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Editorial Desk**Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Transplantation (ELPAT) – A Unique Organ Transplantation Conference**

Dr. Sunil Shroff making a presentation at the 4th ELPAT Congress

ELPAT is a movement that strives to look at new developments in the field of ethical, legal and psychosocial aspects of organ transplantation. It is an offshoot body of the European Society of Organ Transplantation and it meets every two years. I have had the privilege to be invited for the last two conferences, first at Rotterdam and this year, the 4th Congress at the historic city of Rome to present the perspectives from South-east Asia. This conference is different from other medically-oriented transplant conferences in that it addresses aspects of transplantation that are not normally discussed at such conferences.

This year's congress was themed 'Global Challenges' and was held from 22nd to 25th April 2016. There were over 250 delegates and experts at the conference who included ethicists, philosophers, physicians, lawyers, criminologists,

anthropologists, psychologists, coordinators, nurse practitioners and policy-makers who are actively involved in the field of organ donation and transplantation. Interactive plenary debates, innovative focus sessions, and in-depth workshops on topics that are relevant to transplant professionals made this a unique conference that is a meeting ground for all concerned in the complex field of transplantation.

ELPAT has seven working groups. Each working group addresses a specific topic in the field of ethical, legal and psychosocial aspects of organ transplantation. The purpose of these study groups is to elaborate on these topics in-depth, and to study the possibilities for uniform guidelines for Europe on that specific topic. The seven working groups are:

- Deceased Donation (DD)
- Legal Boundaries for Organ Transplantation in Europe (LB)
- Living Organ Donation (LOD)
- Organ Tourism and Paid Donation (OT)
- Paediatric Donation and Transplantation (PEDAT)
- Psychological Care for Living Donors and Recipients (PC)
- Public Issues (PI)

This year's highlight besides the conference was the release of a book entitled "**Combating trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal**", otherwise known as "**the HOTT Project**". This international research project is an EU-funded project against this 'new' and neglected form of trafficking in human beings.

From India we had three presentations –

- Role of transplant coordinators in public engagement
- Cultural and religious considerations in living and deceased donation

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Donation and Transplantation Global Leadership Symposium held in California, USA



Dr. Sunil Shroff at the Global Leadership Symposium (second row 7th from left)

The Donation and Transplantation Global Leadership Symposium (GLS) in Del Mar, California, USA from 22nd to 26th May 2016 was attended by Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee, MOHAN Foundation. It was a unique learning experience that addressed best practices and innovative solutions to the most pressing leadership challenges faced by transplantation professionals in the field of organ and tissue

donation. The leadership symposium stressed on collaborative team work to help foster global relationships, it provided a forum to help with broad leadership skills, create innovative ideas, and expand professional networks. There were 70 invited participants from more than 20 countries. Among the speakers was Nobel laureate, Alvin Roth, an Economist from Stanford University. He has been responsible for setting up the swap donation programme.

A workshop was conducted on the 'Art of negotiations' to help participants learn more about how to get the best out of any negotiation – an important requirement to run an organisation successfully. Other highlights included a cultural evening where participants from different countries were asked to share their culture, and food or any other special aspect.

Dr. Sunil Shroff talked about India's ancient heritage, its diverse culture and Yoga – a practice that helps unite the mind, body and soul. He also shared with them a simple Yoga exercise to keep the mind young and energised and this was appreciated by the audience and many said that they would practise it every morning! Case scenarios of struggling organ procurement organisations were done as group discussion with final presentation by group head. This provided an insight into how to organise the various programmes at both macro and micro level. Overall the GLS meeting was great fun and enjoyed by all the participants and the faculty.

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- Influencers of public trust in the organ donation system in India – by Nora Pernesch MOHAN Foundation's intern from Aarhus University, Denmark

Nora's impression of the congress was as follows –

The four days of the conference were packed with insightful presentations and thought-provoking debates. Living donation and the ethics of incentivizing donors were only two among the many hot topics of the conference and the diverse agenda also provided vast insights into the variations of national organ donation approaches and systems, many times followed by subsequent debates leading to emphasize that there is no one model that fits all. Topics such as facial, head and uterus transplantation made me once again be amazed by the possibilities of modern medicine and took debates about moral, social and legal aspects to another level.

