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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



## From the Desk of The Secretary-General

I am happy to inform that this month we conducted IRCS, Managing Body Meeting on 13th September 2024. It was presided over by Shri J.P Nadda, Hon'ble Chairman, IRCS, NHQ & Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. In the meeting, among other decisions it was decided that three new awards may be presented in the IRCS Annual General Meeting to recognize contributions in the categories of women, staff and youth. Proposals regarding appointment of Secretary General, Treasurer and Joint Secretary were also considered by the Managing Body.

I would like to thank all the branches for undertaking various humanitarian activities, like distribution of hygiene kits, food items, kitchen sets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets etc. to the vulnerable & needy during the disasters in the month.

I applaud the branch's involvement in several Swachhta hi Sewa Pakhwada events, which took place from September 17th to October 2nd, including seminars and competitions in schools, awareness rallies, cleanliness drives, blood donation camps and a plantation campaign.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Binay Bahadur Sinha, Chairman, IRCS, Bihar State Branch for receiving the Lifetime Achievement award by Health Care' Times- Icons of Health 2024 and Mr. AR Khan, Joint Secretary, IRCS DB Keonjhar, Odisha on receiving the award for the best first aider.

I would also like to appreciate IRCS J&K branch for holding its first virtual first aid awareness session for students at Foundation World School, Budgam, J&K.

The branches observed many important days in September like International Day of Charity, World Physical Therapy Day, World First Aid Day, International Day of Peace, World Rabies Day, World Heart Day, Onam etc. Such occasions give us an opportunity to connect with people & create awareness about Red Cross movement.



Mr. Jagan Chapagain, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) along with Mr. Udaya Regmi, Head IFRC, CCD called on the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India & Chairman, IRCS, NHQ. During his sojourn in Delhi, he also saw the BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri) Cubes that is a portable primary health care unit developed indigenously in the country.



# Meetings of IRCS, NHQ

## MANAGING BODY MEETING OF IRCS, NHQ, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare & Chairman of IRCS, Sh. J.P Nadda presided over the meeting of the Managing Body of the Indian Red Cross Society on 13th September at IRCS, NHQ.

The Hon'ble Chairman in his address to the Managing Body members said that the members should revitalize inactive branches and incentives should be given to enhance their performance. He also advised the Red Cross branches to adopt specific hospital wards to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. He further added that the welfare, humanitarian and relief work being done by the Red Cross is not getting enough publicity hence there is a need to get adequate coverage in the media and the perception about the Red Cross that it runs from the precincts of Raj Bhawan, or office of District Commissioners needs to be broken. He stated that other activities like medical aid, blood donation and community welfare activities need to reachout to more people in the country apart from disaster management activities.

**SELECTION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING (4TH SEPTEMBER, 2024)**

**FINANCE AND WAREHOUSE/PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (12TH SEPTEMBER, 2024)**

**COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE ACT AND THE RULES (27TH SEPTEMBER, 2024)**

## ASIA PACIFIC NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TRAINING, KATHMANDU, NEPAL



From September 9 to 13, 2024, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Danish Red Cross organized a regional training in Kathmandu, Nepal, focused on “Community Health for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).” Joint Secretary, IRCS, NHQ, Dr. Anoop Kumar Puri participated in this meeting. The event aimed to equip National Societies with tools to prevent, manage, and control NCDs in various settings, including humanitarian contexts. The training introduced participants to the IFRC NCD Community Service Delivery Package, a comprehensive guide designed to improve NCD health services in communities. Attendees also exchanged knowledge and best practices for optimizing NCD programs, sharing insights from their respective countries to strengthen future initiatives. Representatives from 17 countries, including Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, Laos, and Indonesia, participated in the event. The training highlighted the region’s collective efforts to combat NCDs and improve health outcomes for millions of people across Asia and the Pacific.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME ON DATA PROTECTION & CYBER SECURITY FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, General Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana State Branch and Member of National Managing Body represented IRCS in an international programme on Data Protection & Cyber Security for Humanitarian Action at Bangkok (Thailand) held from 9th to 13th September, 2024. It was organised by International Committee of Red Cross in association with European Centre on Privacy and Cybersecurity (ECPC), Maastricht University, Netherland. In this event officials from over 20 countries participated. During this training programme various important topics were covered on protection of data and cyber security with specific reference to humanitarian organisations. He attended this five days training programme and also interacted with the delegates of various countries.





