# Blood Donation Camp

A blood donor brings a ray of hope in needy person's life by donating blood. People donate blood because they want to help others and indeed donating a unit of blood can save the lives of up to three people. But, in India most of the people are unware about the benefits of giving blood like; it balances iron level in blood, better blood flow in the body and get mini physical tests for 13 infectious diseases like; HIV, hepatitis B and C, west nile virous etc.

With this ideal thought in mind NSS unit IIT Mandi organized a blood donation camp on dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 with the help of Blood Bank, Zonal Hospital Mandi. Keeping in view the problem of acute blood shortage in our country, the students of IIT Mandi actively participated in the camp. The camp started around 10:00 am and continued up to 2:00 pm.



Volunteers are getting registered for blood donation and medical checkup

It would have not been possible without the efforts of the complete family of IIT Mandi. Students, faculty and staff members were very enthusiastic to donate blood for a noble cause. They participated voluntarily in the camp. Room – CR1, Stable Complex (Kamand Campus) was used for medical checkup of donors as well as for blood donation.

NSS volunteers also helped others in the complete process and gave moral support to the people donating blood. As a result, 57 units of blood were collected. After donating blood, fruits and juice was served as refreshment to the donors.

After donation samples were sealed and transported to the hospital. This camp helped students in getting awareness about their social responsibilities and to show enthusiastic participation for the same.

Students and staff members are donating blood

The blood bank, Zonal Hospital, Mandi appreciated the campus community of IIT Mandi for coming forward for this great cause. It is all because of NSS team's efforts that blood donation has become biannual event of celebration at IIT Mandi.