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Sankalp Thal Meet 2026: Strengthening Partnerships for Thalassaemia Care and Prevention

Sankalp Thal Meet 2026 brought together Day Care Centre partners for a focused day of learning, reflection, and collaboration in thalassaemia care. With participation from over 20 centres, the meet reinforced a shared commitment across management, cure and prevention, grounded in partnership responsibility.

The day opened with tours of the Sankalp Blood Centre, day care facilities, and clinical services, followed by sessions that highlighted programme overviews, patient experiences, case studies, and the role of structured data in improving long-term outcomes. Partners shared insights and mapped a common path forward together.

We were honoured to welcome Shri Dr C N Manjunath, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, as the Chief Guest. His visit, felicitation of partners, and release of Sankalp's awareness posters added depth to the day. In his address, he was full of praise for our management and cure systems, as he underscored prevention as the only sustainable way to reduce the burden of thalassaemia, emphasising antenatal screening and community awareness.

The meet concluded with renewed alignment and shared resolve. Sankalp Thal Meet 2026 reaffirmed that progress towards eliminating thalassaemia depends on collaboration, consistency, and long-term commitment to management, cure, and prevention.

January Highlights

Blood Donation

Total collection: **1027** units from **17** camps. **997** units collected by **16** Sankalp Blood Centre camps and in-house donations. Managed **10** rare Bombay Blood group requests.

Thalassaemia Management

Transfused **4229** units across **25** daycare centres in **7** states, aiding **2700+** children.

Prevention

Screened **3858** pregnant women and prevented **9** affected births, empowering families to take charge of their future.

Cure

Performed **19** Bone Marrow Transplants across our BMT units in Bangalore and Ahmedabad, offering renewed life to affected children.

HLA Typing

Typed **172** individuals from **58** families across **2** camps in **2** states enabling potential matches.

At Sankalp, love is not a word we reserve for one day. It lives in every transfusion given on time, every screening that protects a future, and every family that trusts us for a cure.

This month also reminds us that care cannot pause. Blood donations and continued support remain acts of love that save lives.

As we move through February together, may empathy and shared responsibility guide our work and strengthen the futures we are building, one child at a time.

Team Sankalp



Prevention First: Strengthening Antenatal Screening Across Madhya Pradesh

Indian Oil Corporation Limited and the National Health Mission, Madhya Pradesh, have partnered with Sankalp India Foundation in a landmark collaboration centred on prevention. The partnership strengthens antenatal screening for thalassemia and sickle cell disease.

The MoU signing marked a decisive step towards prevention-led public health action, with a shared intent to reduce the burden of genetic blood disorders and protect future generations.

This collaboration supports screening across 25 districts of Madhya Pradesh.

It reaches rural, tribal and underserved populations where access to timely and effective preventive care remains limited.

Sankalp India Foundation expresses sincere gratitude to IOCL's CSR leadership and NHM-MP for their trust, commitment and partnership in advancing equitable hemoglobinopathy prevention.

Since the signing on 5 January 2026, the programme has moved swiftly into action, with **16** centres activated and over **200** screenings completed, laying a strong foundation for preventing affected births and healthier futures now.



SCN Meet: Strengthening Transplant Care

Sankalp held the bi-annual Sankalp Cure Network Meet, bringing together transplant physicians, quality teams, and partners from across the Sankalp network and Cure2Children Foundation. The meet reviewed protocols, outcomes, and challenges from the past year.

Discussions highlighted improvements, showing how better practices lead to better outcomes.



Haplo Counselling at Shivamogga Daycare centre

Shivamogga Sankalp Day Care Centre conducted haplo BMT counselling for **45** families, guiding them with empathy and clear information. Until now, no patient from this centre had undergone haplo BMT.

Post-counselling, **14** families are willing for the next step, highlighting the impact of awareness, support, and guidance in enabling life-saving treatment.



