

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day 2025 – Conduction of State-Level Program – A Report

The State-Level Program of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day 2025 was organized at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, in association with the Kerala State Blood Transfusion Council (KSBTC).

The session commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Sanjay Behari, Director, SCTIMST. The Chief Guest, Smt. Anu Kumari IAS, District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram, underscored the vital role of voluntary blood and organ donation in saving lives and strengthening the healthcare delivery system.

Shri. Anish P., Assistant Director (Voluntary Blood Donation), KSBTC, delivered the message of the day, highlighting the significance of sustained voluntary donor participation. Dr. Basil Saju, Joint Director, K-SOTTO, delivered a special address on organ donation, highlighting its growing importance and emphasizing that organ donation is truly the need of the hour.

Special addresses were delivered by Dr. Kavita Raja, Medical Superintendent, SCTIMST, and Dr. S. Manikandan, Deputy Director, SCTIMST, who reiterated the institute's commitment to promoting voluntary blood donation and ensuring transfusion safety.

Dr. Vijayalekshmi K., Additional Professor and Head, Department of Transfusion Medicine, Regional Cancer Centre (RCC), and Dr. Kala Kishore, Professor and Head, Department of Transfusion Medicine, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, and Dr. Yamini Thankachi, Deputy Director (CST), KSBTC, offered felicitations.

A key highlight of the event was the felicitation of female blood donors and apheresis donors, in recognition of their exemplary contributions to the voluntary blood donation movement in Kerala.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Amita Radhakrishnan Nair, Additional Professor, Department of Transfusion Medicine, SCTIMST



