

## Ambassador's Column

### The 2023 Florence Nightingale Awardee is the Proud Organ Donation Ambassador

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Ms Madhavi Rane Chikale while working at the BJ Wadia Hospital underwent the Organ Donation Ambassador volunteer training in June 2021. As an ambassador, she motivated many of her nursing staff to join the volunteer training. 35 nurses of BJ Wadia Hospital signed up for the Ambassador training. In June 2023, the hospital registered its first paediatric donation.

As an ambassador Madhavi motivated others by participating in the Pinkathon in Mumbai. Her group of volunteers and friends wore pink sarees and explained the concept for organ donation to other runners. She also organised a women's football match to promote organ donation. She later shifted to Mohali and continued her awareness activities through the hospital. Recently in Chandigarh she conducted an awareness event 'Cycling in Nauvari Saree' – the traditional attire of Marathi women.

She feels that there is a great shortage of nurses, and so it falls upon them to take up health issues to educate the public. She was honoured with the Florence Nightingale Award for her work on June 22, 2023 by the Honourable President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. She

said that this recognition is for her teachers and mentors and the families of patients who have given her encouragement to work in the field of nursing.

MOHAN Foundation is proud to have her as an Ambassador.



*Ms. Madhavi Rane Chikale receiving the Florence Nightingale Award for 2023 from the President Smt. Droupadi Murmu.*

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