

CITY RECORDS FIRST CADAVER DONATION IN 2016

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MUMBAI: The city recorded the first cadaver donation of this year on Tuesday.

A family of a 21-year-old man donated his kidneys and liver. The man was declared brain dead at Nanavati Hospital in Vile Parle on Monday.

Brain dead refers to a medical condition where the brain suffers irreversible damage but other organs are viable for transplant.

“He fell off the train near Vapi in Gujarat and suffered a head injury. He was admitted to the intensive care unit for six days,” said Prakash Saindane, transplant coordinator at Nanavati Hospital. “After he was diagnosed, we spoke to the family about cadaver donation and after counselling they agreed.”

The cadaver liver was transplanted into a 51-year-old man admitted to Global Hospital in Parel. One of the kidneys was transplanted into a 48-year-old man registered with Nanavati Hospital. The other kidney was transplanted at Lilavati Hospital into a 38-year-old man.

The deceased’s heart was not fit enough for a transplant, said doctors at the hospital.

Last year, Mumbai recorded 42 cadaver donations — the highest since the inception of the cadaver donation programme in the city.

Around 3,000 patients are awaiting a kidney transplant in the city and 150 are listed for undergoing a liver transplant. Transplant coordinators and government agencies working in the city hope the number of donation this year can meet the growing need for life-saving transplants. Fourteen patients in the city are registered for a cadaver heart transplant.

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