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Dear Colleague,

To strengthen the Health Systems in order to facilitate organ donation & organ transplant is an important priority of the Govt. One organ donor can save upto 8 lives. A huge gap exists between patients who require organ transplants and the organ donors that are available. In this context, Govt. of India has established **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)**, an apex organization and similar organizations at regional and state level to provide for an efficient and organized system of organ procurement and distribution in the country and to maintain a national registry of donors and recipients of organs and tissues.

NOTTO celebrates the Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) every year to augment awareness about organ donation, dispel myths and misconceptions associated with organ donation and motivate and encourage the citizens of the country to donate organs and tissue after death, as well as to imbibe the value of organ donation in their lives.

This year, it has been decided to run an awareness campaign by the name of "**Angdaan Mahotsav**" in line with the Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence of India. As part of the campaign, **3rd August 2023** will be celebrated as the Indian Organ Donation Day to commemorate the first deceased donor organ transplant, which was also the first Heart transplant done in the country, after promulgation of "The Transplantation of Human Organs Act" on 8th July, 1994. The month of July 2023 (1st -31st July) is being organized as the Organ Donation month wherein many awareness activities have been planned.

The specific objectives of this year's campaign are:

- To reduce the demand for organ transplantation by promoting healthy lifestyles & wellness.
- To spread awareness about brain stem death, deceased organ donation & control of illegal practices related to organ transplantation.
- To bust myths and misconceptions related to organ donation & transplantation.
- To increase identification and declaration of cases of brain stem death by the hospitals
- To augment organ donation & transplantation infrastructure in the Govt. sector institutions.
- To train the required manpower.

The suggested action plan for the event is as follows:

- i. To maximize registration of Pledges for organ and tissue donation.

- ii. To spread awareness among the Community, activities of felicitation of organ donor and pledge taking ceremony may be organized at Gram Panchayat level. The pledge can be administered by the Sarpanch.
- iii. The office of District Collector/District Magistrate may be involved to supervise the activities at the District Headquarter, Sub Division and Block level in the concerned district.
- iv. A pledge for organ and tissue donation in English and Hindi or regional language will be administered through both physical events at all levels and digital platforms. A template of the pledge in English and Hindi is enclosed which may be got translated into regional languages for wider dissemination.
- v. All Central Government Ministries, Hospitals/Institutions and medical Colleges (Government and Private) are requested to organize similar activities during the Angdaan Mahotsav and on Indian Organ Donation Day on 3rd August, 2023.
- vi. Various activities towards promotion of organ and tissue donation namely pledging, poster, slogan and quiz competition etc. through Government of India, digital platform namely "MyGov" are being initiated.

Accordingly all States/UTs and Departments of Govt. of India / Organizations/Institutions are requested to organize activities to observe the event and disseminate the information widely among various stakeholders.

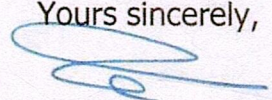
It is requested, a report along with the photographs of the observance of the event may please be sent to Director NOTTO, 4th & 5th floor NIOP Building, Safdarjung Hospital Campus, New Delhi-110029 (Email id: nottoiodd@gmail.com and Phone Number: 011-26164770).

I seek your cooperation in this national endeavour to further the noble cause of organ donation.

Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: as above


(Rajesh Bhushan)

1. Secretary, All Ministries/Departments Government of India
2. ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health & FW) All States/UTs
3. Director, All ROTTOs & SOTTOs
4. Head, Central Government Hospitals/Institutions
5. All Medical Colleges (Government and Private)

Copy for information to Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India

ORGAN DONATION PLEDGE

I, _____ pledge to donate such of my organs and tissues as could be used after my death to give new lease of life to those in need.

Keeping in view the shortage of organs and tissues for transplantation in our country, I also pledge that I will make all efforts to inspire my family, friends and fellow citizens to donate organs and tissues after death.

अंगदान प्रतिज्ञा

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