



WORLD SIGHT DAY SEMINAR 2025



DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2025 TIME: 10 A.M. ONWARDS
VENUE: BLOCK 6 HALL 2



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GUEST SPEAKER

Join us for a insightful seminar on the importance health and vision care.

ORGANISED BY: DEPARTMENT OF OPTOMETRY
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Introduction

World Sight Day, observed globally on the second Thursday of October each year, is a significant event dedicated to raising awareness about vision impairment and blindness prevention. To commemorate this meaningful occasion, the Department of Optometry, Swami Vivekananda University, organized a special program on 10th October 2025 at Block 6, Hall 2.

The celebration aimed to educate students about the importance of eye health, preventive eye care, and the evolving professional role of optometrists in enhancing visual well-being. The day featured expert lectures, academic interactions, and a student quiz competition, creating an engaging and educational experience for all attendees.

Objectives of the Event

The key objectives of the celebration were to:

Promote awareness about the causes and prevention of vision impairment.

Strengthen students' clinical and theoretical knowledge of eye health.

Encourage active learning and professional dialogue through expert sessions.

Foster academic enthusiasm through competitive learning activities

Participants

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of 90 students from the 2nd and 3rd year of the Optometry Department. Faculty members and student volunteers played an instrumental role in the planning and coordination of the event, ensuring its smooth execution and success.

Inaugural Session

The program began with a welcome address by a faculty member of the Department of Optometry, who extended greetings to all dignitaries, speakers, and students. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing enlightenment through knowledge and learning.

The welcome speech highlighted the global significance of World Sight Day and the need for collaborative efforts in reducing avoidable blindness through education, awareness, and community-based initiatives.



Guest Speakers and Technical Sessions

1. Dr. Atokpam Poireiton – Consultant Ophthalmologist

Dr. Poireiton delivered an inspiring lecture on “Preventive Eye Care and the Burden of Avoidable Blindness.” He discussed the importance of early detection of refractive errors, regular eye screening, and the interdisciplinary collaboration between ophthalmologists and optometrists. His session also addressed real-world challenges in vision care and strategies for community outreach.

2. Mr. Pablo Chandra – Head, Department of Allied Health Sciences, Adamas University, Kolkata

Mr. Chandra spoke on “The Future of Allied Health Sciences and the Role of Optometry.” He shared his expertise on advancements in optometric education, the integration of technology in healthcare, and the need for continuous skill development. His engaging talk motivated students to approach their profession with innovation, compassion, and critical thinking.

Both technical sessions were highly interactive, with students actively participating in question-answer rounds and gaining valuable perspectives on modern optometric practice.

Quiz Competition and Student Activities

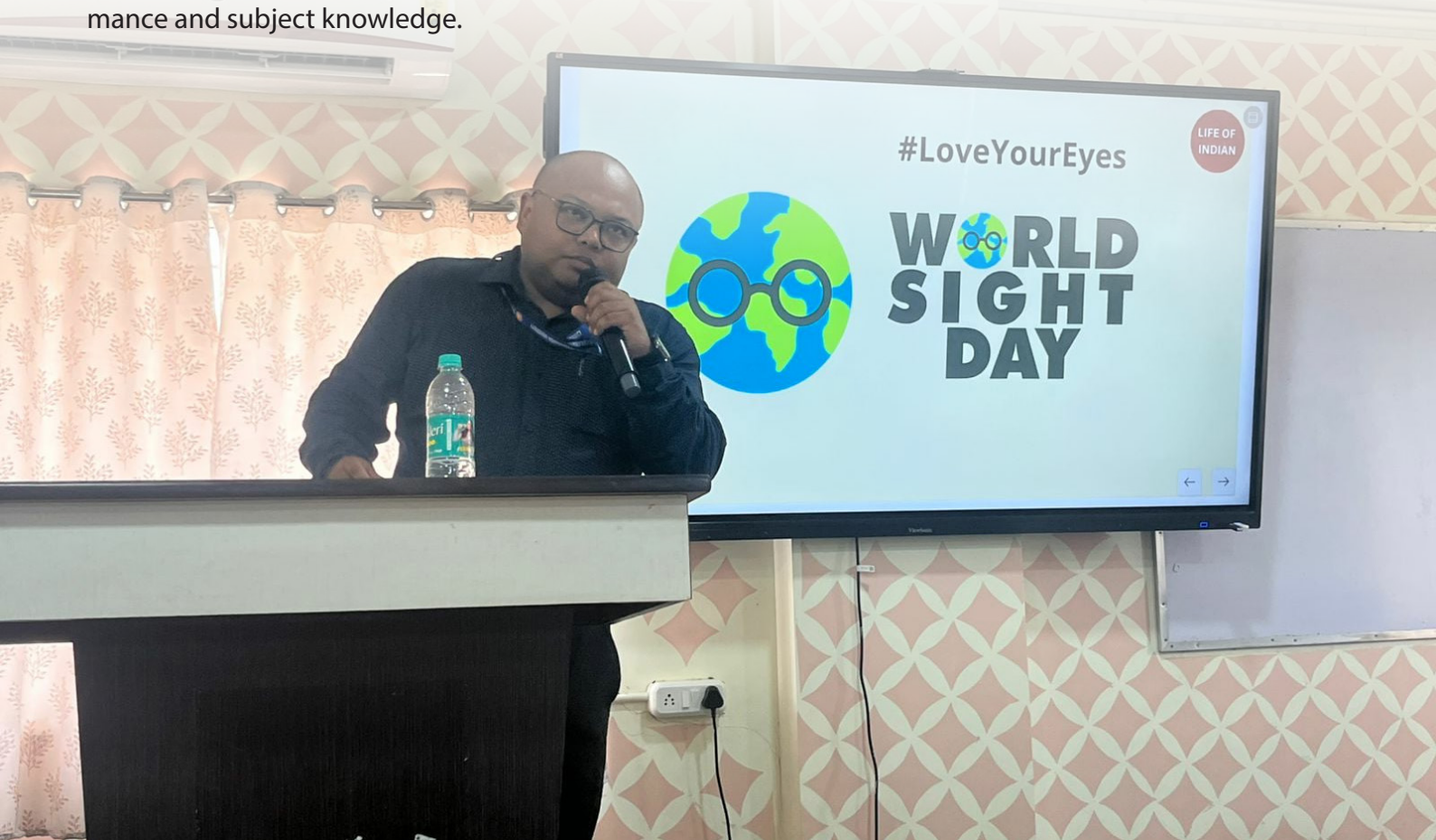
To add an element of academic fun and friendly competition, a Quiz Contest was organized for the 2nd and 3rd-year Optometry students. The quiz covered a wide range of topics including visual science, ocular anatomy, optics, contact lenses, and advancements in eye care.

The competition consisted of multiple rounds — Preliminary, Visual Identification, and Rapid-Fire — that tested both theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. The students participated enthusiastically, creating an environment of excitement and teamwork.

Winners of the Quiz Contest:

- First Place: Souvik Bhowmik
- Second Place: Ankita Maity

Both winners were felicitated with certificates of appreciation and recognition for their excellent performance and subject knowledge.



Student Feedback

Students expressed great appreciation for the event, noting that the interaction with industry professionals and academic competition helped strengthen their conceptual clarity. Many shared that the sessions motivated them to apply classroom learning to real-world clinical situations and continue growing as future eye care practitioners.

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