

Indian Red Cross Society, Orissa State Branch
Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting
Date: 12th January 2010 at 3.30 PM. OUAT Auditorium, Bhubaneswar.

The Annual General Meeting of members of the Indian Red Cross Society, Orissa State Branch was held on 12th January, 2010 at 3.30 P.M. in the Assembly hall of College of Agriculture, OUAT, Bhubaneswar. His Excellency, the Governor, Orissa Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare and the President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Orissa State Branch presided over the meeting.

The list of participants is placed at **Annexure - I**.

Shri Prasanna Acharya, Hon'ble Minister Health and Family Welfare and Chairman of the Working Committee & the Vice President extended warm welcome to His Excellency the Governor of Orissa and President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Orissa State Branch, other Vice Presidents and Members present. He stated that the Orissa State Branch has completed 74 years in service of the people in the State. Emphasizing on the role of the organization he said that Red Cross movement is dedicated to the service of humanity.

Conveying his Greetings to the members present in the Annual General Meeting he said that every member present in the meeting need to evaluate the contribution made for enhancing the image of the organization in making it more people oriented. We have many more activities to undertake and miles to go. There are many new challenges emerging in the society and we have to face it together.

In the Executive Committee meeting held today morning, several decisions were taken related to the enhancement Red Cross activities. The first and foremost has been to make a campaign to increase voluntary blood donation. Blood is valuable to save lives and human body is the only organism that could generate blood. We need 4 lakh units of blood every year and presently we are short by 1.2 lakh units and this gap can be filled up only through the cooperation of the members present. Emphasizing the need to increase the membership through a mass drive he said that this could generate both human and financial resources for the organization. The present resource is inadequate to meet the future action plan of the organization. The limited resources available with the State branch should be used in the service of the poor, needy and distressed communities across the state.

Further, he informed the house that efforts are made for removing the service charges for blood transfusion service. The Honorary Secretary of the State Branch has submitted a proposal for waiving the service charges. Jana Ausadhi Stores would be a reality very soon. This will help the poor patients in every district to avail quality drugs at a cheaper price. He conveyed heartfelt thanks to the assembled members.

The Honorary Secretary presented the activity report for the period January to December 2009.

The report highlighted the activities that have led to the promotion of new initiatives and strengthening the core activities carried out by OSB.

Shri. Debi Prasad Mishra, Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education and Vice President appreciated the achievements of the State Branch since its inception in the year 1936. The activities of the state branch he said have been very productive. Red Cross has a very important role to play in



the welfare of the Society. The State Branch has very successfully espoused the age-old saying that has come from the Vedic age "Live and let Live". He appreciated the efforts of the members who have dedicatedly worked towards amelioration of the problems of the distressed communities. Red Cross has always offered helping hand to the people with disaster response programme.

The Youth Red Cross has been a vibrant wing of the OSB and it has, he said, been doing a commendable job in building awareness among the youth in the educational institutions since it started functioning in the year 1992 as a separate wing. The wing has completed 18 years and has enrolled more than 30 thousand volunteers as its vibrant members. This wing has been instrumental in the collection of Voluntary Blood donated by the members who joined the club 18 after attaining the age of 18. The blood donated by these club 18 members could be made available especially to the persons suffering from Thalassemia & Sickle cell diseases. Improvement in sanitation is essential for promotion of quality of living. The awareness programmes for the youth on sanitation and HIV/AIDS have made them more conscious of the facts of life. The camps organised by the YRC units have been very successful for enhancing the awareness and leadership.

On Climate Change he said that there is a role for the youth to play in decreasing the carbon trading and emission of green house gases. Nature has been disturbed and natural habitats destroyed due to human intervention and the youth could play a very active role in the preservation and protection of ecology.

Formation of Red Ribbon Clubs in 400 Colleges has worked towards enhancing the knowledge base of the youth on HIV/AIDS. Expressing his confidence in the role of the youth he emphasized on the need to work with the Eco Clubs in the colleges to initiate plantation to address the issues arising from climate change.

He thanked His Excellency The Governor for his inspiration, which could make the State Branch so active and take up new initiatives.

