

Report of the First National CME of the Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine (ISTM)

The First National CME of the Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine (ISTM) was held in Hyatt Regency, Trivandrum on 11th and 12th July 2024. This prestigious event was hosted by the Department of Transfusion Medicine of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST), an Institute of National Importance under the Government of India in Trivandrum.

There was a total of 349 registered delegates, representing Transfusion Medicine faculty and post graduate students from across the country who participated in the two-day academic extravaganza. The theme of the CME was 'Unlocking the future of Transfusion Medicine'. The meticulously curated scientific program encompasses a wide range of topics vital to Transfusion Medicine practice was appreciated by all the attending delegates. This CME created a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and establishment of valuable connections within the ever-growing Transfusion Medicine community.

The event witnessed a total of 34 guest lectures by eminent transfusion medicine experts and 104 research presentations by the post graduate students as oral and poster presentation.

The CME was inaugurated by Dr V Narayanan, Director, Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, (LPSC), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as the Chief guest, Dr VR Lalithambika, Former Director, Directorate of Human Space Programme, ISRO and Current Professor of Practice at IIT Madras was the Guest of Honor, Dr Krishan Kumar, Director National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC), Directorate General of Health Service (DGHS), was the Special guest. Dr Roy Joseph, Dean SCTIMST and Dr Ratti Ram Sharma, Secretary ISTM also graced the occasion, apart from the organising team. For the first time, the organising team introduced Mascots for the CME, named Kiddo and Kelly, the male and female version of Kathakali, who were named after the human blood groups "**Kidd**" and "**Kell**". They took our delegates on a deep dive into the Ocean of Knowledge of Blood, during the CME.

Another unique scientific opportunity, provided in association with the CME was the visit to the two renowned Blood Bag manufacturing facilities in Trivandrum, namely Terumo Penpol and HLL Life Care. The technology for the Blood Bag manufacturing was apparently developed in the Biomedical Technology Wing of SCTIMST and transferred to Terumo Penpol and HLL Life Care. This was a once in lifetime opportunity for the postgraduate students to visit, interact and familiarise with the state of art technology for Blood Bag manufacturing.

Dr Sanjay Behari, Director SCTIMST was the Patron, Dr Debasish Gupta, Professor and Head, Transfusion Medicine and President, ISTM was the organising Chairperson, Dr Amita R, Associate Professor, Transfusion Medicine, SCTIMST was the Chairperson, Scientific Committee, Dr Vinu Rajendran, Assistant Professor, Transfusion Medicine, SCTIMST, the Organizing Secretary and Mrs. Sindhu PN, Scientific Officer, Transfusion Medicine, SCTIMST was the Treasurer for the CME. The Organising Committee consisted of faculty and postgraduates of Transfusion Medicine, across the state of Kerala.

The next ISTM CME is planned to be hosted in Nagpur in 2025.

A Glimpse of ISTM CME 2024

Organized by the Department of Transfusion Medicine, SCTIMST

Inaugural Ceremony

Inaugurated by Dr. V. Narayanan, Director, LPSC ISRO



Souvenir Release



**Prof. Dr. Debasish Gupta, Organizing
Chairperson and President ISTM**



**Dr. Roy Joseph, Dean,
SCTIMST**



**Dr. Amita R. Nair, Scientific
Committee Chairperson**



Chief Guest - Dr. V. Narayanan, Director, LPSC ISRO



**Guest Of Honour – Dr. V.R. Lalithambika, Former Director,
Directorate of Human Space Programme, ISRO**



**Dr. Krishan Kumar, Director, NBTC,
DGHS, Govt. of India**



**Dr. Vinu Rajendran, Organizing
Secretary**



Our Official Mascots – Kiddo and Kelly



Scientific Sessions





Entertainment



Our Team

