



# Indian Red Cross Society

## Karnataka State Branch Fortnightly Communique

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### Chairman's Message



**S. Naganna**  
IRCS, KSB

We at the Indian Red Cross Society have been an inspiration to many in the Community for Health Services, Blood Donation, First Aid, Disaster Relief, Preparedness and so on.

As we are at the end of 2020. We remain grateful to all of our district branch and Taluka branch members and volunteers for their contribution and commitment in helping communities to overcome their challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have tried very hard to reach out to people and communities with our resources to provide them with comfort in these difficult times.

Now once we look back 2020 this year, it will always be in our minds. Because COVID-19 not only killed people through virus infection but also due to economic and job insecurities. Developing countries suffered from unemployment and hunger. India enforced 68 days of four-phased-lockdown starting from 24th March to 31st May to deal with COVID-19.

During this time, we have changed all our actions and strategies to reach out to the communities. We have with immense support with the Information and Public Relations Department and the Karnataka State Labor Department to provide assistance to migrant workers and other labour communities. More than 25,000 plus volunteers registered with this Corona Warrior initiative. This mission was successfully completed by passing through this difficult phase through the effective participation of the people.

By learning through these situations, it is time for all of us to realign ourselves with the current changing world. By wishing all of you a very happy and peaceful new year, we look forward to serving you better in 2021.



Many of our IRCS District and Taluka Branch volunteers joined us as Corona Warriors to help local authorities to provide timely assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic. [#YearInReview2020](#)



District Branch members and volunteers engaged in the distribution of relief materials to families affected by the recent floods and the Covid-19 pandemic. [#YearInReview2020](#)



Many of the IRCS Karnataka District Branches worked closely with local governments and mobilised resources by collaborating with various organisations and donors to help those in need. [#YearInReview2020](#)

Many hands worked together to build a resilient environment for all, especially during the Covid 19 pandemic. We would like to thank each one of them for their commitment in collaboration with the Karnataka Red Cross in 2020. [#YearInReview2020](#)

# Stock Availability, IRCS, KSB, Blood Center.

**Update from 15th December to  
31st December 2020.**

**Units Collected : 1195  
Units issued : 1531**

**Units available as on 30.01.2021**

**505 - units of PRBC**

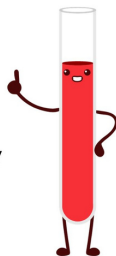
**590 - units of FFP**

**29 - units of PC**

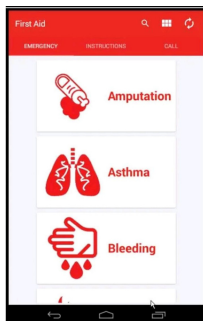
**145 - units of CRYO**

What about donating blood for  
**#NewYear's** resolution?

**1 blood  
donation can  
save as many  
as 3 lives!**



**Donate blood today. Save lives.**



**Download IRCS First Aid App:** This Indian Red Cross Society First Aid application provides you first aid guidelines to handle day-to-day emergencies.

The information included is updated using the latest international guidelines for first aid (2015-2016).

All instructions are adapted to the local Indian context by a team of Indian medical and first aid experts.

The content is based on the evidence-based first guidelines included in the reference manual Indian First Aid Guidelines (IFAG) and the Indian First Aid Manual (IFAM) (2016).

The application and the content will be frequently updated and its functionality expanded.

The Indian Red Cross Society and St John Ambulance of India provide practical certified first aid courses all over India.

Contact your local branch for more information.  
Download this free first aid application on playstore.

## **Features:**

- Simple step-by-step instructions and illustrations icon touch-driven guide you through everyday first aid and health scenarios.
- Icons to select can be set to 'large' mode for easier selection on smaller handhelds or to improve readability.
- Step by step instructions illustrates basic first aid techniques as CPR, recovery position and other.
- Instructions can be retrieved by a simple search on keywords.
- One-click action to call an emergency number 112 or to call a personal contact. A personal emergency contact list can be created.
- Via one-click, a local map can be uploaded to locate the nearby hospitals and the routes to reach them (using GPS and Google Map functionality).
- The app is ad-free and spam-free.

## **System requirements:**

- Works online and offline. To install or to update the content an internet connection (phone or wifi) is required.

## Statewide, Red Cross in Action!



**IRCS Ballary District Branch:** Soaps, energy drinks Facemasks and Sanitisers were distributed to health and hygiene workers by IRCS-Ballari District Branch. Smt. Preethi Ghelot IAS has joined this event and has motivated Red Cross volunteers to carry out more of these activities in the district.



Thanksgiving program was organised by SERV Volunteers on behalf of Indian Red Cross Society, Ballari District Branch for about 300 Doctors and Health staff at District Hospital, Ballari on 19th Dec 2020 for working 24/7 to treat Covid-19 patients and helping District Administration.

They were provided with ITC Juices/Milk, Facemasks and Soaps which was supported by IRCS, KSB in collaboration with ITC.



