRCS Chitradurga District branch, Karnataka conducted first aid/CPR training for jail police personnel.



# TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS



Pathanamthitta district counsellors meet and first aid training, Kerala

*THE EARTH IS THE CRADLE OF HUMANITY, BUT MANKIND CANNOT STAY IN THE CRADLE FOREVER.*



Students from BITS Pilani successfully completed their 2-month summer internship at the Indian Red Cross Society, Rajasthan State Branch.



First Aid Training, IRCS, Janjgir, District Branch, Chhattisgarh



Students from BITS Pilani successfully completed their 2-month summer internship at the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch



First aid awareness programme at Govt. Sec School Ismailpur Ambala, Haryana



# AWARENESS PROGRAMS



Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, in collaboration with the Drug De-addiction Centre, Nawahseher, has launched a comprehensive drug de-awareness program, reaching out to various segments of the society through a series of awareness camps.



Under the Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyan, the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Center, Nawanshahr, organized an anti-drug awareness camp at Government Senior Secondary School,



IRCS Manipur State Branch conducted 3 days basic psychological support awareness cum health camp programmes at Bishnupur district, Imphal West district, Thoubal district and Kakching district respectively in relief camps for IDPs inmates.



IRCS Salcete Branch, Goa along with Rotary Club and Sarthak Foundation Jointly organised awareness cum health camp. 79 people benefitted from the eye check up, ayurvedic & bone density consultations. Free medicines were also provided to some patients.



# RESPONSE TO DISASTER & DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF MATERIALS

LOVE AND COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES, NOT LUXURIES. WITHOUT THEM HUMANITY CANNOT SURVIVE.



Volunteers of Emergency Response Team of IRCS IMPHAL WEST DISTRICT branch along with NDRF, SDRF and MMTA helped in evacuation of the stranded people affected by flood at Sinjamei, Kakwa and Khonangpheidekpi districts of Imphal.

## RESPONSE TO WAYANAD FLOOD



Those impacted by the rainfall received humanitarian aid from the Red Cross Hassan District Branch, Karnataka



IRCS is mobilizing relief supplies and volunteers to supplement the rescue & relief being undertaken by the local administration for the survivors of the devastating landslide on 30th July in the Wayanad district of Kerala. In addition to the relief supplies and support by the Kerala State branch the NHQ has released kitchen sets, tents and tarpaulins to meet the urgent need.



Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, Minister of Health and Higher Education flagged off relief materials from IRCS, Uttarakhand, state branch for disaster affected/prone districts.



Hon'ble Governor & President of HP State Red Cross Society flagged off relief materials to the District Red Cross Branch Kullu.



# RESPONSE TO DISASTER & DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF MATERIALS

UNITING FOR HUMANITY,  
ONE LIFE AT A TIME. JOIN  
US IN MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE.

## RESPONSE TO HATHRAS STAMPEDE



The stampede that occurred on July 2, 2024, during a religious event in the Mughal Garhi village of the Hathras region in Uttar Pradesh, India, was a tragic incident. Overcrowding at the event, which was attended by around 250,000 people despite a limit of 80,000, led to the death of 123 individuals, primarily women and children, and left at least 150 people hospitalized. In response to the disaster, Red Cross volunteers reached Hathras and distributed relief supplies to assist those affected by the tragedy.

## MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES



Medical Camp was held at Pynursla block  
Mynrieng Village, Goa



# MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Volunteers from the State-level camp, Boudh Panchayat College, and Youth Red Cross provided stretcher service, water spraying, first aid, and restoring family link services.



Volunteers from the Indian Red Cross Society Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch assisted Indian medical students who were leaving Bangladesh due to the ongoing disturbances in Bangladesh.



The YRC team planted 55 saplings during the Vanamohatsav at Boudh Panchayat College in Boudh, Odisha

Volunteer induction program of new life members was conducted by IRCS Imphal East District Branch.



**“WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.”  
- WINSTON CHURCHILL**

# MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Indian Red Cross Society, Kakching district Branch in the state of Manipur organised tree plantation drive



Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State branch joined hands with Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (Tata Memorial Centre), Chandigarh, in fight against cancer.

The IRCS WB State Branch in Kolkata greeted Mr. Roshan Lamichen, a visitor from Nepal, with great warmth. His idea is to organize a global cycling tour with the slogan "Cycle for Change - Plant Trees, Donate Blood - Save Lives."



Inauguration of Pothichoru (packed meals) Distribution Scheme of GHSS Meppadi JRC Unit, Kerala

Two Day's Workshop on Project Cycle Management, Safer Access Framework & Branch Development was organised by Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch. Sri Suresh Pujari, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Revenue & Disaster Management, Govt of Odisha was the Chief Guest. Dr. Parag Borkar, Movement Cooperation Coordinator at ICRC New Delhi, Regional Delegation facilitated the workshop.



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# MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

A rally on organ donation awareness was organized at Jaipur by the Rajasthan State Branch. Minister of State for Energy Sh. Hiralal Nagar was the chief guest.



Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed by JRC at Tsamup School, Mattathur, Kerala

Nutritional kit provided to TB patient, Balod, Chhattisgarh



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# CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

*COMPASSION KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. TOGETHER, LET'S HEAL HEARTS AND RESTORE HOPE.*

## >>> NATIONAL DOCTORS DAY, 1 ST JULY



National Doctors Day celebration by Youth Red Cross of Boudh Panchayat College, Boudh, Odisha



On National Doctors Day, the IRCS, Imphal West District Branch in collaboration with the Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, organized a voluntary blood donation drive at the Indian Medical Association Hall in Lamphel.



North 24 Parganas District Branch, West Bengal observed National Doctors Day



Dakshin Dinajpur District, Purulia District, Ghatal Sub Division branch, West Bengal observed National Doctors Day by holding blood donation camp and plantation drive.



Celebration of National Doctors Day at Malippuram Hospital Vypin  
JRC unit Santa Cruz HS Ochanthuruth



Celebration of National Doctors Day at IRCS Tamil Nadu State Branch



# CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

*WITH EACH HELPING  
HAND, WE CAN BRING A  
BIG CHANGE IN THE LIVES  
OF PEOPLE AROUND US.*

## »» WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY, 15th July

On the occasion of World Youth Skill Day, the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, organized an engaging activity at Saint Soldier International School, Sec-26, Chandigarh. The event aimed to empower young minds with essential skills and promote creativity.



## »» WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY, 28th July



The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Government Model Senior Secondary (Junior wing) School, Sector-16, Chandigarh celebrated World Nature Conservation Day at the school premises.

## »» WORLD HEPATITIS DAY, 29TH JULY



The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Civil Hospital, Ludhiana, celebrated World Hepatitis Day on July 29, 2024, at the Civil Hospital, Ludhiana.

## Kargil Vijay Divas, 26th July



Indian Red Cross Society, Jalgaon, district branch, Maharashtra conducted blood donation camp on Kargil Vijay Divas.







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