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In the *Service of* Humanity

A Chronicle of 90 Years of Red Cross Assam



A Visual Journey Through Decades of Compassion, Relief, and Service



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In service of humanity and resilience of Assam.



Jean Henry Dunant
Founder of world Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement



Dr. Poal Chandra Duarah
Founder of Red Cross Hospital



Renuka Devi Barkataky
*Pioneer of Assam Branch
of Indian Red Cross Society*

A woman with glasses, wearing a beige saree with a red and gold border, stands in a lush garden. In the background, a large, multi-story building with arched windows and a central tower is visible. The scene is set outdoors with various plants and a wet path.

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*I*n our culture, service to the people is the service to God (Nar Seva Narayan Seva). For more than a century the Indian Red Cross Society has provided humanitarian aid. The Red Cross has proven its dedication via relief efforts in the wake of natural catastrophes and medical emergencies.

Smt. Droupadi Murmu

Hon'ble President of India
and Hon'ble President of Indian Red Cross Society

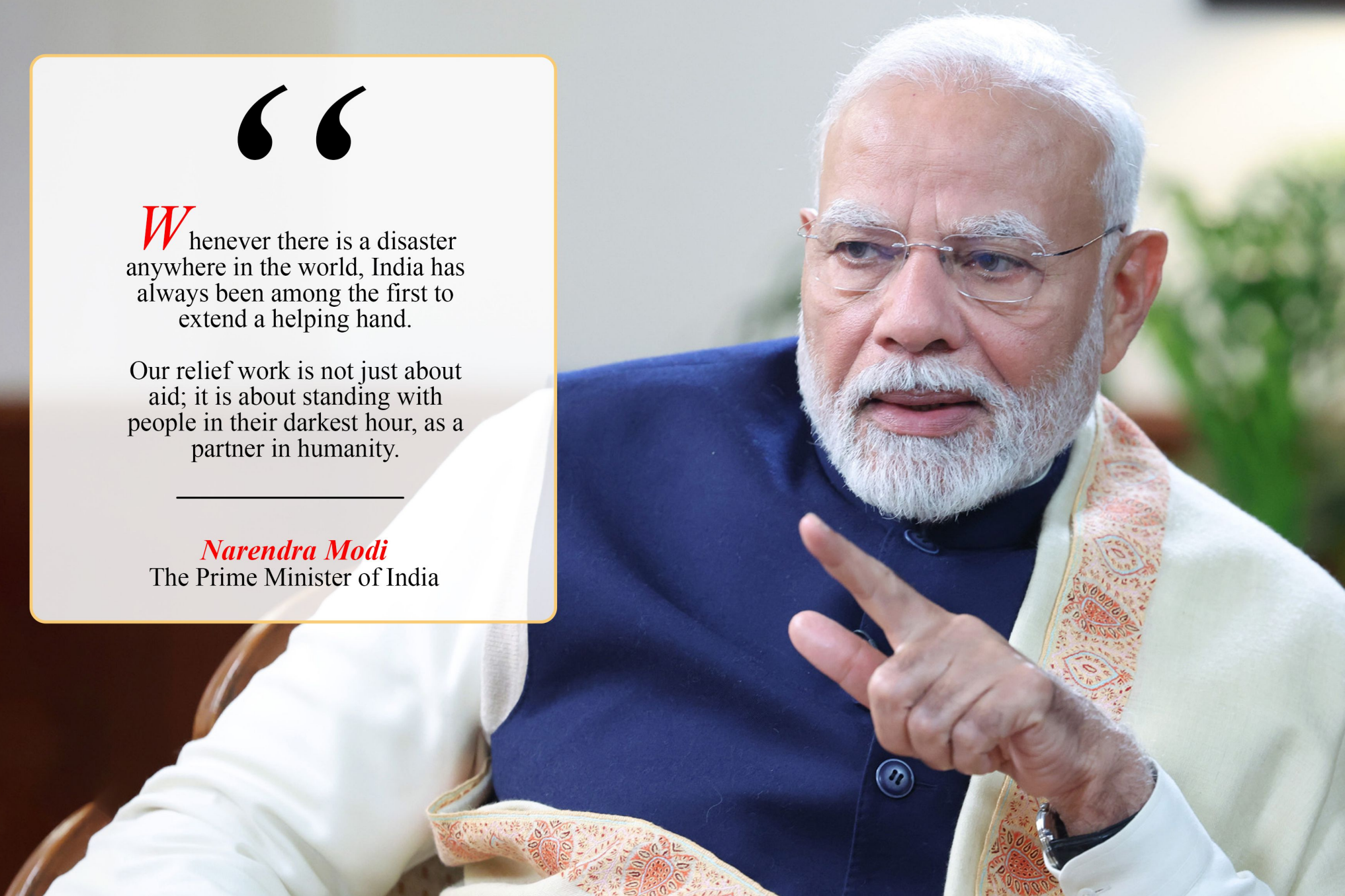
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*W*henever there is a disaster anywhere in the world, India has always been among the first to extend a helping hand.

