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on new trains with better facilities and on improving the existing trains," the minister pointed out.

Over 6,000 people register for blood stem cell donation at Balewadi camp

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Pune: A total of 6,410 people registered themselves as blood stem cell donors at Balewadi stadium on Sunday.

India faces an ongoing challenge of insufficient blood stem cell donors. This camp, organised by Dr Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Prathishthan, is expected to bring a ray of hope for many patients suffering from fatal blood disorders.

A simple cotton cheek swab process and two forms are all that is needed to register as a blood stem cell donor.

The donors have registered their names with Datri, which is the country's largest adult unrelated blood stem cell donors' registry.

The camp was addressed by spiritual

leader Appasaheb Dharmadhikari who urged the gathering to register as donors to bring a new lease of life to those in need.

Haematologist Sameer Melinkeri, who was present at the camp, said, "There are a large number of patients suffering from fatal blood disorders like blood cancer and thalassemia, among others. The

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last resort for such patients is blood stem cell transplant."

"For many years there was no hope for such patients, it's only since Datri started the registry that there is a chance for them. However, as of today, there are a huge number of patients waiting to find a match. We really hope with such initiati-

ves we get many more volunteer donors to come forward and help us save more lives," Melinkeri said.

Raghu Rajagopal, chief executive officer (CEO) and co-founder of Datri, said "It is extremely praise-worthy for an organisation to help hold such a massive drive that will have a major contribution in collective blood stem cell registration."

"There is a 1 in 10,000 to 1 in over a million chance of being a match, we need far more volunteer donors to sign up," he added.

Datri is not for profit organisation registered with the Bone Marrow Donors Worldwide. It is a member of the World Marrow Donors Association and has more than 2,35,000 registered voluntary donors.