The Esteemed Vice-President, Prof. Dr. Asha Hans expressed her gratefulness for being invited to the AGM. She said that it was a happy occasion that the Indian Red Cross Society, Orissa State Branch has achieved the highest visibility and credibility among all state branches in India during the year for its outstanding performance and accomplishing the seven fundamental principles of the International Red Cross Movement and mandates of the IFRC as well as the National Head Quarters.

Orissa State Branch led the emergency response activities in the state whether it is in Kandhamal, in Rajkanika, during Jajpur rail accident or Bhanjanagar flash flood and strengthened its stake to be the pioneer of the community centered disaster preparedness initiatives partnering with the Govt. as well as with other international humanitarian agencies working here.

She acknowledged the leadership of the Honorary Secretary Orissa State Branch for taking new initiatives and partnership programmes and addressing the issues like climate change and access for differently able people in Disaster Risk Reduction process.

Strengthening the Junior Red Cross, Youth Red Cross wings and Family Counseling Centre, emphasizing on more membership, assisting in intensifying the capacity of the District Red Cross Branches as well as blood banking system, establishing Janaushadhi Stores are few examples of the well-functioning state branch and she said that she had no hesitation to tell others that the activities has made OSB a pioneer in the field of providing humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable people.

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She Congratulated the Honorary Secretary, for his positive role within very short span of time providing vibrant leadership for the innovative management skills of the multipurpose cyclone shelters in partnership with the communities and receiving the prestigious award from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Orissa on the state level observation of the Disaster Preparedness Day on 29th October, 2009.

She requested the Honorary Secretary and all members present in the AGM to incorporate differently able persons in each programme as well as activities and provide a dignified access to this section of the society. This she said with confidence would make the Orissa State Branch a pioneering organization in the country. She shared her experience of a state level-sharing workshop on revising the Sphere Minimum Standards conducive for the differently abled population as part of the global revision process and said that the recommendations submitted have reached to the global policy makers at Geneva.

She urged the members present to take up activities to address the emerging new challenges of global warming and release of green house gases leading to health hazards, the climate change, fall in food production and shifting livelihoods. She expressed her confidence in the leadership of the State Branch and said that under the guidance of His Excellency the Governor and the President the State Branch would be able to handle this with timely efforts and skillful interventions. She volunteered for this noble cause to alleviate human sufferings.

Thereafter agenda items were taken into consideration.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the last Annual General Meeting held on 16th April, 2008

No comments and suggestions were received from any of the members on the proceedings of the last Annual General Meeting held on 16th April, 2008. The proceedings were approved.

Item No. 2: Review of action taken on the proceedings of the last Annual General Meeting held on 16th April, 2008.

The action taken report on the proceedings of the last Annual General Meeting held on 16.04.08 was discussed in detail. The members appreciated that most of the decisions have been implemented. The report was accepted.

Item No. 3: Presentation of the Annual Report for the year 2007-08 and the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of the State Branch/ Youth Red Cross/ Junior Red Cross wings for consideration and adoption.

The Annual Report for the year 2007/2008 containing activities of the State both in English and Oriya and District Branches along with the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet showing assets and liabilities as on 31.3.2008 of all wings of the Orissa State Branch duly approved and recommended by the Executive Committee were adopted in the Annual General Meeting.



Item No. 4: Any other matter with the permission of the President.

- (i) In pursuance of provisions of Rule 11 (f)(i) of the Indian Red Cross Society, Orissa State Branch Rules, 1990, 3 proposals were received duly signed by not less than 4 members. These were discussed as follows

1. Sri Dillip Das Sharma

Q1. The Police Commissionerate Red Cross Branch should take over management of Red Cross Blood Banks in Bhubaneswar from the Collector-cum-Chairman of respective district branches.

Q2. One Executive Committee member of the IRCS-OSB should not be the internal auditor of the organization.

Q3. When the new uniform rule of IRCS has been received and going to be implemented by OSB?

Q4. What action has been taken on the petition submitted to His Excellency the Governor of Orissa on the Central Red Cross Blood Bank, Cuttack?

Q5. Management of Red Cross Blood Bank, Cuttack may be given to the Police Commissionerate.

Q6. In order ensure ownership the position of the Honorary Secretary, Joint Secretary and Under Secretary of IRCS-OSB should be permanent in nature.

The Honorary Secretary replied as follows:

Ans. 1- The Chairman, District Red Cross Branches are the President of the Red Cross Blood Bank of respective districts and are being managed well.

