

Niharika...The Path Enlightener..

"We are twice armed, if we fight with faith" - Plato

Niharika, a 7-year old little girl, fought with the adversities from Aplastic Anemia and lost her battle to the wrath to death. The girl had successfully gained the attention and support of more than 500 people across the globe for her treatment except one potentially matched stem cell donor at the early stages. By the time, Niharika could meet her donor, her health deteriorated, adversely

affecting her stamina to resist the transplant. She would have had a better chance of survival if she had received the same treatment a little early.

Niharika's story emphasizes the need towards building a registry and increasing the affordability of treatment. Awareness is the major aspect in bringing out a change in the mindset of people to promote the cause and make them move forward in building up the stem cell registry in India.

Recent awareness activities & Donor drives

Gene Bandhu organized 2 donor drives in the month of September at IIT Delhi and Ludhiana Agricultural University. The country's youth serves as a powerful weapon in order to bring a change in traditional misconceptions and to increase the acceptance rate to promote stem cell transplant as a solution to blood disorders. The recent donor drives, mainly focused towards national colleges which could act as potential pools capturing the diversity of nation, witnessed immense student participation resulting a registration of 142 stem cell donors from IIT Delhi and 213 from Ludhiana Agricultural University.

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