There were insightful presentations and lively debates on transplant tourism and organ trafficking, which once again proved that the issue yet continues to be only fragmentarily understood. As suspicions around organ commercialism are among the factors to fuel mistrust and obstruct organ donation in India and other South Asian countries, there is a clear need to better understand transplant tourism and organ commercialism and its interferences on public perception in these countries as well.

As a delegate I also had the honor to present some preliminary results of my research conducted with MOHAN Foundation in Chennai in late 2015. The analysis of twenty semi-structured interviews showed that

although transparency, government support and altruism are important preconditions, public trust as for now seems to be mainly built on the level of personal experience and relations at the hospital, whereas media and community dynamics act as important facilitators. These findings provide supporting evidence for the crucial importance of highly skilled transplant coordinators in the Indian context, which Dr. Sunil Shroff emphasized in his presentation on 'The role of transplant coordinators in public engagement.'



Nora Pernesch, MOHAN Foundation intern at the 4th ELPAT Congress

Dr. Sunil Shroff



The heart of a deceased donor from Pune beats in Delhi

The heart of a 23-year-old young man from Pune now beats in a 24-year-old man in Delhi. This was because of the generosity of the family from Pune who donated not one, but six organs of the young man who died of a head injury sustained in a road traffic accident. He was admitted to Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune on 20th April 2016, but succumbed to his injuries five days later. This was the first time that a total of six organs and tissues were donated by a deceased donor in Pune – heart, liver, two kidneys and two corneas. And this resulted in the first case of inter-state heart transplant from Pune.

Mrs. Arati Gokhale, Central Coordinator, Zonal Transplant Coordination Centre (ZTCC), Nagpur, said that in August 2015 a heart was sent from Pune to Mumbai and was transplanted successfully. But, this time there was no suitable recipient in Mumbai, so the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) was contacted in New Delhi. There was a requirement in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and the team headed by Dr. Balram Airan reached Pune to retrieve the heart. Once the heart was retrieved, the distance of 7.8 km from Ruby Hall Clinic to the airport was covered in just six minutes. The 'green corridor' was coordinated by DCP Sarang Awad.

According to Dr. P. K. Grant, Chief Cardiologist & Managing Trustee, Ruby Hall Clinic, the liver and one kidney were transplanted in Ruby Hall Clinic and the other kidney was shared with Aditya Birla Hospital. Mrs. Surekha Joshi, social worker and transplant coordinator at Ruby Hall Clinic said, "The young man's maternal uncle, an ex-army man who had fought in the Kargil war played a major role in convincing the other family members about organ donation."

Odisha government gears itself for deceased organ donation programme



Mr. Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare felicitating Mrs. Lalitha Raghuram, Country Director, MF

SCB Medical College, Department of Nephrology and Renal transplantation, Cuttack, Odisha has performed 100 kidney transplantations so far. They started transplants in April 2012, and completed 100 on 16th April 2016. To mark the success of 100 kidney transplants, they organised a day long CME on "Deceased Organ Donation & Transplantation" in their auditorium.

Mrs. Lalitha Raghuram, Country Director, MOHAN Foundation made a presentation on Grief Counseling, Motivation, and details of NOTTO, ROTTO and SOTTO. More than 100 doctors of Odisha, including post graduates participated in the CME.

In the evening, Shri. Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Honourable Health Minister of Odisha came in as the Chief Guest for the celebrations. He mentioned that his government was increasing the health budget year after year and it was his dream that the people of Odisha should stay healthy. He offered SCB Medical College & Hospital all possible support. Dr. Chittaranjan Kar, HOD, Department of Nephrology and Dr. Hota, HOD, Department of Urology unanimously felt that Odisha should be the 9th State of India to initiate deceased organ donation programme.

Facts 'n Figures

Deceased Organ Donation Rate in India

Year	pmp*
2012	0.16
2013	0.26
2014	0.34
2015	0.50

* per million population

Did you know...?

In 2013 the Corneal Donation Rate was 25 pmp
... and the Live kidney transplantation rate was 5.7 pmp

Amruta Fadnavis pledges organs on Maharashtra Organ Donation Day

In a move to boost deceased organ donations in the state, Amruta Fadnavis, wife of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, expressed her wish to spread awareness on the issue. Mrs. Fadnavis, who was the chief guest at KEM hospital to celebrate Maharashtra Organ Donation Day, felicitated the families of deceased organ donors on 14th April 2016.

