

YOUTH RED CROSS UNIT COMMITTEE

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) was established in 1920 under the Indian Red Cross Society Act and incorporated under Parliament Act XV of 1920. The act was last amended in 1992 and of rules was formed in 1994. The IRCS has 35 State / Union Territories Branches with their more than 700 districts and sub district branches. Honorable President of India is the President and Hon'ble Union Health Minister is the Chairman of the Society. The Indian Red Cross's programmes are grouped into four main core areas: Promoting humanitarian principles and values; Disaster response; Disaster preparedness; and Health and Care in the Community. Red Cross promotes the Humanitarian values, which encourage respect for other human beings and a willingness to work together to find solutions to problems. From the seven fundamental principles, the movement aims to influence the behaviour of all the people. Disaster response continues to represent the largest portion of IRCS work, with assistance to millions of people annually ranging from refugees to victims of natural disasters. The sharp increase in the number of natural disasters countrywide in recent years has prompted the Red Cross to devote more attention to Disaster preparedness activities. These aim to make Red Cross Societies and communities more aware of the risks they face, how to reduce their vulnerability, and how to cope when disaster strikes.

Too many people die as a result of no access to even the most basic health services and elementary health education. Health and community care has become a cornerstone of humanitarian assistance, and accounts for a large part of Red Cross spending. Through these programmes, the Red Cross aims to enable communities to reduce their vulnerability to disease, and prepare for and respond to public health crises.

ABOUT YOUTH RED CROSS

“The Youth Red Cross” is the most important constituent of its mother organization, Indian Red Cross. It is a group movement organized at the initial stages for students between 18 and 25 years of age within the colleges. Young volunteers can make a significant contribution to meet the

needs of the most vulnerable people within their local communities through Red Cross youth programme. This has been designed to involve young people as much as possible in the movement and its activities not only as workers and also as beneficiaries, but as partners in management.

PRINCIPLES OF YRC

- ❖ Protection of health and life.
- ❖ Service to the sick and suffering.
- ❖ Promotion of National and International friendship.
- ❖ To develop the mental and moral capacities of the Youth.

SEVEN FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH RED CROSS UNIT

- ❖ Humanity
- ❖ Impartiality
- ❖ Neutrality
- ❖ Independence
- ❖ Voluntary service
- ❖ Unity
- ❖ Universality

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Objectives:

- ❖ To create an awareness on the care of their own health and of others.
- ❖ To understand and to accept of civic responsibilities and acting accordingly with humanitarian concern to fulfil the same.
- ❖ To enable the growth and development of a spirit of service and sense of duty with dedication and devotion in the minds of youth.
- ❖ To foster better friendly relationship with all without any discrimination.
- ❖ Encourage community service through training and education
- ❖ Disseminate the seven fundamental principles of Red Cross and Red Crescent movement through activities that encourage the Red Cross ideal.

Procedure:

- ❖ Any students especially those who are interested in making their college and community a safer place to live and who are keen to make a difference in the lives of people who are vulnerable and underprivileged can enroll for YRC Unit as member.
- ❖ Any student in a college has paid the annual membership fees or been excused by legislation towards Youth Red Cross Unit. A YRC member can be become a volunteer. Membership form should be filled in by all the Volunteers and Each YRC should have minimum 50 - 100 volunteers.
- ❖ A volunteer should have appropriate training to be able to undertake the agreed tasks or role; and accept or refuse any task or role in accordance with code of ethics or fundamentals of voluntary service.

- ❖ On becoming member in any grade of membership, the individual helps in rendering Red Cross a noble cause to serve the most vulnerable and thereby reaching to the needy, through Red Cross.

Responsibilities:

- ❖ YRC Advisory Committee should consist of Chief Patron, Patron, Convener, co-convener, Members will monitoring the development of various programme and review the activities.
- ❖ YRC Advisory committee should meet at least twice in a year to plan and schedule the activities and to review the activities carried out.
- ❖ The Nodal officer/ Senior Faculty Member/Field Officer and Programme Officer is responsible for planning and implementing the RRC activities under the supervision and direction of the Principal/Director of the college.
- ❖ The Nodal officer/ Senior Faculty Member /Field Officer and Programme Officer is expected to motivate student youth to understand the values of YRC. The overall function of is to help the students, to plan, implement, and evaluate the activities of YRC under his/her charge and give proper guidance and directions to the volunteers.
- ❖ The Nodal officer/ Senior Faculty Member /Field Officer and Programme Officer will ensure that RRC volunteers complete the prescribed hours of training.
- ❖ The Committee will maintain the Records and Registers:
 1. Cash Book & Pass book – Separate RRC Cashbook & Pass book for each unit should be maintained. Saving Bank account should be opened in any Bank in favour of Principal & Programme Officer jointly to run RRC fund.
 2. Enrollment Register - Enrollment register should have information of the students enrolled in RRC in a Unit such as name, sex and class.
 3. Activity Register - This register will be maintained with the help of students by the PO. A list of project undertaken during the year with complete information of each activity such as dates, places, areas, institutions, target group, no. of students involved (their name, roll no. and signature).
 4. Attendance Register - Attendance of student volunteers at the various sessions/ exposure visit of RRC must be recorded with their signature.
 5. Minutes Book - PO should record the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee and other meetings held periodically.
 6. Press clipping guardfile.
 7. Photo / CD Album.Each YRC should submit activities report in the prescribed format.
Quarterly report has to be sent to the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamilnadu Branch along with Press clippings.
Periodical report to be submitted to Indian Red Cross Society, Tamilnadu Branch along with Press clippings.
After Completion of all the YRC activities - utilization certificate has to be sent to the YRC Coordinator, Indian Red Cross Society, Tamilnadu Branch

Frequency of Meetings:

1st Monday of Every month @ 5:00 pm

Committee membership details:

Committee Role	Designation
Chairperson	Director
Convener	Director / Professor / Associate Professor (Academics/Administration)
Members	2 Associate Professors 2 Assistant Professor 1 Non teaching clerical staff

Committee Members:

Name	Designation	Role
Dr. D.Nisar Ahmed	Director	Chairperson
Dr.Major Zahid Hussain	Additional Director (Admin)	Convenor
Mr.A.Appu	Assistant Professor	Programme Officer
Dr.B.Latha Lavanya	Associate Professor	Member
Mrs.D. Charumathi	Assistant Professor	Member
Mr.S. Vinoth	Assistant Professor	Member
Mr.P.Mohammed Ismail	Senior Assistant	Member