

SANKALP INDIA FOUNDATION

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## This World Thalassemia Day, We Pledge to Rewrite the Future: One Screening At a Time

Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life. But for thousands born every year with thalassaemia, childhood begins with blood transfusions, hospital visits, and an uncertain tomorrow. At Sankalp India Foundation, we walk every step of this journey with them, ensuring that no child fights alone.

But perhaps our greatest impact lies in prevention. This January, we hit a new milestone: 1.5 lakh pregnant women were screened for thalassaemia through our pioneering initiative. We're stopping the disorder before it can start. One test. One intervention. One child spared.

Across 23 dedicated day care centres, over 2000 children receive regular, safe, and high-quality transfusions, medicines and care each month. Our bone marrow transplant program has now cured over 730 children. Our blood centre is leading voluntary blood donation efforts and providing safe blood at global standards.

This Thalassaemia Day, we remember the lives already lost and stand firm in our mission, for every child, every family, and a future free from thalassaemia. Together, we are not just treating the disease, we are rewriting the future: until no child is born to suffer.

## April Highlights

### Blood Donation

Collected **1452** units from **21** camps, impacting countless lives. Managed **13** rare Bombay Blood group requests

### Thalassaemia Management

Transfused **4649** units in March across **23** centers in **6** states, aiding **2000+** children

### Prevention

Screened **15276** individuals, preventing **6** affected births and empowering families

### Cure

Performed **16** Bone Marrow Transplants in Bangalore and Ahmedabad, offering hope to children

### HLA Typing

Typed **325** individuals from **119** families across **3** camps in **3** states enabling potential matches

May is a month of care, courage, and commitment!

We honour the strength of mothers, the compassion of nurses, and the resilience of families.

As we observe Thalassaemia Day, we're reminded of why our work matters. Together, we stand for dignity in care, access to cure, and prevention that protects generations.

Let's Make May Meaningful!

*Team Sankalp*



## One Mission, Many Moments: Unwavering Support by Collins Aerospace

April was a month of extraordinary impact with the good folks from Collins Aerospace. Their volunteers lit up Sankalp Child Care Home with joy, bonding, and heartfelt moments during a special engagement Sunday.

Just days later, they set a record: 334 units at North Gate, the highest-ever single-day collection by Sankalp Blood Centre!

Across 3 of their locations, voluntary blood donors from Collins Aerospace donated a whopping total of 548 units.

We are grateful for their compassion, energy, and commitment in helping transform lives of children fighting thalassemia and sickle cell disease.



### 69 Donations: the Rare Gift of Bombay Blood

Today, Aditya, one of our dedicated Bombay blood group donors, made his 69th blood donation—a remarkable act of commitment and compassion. The Bombay blood group is one of the rarest in the world, found in just 1 in 10,000 people in India. For patients with this rare type, finding compatible blood can be a race against time. At Sankalp India Foundation, we maintain a national network of rare blood donors to ensure timely support.



### flipkart = call for Blood donation drives

On 15th & 16th April, Flipkart hosted another impactful blood donation drive, collecting an impressive 228 units. What makes Flipkart stand out is their consistency. They organise camps with us every quarter, and each one sees remarkable participation.

As we approach World Thalassemia Day this May, we encourage more organisations to join this movement.



## Agile leadership journey session with Pete Behrens

Sankalp India Foundation recently had the privilege of hosting Pete Behrens, Founder & CEO of Agile Leadership Journey, for an insightful leadership session that left a lasting impact on our team. Pete shared valuable insights on the importance of collaboration over competition, resolving conflicts early, and aligning goals rather than working in silos.

He also challenged us to rethink balance: not as perfection, but as harmony. He inspired us to build leadership grounded in the 4 C's: clarity, connection, curiosity, and compassion.

Under the guidance of our Agile Leadership coach, Rashmi Fernandes, we are committed to nurturing leaders who can drive lasting change in our mission for a Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Free India.



## Empowering Excellence: Advanced Training Course in UK

Two of our nurses completed a transformative two-week observership at University College Hospital, London, as part of the EBMT EMPACT program, enhancing their skills in pediatric stem cell transplantation. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the EBMT, Cure2Children Foundation, and DKMS for this incredible opportunity.



## A Life-Changing HLA Typing Camp in Nanded

On 18th April, we conducted our first-ever HLA typing camp at Nanded District Hospital. We tested 65 families, many with children under 10 suffering from poor management, but due to their young age and many sibling, the potential for a cure is very high. We're planning another camp in 90 days to give more children a chance at a brighter future.



## Double Life-Saving Journey for Uganda Twins

We had the privilege of supporting Immaculate Nakabugo and her twins suffering from sickle cell disease. After tragically losing her eldest daughter to the condition, Immaculate reached out for help. With DKMS, we coordinated the twins' cure at our BMT Care Unit in Bangalore. After a challenging but successful transplant, the twins are now thriving.



## A Journey of Compassion: Going the Extra Mile

On 19th March in Amreli, a young couple hesitated to undergo fetal screening due to financial constraints. However, Ms. Nirali, our dedicated prevention centre coordinator, ensured they received the care they needed. She personally covered all travel expenses and even accompanied them to Rajkot.

After the screening, she arranged private transport to their village when none was available. Ms. Nirali's commitment goes beyond duty. Our centre coordinators are the backbone of the prevention program, driving it at the grassroots level to protect lives and ensure care reaches those who need it most.



## Champions of Awareness in Remote India

In Waidhan, Vidisha, and Singrauli, where thalassemia and sickle cell disease remain hidden threats, our Prevention Centre Coordinators like Aarti Shah and Rashi Sharma are spreading life-saving awareness.

Through regular awareness and educational sessions in district hospitals, they break myths and introduce families to the reality of genetic blood disorders.

Their efforts empower communities with knowledge, proving that awareness—when led with empathy—can change lives.

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