Our relief work is not just about aid; it is about standing with people in their darkest hour, as a partner in humanity.

Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister of India





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The prime objective of the Red Cross is to bridge the gap between the government's schemes and the community, with a focus on enhancing the quality of first aid training to strengthen service delivery.

Shri J.P. Nadda

Hon'ble Health Minister of India
& Hon'ble Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society

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The Red Cross Society has been engaged in humanitarian service for many years. From blood donation to providing medical care to the needy, its role in social welfare is immense. The primary objective of the Red Cross Society is humanitarian service, carried out selflessly

Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya

The Hon'ble Governor of Assam
& The President of Indian Red Cross Society,
Assam State Branch





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*R*ed Cross Society, imbued with the ideals of great social worker Mother Teresa, has a glorious legacy of humanitarian service in the state.

I hope that Red Cross Society, would continue to render its dedicated services to the people while bringing succour to the needy and underprivileged sections of the society.

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam



I am delighted to learn that the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, is publishing “In the Service of Humanity: A Chronicle of 90 Years of Red Cross in Assam.”

For nine decades, the Society has exemplified the highest standards of humanitarian service, responding to floods, earthquakes, health emergencies, and other crises with compassion, neutrality, and dedication. The Red Cross emblem continues to symbolize hope, relief, and selfless service for all.

This chronicle is more than a collection of images—it is a living testament to the generations of volunteers, staff, and partners who have faithfully carried forward the ideals of the Red Cross Movement in Assam. Their service has strengthened communities, provided relief to the vulnerable, and fostered resilience and hope across the State.

As the Society looks toward the future, I encourage all members and well-wishers to continue upholding the core values of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. May this publication inspire continued commitment and compassion in serving those most in need.

I extend my best wishes for this chronicle and for the ongoing success of the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch.

Lakshman Prasad Acharya
Governor of Assam
& President, Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch

In the Service of
Humanity



It is with great pride that I present “In the Service of Humanity: A Chronicle of 90 Years of Red Cross in Assam.”

This chronicle documents the extraordinary journey of the Society, which for nearly a century has been a pillar of humanitarian service in Assam, leading relief operations, health programs, disaster response initiatives, and community development efforts. Each photograph reflects the dedication, compassion, and selfless effort of our volunteers and staff who have worked tirelessly to serve those in need.

The pages of this chronicle not only showcase the Society’s achievements but also underscore the values that have guided it—humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. These principles have ensured that the Red Cross continues to touch lives and strengthen communities.

As we commemorate this remarkable legacy, I express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the noble cause of the Red Cross in Assam. May this publication inspire present and future generations to uphold the ideals of compassion and humanitarian service.

A K Absar Hazarika
Chairman
Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch

It is a privilege to present “In the Service of Humanity: A Chronicle of 90 Years of Red Cross in Assam.”

This chronicle takes readers on a visual journey through nine decades of dedication, compassion, and humanitarian action. Each photograph captures moments of selfless service—volunteers offering a helping hand, staff coordinating relief, and communities finding support and hope in times of adversity.

More than just a record of events, this publication celebrates the enduring values of the Red Cross—humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. It highlights the spirit, resilience, and commitment of countless individuals who have sustained this noble mission across generations.

I hope this chronicle will serve both as a historical archive and as a source of inspiration, encouraging all who engage with it to continue the journey of service and compassion that defines the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch.

Deba Prasad Sarma
General Secretary,
Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch



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7. Well-wishers and Staff Members of IRCS, Assam State Branch for their tireless efforts in bringing this chronicle to fruition.
8. All others who, in various ways, have contributed to this endeavour with their goodwill, guidance, and cooperation.

We remain indebted to each one for being part of this journey of service and for strengthening the humanitarian ideals of the Red Cross in Assam.



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on the occasion of 15th August 2024

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On the occasion of Independence Day, the Honourable Governor attended the celebration and addressed the volunteers, members, students, teachers, staff on the occasion at the Indian Red Cross Society, Guwahati District Branch premises. A blood donation camp was also inaugurated by him, where volunteers came forward to donate blood, reflecting the spirit of freedom through service to humanity.



