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# Hospitals to have organ donations' registry

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Chandigarh: All hospitals will have a registry of organ donations, allowing states and others to know the waiting list and which organ donor is available at the nearest place.

National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (Notto) head Dr Vasanthi Ramesh made this announcement while visiting PGI during the organ transplant games.

The Punjab and Haryana high court had directed to have a national registry of voluntary organ donors last year, prompting Notto to begin work.

“We are signatory to the world health assembly. The mandate of this assembly is to have a national-level organisation to oversee work of organ donation and transplantation. To achieve this, it is important to establish a national registry, which was structurally done in 2015. We are striving to make it functional,” said Dr Ramesh.

To be a part of the registry, the Notto's website has been created in a manner which has national, state and regional-level components. “Every treating hospital registered with the state authority should also register on the Notto's website and upload the data. This includes doctors performing surgeries and patients' waiting list,” said Dr Ramesh.

Besides, the government is planning to convert all trauma centres into organ retrieval centres. Also, to facilitate deceased organ donation programme, Notto has started reworking on the organ airlifting project mooted in 2017. “The Indian Society for Heart and Lung Transplant had approached the health ministry more than two years ago. Recently, the health ministry has again shown interest for the airlifting of the deceased organs,” said Dr Ramesh.

Clarifying that the Notto is coordinating at all levels and not taking over the functions of the state or regional level organisations, Dr Ramesh said, “We are asking hospitals and other state and regional level organ transplant organisations to

upload their database of donors and recipients to make things easier for the transplant coordinators. This is in no way a takeover of the functions of these organisations.”

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