Aster volunteers Herald

Shukran
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— Presents —
Shukran
Annual Connect GCC 2026

To the heroes among us, our volunteers.

This special edition is dedicated to Shukran Annual Connect 2026 in the GCC. We express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, who chose the community before themselves, both in times of crisis and celebration.

About Shukran 2026

"Shukran", Aster Volunteers' heartfelt expression of gratitude, a day dedicated to honouring the countless individuals who drive our movement forward. The annual event celebrates those extraordinary volunteers whose compassion, commitment, and selflessness power our initiatives and touch countless lives.

Shukran Annual Connect 2026 in GCC was a tribute to these exceptional changemakers, who devote their time, energy, and hearts to uplifting communities and supporting those in need. It was a celebration of their courage, kindness, and unwavering dedication.

Best Performing Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services Units

The Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS) continue to serve as a vital lifeline, bringing quality care directly to vulnerable and underserved populations. Driven by our shared commitment to community well-being, our volunteers turn compassion into action every single day. As we celebrate our collective impact, we are proud to shine a spotlight on the outstanding teams who went above and beyond in FY 2025–26 setting new benchmarks in care, outreach, and operational excellence.

AVMMS UAE - Winner ★★★★★

- Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services UAE conducted **601 medical camps** across the UAE, reaching **87,540+ beneficiaries.**
- The team achieved **144% of its annual target** for **FY 2025–26.**
- Played a key role in humanitarian and community healthcare initiatives across the UAE.
- Continued to bring essential healthcare closer to underserved communities through mobile medical outreach.

First Runners up ★★★★

Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services **Bangalore region**, led by **Mr. Parashuram,** and Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services **Malabar region,** led by **Mr. Muhammed Haseem,** achieved their targets for both medical camps and beneficiaries.

- Conducted tribal missions and mega medical camps to extend healthcare access to undeserved communities.
- Organised health awareness sessions to promote community wellbeing.
- Actively supported Aster Volunteers initiatives, including tree plantation and cleaning drives.

Second Runners up ★★★

Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services **Wayanad,** led by **Mr. Mohammed Basheer,** and Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services **Ethiopia,** led by **Dr. Dagemawi Tesefaye,** achieved their targets for both medical camps and beneficiaries.

- Maintained regular monthly reporting to ensure consistent programme tracking and engagement.
- Conducted mission drives and mega medical camps to extend medical camps services to communities in need.

Star Volunteer Award

Our volunteers are the heart of every initiative we undertake. This year, we honour those whose dedication, compassion and teamwork have made a meaningful difference, from **Heart to Heart and environmental initiatives to disaster relief efforts.** Their stories embody the true spirit of service and community.

Aster

Ms. Badariya C
Senior Associate,
Business Development,
Aster Hospitals UAE

Mr. Koshy Puthen Parampil Shaji
Executive – HR,
Aster Hospitals

Ms. Shinoni Mohandas
Sr. Referral Officer
Aster Clinics UAE

Medcare

Mr. Bharatha Raj
Team Leader - Facility Management,
Medcare Hospitals &
Medical Centers UAE

Mr. Sukheesh Kumar Nair
Assistant General Manager – IT
Medcare

Mr. Noufal Hamza
Store Assistant,
Medcare

Special Appreciation Individual Award

It is our immense pleasure to confer the Special Appreciation Individual Award in recognition of volunteers whose exceptional contributions have touched countless lives and made a lasting impact in advancing the mission of Aster Volunteers and the betterment of humanity.

