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Subject: Regarding Special Campaign for Online Organ Donation Pledge Registry (Seva Pakhwada)

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the Government of India has established National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), an apex organization, which celebrates the Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) every year to augment awareness about organ donation.

In this regard, an online Organ Donation Pledge Registry is being initiated beginning from 'Sewa Pakhwada' to register the pledges of willing citizens all over the country. The facility of pledging is available on <https://notto.abdm.gov.in/Dledge-registry/> which can also be accessed from website of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation www.notto.mohfw.gov.in.

A 24x7 toll free helpline No. 1800114770, is available for providing any guidance related to pledging process or information on organ donation. Further, a background note is attached for reference please.

In view of above, the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are requested to widely disseminate about the online Organ Donation Pledge in order to achieve maximum participation for organ donation.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Manish Joshi)

Encl: As above.

To

The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
The Principals of all Colleges/Institutes

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Sewa Pakhwada: Avushman Bhava
(17th September 2023 to 2nd October 2023)

Campaign to register online pledges of willing citizens
for Organ Donation

Background Note

There is huge shortage of Organs available for carrying out Transplants as compared to the number of patients who require Organ transplants resulting in a wide gap between demand and supply of organs. As per estimates, 2 lakh new patients require kidney transplants every year for which only around 12 thousand kidneys are available for transplants, similarly for a need of 40000 to 50000 liver transplants, only 4000 livers are available for transplants and for a need of 50000 heart transplants only about 250 heart transplants are carried out. After covid-19 pandemic, the need for lung transplants has also gone up. Many patients also require transplants of pancreas and intestine for saving their lives. India is home to around one third of corneal blind people in the world, which could only be helped with eye donation. Skin donation can help saving the lives of burn patients. Many patients require bones, heart valves and other tissues to treat their diseases.

A living donor above the age of 18 years, can donate either one kidney or part of his liver, however there are concerns of possible commercial trading in such donations and inherent risk to the health of living donor. A deceased donor could be of any age and can donate all vital organs namely kidney, Liver, Heart, Lungs, Pancreas and Intestine and many tissues like cornea, skin, bone, heart valves, blood vessels, cartilage etc; thus one deceased donor can save upto eight lives and improve the quality of life of many others.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has also highlighted the importance of organ donation in 'Mann Ki Baat' and on other occasions and also emphasized that one organ donor can save upto eight lives.

Thus there is a need to promote deceased organ donation. About 1.5 lakh deaths happen annually due to road traffic accidents in India – a large number of these cases could be harvested for organs. Besides this there are other potential donors like cases of brain haemorrhage, stroke etc.

With the efforts of Government, the total number of organ transplants done per year in the country has increased from 4990 in the year 2013 to 16041 in the year 2022. The key statistics of organ donation for the year 2022 is **annexed**.

However, the organ donation rate in our country still continues to be less than 1 per million populations, while the highest in the world is in Spain, where around 48 persons per million population donate their organs after death.

Govt. of India has established **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (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. Govt also provides support to States and institutions for augmenting the infrastructure and trained manpower needed for organ donation and transplantation.

Govt. is organizing Sewa Pakhwada from 17th September 2023 to 2nd October 2023 during which, under the Ayushman Bhava Program of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, among other activities, a campaign to register pledges of all willing citizens of age 18 years and above is being initiated. The aim and objectives of the Drive is to maximize the 'Organ Donor Pledges', 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.

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To kick start the Drive, on the eve of Sewa Pakhwada and 73rd Birthday of Hon'ble PM, a mega event to register at least 7300 organ donor pledges is being organized at GIC ground, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, in which Hon'ble Ministers of Health and Family Welfare, MPs, MLAs, Senior Government functionaries other dignitaries and eminent persons will participate.

All States/UTs and Departments of Govt. of India /Organizations/Institutions are requested to organize pledge registration campaign and disseminate the information widely among various stakeholders.

The suggested action plan for the campaign is as follows:

- i. To maximize registration of Pledges for organ and tissue donation.
- ii. To spread awareness among masses, activities of felicitation of organ donor and pledge taking ceremony may be organized at Gram Panchayat level. The pledge activities can be supervised by the respective Sarpanch. Common Service centres may be involved.
- iii. Health Facilities from peripheral like health and wellness centre, PHC, CHC to district hospital and medical college level may be actively involved in the organ donation pledging campaign and facilitating the online pledging. The Nursing, Pharmacy and Paramedical training institutions and health workers like ASHAs, Anganwadis, ANMs, Community Health Officers, Medical Officers and other health workers may be actively involved in widely disseminating information and facilitating the pledging.
- iv. 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.
- v. All Central Government Ministries, Hospitals/Institutions and medical Colleges (Government and Private) are requested to organize pledge registration activities.
- vi. Various activities towards promotion of organ and tissue donation namely pledging, poster, slogan and quiz competition etc. may also be organized to sensitize regarding need for organ and tissue donation.

It is also a call for all for citizens of the country to come forward in large numbers and get associated with the noble cause of organ donation, which is also an act of community solidarity, for the sake of humanity.

The key statistics of organ donation for the year 2022 is given below:

Jan- Dec 2022		
Deceased Donors		941
Kidney	Living	10164
	Deceased	1541
	Total	11705
Liver	Living	3174
	Deceased	737
	Domino	9
	Total	3920
Heart Transplants		243
Lung Transplants		144
Pancreas Transplants		26
Small Bowel Transplants		3
Organ Transplants	Deceased Organ Transplants	2694
	Living Organ Transplants	13338
	Domino Organ Transplants	9
	Total Organ Transplants	16041

In the year 2022' the key highlights are:

- Highest Number of deceased Donors in five years
- Highest total number of organ transplants over the years
- Highest total number of living donor organ transplants over the years
- Highest total number of Deceased donor organ transplants over the years