Ans. 2 - The Executive Committee is the competent body to appoint the auditor.

Ans. 3 - The implementation of rule is under review and consideration of the President, IRCS-OSB.

Ans. 4 - The reply has already been communicated vide this office memo no: 117/RC dated 08th January, 2010.

Ans. 5 - The management of the Central Red Cross Blood Bank, Cuttack is under the establishment of the IRCS-OSB, managed through a Managing Committee.

Ans. 6 - Red Cross is a volunteer managed/ based organization of which Voluntary Service is one of the prime fundamental principles. It is not at all pertinent to say that the officers have no ownership those are in honorary or contract positions. Red Cross is a voluntary relief movement never prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

2. Sri. Ramakanta Panda

Q. There is no uniformity service charge for which poor tribal people of Rayagada are facing problem to get blood in time of emergency. To supplement their need they are depending upon the Red Cross district branches. So Red Cross took steps to make available different kits at a cheaper rate from NACO to Raygada district branches

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Ans. The Honorary Secretary stated that IRCS-Orissa State Branch has already taken initiatives and negotiating with State Blood Transfusion Council, OSAC and Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Orissa for introduction of uniform service charge and gradually to subsidise it.

3. **Sri Pradeep Sahoo, Sri Seemanta Ku. Acharya, Sri Bighneswar Mohapatra and Sri Prasant Kumar Nayak**

Q.1. Under what circumstances Shri Padmanav Samal, Chairman, CRCBB, Cuttack has been continuing as the Chairman inspite of completion of his tenure.

Q2. How Dr. B.N.Mishra became the advisor of CRCBB, Cuttack since there is no such position in the Blood Bank?

Q3. How Dr. (Mrs.) Kanak Mishra has been drawing regular salary from CRCBB, Cuttack illegally after her retirement.

Ans. 1 The Honorary Secretary stated that Mr. Padmanav Samal has been holding the position of the Chairman, CRCB, Cuttack for more than **10 and half years in violation of the IRCS, OSB Rules**. The **replacement of the Chairman**, CRCB, Cuttack will be placed in the next Working Committee meeting of IRCS, OSB scheduled to be held on **24.01.2010**. Based on the decision, the action will be taken immediately. Moreover, as per the norms fixed **by the SBTC, Department of Health & Family Welfare**, Govt. of Orissa, the membership should be renewed after every **two years** to involve new members for effective management of the blood banks

Ans. 2 Consequent upon the **retirement of Dr. B.N.Mishra, Director on 31st May, 2007**, keeping in view of his qualification, training, work experience, the Managing Committee in its meeting dated 23.04.2007 decided to retain Dr. B.N.Mishra as an Advisor of the Blood Bank with an honorarium of Rs. 5,000.00 per month. But **violating the rules**, the last extension has been made for 3 years instead of 2 years in case of Mr. B.N.Mishra.

Ans. 3 The matter is being looked into. If found true, action as deemed fit will be taken against her including the recovery of the excess paid amount.

With the consent of the President, members were allowed to discuss and give suggestions.

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1	Dr.Jagannath Mohapatra	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Central Blood Bank in Cuttack is a prestigious institution of the Orissa State Branch. It was planned to make it a model Blood Bank for the state. I would appeal that a sub committee may be formed to look in to the matters and suggest guidelines for the management of the same.▪ The new rule signed by the President of India is available with the state branch and the same may be referred to. The laws should be implemented in the most democratic process.

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Sri.Bishnu
Charan Sahu

- Primary Moto of IRCS is to collect Blood. But in many places the condition of blood collection is not hygienic. This may be looked into. All blood banks to be instructed to have hygienic blood collection environment.
- The present persons in charge of the Central Blood Bank Cuttack like Mr.Padmanav Samal, Dr.Kanakalata Mishra and Bankanidhi Mishra are not able to manage the Blood Bank and hence they should be removed instantly.
- Stock and balance of blood units should be computerized.
- A differently able person should be enrolled as a member of the Executive Committee.
- Though I am a physically challenged person after getting to know from the TV news channel about the non-supply of Blood to Thalassaemia Patients due to acute shortage of Blood in the Central Red Cross Blood Bank Cuttack, immediately I rushed with my family members to the Blood Bank to donate Blood. After waiting for half an hour I received no response from the blood bank office bearers though the Chairman Sri.Padmanav Samal was present in the Blood Bank. Although Sri.Samal was present he even did not offer a chair to a physically differently able person like me.

