

# Blood stem cell donors felicitated in Surat

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**Surat:** Six people including three Surtis were felicitated at a ceremony in Surat on Sunday for donation of blood stem cells to non-profit organisation DATRI. Of the six people felicitated, three belonged to Ahmedabad.

Diamond polishers by profession Anil Patel, Bhavesh Dhameli-

ya and Vaghjibhai Khuman were honoured for their donation at The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) on Sunday.

The first donor this year, 42-year-old Anil Patel said, "The process of donating blood stem cells is very simple and all myths associated with it are completely false. One should not worry

about donation as it does not have any affect on one's health post donation."

Raghu Rajagopal, co-founder, DATRI said, "We have 23,000 donors in Gujarat and 16 have donated blood stem cells till date. The number of blood stem cells donors is insufficient against the requirement, so a lot of work still needs to be done in this regard."