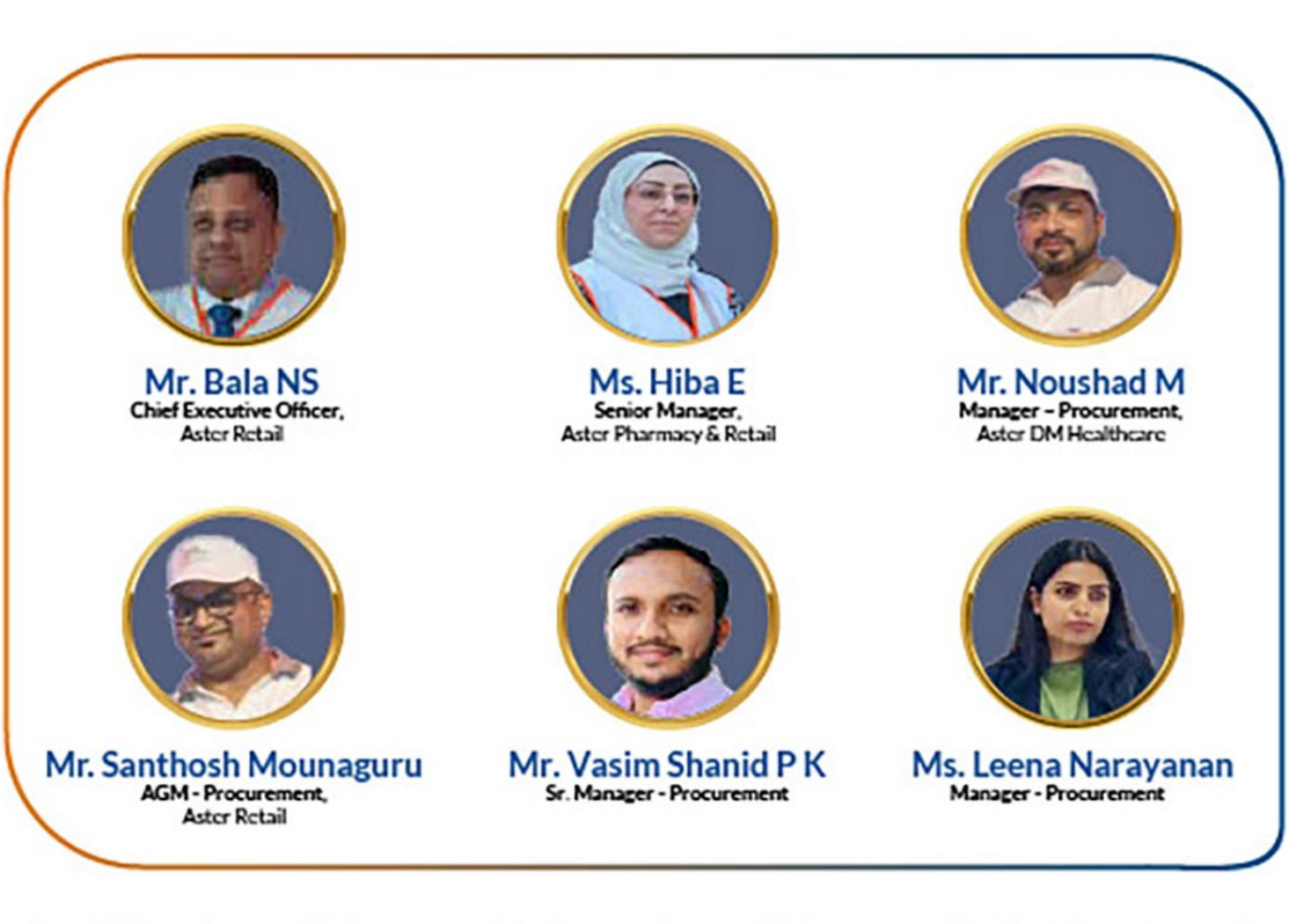
Mr. Praveen K Prabhakaran
Team Leader
Business Development,
Aster Clinics UAE

Mr. Sumesh Nair
Sr. Manager
International Healthcare Services,
Aster DM Healthcare

Special Appreciation Team Award

In celebration of the collective efforts that have made a meaningful difference, Aster Volunteers confers the **Special Appreciation Team Award** to the remarkable team who made it all possible from organising medical camps, blood donation drives and tree-planting campaigns to consistently surpassing ambitious targets. Their commitment and collaboration have touched thousands of lives, demonstrating the power of coming together for a greater purpose.

