

In the news – National

## The Organ Donation Flag was unveiled by the Chief Minister of Rajasthan

Sunil Shroff, Sujatha Suriyamoorthi MOHAN Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

The Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri. Ashok Gehlot unveiled the organ donation flag on June 19, 2023, which was designed by MOHAN Foundation Jaipur Citizen Forum (MFJCF). The flag, bearing the message 'Gift of Life', aims to promote organ donation and honour the selfless donors and their families who have saved lives through their altruistic deed.

Mr. Rajiv Arora, the president of MFJCF, stated that the flag will be raised at two prominent locations in Jaipur: The Organ Donor Memorial near Central Park and the Eye Donor Wall in Bani Park.

Whenever an organ donation occurs in Rajasthan, as a sign of respect for the donor, the flag will be used to cover the donor's body before being handed over to the family. Before cremation, the flag will be removed from the body and then flown at the donor's home.

Additionally, the flag will serve as a symbol of identification for hospitals dedicated to encouraging

organ donation. All organ transplant hospitals in Rajasthan will raise this flag to signify their commitment to the cause, as stated by Mrs. Bhavna Jagwani, the convenor of MFJCF.

The state has made a significant progress in organ donation since the first deceased donation in 2015. So far, 48 families have generously donated organs of their loved ones after they were declared brain dead resulting in 110 organs being transplanted to patients in need. This new organ donation flag is expected to further raise awareness and encourage more people to participate in this life-saving initiative.

> Corresponding Author: Dr. Sunil Shroff, MOHAN Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India Email: shroff@mohanfoundation.org

**To cite** : Shroff S, Suriyamoorthi S. In the news. The Organ Donation Flag was unveiled by the Chief Minister of Rajasthan. Indian Transplant Newsletter. 2023 Mar-Jun;22(1):p3.

