

DAYANAND MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, LUDHIANA

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ISOT-08 Conference

The three-day 19th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Organ Transplantation (ISOT) concluded with informative guest lectures and



symposium on “Legal, Ethical & Social Issues in Organ Transplantation”. The session was convened by Dr. Gopal Krishnan in the presence of chairpersons including Hon’ble Justice, Punjab & Haryana High Court- Mr. Justice K.S.Garewal, Mr. Harish Rai

Dhanda (Chief Parliamentary Secretary, Punjab), Mr.N.P.S Aulakh (DGP.,Punjab), Dr.S.S.Sandhu (Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister), Mr. Maheshinder Singh Grewal (Ex-Minister, Medical Education) and Mr. Rajat Sharma (Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, India TV). The session was attended not only by the medical fraternity but the people from all walks of life including the policy-makers, lawyers, bureaucrats and professionals from various other fields. The moderator of the session Dr. Baldev Singh Aulakh (Professor of Urology & Transplant Surgery and Head of Transplant Unit at DMCH) remarked that the topic of the symposium is very much relevant in today’s context as every other day, the people hear bad news concerning the transplant and hence, a suitable platform consisting of policy makers, lawyers, doctors and high-rank police officials was set-up to debate and understand the thin and thick of social, ethical and legal issues related to organ transplant, since this matter relates to the life of the diseased one and nightmare to the family members who wants to save the patient at any cost.

Last day of the conference began with scientific sessions on “Development of guidelines for management of kidney transplant recipients” by Dr. Betram L. Kasiske, “ Pregnancy after Renal Transplantation” by Dr. CK Jacob and “Viral infection in renal transplantation” and “Immunobiology of HLA & Cross Match in Transplantation” which was well-

received by the audience.

In his valedictory message, Organizing Secretary-Dr. Baldev Singh Aulakh (Professor of Urology & Transplant Surgery and Head of Transplant Unit at DMCH) proposed a vote of thanks to all the delegates and dignitaries present on the occasion. He said that the three-day “ISOT conference” has been very successful in promoting the noble cause of organ donation from brain-dead patients, which has been given due support by the state government of Punjab.



