



MoU between Youth Red Cross Society Himachal Pradesh and St. Bede's College

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on this 31st day of March 2026

BETWEEN

Youth Red Cross Society, Himachal Pradesh (YRCS-HP), functioning under the aegis of the Indian Red Cross Society, Himachal Pradesh State Branch, having its office at Red Cross Bhawan, Baines Court, Shimla, hereinafter referred to as "YRCS-HP".

AND

St. Bede's College, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, an institution of higher education, having its campus at St. Bede's College, Shimla, hereinafter referred to as "the College".

YRCS-HP and the College are hereinafter individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

1. Preamble

Youth Red Cross is a voluntary humanitarian organization that aims to inculcate the spirit of service, humanitarian values, health awareness, and social responsibility among young people. St. Bede's College is committed to holistic education, community engagement, and the promotion of social responsibility among students. Recognizing the mutual objectives of youth development, humanitarian service, and community welfare, the Parties hereby agree to collaborate through this MoU.

2. Purpose of the MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a formal framework for cooperation between YRCS-HP and St. Bede's College for the effective functioning of the Youth Red Cross Unit in the College and for promoting humanitarian, health, and community-oriented activities in accordance with Youth Red Cross guidelines.



3. Objectives

The objectives of this MoU are to:

- Promote humanitarian values, compassion, and social responsibility among students.
- Encourage voluntary service for community welfare and national development.
- Create awareness about health, hygiene, disaster preparedness, and social issues.
- Develop leadership, discipline, and a spirit of service among Youth Red Cross volunteers.
- Strengthen institutional–community linkage through structured outreach activities.

4. Scope of Collaboration

The collaboration under this MoU shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- Establishment and effective functioning of the Youth Red Cross Unit at St. Bede's College.
- Enrollment, orientation, and training of Youth Red Cross student volunteers.
- Organization of health, humanitarian, and community-oriented programmes as prescribed by Youth Red Cross.
- Observance of important national and international days related to health, service, and humanitarian values.
- Community outreach and extension activities focusing on health, hygiene, environment, and social awareness.
- Capacity-building programmes, leadership development, and value-based education for students.

4A. Indicative Plan of Activities for the Academic Session

The Youth Red Cross Unit of St. Bede's College shall plan and conduct activities throughout the academic session under the broad guidelines of the Youth Red Cross Society. Each activity shall have clearly defined outcomes to ensure measurable impact and quality assurance.



A. Health and Hygiene Promotion Activities

Activities:

- Awareness programmes on personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, nutrition, mental health, and lifestyle diseases.
- Campaigns on prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- First aid awareness and basic life support training sessions.
- Organization of health check-up camps in collaboration with health authorities.

Outcomes:

- Improved health awareness and adoption of healthy practices among students and community members.
- Enhanced capacity of volunteers to respond to basic health emergencies.
- Increased preventive health consciousness and reduced health-related misconceptions.

B. Blood Donation and Health Support Activities

Activities:

- Organization of voluntary blood donation camps in coordination with Indian Red Cross/authorized hospitals.
- Awareness programmes on blood donation, organ donation, and blood grouping.
- Registration and motivation of student volunteers for voluntary blood donation.

Outcomes:

- Increased voluntary blood donation and creation of a pool of regular donors.
- Enhanced awareness about the importance of safe blood and organ donation.
- Strengthened sense of social responsibility and altruism among students.

C. Disaster Preparedness and Response Activities

Activities:

- Orientation programmes on disaster management and disaster risk reduction.



- Mock drills and awareness sessions on earthquakes, fires, floods, and other local hazards.
- Participation in relief and rehabilitation activities during disasters, as and when required, under official guidance.

Outcomes:

- Improved disaster preparedness and risk awareness among students.
- Development of trained volunteers capable of supporting relief operations.
- Strengthened community resilience during emergencies.

D. Community Service and Social Awareness Activities

Activities:

- Cleanliness drives under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and campus sanitation initiatives.
- Awareness campaigns on substance abuse, road safety, cyber safety, gender equality, and voter awareness.
- Outreach programmes for underprivileged communities, senior citizens, and children.

Outcomes:

- Cleaner and healthier campus and community surroundings.
- Increased social awareness and responsible civic behavior among students.
- Enhanced empathy, inclusiveness, and community engagement.

