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On November 24, a suitable donor became available at Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore. Mr. Raja was offered a lung transplantation, which would give him a near normal life without oxygen. This was a minimally invasive lung transplantation. The surgical team was headed by Dr Jnanesh Thacker - Senior Consultant Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon, Specialist in Heart and Lung Transplantation for Global Hospitals Group, and his team consisted of Dr Nandkishore Kapadia, Dr Vijil Rahulan, Dr Govini Balasubramani, Dr Manohar, Dr Kalyan, Dr Rajgopal and Dr Sanjay Singh.

Elated over the success of the country's first minimal access transplant procedure for lung, for the team at Global Health City, Chennai, it's what they are committed to do every day, deliver their best to save lives, demonstrating exceptional clinical capabilities, innovation and deploy most advanced treatment, technology and utmost patient care.

"Raja Babu Shah is the recipient of India's first recipient of Minimal Access Lung Transplant. He is also the oldest patient in India to receive a Lung Transplantation and his recuperation is going to be reduced with less pain due to Minimal Access method adopted," said Dr Vijil Rahulan, Head of Department of Respiratory Medicine & Senior Consultant Pulmonologist, Global Health City.

Dr Jnanesh Thacker iterated, "Based on clinical evaluations and considering the age of the patient, we knew this transplant surgery is going to be a litmus test. We got together as a team to discuss what we need to ensure for best clinical outcomes and after that the decision was made to take the road less traveled - Minimal access mode. We did a Minimal access anterio-axillary thoracotomy with an incision, 7 inches long, just below the nipple. We ensured that the internal mammary artery is preserved."

Global Hospitals Group is one of the fast growing chains of multi superspecialty tertiary care hospitals in India offering healthcare services of international standards. The Group currently has state-of the art and world class hospitals at

Hyderabad, Chennai, Bangalore and Mumbai offering advanced patient care. With the most comprehensive multi-organ transplant services in the country, the Group has carved out a niche for itself by excelling in areas ranging from simple procedures to complex surgeries and multi-organ transplantation services for liver, kidneys, heart and lungs.

Speaking on this occasion, Dr Ravindranath - chairman & managing director, Global Hospitals Group applauded the Transplantation Team's effort in saving the life of this patient with a novel attempt helping faster recovery. He stated, "I was pleased to know that the patient was off the ventilator on the next day and he walked inside his room on the third post operative day."