

In Death, A Doctor in Kolkata Gives a Fresh Lease of Life to Three

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Dr. Sanjukta is no more, but her legacy lives on. That is how doctors in Kolkata mourned the death of Sanjukta Shyam Roy, a 43-year-old Kolkata doctor who gave a fresh lease of life to three people. Dr. Sanjukta, an anaesthesiologist was pronounced brain dead at the Apollo Multispecialty Hospital, Kolkata, the very same hospital where she had been attached to. Dr. Sanjukta had suffered a massive cardiac arrest and was rushed to the hospital. Despite the efforts of the doctors, she did not gain consciousness, and was declared brain dead on May 3, 2022.

When asked, Dr. Sanjukta's family agreed to donate her organs. Dr. Sanjukta's liver and kidneys were retrieved and allocated to needy patients by ROTTO East (Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization). Her corneas were donated to Disha Eye Hospital, Kolkata. Being the donor

hospital, Apollo Multispecialty Hospital was given the liver; the kidneys were shared with the Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research (IPGMER), Kolkata and ILS Hospital, Dum Dum.

"We have ten liver recipients listed with ROTTO. But the wait gets too long since donations are rare," said Dr. Mahesh Goenka, Director of the Institute of Gastro Sciences at Apollo Multispecialty Hospital, Kolkata.

Apollo Hospitals, Kolkata has been doing pioneering work in deceased donation program in West Bengal. The state's first deceased organ donation was facilitated at the very same hospital in July 2016.

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