

Tamil Nadu Sees Unprecedented Increase in Deceased Organ Donation

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Tamil Nadu has seen an unprecedented surge in deceased organ donation in 2024, all within just four months. 102 deceased donations were facilitated in the State over a period of 130 days (January 1 - May 9, 2024). A total of 324 organs and 271 tissues retrieved from these donors were given to needy patients awaiting transplant. Additionally, two hand transplants have been performed this year. The Chief Minister's announcement in September 2023 that the deceased donors would receive State honours has been credited for reviving public interest in organ donation.

Ma Subramanian, Honourable Minister for Health and Family Welfare of Tamil Nadu declared, "It is mandatory for all

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government teaching medical college hospitals to declare brain death and provide grief counselling. In the event that the hospitals are not authorized organ transplant facilities, they retrieve the organs with the approval of consenting families and distribute them, per TRANSTAN's (Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu) directives, to a network of hospitals."

"Structured training programs were offered to medical professionals involved in deceased organ donation from government medical colleges," said Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Member Secretary of TRANSTAN.

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