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World Thalassemia Day 2026: Celebrating Hope, Strength, and Community

World Thalassemia Day 2026 was observed across Sankalp India Foundation's centres as a celebration of resilience, hope, and community, bringing together patients, families, healthcare teams, volunteers, donors, and partners, while strengthening prevention, treatment, and cure.

Support was extended through HLA typing camps, voluntary blood donation, and partner contributions including care kits, Desferal Pump donations, and awareness initiatives, helping strengthen access to care.

The weeks around 8th May included drawing competitions, celebrations, outreach activities, and blood donation drives. Children expressed their dreams through artwork, creating moments of joy across centres.

The observance also celebrated progress towards cure and reflected collective action, reinforcing a shared commitment to ensuring every child has access to care and bringing us closer to a future where no family has to face thalassemia alone.

May Highlights

Total collection: **1493** units from **29** camps. **1436** units collected by Sankalp Blood Centre camps and in-house donations.
Managed **6** rare Bombay Blood group requests.

Thalassemia Management
Transfused **4886** units across **30** daycare centres in **7** states, aiding **2900+** children with hemoglobinopathies.

Prevention

Screened **4359** pregnant women across **23** centres and prevented **7** affected births, empowering families to take charge of their future.

Cure

Performed **21** Bone Marrow Transplants across our BMT units in Bangalore and Ahmedabad, offering a renewed chance at life for children.

HLA Typing

Typed **314** individuals from **108** families across **3** camps in **2** states and in-house, enabling potential matches.

Change is driven by people who come together to save lives and strengthen communities.

June brings focus to our purpose, marking World Blood Donor Day, World Sickle Cell Day, and Father's Day, recognising donors, families, caregivers, and advocates who make this work possible.

Together, we continue moving towards a future where quality healthcare is accessible and every family has a reason to hope.

Team Sankalp



A Landmark Milestone in Prevention

On 7th May 2026, Indira Gandhi Government Medical College and Hospital, Nagpur, in collaboration with Sankalp India Foundation, conducted **11** fetal screening procedures for thalassemia and sickle cell disease in a single day, believed to be the first such milestone in a government hospital setting in Vidarbha.

The initiative reflects growing access in the region to prenatal diagnosis and preventive care for families at risk of severe hemoglobin disorders. Through screening, counselling, and informed decision-making, the programme continues to help reduce preventable suffering and bring families closer to healthier futures.



Comprehensive Thalassemia Care Camp in Madhya Pradesh

On 25th May 2026, Sankalp participated in the Thalassemia Comprehensive Care Management Camp at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, organised in collaboration with NHM Madhya Pradesh. The event brought together patients, families, and healthcare teams to strengthen awareness, support management, and expand prevention.

Through counselling sessions, educational activities, and awareness materials, families received information on follow-up care, carrier screening, and prenatal diagnosis to support informed decisions and reduce the future burden of thalassemia.



Strengthening Sickle Cell Care Through Awareness

On 21st May 2026, **42** families affected by sickle cell disease joined an awareness session at IGGMC, Nagpur, organised in collaboration with Sankalp India Foundation and NASCO. The session focused on improving understanding of long-term disease management and strengthening support for patients and caregivers.

Families received guidance on regular follow-up, preventive care, treatment adherence, and the role of Hydroxyurea. The initiative reinforced the importance of informed care, continuity of follow-up, and collaboration in improving outcomes for individuals living with sickle cell disease.



Sankalp Research Recognised at ISBMT 2026

Sankalp received national recognition for innovations in thalassemia transplantation at the 7th Annual Meeting of the Indian Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ISBMT). Sankalp-BMJH Centre for Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation had **3** abstracts accepted.

Dr. Vidhi received Second Prize for an oral presentation on donor selection in thalassemia transplantation, while poster presentations by Peribeti Hemalatha and Dr. Tejashree Sridhar focused on infection control and nursing retention. The recognition reflects Sankalp's continued focus on research.



