



Policy on Youth Red Cross

1. INTRODUCTION

The Youth Red Cross (YRC) is a voluntary humanitarian organization that is part of the Indian Red Cross Society, aimed at inculcating the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality among the youth. This policy defines the framework for establishing, managing, and operating the Youth Red Cross unit at Adichunchanagiri University (ACU). It applies to all students, faculty, and staff involved in YRC activities, ensuring alignment with the university's mission to foster social responsibility, community service, and holistic development.

The YRC unit at ACU will promote activities such as blood donation drives, health awareness campaigns, disaster preparedness, first aid training, and environmental conservation, contributing to the overall well-being of society.

2. GOAL AND PURPOSE

- **Goal:**

To develop a sense of social responsibility and humanitarian values among the university community, empowering youth to contribute positively to society through voluntary service.

- **Purpose:**

- To provide a platform for students to engage in community service and learn life skills such as leadership, empathy, and crisis management.
- To align YRC activities with national and international Red Cross guidelines while integrating them into the university's extracurricular framework.
- To foster collaboration with local Red Cross branches, government bodies, and NGOs for effective implementation of humanitarian programs.
- To ensure that YRC initiatives support the university's commitment to sustainable development, health promotion, and disaster response.

3. OBJECTIVES

- To organize regular awareness programs on health, hygiene, and disease prevention, including campaigns on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and mental health.
- To conduct blood donation camps, first aid workshops, and emergency response training for students and staff.



- To promote environmental sustainability through tree plantation drives, waste management initiatives, and anti-plastic campaigns.
- To encourage student participation in national and international Red Cross events, fostering global citizenship.
- To integrate YRC activities with academic curricula where possible, such as through service-learning credits or elective modules.
- To monitor and evaluate the impact of YRC programs on participants and the community, ensuring continuous improvement.

4. METHODOLOGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The policy consists of the following key components: A. Establishment of YRC Unit B. Membership and Structure C. Activities and Programs D. Monitoring and Evaluation

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF YRC UNIT

- The YRC unit shall be established under the auspices of the Dean of Student Affairs, with approval from the Vice-Chancellor.
- Affiliation with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) shall be sought, and the unit will adhere to IRCS guidelines.
- An annual budget allocation will be made from the university's student welfare fund for YRC operations.
- The unit will be launched with an orientation program for all new students during the academic induction.

B. MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

- **Membership:** Open to all enrolled students aged 18-25 years. Faculty and staff can join as advisors or volunteers. Membership is voluntary and requires a simple registration form.
- **Structure:**
 - Coordinator: A faculty member nominated by the Dean of Student Affairs, responsible for overall management.
 - Student Committee: Elected annually, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and program leads (e.g., for health, disaster relief).
 - Advisory Board: Comprising the Coordinator, one representative from university administration, and an external expert from the local Red Cross branch.
- **Training:** All members shall undergo mandatory basic training in first aid and Red Cross principles within the first month of joining.



C. ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

- **Core Activities:**

- Blood donation camps at least twice per semester.
- Health check-up and awareness drives in collaboration with university health centres.
- Disaster preparedness workshops, including mock drills for earthquakes, floods, and fires.
- Community outreach programs in nearby villages, focusing on hygiene education and environmental conservation.

- **Integration with University Events:** YRC activities shall be incorporated into annual fests, sports days, and NSS programs for wider participation.

- **Funding and Resources:** Activities will be funded through university grants, sponsorships, and member contributions. Necessary equipment like first aid kits shall be provided by the university.

- **Collaboration:** Partnerships with local hospitals, NGOs, and government agencies for joint initiatives.

D. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- **Reporting:** The coordinator shall submit quarterly reports to the Dean of Student Affairs, detailing activities, participation, and outcomes.

- **Feedback Mechanism:** Annual surveys from members and beneficiaries to assess program effectiveness.

- **Outcome Analysis:** Measure success through metrics such as number of blood units donated, participants trained, and community impact (e.g., number of trees planted).

- **Review and Revision:** The policy shall be reviewed annually by the Advisory Board, with amendments approved by the Academic Council to incorporate feedback and align with evolving needs.

- **Discipline:** Members must adhere to the university's code of conduct. Violations, such as misuse of funds or unethical behaviour, will result in suspension from the unit.

5. DISCIPLINE

All YRC members will abide by the rules of the Indian Red Cross Society and the university's code of ethics. Any breach will be addressed through the university's disciplinary committee.



6. EXAMINATION AND AWARD OF CERTIFICATES

Participation in YRC activities may earn credits or certificates recognized by the university. Outstanding volunteers will be awarded at annual university events, with certificates issued jointly by ACU and IRCS.

7. CONCLUSION

This policy ensures that the Youth Red Cross unit at ACU operates efficiently, promoting humanitarian values and community service. In case of any disputes or clarifications, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.

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