Blood donation camp



Independence Day Celebration

Viswakarma Puja & Blood Donation Camp – 17th September 2024

The Honourable Governor joined the Viswakarma Puja celebrations at the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch. On this occasion, a blood donation camp was also organized, where donors participated with great enthusiasm, blending tradition with the noble cause of saving lives.



Offering prayers to baba Biswakarma



Interaction with the students of Red Cross Nursing Training Center



Hon'ble Governor with the staffs of Red Cross



Inauguration of Hans Renal Care Center – 10th January 2025

The Honourable Governor inaugurated the Hans Renal Care Center at Red Cross Hospital, Guwahati. This facility, dedicated to providing affordable dialysis and renal care, marked a major step towards accessible healthcare for underprivileged patients. The Governor praised the initiative as a milestone in humanitarian medical service.

World Red Cross Day Celebration – 8th May

On World Red Cross Day, the Honourable Governor joined volunteers, members, and staff of the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, to commemorate the humanitarian mission of the Red Cross. In his address, the Governor highlighted the importance of selfless service and encouraged everyone to strengthen the spirit of humanity and compassion.

Moreover, he inaugurated 3 statues of Jean Henry Dunant, Dr. Poal Chandra Duarah and Shri Renuka Devi Barkataky at the Indian Red Cross Society, Guwahati District Branch campus. he also inaugurated a booklet named Red Cross Icons in the memory of our pioneers.





Inauguration of Blood Donation Camp



Public Meeting at Silchar

Public Meeting & Blood Donation Camp – Silchar, 24th August 2025

The Honourable Governor attended a public meeting organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, Silchar District Branch. A blood donation camp was also held on this occasion, where citizens participated wholeheartedly. The Governor's presence greatly motivated volunteers and reinforced the Red Cross mission of service to humanity.

The Red Cross Movement

The Red Cross movement began in 1863 in Geneva, Switzerland, founded by Henry Dunant. Guided by the seven Fundamental Principles—Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality—the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement today is the world's largest humanitarian network, present in 190+ countries.



The British Red Cross enters the gates of Buckingham Palace during the first world war.

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Hon'ble Chairman Shri J.P. Nadda chairing a meeting at National Head Quarters

Indian Red Cross Society

The Indian Red Cross Society was established in 1920 through an Act of Parliament. Since then, it has been working nationwide in disaster response, blood services, health care, and humanitarian aid. With State and District branches across the country, IRCS is at the heart of community service in India.

Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch

The Assam State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society has been serving people since 1920. From flood relief and blood donation to first aid training and social welfare, IRCS ASB has been a lifeline for communities across the state—standing strong in every crisis, every disaster, and every moment of need.



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Area of Focus

For over nine decades, the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, has dedicated itself to serving humanity through a wide spectrum of activities. Our work extends from emergency response during floods and disasters to providing affordable healthcare, ambulance services, and life-saving blood donation facilities. We also empower communities through first aid, skill development, and livelihood trainings. With a strong volunteer base and the support of well-wishers, our focus remains on protecting the most vulnerable, reducing human suffering, and building a more resilient society.



Healthcare &
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Services



Blood Donation
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Training &
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Children &
Community Care



Sustainable
Livelihood &
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Healthcare & Ambulance Services

The Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, has been a trusted name in providing affordable healthcare and emergency services for decades. Through hospitals, ambulance services, and specialized care centers, we strive to reach the most vulnerable and ensure that no one is left behind in times of need.

Red Cross Hospitals – We operate three hospitals located at Chandmari (Guwahati), Silchar, and Karimganj. These hospitals provide accessible medical care to thousands of patients every year, serving both urban and rural populations with affordable treatment facilities.

Renal Care Center – At our Chandmari, Guwahati hospital, we have established the Renal Care Center, in collaboration with The Hans Foundation, a free dialysis facility for patients suffering from kidney ailments. This initiative is a major step towards ensuring life-saving treatment for underprivileged communities.

Ambulance Services – Our fleet of 10 ambulances is always ready to provide reliable emergency support across Assam. These services ensure timely medical assistance, even in remote and disaster-affected areas, reinforcing our mission of service to humanity.

Free OPD Centers – Alongside hospitals, the Red Cross runs free OPD services, where patients receive consultations and primary treatment without cost. These centers serve as a lifeline for daily healthcare needs of underprivileged families.

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Free OPD
Centers



Head of Delegation, ICRC, New Delhi; visited Red Cross Hospital Chandmari



Hon'ble Governor of Assam visiting Hans Renal Care Center



Flagging of Ambulance Services



Red Cross Hospital, Silchar



Red Cross Hospital, Karimganj



Free OPD Center, Noonmati



Blood Donation & Camps

Blood is the gift of life, and the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, has been at the forefront of voluntary blood donation for decades. With a strong network of volunteers and regular donation drives, we ensure that safe and timely blood reaches those in need.