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Sri.Siva
Prasad Meher

- Suggested that the trained members of SDRT should be preferred to participate in the NDRT workshop organized by IRCS National Headquarters, New Delhi.

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Sri.Dillip Das
Sharma

- Though the Cuttack Blood Bank had 800 blood units as per the information received, still the 3 Thalasemia patients were denied Blood. It will affect the Red Cross and the persons responsible for this need to be accounted for.

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Sri.Chabi
Prasad Nayak

- Young people may be encouraged to become Chairman of the Cuttack Blood Bank.

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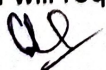
Sri.Aalaya
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- After 3 years of the motion for having Medicine Banks now only 28 have started functioning, why?
- More promotional activities may be instituted to attract youth attaining 18 years of age for donating blood.

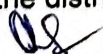
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Sri.Satya
Kumar Panda

- I am grateful for this scope given to participate in this AGM.
- I could know from the speech of the Hon Secretary on the achievements and there are some lacunae in it.
- I will request the Secretary to visit all the districts.



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Cross has several members, patrons, vice patrons and certificates may be given to all. Bigger districts should scale up activities and create examples in Red Cross activities. Steps should be taken for issuance of certificates on time. |
| 8 | Dr.Dipti Pattnaik | |
| 9 | Dr.Ramakanta Mahanta | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steps on creation of awareness should be initiated for the Protection of Similipal. All the members, patrons and vice patrons should be involved in the same. |
| 10 | Sri.Digambar Kar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Red Cross may take up awareness generation on Global Warming & Climate Change. For smooth functioning of the Central Red Cross Blood Bank, Cuttack the responsibility should be given to RDC & Collector. The circular of health & Family Welfare Dept.dated 30.06.09 on the service charges to be collected by the blood bank should be reviewed. |
| 11 | Sri.Umesh Chandra Sahoo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The retired person should not hold any important post in Blood Bank (s). Provision of Free blood supply for the poor and needy. Free medicine should be supplied for the BPL cardholders. He also raised serious allegations on the functioning of the Blood Banks. |
| 12 | Sri.Gouranga Charan Hota | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruction should be given to the Collectors from IRCS OSB for proper utilization of Red Cross fund of the District. |
| 13 | Sri.Rabi Mishra | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The misbehavior and misconduct of the Central Red Cross Blood Bank Office Bearers and instigating to assault physically to the Honorary Secretary during the meeting may be reviewed and steps should be taken. |
| 14 | Ms.Bhaswati Barik | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up and review of the trainers may be taken up. The trainings of the YRC and JRC should not stop with simple getting together but should contain visible work plan. State Branch should fix the agenda for the observation of various important days in the year. |
| 15 | Ms.Basanti Sahoo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Branch may review the spending of funds by the districts. |



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| 16 | Sri.Rama
Krushna
Choudhury | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The State Branch could give permission to the Life Members to take up activities in their respective areas. |
| 17 | Sri.Rabi
Behera | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A public donation day could be observed by Red Cross in all the districts to add to the resources of the Red Cross OSB. ▪ A public appeal may be issued for the same. ▪ More attention should be given for providing the Hearing Aid and tricycles to the deserving persons. ▪ More plantation activities could be initiated with YRC and JRC volunteers. |
| 18 | Sri.Biranchi
Narayan Pani | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blood transfer to other districts should be looked into. ▪ The accident victims are not taken care by the general public for fear of police. As such people are dying without care. Red Cross should look this into. |
| 19 | Sri.A.R.Khan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OSB officials should come to Keonjhar to see the good works done by the Collector. |
| 20 | Sri.Sudhansu
Ranjan Das | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Red Cross volunteers may be given an identity card to help the accident victims so that the police harassment could be avoided. |
| 21 | Sri.Basanta
Kumar
Chotaray | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are many people sleeping on the pavilion in Bhubaneswar and a rest shed may be constructed for them. |
| 22 | Sri.Shankar
Prasad Mishra | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District level seminars should be organized in Boudh District. |
| 23 | Sri Lalit Mohan
Panda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All college should form Youth Red Cross units and remit state share for the successful implementation of Youth Red Cross activities. ▪ Red Ribbon club should be formed in each institution of Higher Education to promote healthy life style. ▪ White Ribbon alliance should be formed in Women's colleges. ▪ Students should be encouraged to donate blood and reorganization should be given to the first blood donor. ▪ There should be proportionate representation to Youth Red Cross State Working Committee from each revenue division. |

