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MANAGEMENT DESK

Dear Volunteers,

Greetings from DATRI!

As we reflect on the months gone by, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the dedication and tireless efforts that you, our volunteers, continue to contribute towards our mission. Your passion for saving lives through stem cell donation continues to inspire and together, we are making a difference.

From August to November, we have witnessed remarkable progress in expanding our reach and strengthening our network of volunteers. This period has been particularly significant as we approach International Volunteer Day on 5th Dec, a moment to recognize and celebrate the contributions of our Volunteers, who selflessly give their time, skills and energy to a cause that impacts so many lives.

Through this edition, we will be launching our International Volunteer Day Campaign and focus on appreciating and highlighting the stories of our Volunteers. We believe this is an excellent opportunity to shine a light on your contributions and show the world how volunteerism can change lives. Through this campaign, we hope to inspire more people to join our mission and support stem cell donation. Your support and participation are essential in making this initiative successful.

Thank you for your commitment and compassion. Let's continue working together to create a world where every patient in need of a stem cell transplant finds a matching donor.

Warm regards,

Claudia Rutt
Chief Financial Officer



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY 2024: A CALL TO SERVE AND SAVE LIVES WITH DATRI

Celebrating International Volunteer Day with DATRI

Every year on December 5th, International Volunteer Day honors the dedication of volunteers worldwide. Established by the United Nations in 1985, this day highlights the invaluable contributions of volunteers in promoting peace, sustainability, and development. It serves as a call for individuals and organizations to take action on global challenges, from environmental issues to health crises.

This year, DATRI, India's leading Blood Stem Cell Donors Registry, joins the celebration by emphasizing the critical role of volunteers in healthcare and stem cell donation. DATRI's mission is to increase the donor registry to give blood cancer and severe blood disorder patients a chance at life through life-saving stem cell transplants.

Why Volunteer with DATRI?

- 1. Raising Awareness:** Volunteers help educate communities about the critical need for blood stem cell donors, dispelling myths, and encouraging participation in donor drives. This awareness is crucial as it increases the registry pool, which is the first step toward saving lives.
- 2. Recruiting Donors:** DATRI frequently holds donor recruitment drives at Workplaces, Colleges, and Public events. Volunteers can join these initiatives to understand the entire process involved and gain hands on practical experience. Also assist with referring, organizing and facilitating these drives, which include educating potential donors about the registration process and the importance of their commitment. Moreover, Volunteers can make interested people to register as a potential stem cell donor via DATRI's online platform.
- 3. Supporting Fundraising Initiatives:** The cost of maintaining and growing the registry is significant and volunteers play a key role in DATRI's fundraising events. Fundraising primarily enables DATRI to organize more drives, recruit more donors, and provide more patients suffering from blood cancers and other blood related disorders with a second chance at survival.
- 4. Counselling to donors:** Volunteers can also provide counselling support to donors and their families by offering clear information, addressing concerns & fear, explaining the impact, providing encouragement to newly identified donor. This human connection helps the donor to build confidence and a sense of compassion around the cause.

5. **Social media support & writing Blogs:** Starting from following, liking, sharing and commenting on posts to boost visibility for DATRI's social media platforms to create captivating reels, informative content and Writing impactful blogs to raise awareness about the importance of stem cell donation Volunteers can strengthen the social media efforts of DATRI.

How to Get Involved with DATRI

- **Sign Up as a Volunteer:** Visit DATRI's website to sign up and get information on upcoming events and opportunities.
- **Attend an Induction Session:** Join DATRI's volunteer training on the last Saturday of every month (5 to 6 PM) to learn more about stem cell donation and effective volunteering strategies.

The Impact of Your Efforts

By volunteering with DATRI, you directly contribute to saving lives. Every donor you register, every event you support, and every person you educate brings hope to patients waiting for a match.

On International Volunteer Day 2024, let's honor those who dedicate their time to making a difference. Join DATRI's mission and help create a world where every patient has a second chance at life. Sometimes, the power to change a life is just in our hands.





