

INSPIRING STORIES OF EYE DONATION

Case Study II

Y is a middle aged man with a good profession and living happily with wife and children. It came as a blow to the family when he had a sudden heart attack and passed away in the hospital. Added to the heartbreaking news was the thrust of religious and superstitious beliefs of their community Their belief insisted that he has to be cremated within a speculated time for his soul to rest in peace. His children had progressive views and wanted to donate his eyes though he never asked them to do so. But their relatives who believed in rebirth have not allowed them to do so at because



he would be born blind in his next birth. So the children on the way to their village have stopped the ambulance at Swetcha Gora Eye Bank and donated their father's eyes away

from their defiant relatives. Though caught in a defenseless situation, as life has it, Y's children were determined to give new life and meaning to two more people by donating their father's eyes. They wanted to give meaning and value to their father's life through this act of theirs. They have proved to the society that it is possible to accommodate such amiable deeds without forgoing one's belief system if one is empathetic. Their thoughtfulness is truly applaudable.