



Awareness on Organ & Blood Donation

Date: 28th March 2026

Time: 10:00 am to 01:00 pm

Venue: CSIT MINI AUDITORIUM

Introduction:

An awareness program on organ and blood donation was successfully organized by the ASM Group of Institutes under the Social Club of IPS, in collaboration with the Lions Club of Pune 21st Century. The program, titled “*Mission Organ (Body) Donation Awareness & Action – Summer Session Annual Blood Donation Drive 2026,*” was conducted with the aim of sensitizing students towards one of the most critical and life-saving social responsibilities.

In today’s world, the demand for organs for transplantation far exceeds the supply. Thousands of patients lose their lives every year due to the unavailability of organs and timely blood donations. Despite advancements in medical science, lack of awareness, myths, and social taboos continue to act as barriers to organ donation. Recognizing this gap, the institution took a proactive step to educate and motivate students.

The session was conducted on 28th March 2026 at the Mini Auditorium of ASM’s CSIT. The event witnessed the presence of experienced professionals, medical experts, and social workers. The highlight of the program was the presence of Dr. Chandrahas Shetty, a highly respected expert with more than 35 years of experience in the field of organ donation and transplantation awareness.

The program began with Madhura Shukla, the host of the day, who warmly welcomed all dignitaries, faculty members, and students. She set a positive and respectful tone for the session and emphasized that organ and blood donation is not just a medical act but a caring responsibility that reflects compassion and social awareness.

Objective:

The program was organized with a clear set of academic, social, and ethical objectives:

- To spread in-depth awareness about organ and blood donation among students
- To educate participants about the process, eligibility, and legal aspects of organ donation
- To clarify misconceptions related to brain death, coma, and organ retrieval
- To eliminate social barriers such as fear, myths, and andhashraddha (blind beliefs)
- To develop a sense of social responsibility and empathy among future professionals
- To motivate students to register themselves as organ and blood donors
- To bridge the gap between medical knowledge and public understanding

Speaker: Dr. Chandrahas Shetty, Dr. Anamika Varunkar.

Report:

The program commenced with a graceful welcome speech by Madhura Shukla. She greeted all the respected guests and expressed gratitude for their presence. In her speech, she strongly highlighted the importance of organ and blood donation, stating that a single donor can save multiple lives. She also emphasized that such decisions reflect humanity at its highest level.

Following this, Dr. Vikas Barbate delivered the *Prastavana* (introductory address). He explained that the awareness program was conducted under the Social Club of IPS as part of its

commitment to social development. He stressed that educational institutions play a vital role not only in academic growth but also in building ethical and socially responsible individuals.

The session then proceeded with the address by the Guest of Honour, Dr. Chandrahas Shetty. Drawing from his 35 years of experience, he provided a comprehensive explanation of organ donation. He elaborated on:

- What is organ donation: The process of giving an organ or tissue to help someone who needs a transplant
- Who can donate: Individuals of various age groups, depending on medical fitness
- When donation is possible: Especially in cases of brain death, where organs remain functional

A key highlight of his session was the clarification of the difference between brain death and coma, which is often misunderstood by the general public. He explained that brain death is an irreversible condition where the brain permanently stops functioning, while coma is a temporary state with possible recovery. This clarification helped remove a major misconception that prevents families from consenting to organ donation.

Next, Dr. Sudhakar Bokehode delivered a deeply thought-provoking speech. He addressed the emotional and psychological aspects of human behavior. He questioned societal practices where people fail to value and respect individuals during their lifetime but show overstated emotions after death. He urged the audience to act meaningfully while alive by contributing to society through organ donation.

He also spoke strongly against andhashraddha (blind faith), which discourages people from donating organs due to fear, religious misunderstandings, or lack of awareness. His speech encouraged students to adopt a scientific and rational mindset.

