IN-HOUSE A J VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONOR DIRECTORY RELEASED

A. J. Blood Bank celebrated **World Blood Donor Day** on 13th June 2015. On this occasion, **In-house A. J. Voluntary Blood Donor Directory** was released by Dr. Jayasharkar Marla, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon & Dr. Prashanth Marla, Medical Director, A. J. Hospital & Research Centre.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Aravind P, Blood Bank Officer recounted the achievements of A. J. Blood bank. It is 4 years since A.J. Blood Bank started component separation and supplies more than 1000 units/month to needy recipients. A. J. Blood Bank has a healthy blood component usage of more than 99.5% at the moment. A. J. Blood Bank aims to begin leucoreduced Blood Products and single donor platelets through Apheresis as A. J. Hospital & Research Centre has a well developed Oncology, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Emergency Medicine Departments. Dr. Prashanth Marla said that he hopes to improve the facilities of Blood Transfusion Services at A. J. Blood Bank. The program was followed by voluntary blood donation by doctors, staff and students. This was also a part of the ongoing blood donation drive at A. J. Hospital and Research Centre where voluntary blood donors are offered up to 50% rebate on various health check-up packages.