

Network of kidney donors to be formed



NOBLE GESTURE: Chairman of V-Guard Industries addresses a meeting after announcing kidney donation to the Kidney Foundation of India, Thrissur. - PHOTO: BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.

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KOCHI: A network of kidney donors and recipients, Kidney Bank, is set to play a pivotal role in reaching out to renal failure patients. Kochouseph Chittilappilli, chairman and managing director of V-Guard Industries, will start this chain by donating one of his kidneys to Joy from Kottayam.

At a press meet organised by the Kidney Federation of India, which is co-ordinating the Bank or network, Mr. Chittilappilly said he was inspired to reach out to those with renal failure after witnessing the struggle the family faced in finding a donor for a close relative. He said after interacting with agents who get donors for a price, he realised the difficulty faced by numerous

patients who have to undergo kidney transplantation.

The chain started by Mr. Chittilappilly will have Mr. Joy as recipient. It will be continued with Mr. Joy's wife Jolly donating her kidney to Shamsuddeen from Thrissur. Sainaba, wife of Mr. Shamsuddeen, will donate her kidney to John of Thrissur and Mr. John's mother, Jessy, will donate her kidney to Biju of Thrissur. The chain ends here as Biju could not get a close relative to donate a kidney, said Fr. Davis Chirammel, founder of the Federation

Fr. Chirammel, who started the Federation by donating one of his kidneys, said people can register with the Kidney Bank on payment of Rs.100.

More chains of donors and recipients will be formed when an individual comes forward to donate a kidney, he said.

The idea of Kidney Bank came up when the Federation facilitated a cross donation in which a patient's blood relative's kidney was found to suit another patient and vice-versa. The families agreed to cross donate with mutual consent and the formalities of getting clearance from the medical board were much less too.

Medical centre

The Kidney Federation is planning to set up a Kidney Medical Centre across the State and the first one would be set up in Thrissur. Initial formalities to set up the centre are on in full swing.