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“enriching lives, bringing smiles”

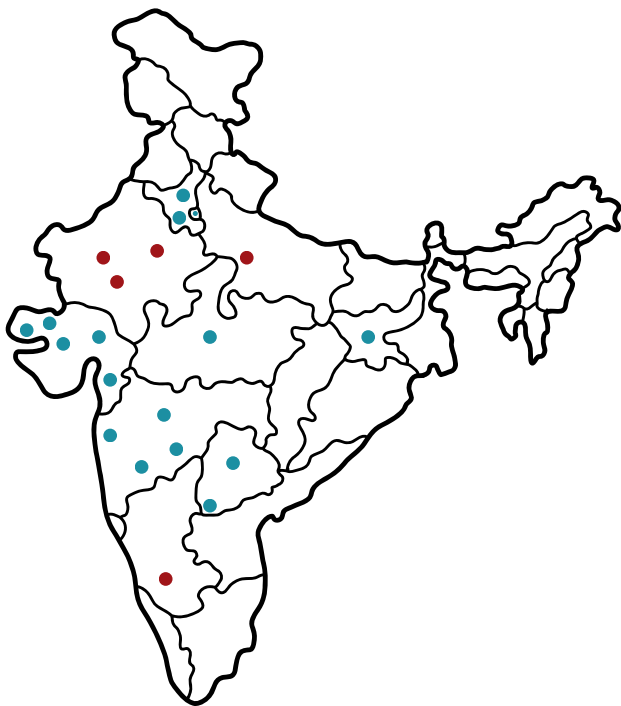


ABOUT US

The Wishing Factory (TWF) is an 80G-ISO certified (ISO 9001:2015), Niti Aayog recognized, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of young, underprivileged Thalassemia Warriors in India.

Marking 10 years with a mission of #AadhiwaliZindagiMitao to have a #ThalassemiaMuktBharat

OUR PRESENCE



- Stronger presence of TWF
- Moderate presence of TWF



12,200+ Healthcare Support



678+ Experiences Fulfilled



470+ Volunteers Engaged



605+ Patient Welfare Activities



Active in 9 states across India



96.5 million+ Awareness

FROM THE WISHING FACTORY OFFICE



Dear Patrons and Wellwishers,

Coming this far was certainly not an easy way.

The statistics like—number of centers established, warriors supported, wishes fulfilled, blood donation camps conducted or even the rare invite to share a lunch table with Tina Ambani ma'am, simply because someone in the Reliance administration felt our eight free HLA camps across the country made us deserving; none of it was ever imagined.

And yet, none of it makes me feel accomplished. Because the one who truly deserved it was my son—**Parth Thakur**. His life remained as short as 25, a number he often spoke of on public platforms, but in that short life, he raised the benchmark far too high for anyone battling a chronic condition, especially in a world where parents run from pillar to post just to get a disability certificate. He, on the other hand, not only refused to take that route, but he proved there was another way. There were lines that kept him going—soft reminders during the hardest days. ***“You only need the light when it’s burning low... Only miss the sun when it starts to snow... Only know you’ve been high when you’re feeling low...”*** Even now, we move forward carrying these echoes with us—of a boy who saw life in its deepest contrasts, and still chose to rise.

His legacy placed immense responsibility on me. I often feel inadequate compared to him—the founder of TWF—with his unmatched pace. I mask it with a smile each time I launch something new, but that feeling keeps me striving. To live up to his vision, I surround myself with young, passionate freshers from campus interviews of colleges who bring fresh, ingenious ideas—keeping alive the identity of: **a new generation NGO**, a phrase Parth himself coined. He always put his fellow warriors first—whether ensuring blood during COVID, or providing filters and chelation medicine to underserved families—without cost, without conditions.

Today, Team TWF is more determined than ever. We're making heartfelt appeals to garner maximum support for our warriors across India. As we enter our **10th year**, the legacy we protect urges us to go even further—becoming a powerful conduit for awareness, with renewed force, so we can achieve **Thalassemia Mukta Bharat** sooner than Parth had originally envisioned.

All these years, we accepted whatever came our way and used it meaningfully. But now, it's time to take informed, strategic steps—embracing technology, strengthening MIS systems, evaluating medicine efficacy, investing in overlooked medical tests, and initiating structured mental health support. We hope to build more meaningful engagement with our supporters—through transparent communication and a deeper sense of shared purpose. We need our website to be more interactive, filled with compassion and love—*as our centers are*.