Nandkishore Naik, 52, was among the 43 deceased organ donor families who were felicitated for the noble cause. Naik, a head constable at Nagpada police station, had taken the decision to donate his wife Seema Naik's organs after she was declared brain dead. Talking about organ donation, he said, "Even in today's world, people believe in superstitious things such as – if a person's organ is donated, his soul will not rest in peace. Rather than believing such things, they should come forward to donate and help others who need them the most."

Deceased organ donation and transplantation in Kolkata after a four year lull

Up until 28th June 2016, West Bengal had just one deceased organ donor whose two kidneys were transplanted to patients at SSKM Hospital and Belle Vue Clinic in 2012. But the family of Mrs. Sovona Sarkar, 71, who was declared brain dead on 23rd June 2016 decided to put West Bengal on the map of deceased organ donation and

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Going places with NHS Blood and Transplant, UK!



Deceased Donation Course in Nottingham (L to R) – Dr. Dan Harvey, Consultant, Intensive Care Medicine, Dr. Sumana Navin, Dr. Dale Gardiner, Deputy National Clinical Lead for Organ Donation



Dr. Sumana Navin with the Specialist Nurses in Organ Donation (SNODs) in Nottingham



(L to R) Dr. Sumana Navin, Victoria Carroll and Gill Sullivan at the National Referral Centre, NHSBT Tissue Services, Liverpool

Dr. Sumana Navin, Course Director, MOHAN Foundation was invited as an observer for the Deceased Donation Course for Intensive Care Medicine (ICM) trainees in Nottingham by Dr. Dale Gardiner, Deputy National Clinical Lead for Organ Donation, NHSBT, under the auspices of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), UK and MOHAN Foundation in 2015. The course was held on 24th & 25th February 2016 at Jurys Inn and Trent Simulation & Clinical Skills Centre, QMC Campus, Nottingham University Hospitals.

The UK Organ Donation Taskforce (2008) recommended that all clinical staff likely to be involved in the treatment of potential organ donors should receive mandatory training in the principles of donation. The objective of this course was to give participants the knowledge and skills to be able to confidently include organ donation as part of their end of life care options for their patients in their future intensive care career. The recent amendment of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act in India has made intensivists an integral part of brain stem death certification. In addition, their role in donor optimisation cannot be overemphasised. This observership, therefore, offered great learning opportunities.

At the Deceased Donation Course

On Day 1, the lectures and patient stories set the stage perfectly for the simulations the next day. Bronwyn, a heart transplant recipient, shared her experience and the wonderful care and support that she received from the team at Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, England. It was a privilege to hear Mrs. Carol Donaldson, mother of deceased donor James. Her fighting spirit and generosity was inspiring.

On Day 2, the use of video vignettes, professional actors and manikins in the simulations gave the day a very 'real' feel. The scenarios involved both Donation after Brain Death (DBD) and Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD). There were tutorial-based workshops on Brain stem death and Objective ethics. There was also focus on how to work productively with others, particularly the Specialist Nurses in Organ Donation (Transplant Coordinators, in the Indian context).

Visit to NHSBT Tissue Services

Dr. Sumana Navin also visited the NHSBT Tissue Services in Speke, Liverpool on 29th February 2016 on the invitation of Dr. Akila Chandrasekar, Consultant in Transfusion Medicine. This sprawling facility started in 2005, is the hub for the coordination, retrieval, processing, banking and supply of human tissue grafts in the UK – bone, skin, cardiovascular, tendons and eyes.

They bank and supply tissue grafts from around 400 deceased tissue donors per year and respond on a 24-hour basis to over 6,000 donor referrals. Their key objectives are to provide high quality, safe and effective tissue grafts for the benefit of patients. They also work in collaboration with coroners, pathologists and NHS partners to provide families of tissue donors



Dr. Sumana Navin (centre) with Dr. Richard Lomas and Dr. Akila Chandrasekar at NHSBT Tissue Services, Speke, Liverpool



James Donaldson - An Officer and a Gentleman...and a Hero

with access to a team of specially trained nurses. Their role is to discuss the donation options and help facilitate the donation process. Dr. Sumana Navin had the opportunity to interact with some of the personnel in the National Referral Centre – Anita Ambrose, Manager, Gill Sullivan, Shift Leader and Victoria Carroll, nurse. They gave her insights into the rigorous protocol and documentation that was followed.

