

member for a transplant and therefore requires an unrelated donor.

"There is no rule on conducting all surgeries in the domino chain in a single day. In US, it is spread over two-three days. But here, there is a fear that one person may back-off after his relative receives a kidney, so we prefer conducting all transplants simultaneously," said Dr Ganesh Sanap, ASTR coordinator.

Since unrelated kidney transplants were permitted in 2011, ASTR has coordinated 40 swap transplants. "A domino is, however, difficult. It requires various permissions, counseling and coordination between hospitals," Sanap added.

A swap transplant takes place between two pairs of donor-recipient. Across India, 249 such pairs are currently awaiting a kidney transplant under ASTR, the only organisation in India that registers patients for a swap transplant.

According to Dr N K Hasi, head of the nephrology depart-

require a transplant.

Dr Alan Almeida, who will be conducting one of the four transplants at PD Hinduja Hospital, said, "A few tests must be repeated 24 hours before the surgery. Only then can the transplant be carried out."

One of these tests is a final check on whether the HLA or Human Leukocyte Antigen is negative. This is conducted to check whether the donor and receiver's immune systems have similar antigen structure and there is no likelihood of a "kidney rejection" by the recipient's body. If even one patient fails a last-minute test, the entire chain of surgeries would have to be replanned.

CYRIL AND ARTI DI'SA (HUSBAND AND WIFE)

Arti Di'sa (38) was diagnosed with kidney problems in January 2014. That was, however, just the beginning of troubles for her. Di'sa, a housewife from Thane, also suffered from low haemo-

lucky to share the same blood group, B negative, and on December 7 last year she was admitted to undergo a transplant, with her husband donating one kidney to her. "As a protocol, the doctors again conducted our blood test. To my shock, her blood group came borderline positive while mine was still B negative," Cyril said. The government hospital in Kalwa where Di'sa had undergone blood transfusion in August 2014, had accidentally transfused B positive blood instead of B negative blood group. The transplant was cancelled.

"After the transfusion, she vomited, suffered lose motions and lost 12 kgs weight. We only understood what went wrong when her blood test were conducted," Cyril alleges, adding that he does not wish to file a police complaint as getting her a new kidney is his only priority.

In January this year, the couple registered for a swap or domino transplant. They were

to Farooq Hashmi at PD Hinduja hospital, Mahim, while his wife will receive a kidney from Arti Tungare, whose husband, Makrand Tungare, will get a donation from a third family.

Dr Alan Almeida, who will operate on Arti, said, "In our last attempt, tests showed that her antibodies can reject the kidney. This time we need to be sure. A cross match will be conducted before the transplant to ensure that," he said.

Says Di'sa, "I have been undergoing dialysis twice a week lately. This is my only shot at getting a new kidney. I hope it works."

FAROOQ AND MAIMUNA HASHMI (HUSBAND AND WIFE)

The search for a kidney has been the hardest ever search for the Hashmi couple residing in a one-room-kitchen in Lohar Chawl with a family of four others. Next month, Farooq Hashmi

family tree and found no. That's when in June 201-year-old Makrand Tungare wife Arti Tungare (37) suggested to become a donor herself. She urged her husband to register themselves in the ASTR.

"I never consumed alcohol smoked. Kidney ailments have been a hereditary problem in my family. I was diagnosed in 2000," says Makrand, an entrepreneur in Pune's Sinhgad. The 43-year-old had been living on medications to support his kidney. Since 2013, he has been opting for dialysis twice a week, stripping him off of Rs 1 lakh every year. "The doctor suggested a transplant last year. But since he is O positive, we never found a match now," said Arti, Makrand's wife. In May, Suraj Yashwant, a positive, will donate a kidney to Makrand. Suraj is the uncle of the fourth recipient in the domino chain.

Dr Rajesh Kumar, nephrologist at Hiranandani Hospital, where Makrand's transplan-

Syedna called me his 'beloved son', meaning successor, says challenger to title in court

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"The Syedna appointed me as Mazoon. He said I was a beloved son. This carried the meaning that I was his successor."

KHUZAIMA QUTBUDDIN
CLAIMANT TO THE TITLE

secretly and without a witness, Qutbuddin said, "To keep it a secret was Syedna's decision and not mine. I am the witness."

The challenger was also asked if it was his belief that even Saifuddin knew that he was the successor of the 52nd Dai. Qutbuddin, while responding, said, "I think so."

Qutbuddin also said that when the late Syedna was asked by his uncle why the Nass has not been made public, he was told by the late spiritual head that, "Talwarein chal jatin" (swords would have been drawn).

Chagla further questioned whether his uncle knew of the Nass allegedly conferred on him, he said. "I believe my uncle knew but I cannot say for certain. The Syedna told me not to tell anyone and I obeyed him. Given the way my uncle respected me, I

believed he must have known," he said. He also added that he was confident that other people mentioned by him in his affidavits also knew.

When Chagla asked why the conferring of the Nass was not a secret, according to Qutbuddin, he said, "That is possible because of the favours that the Syedna showered on me."

Qutbuddin also said that the defendant (Saifuddin), his father-in-law and his brothers started to scheme against him and malign him as he had attained a high position. He further alleged that his popularity made others jealous. When asked if they succeeded in maligning him, he answered, "To an extent in the eye of some people in the community."

He also claimed that there were two assassination attempts on him at Yemen and Indore. He, however, said that he did not know if the defendant and his brothers were not involved in the attempt in Yemen while he denied their involvement in the case of the attack in Indore.

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Model rape case: Victim to undergo fresh medical tests

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THE 29-year-old model, who has accused a police officer for allegedly repeatedly sexually abusing her in a police chowky at Saki Naka, will undergo a fresh medical check-up to gather any possible medical evidence in the case.

On April 23 former Assistant Police Inspector Sunil Khatpe was arrested for sexually assaulting the model, while two other policemen and five informers had been arrested on the charges of wrongful confinement and extortion. The model had alleged that she was sexually abused by the police officer on April 3.

"The victim, while lodging the complaint, had submitted a medical report prepared by the Cooper hospital confirming about the sexual abuse. The fresh medical tests will help us to gather any medical evidence which might still be on the victim," a senior police officer told *The Indian Express*.

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Captured boat to meet an end on high seas, says...

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THE PAKISTANI boat Al Yawar was to rendezvous with another vessel at high sea off the coast of Gujarat right before it was captured by the Coast Guard last week. The police is now probing where the second boat was originate from.

"Al Yashir's crew has told us that they were instructed to meet a boat off the coast of Gujarat on April 20. The coordinates given to them were only 10 nautical miles further from the place that they were caught," said Krishna Prakash, Additional Commissioner of Police, Sojat region. He added that the case is being interrogated on the identity of the vessel that it was supposed to meet and was also examining the possibility that the second boat was to come from India.

The Coast Guard found 2 kg of heroin worth Rs 600 crore packed in 11 plastic drums on the boat, which is believed to have set sail from Karachi. Under interrogation, it has emerged that of the boat's ei-