NUMBERS THAT MATTER (AUGUST 2024 – NOV 2024)

Volunteering Hours:

- **459 Hours** - Total number of Volunteering Hours
- **455 Hours** of Donor Recruitment
- **5 Hours** of Social Media support

Volunteers Data:

- **377** - Total no of active Volunteers
- **31** - Registration in the past one quarter



Volunteers Engagement:

- **57** - Total number of Volunteers engaged in the last quarter
- **53** - No of Volunteers engaged in Donor Recruitment Drives
- **4** - No of Volunteers engaged in Social media support

Top 5 Volunteer Base:

- **71** from Maharashtra
- **38** from Gujarat
- **32** from Karnataka
- **30** from Kerala
- **30** from Tamil Nadu

Register as a volunteer
www.datri.org/become-datri-volunteer



LAUNCH OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY CAMPAIGN ONE VOLUNTEER, ONE STEP, ENDLESS IMPACT

As we celebrate International Volunteer Day, we are thrilled to announce the launch of an inspiring campaign that invites volunteers to make a difference and take pride in being part of a life-saving mission. Through this initiative, every participant has the opportunity to create a profound impact by referring at least one new stem cell donor.

Campaign Details:

Participate by referring a blood stem cell donor. For each referral, volunteers are encouraged to support the HLA Typing cost (₹1800) through one of the following ways:

- Encourage the referred donor to cover their own HLA typing cost.
- Find a sponsor to fund the typing cost for your referral.
- Personally fund the HLA typing cost for your referral.

Recognition and Rewards:

- Every volunteer who refers a new stem cell donor will receive a gift and a Certificate of Appreciation from DATRI.
- Volunteers registering more than one donor will be honored with a special gift as a token of vgratitude for their extraordinary effort.

Together, let's take one step at a time to create a world where every patient in need of a stem cell match can find a donor. Join us in this campaign to make an endless impact.

click here to participate:

www.datri.org/join-the-mission-register-blood-stem-cell-donors-with-datri/

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY CAMPAIGN

ONE VOLUNTEER — ONE STEP — ENDLESS IMPACT

PARTICIPATE TO REFER / REGISTER A DONOR
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THEIR HLA TYPING COST

REGISTER AS A
BLOOD STEM CELL
DONOR WITH DATRI

You have until 15th December 2024 to
register a potential life saving donor.

**Participate & Win
exciting prizes**

For more details mail to: volunteering@datri.org



OUR VOLUNTEER CHAMPIONS:

Meet Arpit Dubey: A Beacon of Hope for Patients in Need

Arpit Dubey, a passionate social worker and DATRI volunteer from Bihar, is currently pursuing his Bachelor's in Arts (Hons) at GGDSD College, Chandigarh. With unwavering dedication, he has been instrumental in raising awareness and recruiting potential stem cell donors, especially across northern India.



From organizing drives in Chandigarh's bustling sectors to extending his efforts to Punjabi University, Panchkula, Batala, and Fatehgarh Churian, Arpit's mission is clear: to fight against Thalassemia and other blood disorders. He urges everyone to register as donors, believing that each registration has the power to save a life and bring India closer to being Thalassemia-free.

Arpit's tireless efforts embody the core values of DATRI and the collective spirit of volunteers working to create a brighter future.

In the bustling courtrooms of Karnataka's High Advocate Lubna Afza: A Champion for Justice and Life

Advocate Lubna Afza, known for her dedication in Karnataka's High Court, extends her advocacy beyond the courtroom by championing stem cell donation awareness. Over the past 15 months, she has volunteered tirelessly with DATRI, organizing drives, raising awareness, and adding potential donors to the stem cell registry.

Lubna's commitment stems from a personal tragedy—losing both parents in a car accident nine years ago. This loss deepened her appreciation for life and inspired her to honor her father's legacy as a social worker. Her efforts with DATRI are a reflection of her purpose to save lives.



One moment stands out for Lubna: meeting the family of a child awaiting a life-saving transplant during a patient drive. Their hope and desperation reinforced her belief that this work is her calling. **“I saw the need for a miracle in their eyes and knew this is where I belong,”** she recalls.

As we celebrate International Volunteer Day, we honor Lubna and countless other volunteers whose compassion and dedication light the way for those in need. For Lubna, being part of DATRI is not just a role but a privilege—an opportunity to carry forward her father’s legacy of selfless service.

Her message resonates deeply: **“Life is precious. We all have something to give - our time, our voice, or even a part of ourselves. Through DATRI, we can offer hope where it’s needed most.”**



OUR RECENT ASSETS FROM WEST BENGAL

I am **Taniya Singh**, a student from Institute of Engineering & Management, Kolkata. Getting to importance of registering as stem cell donor is my learning with DATRI and it goes. Moreover, by participating in drives I have learnt crowd management, team work and excelled in my communication.

Happy International Volunteer Day to all!



