

In death, 7-year-old gives new life to four

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Mumbai: A Sydney-based Indian couple donated the organs of their seven-year-old son, the youngest ever to do so in the city or state, saving four young lives in one stroke. Among them was a seven-year-old girl from Goregaon who was given only a few weeks to live—had she not received the boy's heart.

Deyaan Udani, along with his parents and elder sister, were to fly back to Sydney on January 22, when he collapsed just two hours before they were to head to the airport. The



YOUNGEST 'DAYAVAN': Deyaan Udani was holidaying in India

family thought his complaints of headache could be related to travel fatigue. They rushed him to Nanavati Hospital, where multiple clots were found in his brain.

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Ailing Goregaon girl gets new heart thanks to 7-yr-old Deyaan

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The Jain family, originally from Andheri, shifted him to Mahim's P D Hinduja Hospital, where a surgery was carried out on January 27, to release the pressure inside the brain. "He did not respond to it," said Dr Sucheta Desai's hospital's transplant coordinator Deyaan was declared brain dead on Saturday after the second successful sleep apnea test. "Amid such grief, the family were very keen on donating his organs even before we approached them," she added.

Deyaan's mother Mili likened the gesture to fulfilling her son's wish. "Coincidentally, this year itself my children had learnt about organ donation in school. It so happened that they got home and found out from our driving licences that I was a donor but my husband was not.

NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Total organ transplants of 2016	Cadaver donations 4	Liver 5
	Kidneys 9	Heart 4

How to donate

► Any individual whose brain stem (a crucial part of a central nervous system) is irreparably damaged is declared brain dead

► The individual has no consciousness or breathing as brain stem is the centre for both

► The heart can continue to function with artificial support for a maximum of 36 to 72 hrs

► Doctors approach the family informing about patient's brain death

► The organs need to be retrieved till there is a blood supply



They then started persuading him to become a donor, explaining how organs could save lives," she said. "Both of them said that they would want to be donors when they grow up. However, my son got to donate his organs way before his age," the mother said. The family consented to donate Deyaan's heart,

kidneys and liver. His heart was transplanted into a seven-year-old girl, who doctors said, had very few days to live. "The child had suffered a viral infection that resulted in weakening of her heart. She was frequently going in and out of the hospital due to heart failure," said Dr Vijay Agrawal, who carried

out the transplant at Fortis Hospital in Mulund. He added that the girl was suffering for at least a couple of years. "She probably had only a couple of weeks to live. Her heart was dilated and the pumping capacity was reduced to 5-10%," he added. He said it was only in very rare situation that such a perfect match of age and weight could be found. "It is like two stars crossing at the same time. It is also commendable for the family to take such a decision in their time of grief," said Agrawal.

Deyaan's kidneys were given to an 11-year-old and a 15-year-old at Jaslok Hospital. His liver was transplanted into a 31-year-old man at Jupiter Hospital.

The Zonal Transplant Coordination Committee said that the city has seen four cadaver donations this year, indicating that awareness about it is on a rise.