

## 35-year old Road Accident Victim donates his Organs at BR Life SSNMC Hospital; gives new lease of life to 6 people

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BR Life SSNMC Hospital, one of the city's leading healthcare providers, witnessed a brave act of compassion when 35-year-old Hemanth Kumar, **a road accident victim's family gave their consent to donate his organs to patients in need of immediate transplant.** The hospital that launched **"I LIVE ON"** campaign last year to encourage people to come forward and pledge their organs for donation witnessed a success story through Hemanth and his family. "I LIVE ON" is an online platform to pledge organs initiated by BR Life SSNMC Hospital.

Hemant, hailing from Kunigal, suffered a traumatic brain injury following a severe road traffic accident at Sunkadakatte after he fell from his bike. He was brought to BR Life SSNMC Hospital for emergency and advanced care. However, despite all the clinical efforts provided, Hemanth could not survive and was confirmed brain dead by the treating clinical team.

Hemanth's family approached the medical team at the hospital and expressed their wish to donate his healthy organs to patients in dire need of an immediate transplant. Hemanth and his family have always believed in the good deed of donating organs to save multiple lives. The organs were procured by a surgical team led by Dr. Rehan Saif, Senior Consultant HPB/Transplant Surgeon, Dr. Rommel S, Consultant HPB/Transplant Surgeon and Dr. Giridhar Venkatesh, Consultant Urologist. The liver and one of the kidneys were transplanted to patients at BR Life SSNMC Hospital. The lungs, another kidney, heart valves and corneas were transported to other hospitals.

At BR Life SSNMC Hospital, the liver transplant surgery was performed by **Dr. Rehan Saif**, Senior Consultant - Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary & Transplant Surgeon, **Dr. Rommel S**, Consultant Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary & Transplant Surgeon and **Dr. Naveen Ganjoo**, Senior Consultant Hepatologist. The kidney transplant was performed by **Dr. Giridhar Venkatesh**, Consultant Urologist and **Dr. Manjunath S**, Consultant Nephrologist.

**Dr. Rehan Saif, Senior Consultant - Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary & Transplant Surgeon said,** *“Deciding to donate your organs after your death is a gift beyond compare. Hemanth’s family must be applauded for this selfless act which has helped multiple patients with organ failure get a second chance at life.”*

Lauding the act of compassion of Hemanth’s family, **Col Hemraj Parmar, Group CEO, BR Life said,** *“We have always witnessed a wide gap between the number of organs available and transplants awaited. A donor can save as many as 8 lives by donating various parts of the body once deceased. I am very happy that through Hemanth, we were able to perform this multi-organ transplant surgery, send organs to other hospitals for patients and create an awareness regarding deceased organ donation. I sincerely thank the family members of Hemanth for providing their consent on time and helping us save lives of people.”*

The family members of Hemanth shared, *“We are happy that our decision to donate Hemanth’s healthy organs has helped in saving lives of people waiting to live life again. We thank BR Life SSNMC Hospital for making all necessary arrangements on time to ensure that the transplant surgeries took place on time. Organ donation is a noble cause and it is indeed our honour to have contributed for the cause that both Hemanth and we believe in. We hope that through this act of ours, more people will come forward and pledge to donate their organs in the future.”*

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