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Sharp Increase in Number of Organ Transplants in India; Over 4.8 Lakh Pledges Registered to Donate Organs

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India's experience with organ transplants over the last ten years has shown significant growth. The number of transplants conducted annually has increased from less than 5,000 in 2013 to approximately 20,000 in 2025. Families consenting to deceased donation has also increased over the years, reaching over 1,200 in 2025. Every single one of these numbers refers to a patient who has undergone a life-saving transplant such as kidney, liver, heart or any other organ—thanks to those who donated their organs. This growth has been made possible by improved standards and the increased number of institutions offering transplant services.

Since September 2023, more than 4.8 lakh people have pledged to become organ donors using the Aadhaar based verification system with particularly high registrations from states such as Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Karnataka. Although there continues to be more need than availability of organs for transplants, such developments indicate a significant shift whereby the donation of organs is not only a matter of medicine but also a collective social obligation and act of kindness.

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