Dr. Richard Lomas, Senior Clinical Development Scientist, took Dr. Navin on a tour of the state-of-the-art tissue bank facility. The Research & Development wing was fascinating, particularly the autologous serum eye drop system for the treatment of severe dry eye (e.g. Sjögren's syndrome). The centre is a major step forward in the donation of human tissue. Historically, tissues have been obtained from deceased donors in mortuaries, however the donation process can now be carried out in a high grade facility built to the same standards as an operating theatre. The donated tissue is then transferred directly to clean rooms to be prepared for transplantation and stored pending clinical requirement.

"James was an officer and hopefully a gentleman," said Carol Donaldson with a slight smile. She was talking about her 26-year-old son, James Donaldson, who died in a motorbike accident in 2010. There is no doubt in my mind that James was a gentleman and a hero for he is a deceased organ donor.

I met Carol when I was in the UK as an observer at a Deceased Donation Course for Intensive Care Medicine trainees in February 2016. There were technical sessions as well as a session on Donor and Recipient stories, and that's when Carol walked in with Bronwyn, a heart transplant recipient. After Bronwyn spoke about her lifesaving transplant, Carol told us, "This is what makes it worth it, that it (the donation) made a difference. That is what James would have wanted." What drew me to Carol was her air of positivity – not easy at all for a mother who had lost her son in the prime of his life. James was at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst training to be an officer. She said, "He wanted to do so much, he wanted to make a difference. He was on the ODR (Organ Donor Register)."

Carol said that James as a child was full of fun from the word 'go'. He was always curious. They used to sit together on the roof of the shed at home and talk about all sorts of things and that's where they discussed organ donation. He said, "I've always helped people, why should it be any different when I die?" His grandfather, in fact, had donated his body to medical science.

When the doctors told Carol that James was brain dead, she made the decision to donate immediately, she wanted to make sure that his wish was fulfilled. James saved the lives of four people – his heart went to a 50-year-old man, one kidney

to a young boy, the other kidney and pancreas to a mother with diabetes mellitus and the liver to a man who was gravely ill. Carol's greatest comfort was in hearing that the recipients were doing well.

Carol ended by saying that working in the organ donation programme had given her a future and allowed her to make a difference in peoples' lives in the way that James would have wanted. And that, in her mind without a doubt, organ donation was the best thing – the ultimate gift.

Whether it is in India or the UK, when one meets donor families what resonates is the triumph of the human spirit.



Dr. Sumana Navin in Nottingham with (L to R) Bronwyn, heart transplant recipient, Lorraine, Specialist Nurse in Organ Donation, Bronwyn's husband, and Carol, mother of deceased donor James



Carol Donaldson with a picture of her son James

Dr. Sumana Navin



Training Programme

Under the aegis of the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), MOHAN Foundation conducted the second joint Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme at the NOTTO Office, Safadarjung Hospital Campus, New Delhi from March 1 - 5, 2016.



Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, handing over a memento to Ms. Pallavi Kumar, Executive Director Delhi NCR, MF

NOTTO is in the process of creating a national syllabus for Transplant Coordinators and the training programme is an integral part of this curriculum that would help transplant coordinators in various transplant centres across the country to become effective coordinators. 35 participants of varied profiles like doctors, nurses, medical social workers, psychologists and quality managers from both private and government hospitals of Delhi-NCR attended the training. The training concluded with a valedictory function which was graced by Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. He congratulated the participants for successfully completing their training and gave away the certificates. Some of the participants also shared their experience and gave feedback of the training.



Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee MOHAN Foundation and Dr. Saudan Singh, Director NOTTO addressing the participants



Dr. Muneet Sahi, Programme Manager, MF addressing queries from participants



Ms. Pallavi Kumar taking a session on the importance of public awareness



Trained Transplant Coordinators



Under the aegis of NOTTO, MOHAN Foundation in partnership with Fortis Organ Retrieval & Transplant (FORT) conducted a Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon from April 12-16, 2016.

