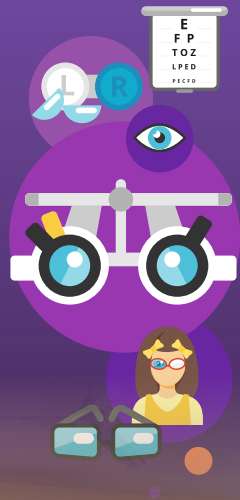




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About Department of Optometry

The School of Allied Health Sciences at Swami Vivekananda University offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs, including Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Radiology & Imaging Technology, Physiotherapy, and Optometry. It also has a strong focus on hands-on training through advanced laboratories and a curriculum designed to prepare students for high-demand careers in the healthcare industry.

Report on Teacher's Day Celebration

Department of Optometry, Swami Vivekananda University

Date: 5 September 2025

The Department of Optometry at Swami Vivekananda University celebrated Teacher's Day with deep appreciation and heartfelt warmth, honouring the mentors who play a vital role in shaping the academic and clinical excellence of aspiring optometrists. The event combined creativity, gratitude, and a sense of community, reflecting the department's strong teacher–student bond.

Creative Opening Featuring the Optometry-Themed Poster

The celebration began with the unveiling of a specially designed Teacher's Day poster created by students of the department. The artwork featured an illustrated human eye filled with various optometry instruments—trial lenses, retinoscopes, slit-lamp components, PD rulers, ophthalmoscopes, and more—symbolising how teachers equip students with every clinical tool they need to view the world with clarity and purpose.

Surrounding the eye were illustrations of teachers guiding students through ocular diagrams, refraction techniques, and instrument handling. The caption "Where every lesson sharpens our sight and insight" resonated strongly with the department's teaching philosophy.

Student Tributes and Speeches

Students from all batches came forward to share personal experiences and express gratitude. Many spoke about how their teachers inspired them to develop discipline in clinical practice, compassion towards patients, and curiosity in research. Some recounted memorable classroom demonstrations and OPD sessions that shaped their understanding of the profession.

Their words highlighted the teachers' dedication—spending extra hours in labs, patiently correcting techniques, and encouraging professionalism in every interaction.

Faculty Reflections

The faculty members responded with warmth, appreciating the students' gestures and encouraging them to continue approaching their studies with sincerity. They reflected on the value of mentorship in optometry, where each lesson must be both theoretically strong and practically applicable in real clinical settings.

Teachers also emphasised the importance of ethics, accuracy, and empathy—qualities that define a competent optometrist beyond technical knowledge.

Cultural Performances and Activities

The event included light cultural performances such as:

- A short skit on the journey of a student learning refraction and clinical etiquette
- A poem dedicated to teacher–student relationships in healthcare
- A creative display showcasing optometry instruments with handwritten thank-you notes

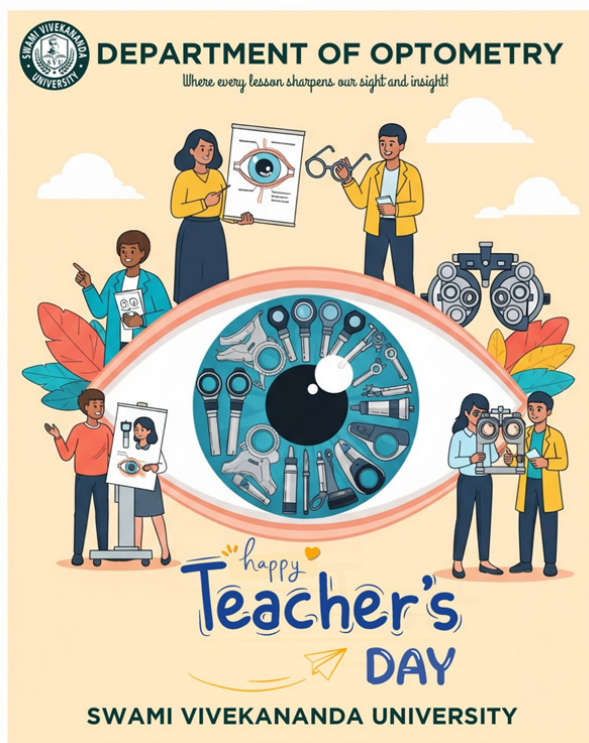
These activities added a joyful, heartfelt touch to the celebration.

