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Organ airlifted from Pune to Hyderabad for transplant

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HYDERABAD: Amidst the ongoing Covid -19 pandemic even as organ transplantation has hit an all-time low, a lung transplant was done on Sunday after an organ was airlifted from Pune and brought to Hyderabad.

Coordinated by the state government's Jeevandan programme and Zonal Transplant Coordination Center (ZTCC) Pune, green corridors arranged in both the cities for transportation of the organ. A patient at KIMS Heart and Lung Transplant Institute, Hyderabad is the recipient of the organ.

The family of a young patient who was declared brain dead at a private hospital in Pune agreed for the donation, following which a Covid-19 test was conducted.

“The lung was brought by a chartered flight from Pune to Hyderabad. Traffic police of both the cities have arranged the green corridor and Airports Authority of India also came forward to help to this noble cause. Finally, KIMS Heart and Lung Transplant Institute, Hyderabad received the lung by the evening without any delay from the city which is 560 km away within one hour and transplanted the same to the needy patient,” read an official statement from KIMS Heart and Lung Transplant Institute.