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# KGMU's organ transplant resumes after 3 months

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**L**UCKNOW: Tuesday's mega organ retrieval procedure at King George's Medical University brought medical university's organ transplant programme back on track after a gap of more than three months.

The programme got stuck after Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences objected to KGMU giving liver to other institutes, earlier in July. KGMU opposed the move following PGI's poor track record on liver transplant.

TOI reported the matter on July 13 and cited the urgent need for formulation of proper policy in public interest. Sources in medical education department stated that efforts were on and the policy was on the anvil.

KGMU is the only center providing cadaveric organ donation so far. It has successfully undertaken 10 procedures giving life to some 25 patients. "The journey has just begun and a little push can help in saving many lives," said Dr Ravi Kant, vice-chancellor.

He added that KGMU was a bounty of potential as far as cadaveric organ transplant was concerned. According to available data, at least 50 critically injured patients with very low chances of survival arrive at the trauma centre every month. This means if KGMU takes the cadaveric transplant programme further, it can undertake at least two such cases every week.

A committee to declare whether patient is brain dead or is not already in place at the institute. A system to conduct the postmortem examination of the donor patient—in case he is an accident victim—on the operation table where organs are extracted is the next step. This has been done in an exceptional case by KGMU and Lucknow administration but a specified

system is needed to make things smoother.

The doctors also admitted their weakness which is failure to hold transplant procedures at their center.