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World Blood Donor Day 2026

Theme: "One Drop of Humanity: Give Blood. Save Lives."

Online Webinar

Date : 12th June 2026

Time : 16:00 (India Time) | 12:30 PM (Amsterdam Time)

Time	Description	Speaker	Chairpersons
16:00-16:05	Welcome Address	<i>Dr. Debashish Gupta, Dr. Ashok Yadav and Dr. Suchet Sachdev</i>	
Session 1: Personalized Donor Health: From Data to Decisions			
16:05-16:30	<i>"Towards Personalized Donor Management: Data-Driven Strategies to Optimize Donor Health and Blood Supply"</i>	Dr. Katja K Van den Hurk <i>Prof. of Donor Health - Sanquin, Amsterdam UMC, University of Amsterdam</i>	Dr. RR Sharma Dr. Akanksha Bisht
16:30-16:45	Discussion		
Session 2: Debate session: Should India Increase the Upper Age Limit for Blood Donation?			
16:45-16:55	<i>For the motion</i>	Dr. Abhishekh B <i>Head, Transfusion Medicine, JIPMER, Puducherry</i>	Dr. RK Chaudhary Dr. Ravneet Kaur
16:55-17:05	<i>Against the motion</i>	Dr. Deepti Sachan <i>Head, Transfusion Medicine, Rela Institute, Chennai</i>	
17:05-17:15	Rebuttal round (5 minute each speaker)		
Session 3: From Bite to Ban: How Deferrals Are Shrinking Our Donor Pool			
17:15-17:25	<i>From Paws to Pause; Every deferral tells a story-are we listening, or just losing donors?</i>	Dr. Rasika Setia <i>Head, Transfusion Medicine, BLK-MAX, New Delhi</i>	Dr. Debashish Gupta Dr. Satyam Arora Dr. Amita R
17:25-17:30	Discussion and Closing remarks	Team ISTM SIG Blood Donor Management	



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