

## Sunrisers Hyderabad raises awareness on organ donation

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Sunrisers Hyderabad joined Apollo Hospitals and Jeevandan at Apollo Hospitals, recently, to sensitise the population on the need to donate organs and provide a fresh lease of life to several terminally ill patients.

Sunrisers Hyderabad team members Muttiah Muralitharan, Ben Cutting, Kane Williamson, Siraj MD, and others, along with Sangita Reddy, Jt Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals; Dr Swarnalatha, CEO of Jeevandan; Dr AGK Gokhale, Senior Consultant Cardio Thoracic Surgeon; Dr Subramanyam, Senior Consultant Urologist; DR SVSS Prasad, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist; Dr Manish Verma, Consultant Liver Transplant Surgeon of Apollo Hospitals; organ recipients and volunteers took a pledge to donate organs and encourage others to come forward and pledge their organs.

Speaking on the occasion Sangita Reddy said, "Organ donation is a gift of life, not only for the patient who receives it but also for his or her near and dear. Today, there is a huge discrepancy between the

number of organs available for transplantation and the people who need them. Over 1.6 lakh patients are waiting for organ transplantation, because we don't have adequate organs available through organ donation.

Therefore, the need of the hour is to educate the populace about organ donation and the tremendous difference it can make to the life of patients with organ failure. Transplant recipients, who are incapacitated, are totally dependent and are a financial burden to their families, go back to their normal life and become the breadwinners for their families. Children who undergo transplant return to school and lead a normal life, thereafter.

Today, Sunrisers Hyderabad team members came forward to sensitise the public on the need to donate organs and help patients in dire need of organs." Sunrisers team member Kane Williamson said, "We are extremely humbled to give a hand to such a fantastic cause of organ donation, it's moving to hear that five hundred thousand people suffer each year by not being able to receive organs. We are fortunate to help create some awareness by being here."



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