



National Organ Donation Day

Why in News

National Organ Donation Day was celebrated on **27th November** by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.

Key Points

- **National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP)**
 - **Provides financial grants for** establishing ROTTOs, SOTTOs, developing new and upgrading existing retrieval and transplant centres.
- **Organ Donation Institutional Set up:**
 - The [National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation](#) (NOTTO), the **Regional Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisations** (ROTO) at regional level and the **State Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisations** (SOTTO) at state level.
- **State of Organ Donation in India:**
 - India **ranked third** in the world as per **WHO Global Observatory on Donation and Transplantation** (GODT) in terms of organ donation.

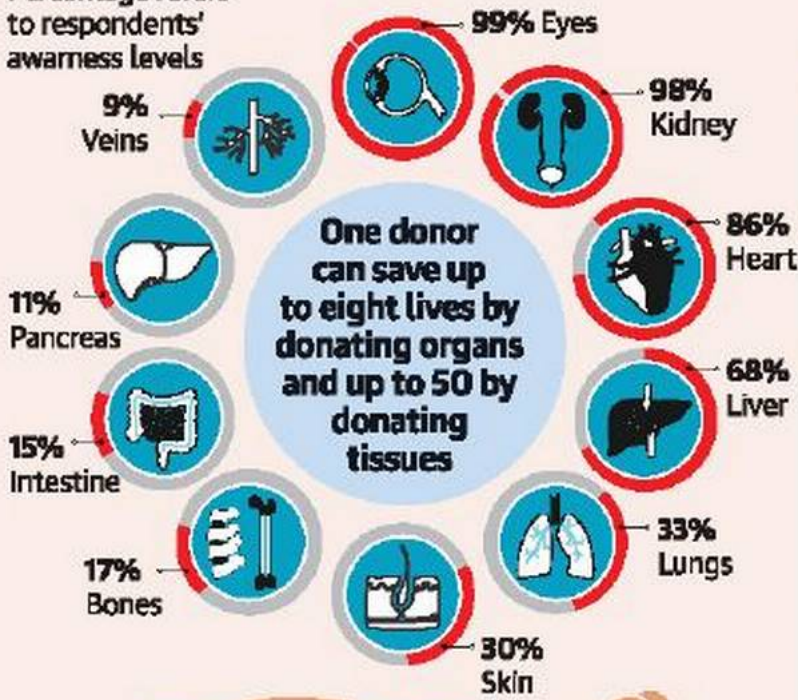
Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994

- Transplantation of Human Organs Act was passed in 1994 and subsequently amended in 2011 thus bringing in form **Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act 2011**.
- It provides various regulations for the removal of human organs and its storage.
- It also regulates the transplantation of human organs for **therapeutic purposes** and for the **prevention of commercial dealings** in human organs.
- **Main Provisions**
 - The act recognises brain death identified as a form of the death process and defines criteria for brain death.
 - It provides **regulatory and advisory bodies for monitoring transplantation activity**.
 - It also provides for **maintenance of a registry of donors and recipients** of human organs and tissues.

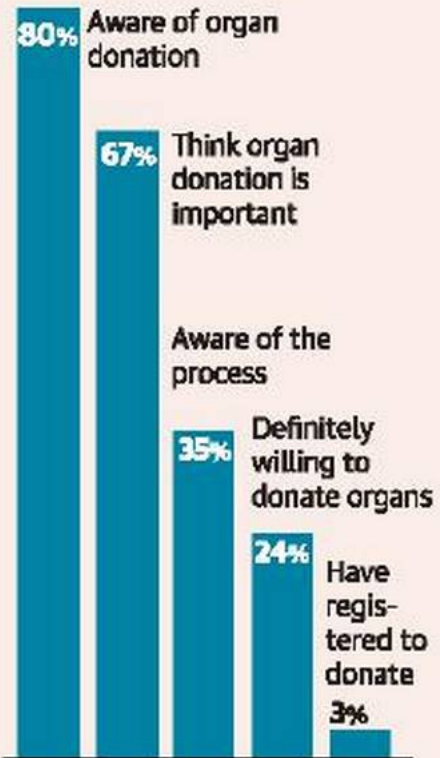
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Which organs can be donated?

Percentage refers to respondents' awareness levels



Landscape of organ donation in India



Way Forward

- Initiatives such as **Indian Organ Donation Day** helps **promote awareness and recognize the selfless contribution** made by deceased donors to healthcare and mankind re-instill our faith in humanity.

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