

## Surat: Nine-year-old gives new life to five kids

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SURAT: While life was cut short in a freak accident for Sameer Mistry, the nine-year-old gave five other children fresh lease of life by donating his vital organs on Tuesday.

Sameer, a Class IV student of LMP school Billimora in Navsarti district, 50 km away from Surat, donated his two kidneys, liver and eyes. Father Alpesh Mistry runs a small bag-making unit, while his mother Sonal is a homemaker. Sameer fell off a ladder near his father's shop in Billimora and sustained serious head injury on October 21. The unconscious boy was taken to Shaishav hospital where doctors found a blood clot on the right side of his brain. He was shifted to Apple Hospital the next day for further

treatment. However, doctors declared him brain dead on October 29.

Talking to TOI, the Mistry couple said that now that their son is no more, they wanted at least his organs to 'live on' in other kids who were in need of organ donation.

Facilitated by Surat-based NGO, Donate Life, a team of doctors from Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre (IKDRC), Ahmedabad accepted the two kidneys and liver, Sameer's eyes were given to Lokdrashti Chakshu bank in Surat.