

Sports Vision seminar at Laxmi College

The Laxmi Eye Institute in Mumbai enjoys a fine reputation as a tertiary ophthalmic centre for excellent eye care. The state-of-the-art hospital offers diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical solutions. Set up by eminent ophthalmic surgeon Dr Suhas Haldipurkar, the institute has been a centre for training, research and community outreach programmes for more than two decades. The Laxmi Charitable Trust, a parent body of the Laxmi College of Optometry, was set up in 1999 with the aim of providing eye care to one and all. The College offers a four-year degree course in optometry as well as ophthalmic technician's diploma.

In an era when sports across the board have come into their own, it is timely indeed to dedicate an educational programme to Sports Vision. The Laxmi College of Optometry in Panvel, Navi Mumbai organised a seminar on the niche topic on 31 October 2015. The programme's featured topics were on various aspects of Sports Vision: Past, Present and Future; Components of Sports Vision; How to start a practice in Sports Vision; The



◀ Dr. Rita Dhamankar lighting the inauguration lamp



**Dr. Rita Dhamankar
felicitating Kunda Ganatra**

role of dispensing in Sports; Visual Imagery; Contact Lens and Sports; as well as demonstrations and the presentation and judging of abstract papers.

The Optometry Council of India awarded five credit points to the educational seminar. The programme was enthusiastically received with the participation of over 200 participants from nine colleges and their heads of department and faculty.

The proceedings began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the chief guest, Mrs Kunda Ganatra, principal of the host college Dr Rita Dhamankar, Mr Mohan Hindupur, Mr Rakesh Kaushal and Mrs Vidula Patil.

**Group photograph of eminent optometrists
and Faculty members**



**2nd prize winner of free paper
session with Kavita Mittal**

Inspiring speeches by Dr Dhamankar and Mrs Ganatra set the tone for the main event and struck the right note to motivate the young optometrists. The day was packed with a series of talks by guest speakers including Mr Nirav Mehta, Mr Purushottam Naidu, Ms Vidyut Rajhans and Mr Keyur Sharma.

Further presentations and demonstrations were conducted by Mr Prashant Bhatkar, Mr Sanket Sonawadekar, Mr Rakesh Kaushal, Ms Trupti Khaladkar, Ms Sarita Deshpande and Mrs Vidula Patel.

Guest of honour Ms Yogita Rajgandhi, Mrs Kavita Mittal, Mr Prasad Sawant and Mrs Ganatra were the judges of the abstract paper presentations where each presenter was asked a few questions. Ms Girija Khaladkar from the MES College of Optometry was awarded the first prize; Ms Vrushali Patil of Laxmi College and Ms Annuja Deshchowgule of MES shared the runner-up trophy. The much-appreciated programme concluded on a successful note, rounded off with a vote of thanks by Laxmi College faculty member Mr Mohammed Kazi and the singing of the national anthem.



**Nirav Mehta felicitating
Yogita Rajgandhi**

**Students with Faculty members of
Laxmi College of Optometry**

