



Indian Red Cross Society

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Youth Red Cross



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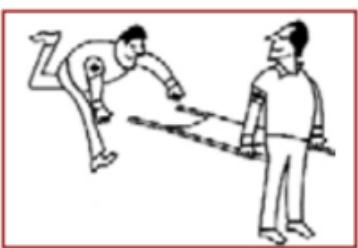
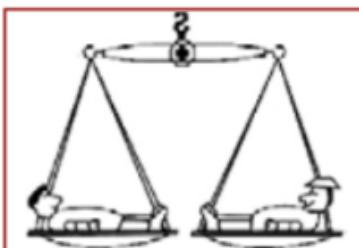
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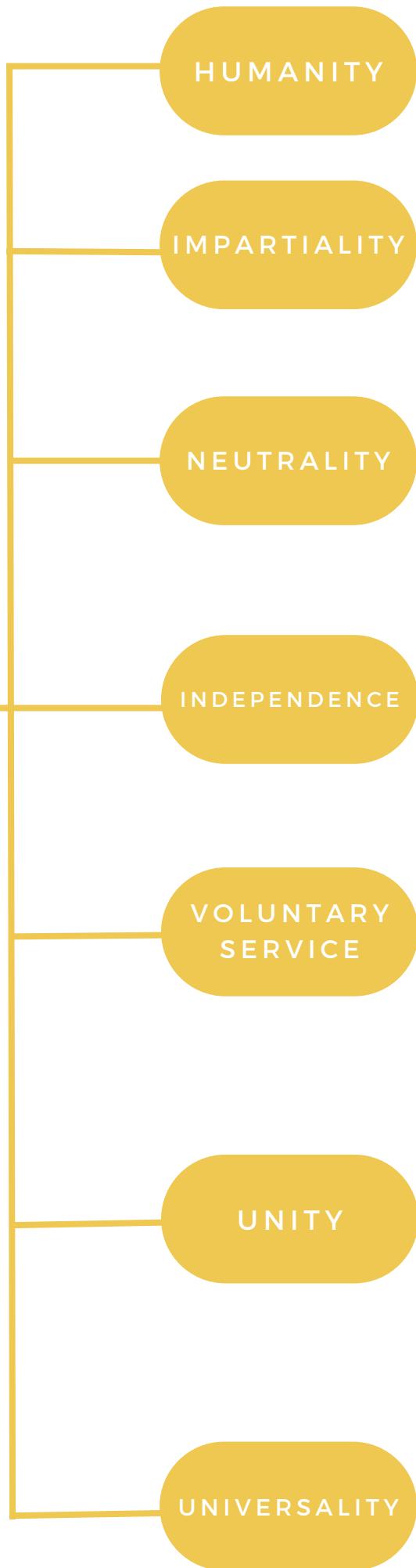


Introduction

The Youth Red Cross Society is a youth-led movement that provides opportunities for young people to learn about and participate in humanitarian action. The Youth Red Cross is part of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and it has over 10 million members in over 180 countries.



Fundamental Principles of Red Cross



HUMANITY

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

IMPARTIALITY

It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions.