Blood Donation Camps – Each year, we organize numerous blood donation camps in collaboration with educational institutions, government bodies, and community groups. These camps have become a major force in encouraging voluntary blood donation across the state.

Youth and Volunteer Engagement – Students, volunteers, and youth organizations play a crucial role in our efforts. Through awareness campaigns and participation in donation drives, they help spread the culture of voluntary blood donation as a humanitarian duty.

Emergency Blood Support – Beyond camps, our teams respond swiftly to urgent blood requirements. During emergencies and disasters, we mobilize donors to ensure no life is lost due to shortage of blood.

Red Cross Blood Bank – Our state-of-the-art blood banks maintain a steady and safe supply of blood, serving hospitals and patients across Assam. With modern facilities for storage and testing, we uphold the highest standards of safety and reliability.

10000+

Blood Donation Camps

500000+

Units of Blood Collected

1

Blood bank



Blood Donation Camp at Guwahati



Blood Donation Camp at Tezpur



Volunteers donating blood to a patient at Dispur Hospital



Disaster Relief and Preparedness

Assam faces frequent floods and natural calamities, and the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, has been a frontline responder for decades. Through immediate relief, long-term preparedness, and innovative community-based solutions, we work to reduce suffering and build resilience.

Relief Operations – Every year, our teams distribute food, clean water, clothing, and essential supplies to disaster-affected families. Special care is given to children, the elderly, and vulnerable groups during relief efforts.

Raised Platforms & Shelters – To support flood-affected communities, the Red Cross has constructed raised platforms and temporary shelters, providing safe refuge during floods and emergencies. These initiatives have saved countless lives in high-risk areas.

Disaster Relief Regional Warehouse – Located at Noonmati, Guwahati, this regional warehouse stores pre-positioned relief materials such as tarpaulins, blankets, utensils, and hygiene kits. It enables quick mobilization of resources during disasters, ensuring timely support to affected districts.

Disaster Preparedness Training – We conduct community-level training programs on first aid, rescue operations, and flood preparedness. By equipping people with life-saving skills, we help communities act swiftly and effectively during crises.

Innovative Livelihood Support – Beyond immediate relief, we promote composite agriculture, livelihood programs, and skills training that help affected families recover and rebuild stronger.



Flagging off Relief Distribution Drive



IRCS Regional Warehouse, Noonmati



Temporary shelter setup for flood victims



Volunteers at flood relief distribution drive

Training and Livelihood Programs

The Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, empowers people with skills that build resilience and create sustainable livelihoods. Our training initiatives touch thousands of lives every year, helping communities move towards self-reliance.

First Aid Training – Regular programs train volunteers, students, and community members in essential life-saving skills, ensuring they can respond effectively during emergencies and disasters.

Nursing Training Centers – At Guwahati and Silchar our Nursing Training Centers prepares young aspirants, especially women, in professional nursing and caregiving—strengthening Assam’s healthcare system while creating job opportunities.

Livelihood in Prisons – Inmates are trained in mushroom cultivation and other trades, giving them skills to earn a living and reintegrate into society with dignity.

Community-Based Livelihoods – In disaster-prone regions, we promote composite agriculture, handicrafts, and alternative income options, helping families recover faster and sustain their lives after calamities.

5000+

First Aid Training

300000+

People Trained

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Nursing Training
Centers



Commercial First Aid Training



Students and Teachers of Red Cross Nursing Training Center



Personal First Aid Training

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Children & Community Care

Caring for the most vulnerable has always been at the heart of the Red Cross mission. The Assam State Branch runs dedicated programs to support children, elderly citizens, and marginalized groups with compassion and dignity.

Red Cross Children's Home – A safe and nurturing space for children who are orphaned, abandoned, or in need of care. The home provides education, shelter, and emotional support, helping them grow with hope and opportunity.

Reuniting Families – For years, we have actively worked to reconnect individuals who were separated or detached from their families, restoring bonds and offering them a renewed sense of belonging.

Community Support – Through regular outreach, health check-ups, and welfare programs, the Red Cross reaches elderly citizens, women, and vulnerable groups, ensuring that no one is left behind.



Red Cross Children Home



Inmates of Red Cross Children Home



Restoring Family Links

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Sustainability, Livelihood & Agreeculture

The Red Cross Assam State Branch places strong emphasis on building resilience through sustainable practices. By supporting communities with innovative livelihood models and eco-friendly solutions, we help families secure both income and stability.

