

## Naidu calls for preventive measures to address genetic diseases

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### Inaugurates the Research Laboratory, Advanced Diagnostic Laboratory and 2nd Blood Transfusion Unit at the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS) in Hyderabad



The Vice President (VP), M Venkaiah Naidu highlighted the importance of preventive measures to address the huge burden of genetic diseases like thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia in the country.

Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Research Laboratory, Advanced Diagnostic Laboratory and 2nd Blood Transfusion Unit at the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS) in Hyderabad, the Vice President urged the private sector and NGOs to complement the government's efforts in combating genetic diseases.

Recognising that the available treatment options for these genetic conditions-- bone marrow transplantation or regular blood transfusion - are cost-intensive and distressing to the child, Naidu called for a comprehensive approach to address the health challenge of thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia.

The VP said that lack of awareness of these genetic diseases is a major impediment in their prevention and early diagnosis. Naidu exhorted the youth to come forward and donate blood for the needy. He also appreciated the Union Health Ministry for coming up with detailed guidelines for the prevention and management of thalassemia, sickle cell anaemia and other variant anaemia.

On this occasion, Naidu also inaugurated the Main Auditorium and Mini Auditorium at TSCS.