Token of Appreciation

Students presented handmade cards, small mementos, and personalised notes to faculty members. These gestures reflected their genuine respect and admiration for the mentors who guide them each day.

Closing Interaction and Refreshments

The celebration concluded with an informal interactive session where students and teachers discussed academic goals, clinic experiences, and future plans for workshops, camps, and outreach activities. Refreshments were served, creating a friendly space for open conversation and bonding.



Report on World Sight Day Seminar 2025

Organised by: Department of Optometry

Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore

Date: 10 October 2025

Venue: Block 6, Hall 2

Time: 10:00 AM onwards

The Department of Optometry at Swami Vivekananda University observed World Sight Day 2025 by organising an insightful seminar focused on global eye-health awareness, vision-care challenges, and the need for early detection of ocular conditions. The session brought together students, faculty members, and healthcare professionals for an enriching academic experience.

Distinguished Guest Speakers

The seminar featured two esteemed guest speakers:

1. Mr. Pablo Chandra

Head, Department of Allied Health Sciences

Adamas University, Kolkata

Mr. Chandra delivered an engaging session on the growing burden of visual impairment in India and the importance of preventative eye care in rural and urban communities. He spoke about the changing demands of the eye-care industry, skill development for budding optometrists, and the crucial role universities play in creating clinically competent graduates. He also highlighted global World Sight Day themes and connected them to real-world challenges faced in healthcare delivery.

2. Dr. Athokpam Poireiton

Consultant Ophthalmologist

Dr. Poireiton's talk focused on the clinical aspects of avoidable blindness, covering conditions such as cataract, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and refractive errors. He discussed advancements in di-

agnostic techniques, surgical breakthroughs, and how interdisciplinary teamwork between optometrists and ophthalmologists can significantly reduce preventable blindness. His case-based explanations helped students understand how theoretical knowledge translates into clinical decision-making.

Interactive Session and Student Engagement

After the speaker sessions, students participated in a lively Q&A where they discussed:

- clinical challenges in community eye care
- common misconceptions patients have about vision
- the future scope of optometry in India
- the role of technology, AI, and tele-optometry in early diagnosis

The interaction helped bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world clinical scenarios.

Importance of World Sight Day

Faculty members emphasised the global significance of World Sight Day, reminding students that millions of cases of visual impairment are preventable with timely intervention. The seminar aimed to encourage a sense of responsibility among future eye-care professionals to contribute actively to public health.



Report on Campus Drive for Recruitment of Teaching Assistant

Organised by: Department of Optometry, Swami Vivekananda University

Recruitment Venue: Vidyasagar College of Optometry & Vision Science (VCOVS), Kolkata

Date: 14 November 2025

The Department of Optometry, Swami Vivekananda University, organised a campus recruitment visit to Vidyasagar College of Optometry & Vision Science (VCOVS) on 14 November 2025. The purpose of the visit was to facilitate the recruitment of Teaching Assistants for VCOVS, creating professional opportunities for eligible graduates and strengthening academic collaboration between the two institutions.

A group of shortlisted candidates from the Optometry department attended the evaluation session at VCOVS, where they were greeted by senior faculty members and administrative staff. The recruitment process was carried out in a formal, structured manner, ensuring transparency and equal opportunity for all participants.

Interaction and Evaluation

Candidates were interviewed by the VCOVS recruitment panel, which included experienced faculty and department heads. The interaction focused on:

- clinical knowledge in refraction, contact lenses, binocular vision, and ocular pathology
- teaching aptitude and communication clarity
- ability to assist in practical labs and clinical demonstrations

- willingness to take on academic responsibilities
- overall professionalism and commitment to the discipline

The panel encouraged candidates to discuss their internship experience, clinical exposure, and interest in academic careers. The discussions were insightful and helped assess each candidate's readiness to contribute to teaching and training activities at the undergraduate level.

Professional Atmosphere

The interview environment was cordial and supportive. Faculty from both institutions exchanged ideas regarding clinical training standards, pedagogical approaches, and the growing importance of skilled teaching assistants in optometry education.

The visit played an important role in:

- strengthening university–college collaboration
- providing employment pathways for fresh graduates
- promoting academic excellence in optometry training

Conclusion

The campus drive concluded successfully, with positive feedback from the VCOVS recruitment panel regarding the preparedness and confidence of the candidates from Swami Vivekananda University.

The Department of Optometry expressed its gratitude for the opportunity and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting students in building meaningful careers in both clinical and academic domains.



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