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**Press Release**

**First Heart Transplant in Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology**

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram performed the first Orthotopic Heart Transplantation of the institute on 22-07-2024. The recipient of the heart was a 13year old girl diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy. The child was in end stage heart failure requiring multiple and frequent hospital admissions. The donor heart was from a school teacher who had sustained subarachnoid haemorrhage due to ruptured intracranial aneurysm. Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (K-SOTTO) had allocated the organ to SCTIMST in accordance with the organ allocation policy of the Government of Kerala. The surgery was performed by a team of doctors headed by Dr. Baiju S Dharan and Dr. Vivek V Pillai , from the department of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery supported by the team from cardiology headed by Dr. Harikrishnan S and Dr. Krishnamoorthy K M and cardiac anaesthesia headed by Dr. Shrinivas V G and Dr. Thomas Koshy, nursing staff, transplant coordinator, division of perfusion, department of transfusion medicine , biomedical technology wing , technical staff of various labs , transport wing and security along with other medical and paramedical staff members of the institute. Kerala Police arranged the green corridor for the quick transport of the organ. The institute acknowledges the kind support extended by KIMS Hospital and TATA Trust. The institute expresses gratitude to the support extended by President of SCTIMST, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, ICMR, Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health, Government of India, Directorate of Medical Education Kerala, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala, K-SOTTO, Kerala Police and various departments of Government of Kerala for their kind help in the coordination of the procedure. The institute expresses immense gratitude to the generosity of the bereaved donor family for their kind benevolence in their time of extreme grief. Dedicated intensive care continues to ensure the safe recovery of the child.