

8-yr-old gets new life after rare heart transplant surgery



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Yashwant was operated on April 4

HYDERABAD: A paediatric heart transplant surgery, touted to be the first in [Telangana](#), was recently conducted on an eight-year-old boy, [Yashwant](#), who was diagnosed with 'end stage' heart disease at a private hospital in the city.

Doctors said that the ailment had dropped the child's heart functioning capacity to as low as eight per cent. He was not responding to any medication for the last two years, they

said.

Because he is young, Yashwant required an appropriately sized heart to replace his malfunctioning one," said Dr Gopichand Mannam, cardiothoracic surgeon and head of the transplant team at [Star Hospital](#), where the surgery was conducted.

The fact that his body was swollen because of the condition made the surgery even more challenging.

The procedure was conducted on April 4 after the donor - an 18-year-old road accident-victim - was identified through Jeevanadan. A green corridor, for smooth transition of donor team, was created to transport the harvested organ from [Kamineni Hospitals](#) to Star Hospitals.

The cost of the surgery -pegged between Rs 15 lakh and Rs 20 lakh -was shared by the AP Chief Minister's Relief Fund (Rs 7 lakh) and [Karvy Computershare Limited](#)through Hrudaya Foundation. East Godavari-based Yashwant lost his father three years ago. His mother works as a cook.



Hyderabad: The heart of an 18-year-old youngster Naveen, a resident of Chityala, Nalgonda district who was declared brain dead after an accident, now beats for an eight-year-old boy Yashwant, hailing from East

Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh.

The boy has recovered from the heart transplant surgery, which was taken up by transplant and cardiac teams of Star Hospitals, and is looking forward to a fulfilling, and yet a challenging life.

On Saturday, the doctors at Star Hospitals along with Yashwant and his mother Satyavathi, who works as a cook, interacted with press persons about the heart transplant surgery.

When asked as to what he would want to become on growing up, Yashwant, who now has to take utmost care to survive with a donor heart, said, “I want to become a doctor and save lives”.

While the actual transplant surgery taken up on April 4 went well, it is the post-transplantation period, when the body is trying to get adjusted to a donor heart, which is challenging to survive.

The advent of new and improved medical technology and immunosuppressant drugs has increased percentage of survival rates with a donor heart, doctors said.

According to them, the chance of surviving for a year after heart transplant surgery in India is 85 per cent, for five years it is 75 per cent and for a decade it’s 62 per cent.

“Given the weak economic background of Yashwant, we are looking for a long term rehabilitation programme. We are trying to pool resources so that Yashwant can be admitted in a boarding school, which will go a long way in reducing chances of

infection,” says MD and Chief Cardiac Surgeon, Star Hospitals, Dr. Gopichand Mannam.

The boy was suffering from an end-stage heart condition due to which his heart was failing quickly, forcing doctors to look for donor hearts. As fate would have it, under State-run Jeevandan scheme, the boy received a donor heart from 18-year-old Naveen on April 4.



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హైదరాబాద్‌సిటీ, జనవరి 25 (ఆంధ్రజ్యోతి): కేంద్రం తనను పద్మశ్రీ అవార్డుకు ఎంపిక చేయడం చాలా సంతోషంగా ఉందని 'స్టార్ ఆస్పత్రి' ఎండీ డాక్టర్ గోపీచంద్ మన్నం చెప్పారు. ఇది తన ఒక్కడికి వచ్చిన పురస్కారంకాదని, తమ సంస్థతోపాటు సహ వైద్యబృందం ఉమ్మడి కృషికి లబించిందిగా బావిస్తున్నానని చెప్పారు. దీనివల్ల గుర్తింపుతోపాటు బాధ్యత కూడా పెరిగిందన్నారు. పేదలకు తక్కువ ఖర్చుతో మెరుగైన వైద్యం అందించేందుకు కృషిచేస్తానన్నారు. హృదయ ఫౌండేషన్ ద్వారా చిన్నపిల్లలకు ఉచితంగా నిర్వహిస్తున్న శస్త్రచికిత్సలను ఇకపై ప్రతినెలలో కనీసం 50 వరకు చేయాలని లక్ష్యంగా పెట్టుకున్నట్లు చెప్పారు. దేశంలోనే తొలిసారి పదేళ్ల బాలుడికి 23 ఏళ్ల యువకుడి గుండెను మార్పిడి చేసిన ఘనత డాక్టర్ గోపీచంద్‌దే. కేవలం 6 సెంటీమీటర్ల కోతతో మొట్టమొదటి ఓపెన్‌హార్ట్ సర్జరీ నిర్వహించారు. 2002లో 'స్టార్ ఆస్పత్రి'ని నెలకొల్పి ప్రజలకు వైద్య సేవలందిస్తున్నారు.