Partner Spotlight: IOCL Powers Prevention Across MP

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), through its CSR initiative and in partnership with Sankalp India Foundation and NHM Madhya Pradesh, strengthened thalassemia prevention efforts across the state. Together, the program achieved its target of **11,700** screenings, preventing **13** affected births while expanding access to screening, awareness, counselling, and early identification.

This partnership shows how sustained investment in prevention can reduce future disease burden and improve health outcomes across Madhya Pradesh, by supporting prenatal screening, access to timely care and informed decision-making.



Voluntary Blood Donation Roundup: May Drives Impact

In May, Sankalp partnered with Grant Thornton, Huron Eurasia India Private Limited, Amadeus Software Labs India Pvt Ltd, Sansera, Kenvue, Infosys Mysuru, Cipla, Dell, Robert Bosch, Emerson - National Instruments, Rambus, The Executive Centre, Prestige Elysian Apartments, Bren Starlight, Elita Promenade, Embassy Prestine, Karle Zenith Residences, Appaji Diagnostics and Polyclinic, Kavach Trust, residential communities, and volunteers for blood drives.

On behalf of children who rely on regular transfusions, Sankalp thanks every donor, organising team, volunteer, and partner who made these life-saving efforts possible.



Hearts at Work: CSR Highlights from May

At Sankalp, CSR visits create opportunities to build awareness, strengthen partnerships, and bring moments of connection to children and families living with thalassemia. In May, teams from Axiom Healthcare, Himalaya Wellness Company, and Huron spent time learning about patient journeys and engaging directly with children and caregivers.

Through conversations, activities, and shared experiences, these visits encouraged greater understanding of thalassemia, blood donation, and long-term care. More than support, they reflected how meaningful engagement can strengthen community and create awareness.



Sankalp India Foundation: 23 Years of Keeping Hope Alive

Sankalp India Foundation marked 23 years of working to expand access to care, cure, and prevention for families affected by thalassemia and sickle cell disease. Built through the support of families, donors, volunteers, and teams across the country, the journey reflects the power of people coming together.

The anniversary celebrations brought together team members to reflect on this shared journey through performances, testimonials, and recognition of long-serving employees and mentors. More than a milestone, the celebration renewed Sankalp's commitment to keep hope alive for every child and family.



Ankita Angel's Journey Through Thalassaemia and Bone Marrow Transplantation

Ankita Angel was diagnosed with thalassaemia major at just nine months old. What followed were eleven years of regular blood transfusions, iron chelation therapy, and continuous treatment as she and her family managed the physical and emotional demands of living with thalassaemia.

Over the years, Ankita received care through Sankalp India Foundation's Faridabad Day Care Centre, where consistent follow-up helped prepare her for the possibility of a future cure.

Her turning point came in November 2025, when she was admitted to Sankalp India Foundation's Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in Ahmedabad. As no fully matched donor was available, her mother became her half-matched donor and Ankita underwent a haploidentical transplant in February 2026

Today, Ankita is transfusion-free and moving into a new chapter.



Beyond Transfusions: Dr. Rohit Rathod's Journey from Patient to Doctor

After his father's transfer to Gujarat, Rohit began receiving care at Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad, and later continued treatment through the Thalassaemia Day Care Centre in Ahmedabad.

Consistent transfusions, supportive treatment, and uninterrupted care at the Sankalp Daycare Centre in Ahmedabad helped him stay focused on his education even with the challenges of his condition.

Despite growing up with a transfusion-dependent condition, Rohit continued pursuing his ambitions and eventually completed his MBBS. Supported by his family and healthcare teams, he went on to begin his internship at BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad.

From years of transfusions to becoming a doctor himself, Dr. Rohit's journey reflects the possibilities that emerge when care goes beyond treatment and creates space for children to imagine futures of their own.

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Follow-up visits are not needed if there are no symptoms.

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Regular check-ups are important to catch health issues early and treat safely.

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