

# World Optometry Week Celebration Report 2025



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**Venue:** MGM SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE & D Y PATIL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**Organized by:** In collaboration with MGM SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE, D Y PATIL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & LAXMI COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY.

## **Introduction**

World Optometry Day, celebrated annually on March 23rd, serves as a global occasion to highlight the significance of optometry and eye care. This year, LAXMI COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY in collaboration with MGM SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE, and D Y PATIL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE organized a special event to raise awareness about the role of optometrists in promoting eye health and vision care.

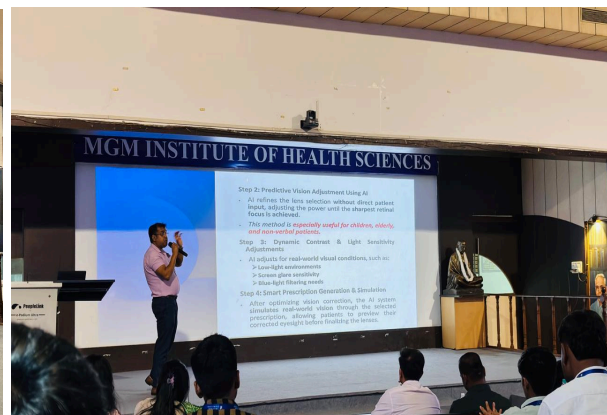


## Objectives of the Celebration

- To promote the research, innovation and entrepreneurship among young aspiring optometry students.
- To educate about the importance of eye health and regular check-ups.
- To recognize the contributions of optometrists in preventing vision-related disorders.
- To promote awareness campaigns on eye care and preventive measures.

## Event Highlights

The celebration included a series of activities aimed at engaging both professionals and optometry students.



### **Key highlights of the event were:**

The event commenced with an inauguration ceremony, graced by distinguished dignitaries from various colleges, followed by a warm welcome speech. A series of insightful sessions ensued, beginning with a panel discussion on global career opportunities for optometrists, featuring Mr. Omkar Thaware (ex- faculty of Laxmi college of Optometry), a PhD Scholar from OHSU Hospital, Portland, and Mr. Soham Salvi, MSc Orthoptics from UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, London.



The event continued with engaging topics, including an enlightening session on Scleral Lenses by Ms. Vanessa Barnes, an alumni of MGM School of Biomedical Science, and an informative talk on research and statistics by Dr. Abhijit Jadhav. The session provided valuable tricks to make research more engaging and interesting for students. Other notable presentations included Mr. Salim Jafri's discussion on 3D printing in healthcare, Dr. Partha Hazarika's futuristic insights on tele-optometry, and Dr. Ashish Jadhav's live demonstration on innovation and entrepreneurship that inspired aspiring optometrists. The event was concluded by Ms. Rashmi Kanojiya, an alumni of Laxmi College of Optometry, who delivered an insightful talk on contact lenses and Cooper Vision, bringing the sessions to a fitting close.

In addition to these expert sessions, the event also featured a range of interactive activities, including debates, quizzes, drama performances, magic shows, and cultural programs such as dance and singing. The event successfully combined professional learning with creative student participation, fostering both intellectual and cultural growth among attendees.



## Participation & Attendance

The event witnessed active participation from optometry students, professionals, healthcare workers. More than 200 students, including faculty members from various institutes, attended and exchanged their views with learning experiences from esteemed speakers.



## **Conclusion**

The World Optometry Week celebration was a successful initiative in promoting the significance of vision care and the role of optometrists in maintaining eye health. The event not only educated the community but also strengthened professional collaborations within the field of optometry. Moving forward, similar initiatives will be encouraged to sustain awareness and enhance eye care services globally.

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