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Quarterly Newsletter : July to September 2020

Main Activities

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- TB Project in Punjab extended by Irish Red Cross
- 34 lakhs transferred to District Red Cross Branches by Punjab Red Cross for covid relief and social welfare activities
- Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna elected as Vice Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society, NHQs consecutively for the third time
- Vice Chairperson of Punjab Red Cross retired after playing a vital role in Red Cross activities
- Homage to Sh. Chaman Lal Mehmi, State Coordinator, Drug -de-addiction Centres
- Ambulance & Funeral Van Services
- 539 TB patients successfully treated: 135% targets achieved under Red Cross TB Project
- Blood donation Campaign at District level

12 Hand washing kiosks under TB Project installed in project area at Amritsar & Jalandhar

Under the TB Project Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis including MDR TB as many as 8 hand washing kiosks were installed in district Jalandhar and 4 hand washing foot operated kiosks were installed in district Amritsar in the TB project area. The move was undertaken to apprise the masses about the importance of frequent hand washing for the safety against the pandemic of Covid-19. An amount of Rs. One lakh to each district was released for the purpose.



TB Project in Punjab extended by Irish Red Cross

The Irish Red Cross Society has been sponsoring the TB Project 'Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis including MDR TB' being implemented by Punjab Red Cross since the year 2015. This project is being funded by Irish Red Cross and supported by Indian Red Cross Society, National Headquarters. It is a matter of honour for Punjab State Red Cross Branch, Chandigarh that the Irish Red Cross Society has further extended the programme till 31st March 2020. This is worth to mention here that under this project, 400 vulnerable TB patients are provided treatment and counselling services through Red Cross volunteers. The TB patients enrolled under this project, their family members and general public are aware about facts of TB disease, its symptoms, causes, benefits of timely treatment etc.

Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna elected as Vice Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society, NHQs consecutively for the third time



It is a matter of pride and honor for all of us that Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna has been elected as Vice Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society, NHQs consecutively for the third time. He has initiated special efforts to accelerate the activities of the red

Cross in all over country in general and for the state of Punjab in particular.

34 lakhs transferred to District Red Cross Branches by Punjab Red Cross for providing relief to the needy in Corona crisis

The role of the District Branches of the Red Cross is highly laudable in providing the support and relief during the time of Covid crisis. The devoted and dedicated efforts of volunteers of the Red Cross have been highly appreciated even by the Honourable Health Minister of India on different platforms. Punjab State Red Cross Branch has extended its full cooperation and joined hands with District Red Cross Branches by transferring funds to the tune of Rs.34 lakhs for welfare activities since the onset of the Covid crisis. It is also decided that more relief in kind may be sent to the District Red Cross Branches in Punjab on the occasion of Diwali.

Vice Chairperson of Punjab Red Cross retired after playing a vital role in Red Cross activities



Dr. Avneet Kaur, the Vice Chairperson of Punjab State Red Cross Branch has retired on 30th Sep 2020 after a grand role rendered to the Red Cross Society from September 2019 to Sept 2020. It is worth mentioning here that the first quarterly News letter

and directory of the Punjab Red Cross Branch was released by her gracious hands and SERV Scheme (Social Emergency Response Volunteers) was also launched by her.

Homage to Sh. Chaman Lal Mehmi, State Coordinator, Drug-de-addiction Centres



With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform about the sad demise of our respected Shri Chaman Lal Mehmi, State Coordinator, IRCAs of Punjab Red Cross who left us for heavenly abode after rendering meritorious services to Punjab State Red Cross Branch, Chandigarh. His services for the cause of suffering humanity will remain indelibly imprinted upon our minds. May his soul rest in piece.

Services through Ambulance & Funeral Vans

Punjab State Red Cross Branch is providing 24*7 hours services through ambulance vans and funeral vans at very subsidized rates. We have a fleet of 7 (seven) Ambulances (AC as well as Non AC) and 3 funeral vans. Each Ambulance van is provided with First Aid Box & First Aid Trained

driver.

It is pertinent to mention here that during the quarter, the State Red Cross Branch had served hundreds of persons by providing them timely services through Ambulance and funeral vans .

539 TB patients successfully treated: 135% targets achieved under Red Cross TB Project

As many as 539 TB patients were successfully treated till 31st July 2020 under the TB Project "Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis including MDR-TB in Punjab". Thus, the Punjab State Red Cross Branch had achieved 135% of the allocated targets. It is pertinent to mention here that every year a target of

treating 400 TB patients is earmarked by the National Headquarters against this, we had provided treatment to 539 TB patients. During the quarter, July to Sept 2020, all the TB patients registered for treatment under this project were provided face masks and soaps etc free of cost.