*Thank you, donors!*



Awareness cum blood donation camp in observance of 128th Lamyamba Hijim Irabot Ningsing Thouram, Imphal West. 15 persons donated their blood.



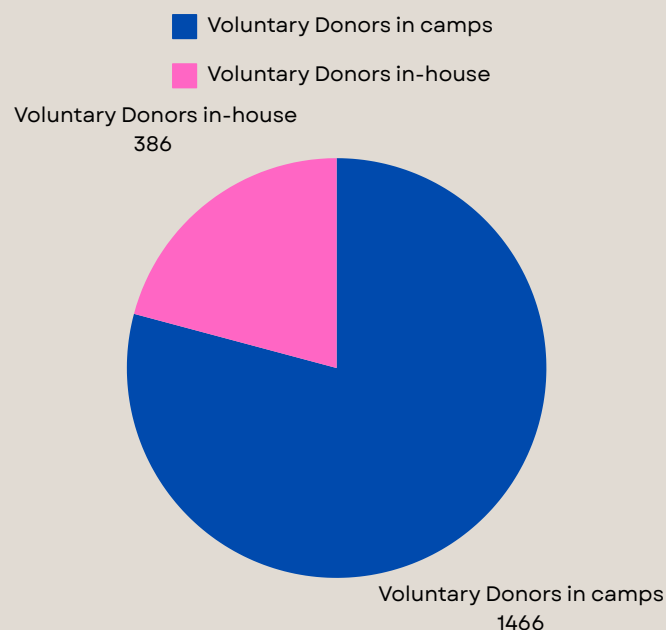
Blood donation camp was organised by IRCS, Thoubal District Branch in association with YRC unit WMG College, Thoubal



IRCS Mirik SD Branch, Darjeeling District organized a blood donation camp at Mirik College in collaboration with NSS Unit I & II of Mirik College.

*THE GIFT OF BLOOD IS THE GIFT OF LIFE. SHARE THAT PRECIOUS GIFT TODAY*

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 - 3750 UNITS  
NO. OF CAMPS - 33 TOTAL NO. OF DONORS - 1852

*Thank you, donors!*

**EMPATHY IN ACTION:  
WHERE EVERY  
DONATION BECOMES  
A LIFELINE.**



Voluntary blood donation camp, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

Voluntary blood donation camp was held at JNIMS blood centre by IRCS Imphal East District Branch. The camp was organised to celebrate 40th time donation of Sh. Thiyam Nilamani Singh, a senior member.



Mega Blood Donation camp at Amity University Gurugram, Haryana



Red Cross Blood Centre Nalagarh, H.P organized two blood donation camps at Nalagarh & Ramshehar, district Solan



IRCS, Assam State Branch and Raj Bhavan, Assam state jointly organized a voluntary Blood Donation Camp at the Red Cross Hospital, Chandmari, Guwahati. The Hon'ble Governor of Assam and the President, Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch 'Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya' inaugurated the camp.



# TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

First aid and CPR training was held at IRCS NHQ on 25th Sept 2024. Dr. Itinder Pal Singh Bali, Master trainer and co-trainer, Shaina Verma conducted the session. IRCS members participated actively in the training program.



**THIS MONTH, IRCS NHQ PROVIDED RELIEF SUPPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING STATE BRANCHES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DISASTERS.**

## ULHASNAGAR (MAHARASHTRA)

**100 KITCHEN SETS, 500 PLASTIC BUCKETS, 100 TARPAULINS**

## ANDHRA PRADESH

**3000 WOLLEN BLANKETS, 1000 KITCHEN SETS, 3000 TARPAULINS**

## RAJASTHAN

**1000 WOLLEN BLANKETS, 500 KITCHEN SETS, 1000 PLASTIC BUCKETS**

## BIHAR

**1500 KITCHEN SETS, 1000 PLASTIC BUCKETS, 2000 TARPAULINS**

# TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

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



First Aid training, IRCS Imphal West District Branch, Manipur



First aid training, Durg, Chhattisgarh



First Aid training was provided at Govt.Degree College, Dhami by IRCS H.P state branch



First aid training, Ozar, Maharashtra



First aid training for Corporate concluded at IRCS SHQ Kolkata, West Bengal



# TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

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



IRCS Chitradurga District branch, Karnataka held an orientation program on YRC activities for the youth Red Cross program officers. Assistant professors from various colleges of the university participated in the meeting.