Myself **Sudipta Sen**, throughout my time with DATRI, I actively involved in conducting awareness drives, organizing donor registration drives. My Volunteering experience at DATRI strengthened my organizational skills and deepened my understanding of public health advocacy. Happy International Volunteer Day to all!

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This is **Ananya Gosh**, A Nursing Student of Techno India University, Kolkata. I am being part DATRI for the past 6 months via Drives and Campaigns & it is extremely fulfilling. As a nursing student, volunteering for DATRI reinforces my dedication to healthcare. This International Volunteer Day, let's remember that each effort, big or small, brings us closer to a world where healthcare & compassion reach those in need.



HOW KALPESH AND VISHAL ARE REVOLUTIONIZING VOLUNTEERISM AT DATRI

This International Volunteer Day, DATRI is thrilled to celebrate two of its brightest stars: Kalpesh and Vishal, whose incredible passion and energy have elevated volunteerism within our organization to new heights. Over the past three years, this dynamic duo has spearheaded nearly 70 donor recruitment drives, sometimes managing two to three drives in a single day! Their commitment goes beyond numbers and their positivity inspiring everyone they encounter.

Kalpesh and Vishal's journey with DATRI began at an awareness session in their college. The impact of that moment was profound it gave them a mission that was bigger than themselves and a cause that they felt important. Since then, they have poured their hearts into helping DATRI grow its donor base, making them pillars of our volunteer community.



Their days are nothing short of extraordinary. While most of us are settling into our morning routine, Kalpesh and Vishal are already on the road, mapping out recruitment drives across the city. By midday, they are juggling multiple events, seamlessly transitioning between locations, engaging new donors, sharing stories of hope and building connections that last long after the drives are over. Their efficiency, warmth and optimism create an atmosphere that motivates others to take action and join the cause.



They bring boundless energy to every drive, turning each recruitment event into an opportunity for people to experience the joy of giving. Their enthusiasm is infectious & they make volunteering look effortless and enjoyable, setting a gold standard for others. Whether they are organizing a bigger drive or speaking one on one with potential donors, they do with so much of positivity that lights up every room they walk into.

As we celebrate International Volunteer Day, we are reminded of the incredible impact that a few dedicated individuals can have on the world. Kalpesh and Vishal, thank you for the countless lives you have touched, the inspiration you continue to provide, and for showing us what it means to serve with love and purpose. DATRI is beyond fortunate to have such powerhouse volunteers setting the pace and raising the bar for what's possible. Here's to many more years of making a difference together!





THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS OF DIWALI CAMPAIGN

This Diwali, DATRI brought hope and light to many lives, thanks to the dedication and compassion of our incredible volunteers. Your efforts to donate, raise awareness, and inspire others have strengthened the donor registry and created a ripple of change. Thank you for being the heart of our mission and spreading the true spirit of Diwali through your selfless service. Your commitment shines as brightly as the festival, and we are honored to work alongside you.



Vishnu Bishnoi



Dr. Nandhini Jain



Jatin Madan



Roni Singh



A CALLING FOR FUTURE HEROES...

Do you aspire to inspire, just like our volunteer champions? Join DATRI's life-saving mission and make a lasting impact!

For new volunteers, this is your chance to take the first step toward bringing hope to those battling life-threatening illnesses—register with DATRI today!

For our dedicated volunteers, it's time to expand the circle of hope. Refer your friends and family, guide them through the process, and share the joy of giving back. Together, let's create a world where every patient finds a donor.



Steps to Register:

Registering as a Volunteer with DATRI is a simple process that you can complete online. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you through it:

- **Visit the Website:** Go to the DATRI website at <https://DATRI.org/volunteering-with-DATRI/>
- Click on "Register as Volunteer"
- **Complete the Registration Form:** Fill in the required details in the online registration form. This will include your personal information, address etc., (Do not leave anything blank).
- Upload passport size photo & Aadhaar card or any other Gov ID proof & your signature.(File size should be less than 1 MB. If your file size is high, try to compress or take a screenshot and upload).
- Once you've filled out the form, click on the check boxes, click on the Non-disclosure agreement, read, agree & Close. Now click on the Captcha and Submit the form.
- Then the Volunteer Manager will get in touch with you for further engagement.

Your decision to volunteer with DATRI is a significant step towards inspiring people to become stem cell donors. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to this noble cause.

If you have any questions or need further assistance with the registration process, please write to volunteering@DATRI.org.

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Register as a volunteer with DATRI to support
our lifesaving mission to gift a life for patients
suffering from fatal blood disorders.