

# Second cadaver donation within 10 days of new year

## Kidneys, Liver, Corneas And Skin Harvested From Bandra Woman

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**Mumbai:** The city witnessed the year's second cadaveric organ donation on Friday when the family of a 73-year-old Bandra resident donated her organs to help organ-failure patients.

The donation, which took place at Nanavati Hospital in Juhu, occurred in quick succession to the year's first donation that took place on January 5 at Saifee Hospital, Charni Road. These donations within a week follow last year's record donations of 41.

In the second donation case, after Geeta Malkani was declared brain dead, her husband, Nanik, donated her kidneys, liver, corneas and skin. "My wife had always wanted to donate her eyes. So when I was told that she could donate her other organs as well, I thought she would have been happier to know that she can give more than what she had planned to," said Nanik.

Malkani suffered a brain haemorrhage on Wednesday when she was admitted to hospital. Within a day, she was declared as brain dead. "Although my wife is no more, it gives me immense strength, and also satisfaction, to know that she is still living through her organ donations for others," said Nanik.

As Nanavati Hospital's registration for conducting trans-

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► Six patients have got Geeta Malkani's 2 kidneys, a liver, two corneas and skin

► This was 2015's second donation; both donations occurred within a week

► 41 cadaveric donors in 2014 helped 71 kidney-failure patients and 36 liver-failure patients

plants is up for renewal, both the kidneys were given to patients registered in other hospitals. "The kidneys were given to patients registered at Hinduja Hospital, Mahim, and Lilavati Hospital, Bandra," said a Nanavati Hospital official.

The donated liver was given to a patient registered at Jupiter Hospital, Thane. The Malkani family also donated their mother's skin; the skin retrieval was performed by a team from BSES Hospital in Andheri and sent to the National Burns Centre in Airol.

The city witnessed its highest number of donations ever in 2014 as 41 donors gave the gift of life to 71 patients with kidney failure and 36 others with liver failure. The corresponding number of donors in 2013 was 24, and 27 in 2012.