### IRCS Bagalakote District Branch:

Organised Voluntary Blood Donation Camp on 15th December 2020 by, Home Guards, Bagalakote District in collaboration with Bagalakote Red Cross. Home Guards and Social organisation volunteers have voluntarily donated Blood at Bagalakote.



**"THE BEST WAY TO GET STARTED IS TO QUIT TALKING AND BEGIN DOING." - WALT DISNEY**



## Statewide, Red Cross in Action!



**IRCS Bagalakote District Branch:** Indian Red Cross Society-Bagalkot District Branch has distributed ITC energy drinks to people in the leprosy colony and other backward areas by involving Youth Red cross volunteers.

During this event, volunteers have sensitised the local community and importance was given to children about their personal hygiene and other safety measures to overcome the current crisis of Covid-19 pandemic.



### **IRCS Raichur District Branch:**

Indian Red Cross Society, Raichur District Branch have distributed Bedsheets for the poor and needy people in the districts as part of community outreach activity.

The people have appreciated the kind gesture of the volunteers.



**Blood on wheel:** During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Indian Red Cross Society, Karnataka State Branch collected most of the blood units by using Blood mobile bus.

We thank all donors for their timely action in the scenario of this public health emergency.





## Statewide, Red Cross in Action!



**ಜಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ರೆಡ್ ಕ್ರಾಸ್:** ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಭಾರತೀಯ ರೆಡ್ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಜಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 RTCPR ಗಂಟಲು ದ್ರವ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ೧ ಲಕ್ಷ ಗಂಟಲು ದ್ರವ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಲಿಕ್ಯುಲರ್ ಲ್ಯಾಬ್ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸನ್ಮಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಮೆಡಿಕಲ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು.

ಸನ್ಮಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ಬೆಳಗಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ನಂತರ ಸನ್ಮಾನಿತರನ್ನು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಎಮ್.ಆರ್.ರವಿ ಅವರು “ಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋವಿಡ್ ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಕಂಡುಬಂದದ್ದು ಕೇರಳ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ. ನಮ್ಮ ಜಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಕೇರಳ ಹಾಗೂ ತಮಿಳುನಾಡಿನ ಗಡಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ನಾವು ರೋಗ ವಾಸಿಮಾಡುವ ಬದಲು, ಕಠಿಣ ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ನಾವು ಅನೇಕ ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಹಸಿರು ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೆವು. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಮೆಚ್ಚಿ ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಚಿವ ಹರ್ಷವರ್ಧನ್ ಕರೆಮಾಡಿ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದರು.” ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.



**IRCS Junior Red Cross Division: Mr. Anand D G**, State Coordinator, Junior Red Cross has visited Red Cross District Branches such as, Bangalore Rural, Chikkaballapura, Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysore, Bagalkote, Shivamogga, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Tumkur and Madhugiri Educational District to strengthen Junior Red Cross Wing and met the concerned district DDPI's for the school registration and also explained them about the plan of action.

Discussed few of the awareness programmes under the project and also encouraged them to enrol more number of schools to create awareness among students on various aspects of personal hygiene and other safety measures to overcome the current situation of Covid-19.

As we are reaching 2021 it is very much important for us to focus more on hygiene promotion activities. School authorities should be made aware of good sanitation procedures and facilities, to create a healthy and clean environment.

**“THE PESSIMIST SEES DIFFICULTY IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY. THE OPTIMIST SEES OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY DIFFICULTY.” - WINSTON CHURCHILL**

## Around the world, Red Cross in Action!



In September, heavy flooding affected communities across Sudan. Meanwhile, a fire destroyed Moria camp on the island of Lesbos, Greece, affecting thousands of migrants and refugees. The world also reached the sad milestone of one million deaths from COVID-19. [#YearInReview2020](#)



Every year in [#Bangladesh](#) millions cope up with worsening floods and [#climate](#) disasters.

At the end of the most difficult year in memory and a double disaster of massive floods and [#COVID19](#), Bangladesh Red Crescent is providing hope with food relief and hygiene kits for thousands.

In November, the latest [#Ebola](#) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was declared.

However, COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to climb alarmingly, and hurricanes Eta and Iota devastated many countries in Central America.

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In October, a 6.6 magnitude earthquake hit Turkey and Greece. Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers provided urgent assistance, including search and rescue, health and psychosocial support, and thousands of hot meals were served.

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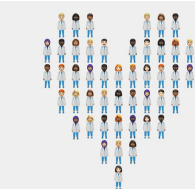
Let's continue our [#YearInReview2020](#) thread  
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In June, severe floods threatened the lives and livelihoods of millions of people across Bangladesh who were already grappling with the impacts of COVID-19.

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Source: [@IFRC Twitter handle](#)



**+** **IFRC** We thank all health workers and volunteers around the world responding to [#coronavirus](#)!



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CAMPAIGN



Thank you very much volunteers for joining our campaign.  
**#StopTheSpread** of Covid-19, by wearing mask



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**With warm wishes  
for a peaceful and healthy  
New Year.**

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