

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **ILLEGAL KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION RACKET BUSTED BY RACHAKONDA POLICE - (09) HELD**

Acting on credible information, on 21.01.2025, the Saroornagar Police and the Special Operations Team (SOT), L.B. Nagar Zone, in coordination with the DMHO, Ranga Reddy district, Telangana, busted an illegal kidney transplantation racket being operated by the management of Alakananda Hospital, located in Doctors Colony, Saroor Nagar.

During the inspection, four individuals were found in the Hospital:

1. Ms. Nasreen Banu Eliyash (22 years), a donor, resident of Tamilnadu.
2. Ms. Firdosh S (40 years), a donor, resident of Tamil Nadu.
3. Mr. B.S. Raja Shekar (68 years), a recipient.
4. Ms. Bhat Prabha alias Krupalatha (40 years), a recipient, N/o. of Karnataka

The recipients had already undergone kidney transplantation surgeries and were undergoing treatment. During the inquiry, it was revealed that the Hospital was functioning without proper authorization to conduct kidney transplantation surgeries.

Upon questioning Dr. Guntupally Sumanth, the Managing Director of Alakananda Hospital, it was found that Dr. Avinash and his team had been conducting illegal kidney transplantation surgeries at the Hospital for the past seven months. The four individuals were shifted to Gandhi Hospital, Hyderabad, for better medical care. Subsequently, the Health Department officials sealed the Hospital.

Based on a complaint filed by Dr. M. Geetha, Deputy DMHO, a case was registered at Saroor Nagar Police Station, Rachakonda.

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19 & 19A OF THE TRANSPLANTATION OF HUMAN ORGANS AND TISSUES  
ACT-1994 OF P.S SAROOR NAGAR, RACHAKONDA.**

**The details of the accused persons:-**

**Doctors:-**

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| 1 | : | Dr. Siddamshetty Avinash (Gen. Surgeon) <b>Arrested on 25-01-2025</b>                                      |
| 2 | : | Dr.Guntupally Sumanth Managing Director of Alakananda Hospital <b>Arrested on 23-01-2025 and Remanded.</b> |
| 3 | : | Dr. Raj Shekhar (Main surgeon) R/o Tamilnadu state <b>(Absconding).</b>                                    |
| 4 | : | Dr. Sohib (Main surgeon) N/o Jammu & Kashmir <b>(Absconding).</b>  |
|   |   | <b>Organizers:-</b>  |
| 5 | : | Pavan @ Leon @ Kishore R/oVizag <b>(Absconding)</b>  |
| 6 | : | Purna @ Abhishik R/o Vizag <b>(Absconding).</b>  |
| 7 | : | Laxman, R/oVizag <b>(Absconding)</b>   |
|   |   | <b>Mediators:-</b>   |

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| 8  | : | Ponnuswamy Pradeep R/o Karnataka State. <b>Arrested on 25-01-2025</b>                         |
| 9  | : | Suraj Mishra, R/o Karnataka State   |
| 10 | : | Shankar, R/o Taminadu State ( <b>Absconding</b> )   |
|    |   | <b>Medical Assistants:-</b>   |
| 1  | : | Narsagani Gopi, Occ: Receptionist at Alakananda Hospital (Arrested & Remanded on 23.01.2025). |
| 2  | : | Ramavath Ravi R/o Nalgonda district. <b>Arrested on 25-01-2025</b>                            |
| 3  | : | Sapavath Ravinder R/o Nalgonda district <b>Arrested on 25-01-2025</b>                         |
| 4  | : | Sapavath Harish N/o Nalgonda district. <b>Arrested on 25-01-2025</b>                          |
| 5  | : | Podila Sai R/o Nalgonda district. <b>Arrested on 25-01-2025</b>                               |

#### **Seized Property:-**

- 1) TATA Punch Car Br.No. AP-40-CV-6300.
- 2) Net Cash Rs.5,00,000/-
- 3) Mobile phones-10
- 4) Operation surgical material kit.