Aster Retail & Procurement Team



Mr. Bala NS
Chief Executive Officer,
Aster Retail

Ms. Hiba E
Senior Manager,
Aster Pharmacy & Retail

Mr. Noushad M
Manager – Procurement,
Aster DM Healthcare

Mr. Santhosh Mounaguru
AGM - Procurement,
Aster Retail

Mr. Vasim Shanid P K
Sr. Manager - Procurement

Ms. Leena Narayanan
Manager - Procurement

As part of the **Aster Volunteers Shukran Annual Connect 2026**, the **Aster Retail & Procurement Team** was honoured with a **Special Appreciation Award** for its continued collaboration and support towards humanitarian initiatives.

The team has contributed to key programmes including **Heart2Heart Cares 2025**, the annual **Iftar Kit Distribution Drive 2026**, community activities, and disaster relief missions by facilitating sponsorships and providing essential medicines, materials and medical assistance. Their collective efforts have strengthened the reach and impact of Aster Volunteers' humanitarian work.

Celebrating the Spirit of Service

UAE

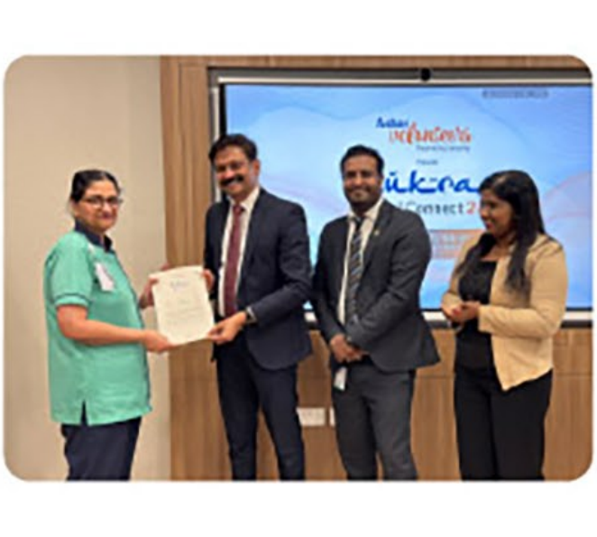
Corporate Head Quarters

Aster Volunteers at Aster **DM Healthcare CHQ** hosted the **Shukran Annual Connect 2026** at CHQ Business Bay, Dubai, an evening dedicated to celebrating the passion, commitment and selfless service of our volunteers across the UAE.

The event was led by **Mr. TJ Wilson**, Executive Director and Group Head of Governance & Corporate Affairs, and **Mr. Jaleel PA**, Head of CSR & Sustainability. The gathering recognised outstanding individuals and teams across categories including Star Volunteers, Special Appreciation Awards, the Best Performing Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS) Units, and Highly Engaged Volunteers.

As similar appreciation events take place across regions, verticals and units, we look forward to recognising many more volunteer heroes throughout the season.

With a growing network of **100,000+** volunteers, Aster Volunteers has touched the lives of **8 million+ people over the past 9 years** through compassion-driven initiatives.



Aster Hospital Mankhool

Aster Volunteers from **Aster Hospital Mankhool** celebrated the dedication and contributions of the volunteers and leaders who continue to create a positive impact in the communities they serve.

The event was led by **Mr. Abdul Jamal**, Senior Manager, Operations, **Mr. Ashish Kumar**, Deputy Manager, Operations, **Mr. Riyas Saifudheen**, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer, Nursing Services, **Mr. Koshy Puthen Parambil Shaji**, Executive, Human Resources.

