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PROGRAM / EVENT REPORT	
Name of the program	Outreach Program - World Sickle Cell Day -“ Healing Hearts: Tagorians Meaningful Day Of Hope With Sickle Cell Disease Warriors ”
Date and Time	19/06/2026 & 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Venue	VHS Multispeciality Hospital, Tharamani, Chennai - 600113
Target audience	Sickle Cell Disease Warriors
Number of Participants	50
Program Organised by	Department of Pathology
Resource person	Not Applicable
Objective of the Program	• To encourage psychosocial support among patients living with Sickle Cell Disease. • To observe world sickle cell day by counselling and compassionate healthcare services for patients affected by Sickle Cell Disease.



Detailed report of the program

The Department of Pathology organised an Outreach Program on the occasion of World Sickle Cell Day on 19th June 2026 at VHS Multispeciality Hospital, Tharamani, Chennai, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The programme, titled "Healing Hearts: Tagorians Meaningful Day of Hope with Sickle Cell Disease Warriors", was conducted to commemorate World Sickle Cell Day and to create awareness, provide support, and foster hope among individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease.

The event commenced with a welcome address highlighting the significance of World Sickle Cell Day and the importance of early diagnosis, regular follow-up, and comprehensive management of Sickle Cell Disease.

An interactive session was held with Dr. Venkatesikal, Pediatric hematologist at VHS Multispeciality Hospital. The faculty members and postgraduate students of the Department of Pathology had the opportunity to interact with him and the patients attending the Hemoglobinopathy Clinic at VHS Hospital. During the interaction, Dr. Venkatesikal shared his valuable clinical experiences in managing Hemoglobinopathies and discussed the practical challenges faced by patients and their families, including frequent hospital visits, treatment adherence, financial constraints, and psychosocial issues.

The interaction also provided insights into the enrolment process and eligibility criteria for Bone Marrow Transplantation, which remains a potentially curative treatment option for selected patients with Sickle Cell Disease. The session enabled the participants to appreciate the multidisciplinary approach required for the management of these patients and highlighted the importance of counselling, screening, and long-term follow-up.

We also interacted with the patients and caregivers and emphasised the role of laboratory investigations, early diagnosis, and genetic counselling in the prevention and management of Sickle Cell Disease. The interaction with the patients provided a meaningful learning

experience for the faculty and postgraduate students and helped them understand the real-life challenges faced by individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease.

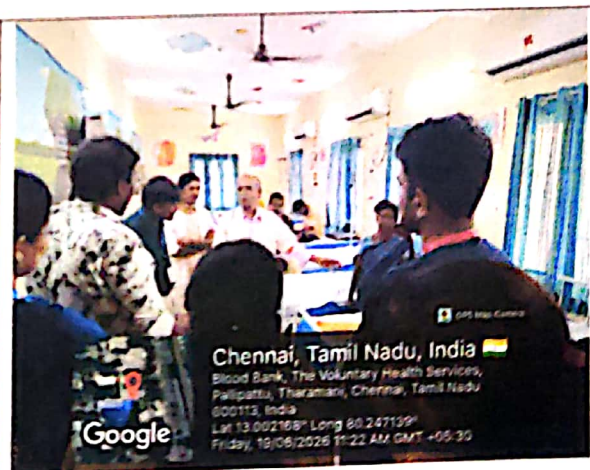
Small gifts and refreshments were distributed to the children as a token of encouragement and appreciation.

In conclusion, the outreach program successfully fostered meaningful interactions between healthcare professionals, students, patients, and caregivers.

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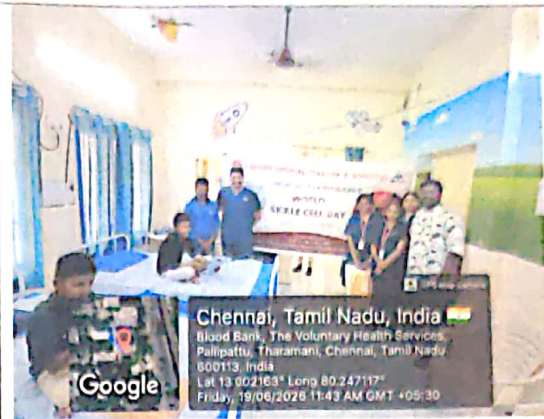
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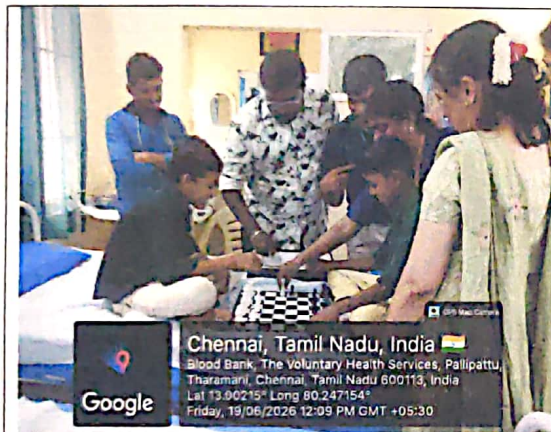
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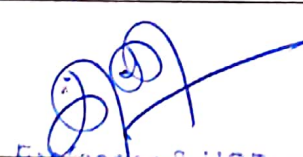
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