

Rampwalk

Metro Retro - Ramp Walk for a Cause

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MOHAN Foundation celebrated 27 years of saving lives through a unique “METRO RETRO - RAMP WALK FOR A CAUSE” wherein luminaries from all walks of life walked the ramp at Ameerpet Metro Station, showcased their support for the cause of organ donation on June 15, 2024. This event was held in partnership with L&T Metro Rail, Hyderabad.

Prominent doctors, celebrities, transplant recipients, donor families and the MOHAN Foundation team from different parts of the country walked the ramp to create awareness about organ donation.

Popular Tollywood actor **Mr. Vishwak Sen**, was the Chief Guest at the event, and he pledged to donate organs. Mr. Vishwak Sen flashed his “Donor Card” and sincerely appealed to everyone to pledge for organ donation. He saluted all the transplant coordinators who spoke to the families during their darkest hour of grief.



Among the luminaries who walked the ramp was **Dr. Prashant Garg, Chairperson of L.V. Prasad Eye Institute**, along with his wife, Mrs. Parul Garg.

Ms. Malina, an actress and model from South India, also walked the ramp. **Dr. Manisha Sahay**, a nephrologist at Osmania General Hospital, **Mrs. Gayatri Bhargavi**, a talented actress, along with her husband, **Col. Vikram Subramanyam**, walked the ramp strongly advocating the cause of eye and organ donation.



Mrs. Sameera Bharadwaj, a Telugu playback singer captivated the audience with her melodious voice. **Mr. Sailesh, Flim Director** along with his family walked the ramp.

Mrs. Meera Shenoy, Founder of Youth4Jobs, who is passionate about her work of transforming marginalized youth and youth with disabilities by training them and linking them to sustained livelihoods, walked the ramp to endorse organ donation.

Dr. Swarnalatha Guditi, a Professor and Head of the Department of Nephrology at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, and also in charge of the Jeevandan program in Telangana, walked the ramp.

Mr. Swastik Bihani and his wife, Raina, and daughter, Sanika walked the ramp. Mr. Swastik Bihani is currently the MD and Country Head of a US-based company in healthcare technology called GHX. His wife, Raina, has worked in various roles involving the launch of new products and markets at Google. Their 16-year-old daughter, Sanika Bihani, is a fervent advocate of organ donation. She has conducted many presentations on organ donation and educated more than 15,000 people about organ donation.



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Ms. Madhavi Siddam is a renowned media personality with over 18 years of experience as a newsreader, presenter, and health correspondent. She endorsed organ donation by walking the ramp.

Ms. Vyjayanti, a courageous transwoman, who advocates for transgender rights and inclusion that has inspired many, making her a respected voice in the community, strongly advocated for organ donation.

Ms. Harshini Mekala, an artist and a Transwoman walked the ramp and spoke eloquently about organ donation.

Ms. Gundra Rosy, the Founder of the Sankalp Foundation, who has been campaigning and educating orphans and disadvantaged children since 2003 walked the ramp.

Dr. Mohammed Moiz Lalani is a pulmonary and critical care physician at KIMS Hospital Institute of Heart and Lung Transplantation along with his colleagues walked the ramp.

Ms. Shaista, a kidney transplant recipient from Gandhi Hospital proudly showed off her placard that says, "I received a kidney, thanks to an angel".

Mr. Mohan Nishtala, walked the ramp along with his daughter-in-law, Poulomi. Mr. Mohan donated his wife Lakshmi's organs in 2013 and saved seven lives.



Mr. Srinagesh, who received a heart transplant a year ago, proudly demonstrated the placard which read, "I received a Heart, thanks to an angel".

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