Aster CEDARS Hospital, Jebel Ali

Aster Volunteers from **Aster CEDARS Hospital, Jebel Ali**, led by **Mr. Koshy Puthen Parambil Shaji**, conducted the event in appreciation of their volunteers, in the esteemed presence of **Ms. Kamna, Mr. Asnath**, Human Resources, Aster Hospitals, and other Heads of Departments. The Star Volunteer mementos were also presented to **Mr. Jithin Paulson** and **Mr. Sreejith Sasikumar.**

Aster Hospital Qusais

Aster Volunteers from **Aster Hospital Qusais,** came together to honour their volunteers in the event led by Aster Volunteers lead **Mr. Asif Kalliyath** and attended by **Dr. Ramanathan V**, Medical Director, Aster Hospitals & Clinics UAE, **Mr. Sirajudheen TM**, General Manager, Business Development, Aster Hospitals & Clinics UAE, along with other Heads of Departments.

Aster Hospital Sonapur

Aster Volunteers from **Aster Hospital Sonapur** conducted the **Shukran Annual Connect 2026**, led by Aster Volunteers Lead, **Mr. Najaf,** with gracious attendance from **Mr. Riyas Najeeb**, Manager, Operations, **Ms. Cilla Abraham**, Nursing Officer, Nursing Services, **Mr. Albin Joy**, Assistant Manager, Nursing Administration, **Ms. Raseena Hyder**, Assistant Manager, Service Excellence; and other team members in attendance.

As part of the celebration, the team visited individual departments across the hospital to personally distribute certificates to the volunteers in recognition of their contributions.

Aster Clinics UAE

Aster Volunteers from **Aster Clinics UAE** came together to recognise and appreciate the dedicated volunteers and leaders who continue to make a meaningful difference in the communities they serve. The occasion brought together Aster Volunteers Leads, **Mr. Praveen K Prabhakaran, Ms. Afreen Akhter, and Ms. Shinoni Mohandas,** along with senior leadership, to celebrate their commitment and contribution to the spirit of volunteering.

During the recognition, **Ms. Afreen Akhter,** Senior Executive, Learning & Development, Human Resources, and **Mrs. Haripriya Shanavas**, Senior Associate, Corporate Sales & Marketing, won the Star Volunteer Award for their exceptional service and dedication.

The event was graced by senior leadership, **Mr. Manish Jain**, Deputy CEO, Aster & Access Clinics UAE, **Mr. Silvadas Naziance**, Deputy General Manager, Operations, Aster Clinics UAE, **Mr. Pushkar Sinha**, AGM, Operations, Aster Clinics UAE, **Ms. Sarah Ilyas**, Chief Nursing Officer, Aster Hospitals & Clinics UAE, and **Mr. Abhijeet Panda**, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Aster Clinics UAE.

Aster Pharmacy and Retail UAE

Aster Volunteers from **Aster Pharmacy and Retail UAE** conducted the Shukran Annual Connect 2026, led by Aster Volunteers Lead, **Ms. Hiba E**, along with senior leadership, to celebrate their commitment and contribution to the spirit of volunteering.

During the recognition, **Mr. Sankaranarayanan V**, Head, Business Human Resources, **Mr. Gaurav Sharma**, Chief Operating Officer, Aster Pharmacies UAE Operations; and **Ms. Hiba E**, Senior Manager, Product Management, Alfa One, Brand, were recognised as Star Volunteers for their immense dedication.

Medcare Hospitals & Medical Centres Dubai

Aster Volunteers from the **Medcare Management Office** conducted the Shukran Annual Connect 2026, led by **Mr. Sukheesh Kumar Nair, Mr. Bharatha Raj, and Mrs. Sanitha Ron.** The event was attended by **Dr. Shanila Laiju**, CEO, Medcare Hospitals & Medical Centres UAE, and all staff of the Medcare Management Office.

Medcare Hospital Sharjah, unit 1

Aster Volunteers from **Medcare Hospital Sharjah, unit 1,** conducted the Shukran Annual Connect 2026. The event was led by Aster Volunteers Lead, **Mr. Noufal Hamza,** and was attended by **Mr. Shaz Abdulla**, Deputy Manager, Operations; **Ms. Zaleela T** Yousef, Deputy Manager, Human Resources, **Dr. Tamer Saafan**, Consultant, General Surgery and other department heads.