NEUTRALITY

In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

INDEPENDENCE

The Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

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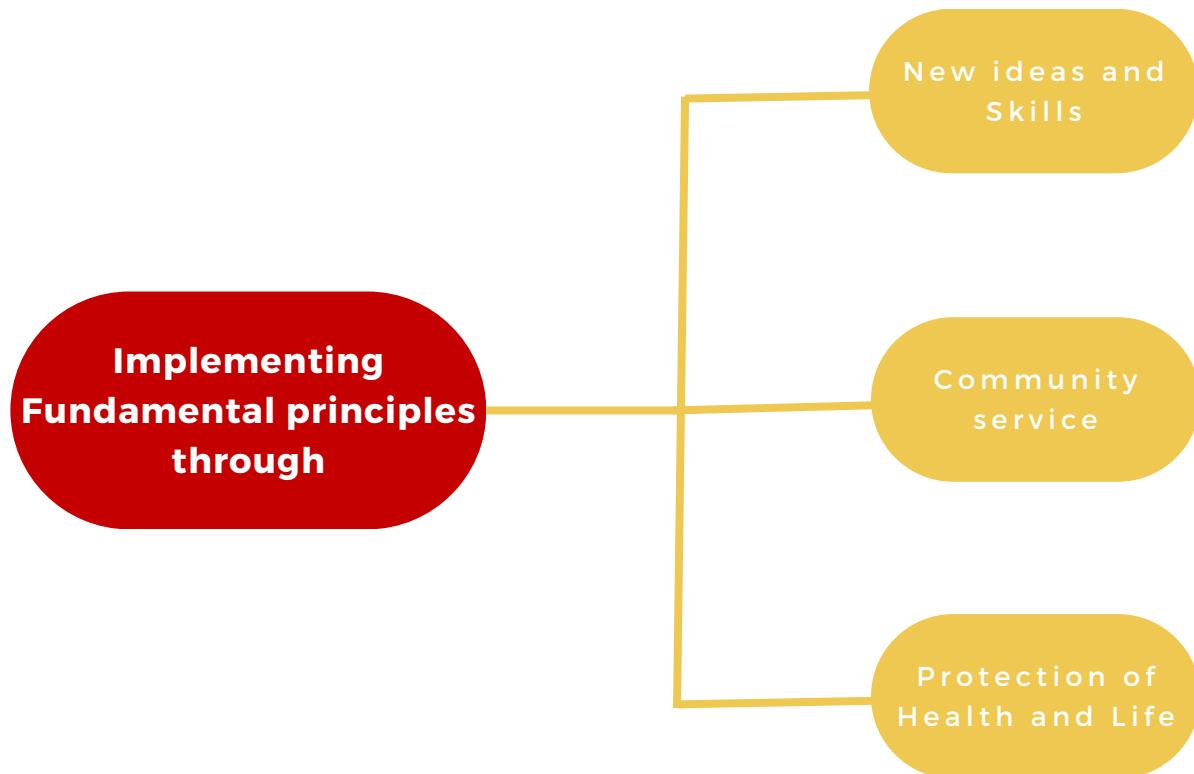
There can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

UNIVERSALITY

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.



Role of Young People



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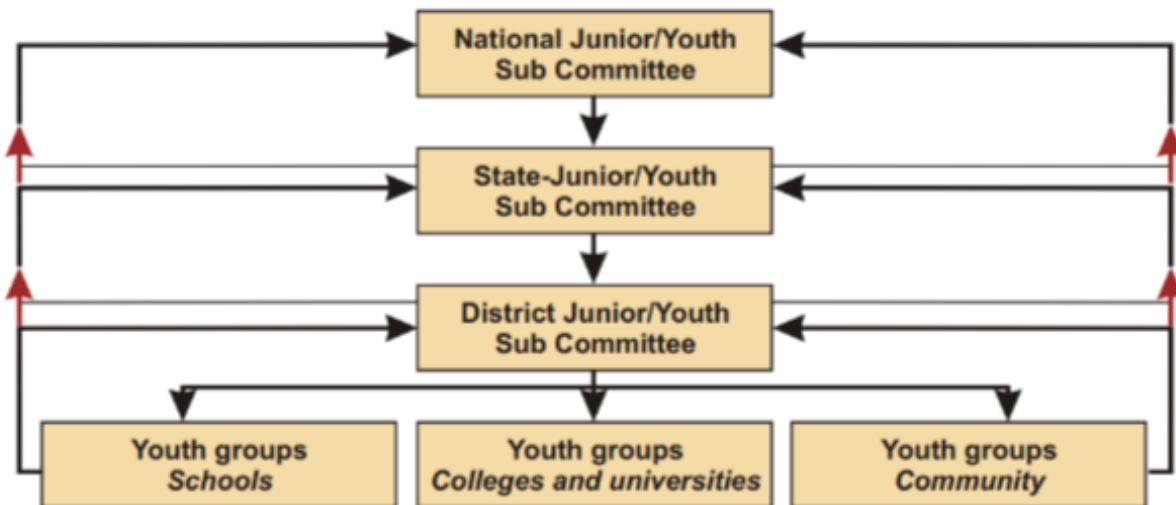
Working alongside older generations in a spirit of mutual respect, young people bring much needed ideas and skills. The promotion of knowledge transfer and growth, combined with the personal guidance that older, more experienced volunteers of the Red Cross can offer, is seen as a key approach to developing tomorrow's generation of leaders, today.