EMPACT Certification: Empowering Nurses

EMPACT, the EBMT Middle-Income Countries Pediatric Advanced Care Training programme, develops nursing expertise in pediatric BMT, strengthening skills, clinical judgment, and standards of care.

Run by Cure2Children Foundation and supported by DKMS Group, the EMPACT training builds capacity, professional development, and improves BMT care.



Strengthening Statewide Care for Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Disease in Andhra Pradesh

Sankalp India Foundation marked a significant milestone with the signing of a statewide MoU with the Indian Red Cross Society, Andhra Pradesh. This partnership strengthens structured thalassemia and sickle cell disease management, bringing coordinated care closer to children and families across the state.

One of the key outcomes of this collaboration is the integration of Sankalp's own ThalCare platform, clinical protocols and specialist oversight with IRCS Andhra Pradesh's infrastructure, blood services and care teams. Together, this enables consistent transfusions, iron chelation, diagnostics and referral pathways for advanced treatment.

This initiative reflects a shared commitment to continuity of care, equity and improved quality of life for children living with hemoglobinopathies across the state, especially the rural and tribal communities. Every centre strengthens access, reduces treatment gaps and reinforces long-term support for affected families.

The partnership also lays the groundwork for our prevention and cure programs to reach more patients and families in the region, creating a scalable model for statewide thalassemia and sickle cell management while advancing the shared vision of a healthier future for every child.



BGSW Blood Drive: Record-Breaking Collection

On 21 January, Sankalp Blood Centre collected **345** units at Bosch Global Software Technologies, Bangalore, the highest single-camp total to date.

The achievement highlighted the generosity of donors, volunteers, and the BGSW team, while addressing urgent blood needs for children in daycares and BMT wards, ensuring lifesaving care continued uninterrupted.



Republic Day Celebrations at Sankalp

Sankalp celebrated Republic Day with flag hoisting and performances by children, welcoming Maj. Sanjay Mehrotra (Rtd.) as Chief Guest. He patiently answered questions and inspired young people to consider the armed forces.

The event highlighted national pride, learning, and togetherness, reflecting the impact of care, community and service for all.



SHeAL: Mentoring the Mentors, a January Milestone

January marked completion of SHeAL's Mentor Development Series at Sankalp, recognising mentors Anjali, Anisha, Prathyosha, Santosh, Arpit, Nuby, Bala and Ashish for commitment to learning.

The series strengthens mentoring practice, learner-centred training and a shared culture of growth across teams organisation wide at Sankalp.



Smit's Journey: Resilience, Care and Creativity Beyond Treatment

Smit from Mumbai has lived with thalassemia major, facing severe iron overload and requiring long-term intravenous chelation therapy to prepare for a bone marrow transplant.

Despite frequent treatment sessions and the family's relocation to Bengaluru, Smit's resilience and the support of his family and doctors helped him continue his journey with determination.

With specialised care from Sankalp India Foundation, his treatment became structured, with close monitoring, intensive downstaging and transplant planning.

Beyond his medical journey, Smit demonstrates remarkable resilience. An exceptionally talented painter, he uses art to express himself and find strength during long hospital days. His story highlights the interplay of medical complexity, family sacrifice, and human spirit, underscoring the impact of comprehensive care.



Kashyap Luva: A Journey from Thalassaemia Major to Hope and Cure

Kashyap Luva from Kutiyana has lived with thalassemia major since infancy, requiring regular blood transfusions and long-term follow-up to prepare for a bone marrow transplant.

Despite frequent hospital visits and the family's emotional and logistical challenges, Kashyap's determination and his parents' support helped him continue his treatment with hope.

With specialised care from Sankalp India Foundation, his treatment became structured, including clinical monitoring, conditioning, and haploidentical BMT planning.

Today, Kashyap is thriving, attending follow-ups, taking his medicines diligently, and gradually resuming normal activities. His journey highlights his courage, resilience, and strength.

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Regular donation ensures that blood is available at all times, not just during disasters. Patients with hemoglobinopathies rely on a steady supply.

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