The program then moved to the felicitation ceremony, where respected dignitaries were honored for their contributions:

- Dr. Sandeep Pachpande felicitated Dr. Shetty, Pritam Gandhi Madam, and Dr. Anamika Madam along with Gholap Blood Bank representatives
- Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode felicitated Dr. Sandeep Sir
- Gholap Sir honored Dr. Sandeep Sir with a *Sanman Chinha* as a token of appreciation

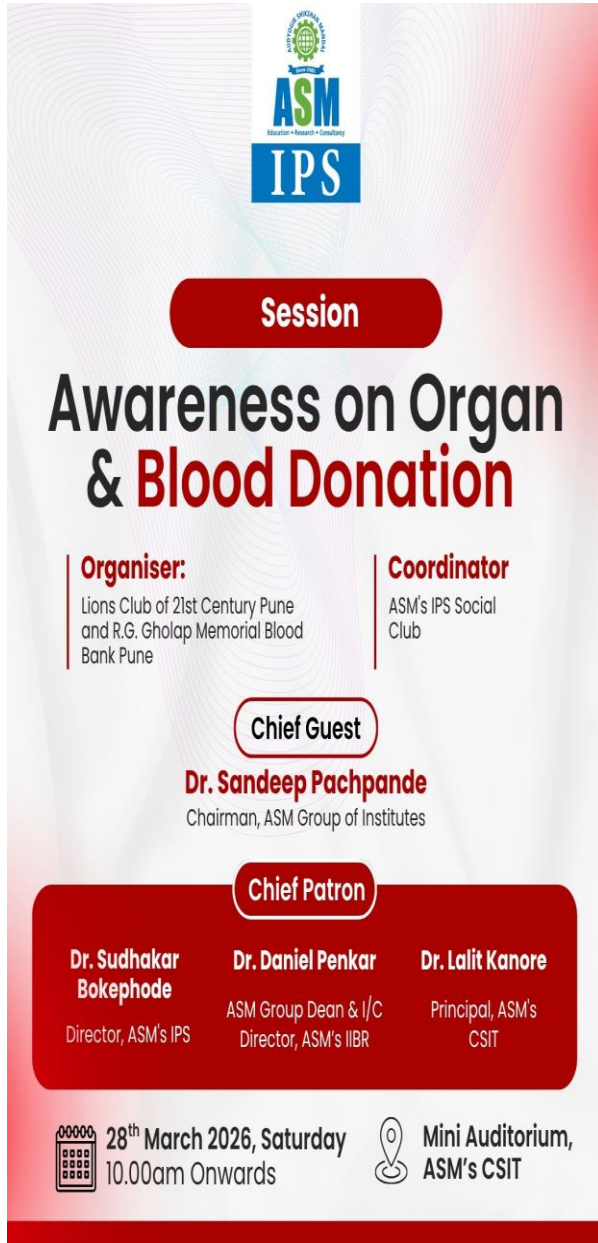
Gholap Sir also shared his valuable experience, mentioning his long association with Dr. Shetty since 1999. His insights added practical knowledge about the field of blood banking and organ donation awareness.

Later, Dr. D. D. Balsarf expressed his views and appreciation for organizing such a meaningful initiative. He emphasized that awareness is the first step towards change and encouraged students to take this knowledge forward in society.

In the concluding segment, Dr. Sandeep Pachpande delivered an inspiring speech. He appreciated the visionary leadership of Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode, Dr. D. D. Balsarf, and Dr. Lalit Kanore for initiating such impactful programs. He described the awareness session as a “mind-blowing and transformative idea” that has the potential to bring real societal change.

The session concluded with a deeper understanding among students about the importance, process, and ethical value of organ and blood donation.

Photos:



Session

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Organiser:
Lions Club of 21st Century Pune and R.G. Gholap Memorial Blood Bank Pune

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Chief Guest
Dr. Sandeep Pachpande
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Chief Patron

Dr. Sudhakar Bokehphode Director, ASM's IPS	Dr. Daniel Penkar ASM Group Dean & I/C Director, ASM's IIBR	Dr. Lalit Kanore Principal, ASM's CSIT
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28th March 2026, Saturday
10.00am Onwards

Mini Auditorium, ASM's CSIT









Outcomes:

The awareness program proved to be highly effective and impactful in achieving its intended objectives. It not only enhanced the knowledge of students but also influenced their mindset and attitude towards social responsibility.

The major outcomes of the program were:

- **Enhanced Knowledge:** Students gained detailed understanding of organ donation, blood donation, and medical concepts like brain death
- **Myth Busting:** Many misconceptions and fears related to organ donation were clarified, especially regarding religious beliefs and medical procedures
- **Positive Attitude Change:** Students developed a more compassionate and responsible outlook towards society



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- **Increased Willingness:** Many participants expressed their willingness to become organ and blood donors in the future
- **Social Awareness:** The program successfully instilled the importance of contributing to society beyond personal and professional life
- **Long-Term Impact:** Such awareness initiatives are expected to create a ripple effect, encouraging more people to participate in organ donation