Medcare Hospital Sharjah, unit 2

Aster Volunteers from **Medcare Hospital Sharjah, unit 2** conducted Shukran Annual Connect 2026, the event was led by Aster Volunteers, lead **Mr. Ashif Thoduvil** and was attended by **Ms. Nilufar Usman**, Deputy Manager, Human Resources, **Mr. Datta Mote**, Nursing Officer, Nursing Services, and other department heads.

Qatar

Aster Qatar

Aster Volunteers **Qatar** as part of the Shukran Annual Connect 2026 distributed **"Shukran" Awards** to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who selflessly lent their time and energy to support all our community initiatives and clinical camps.

The appreciation ceremony was graced by our executive leadership team, **Mr. Kapil Chib**, Chief Operating Officer, **Mr. Pranav**, Head of Finance, **Mrs. Siddhartha**, Head of Hospital Operations, **Mr. Kiran**, Head of HR, Head of Service Excellence, **Dr. Parvez, Mr. Anto**, Head of IT, **Dr. Rekha** Head of Insurance, **Mr. Sumeet**, Head of Marketing, **Mr. Sajith**, Head of BD, and **Ms. Regina Pinto**, Chief Nursing Officer.

A massive congratulations and a sincere Shukran to all our award recipients your unwavering passion and commitment continue to make a lasting impact.

Saudi Arabia

Aster Sanad Hospital

Aster Volunteers from **Aster Sanad Hospital** conducted Shukran Annual Connect 2026. The event was graced by our respected guest **Dr. Turki Albacker** Chief Executive Officer, **Mr. Sujith Ali Mooppan**, General Manager, **Dr. Anwur**, Chief Marketing Officer, **Dr. Abdurahiman war wari,** and hospital leadership for gracing this occasion with your valuable presence and support.

As a part of this event our dedicated volunteers were honored with certificates for their selfless service, dedication, and compassion continue to make a meaningful difference. Also special thanks to **Mr. Naser M. T.** and **Mr. Ahmed Layik** for their invaluable support, guidance, and dedication. Your continuous encouragement and contributions played a significant role in the success of this event.

Oman

Aster Royal Hospital

Aster Volunteers from **Aster Royal Hospital Muscat** as part of the Shukran annual Connect 2026, awarded Shukran certificates to their dedicated Volunteers in the presence of **Ms. Dhanya**, Chief Operating Officer, honoring **30 active volunteers** on their valuable contribution across different activities led by **Ms. Maisa Abdelhamid,** Aster Oman, Aster Volunteers.

Shukran to every volunteer for continuing to serve, inspire, and create a lasting impact. Your dedication is the heartbeat of our mission. Here's to every life touched and the many milestones we'll reach together.

Together, we can take the impact further

The spirit of Volunteering is the heart of our culture at **Aster DM Healthcare**. We invite every Asterian to choose meaningful action and dedicate time to impactful community services like providing free healthcare services, supporting education, women empowerment, and environmental protection activities. Choose your area of involvement under **"Community Connect"** in your annual KRA/KPI sheets, make a difference where it matters, and share your impact with your reporting manager.

If you're ready to go a step further and lead initiatives that create change, connect with your line manager to enhance KPI for exploring opportunities to take greater ownership. Because when each of us gives a little, together we can make a bigger difference.

Team Aster Volunteers

Our Global Impact

9 YEARS SINCE 11th DEC 2016

8 MILLION + LIVES TOUCHED

100,000+ VOLUNTEERS ACTIVE AS ON 31st MAR 2026

SERVING 22 COUNTRIES

ENGAGED IN 70 REGIONS

GLOBAL 80 MOBILE CLINICS

AVG. IP CARE INR 10 Cr. PER ANNUM IN 9 YEARS

FLOOD DISASTER AID 255 ASTER HOMES

Our Focus

Healthcare | Education | Social Empowerment | Environmental Protection | Disaster Aid Support

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