In order to boost and promote Matka Sinchai technique plantation, IRCA Gurdaspur planted more than 10 fruit bearing trees. The motive behind is to ensure 100% survival of the new plantation being done in this rainy season. With this technique the Centre has proposed to plant more than 500 different kinds of plants on the vacant land of various Departments.



Care and Support Centre, Patiala organizes camps with the kind support of M/s Radhakrishan Seva Jan Samiti, Patiala. This NGO provides ration kits to the patients of HIV positive.



Ms. Parminder Kaur, Project Director, IRCA educating about drug abuse, corona pandemic etc. to the clients getting treatment at DDC Saket Hospital Patiala

Blood donation Campaign at District Level



S. Kulwant Singh, Deputy Commissioner-cum-President, DRCS, Taran Tarn donated blood in a blood donation camp held by District Red Cross Branch, Taran Tarn.



BLOOD DONATION CAMPS ORGANIZED

During the quarter, the District Red Cross Branches of Punjab State had been successfully collected 7622 units.



District Red Cross Branch, Jalandhar celebrated World Senior Citizens Day with senior citizens of Old Age



S. Balwinder Singh, a TB patient at Jalandhar has two daughters. He is on bed since long time and therefore, is unable to work for his livelihood. Our volunteers working under TB Project alongwith District Coordinator deposited the school admission fee of his daughter studying in class 10th and also provided all the course books alongwith note books and other stationary items. For his younger daughter who is studying in 7th standard, they have also provided 12 notebooks as per her requirement.

Distribution of Masks, Soaps, Sanitizers and other items among general public



COVID19 impart Report till 30-09-2020

Sr. No.	Activity	Total
1.	Number of Red Cross volunteers deployed for COVID 19	2167
2.	Number of Red Cross volunteers trained in First Aid deployed for COVID 19	1062
3.	Number of Red Cross volunteers trained in Hygiene deployed for COVID 19	1196
4.	Number of Red Cross volunteers trained in Epidemic Control deployed for COVID 19	300
5.	Number of Red Cross volunteers trained in COVID case detection deployed for COVID 19	173
6.	Number of Red Cross volunteers trainings organized by State/District branches	254
7.	Distribution of N95 masks (no's)	35280
8.	In house consumption of N95 masks(no's)	1800
9.	Distribution of civilian masks (no's)	523417
10.	In house consumption of masks (no's)	46480
11.	Distribution of soaps (no's)	35675
12.	Distribution of hand sanitizers (no's per 500ml)	248834
13.	In house consumption of hand sanitizers (no's per 500ml)	9765
14.	Distribution of single gowns (no's)	24565
15.	In house consumption of single gowns (no's)	345
16.	Distribution of hygiene kits (no's)	116
17.	Distribution of gloves (pairs)	39060
18.	In house consumption of gloves (pairs)	5805
19.	Number of ventilators given to hospital	1
20.	Cooked Food Distribution (number of beneficiaries)	16652352
21.	Dry ration distribution (number of families)	251843
22.	Dry ration distribution (number of days that can last per family)	216
23.	Distribution of Oxygen Cylinders	3
24.	Shelter Facilities (no's)	8
25.	No. of people supported in shelter facilities	11065
26.	No. of isolation centres operated by RC	12
27.	No. of people supported in isolation centres	7637
28.	No. of quarantine centres operated by RC	87
29.	No. of people supported in quarantine centres	3335
30.	No. of people given material delivery help	26737
31.	Value of medicines supplied free of cost	1729925
32.	No. of community engagements/ campaigns regarding risks/ social distancing	1737
33.	No. of community engagements/ campaigns regarding hygiene	5189
34.	No. of community engagements/ campaigns regarding hygiene since 25th Mar 2020	688
35.	No. of blood donating camps since 25th Mar 2020	379
36.	No. of blood donation units collected through Red Cross support since 25th Mar 2020	12208
37.	No. of blood units issued through IRCS blood banks since 25th Mar 2020	1593
38.	No. of people given psycho social support by RC volunteers	654710
39.	No. of dead body management cases	145
40.	No. of cases of Family Links having been established	98
41.	No. of cases control rooms/ helpline support	369
42.	No. of cases supported in control rooms/ helpline support	1865
43.	No. of ambulance/ RC vehicle deployed	49
44.	No. of patients/ beneficiaries transported in those deployed vehicles	3788
45.	In house expenditure of State branch & District branches for COVID 19 Relief (Rs.)	39,740,760
46.	Any funds raised through other sources (in cash)	68,514,584
47.	Resources mobilized through other sources (in cash) Rs.	534,396
48.	Buildings sanitized	53
49.	Disinfection tunnel installed	1
50.	ECG machines donated	3
51.	Thermal scanners provided	431