E. Environmental Awareness and Sustainability Activities

Activities:

- Tree plantation and adoption drives.
- Awareness programmes on environmental conservation, waste management, and plastic-free practices.
- Observance of World Environment Day and related campaigns.

Outcomes:

- Increased environmental consciousness and sustainable practices.



- Contribution to ecological conservation and greener campus initiatives.
- Development of long-term commitment towards environmental stewardship.

F. Youth Development and Leadership Activities

Activities:

- Leadership development programmes, personality development workshops, and team-building activities.
- Training in communication skills, ethical values, and humanitarian principles.
- Orientation programmes for newly enrolled Youth Red Cross volunteers.

Outcomes:

- Enhanced leadership qualities, confidence, and teamwork skills among students.
- Development of value-based attitudes aligned with humanitarian principles.
- Preparation of socially responsible and service-oriented youth leaders.

G. Observance of Important Days

Activities:

- World Red Cross Day
- International Youth Day
- World Health Day
- National Youth Day
- Other days as prescribed by Youth Red Cross and Indian Red Cross Society

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of national and international humanitarian issues.
- Reinforcement of Youth Red Cross values and objectives.
- Active student participation in value-based commemorative events.



H. Training, Documentation, and Reporting

Activities:

- Maintenance of records, registers, photographs, and reports of activities.
- Preparation and submission of annual activity reports to Youth Red Cross Society, Himachal Pradesh.
- Participation in review meetings, training programmes, and conventions organized by YRCS-HP.

Outcomes:

- Systematic documentation and transparency in YRC functioning.
- Continuous quality improvement through monitoring and evaluation.
- Strengthened coordination between the College and Youth Red Cross Society.

5. Roles and Responsibilities of Youth Red Cross Society, Himachal Pradesh

YRCS-HP shall:

- Provide overall guidance and supervision for the Youth Red Cross Unit in the College.
- Approve the formation and renewal of the Youth Red Cross Unit as per norms.
- Provide guidelines, training material, and resource support for YRC activities.
- Facilitate training programmes, workshops, and orientation sessions for YRC volunteers and coordinators.
- Issue certificates to enrolled volunteers for participation and service, as per rules.
- Monitor and evaluate activities conducted under the Youth Red Cross programme.

6. Roles and Responsibilities of St. Bede's College

The College shall:

- Establish and maintain an active Youth Red Cross Unit in the College.
- Nominate a faculty member as Youth Red Cross Programme Officer/Coordinator.



- Encourage student participation and ensure proper enrollment of volunteers.
- Provide necessary infrastructural and administrative support for YRC activities.
- Ensure that activities are conducted in accordance with Youth Red Cross guidelines.
- Maintain records, reports, and documentation of activities undertaken.
- Submit annual activity reports and other required information to YRCS-HP in a timely manner.

7. Financial Provisions

- The Youth Red Cross Unit shall function on a non-profit basis.
- Membership fees, if applicable, shall be collected and utilized strictly as per Youth Red Cross norms.
- Any expenditure related to activities shall be incurred with mutual understanding and in accordance with applicable guidelines.
- No financial liability shall be imposed on either Party beyond the scope of this MoU unless mutually agreed upon in writing.

8. Duration of the MoU

This MoU shall be valid for a period of **three (3) years** from the date of signing and may be renewed further by mutual written consent of both Parties.

9. Monitoring and Review

The activities carried out under this MoU shall be periodically reviewed jointly by representatives of YRCS-HP and the College to ensure effective implementation and alignment with objectives.

10. Amendments

Any amendment or modification to this MoU shall be made only through a written agreement signed by both Parties.



11. Termination

Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving **three (3) months' written notice** to the other Party. Activities already in progress at the time of termination shall be concluded in a mutually agreed manner.

12. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual discussion and consensus between the Parties.

13. Non-Legal Binding Clause

This MoU is a statement of mutual intent and cooperation and does not create any legally binding obligations on either Party.

