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Institutional Distinctiveness

Thalassaemia is the number one genetic disorder in India and is very common here in Eastern part of India, especially in West Bengal. There are so many families who are suffering social problems also here – such as distance from their relatives and neighbours and especially the carrier females are rejected by their male partners to marry. In so many cases fathers of the affected child were not cared by his/her father and mother alone is bearing the treatment. The most interesting aspect of this is that it is preventable. The developed world has taken appropriate preventive measures. However, in our country, prevention effort has not succeeded so far due to lack of community engagement which results from lack of awareness. Since Thalassaemia Foundation is tied up with this institute, it was felt that students should reach out to community and engage them in Thalassaemia prevention strategies in order to reduce the burden of disease.

Objectives: This practice is aimed at reaching out to the community with the message of Thalassaemia prevention. Mass awareness campaign had been done in every year on “World Thalassaemia Day” (8th May) and students and teachers participated in this programme. This year the program was online.

High pass percentage of students with good score