The Department of Ophthalmology conducted the Glaucoma Awareness and were part of a Walkathon, as a part of the World Glaucoma Week, observed every year in March. The walkathon took place on the 19th of March 2018. It was flagged off by our beloved principal and dean, Dr Medha Y Rao, who addressed the students regarding the importance of awareness regarding glaucoma, and administered an oath to all present there to ensure that they will be instrumental in spreading awareness about glaucoma, and also, ensure timely diagnosis and treatment. Dr Prathab, our Registrar (Academics) and Dr Hemanth, our Registrar, were present at the flagging off, and were kind enough to participate in the walkathon.

We had announced a banner and eye wear competition for the 6th term students of the medical faculty. There was a resounding response for the same, with colourful banners and innovative eye wear which helped spread awareness about glaucoma. The students held up these banners and wore the eyewear, and walked from the college entrance to the main entrance of Ramaiah Hospital and back to the medical college. During the walkathon, Dr Naresh Shetty, President, MH, joined and encouraged us.

Dr Prathab, gave away a cash prize for the winning team. This endeavour was useful in spreading awareness about glaucoma, not only among the students, but also the patients at Ramaiah hospital, and the public at large.