

Tamil Nadu's Leadership in Deceased Organ Donation Programme

Tamil Nadu recorded a massive growth from 7 to 266 deceased organ donations per year over a 17-year period.

A public health initiative driving deceased organ donation and transplantation awareness across Tamil Nadu.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Tamil Nadu**, Telangana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka account for **72%** of deceased organ donations in India.
- Tamil Nadu increased its annual deceased organ donations from **7** in its first year to **266** in **17 years**.
- In Tamil Nadu and Telangana, about **10% to 15%** of bereaved families voluntarily consent to organ donation.
- Sustained **public awareness** campaigns and trust-building measures drove Tamil Nadu's organ donation growth.
- **Southern states** lead the country in generating awareness regarding brain-death donor protocols.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (**TRANSTAN**) was established in **2009** to oversee organ donation activities.

Tamil Nadu became the first state in India to accord **state honors** during the last rites of organ donors in **2023**.

Indian Organ Donation Day is observed annually across India on **August 3**.

The **Transplantation of Human Organs Act** (THOA) was enacted by the Union Parliament in **1994**.

National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (**NOTTO**) functions under the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.

Tamil Nadu has consistently won the Union Health Ministry's **Best Performing State award** for organ donation.

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TRANSTAN was established in 2009; Tamil Nadu leads India in organ donation awareness and execution.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 9 (Health Administration in TN) and Unit 8 in Group 1, 2, 2A, and 4 exams.

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