

# **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University**

## **Youth Red Cross (YRC)**

**Youth Red Cross:** The Youth Red Cross aims to inspire, encourage and initiate at all times, all forms of humanitarian activities so that human suffering can be minimized, alleviated and even prevented, thus contribute to creating a more congenial climate for peace.

**History of Youth Red Cross:** The involvement and contribution of young people to the work of the Red Cross has an interesting history. During World War I, several countries encouraged young people to assist in Red Cross work. By 1918, formal youth sections were organized in Australia, Canada, Italy and the United States. The creation of League of Red Cross (now International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) in 1919 increased the emphasis on peacetime activities of the Red Cross through the establishment of a coordinating body for National Societies, which to a great extent helped in the expansion of youth programmes throughout the world. In 1922, the youth programme of the Red Cross was officially recognized and supported by Resolution No. XVIII adopted by the General Council of League of Red Cross Societies. Expansion of Red Cross youth programmes to young people outside the schools or other than those attending educational institution were embodied in one of the General Councils resolutions XIX. By 1935, 51 countries had sections focused on young people, with total membership of 15 million with a 3 point programme bringing the motto "I serve". Today, about 100 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have sections dedicated to engaging young people and statistics show that as much as half of all Red Cross & Red Crescent volunteers in the world are young people. The Indian Red Cross Society first engaged young people in its work in 1925, with the first unit being set up in Punjab in 1926, soon followed by similar units in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Mumbai, and Uttar Pradesh. According to the International Labour Organization report, about 40 percent of the Indian total population is in the age group of 13-35 years. The Red Cross, through its youth programmes, plays an important role in channelling and guiding this young energy in the cause of humanitarian action. Where active, youth Red Cross groups offer a formidable strength both in times of emergency and times of preparedness.

## **Activities during the academic year 2014 -2015**

**Geneva Conventions Day Celebrations** on 20.02.2015

**Blood Donation cum Dengue Awareness Camp** organized on 26.02.2015

**Blood Type Identification Camp** organized on 12.08.2015

**Blood Donation Camp** organized on 15.08.2015

## **Activities during the academic year 2016 -2017**

1. One Day Zonal Level Orientation Training Programme for YRC Programme Officers was conducted on 30.01.2017 at our University Campus.
2. Five YRC Volunteers and a Programme Officer were nominated to participate in the Inter State Youth Red Cross Study Camp at Bhuvaneshwar, Odisha State from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.
3. Five YRC Volunteers and a Programme Officer have participated in the State Level Youth Red Cross Study Camp at Periyar University, Salem from 07<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
4. Three Days Zonal Level Orientation Programme for YRC Volunteers and YRC Programme Officers of our University jurisdiction was conducted at Muttom from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
5. Five YRC Volunteers & a Programme Officer have participated in the National Level Youth Red Cross Study Camp at VIT University, Vellore from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The participants were appreciated by our Honorable Vice- Chancellor.
6. Five YRC Volunteers and a Programme Officer have participated in the State Level Youth Red Cross Study Camp held at Barathiyar University, Coimbatore from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The participants were appreciated by our Honorable Vice- Chancellor.