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# THE PRAVIN AGARWAL FOUNDATION

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As October 2025 sweeps in with its festive cheer and golden hues, The Pravin Agarwal Foundation (TPAF) is igniting hope and transforming lives through pediatric liver transplants. With over 600 children given a second chance at life, including a record-breaking 113 surgeries in 2024-25, we're charging toward a world where no child is denied care due to financial barriers. This month, we celebrate our shared victories and invite you to fuel more miracles with us!

### Our Commitment and Impact

Together with over 25 hospital partners, dedicated doctors, and our incredible supporters, we strive to:

- Facilitate timely medical interventions through Pediatric Liver transplants and Kasai Procedures.
  - Provide financial support to remove barriers for families.
  - Empower communities with knowledge for early detection and treatment.
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## New Partnerships



We're excited to welcome 5 new hospital partners to our growing network, bringing our total to 25 dedicated centers across India. These strategic collaborations enhance our ability to provide timely pediatric liver transplants, Kasai procedures, and comprehensive family support to children in need nationwide.

### Our Newest Partners:

- Midas Hospital, Nagpur
- Rainbow Children's Hospital, Chennai (Guindy)
- MGM Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., Chennai
- Kauvery Hospital, Chennai
- VGM Hospital, Coimbatore

This expansion means faster access to specialized care, reduced travel burdens for families, and stronger community outreach for early detection. With your continued support, we're bridging critical gaps in pediatric liver care and bringing hope closer to home.

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## The lives we touched....



**Hamza Walikar**

Meet Hamza Walikar, a lively 3-year-old from Pune whose journey has touched countless hearts. Diagnosed with PFIC-related Decompensated Chronic Liver Disease (DCLD), Hamza faced a challenging path that his family thought might be insurmountable. Hamza received a life-saving pediatric liver transplant at Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune. After the successful operation, Hamza has stabilized remarkably and returned to his playful self. His adorable videos shared by his family have gone viral on social media, bringing smiles to people everywhere as they witness his joyful recovery and infectious energy. Hamza's story is a beautiful reminder of how timely medical care and community support can transform lives, giving children like him the chance to thrive and spread happiness far beyond their hospital rooms.



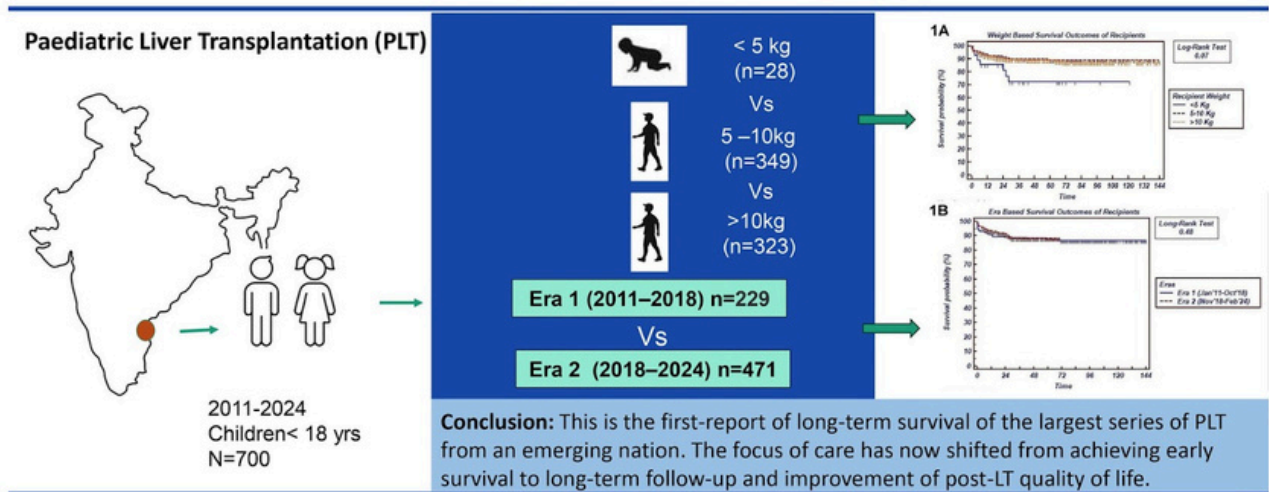
**Rushikesh Devikar**

Meet Rushikesh Devikar, a determined 14-year-old from Nagpur whose courage shines through his battle with cirrhosis due to Wilson's Disease. Facing a life-altering diagnosis, Rushikesh underwent a pediatric liver transplant at Midas Hospital in Nagpur. The successful operation marked a turning point, giving him renewed health and the opportunity to look forward with optimism. Now on the path to full recovery, he's gradually returning to his studies and interests that light up his world. Rushikesh's story highlights the profound impact of accessible medical care, showing how timely interventions can help young patients overcome even the most daunting health challenges and reclaim their futures.

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# Industry Update

## First Report of Long-term Outcomes of 700 Pediatric Liver Transplants From India



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**Transplantation**

## Background

- Acceptance of pediatric liver transplantation (PLT) in this part of the world has been slow because of a number of considerations, including those of cost, infections, and the nonavailability of expertise. Despite several obstacles, PLT has seen impressive growth in the recent years. Against a backdrop of this changing landscape of PLT in India, this study presents experience of performing 700 PLT over a period of 13 y.

## Methods

- All 700 children (<18 y old) who underwent PLT from January 2011 to February 2024 were included in the study. Children were grouped into group 1 (<5 kg), group 2 (5–10 kg) and group 3 (>10 kg) and survival analysis was performed. The outcomes of PLT performed over the first 7 y were compared with those of the next 6 y, with the aim to present any learning curve/teething troubles that could have presented while setting up the unit.

## Results.

- The overall 90-d, 1-, 5-, and 10-y survivals were 94.2%, 90.4%, 86%, and 85.4%, respectively. The median (interquartile range) follow-up of the entire cohort was 65 mo (16–96 mo). There was no statistically significant difference in survival between the 3 weight-based groups or between the 2 eras.

## Conclusions.

- This study presents the first report of long-term survival of the largest series of PLT from an emerging nation. Remarkably, with increasing numbers of liver transplantation being performed in the region over the past decade, the focus of care has now shifted from achieving early survival after liver transplantation to long-term follow-up.

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