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The blood donation camp was organised on Saturday, 1st September, 2018 at the Institute Hospital, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (<https://www.nitt.edu/home/students/facilitiesnservices/hospital/>), to support the Blood Bank, Government Raja Mirasudhar Hospital, Thanjavur. The camp began at around 10 a.m. and continued up to 4.30 pm, with a steady stream of donors throughout the day. The camp was jointly organized by NSS, NCC, Institute hospital and the Student's Council of NIT, Trichy and marked a huge success with more than 100 volunteers' noble deed of donating blood. An approximate 200 candidates registered for the donation, but due to storage (for blood) concern, about 100 volunteers are requested to participate next blood donation camp in October 2018. Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli not only inaugurated the camp, but also donated blood. The Director informed that the institute can plan to conduct blood donation camps in a three months interval. This will help the poor patients, who are in need of blood, especially anaemic mothers, new born babies and children admitted in government hospital.

The corridor of the hospital was abuzz with young volunteers and donors, happy to be able to play their part in lending a helping hand to people in the region. The doctors accepted the donors after thorough medical check-up to donate blood and, the donors were directed with medical advices by the doctors. After the blood donation, the donors are asked to lie-down and recuperate for a while. Further the donors were given with snacks like juice and biscuit to regain some energy after donation. The contact phone number and blood group details of the donors were recorded so as to allow them to donate at the earliest to the blood bank in future, on an emergency. The blood bank aimed for 100 units of blood. But, more than 200 volunteers came forwards to donate blood and finally 105 units were collected. Almost 100 students name were registered for next blood donation camp. The collected blood units include 81 males and 24 females. All blood groups have been collected out of which B+ve and O+ve were found to be in majority.

Many faculty and staff of NIT took part in this noble deed of donating. NIT hospital chairperson Dr.N.Anantharaman, Dean (P&D) Dr.C.Natarajan, Dean (Student's welfare) Dr.Samson Mathew, Medical Officer Dr.R.Priyanka, NSS Coordinator Dr. V. Mariappan, NSS programme officers Dr. Panir Selvam, Dr. Kavitha, Dr. Gunavathi, and Dr. G. C. Nandi along with the NCC and NSS volunteers managed the event.

The samples were carefully sealed and transported away, while the NCC and NSS volunteers and hospital staff helped in registration, assisting the donors, distributing the certificate and clean-up of the area. Throughout the day, there were smiles and laughter all around - a true embodiment of what we believe in - selfless service with a smile. The donors received certificate of recognition by the Govt. of Tamilnadu. The medical officer of blood bank ensured that the blood donated goes for maternity purposes and childcare. The NCC and NSS volunteers expressed their sincere gratitude to the college administration for offering their best support. In conclusion it was a blissful day invoking happiness.



*Photo: Left to right Dr. N. Anantharaman, Chairman-Hospital, Dr.Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli inaugurating the camp, Dean (P&D) Dr.C.Natarajan, NSS Coordinator Dr. V. Mariappan, Medical Officer Dr.R.Priyanka,*



*Photo: Dr.Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli inaugurating the camp and donated blood.*



*Photo: Dr. N. Anantharaman, Chairman, Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli inaugurating the camp, Dean (P&D) Dr. C. Natarajan*



*Photo: NIT-T Students donating blood during Blood Donation Camp.*



*Photo: Donners receiving the certificate from the Chairman NIT-T Hospital*

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