Measures must be taken to ensure respect for international humanitarian law. States have an obligation to teach its rules to their armed forces and the general public. They must prevent violations or punish them if these nevertheless occur.

Young Volunteers are the backbone of all Indian Red Cross activities, helping branches to run successful programmes and assisting millions of vulnerable people in various Community Activities like Blood Donation Camp, distributing healthcare kits etc.



Organizational Structure of Junior/Youth Red Cross



Members and Volunteers

Red Cross Junior/Youth Member

Any junior/youth who is a student in school or college/ university and has paid the annual membership fees/ or been excused by legislation, towards Junior/Youth Red Cross. A JRC/YRC member may become a volunteer at the same time but a volunteer cannot become a member.

Red Cross Volunteer

A person of any age who has undergone basic orientation about the Movement and regularly donates their time to Red Cross work.

Junior/Youth Red Cross Groups

A group of JRC/YRC volunteers formed in the school and colleges comprising minimum 20 students in one group, and not exceeding 50 students who should be zealous and talented but primarily committed to the service of the needy and the distressed.

Community Red Cross Youth Groups

Red Cross offers membership not only to those in schools and colleges but also to the young professionals and youth who have completed studies. However, the formation of these groups will be after the concurrence of the District/ State Branch.



Formation of Youth Red Cross at various Institutes



Sri K.R Naidu secondary School, Coimbatore

Youth Red Cross at Sanatana Dharma College, kanpur



Women's Christian college, Nagercoil

Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya,



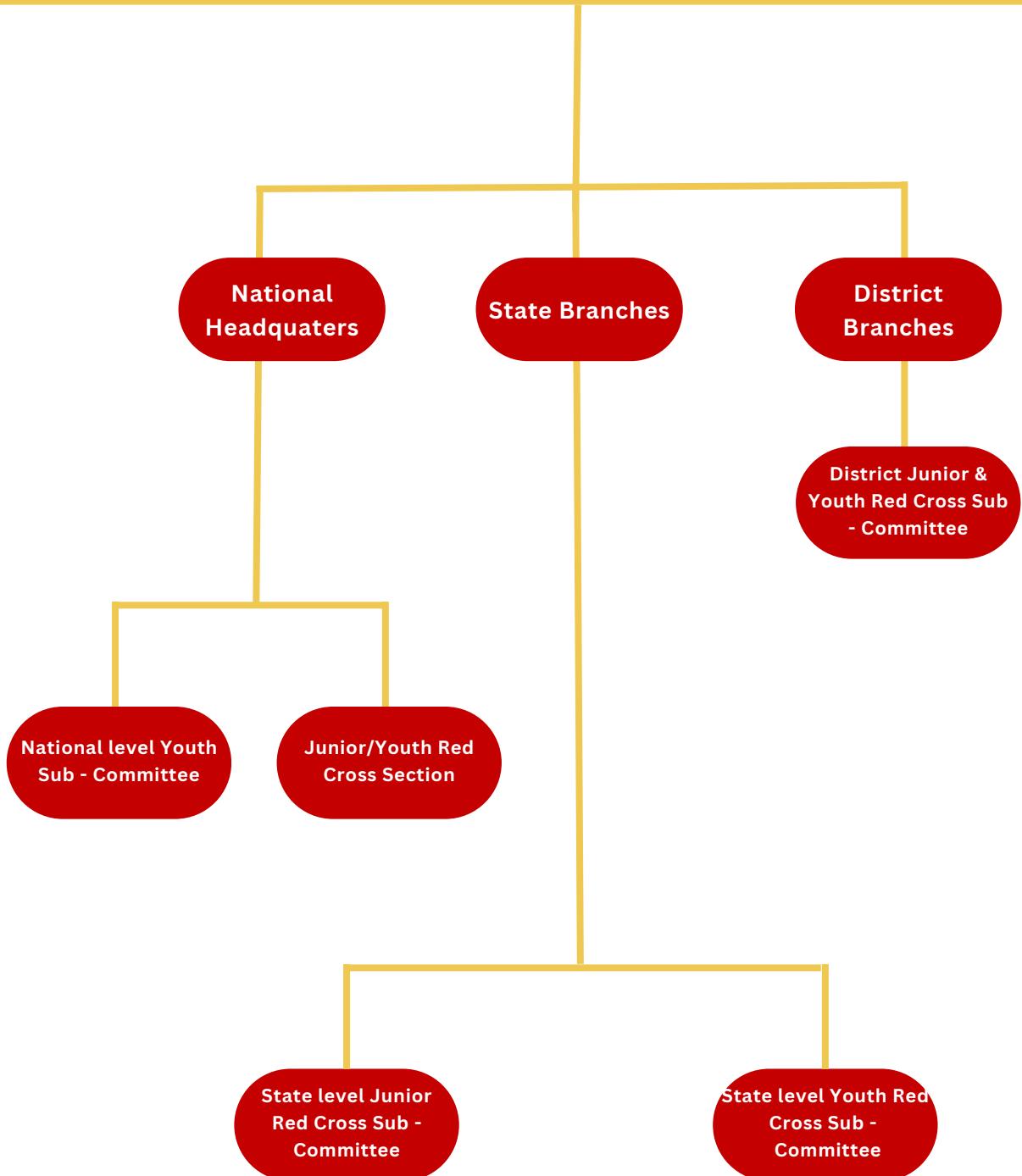
St. Mary's College, Shirva

Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts & Sciences, Coimbatore

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Formation Procedure at Indian Red Cross Society



Activities for Junior and Youth groups

State and District level

- To organize inter district /state level camp for Junior/Youth members and programme officer and counsellors (teachers).
- To organize state level seminars/workshop/trainings for Junior & youth members/youth volunteer and programme officers and counsellors during the summer vacation and other holidays.
- To organize state level and interstate study tours and study visits to places of interest in the state and within in the country in summer vacations.
- To organize state level cycling, trekking/exhibitions spreading the message of the Movement in the countryside.
- Organise street plays on issues such as on HIV, hygiene and sanitation as well as drills and demonstrations on first aid, fire fighting and rescue or disaster operations.
