

BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANISED AT ICAR-NRRI, CUTTACK ON 14TH JUNE 2022



World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on the 14 June every year. The event serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood. The Campaign slogan for this year's World Blood Donor Day is - "**Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the efforts and save lives**".

The **Blood Donation Camp** was organised at **ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Bidhyadharpur, Cuttack on 14th June 2022** in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society Odisha State Branch, at NRRI campus involving staff and their family members on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, as part of the compliance to the directives from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

In a communication duly endorsed by ICAR Hqrs., the Union Health Secretary urged all States/UTs to increase awareness about need of regular non-remunerated voluntary blood donations, highlight need for committed, year-round blood donation, to maintain adequate supplies and achieve universal and timely access to safe blood transfusion, to build a sustainable and resilient national blood system, to ensure that everyone who needs transfusion has access to safe blood as country needs voluntary, unpaid blood donors who donate blood regularly.

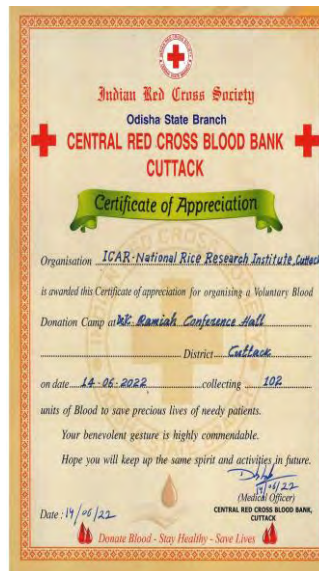




Dr. (Mrs) Padmini Swain, Director of the institute reiterated the importance of Day, and administered the World Blood Donor Day pledge to members of NRRI.

On this occasion at total number of **102 (one hundred and two) units of blood** donated by the staff, students and field staff as well as family members of the staff members with much enthusiasm and willingness, to contribute their share of solidarity in this noble cause.

The camp was coordinated by Nodal Officer, Shri Sanjay Kumar Jena, Administrative Officer under the supervision of Shri V. Ganesh Kumar, Senior Administrative Officer and Dr. Sunil Kumar Das, Senior Finance and Accounts Officer with able guidance and encouragement by the Dr. (Mrs) Padmini Swain, Director of the institute. A team of around 10 members including the health professionals, from the Central Red Cross Blood Bank, Cuttack was present and took all measures to make the event flawless.



The Director and the organisers duly expressed whole hearted thanks to the blood donors and acknowledged their selfless contribution in raising global awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products for transfusion; highlighting the critical contribution voluntary, unpaid blood donors make to national health systems; and supporting national blood transfusion services, blood donor organizations and other nongovernmental organizations in strengthening and expanding their voluntary blood donor programmes by reinforcing national and local campaigns.

The Director also acknowledged the services of the volunteers and the staff side members of Institute Joint Staff Council (IJSC) with special mention to the efforts put in by Shri Bhagyadhar Pradhan, Secretary (Staff Side) & Shri Prashant Kumar Jena, Member (CJSC) in this noble cause and to make the event a grand success.

Glimpses of the Camp





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