58 delegates of varied profiles – transplant coordinators, doctors, nurses, medical social workers, senior managers, medical superintendent and counselors from 11 states and 2 union territories of India attended the training in Transplant Coordination. This was the third consecutive year the training was held in partnership with FORT under the guidance of Dr. Avnish Seth (Director, FORT). The highlight of the training programme was the panel discussion held on the last day. Dr. Arti Vij (Faculty incharge, ORBO), Dr. Harsha Jauhari (Chairman, Renal Transplant Surgery, SGRH & Advisor, Organ Transplant Programme), Dr. Sunil Shroff (Managing Trustee, MF), Dr. Bishnu Panigrahi (Vice President, FHL), Dr. S. K. Badhan (Consultant Coordinator, NOTTO), Ms. Preeti Monga (CEO, Silver Linings) & Ms. Anika Parashar (Trustee, Parashar Foundation) were the panelists. Dr. Avnish Seth (Director, FORT) and Ms. Pallavi Kumar (Executive Director, MF) were the moderators. The panelists unanimously agreed that all the stakeholders involved in the deceased donation program including the NGOs and the hospital based organisations working in the field of organ donation should have a defined role and work cohesively under the national umbrella i.e. NOTTO.

Following the panel discussion a special ceremony was organised to felicitate the police personnel in Gurgaon who had helped both in medicolegal cases and in the formation of green corridors for timely donation and shifting of organs. Mr Navdeep Singh Virk (Commissioner of Police, Gurgaon) along with other police personnel were given certificates of appreciation and they also pledged to donate their organs. At the valedictory session, Dr. Sunil Shroff and Dr. Avnish Seth gave away completion certificates to all the delegates.



Faculty and participants at the training in Transplant Coordination at FMRI, Gurgaon



Mrs. Lalitha Raghuram, Country Director, MF handing over a memento to Dr. Saudan Singh, Director, NOTTO



A role play in progress



Dr. Sumana Navin, Course Director, MF conducting a quiz



Panel discussion with experts



Mr. Navdeep S Virk, Commissioner of Police, Gurgaon addressing the transplant coordinators



Participants at the training



A participant shares his experience



Police personnel being felicitated



Midterm meeting of Indian Society of Organ Transplantation



Dignitaries with the programme book (L to R) Dr. Georgi Abraham, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, CMD, Biocon, Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, Dr. Sunil Shroff, Dr. Narayan Prasad, Secretary ISOT



Dr. Anand Khakhar moderating the session on Supporting transplant patients – How can the industry help



Dr. Isabel Quiroga, UK speaking on Need for standardised exchange of information & standardised organ retrieval



Dr. R. K. Sharma, President ISOT speaking. Chairpersons (L to R) Dr. Chittaranjan Kar, Dr. A. Olithselvan, Dr. R. Bagirath

A two day conference on Standardising Transplant Care and Making it Affordable was held on 24th & 25th June 2016 at Fortune Park JP Celestial, Bengaluru. The meeting was conducted under the aegis of Indian Society of Organ Transplantation (ISOT). Each day was divided into 5 technical sessions.

The topics for discussion during Day 1 were – Quality Indicators, Ensuring good quality of organs, Logistic issues, Economics of post transplant care, standardising information exchange for transplants and the National Transplant Program.

The topics for discussion during Day 2 were – Financial challenges to transplants, industry help for patients, costs computations and trainings for standardised transplant care.

In addition to these topics the meeting had an invited talk ‘Raising Funds for Transplants’ by Mr. Anoj Viswanathan of Milaap. And a keynote address on “Altruism – the cornerstone of organ transplantation” by Mr. P.W.C. Davidar, IAS.

The Inaugural Function was graced by Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, CMD, Biocon Limited.

About 100 doctors, and transplant coordinators attended the meeting. Organ specialists from renal, liver, heart and pancreas were represented in the meeting. Faculty was drawn from the hospitals, insurance sector, pharmacy sector, and from health development NGOs.

This conference was combined with a Multi Organ Retrieval Workshop being organised at MS Ramaiah Advanced Learning Centre, Bengaluru. There were 39 participants for the retrieval workshop and 7 for the Deceased Donation workshop.

The meeting was supported by NOTTO, ISOT, ZCCK, Integrated Liver Care Foundation and MOHAN Foundation.

Dr. Hemal Kanvinde



Dr. Vimal Bhandari, Director NOTTO speaking about the National Organ Transplant Programme



Session on Organ donation and transplantation – Quality issues (L to R) Dr. B. Subba Rao, Dr. A. Olithselvan, Dr. N. S. Nagesh, Dr. Prashant Marla

(ISOT) on Standardising Transplant Care and Making it Affordable



Dr. Sonal Asthana speaking about the 2nd Oxford Organ Retrieval Workshop



Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, Govt. of India being felicitated by Dr. Narayan Prasad and Dr. Sunil Shroff



Mr. P.W.C. Davidar, IAS delivering the keynote address on Altruism – the cornerstone of organ transplant



