

Country's First Hand Transplant Successful

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KOCHI: The Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) has added one more feather in its cap after the hand transplant - the first ever in the country - conducted at the hospital last week turned successful.

“Thank You, Binoy,” wrote Manu, who underwent the bilateral hands transplant, with his new hand. Manu, whose hands were severed after he got trapped under a train, had underwent the bilateral hand transplant last week.



Manu drinking water by holding glass in his transplanted hands

“His transplanted hands are functioning well, and have been accepted by the body. He has also regained the ability to move his fingers,” said Dr Subramania Iyer who led the operation. The hospital sources said that Manu was recovering well.

“In order to ensure an infection-free environment, Manu has been kept in the intensive care unit. He will be shifted to the ward within three-four days,” they said.

The day-to-day procedures of his physiotherapy regime will be carried out under close supervision. Manu got limbs from Binoy, who died in an accident. The family of Binoy decided not only to donate his organs, but also his limbs. A meeting has been organised at Varapuzha to honour the family of donor. Manu sent a note of gratitude written by his own hands to the family.