

**Celebration of “World Blood Donor Day 2024” at Yenepoya Medical College Hospital
Deralakatte Mangalore.**

The Yenepoya Medical College Hospital Blood Centre in association with District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), Dakshina Kannada, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka, organised a programme to celebrate “World Blood Donor Day” on June 14th 2024, at the Dental College Auditorium, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) Campus, Deralakatte, Mangalore.

The “World Blood Donor Day” honours the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner, Nobel Laureate who discovered the ABO blood group system. This year the WHO theme is “20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors!” highlighting the essential role blood donors play in saving lives.



Dr. Indira S Puthran, Chief Medical Officer, YMCH Blood Centre, and Professor, Department of Pathology welcomed the gathering.

Dr Badarudeen MN, District TB & Aids Control Officer inaugurated the event. Dakshina Kannada district has 14 blood banks and 3 storage centres of which YMCH Blood Centre stands next after Wenlock blood centre in collection of blood. Around 72,000 blood units were

collected last year from 700 camps. One in 7 people require blood at a given point of time. Blood donation can be done by any healthy individual in the age group of 18-65 years.

Dr. K.S. Gangadhara Somayaji, Registrar, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) said” We know the importance of blood, only when we require it. I appreciate all the organisers conducting voluntary blood donations and also acknowledge the effort of our Blood Centre staff, who go to blood donation camps in different areas.”

Dr. Habib Rahaman A.A, Medical Superintendent, YMC Hospital was the Guest of Honor. Various blood donor organisations were felicitated for their contribution towards society on this occasion. Prizes were distributed to E-poster designing and reel-making competition winners.

Dr. Vidya Rekha R Kamath, organising Secretary presented the Blood Centre report of the year 2023-2024. Dr. Gloria Quadros organising member proposed the vote of thanks. Around 121 members attended this programme.

As a part of this year's celebration of World Blood Donor Day 2024, YMCH Blood Centre also conducted a Voluntary Blood Donation Drive from the 10th to 16th June. Also, two Outdoor Voluntary Blood donation camps were conducted. One on 13/06/2024 at Forum Fiza Nexus Mall, Mangalore and another on 15/06/2024 at Kodailbail, Mangalore. A Guest Lecture on – “ABO Blood group discrepancies” by Dr. Shamee Shastry C, was conducted on June 21st, 2024, in association with the Department of Pathology and the SK unit of KCIAPM.