Composite Agriculture – In flood-prone areas, farmers are encouraged to adopt integrated methods combining fishery, livestock, and crop farming, ensuring food security and year-round income.

Skill Development & Livelihoods – Training in areas like mushroom cultivation, handicrafts, and small-scale enterprises provides people—especially women and youth—with opportunities to become self-reliant.

Eco-Friendly Initiatives – Sustainability is promoted through awareness drives, tree plantation, and environment-friendly farming practices, aligning with global climate goals while strengthening local resilience.

Achievements

For over 95 years, the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, has made lasting contributions to humanitarian service.

Health & Nursing – Trained thousands of ANM nurses over the last 70 years, strengthening Assam's healthcare system.

Disaster Response – Mobilized volunteers for rapid relief during floods, storms, and emergencies across the state.

Livelihood Support – Helped nearly 1,000 families restore income after the 2008 & 2011 ethnic conflicts through productive grants.

Psychosocial Care – Supported over 10,000 conflict victims with counseling and care, restoring dignity and hope.

Training & Preparedness – Equipped community volunteers, students, and professionals with First Aid and disaster skills.

Community Engagement – Built strong networks with local administrations, ensuring effective humanitarian action.

Awareness – Conducted campaigns on disaster risks, climate change, and health to increase community preparedness.

Volunteer Growth – Expanded a dedicated base of youth and community volunteers.

Resource Mobilization – Secured human and material resources for relief and development activities.

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Echoes of the Past

Since its inception, the Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch, has stood beside people in times of crisis. From communal conflicts to devastating floods, its work reflects a legacy of compassion, resilience, and service. Some key highlights:

1983 – Nelly Violence: Emergency relief and psychological support provided to victims.

1998 – Flood Relief Operation: Supported 30,000 families across 26 districts with relief materials.

2000 – Flood Response: Relief for 20,000 families with water purification and medicines.

2000–2001 – Mobile Medical Units: Six units served vulnerable districts with free medical care.

2000–2002 – Community Health Workers: 400 volunteers trained in public health.

2002 & 2006 – Raised Platforms: High platforms built in Nalbari, Kamrup, and Morigaon to shelter 9,000+ people and livestock during floods.

2008 – Darrang & Udalguri Violence: Psychosocial support in 52 villages; 400 families received livelihood grants.

2011 – Assam-Meghalaya Conflict: Relief + livelihood grants to 100 families in Goalpara & East Garo Hills.

2012 – Flood Response: 20,000 families supported; water purification and sanitation facilities set up.

2016–2019 – Floods: 10,000+ families supported each year with relief, water purification, and epidemic control volunteers.

2018–2020 – Partners for Resilience: Piloted in 8 villages across Karimganj & Karbi Anglong.

2020–2021 – Early Warning Project: Flood early-alert system in 4 districts; 5 control rooms established; 1,000 volunteers trained.

2022 – Flood Response: 10,500 families supported with emergency relief.



Poal Duarah- 1959 medical assistance to Tibetan refugee



Assam Language Movement



*Lt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India
Distributing the Red Cross relief materials to the victims of Nallee '83*



Nelley violence 1984



Mother Teresa at Red Cross Hospital, Guwahati



Lt. Tarun Gogoi, the then Chief Minister of Assam, launching the red cross flood relief operation from Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati



Mr. Yahia Alibi, Dy. HoD of ICRC with the ex Hony. Secy., IRCS, GDB while distributing the relief materials to the victims of ethnic violence





Relief materials distribution between the flood victims



PFR Program at Karimganj



PFR Training of Trainers



Google Flood Early Warning Program

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Continuing the Mission

The Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch (IRCS ASB), continues to carry forward its humanitarian legacy by developing and implementing innovative initiatives that directly touch the lives of thousands of people. Our focus today is not only on responding to disasters but also on strengthening community health systems, empowering volunteers, building resilience, and forging strong partnerships for the future.

Administration and Reformation of Defunct Branches – The current Managing Committee has taken proactive steps to revive dormant branches by securing land documents, implementing HR policies, launching income-generating projects, initiating legal action on disputed land, and forming new committees. Office bearers and the CEO have personally visited defunct district branches, ensuring accountability and fresh momentum for branch activities.

Regional Conclave for Eastern Zone State Branches – With support from IRCS National Headquarters, IRCS ASB hosted a 3-day conclave in Guwahati (8–11 January 2024). Representatives from North Eastern states and ASB district branches came together to align strategies, share experiences, and strengthen collaboration. The event reinforced the region’s collective commitment to humanitarian service, disaster resilience, and capacity building.