Speakers and participants at the ISOT midterm meeting



The 'heart group' – Dr. Julius Punnen, Dr. Jose Chacko Periapuram, Dr. R. Bagirath – deliberating on Computation of costs for affordable transplants



Mr. Anoj Viswanathan, Milaap speaking about crowdfunding to help transplant patients



Mrs. Yegnapiya Bharath of IRDA explaining the fundamentals of insurance



Mr. Sudhakar - Deceased organ donor from Puducherry

Mr. Sudhakar, 30 years old, son of Mr. Ganapathy, hailed from Paradapattu, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu. He completed his diploma and was engaged full time as an agriculturist taking care of his fields. He was the eldest in the family and was taking care of his parents. He was a lovable person and very much attached to his three children.

It was on 21st May 2016 that tragedy struck the family. Mr. Sudhakar while he was riding a two wheeler near Paradapattu had a self-skid and fall, and sustained severe head injury and became unconscious. He was rushed to Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) for further medical management.

From the day of admission Mr. Sudhakar showed no signs of improvement. After a series of tests on



25th May 2016, he was declared brain dead. His wife Mrs. Panchalli with three small children next to her was unable to bear the loss of her husband. The intensive care team in PIMS counseled the family members on the concept of organ donation and how Mr. Sudhakar could still live on in the world after his death. Mrs. Panchalli, in spite of her grief, decided to donate the organs of Mr. Sudhakar, so that her husband could make an invaluable difference in the lives of others. On 26th May 2016 Mr. Sudhakar's liver, two kidneys, and heart were donated to needy patients.

Mr. Ruban Victor
MOHAN Foundation, Puducherry

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transplantation once again. Her son, Prosenjit with the support of his 84-year-old father single mindedly contacted and interacted with health department officials and doctors for four days to honour her last wish of donating her organs. As a result, a young woman and a middle-aged man with renal failure received Mrs. Sarkar's kidneys during transplantation surgeries at Belle Vue Clinic and SSKM Hospital, a tertiary care government hospital. Her corneas were donated to the eye bank at Disha Eye Hospitals. Unfortunately, infrastructural and procedural lacunae in deceased organ transplantation in Bengal resulted in the liver, heart and lungs not being used.

"A bill will be brought in the Assembly soon, by which all health care units will be instructed to actively take part in deceased (cadaver) organ transplantation. For every brain dead patient, the hospital where the person is admitted will be required to counsel the family members. If they agree, transplantation can take place," a senior health department official said.

Chief Minister of Goa keen to implement Deceased Donation and Transplantation Programme in the state

At the Kidney Update 2016 meeting on 17th April 2016 in Panjim, Goa the Chief Minister Mr. Laxmikant Parsekar of Goa expressed his keen desire to implement Deceased Donation and Transplantation Programme in the state. He quoted the success of Tamil Nadu and Kerala and invited MOHAN Foundation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the state to implement this programme. The programme was organized by IMA Tiswadi and Goa State with the support of Dr. J. P. Tiwari and Dr. Amol Mahaldar, senior nephrologists of the state.

A workshop for Intensive care staff on issues related to 'Brain Death' was held in the morning for neurologists, intensive care doctors, and



Mr. Laxmikant Parsekar, Chief Minister of Goa lighting the lamp at Kidney Update 2016 in Panjim

other clinicians. Later in the morning, the keynote session on transplant included a talk on Deceased Donor Organ Transplantation by Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee, MOHAN Foundation. The Guest of Honour at the inauguration, Dr. Shekhar Salkar, Chairman of Goa Medical Council urged the Government to consider a public – private partnership in the transplant programme. He said that in Tamil Nadu and Kerala more donations were happening in corporate hospitals, but with equitable distribution Government hospital patients received organs previously inaccessible to them. The Honourable Chief Minister in his opening remarks as Chief Guest commented on the importance of the Kidney Update. He also noted the brilliant success of the Southern states in deceased organ donation and transplantation, in particular the Kerala model and his desire to replicate this in Goa.

Mrs. Bhavna Jagwani – a champion for the cause of organ donation gets recognition in Rajasthan



Mrs. Bhavna Jagwani, Convener, MFJCF receiving "RAJMATA GAYATRI DEVI WOMEN'S EXCELLENCE AWARD" from Maharani Padmavati Devi

Mrs. Bhavna Jagwani, Convener, MOHAN Foundation – Jaipur Citizen Forum (MFJCF) was honoured with the "RAJMATA GAYATRI DEVI WOMEN'S EXCELLENCE AWARD." The award was given in the beautiful traditional ambience of City Palace by Maharani Padmavati Devi on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Late Brig. H.H. Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh on 23rd October 2015.