First aid training, Beejapuri Dairy Private Limited, Kharabwadi, Maharashtra



3 days Disaster Management Training was organized by IRCS Tehatta SD Branch, Nadia District in collaboration with IRCS West Bengal State Branch



IRCS Karnataka State Branch conducted first aid awareness program at Dayananda Sagar University, Bangalore.



# TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS



IRCS, Haryana State Branch organised State Level Youth Red Cross Training Camp (For Boys) from 11th to 16th September, 2024 at Geeta Gyan Sansthanam, Kurukshetra. 209 participants from 13 Universities and 25 Colleges of 19 Districts of Haryana participated in this camp.



**THE GREATNESS OF HUMANITY  
IS NOT IN BEING HUMAN, BUT  
IN BEING HUMANE**



IRCS Haryana State Branch organised State Level Junior Red Cross training camp for boys from 30th August to 4th September, 2024 at Kurukshetra. 220 participants from 21 districts of Haryana participated in this camp.



The YRC Divisional level camp of Mysore Division was conducted at Pilikula Regional Science Center, Vamanjoor, Mangalore, Karnataka



First aid training program at NEEPCO Power Station at Hoj in Arunachal Pradesh



IRCS J&K organised first ever virtual first aid awareness session for students of Foundation World School, Budgam, J&K.



# AWARENESS PROGRAMS



Free dental camp at Govt YRC Degree College Dhami Shimla by HP State Red Cross Branch



One day awareness program cum voluntary blood donation cum tree plantation, Khurai Ningthoubung Leikai, Imphal, Manipur,



An awareness camp was held at Government Girls Sr Sec School, Gurdaspur under NMBA by IRCS Punjab State Drug De-addiction Centre.



The Red Cross Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Center, Patiala, organized an anti-drug awareness session at Bhai Ram Krishan Gumat Public Senior Secondary School.



IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh, held a Mega Health Checkup and TB Screening Camp at Gurudwara Sahib Chevin Patshahi, Lamba Pind, Jalandhar in collaboration with the IRCS, Jalandhar; District Health Society, Jalandhar; Gurudwara Sahib Chevin Patshahi, Lamba Pind, Jalandhar; and Humsafar Youth Club.



IRCS, Punjab State, Drug de-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts, Nawanshahr, organized an awareness camp at village Rurki Kalan. The camp aimed to create awareness about the risks associated with drug abuse, its impact on individuals and families



# AWARENESS PROGRAMS



Health Camp was organised by IRCS, Nalanda district branch, Bihar



IRCS, Punjab State Drug De-Addiction & Rehabilitation Centre, Patiala, launched the Swachhata Hi Seva-2024 campaign under the guidance of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.



IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh, and Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, in collaboration with the Red Cross Drug De-addiction Center Nawanshahr, organized an anti-drug awareness camp at Guruduwara Guru Ravidass Ji, Begampur.



A basic psychological support program was conducted for the IDPs at Laphupat Tera Relief Camp, a very interior camp in Imphal West District. Treatment with medications were also done.



FPAI- MISP SRH Medical Camp for landslide affected people, joint program by IAG & Indian Red Cross, Kerala State Branch



IRCS, Punjab State Drug De-Addiction & Rehabilitation Centre, Patiala, organized an anti-drug awareness session at Senior Secondary School, Yogipur



# RESPONSE TO DISASTER & DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF MATERIALS

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

IRCS Nagaland State Branch provided immediate relief to landslide victims in Pherima village. Landslide caused loss of lives and significant destruction to homes, wayside hotels and other infrastructures displacing families. The General Secretary with her dedicated team from the Managing Committee mobilised resources and distributed relief materials - blankets, hygiene kits & kitchen sets etc.



A strong storm swept through parts of Manipur that caused damage to home & vegetables farms in Wangjing Thoubal district. Members of IRCS Thoubal district branch distributed tarpaulin as an emergency relief to one of the affected family.

IRCS Arunachal Pradesh State Branch distributed relief materials at Seppa Town, East Kameng District amongst needy



During recent floods in Andhra Pradesh, the volunteers of IRCS A.P State branch provided emergency assistance and relief to the affected people along with the local administration. Their activities included rescue operations, relief distribution and medical aid. Dr A. Sridhar Reddy, Chairman of AP Red Cross led the team himself.

