



## AUDITING

Conducts audits to ensure accountability, transparency, and compliance in transplantation activities.



## REGULATIONS

Ensures all organ and tissue transplant activities comply with the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, upholding legal, ethical, and medical standards for fairness, transparency, and patient safety.

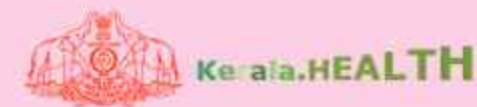
## Major Achievements

- Kerala: first state in India with protocols & SOPs for deceased organ donation; issued model order on brain death and withdrawal of ventilator support.
- Highest organ donation rate in India (2012–2016).
- Issued 128 licenses to 63 transplant centres across Kerala.
- Direct regulation of all organ donation and transplantation under the Central Act.
- Provides guidelines, monitors hospitals, and enforces disciplinary action.
- Centralized system (earlier under Mrithasanjeevani) for faster and efficient organ allocation.
- 200+ Public awareness campaigns and 20+ training programs for doctors.
- 391 deceased organ donations coordinated so far.
- Green corridor facility for organ transport with Police support.
- Air ambulance facility for organ donation transportation
- 204 doctors licensed and trained for brain death certification.
- New website launched with NIC for registrations and allocations.
- Maintains accurate centralized waiting list for organ allocation.
- Regular inspections and audits of transplant centres.
- K-SOTTO honored 389 organ donors in the state by organizing a special program.



K-SOTTO Website Inauguration

Donor Honouring Program



# Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (K-SOTTO)

## ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION

“People who donate organs are blessed as they give others a second chance at Life”

**Donate Organs, Save Lives**



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## Public Alerts

### Hospital Registration for Organ Transplant

- Patients can register through the hospital where they plan to undergo transplant surgery or are currently receiving treatment.
- Registration must be done through the hospital's Transplant Coordinator.
- Patients cannot register directly on the K-SOTTO website.
- The list of licensed transplant hospitals is available on the K-SOTTO website
- Patients can change hospitals without losing their place on the waiting list by submitting a request at their current hospital.
- There are no Fees for Registration and Organ Allocation through K-SOTTO.

### Organ Donation Registration (While Alive)

- Visit the K-SOTTO website and click “Be an Organ Donor” or scan the QR code below.
- Enter your Aadhaar number (linked to your mobile) and verify using the OTP received.
- Complete the registration form and submit your pledge.
- After successful registration, download your donor certificate for your records.
- Please inform your family about your decision their awareness is vital for donation.
- All registration details are kept strictly confidential.

## Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (K-SOTTO)

The Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (K-SOTTO), established by the Government of Kerala under the Travancore- Kochi Charitable Societies Act, 1955, serves as the State's apex body for regulating organ and tissue transplantation under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994. Its key functions include identifying donors, retrieving and allocating organs equitably, and developing protocols and standards in coordination with transplant and retrieval centers across Kerala. K-SOTTO works to increase organ availability, improve transplant outcomes, and ensure fair access for all patients. The organization is guided by the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and mentored by the Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, ensuring effective governance and policy direction.

**Vision:** To promote long, healthy, and productive lives for people with organ failure by ensuring maximized organ supply, equitable allocation, and transparent, accountable transplantation. K-SOTTO strives for self-sufficiency in organ donation, upholding integrity, collaboration, and international standards in the care of donors and recipients.

**Mission:** To increase organ availability and improve transplantation by uniting donors, recipients, professionals, and communities, and advancing education, technology, and policy for better patient

### Objectives



- To function as the Appropriate Authority under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994, ensuring compliance, regulation and ethical governance.

- To manage and monitor organ and tissue transplantation across the state through fair allocation, transparent procedures, and quality assurance.
- To maintain a centralized donor-recipient registry ensuring traceability, accountability, and program evaluation.
- To develop standards and protocols for donor screening, organ retrieval, transport, and transplantation.
- To prevent exploitation and promote equity, ensuring access to transplantation for all, especially the economically weaker sections.
- To collaborate with national and state agencies (NOTTO, ROTTO) and partner institutions for effective organ sharing and policy implementation.
- To conduct awareness, training, and IEC programs promoting organ and tissue donation across communities.
- To support research, innovation, and use of new technologies like AI and data analytics for program improvement.

### BASIC FACT SHEET

Total number of registered hospitals (Government): 8

Total number of registered hospitals (Private): 55

NUMBER OF HOSPITALS REGISTERED FOR ORGAN/TISSUE TRANSPLANT/ RETRIEVAL/STORAGE			
	GOV	PVT	TOTAL
KIDNEY	5	41	46
LIVER	2	13	15
HEART	3	11	14
LUNGS	1	8	9
PANCREAS	0	8	8
S.BOWL	0	6	6
HAND	0	1	1
LARYNX	0	1	1
CORNEA	3	15	17
SKIN	1	1	2
HEART VALVE	1	0	1
EYE BANK	3	2	5
SKIN BANK	1	1	2
HEART VALVE BANK	1	0	1
Non- Transplant Organ Retrieval Centre(NTORC)	1	0	1

### Functions



#### LICENSING HOSPITALS

K-SOTTO licenses hospitals for organ and tissue transplantation after verification of their infrastructure facilities, and medical expertise, ensuring only authorized centers perform transplant surgeries.



#### CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS

Conducts inspections of transplant centres to ensure compliance with standards and legal requirements.



#### MAINTAINING A CENTRALIZED WAITING LIST

Maintaining a single waiting list ensuring fair, transparent, and priority-based organ allocation.



#### PUBLIC AWARENESS

Conducts campaigns to promote organ and tissue donation, encouraging deceased donation and public participation.



#### TRAINING

Provides capacity building training sessions to medical professionals to strengthen skills in organ and tissue transplantation, organ retrieval procedures, brain stem death determination etc.



#### MONITORING TRANSPLANT CENTRES

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