- Medical first responder training for youth volunteers/members.
- Organize competitions /campaigns for junior and youth volunteers.
- Hold a session on orientation to the Red Cross. The session should include the history of the Movement, what it means to be a part of the Red Cross and provide an opportunity for members to ask questions and assist in generating enthusiasm.

School and College level

- Organize games/mock drills /exhibitions/lectures/demonstration on health & hygiene, disaster (man made, natural), road safety, climate change) in school it can be supplement to the curriculum.
- Organize health camps (the CDMO and doctors in the locality should be consulted in this regard).
- Organise cultural programmes.
- Facilitate junior or youth volunteers to carry out community outreach activities.
- Organize demonstration of fire fighting in consultation with the fire station closest to the school or college.
- Help develop a disaster plan for the classroom or school/college.
- Nomination of delegates for and organize inter-state and international programmes such as camps/workshops/seminars.
- Take emergency relief measures to the victims of natural disaster such as flood, fire, drought, cyclone, earthquake, epidemic, manmade disaster such as accidents etc. Within reach of the school/college on priority basis with available funds and intimate the local authorities about it.





Blood Donation Camp, Panipat

AIDS awareness camp, Paradip



International Yoga Day at primary school

Plantation drive



Nukkad naatak, say no to plastic

World Menstrual Hygiene Day

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BIMSTEC Youth Fest at Amity University, Gurugram

IRCS launched Youth Program in 2015 with the support of ICRC in around 88 school/colleges, 44 communities from 22 districts in 11 State Branches [Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya, West Bengal]. The program has three key objectives –

- To enhance the understanding about the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement & its Fundamental Principles and promote peace and harmony among the youth and the selected communities.
- To strengthen the capacity of the YRC in the area of Hygiene Promotion, Household Water Treatment, Basic First Aid and Promoting Peace and harmony.
- To contribute towards increasing the awareness of and behavioral changes in the selected communities on Hygiene Promotion, Household Water Treatment and basic First Aid.



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Activities for Centenary Celebrations

As a part of its Centenary Celebrations, Indian Red Cross Society organized a pan-India painting competition for its Junior Red Cross & a First-Aid competition for its Youth Red Cross members. State winners were invited for a National level competition later.