Newspaper Coverage



ਚਿਲਡਰਨ ਹੋਮ ਕੋਅਰ ਦੁਸਾਰਨਾ (ਕੁਰਾਲੀ) ਵਿਖੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਸਕ, ਸੈਨੇਟਾਈਜ਼ਰ ਤੇ ਸਾਬਣ ਸਮੇਤ ਫਲ ਵੰਡਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਦੇ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦੇ।

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਸਕ, ਸੈਨੇਟਾਈਜ਼ਰ ਤੇ ਸਾਬਣ ਵੰਡੇ

ਐੱਸ. ਏ. ਐੱਸ. ਨਗਰ, 30 ਜੁਲਾਈ (ਕੇ. ਐੱਸ. ਰਾਣਾ)-ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਗਿਰੀਸ਼ ਦਿਆਲਨ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਹੇਠ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੋਵਿਡ-19 ਮਹਾਂਮਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਚਲਦਿਆਂ 'ਮਿਲਨ ਭੰਡਾਰ' ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਲੋੜਵੰਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਸਕ, ਸੈਨੇਟਾਈਜ਼ਰ, ਸਾਬਣ, ਰਸ਼ਨ, ਚੌਲ੍ਹਾ ਤੇ ਦਵਾਈਆਂ ਆਦਿ ਵੰਡੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਦੇ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਕਮਲਜੋਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਬੀਤੀ

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ਇਕ ਲੋੜਵੰਦ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਰਸ਼ਨ ਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸਮਾਨ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਦੇ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਕਮਲਜੋਤ ਕੌਰ।

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨੇ ਲੋੜਵੰਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਸਕ, ਸੈਨੇਟਾਈਜ਼ਰ ਵੰਡੇ

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ORDS have the strength to transform people, with the richness of heart that can oxygenate our inertia into action. What else can you see when you are let inside the Hall of Kindness? It has clothes, toys, furniture and home appliances – all donated for the needy, gratis. Give a bit of the weight of your being, you would find a lot more to admire in this part of Punjab, in Hoshiarpur – the land of saints.

Hoshiarpur's Red Cross Society has come a long way in the last six years – ever since it rediscovered the meaning of the sense of giving. Like, this 85-year-old UK-based NRI, Pyare Lal Sami, would tell you, if he could, He has so far donated around ₹1.70 crore to the society. The Society runs around 15 projects; the latest is the Hall of Kindness. Nareesh Kumar Gupta, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer (DSCO), has agreed to run the society voluntarily.

"I had no experience in managing such work. I had my office work to do, but then I looked at it as a challenge. So, in 2014, my first assignment was to straighten out the society's fund management," recalls Gupta.

To begin with, all payments – rent of shops and buildings, fees received from students of the vocational training centre



DSCO Nareesh Kumar Gupta (2nd from left) agreed to run the society | EXPRESS

PILLAR OF A SOCIETY

This govt officer leads Red Cross Society for poor students, running community kitchen, reports Harpreet Bajwa

and donations from public and membership fees — were directly deposited into the society's account to ensure every paisa is accounted for.

The next year Gupta started the Red Cross Poor Patients Fund. "We were ready to bear half the cost for the poor patients who had kidney ailments and needed dialysis. We looked for private hospitals who would offer the rest of the cost. So far 62 patients have got free dialysis services," says Gupta. The Society then set up Red Cross Funds for Deformity Correction for poor patients.

"Three years back, we started Red Cross Funds for Poor but Meritorious Students. So far the fees of 200 such students have been paid. Besides financial help, the toppers in medical and engineering streams and

those from Class X and XII are given a merit certificate, a medalion and an autobiography of a successful person. These awards are started by citizens in the memory of their near and dear ones in collaboration with the Society," says Gupta.

In 2017, the Society had its first air-conditioned Sanjhi Rasoi for the poor and needy. Gupta also saw the real spirit behind celebrations. "Anyone wanting to celebrate one's birthday, marriage anniversary or any other memorable day with us can donate ₹5,000. This has worked wonders — we have a rush of bookings," says Gupta.