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- Institutional members should be given certificate by His Excellency as a matter of recognition for their involvement in membership drive and implementation of Red Cross activities.
- Institutional members should be involved to organize Red Cross activities in rural areas to disseminate message on Fundamental principles.
- Special health and livelihood project may be undertaken in Noxal prone area of Rayagada district to establish conducive and peaceful atmosphere.

After interaction with the members, His Excellency and the President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Orissa State Branch addressed the members at the Annual General Meeting.

He expressed happiness at the presence of a large number of members in the AGM and congratulated the State and District Branches for their sincere and determined efforts due to which there has been increase in membership over the previous years. He said that branches possessed enough potential and so membership drive could be taken up more dedicatedly.

He said that he witnessed the participation of the members in the meeting and he was happy to see 21 members keeping their viewpoints in the meeting with questions and suggestions and is a record on its own. He thanked the participants and very heartily said that he would like to send answer to all the letters that would come to him from the members. Emphasizing on the number of blood banks he said that we have definite reason to be happy to have 81 Blood Banks but we can increase the number so as to meet the needs of people in the state.

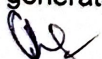
The State Branch is organizing many health camps and it is a healthy sign but there is a need to reach out to more people by having more health check up camps in all the 30 districts.

Appreciating the role of the State Branch he said that Red Cross is the largest humanitarian organization and the present need is to enhance the membership as this will help in increasing the resources of the organization to work more dedicatedly. He suggested the District Branches to find out innovative means to increase the membership. He called upon the members to show clear commitment and determination in extending the pioneering activities to the remote and backward areas of the State. He also stated that the real strength of Red Cross organization are the members and through them the message of Red Cross could be spread and more numbers of service minded individuals could enter into the Red Cross movement.

He called upon District Branches to increase their fund in order to take up different programmes. He appreciated the initiative of Orissa State Branch in opening Block Red Cross Branches to take the service of Red Cross to the community in the rural inaccessible areas. He praised the opening of Medicine Stores in the District Headquarter Hospitals as a notable step, which he said, would extend support to the needy and poor patients.

The training programmes have been immensely helpful in building awareness of the Youth and Junior Red Cross Volunteers. This he said would make them more active and develop leadership for more actions and resulting in achievements.

Expressing his concern on the need of preservation of ecology and environment he said that the degradation of environment has been very destructive for the human race and the need is to generate awareness on the protection and preservation of the environment.



He expressed happiness at the strengthening of the Youth Red Cross and Junior Red Cross units in the educational institutions. This he said could cultivate the young minds to do humanitarian service. The young minds have been clear in their views on Disaster Management as has been found out from the Science Exhibition in Khalikote College, Berhampur. This he said would work towards designing more activities for Disaster Management.

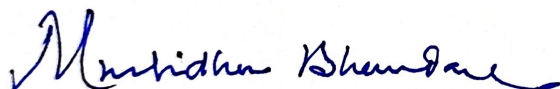
He said that he would be happy to see the schools and colleges rising to the occasion and playing a substantive part in the environment protection.

He congratulated the Honorary Secretary Orissa State Branch for the hard work done in different spheres and team spirit that resulted in major achievements during the year. He expected that in the coming days the Branch could work more dedicatedly and the district branches could take up new initiatives and work in rural hinter lands with the formation of the Block Branches.

Appealing to the members he said that he had high hopes from the members and with their dedicated support to Red Cross the high traditions could be maintained as well as could meet the aspirations of the common people.

Thereafter medals and merit certificate were awarded to the office bearers, Chairpersons of District Red Cross Branches, Blood Bank Officers and volunteers by the President (List at Annexure II).

The Annual General Meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the President, Vice-Presidents, Collector and Chairperson of the District Red Cross Branches and the members.



Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare
His Excellency, the Governor, Orissa

&
President,
Indian Red Cross Society,
Orissa State Branch



Dr.M.P.Mohanty 21/01/2010
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Indian Red Cross Society,
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