Preventive Healthcare – Swastha Sarathi Initiative – In April 2025, IRCS ASB and Helse Medical Sciences launched the Swastha Sarathi pilot in Dibrugarh. The program strengthens preventive healthcare through door-to-door screenings, mobile and telemedicine services, awareness campaigns, volunteer training, and a centralized health database. It integrates with government schemes and empowers communities with sustainable, data-driven solutions for better health outcomes.

Free Renal Care Centre – On 10 January 2025, the Hans Renal Care Centre was inaugurated at Red Cross Hospital, Chandmari, Guwahati, in collaboration with The Hans Foundation. Opened by the Honourable Governor of Assam and IRCS President Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, the centre provides free, state-of-the-art dialysis services to patients, with a special focus on marginalized communities suffering from chronic kidney disease.

Red Cross Physiotherapy Centre – To strengthen healthcare services, a modern Physiotherapy Centre with a 3-bed capacity was established at Red Cross Hospital, Chandmari. The facility was inaugurated by the Honourable Governor of Assam and IRCS ASB President, Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, and provides advanced physiotherapy care to patients in need.

Red Cross Memorial Monument – On World Red Cross Day (8 May 2025), IRCS ASB unveiled the first-ever Red Cross Memorial Monument in Assam. The monument honours the legacy of Jean Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, and commemorates the humanitarian contributions of Dr. Poal Chandra Duarah and Smt. Renuka Devi Barkataki. The unveiling, led by the Honourable Governor of Assam and IRCS ASB President, has cemented the monument as a landmark in Assam's humanitarian history.

International Workshop on Disaster Preparedness – Recognizing Assam's vulnerability to seismic hazards, IRCS ASB, in collaboration with IRCS National Headquarters, is organizing an International Workshop on Earthquake Prediction, Preparedness, Mitigation, and Post-Disaster Response in February 2026. The preparatory stakeholder meeting was held in December 2024 in Guwahati. The workshop will bring together around 100 participants, including 7–8 international delegates, under the patronage of the Honourable Governor and IRCS ASB President, to exchange global best practices and strengthen disaster resilience.

Together, these present initiatives represent the new face of the Red Cross in Assam—one that combines compassion with innovation, community engagement with technology, and traditional humanitarian service with modern partnerships. They stand as proof that the Red Cross continues to evolve with the times, without ever losing sight of its core mission: to serve humanity in every way possible.



Meeting with Swastha Sarathi Administrative Team



Regional Conclave for the Eastern Zone State Branches of IRCS



International Workshop on Disaster Preparedness



Red Cross Physiotherapy Center



Free Renal Care Center



Red Cross Memorial Monument

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Looking Ahead

The Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch (IRCS ASB), is preparing to expand its humanitarian impact with future-focused projects in healthcare, livelihoods, and community support.

Working Women's Hostel – A safe, affordable hostel with daycare facilities is proposed at Chandmari, Guwahati, to support working women from across the North East.

College of Nursing Education – Plans are underway to set up a nursing institute offering B.Sc. Nursing, equipping youth with skills to meet the rising demand for healthcare professionals.

Karbi Anglong Project – On 1,000 bighas of community-donated land, IRCS ASB will develop organic farming, fisheries, health services, and schools to create a model sustainable livelihood hub.

Lankeswar Organic Project – At the Red Cross Children's Home, Jalukbari, a new project with Green Harvest will promote organic farming, fertilizer production, and community health services.

Chorabori Agriculture Hub – In collaboration with NE Agro India, an organic production hub with farming, fisheries, nurseries, and a health centre will be set up at the raised platform campus.

Red Cross Wellness Centre – A new facility at Beltola, Guwahati, will provide clinical, diagnostic, pharmacy, and physiotherapy services, offering affordable urban healthcare.

Red Cross Blood Bank - IRCS Assam State Branch is Planning for establishing a well-equipped blood bank in Guwahati.



3D view of proposed Working Women Hostel



3D view of proposed B.Sc Nursing College

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Challenges & Support

The Indian Red Cross Society, Assam State Branch (IRCS ASB), has been a trusted humanitarian partner for decades. Yet, despite its many achievements, the organization continues to face challenges that limit its full potential. Addressing these requires stronger government backing, greater cooperation from stakeholders, and sustained community support.

Government Cooperation & Grants-in-Aid – Stronger collaboration with the Government of Assam is essential for expanding humanitarian services. Annual Grants-in-Aid for administrative and program expenses are critical to ensure continuity of operations and the ability to scale services for vulnerable communities. With stable support, IRCS ASB can strengthen its capacity, efficiency, and resilience.

