

**NATIONAL VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION DAY OBSERVED**  
**Panaji, October 8, 2018**

Goa State AIDS Control Society observed 'National Voluntary Blood Donation Day' at Goa University, Taleigao, today. Secretary (Health), Shri. J. Ashok Kumar, IAS, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri. J. Ashok Kumar, IAS, highlighted the importance of donating blood. He urged the student community to come forward and donate blood as he said that donating blood has a lot of health benefits.

Posters and Pamphlets on importance of Blood Donation were released on the occasion.

The Guest of Honour, Registrar, Goa University, Prof. Y.V. Reddy appealed to all agencies to motivate the youth and other stakeholders, and sensitize the public towards blood donation and save the lives of people.

Blood donors were felicitated at the function. The theme of the Voluntary Blood Donation Day this year is 'Happiness is donating Blood'. The day stresses the importance of regular Voluntary Blood donation by eligible donors to facilitate blood collection to meet national requirements.

The Director, Directorate of Health Services, Dr. Sanjeev Dalvi, Project Director, Goa SACS, Dr. Jose D'Sa, Assistant Director, Goa state AIDS Control Society, Shri. Umakant Sawant, Director, Directorate of Students Welfare, Goa University, Assistant Prof. Dattesh Parulekar, Chief Medical Officer, Goa SACS, Dr. Chandrakant Porob were among those present for the function.

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