And to do all this we seek your understanding—your empathy—and your unrestricted support—as we prepare to take TWF to the next level!

Warm Regards.

*Rajesh Thakur,
Father of Parth Thakur, whose vision guides TWF.*

INITIATIVES

EXPERIENCES



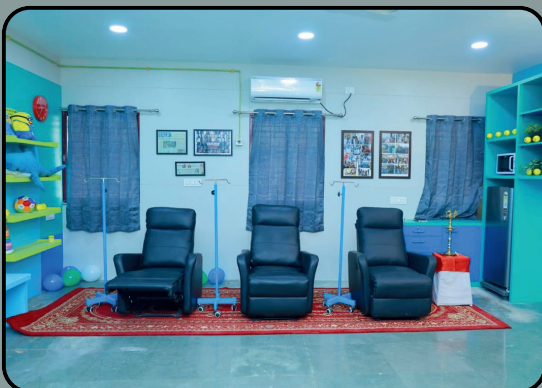
- We continue our mission to bring joy and inspiration to Thalassemia warriors by fulfilling heartfelt wishes.
- To date, we've fulfilled over 678 wishes across India—ranging from simple joys of eating mangoes to experiential wishes, such as enrolling a child in guitar classes or providing a laptop to pursue higher education.

PATIENT WELFARE ACTIVITIES

- Activities include opportunities for a celebrity meet-and-greet as well as fun day excursions at water parks, trampoline parks, and go-karting tracks.
- These memorable experiences leave our warriors with lasting memories etched in their hearts, uplifting their spirits and bringing joy that stays with them long after the day ends.



HEALTHCARE



TWF aids provision of quality and affordable facilities with regards to other

- Free Blood Transfusion Facilities
- Free Oral Chelators to the warriors who are adopted under the Schemes
- Free HLA Camps in collaboration with Reliance Kokilaben Ambani Hospital
- Blood Filters at subsidized rates to the registered warriors.
- Iron Chelation Pump Library
- Blood Donation Camps
- Patient adoptions

MILESTONES

celebrating 5 new care centers across india



**Dahod,
Gujarat**



Fulfilling our Founder Parth's heartfelt vision, we had inaugurated our 6th blood transfusion cum wellness centre and the largest yet in Dahod on 12th July 2021 by the **Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor** (Hon Member of Parliament, Dahod & Former Minister of State for Tribal affairs in the GOI) & CEO of Zydus, **Dr. Sanjay Kumar**. Located within Zydus Medical College & Hospital, this vibrant, child-friendly facility not only offers quality transfusion care but also provides a nurturing environment filled with books, toys, and games – creating a safe and comforting space for young warriors.

Thanks to the support of **IRCTC** and **Spreading Smiles of Joy**, the centre is currently serving around 200 children living with Thalassemia, Sick Cell Anemia, and Hemophilia. Strategically located near the Gujarat-Rajasthan-Madhya Pradesh border, it reaches children from remote regions including Jhabua, Dungarpur, and Banswara – where awareness and access to care for Sick Cell Anemia, a condition highly prevalent in this tribal belt, is still limited.

Marking yet another milestone in our journey, we proudly established our 7th Thalassemia Wellness Centre and Chelation Pump Library – and Jaisalmer's first state-of-the-art Wellness Centre for Thalassemia patients – on 30th August 2021, inaugurated by Additional District Magistrate, **Shri Hari Singh Meena** and Sub-Divisional Magistrate, **Shri Ramesh Sirvi**. Set up in collaboration with Shri Jawahir Hospital, this centre has since become a vital support system for Thalassemia warriors in the region.

Reflecting the city's golden charm, the centre was thoughtfully designed in warm hues of yellow and orange, inspired by the city's iconic sandstone architecture – creating a bright, culturally rooted, and comforting space for young warriors.

The facility provides essential services including blood transfusions, chelation therapy, and counselling, along with a warm, welcoming space designed for learning, recreation, and emotional comfort. Over the past few years, it has grown into a trusted and accessible treatment hub for patients in and around the arid landscapes of Jaisalmer.



**Jaisalmer,
Rajasthan**





Guna, Madhya Pradesh



Our 8th Wellness Centre, inaugurated on 15th July 2022 by the Hon'ble Collector & District Magistrate, **Shri Frank Noble A. (IAS)**, marked another significant step forward in our mission. Located in Guna, this cheerful, child-friendly space is designed not just to treat the body, but to uplift the spirit – with books, games, and creative tools that engage young minds even during transfusions.

