



FREE EYE CHECK UP CAMP

AT Block 8, Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore

Date-13,14 and 15th February 2025

On 13,14 and 15th February, the Department of Optometry at Swami Vivekananda University organized a highly successful free eye check-up camp at Block 8, Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore. This initiative, coordinated by Dr.Prabirendra Nath Sinha, Dr.Manas Chakraborty, Mr.Sourav Karmakar and Mr. Arup Saha, from the Department of Optometry, aimed to provide essential eye care services to the underserved population of SVU camp. The primary objective of the camp was to address the significant gap in access to quality eye care in rural and semi-urban areas and to raise awareness about the importance of regular eye health check-ups.

The camp saw a remarkable turnout, with 186 patients attending the event, which catered to individuals of all age groups. The medical team, consisting of experienced optometrists, faculty members, and students from the Department of Optometry, provided comprehensive eye examinations using advanced optical equipment. Among the various tests conducted were visual acuity assessments, retinoscopy, refraction testing, intraocular pressure measurement, and slit-lamp examinations, all aimed at identifying common vision problems and eye diseases.

A large number of participants were diagnosed with refractive errors such as myopia, hypermetropia, and astigmatism, which were promptly addressed by recommending corrective lenses. For those in need of spectacles, prescription glasses were provided on-site. Additionally, several patients were diagnosed with early-stage cataracts, glaucoma, and other eye conditions that required specialized treatment. These patients were referred to local eye hospitals and clinics for further care.

The camp was not just about providing medical services; it also served as a platform for raising awareness about eye health. Dr. Sinha and Mr. Saha conducted informative sessions for the attendees, discussing the significance of regular eye check-ups, the prevention of eye diseases, and the importance of early diagnosis for conditions such as cataracts and glaucoma. These sessions were met with great enthusiasm, as many participants were unaware of the risks associated with neglecting their eye health and the potential long-term consequences.

The feedback from the community was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the free services and the professionalism displayed by the medical team. Several attendees shared that they had never before had access to such services, and many were surprised to learn about the condition of their eye health. The camp not only provided immediate relief to those with vision impairments but also educated the community about the importance of eye care.

The success of the camp highlighted the need for more such outreach programs, and there was a clear demand for similar initiatives in the future. This feedback underscores the positive impact that such events can have on underserved communities and emphasizes the importance of continuing these efforts to make healthcare more accessible.

The camp also underscored the Department of Optometry at Swami Vivekananda University's commitment to improving public health and making quality eye care accessible to those in need. This event not only provided much-needed medical services but also demonstrated the university's dedication to community service and its role in raising awareness about the importance of eye health.

In conclusion, the free eye check-up camp at Binapani Vidya Mandir was a resounding success. It provided critical eye care services to 186 individuals, many of whom were diagnosed with common eye conditions and given appropriate treatment or referrals. The event also played a vital role in educating the local community about eye health, ultimately fostering a more informed and health-conscious population. The Department of Optometry at Swami Vivekananda University looks forward to organizing similar events in the future, continuing its mission to improve eye care accessibility and raise awareness about vision health.

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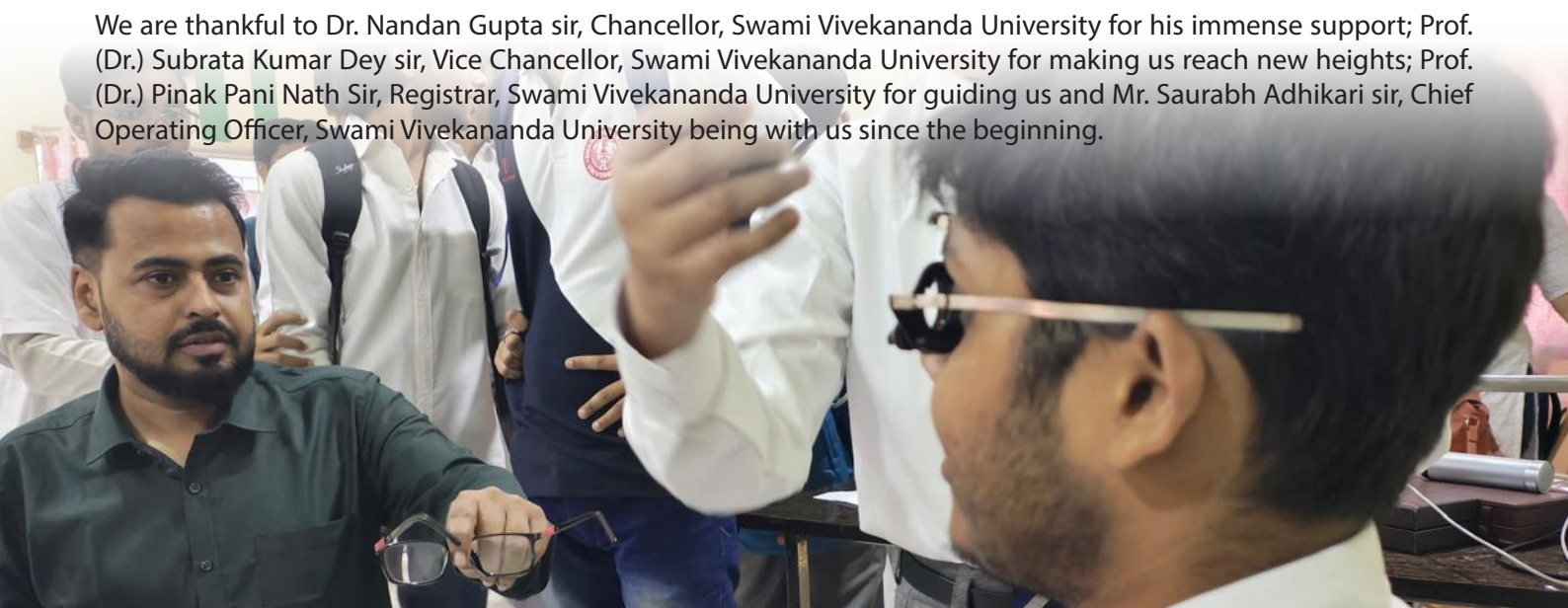


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