



## **Report on Glaucoma Awareness Week**

### **Laxmi College of Optometry**

**Date:** 8th March – 14th March 2026

Laxmi College of Optometry actively participated in the observance of **World Glaucoma Week**, which was celebrated from **8th March to 14th March 2026**. The objective of this initiative was to spread awareness about glaucoma, often known as the “*silent thief of sight*,” and to educate the community about the importance of early detection and regular eye examinations to prevent irreversible vision loss.

Throughout the week, the **students and faculty members of Laxmi College of Optometry**, under the guidance of the management of **Laxmi Charitable Trust** and **Laxmi Eye Institute**, conducted multiple awareness activities including skits, flash mobs, rallies, and public education programs in different locations around Panvel.

### **Day-wise Activities**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> March 2026:**

The awareness campaign began with a **street skit performance during a marathon event at Khanda Colony, Panvel**. The skit highlighted the importance of regular eye check-ups and early diagnosis of glaucoma.

#### **9th March 2026:**

Students performed awareness **skits at two police stations in Panvel city**, educating police personnel and visitors about glaucoma symptoms, risk factors, and preventive measures.

#### **10th March 2026:**

An awareness program was conducted **within the college premises**, where students and faculty members interacted with visitors and spread information about glaucoma and eye health.

#### **11th March & 13th March 2026:**

Awareness activities continued at **Laxmi Charitable Trust** and **Laxmi Eye Institute**, where students performed **educational skits** for patients and the public. Additionally, a **flash mob and**

skit performance were organized at Orion Mall, attracting public attention and effectively conveying the message of glaucoma awareness.

### 12th March 2026:

A public awareness rally was organized across Panvel city. During the rally, students performed short skits at different public locations to engage the community and highlight the importance of early glaucoma screening.

### 14th March 2026 – Closing Ceremony:

The closing celebration of Glaucoma Awareness Week was held at PNP Natyagruha. The program included:

- Skit performances on glaucoma awareness
- Educational songs promoting eye health
- A panel discussion was conducted by ophthalmologists, led by **Dr. Rita Dhamankar**, focusing on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of glaucoma.

### Conclusion

The Glaucoma Awareness Week campaign was highly successful in reaching a wide audience across Panvel and surrounding areas. Through engaging activities such as skits, flash mobs, rallies, and discussions, the students and faculty of **Laxmi College of Optometry** effectively communicated the importance of **early detection and regular eye examinations** in preventing vision loss due to glaucoma.

The initiative demonstrated the commitment of the institution toward **community eye health and public awareness**, encouraging people to take proactive steps to protect their vision.