9A. Tentative Timeline of Activities for the Academic Session (2025–26 onwards)

The Youth Red Cross Unit of St. Bede's College shall implement its activities in a phased manner throughout the academic session, generally from July to June each year. The indicative timeline is as follows:

July – August

- Formation/Renewal of Youth Red Cross Unit
- Enrollment of student volunteers
- Orientation programme on Youth Red Cross objectives and humanitarian values
- Leadership and team-building activities

Expected Outcomes:

- Functional YRC Unit with registered volunteers
- Students oriented towards service, discipline, and humanitarian principles

September – October

- Health and hygiene awareness programmes



- First aid training and basic life support sessions
- Cleanliness and sanitation drives
- Observance of World First Aid Day / related health days

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved health awareness
- Trained student volunteers capable of basic emergency response

November – December

- Blood donation awareness programmes
- Organization of voluntary blood donation camp (as per feasibility)
- Disaster preparedness awareness and mock drills
- Community outreach activities

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased voluntary blood donation
- Enhanced disaster readiness among students and community

January – February

- Youth leadership development programmes
- Social awareness campaigns (road safety, voter awareness, substance abuse, etc.)
- Observance of National Youth Day

Expected Outcomes:

- Development of leadership qualities and civic responsibility
- Increased social awareness and student engagement

March – April

- Environmental awareness programmes
- Tree plantation drives
- Observance of World Health Day / World Red Cross Day (as applicable)



Expected Outcomes:

- Enhanced environmental consciousness
- Reinforcement of humanitarian values

May – June

- Documentation and compilation of annual activity report
- Review and evaluation of activities
- Submission of reports to Youth Red Cross Society, Himachal Pradesh
- Planning for the next academic session

Expected Outcomes:

- Systematic documentation and evaluation
- Continuous improvement in YRC functioning

9B. Youth Red Cross Activities as Internship / Experiential Learning (2025–26 onwards)

The Parties mutually agree that sustained participation of students in Youth Red Cross activities throughout the academic session may be recognized as **internship / experiential learning / field-based training**, subject to institutional and regulatory norms.

Nature of Internship

Youth Red Cross internship shall be a **service-based, non-paid, community-oriented internship**, focusing on practical exposure, skill development, leadership training, and social responsibility.

Internship Components and Work Performed

Student volunteers enrolled under the Youth Red Cross Unit may undertake the following work during the session:

A. Planning and Coordination

- Preparation of annual YRC action plan and activity calendar
- Coordination with YRCS-HP, local health agencies, NGOs, and community bodies
- Scheduling programmes, preparing notices, and mobilizing participants



B. Implementation of Activities

- Conducting health awareness sessions and community campaigns
- Assisting in blood donation camps, health camps, and first aid programmes
- Participation in disaster preparedness drills and relief-support activities
- Organizing cleanliness drives, environmental campaigns, and outreach programmes

C. Community Engagement and Field Work

- Interaction with community members, beneficiaries, and stakeholders
- Identification of local health and social issues
- Conducting surveys, awareness drives, and field visits

D. Documentation and Reporting

- Maintaining attendance, registers, and activity logs
- Preparation of reports, case studies, photographs, and short videos
- Compilation of annual YRC report and reflective summaries

E. Leadership and Capacity Building

- Team leadership and volunteer management
- Communication, coordination, and public speaking during programmes
- Training junior volunteers and peer mentoring

Duration and Credit Equivalence

- Internship duration may span the **entire academic session (minimum 120–150 hours)** of active engagement.
- The internship may be mapped to **skill enhancement / value-added / experiential learning components** of the curriculum, as per institutional norms and NEP 2020 guidelines.

Learning Outcomes of the Internship

Upon completion of the Youth Red Cross internship, students shall demonstrate:

- Practical understanding of humanitarian service and community engagement



- Enhanced leadership, teamwork, and organizational skills
- Basic competencies in health awareness, first aid, and disaster preparedness
- Ethical values, empathy, and social responsibility
- Ability to plan, execute, and document social initiatives

Certification and Assessment

- Students completing the prescribed duration and responsibilities shall be issued **participation / internship certificates** by the College in coordination with Youth Red Cross Society, Himachal Pradesh.
- Assessment shall be based on attendance, level of participation, quality of work, and submission of reports.

14. Signatories

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first written above.

For Youth Red Cross Society, Himachal Pradesh

Name: Mr. C.P. Verma

Designation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Seal: _____

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H.P. State Red Cross

Secretary to Governor and General Secretary

For St. Bede's College, Shimla

Name: Sr. Rosily T.L

Designation: Principal

Signature: Sr. Rosily T.L

Date: 31-03-2026

Seal: _____

