



Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society

Battling against thalassemia and overcoming all odds, the inspiring story of K Lalitha from Karnataka

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"In the quaint village of Satya Sai in Hindhupur, Karnataka, resides the Anjaneyulu family – a hardworking couple, K. Anjaneyulu, a skilled handloom worker, and his wife K. Sidda Ganamma, who labours daily for a living. Blessed with two children, their firstborn, a son, and their second, a daughter named K. Lalitha.

However, Lalitha's journey began with adversity as, at the tender age of six months, she fell prey to an alarming bout of fever and severe body swelling, accompanied by dangerously low hemoglobin levels. Concerned parents rushed her to a hospital in Yelanka, Bangalore, where she underwent two blood transfusions within a span of 10 days. Despite the immediate relief from the government hospital's treatment, Lalitha's post-recovery was marred by persistent crying and bodily pains.



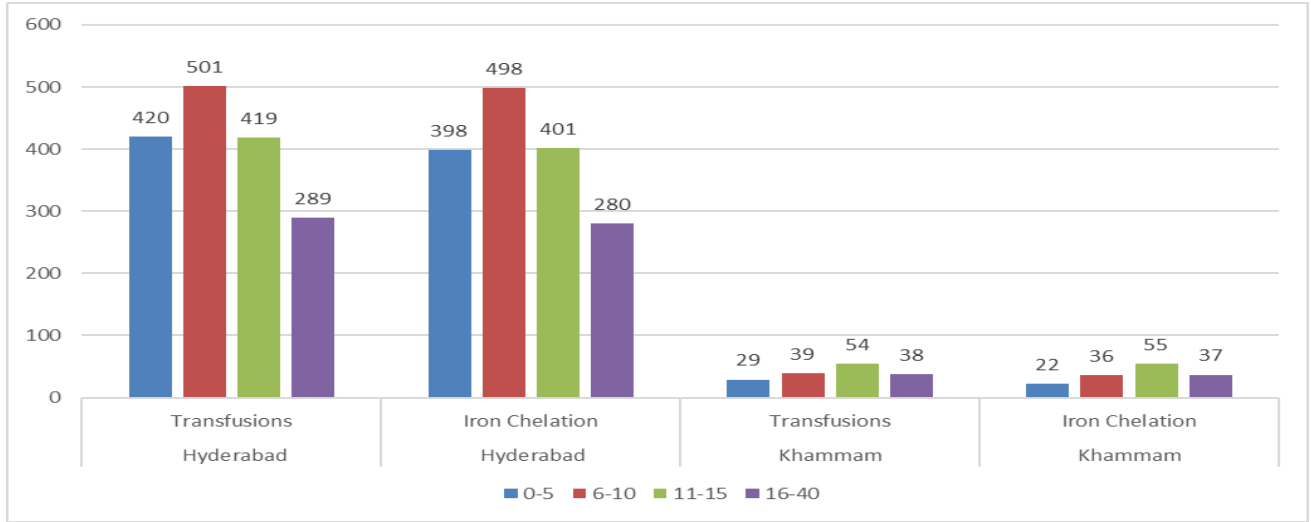
During this trying time, a compassionate stranger approached the family, empathizing with Lalitha's condition as her own sister battled Thalassemia. This benevolent stranger recommended seeking assistance from TSCS in Hyderabad. Acting on this advice, the parents secured an appointment with Dr. Suman Jain, and soon after, Lalitha was registered with TSCS. Under their care, Lalitha's health improved significantly, paving the way for her to complete her 10th-grade education.

In a heartwarming turn of events, Lalitha found love and support in Ramu, a fellow handloom worker whom she eventually married. Ramu stands as a pillar of strength, diligently caring for Lalitha and ensuring her well-being. Thus, from a challenging start, the Anjaneyulu family transformed into a small, adorable unit, symbolizing resilience, love, and triumph over adversity."

