

ADDRESS BY THIRU BANWARILAL PUROHIT, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATIONS FOR 1000 LIVER TRANSPLANTATION IN TAMIL NADU BY GLENEAGLES GLOBAL HEALTH CITY ON 16TH JANUARY 2018 AT ITC GRAND CHOLA, CHENNAI AT 11.00 AM

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Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu Ji,

Dr. K. Ravindranath, Chairman,
Gleneagles Global Hospital

The Team of Doctors headed by
Prof Mohammed Rela,

Shri Ramesh Krishnan,
CEO – India Operations Division

Distinguished invitees,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a privilege to be here today at this function of the Gleneagles Global Health Cityat which the Hon'ble Vice-President of India is the Chief Guest.

A total of 1000 liver transplants have been successfully completed by Prof.Rela and his team. It gives me great happiness that such a noble activity is being felicitated at today's function.

The environment, the food we consume and the fast-paced life of current day living have resulted in the liver having become more vulnerable to damage and decay.

As you are all aware, the liver performs the useful function of neutralising the toxic substances in the human body. The need for a liver transplant occurs when the liver suffers decline and decay. Liver transplantation is a treatment option for end-stage liver disease and acute liver failure. The most common technique is that of replacing the liver with a donor organ in the same anatomic position. This surgical procedure is complex and requires meticulous attention to detail. A major advance in paediatric liver transplantation has been the development of reduced size

liver transplantation in which a portion of the adult liver is used for an infant or a small child. Further developments including split liver transplantation in which one liver is used for two recipients have been developed and being universally propagated. Even with all these techniques, liver transplantation is one of the most challenging areas of medicine since the number of cadaver livers is limited and advanced post-operative care is needed to ensure that the liver transplanted is accepted successfully.

I am informed that this hospital has transformed the lives of 278 children by undertaking liver transplantation. Starting from August 2009 when the first liver transplantation was conducted, the hospital has come a long way completing 1000 liver transplantations successfully. I compliment the Chairman of the Hospital and all the doctors who have made this feat possible.

I am sure that all of you agree that the secret to happiness lies in leading a healthy life. To the people of the State, particularly the younger generation, I wish

to advise moderation in their diet, if they want to lead healthy lives. Unnatural living styles, consumption of alcohol, excessive use of allopathic medicines such as paracetamol can cause long term damage to the liver. It is always advisable to avoid having to go to a doctor. But if the need arises, I am sure everybody in the audience agrees that we have to go to a skilled professional establishment, which the Gleneagles Global Health City is proving to be in the field of liver transplantation.

I wish the Hospital all success in their ventures in the coming years and I am sure that Tamil Nadu which was among the first States in setting up the Transplant Authority, an institution meant to oversee all donor transplant activities, will continue to support all the initiatives taken by those practising the medical profession to enable people to lead healthier lives.

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