Infrastructure & Storage Limitations – Many district branches still lack their own offices and storage facilities. Without these, mobilizing relief materials or coordinating services during emergencies becomes a serious challenge. Expanding physical infrastructure at district level is a top priority for improving reach and response.

Funding & Resource Constraints – Sustaining and expanding humanitarian operations requires consistent financial and technical resources. While immediate relief is often supported, long-term recovery and large-scale preparedness programs remain underfunded, leaving gaps in resilience-building efforts.

Geographical Complexities – Assam's diverse landscape, including remote areas, floodplains, and difficult terrain, makes it hard to reach vulnerable populations, especially during severe weather events. These challenges demand innovative logistical solutions and stronger community-based networks.

Evolving Disaster Landscape – The increasing frequency and intensity of climate-related disasters—floods, droughts, and heatwaves—mean that traditional methods are no longer enough. Continuous adaptation of strategies and expansion of resources are required to respond effectively to these evolving risks.

Volunteer Retention & Training Needs – Although the Red Cross enjoys a strong volunteer base, retaining skilled and experienced members is a challenge. Advanced training in specialized areas such as search and rescue, psychosocial support, and climate adaptation must be provided regularly to build an expert humanitarian workforce.

Modern Equipment & Tools – The availability of adequate rescue gear, communication systems, water purification units, and medical equipment is limited. Upgrading infrastructure and ensuring modern tools are in place will significantly improve the quality and speed of humanitarian response.

Coordination & Awareness – While collaboration with local administrations is strong, better coordination with multiple government agencies, NGOs, and community groups is needed for large-scale response. At the same time, enhancing public awareness of the Red Cross’s role in preparedness and response will encourage greater participation and trust at the grassroots.

Together, these challenges highlight the urgent need for sustained financial, technical, and moral support. With stronger backing from the government, corporate partners, and communities, IRCASB will be better equipped to uphold its core mission—reducing human suffering and building a healthier, safer, and more resilient Assam.