#### **Modus Operandi:-**

Dr. Avinash completed his MBBS in China and pursued a Diploma in Surgery in Pune, Maharashtra. He later worked in a hospital at Pune. In 2022, he and his partners took over Janani Hospital, located on Madhannapet Road, Saidabad. Due to financial difficulties, he was unable to manage the hospital and considered selling it. During this time, a person named Laxman, a resident of Vizag, approached him and proposed conducting illegal kidney transplantations (KTP) at the hospital. Laxman assured Dr. Avinash that he would be paid ₹2.5 lakh per surgery and that he would handle the arrangements for doctors, assistants, donors, and recipients. Dr. Avinash was only required to provide the operation theater and post-operative care.

Agreeing to the proposal, Dr. Avinash facilitated the surgeries at Janani Hospital. From April 2023 to June 2024, illegal kidney transplantations were conducted, with Dr. Avinash receiving ₹2.5 lakh for each surgery. He later discovered that a man named Pavan alias Leon, a resident of Vizag and the main organizer, along with his assistant Purna alias Abhishik from Vizag, managed the operations. They brought in the main surgeons, including Dr. Raja Shekhar Perumal from Tamil Nadu and Dr. Sohob from Jammu & Kashmir, as well as operating theater assistants Shankar (Tamil Nadu), Pradeep, and Suraj (Karnataka). These individuals also arranged for donors and recipients.

Before each surgery, Purna alias Abhishik would collect blood samples from the donors and recipients. If their blood group and Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) matched, the KTP process would begin. They collected ₹55–60 lakh from each recipient, out of which ₹5 lakh was given to the donor, ₹2.5 lakh to Dr. Avinash, ₹10 lakh to the lead surgeon, around ₹30,000 to the five operating theater assistants, and the remainder was taken by the organizers and mediators. Due to administrative issues, Dr. Avinash closed Janani Hospital in June 2024.

In July 2024, Dr. Avinash approached Dr. Sumanth, the Managing Director of Alakananda Hospital, who had completed his medical studies in Kyrgyzstan. Dr. Sumanth agreed to provide the operation theater for the illegal KTP surgeries, receiving ₹1.5 lakh per surgery, while Dr. Avinash received ₹1 lakh. They conducted about (20) KTP surgeries at Alakananda Hospital in December 2024.

Some team of doctors had made large illegal kidney transplant (KTP) surgeries were conducted at Alakananda Hospital, Janani Hospital, Aruna Hospital and other Hospitals in Hyderabad and various places in India.

In connection with this case, the accused A-2: Dr. Guntupally Sumanth (Managing Director of Alakananda Hospital) and A-8: Narasani Gopi (Receptionist and Assistant to Dr. Avinash) were arrested on 23.01.2025. They were produced before the Hon'ble court and remanded to judicial custody.

On 25.01.2025, the following accused were arrested: A-1: Siddamshetty Avinash, A-6: Ponnuswamy Pradeep, A-7: Ramavath Ravi, A-11: Sapavath Ravinder, A-12: Sapavath Harish, A-13: Podila Sai, A-14: Suraj Mishra. A total of seven accused are being produced before the Hon'ble court.

The above arrests were made under the direct supervision of Shri G. Sudheer Babu, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda and the under guidance of Shri. Ch. Praveen Kumar, IPS., DCP, LB Nagar Zone, by Shri. K. Muralidhar, DCP, SOT, LB Nagar-Maheshwaram Zone, Shri. B. Koteswara Rao, Addl.DCP, LB-Nagar Zone, Sri. MD. Shakir Hussain, Addl.DCP SOT LB Nagar Shri. A. Krishnaiah, ACP, LB Nagar Division.

The good work done by Shri V. Saidi Reddy, Inspector of Police, B. Kishan SIP, K. Mahendher SIP, S. Lakshaman SIP and team, Shri. Bhaksar Reddy, Shri. Mir Mudasir Ali and Shri K. Prathap Reddy, Inspectors, Govind SIP, of SOT LB Nagar Zone, S and team. They were appreciated by CP Sir and they may be rewarded suitably.





