

## **In Mann Ki Baat, PM Modi Emphasizes the Importance of Organ Donation**

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In the 99<sup>th</sup> Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' on March 26, 2023, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, urged the people to support organ donation. In his speech, he stated that in the era of modern medical science, organ donation has emerged as a significant way to saving lives and that one "yes" may potentially save the lives of eight to nine individuals. He also added that it was gratifying to observe that awareness about organ donation was on the rise in our country and the families of those who have chosen to donate organs have indeed accomplished a great deed.

The PM also had conversations with the families of deceased organ donors during the Maan Ki Baat, including Sukhbir Singh and Supreet Kaur of Punjab who donated their 39-day-old daughter, Baby Ababat Kaur's organs; Abhijit Chowdhary, a resident of Jharkhand who donated the organs of his mother Smt. Snehlata Chaudhary.

He continued by saying that a large number of people are currently waiting for organ transplantation with the hopes of living healthy lives. Efforts are being made to create a unified policy across the nation in order to facilitate and promote organ donation. The need of a state's domicile has been eliminated, meaning that patients can now register for organ transplants in any state in the country. Additionally, the age limit of below 65 years for deceased donor transplant has also been removed. He concluded his message on organ donation saying, 'One decision of yours can save the lives of many people, can give life'.

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