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Branches in Action



Volunteer Training Program at Sribhumi District Branch



World Blood Donors' day at Biswanath District



Flood Relief at Dhemaji



Annual General Meeting of Morigaon District Branch



Road Safety Awareness Program at Darrang



Drug Abuse awareness program at Kokrajhar



Mega Health Checkup Camp at Jorhat



Mock Drill at Goalpara



Awareness & Fire Victim Relief Camp, Bhuragaon



Blood Donation Camp, Golaghat



Blood Donation Camp, Silchar



Blood Donation Camp, Udalguri



World Environment Day, Margherita



Hygiene Kit Distribution at Karbi Anglong



Installation Program, Sonitpur



World No Tobacco Day, Rangia



Manab Sewa Bota Pradan, Dibrugarh



District Disaster Response Team, Tinsukia



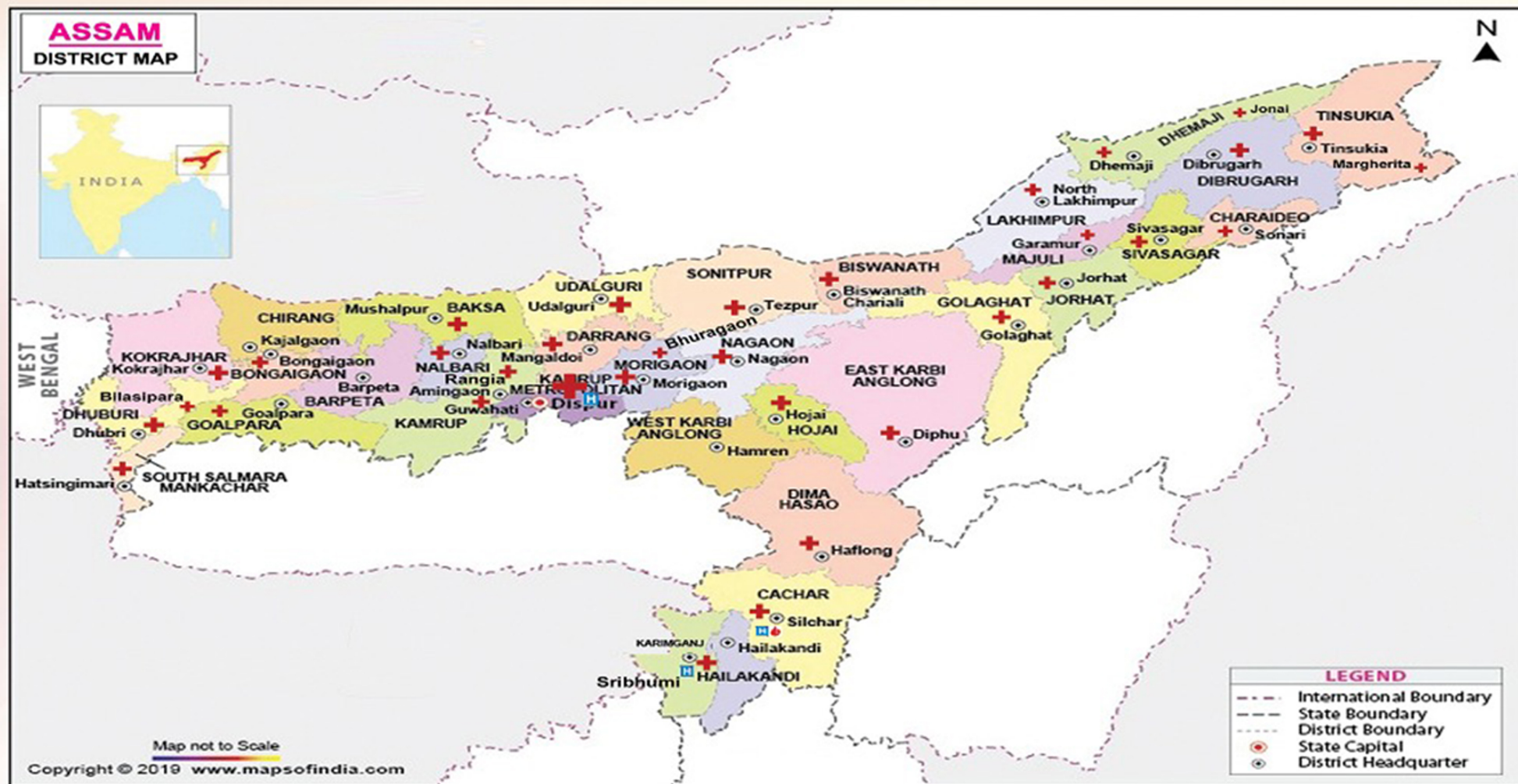
World Red Cross Day, Nalbari



Republic Day Celenbration, Bilasipara



World Red Cross Day, Charaideo



IRCS BRANCHES AFFILIATED BY ASSAM STATE BRANCH

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| 1. Baksa District Branch | 8. Jonai Sub District Branch | 15. Hailakandi District Branch | 22. Kokrajhar District Branch | 29. Nalbari District Branch |
| 2. Biswanath District Branch | 9. Dhubri District Branch | 16. Hojai District Branch | 23. Lakhimpur District Branch | 30. Sivasagar District Branch |
| 3. Bongaigaon District Branch | 10. Bilasipara Sub-Dist. Branch | 17. Karbi Anglong District Branch | 24. Dhakuwakhana Sub District Branch | 31. Sonitpur District Branch |
| 4. Silchar District Branch | 11. Dibrugarh District Branch | 18. Jorhat District Branch | 25. Majuli District Branch | 32. South Salmara- Mancachar District Branch |
| 5. Charaideo District Branch | 12. Dima Hasao District Branch | 19. Kamrup District Branch | 26. Morigaon District Branch | 33. Tinsukia District Branch |
| 6. Darrang District Branch | 13. Goalpara District Branch | 20. Rangia Sub District Branch | 27. Bhuragaon Sub District Branch | 34. Margherita Sub District Branch |
| 7. Dhemaji District Branch | 14. Golaghat District Branch | 21. Karimganj District Branch | 28. Nagaon District Branch | 35. Udalguri District Branch |
| | | | | 36. Guwahati District Branch. |

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

1. Humanity:

The primary purpose is to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. The Movement is dedicated to protecting life, health, and ensuring respect for the individual.

2. Impartiality:

Assistance is provided without discrimination, favoritism, or bias. The Red Cross seeks to help those in need based on their vulnerability and the urgency of their needs.

3. Neutrality:

The Movement refrains from taking sides in hostilities or engaging in controversies of a political, racial, religious, or ideological nature. This ensures access to all affected people.

4. Independence:

The Movement operates independently from external influences, allowing it to maintain autonomy and act in accordance with its principles to effectively provide humanitarian aid.

5. Voluntary Service:

The Red Cross is a voluntary relief organization, and its services are carried out by volunteers who offer their time and efforts to help others, especially in times of crisis.

6. Unity:

There is only one Red Cross or Red Crescent in any one country, and it must be open to all. The Movement is united in its goal to promote humanitarian values and provide assistance without discrimination.

7. Universality:

The Red Cross is a worldwide organization open to all. It endeavors to ensure that its humanitarian mission is carried out on a global scale, addressing the needs of vulnerable populations everywhere.

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