

J P NADDA PLEDGES TO DONATE HIS ORGANS

New Delhi, 27 November: Union minister for health and family welfare J P Nadda took a pledge to donate his organs here today along with thousands of enthusiasts comprising officers, staffers, doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff of all Central Government Hospitals of New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, the health minister said donating organs is a gift and is an altruistic, egalitarian and a moral act. “We can turn the ‘end of a life’ into a new beginning with donating our organs.....Let organ donation become a national movement and show to the world that even in death we care for our fellow citizens and humanity at large,” the minister said.

Government is framing rules, regulations and protocols to facilitate organ donation. Organ is a national resource and not even one should be wasted. There are about 1.5 lakh brain deaths happening in the country every year, and organs from them can be used for saving lives of several lakhs of patients, he stated.

It is a matter of concern the current organ donation and transplantation rate is not even close to the requirement within the country for organs, the minister said. Government is going to take decisive steps for harvesting cadaver organs and tissues and saving many lives, the minister said.