Awareness about Thalassemia



Transfusion Details



Total number of Blood Transfusions for the month of **December 2023** including all patients group were **1629 (Hyderabad)** and **160 (Khammam)** & a total of **1909** and **183** units of blood provided to patients in respective centres

HPLC at Society	CVS referred to CDFD	New registrations	Splenectomy
1225	6	32 (31 @ Hyderabad & 01 @ Khammam)	NIL

904 Antenatal women were screened for Thalassemia and Sickle cell anemia carrier status from Government Maternity Hospital, Petlaburj (265) , Mahabubnagar PHCs (639) of which 20 were found to be Thal carriers and AS-3 carriers out of all husbands are normal.

BLOOD BANK

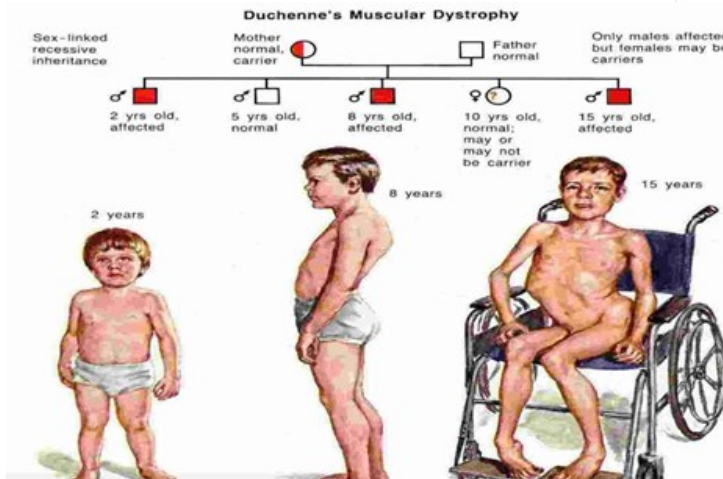
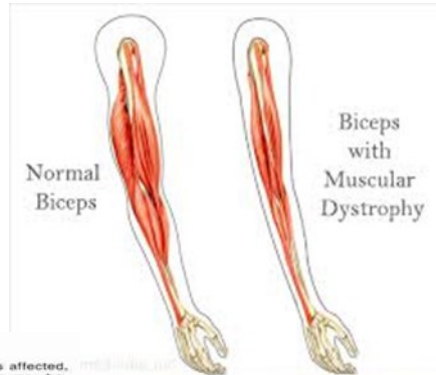
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1	Sensitization Programmers Organized	30
2	Total No of Blood Donation Camps	23
4	Blood Units Collection at Camps	1648
8	Thalassemic & General Free Issues	2043
10	General Paid Issues	29

VIRAL FEVER

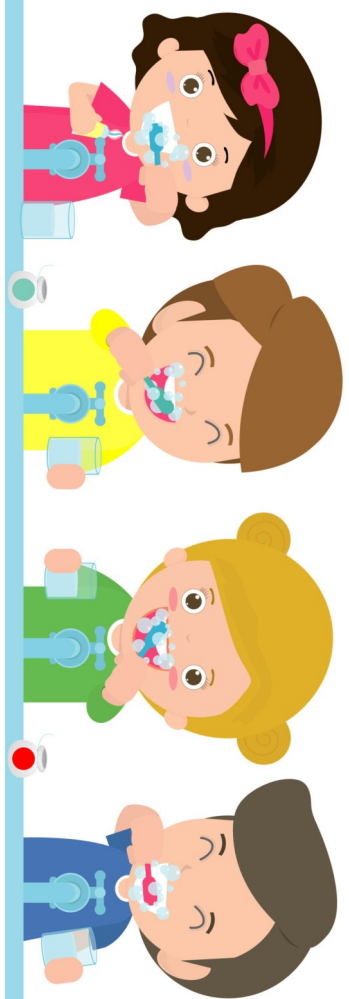
By Dr Rishitha, Research Scientist, TSCS



It is a genetic disease caused when abnormal gene interfere with the production of proteins needed to form healthy muscle. It causes progressive weakness and loss of muscle mass. There are several kinds of muscular dystrophy. One of it is Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). It is caused by the deletion of one or more exons in the dystrophin gene. It is an X LINKED neuromuscular disease.



Symptoms include: Muscle weakness, calf muscle hypertrophy, toe walking, difficulty in climbing stairs, frequent falls, breathing problem, learning difficulty, short height etc.



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