

“World Blood Donor Day” 14th June 2023: Celebratory Event

The Department of Immunohaematology & Blood Transfusion, HIMS, SRHU observed **World Blood Donor’s Day on 14th June 2023** in a small celebratory event held within our campus. The celebratory event comprised felicitating a few voluntary regular whole blood and apheresis donors. This event was celebrated to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and acknowledge the importance of **blood donors** as **“the cornerstone for blood transfusion services globally”**. The world health organization theme for this year was **“Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often. Join the effort and save lives”** which primarily aimed to thank the donors for their precious gift of life and highlight the dimension of sharing blood including their plasma that too more often to the recipients. **A pledge to raise more awareness regarding the importance of voluntary blood donation was also facilitated on the same day.**

On this auspicious day, the Blood Centre also organized an **in-house as well as an outside voluntary blood donation camp (in association with the CISF, Tehri)** in which **cumulatively 85 units of whole blood units** were collected. Additionally, in the spirit of celebrating the event for a week, two blood grouping camps were also organized in the Himalayan College of Biosciences and the Himalayan College of Yoga Sciences on 09/06/2023 and 13/06/2023 respectively. **In both these grouping camps, 87 proposed donors registered their names willingly, for future donations.** All these events were entered in the e-raktakosh portal as well. The celebratory event and blood donation pictures are shared below:





