

● MARCH 2020

# Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society

## The Lockdown Situation

# *report*



more than 15 million units of blood annually,

Patients are coming from almost all part of Telangana some are frighten for their lives as they cannot travel to hospital due to the lockdown and poor economic condition.

Many are coming for the transfusion through engaging private vehicles or in Govt ambulance from far off distances. TSCS is standing along side patients in every support possible. We are open every day and our staff is ready to serve patients in this situation of despair.

India is considered the thalassemia capital of the world. Every year, more than ten thousand children are born with 'thalassemia major'.

TSCS is trying to flag the issue through social media posts and create awareness among people that one day at least Telangana would go thalassemia free

It is not an easy task during lockdown period as police barricades do not allow movement on road, TSCS is providing letters and ID cards for patients & Staff for easy commute.

We've instituted additional cleaning efforts ,using disinfectors & cleaning solution in high touch & high traffic area.

We take temperature of all staff, Donors, Thalassemia kids and every person who accompanies the patients.

The nationwide lockdown to stem the COVID-19 outbreak has spelt trouble for thousands of thalassemia patients in the country who need regular blood transfusion and a special therapy to survive. They require freshly drawn blood to be infused intravenously every two to five weeks and require blood that has been collected less than a week ago.

Most of the blood banks are dependent on voluntary donors, Govt Offices and Cooperate organization, for which donation camps are arranged daily. However, due to the lockdown, such activities remain mostly suspended, affecting the stock of fresh blood.

Elaborating on the crisis at hand, TSCS Dr. Suman Jain said: We give blood to almost 30 odd thalassemia patients every day... We have engaged other methods to keep providing fresh Blood, like calling Donors for blood donation arranging for pick & drops.

Estimates suggest that India requires



## Donate Blood Save Life



Representational

**You can still go out  
and give blood.**

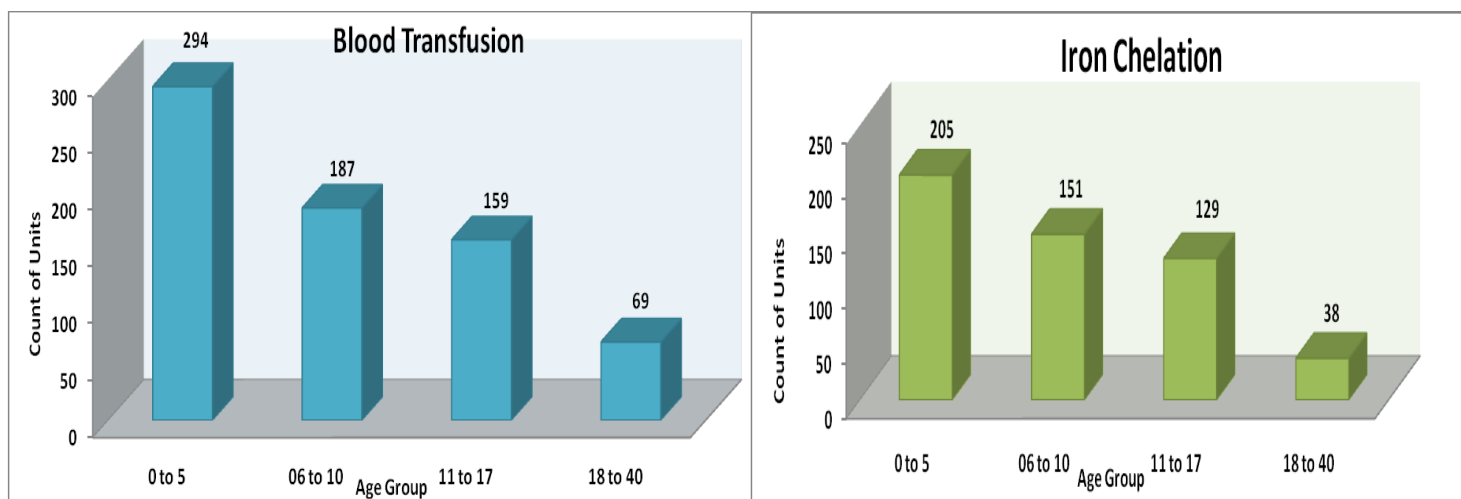
**social distancing**

*does not have to mean*

**social**

**disengagement**

# Transfusion Details



Total number of patients for the month of **March 2020** including all patients group were **709** some patients were given 2 units of blood, the total units provided where **855**.

HPLC at Society Couples/siblings	CVS referred to CDFD	New registrations	Splenectomy
25	3	7	NIL

## MONTHLY DONORS FOR MARCH 2020

1	MURALI K SIRIPURAPU	12	SHEIK KALESHA	23	DR.ANNUPAMA REDDY
2	HARIOM PIPE INDUSTRIES LTD	13	MR.RAGHU KUMAR	24	C.SHASHIDAR REDDY
3	SUPREM AGENCIES	14	GURU FOUNDATION	25	SHRINATH ROTOPACK PVT LTD
4	MUNNA TRUST	15	GURUTECHNOLOGIES VENTURES	26	SPP POLY PACK PVT.LTD.
5	RADHA SRINIVASAN	16	NASCO FOUNDATION	27	BLEND COLOURS PVT LTD.,
6	SRAYAS HOLISTIC REMEDIES P LTD	17	TERADATA INDIA PVT LTD	28	AMIR ALI DHARANI
7	SRIKANTH GULLAPALLI	18	SHAH NAWAZ	29	AIMS ASIA
8	PROF.V.RAGAVENDRA RAO	19	A S IRON & STEEL	30	GLOBAL STEELS
9	K.PRASANTHA	20	NAV DURGA TEXTILES PVT LTD	31	MR SRIKANTH GULLAPALLI
10	V.BALAVEERAAH SONS	21	AMBIKA IRON & STEEL	32	SMT BANARSAI BAI
11	DECCAN SWITCHGEARS	22	MR ARAVIND KUMAR GUPTA		

## The Impact of social distancing

Today the governments of many countries are restricting people's movement. They want everyone to isolate themselves and to engage in social distancing. These measures are reasonable steps to diminish the contagion and lessen the pressures on health systems that are already overburdened. But from a psychological perspective, how do these measures affect people?

A large body of research has shown that socially active people tend to have higher levels of physical and psychological wellbeing. As humans, we have a strong need for inclusion within a social collective. With all social gatherings prohibited, loneliness is sure to raise its ugly head. For some people, this sense of isolation will be extremely stressful.

What aggravates the situation is the fact that, in times of crisis, human beings like to come together to share experiences, show solidarity and help each other. Without any doubt, this time of crisis has arrived, as the corona virus pandemic threatens people's lives and livelihoods.

Therefore, what's asked from us – *although absolutely necessary in the greater scheme of things* – is exactly the opposite of what we human beings normally do.

**Use a face mask.....      Keep Distance.....      Stay Healthy.....      Stay Safe**



Particulars	Units
Sensitisation programmes organised	12
Blood donation camps	9
Collected units of blood	947
Units provided to thalassemia + general free issues	855
GENERAL PAID ISSUES	113
PRP ISSUES	43
FFP ISSUES	480



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