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Donating an organ after death is more than just the physical act of giving a part of your body that is of no use to you anymore.

It is about celebrating your life! It shows that you value your life and you want it to continue.

Many of us believe that we should make ourselves useful and help people who are less fortunate than we are. Organ donation gives us the opportunity to be of use and help people even after we are not around anymore. Organ donation is a very noble deed, indeed!

WHAT IS ORGAN DONATION?

Organ donation takes healthy organs and tissues from one person for transplantation into another, in order to replace the diseased and non-functioning organs. An organ transplant can dramatically improve or save someone's life, but they depend entirely on the generosity of donors and their families.

In India every year, 1,50,000 people await a kidney transplant. Of which, only 5000 get a transplant whereby only 200 of these get kidneys by way of donations from the deceased. 2 lakh people die of liver disease, 50,000 from heart disease and 10 lakh people suffer from Corneal blindness and await transplant.

THE TRANSPLANT OF HUMAN ORGANS ACT (1994)

The Central Government of India passed the Transplant of Human Organs Act, 1994. This act regulates identification, retrieval, storage, transportation and transplantation of human organs in our country. It also accepts "Brain Death" as "Death".



WHO CAN BE A DONOR?

Organ donations are not constrained by age limit. All adults and minors with consent of parents or legal guardians, regardless of age, race or gender can pledge to become an organ donor.

Those suffering from life threatening diseases HIV/AIDS, cancer, bacterial or blood related disease are not eligible organ donors and cannot take the pledge. The decision to pledge their organs must be made by a person in state of sound body and mind.



The youngest donor in India so far has been 16 months old – a resident of Bhopal – Abhilasha. Her family donated both eyes and as well as kidneys subsequent to her death. **82 year old Gyanant Kaur is the oldest donor in India.**



WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

- Heart
- Liver
- Pancreas
- Lungs
- Kidney
- Eyes
- Skin
- Ear drum
- Bone marrow
- Heart valves
- Bone

WHEN DOES ORGAN DONATION TAKE PLACE?

Organ donation can take place in 2 situations.

Live Donation: This occurs when a person donates their kidney and/or a part of their liver whilst they are still alive. By Indian law, one can only make a live donation to someone within their immediate family.

Cadaver Donation: This takes place after death. This type of donation occurs only if the potential donor is on life support and has been declared brain dead. Brain death is the irreversible end of all brain activity (including involuntary activity necessary to sustain life). Unlike being in a coma or a persistent vegetative state, brain death is medically and legally recognized as death. Procedure mandates four doctors to carry a series of tests before certifying a patient as brain dead.

FACTS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION IN INDIA

- In India, 140,000 people are involved in road accidents every year. Of these 67% suffer head injuries and possibly end up brain dead. i.e almost 93000 people are brain dead every year.
- Each brain dead donor has the opportunity to affect the lives of 50 others.
- There are 5-6 or even more brain dead people lying in hospitals in a city at any given time.
- In India, the organ donation rate is 0.08 per million in a country of 1.3 billion people. i.e. less than 1 in a million Indians are Organ donors.
- Karnataka is one of the more active states for organ donation. The statistics for the last few years are: 2007- 3 transplants, 2008- 2 transplants, 2009- 11 transplants & 2010- 8 transplants.
- Signing the donor card will not affect your treatment, should you take ill or have an accident. The medical team that saves life is not connected to the organ transplant team.

ABOUT GIFT YOUR ORGAN FOUNDATION

Gift Your Organ Foundation is a non-profit organization working towards creating awareness and educating on organ donation & transplantation. It runs a registry of pledges which are further registered with the Zonal Co-ordination Committee for Transplantation in Karnataka (ZCCK).

OUR VISION

THERE WILL BE NO DEATHS IN INDIA DUE TO THE WANT OF HUMAN ORGANS.

OUR OBJECTIVE



To provide education about the merits of organ donation and break the existing myths associated with organ donation;



To reach out to the educated citizens of this country through the online medium and provide an online platform to donate their organs;



To liaise with **central and state governments** to ensure an **effective environment** is created to **facilitate organ donations**;



HOW TO PLEDGE?

Visit our website
www.giftyourorgan.org
to register your pledge

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PLEDGE YOUR ORGANS (FORM – 5)



I, _____ s/o, d/o, w/o Shri _____ aged _____,
resident of _____

in the presence of persons mentioned below hereby unequivocally authorize
the removal of (a) any organ needed or (b) my kidneys, corneas, heart, lungs,
pancreas, skin, bones, nerves, heart valves, bone marrow, connective tissues,
middle ear, blood vessels, which may be used after my death for
therapeutic purposes.

Blood Group: _____

Email id: _____

Cell Number: _____

Signature of the Donor: _____

Dated: _____



Witness 1:

Shri/Smt/Km. _____

S/o, d/o, w/o Shri _____

Aged _____

resident of _____

Email id: _____

Cell Number: _____

(Signature)

(Date)



Witness 2:

Shri/Smt/Km. _____

S/o, d/o, w/o Shri _____

Aged _____

resident of _____

Email id: _____

Cell Number: _____

(Signature)

(Date)