Born and brought up in Nagpur, Bhavna, a jewellery designer by profession has a unique flair for creativity. During her pregnancy, she lost her vision due to a drug reaction. Miraculously the vision came back. Believing there was a hidden purpose behind everything Bhavna founded the Eye Bank Society of Rajasthan (EBSR). More than 4000 people have got vision as a result of the efforts of EBSR. In 2014, Bhavna took the initiative to start the challenging Deceased Organ Donation and Transplant Programme in Rajasthan and set up an NGO named MFJCF. Bhavna said, "The road ahead is very long and tough as the demand for the organs is huge and retrieval is limited. But by the grace of God and support from the State Government, MOHAN Foundation, family, friends and the incredible and amazing MFJCF team, a lot more can be achieved."



Mrs. Bhavna Jagwani's citation

MOHAN Foundation receives the Golden Mikes Awards for "Best use of Radio"

MOHAN Foundation won the Gold Trophy at the Golden Mikes Radio Advertising Awards for the "Best use of Radio" for its campaign titled "Dil Deke Dekho" with 91.1 Radio City. The campaign was run in Delhi-NCR from February 5, 2015 and leading up to February 14, 2015, it being the Valentine's Day. The campaign aimed to promote the cause of organ donation (more so heart donation) and to encourage listeners to pledge their organs on the Valentine's Day.



Ms Pallavi Kumar receiving the Golden Mikes award on behalf of MOHAN Foundation



Ms Pallavi Kumar with all the three awards bagged by the campaign

Ms. Pallavi Kumar (Executive Director, Delhi-NCR) received the award on April 28, 2016 at the ITC Grand Central Hotel at Mumbai.

Golden Mikes celebrate the very best of radio advertising on stations across India and acknowledge the contribution of advertising agencies, media agencies, clients, radio stations, production houses and others to the growth of the medium in the country through these annual awards. This was the 6th edition of the Golden Mikes Awards.

The campaign itself won 3 awards namely:

- Gold for "Best use of Radio"
- Silver for "Best On Air promotion by a single radio station"
- Silver for "Best Public Service Initiative by a radio station"

The campaign attracted many celebrities to endorse organ donation. Honourable Health Minister, Mr. J. P. Nadda also congratulated the efforts of the campaign. Many recipients and donor families shared their experiences on air and there were a large number of sign-ups as a result of the campaign. The campaign highlights have been captured in this sound byte – www.soundcloud.com/musicjockeyabhishek/best-use-of-radio-dil-deke-dekho.



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Dr. Ravi Wankhede presented Annual Exemplary Humanitarian Award by Rotary Club of Nasik West



Dr. Ravi Wankhede addressing the gathering



Dr. Ravi Wankhede receiving the Annual Exemplary Humanitarian award

The Rotary Club of Nasik West invited Dr. Ravi Wankhede, Head of MOHAN Foundation, Nagpur Centre and presented him with the Annual Exemplary Humanitarian Award for the year 2015-16 for his work on spreading awareness about organ donation through Rotary International District 3030. The function was held at Hotel Surya on 22nd May 2016. The gathering consisted of District Governor Dr. Nikhil Kibe, a host of several past District Governors, District Governor elect Mahesh Mokalkar, dignitaries from Nasik and offices bearers of all the Rotary Clubs of Nasik. The Award was presented by District Governor Dr. Nikhil Kibe, reputed nephrologist from Akola. The President of Rotary Club of Nasik West introduced Dr. Wankhede to the audience. He said Nasik had made

progress on awareness of organ donation in just one year, after Dr. Wankhede visited Nasik and spoke on the subject. His visit resulted in opening of Skin Bank at Nasik.

Dr. Ravi Wankhede in his address thanked the Rotary Club of Nasik West and others who had taken it upon themselves to put Nasik on the transplant map of India. He said he owed his knowledge due to the fact that he got an opportunity to donate a kidney to his friend in 2009. This also led him to be associated with the MOHAN Foundation and the Zonal Transplant Coordination Centre at Nagpur. He said that the Rotary was an excellent medium to spread awareness about deceased organ donation.

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