Daily wageer Jamma Dass has words of gratitude. "Luckily, we found this Society. I have been getting free dialysis treatment for my 22-year-old daughter for the last two and a half years."

ਰੈਡਕਰਾਸ ਨਸ਼ਾ ਚੁਡਾਓ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਨੇ ਡੇਨਮਾਰਕ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਿਕਾ ਦੀ ਵਿਥੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ



ਨਗਸ਼ਾ ਨਟਾਲੀਆ ਸ਼ਾਂਮਲ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੇ ਰੰਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਮਹਾਜਨ।

ਸੂਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ (ਰਿ): ਡੇਨਮਾਰਕ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਸੂਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਸੰਸਥਾ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਨਿਯਮ ਨਾਲ ਨਗਸ਼ਾ ਨਟਾਲੀਆ ਸ਼ਾਂਮਲ ਦੀ ਯੀਤਾ ਲੇਨੇ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਲਾਭਸ਼ੀਲ ਕਾਰਨਾਮਾ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮੇਂ/ਸਥਿਤੀ-ਪੱਕੇ, ਫਰੂਟੀਆ, ਫਲ ਤੇ ਦੁੱਧ ਆਦਿ ਵੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਪੜ੍ਹ-ਲਿਖਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਅੱਤ 'ਚ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਵਲੋਂ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਿਲਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕੀਤੀ।

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ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਰਿਕਸ਼ਾ ਚਾਲਕਾਂ ਤੇ ਸਟਾਈਲ ਮੋਡਰਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰਸ਼ਨ ਤੇ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਦੇ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦੇ।

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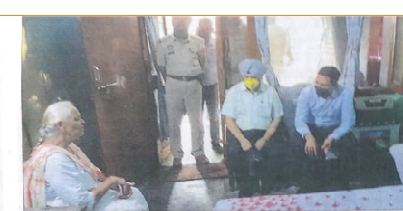
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ਬਿਧਾ ਆਚਰਜ਼ ਦੇ ਦੌਰੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਇਕ ਸ਼ੁਕਰਾਨ ਨਨ ਗਿਰਾਤਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਦੇ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦੇ।

ਡੀ. ਸੀ. ਨੇ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਦੇ ਬਿਧਾ ਆਚਰਜ਼ ਦੇ ਨਵੀਨੀਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਆਦੇਸ਼

ਭੁਵਨੇਸ਼ਵਰ, 21 ਦੁਬਾਰੀ (ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ)-ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਗਿਰੀਸ਼ ਦਿਆਲਨ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਹੇਠ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੋਵਿਡ-19 ਮਹਾਂਮਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਚਲਦਿਆਂ 'ਮਿਲਨ ਭੰਡਾਰ' ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਲੋੜਵੰਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਸਕ, ਸੈਨੇਟਾਈਜ਼ਰ, ਸਾਬਣ, ਰਸ਼ਨ, ਚੌਲ੍ਹਾ ਤੇ ਦਵਾਈਆਂ ਆਦਿ ਵੰਡੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੈੱਡ ਕਰਾਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਦੇ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਕਮਲਜੋਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਬੀਤੀ

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District Red Cross Branch, SAS Nagar, Punjab

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ORDS have the strength to transform people, with the richness of heart that can oxygenate our inertia into action. What else can you see when you are let inside the Hall of Kindness? It has clothes, toys, furniture and home appliances – all donated for the needy, gratis. Give a bit of the weight of your being, you would find a lot more to admire in this part of Punjab, in Hoshiarpur – the land of saints.

Hoshiarpur's Red Cross Society has come a long way in the last six years – ever since it rediscovered the meaning of the sense of giving. Like, this 85-year-old UK-based NRI, Pyare Lal Sami, would tell you, if he could, He has so far donated around ₹1.70 crore to the society. The Society runs around 15 projects; the latest is the Hall of Kindness. Nareesh Kumar Gupta, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer (DSCO), has agreed to run the society voluntarily.

"I had no experience in managing such work. I had my office work to do, but then I looked at it as a challenge. So, in 2014, my first assignment was to straighten out the society's fund management," recalls Gupta.

To begin with, all payments – rent of shops and buildings, fees received from students of the vocational training centre

and donations from public and membership fees — were directly deposited into the society's account to ensure every paisa is accounted for.

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