

Report on National Organ Donation Day November 27, 2021

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Loreto College celebrated **National Organ Donation Day** on November 27, 2021. This was a humble effort to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation and address the myths and modalities related to donating organs.

The day aims to promote awareness and recognize the selfless contribution made by deceased donors to healthcare and re-instil our faith in humanity. The year 2021 marks the **12th National Organ Donation Day**. It is organised by the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.



Organ donations have always been abysmally low in India. According to estimates, only 0.65 donations per million population take place in the country, compared to 35 in Spain and 26 in the US.

Dr. Muneet Kaur Sahi, Programme Manager at MOHAN Foundation, in Northern Zone Delhi-NCR presented the concepts of Organ and tissue donation, types of death viz. Cardiac and Brain Death, the organs and tissues that can be donated. She highlighted that India had low organ donation rates in the world, primarily due to lack of awareness. She also discussed the various myths and barriers, which can only be eliminated through counselling and sensitization.