

AIIMS Nagpur Achieves First In-House Pediatric Organ Donation, Giving New Hope to a Child

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AIIMS Nagpur has successfully carried out its 26th deceased organ donation and the third such donation in 2026, marking a significant milestone as the institute's first in-house pediatric organ donation. The noble gesture has helped provide a new lease of life to a child suffering from end-stage kidney disease.



The donor, six-year-old Aakanksha Mahadev Bansod, was admitted to AIIMS Nagpur following a tragic incident and was later declared brain dead despite the best efforts of the medical team. In a courageous decision during a moment of profound grief, her father consented to donate her kidneys, enabling a life-saving transplant for a young recipient.

As per organ allocation guidelines, the kidneys were allocated through the Zonal Transplant Coordination Centre (ZTCC), Nagpur. Considering the donor's age and organ size, both kidneys were transplanted together as a single graft through a specialized "en bloc" procedure, which was successfully carried out by the transplant team.



Prof. (Dr.) Prashant P. Joshi, Executive Director, AIIMS Nagpur, paid tribute to the Bansod family for their extraordinary act of generosity and compassion. He said their decision has brought hope to another family and reinforced the message that organ donation can transform lives.

Dr. Manish Shrigiriwar, Nodal Officer for Organ Donation and Transplant Services, commended the coordinated efforts of the transplant coordination team, ICU staff, surgeons, anaesthetists, nursing officers and other healthcare professionals whose collective dedication made the successful organ retrieval and transplantation possible.

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