Supported by **IRCTC**, the centre initially began with just 65 children, and today proudly serves over 115 Thalassemia warriors from surrounding regions. But beyond the numbers, the impact of this centre has been transformative.

When we began, the local blood bank provided only whole blood. Through persistent efforts, awareness-building, and collaboration with local authorities, our presence helped catalyze a systemic shift – leading to the regular supply of Red Cell Concentrate (RCC), a significant improvement in patient care. Further momentum came from community-building initiatives like our HLA camp. What began as a modest intervention evolved into a powerful example of sustainable, community-led healthcare transformation.

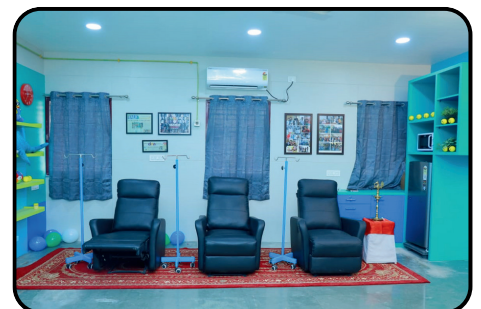
On 17th July 2023, our 9th centre was inaugurated by Honorable Collector and District Magistrate, **Shri Shanmugarajan S. (IAS)** and IRCTC CSR official, **Shri Tarun Kumar** in Washim's District Hospital with the support of **IRCTC** and the **local government**.

Before our intervention, Washim faced multiple challenges – only whole blood was available, and children would often delay their transfusions, coming in only when visible symptoms appeared, which has now been solved. With the strong support of the District Collector, we installed a PVC machine to enable the use of Packed Red Cells and implemented a structured protocol to ensure that every child receives their transfusion on time, significantly improving health outcomes.

Another major hurdle was the inconsistent supply of chelation medicines. Collaborating closely with the Collector, we initiated a bulk procurement plan, and for the past two years, there has been no shortage of medication. Every child now receives their chelation treatment regularly and without delay – a clear example of how collective effort and sustained action can drive real change.



Washim, Maharashtra





Gumla, Jharkhand



In one of our most meaningful milestones to date, we inaugurated our 10th Blood Transfusion cum Wellness Centre on 18th February 2025 in Gumla, a remote tribal region in Jharkhand. The centre was formally inaugurated by Hon'ble DM and Deputy Commissioner, **Shri Karn Satyarthi (IAS)**, in the esteemed presence of **Smt. Sushma Singh (Retd. IAS)**, **Reena Hansda (IAS)** and **Shri Sandip Trivedi Ji (GGM-HRD, CSR Nodal Officer)**

With the vital support of the **district administration** and **IRCTC**, this centre is now delivering critical services – including Packed Red Cell transfusions and Ferritin testing – to over 100 Thalassemia warriors from nearby villages such as Ghagra, Jashpur, Khunti, Siasai, Simdega, and Kolebera.

More than just a treatment facility, the Gumla centre represents a beacon of change, bringing long-overdue access to quality healthcare in a region too often overlooked. It stands as a powerful symbol of what's possible when communities, institutions, and compassion come together.

HLA CAMPS

From 2021 to 2025, The Wishing Factory, in collaboration with **Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital** and under the expert guidance of **Dr. Santanu Sen**, successfully conducted six HLA camps across underserved regions of India. These camps were held in Porbandar, Himmatnagar, Baroda, Guna, Gumla, and Washim with the goal of identifying potential life-saving matches for thalassemia major patients. These initiatives have been instrumental in spreading awareness and bringing crucial medical services closer to communities that need them the most.

Dr. Santanu Sen, a distinguished expert in **Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant**, has been an invaluable part of this mission. As the **Senior Consultant and Head of the BMT Unit** at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai, and the only internationally accredited BMT unit inspector in India, Dr. Sen brings unparalleled expertise and dedication. With over 35 years of experience, numerous publications, and recognition as one of the **Top Doctors in Mumbai 2022** and among the **Best Doctors in Maharashtra 2025**, his leadership has greatly strengthened our HLA camp efforts. We are deeply grateful for his unwavering support and commitment to the cause of a **Thalassemia Mukta Bharat**.



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