

Matching with the right person

□ Datri's stem cell donation reaches to 150 patients

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Datri, India's largest blood stem cell donors' registry, has successfully completed facilitating over 150 unrelated blood stem cell donations, on road to transforming lives of patients suffering from blood cancers and other fatal blood disorders.

The 150th donor, Premangshu Choudhury, aged 37 and based out of Delhi, was called as a potential match

for a patient suffering from Multiple Myeloma, a deadly blood disease, a release said.

Choudhury, who is a journalist, had registered with Datri earlier hoping to be a match for his friend's four year old son, but unfortunately wasn't a match for the child. However, when he received a call recently from Datri for being found as a potential match for a patient in need of a blood stem cell transplant, he didn't hesitate to

say yes. Confirmatory tests established that Choudhury was the best match and he went ahead with donating his blood stem cells.

For many blood cancer patients suffering from various forms of Leukaemia (ALL, AML, CML), Sickle Cell Anaemia, Lymphoma, Thalassemia, a blood stem cell transplant is their only chance of survival. The transplant can replace the diseased blood stem cells with healthy

ones from the donor and hopefully cure the ailment.

'Launched in 2009, we facilitated our first blood stem cell donation in April 2011 and have come a long way to achieve this milestone of 150 donations as of March 2016. Being a blood stem cell donor is a step towards creating a healthier world,' said Datri Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry co-founder and CEO Raghu Rajagopal.