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Know about World Blood Donor Day 2018

World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is celebrated every year on 14th June 2018. This day is celebrated with a view to thank all the selfless and thoughtful people around the globe who come forward to donate their blood. The blood and blood products play life-saving roles in maternal and child care during emergencies. It can help patients suffering from life-threatening conditions live longer and a healthier life. Since this day is of great importance to mankind, questions related to WBDD can be included in upcoming SSC, Railways & Banking exams 2018. Read about WBDD 2018 to stay updated with all the information related to the same.

World Blood Donor Day 2018

- World Blood Donor Day 2018 will be held in **Athens, Greece** through the **Hellenic National Blood Center**.
- The World Blood Donor Day 2018 slogan is 'blood donation as an action of solidarity'.
- The theme for World Blood Donation Day 2018 is “**Be there for someone else, Give blood, Share life**”.

History of World Blood Donor Day

- 14th June is also the birth anniversary of the **Karl Landsteiner** who won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the ABO blood group system.





- The celebration of the event first started in the year **2004** aiming to raise the public awareness by the World Health Organization, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
- World Blood Donor Day was officially established by the WHO with its 192 member states at the 58th World Health Assembly in May 2005.

Year Wise World Blood Donor Day Themes

Read below the year wise themes of World Blood Donor Day since 2012 to 2018.

Year	Theme
2018	Be there for someone else, Give blood, Share life
2017	Give Blood, Give Now, Give Often
2016	Blood connects us all
2015	Thank you for saving my life
2014	Safe blood for saving mothers
2013	Give the gift of life, donate blood
2012	Every blood donor is a hero

Must Know Facts About Blood Transfusion

- People with **Type O** - blood are considered **universal donors** because it has neither A nor B surface antigens on the red blood cells.
- People with **Type AB+ blood** is considered to be **universal recipient** as it has both antigens A & B.
- Most of the time a transfusion is not a "whole blood" transfusion, rather certain blood products, with RBC being the most common.
- A donor, must ensure that that his/her age is between **18 - 65 years** and weight is more than **45 kgs**.





- After blood donation, the blood is tested for various parameters like hepatitis B, hepatitis C, syphilis, malaria and HIV (type 1 and 2).

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