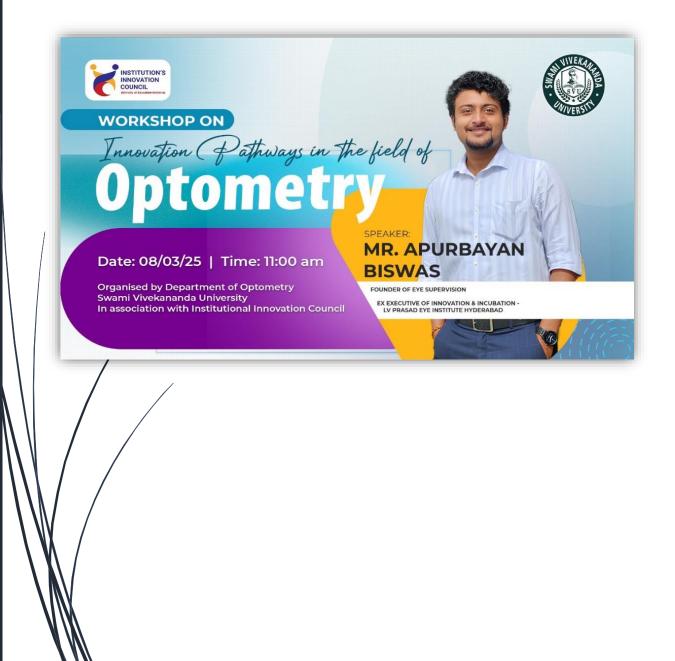




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WORKSHOP ON INNOVATION PATHWAYS IN THE FIELD OF OPTOMETRY

By: Mr. Apurbayan Biswas, a distinguished expert in optometry and vision science, founder of Eye Supervision and ex-executive of innovation and incubation- L. V. Prasad eye institute

Organized by: Department of optometry, Swami Vivekananda University, in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council

[Swami Vivekananda University,08.03.2025]: The Department of Optometry, in collaboration with the Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) of Swami Vivekananda University, successfully organized a one-day workshop titled "Innovation Pathways in Optometry" on 08.03.2025. The workshop was led by Mr. Apurbayan Biswas, a distinguished expert in optometry and vision science, founder of Eye Supervision and ex-executive of innovation and incubation- L. V. Prasad eye institute, who shared valuable insights on the role of innovation in shaping the future of optometric practice.

The event commenced with an inaugural session, where Dr. Keya Das Ghosh, director of Institution's Innovation Council and other dignitaries addressed the gathering. The Head of the Optometry Department, Ms. Dipanwita Ghosh, welcomed the attendees and emphasized the university's commitment to fostering innovation and research in optometry. Representatives from the Institutional Innovation Council also highlighted the significance of integrating emerging technologies and research-driven approaches in eye care.

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) at Swami Vivekananda University, under the visionary leadership of **Dr. Keya Das Ghosh**, serves as the cornerstone of the university's innovation ecosystem. Since its inception, the IIC has championed a multifaceted approach to nurturing creativity, with a strategic focus on **entrepreneurship development, startup incubation, and intellectual property rights protection**. The council's vision extends beyond conventional academics, empowering students to transform innovative ideas into market-ready solutions while providing comprehensive mentorship and resource support.

The workshop aimed to encourage students, faculty, and practitioners to explore cutting-edge developments in optometry, including emerging technologies, research advancements, and entrepreneurial opportunities in vision care. Mr. Biswas highlighted key trends shaping the future of optometry, emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, digital integration, and patient-centric innovations.

Participants engaged in interactive discussions and hands-on activities that fostered critical thinking and problem-solving in optometric innovation. The event provided a platform for knowledge exchange, inspiring attendees to contribute to the evolving landscape of eye care.

Speaking at the event, representatives from the Department of Optometry and the Institutional Innovation Council emphasized the university's commitment to fostering a culture of research and technological advancement in the field. They expressed enthusiasm for organizing similar workshops in the future to equip students with the skills needed to drive progress in optometry.

Key Highlights of the Workshop

Mr. Apurbayan Biswas delivered an engaging and insightful session, discussing advancements in optometric technology, including:

- The role of artificial intelligence and digital tools in eye care.
- Innovative diagnostic and therapeutic solutions for refractive errors and ocular diseases.
- The importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in advancing clinical optometry.
- Emerging entrepreneurial opportunities in the field of vision care.

The workshop also included interactive discussions and hands-on activities, allowing students and faculty members to explore real-world applications of innovative concepts in optometry. Participants actively engaged in brainstorming sessions on research and development in the field, making the event a dynamic learning experience.

Acknowledgments and Vote of Thanks

The success of the workshop was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the organizers, faculty, and students. A formal **Vote of Thanks** was delivered by **[Name of the person giving the vote of thanks]**, expressing gratitude to:

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- The Faculty and Staff of the Department of Optometry, for their hard work and dedication in organizing the event.
- The Participants, including students and professionals, for their enthusiastic engagement, which contributed to the overall success of the workshop.

The workshop concluded on a positive note, with attendees expressing their appreciation for the enriching learning experience. The Department of Optometry reaffirmed its commitment to organizing more such knowledge-driven initiatives in the future, aimed at bridging the gap between academic learning and innovative clinical practice.