To know more click on -  
<https://tinyurl.com/ya5jdnhy>,  
<https://tinyurl.com/4yc4rk6z>

# MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

## Congratulations

'Dr. Binay Bahadur Sinha, Chairman, IRCS, Bihar State Branch received Lifetime Achievement in Healthcare- Times- Icons of Health 2024 award by Hon'ble Ravi Shankar Pd, Member of Parliament



On the birthday of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji Madhya Pradesh State Branch opened Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras.





# MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES



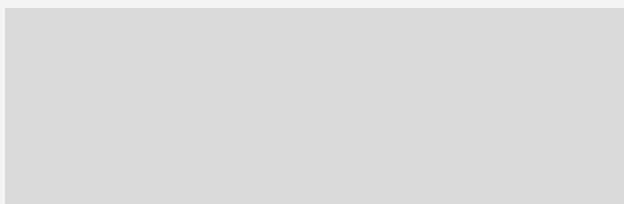
YRC unit was opened at Durgapur Institute of Advance Technology and Management, Rajbandh, Paschim Bardhaman District, West Bengal

Thalassemia detection camp was held at Najrul Smriti Balika Vidyalaya by IRCS Kaliganj block of Nadia district in association with Thalassemia Control Unit, Sadar Hospital, Krishnanagar, Nadia, West Bengal



Volunteers of IRCS Imphal West district branch, Manipur provided the first aid and helped in transporting them. The injuries were caused by the ongoing situation at Imphal West District from 9th to 11th September 2024

New Law College, Pune, launched its Youth Red Cross (YRC) wing with an orientation session, emphasizing humanitarian values and social responsibility.



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

# MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

IRCS IMPHAL WEST DISTRICT BRANCH, MANIPUR Organised a social service camp in Observance of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 with the Theme "Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata" at Cheiraoching and Bhairordan Maxwell Hindi High School



A legal awareness programme was organised at Red Cross Bhawan, by IRCS Chandan Nagar S.D. Branch, Hooghly in collaboration with Sub-divisional Legal Aid Committee.

St. John Ambulance, Haryana State Centre organized Assessment Camp of Lay Lecturers in First Aid & Home Nursing from 29th to 31st August, 2024 at Punjabi Dharamshala, Kurukshetra. 54 Lay Lecturers from 18 Districts of Haryana attended the camp. Camp was inaugurated by Dr. Sushma Gupta, Vice Chairperson and Dr. Mukesh Aggarwal, General Secretary of IRCS Haryana State Branch.



During Swachhata Pakhwada several activities, including primary health check up camp was held by DHR (MoHFW) in collaboration with IRCS, NHQ on 24th September 2024. The staff working at IRCS, NHQ premises utilized the services.



# CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

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

## WORLD FIRST AID DAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER



IRCS Odisha State Branch felicitated Mr. AR Khan, Joint Secretary, IRCS DB Keonjhar as best first aider on the eve of World First Aid Day. Mrs. Aparajita Sarangi Member of Parliament and Mrs. CTM Suguna Retd IAS and Ex- Secretary of Odisha State Branch were present during the event.



IRCS, Manipur State Branch in association with IRCS, Kaching District Branch conducted a First Aid Training Program



IRCS Imphal West District Branch observed World First Aid Day with the Theme "First Aid and Sports". Kh.Jadu Vice Chairman IRCS Imphal West District appealed the participants to raise Awareness among public on learning First Aid to save life during emergencies.



IRCS, North 24 Parganas District Branch, West Bengal observed World First-Aid Day by setting up first-aid post at BADC Block, Salt Lake for football match for girls.



IRCS, Punjab State Branch Observed World First Aid Day with Walkathon

## ONAM , 06TH SEPTEMBER



Distribution of relief items to needy by Kottayam District Branch, Kerala on the eve of Onam.



IRCS, Kottayam District Branch organized Onakody, Onakit distribution at Mariyasadanam on Onam.

## WORLD PHYSICAL THERAPY DAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER



IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh, celebrated World Physical Therapy Day to promote physical wellness & awareness among the staff.



# CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

*BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES.  
BE THE REASON SOMEONE FEELS  
LOVED AND BELIEVES IN THE  
GOODNESS IN PEOPLE.*

## »» INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, 21ST SEPTEMBER



On International Day of Peace district branches of IRCS, Karnataka conducted Walkathons in several districts with the theme "Walk for Humanity".



IRCS, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Punjab University, Chandigarh celebrated International Day of Peace.



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