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Rainbow pride walks are about queer visibility, protest, celebration and solidarity. Possibly India and South Asia's first ever pride walk was organized on July 2, 1999 in Kolkata. All of 15 people participated in the '1st Friendship Walk', which today has transformed into a multi-city event across India with thousands of participants. Snippets from the 1999 walk on the reverse are from the archives of Counsel Club, among India's first queer support forums (1993-2002) and an organizer of the walk. Part of the archives is maintained by Varta Trust, Kolkata.

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