

Promoting organ donation in a big way

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As charter president of RC Organ Donation International, RID 3141, Lal Goel gave a series of guest lectures/talks to promote the cause by creating awareness among professionals and the public at large on the need to pledge their organs.

On Doctors' Day, he called for including organ donation in the college curriculum during his keynote speech at the United University, Prayagraj. The event honoured top doctors in the presence of vice-chancellor Dr Anand Agarwal and pro-chancellor Dr Jagdish Gulati. While addressing students at the Thakur College of Science and Commerce, Mumbai, he pointed out the gender disparity in organ donation, noting



RC Organ Donation charter president Lal Goel (4th from left) along with club members.

noting that while 80 per cent of living donors are women, only 19 per cent of them are recipients. The event brought together Rotarians, Rotaractors, faculty members and students.

In a similar event at the Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, he urged the medical professionals to create awareness in the society on organ donation. The institute director Dr Raghupathi said they would set up an Organ Transplant and Retrieval Centre offering free transplant surgeries.

During his visit to New Jersey, US, Donate Life USA honoured Goel for his contribution in creating awareness

on organ and tissue donation in India. In his speech, he shared his vision for expanding his work through campaigns and workshops. Goel exchanged club flags with Carrie Sharpshair, president-elect, RC Philadelphia, one of the oldest clubs in the US formed in 1911.

An MoU was signed between his club and RC Organ Donation UK led by its charter president Kirit Misty with the aim to collaborate, share notes on best practices, and hold joint programmes on organ donation. At an awareness seminar in Mumbai, Goel gave a talk on xenotransplantation — fixing non-human cells, tissues and organs on a human body — and its research in the presence of DG Chetan Desai and ROTTO director Akshay Shukla.

The club hosted an online meeting in which filmmaker Anirban Bose and Lalitha Raghuram, director, Mohan Foundation India, gave inspiring talks on organ donation. Goel is also the chairman of Organ Donation India Foundation and GYAN.■



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