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# Cadaver donor gives life to five persons

To fulfil his father's wishes, son of 68-year-old Mahendra Shah who was declared brain dead donates his eyes, kidneys and liver to worthy patients

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**T**he family of a 68-year-old man, who was declared brain dead by doctors, donated his vital organs and saved the lives of five persons.

Mahendra Shah, a resident of Maninagar, who had a severe head injury following a fall, was taken to Sterling hospital for treatment, where doctors informed the family that Shah had a severe heart attack. He was later declared brain dead by Neurosurgeon Dr Y C Shah and other doctors.

Although deeply aggrieved by the news, his 40-year-old son Mehul Shah, donated his eyes, kidneys and liver to worthy patients, fulfilling his father's wishes.

After getting clearance from the human organ transplant authorisation committee, the

doctors proceeded with the transplantation of multiple organs.

A cadaver liver transplant was carried out on September 13 at Sterling, the first time it was being carried in a private hospital in the state.

Ludhiana-based homemaker Rajni Sehgal, 48, who has been suffering from liver cirrhosis for a long time, was the recipient of Shah's liver.

Shah's eyes were donated to an eye bank. His right-kidney was given



**Donor Mahendra Shah and son Mehul**

**Recipients Abdul Khan and Rajni Sehgal**

to 36-year-old Kota resident Abdul Hafiz Khan, while his left kidney was donated to Mumbai-based

Heena Doshi, 44.

Mehul Shah said, "We are Jain and in our community, this type of

donation is called 'abhay daan'. I was motivated by my aunt who had pledged to donate her vital organ before her death. Even my mother Kokila supported my decision."

Abdul Hafiz who received a kidney said, "I am a mechanic and have an 8-year-old daughter. Six of my family were ready to donate their kidneys, but their kidneys did not match mine. I have been visiting Ahmedabad for the past four years for treatment and have always found sadbhavna among Gujaratis, irrespective of religion."

Dr Nikhil Lala, CMA at Sterling, said, "There is a tremendous mismatch between demand and availability of vital organs."

Only three per cent of the patients get kidney required for transplant while only 0.5 per cent patient get liver for transplant."