

Tamil Nadu to Conduct Funeral of Organ Donors with State Honors

Sunil Shroff

MOHAN Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

In September 2023, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin shared on social media that the state government would bestow honours during the last rites of those individuals who donated their organs to save the lives of many. Organ donations become possible only because of the altruistic sacrifice made by the families of brain-dead patients during their time of grief, he added. This significant initiative by the state government will create more public awareness regarding the importance of organ donation.

During the State Organ Donation Day observed by the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN) in September 2023, Dr. N Gopalakrishnan, Member Secretary, discussed the recent initiative which encourages doctors and nurses to participate in an "honour walk" as a gesture of respect for deceased organ donors. "To augment the organ

pool, all the government medical college hospitals across the state have been declared as non-transplant organ retrieval centers," announced Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma Subramanian.

Tamil Nadu has been in the forefront of organ transplantation for many years. The state has been bestowed with the best State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) award during the commemoration of the 13th Organ Donation Day held on August 3, 2023.

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

To cite : Shroff S. In the news. Tamil Nadu to Conduct Funeral of Organ Donors with State Honors. Indian Transplant Newsletter. 2023 Jul-Sep; 22(2):p3.