Excitement for these events is growing across every nook & corner of the country with each passing day, here is a look at some of the beautiful, thoughtful paintings/cards created by our Juniors!



Also, here's a glimpse at our Youth Red Cross members from college level grades participating in pan-India First-Aid competitions!



Dates of Note

Below are some important days that may be celebrated as part of your youth or junior Red Cross programme :

- 12 January : Youth Day (India)
- 4 February : World Cancer Day
- 16 March : World Immunization Day
- 22 March : World Water Day
- 24 March : World TB Day
- 7 April : World Health Day
- 22 April : World Earth Day
- 25 April : World Malaria Day
- 3 May : World Asthma Day
- 8 May : World Red Cross Red Crescent Day
- 31 May : World No Tobacco Day
- 5 June : World Environmental Day
- 14 June : World Blood Donor Day
- 26 June : International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking
- 11 July : World Population Day
- 12 August : International Youth Day / Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions
- 5 September : Teachers Day
- 8 September : World Literacy Day
- 10 September : World Suicide Prevention Day
- 29 September : World Heart Day
- 1 October : National Voluntary Blood Donation Day
- 2 October : National Day for Disaster Reduction
- 13 October : International Day for Disaster Reduction
- 16 October : World Food Day
- 7 November : National Cancer Awareness Day
- 14 November : World Diabetes Day
- 16 November : World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
- 25 November : International Day for the Elimination of violence against women
- 1 December : World AIDS Day
- 2 December : World Disabled Day
- 5 December : International Volunteers Day
- 10 December : National Pulse Polio Day



Membership, Fees, etc

Membership

- The annual membership fee for the institution as well as junior/youth Red Cross member shall be as is decided by the state education department.

Where no such guidelines are present the following fee may be charged:

- Junior and Youth Red Cross member - Rs. 20/- and Rs. 40/- respectively,
- School/ College or University - Rs. 300/- and Rs. 400/- for institution membership

(However such fee will be decided by the Managing Body of the state branch.

Such groups will be registered with the IRCS JRC/YRC, district branch and where they do not exist: with the state IRCS branch.)

A receipt should be provided

Class		Institutional membership fees per annum		Individual membership fees per annum		Membership fees share per annum					
Junior	Youth	Junior	Youth	Junior	Youth	Membership	School/ college	District	State	NHQ	
From Class 8th to 12th	Graduation 1st year 2nd year 3rd year & post graduation	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 20/-	Rs. 40/-	Individual	85%	15%	70%	15%	15%

Special Fund : Junior/Youth Red Cross funds

All state and UT branches shall contribute at least Rs. 10,000 towards Junior Red Cross and Rs.10,000 towards youth Red Cross programmes every year. This amount will be matched in double by national headquarters. These contributions may form the nucleus for the JRC/YRC fund at the National Headquarters.

15 Percent share subscription membership fees

The district branch should retain 70 per cent (including 15 per cent share of sub-district branch if one exists) of the Institutional membership fees, 15 per cent shall be sent to the state branch and 15 per cent to the national headquarters. Of the individual membership fees, 85 per cent will be retained with the school and college/university and spent only for Junior/Youth Red Cross activities in consultation with the J/Y RC sub-committee of the district and 15 per cent shall be sent to the district branch.



Application for Membership

The district secretary
Indian Red Cross Society,
Junior/Youth Red Cross,
____Branch,
____ Date _____

Dear Sir/Madam,

We propose to form a Junior/Youth Red Cross group in our School/College, and expect to have approximately:-

_____ boys
_____ girls

Our Counsellor/ Programme officer's name is _____

Please register us and send us

(a) _____ Membership Rolls. (b) _____ Membership buttons
We enclose Rs. _____ to cover annual membership fee..... and Junior/Youth Red Cross group membership..... and would request you kindly to send us a receipt.

All correspondence for us should be addressed to:-

THE Co-ordinator, Junior/Youth Red Cross,

Yours faithfully,

(Name and Signature)

Copies of this form can be obtained on application from your district Red Cross branch. If, there is no district branch office, contact Indian Red Cross Society, state headquarters.





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