



KEM hospital makes history with first successful heart transplant

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THE KING Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital, under the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), has carried out its first successful heart transplant surgery.



The team of doctors who were part of the heart transplant at KEM hospital. Express

However, according to the doctors, the next few days will be crucial for assessing the patient's medical parameters.

The recipient is a 38-year-old male from Aurangabad, who has been suffering from ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy.

The donor was a 34-year-old female donor from Kalyan. She was seven months pregnant when she suffered from preeclampsia with intracerebral bleeding, leading to brain stem death on Sunday.

on Sunday, taken to KEM hospital when her condition didn't improve but soon was declared brain dead. She died along with the baby.

Despite the loss, her husband decided to donate her heart to give new life to another patient. "It was a tough decision, but I realized that my wife was gone and there was no way to bring her back. If her heart could give someone else a new chance at life, then why not?" he said.

The surgery was conducted by a team of five doctors headed by Dr Uday Jadhav—Cardiovascular and thoracic surgery from KEM. The team also had Dr Praveen Kulkarni, Senior Consultant

Cardiologist ensuring the highest standards of medical care.

The first attempt at a heart transplant at KEM Hospital was made in 1968 but was unsuccessful. For decades, no further transplant surgeries were performed.

"It was a matter of bringing together the right resources and motivating our medical staff. With over 40 meetings and substantial investment in high-quality medical equipment, we have now successfully relaunched the program," he added.

KEM Hospital received a provisional license for the heart transplant program on 15 October 2023. Since then, they have procured more than 20 advanced medical devices and established a well-equipped transplant department.

The cost of a heart transplant in a private hospital is typically around Rs35 lakhs. However, the cost under the BMC is Rs8 lakhs.

This cost is further subsidized through schemes like the Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana, the Chief Minister's Assistance Fund, and the Prime Minister's Assistance Fund.

"Performing this surgery after such a long hiatus is a testament to our team's dedication and the advanced facilities now available at KEM. This successful transplant opens new avenues for us to help more patients in critical need," said Dr Sangeeta Rawat, Dean of KEM Hospital. "With this new initiative, we would now continue performing the heart transplant at the hospital," she added.

The recipient's surgery, performed on 11 July 2024, was funded through charity from KEM Hospital.

The patient is now stable and recovering well.

62-year-old among 3 held for raping, pushing to death woman from hillock

Thane: Police have arrested three men, including a senior citizen, for allegedly raping a 30-year-old woman and pushing her to death from a hillock located in Thane district where she went alone to visit a temple, an official said.

The woman had visited the temple on July 6 and her body was found on the hillock three days

later, he said. The accused trio has been identified as Santosh Mishra (45), Rajkumar Pandey (54), both from Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh, and Shyamsundar Sharma (62)

from Kota in Rajasthan, a senior official of Shil-Daighar police station said. When she went to the temple atop the hillock, the accused trio was present there. PTI

BMW HIT-&-RUN

'BMW stopped after hitting bike, motorist raised alarm but accused drove car without noticing woman'

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, JULY 12

THE WORLI police have found during their interrogation of the two accused in the BMW hit-and-run case that soon after ramming the two-wheeler on which Kaveri Nakhwa and her husband Pradeep were travelling, accused Mihir Shah and his driver Rajrishi Bidawat had stopped their car to check if anyone had come under the wheels.

Police said as they did not see anyone and spotted only Pradeep who had fallen down after the BMW hit his bike, the two got scared thinking they would be attacked by a mob and escaped without noticing Kaveri was stuck under the wheels of the BMW. Those investigating the case said they are verifying the claims made by the duo.

Police officers investigating the case have also learnt that the vehicles coming from the opposite direction and other eyewitnesses had noticed that a woman was stuck and was being dragged by the BMW. They were waving towards Mihir and his driver indicating them to stop the vehicle. However, Mihir continued driving his BMW with Kaveri stuck in the wheels of his vehicle, which eventually led to her death.

Police are probing whether the accused was driving just under the influence of alcohol or had consumed any kind of a drug.

According to police, Mihir consumed four large pegs with his friends at a bar in Juhu, after which he bought another four 500ml cans of beer from another bar in Malad and drank in the car. Mihir then went with Bidawat to Marine Drive and took over the driver's seat on the way back, during which he rammed his vehicle with the bike on which Kaveri and Pradeep were travelling.

"Bidawat, in his statement, claimed that they had stopped their vehicle soon after Mihir dashed against the two-wheeler. The two claim that they checked but did not notice the woman...they believed that only one person (Pradeep) was on the bike. Since he had fallen on the left side, they decided to run away without noticing that the woman was stuck," said a police officer investigating the case.

Police said when the car became wobbly after driving for around one-and-a-half kilometres, the two accused thought that there was something amiss after which they stopped the vehicle and it was then that they saw the woman stuck between the bumper and the tyre of the BMW. They then removed her body and escaped, after running over her a second time.

Police said the duo also interchanged their seats and it was after this incident that Mihir contacted his father Rajesh Shah, a leader in the Eknath-Shinde led Shiv Sena who has now been suspended from the party. Rajesh Shah asked him to flee and instructed the driver to take responsibility for the accident.

During the course of investigation, police said that the car is currently under the name of one Palghar resident and that Rajesh Shah had bought the vehicle around six months ago. "They had still not completed the paperwork and were yet to transfer the ownership of the car," said an officer.

In the meantime, police said they will write to the Regional Transport Office, appealing to them to suspend Mihir's licence.

Meanwhile, a team from the state excise department visited the Sai Prasad Bar in Malad and conducted an inspection.

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