

Name of the event: World Vitiligo Day

Date of the event: 25 June 2025

Name of the department: Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy

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1	Level of the event RLJH & RC (Hospital based Event about Vitiligo Awareness)
2	Background / Introduction World Vitiligo Day 2025 was commemorated with great enthusiasm and sensitivity by the Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy, RLJH on June 25th, 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness, educate the community, and offer a platform for those affected by vitiligo to share their experiences and challenges. The theme for this year, "Innovation for Every Skin, Powered by AI", was highlighted throughout the Event. Event Highlights: <i>1. Inaugural Session and Faculty Speeches:</i> The Event began with a warm welcome and introduction to World Vitiligo Day 2025 by Dr. Vaishnavi B V (Assistant Professor of the Department of Dermatology), emphasizing unity in raising awareness and support for vitiligo followed by invocation song. This was followed by insightful speeches by senior faculty members, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Hanumanthayya K, Professor of Dermatology (retired), who spoke about the clinical aspects of vitiligo, the importance of early diagnosis, and emerging treatment options.• Dr. Rajashekar T S, Head of Department and Professor of Dermatology highlighted the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in enhancing early diagnosis, treatment precision, and awareness of vitiligo.• Dr. Murugesh S B, Professor of Dermatology emphasized the comprehensive facilities available for vitiligo patients at the hospital, including specialized clinics, counselling services, and advanced treatment options.• Dr. Krishnappa J, Medical superintendent, emphasized the social impact of vitiligo and the need for community support and inclusivity. Their speeches reflected a strong commitment to patient care, research, and breaking the stigma surrounding skin conditions. <i>2. Skit – "Beyond the Skin":</i> A powerful and emotionally resonant skit titled "Beyond the Skin" was performed by medical students. The skit portrayed real-life scenarios of individuals facing discrimination and isolation due to vitiligo. It concluded on a hopeful note, reinforcing the message that vitiligo does not define a person and that society must be educated to see beyond appearances.


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3. Patient Experience with Vitiligo:

One of the most touching parts of the event was a short session where patients with Vitiligo, courageously shared their personal journeys. They spoke about the emotional and psychological difficulties they have faced, including social stigma, loss of confidence, and challenges in education and employment.

The audience was visibly moved, and the session helped bridge the gap between medical professionals and the live reality of vitiligo patients.

4. Vote of Thanks and Educational leaflets Distribution:

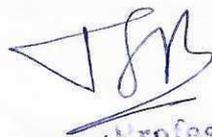
The Event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. Madhukiran C, Associate Professor of Dermatology, who acknowledged the efforts of all participants, students, faculty, patients, and supporting staff.

Educational leaflets on vitiligo—covering causes, myths, treatment options, and support resources—were distributed among attendees to further raise awareness and encourage community dialogue.

Outcome:

The World Vitiligo Day Event 2025 was a resounding success, combining education, empathy, and empowerment. It provided a meaningful platform for patients to voice their stories and for the medical fraternity to reaffirm their commitment to holistic and stigma-free care.

3	Venue 3 RD FLOOR HALLWAY, OPD BLOCK, RLJH & RC
4	Sponsors SDUAHER
7	Participants & Delegates in Number Around 56 undergraduate students, 18 PG Students, 10 Vitiligo patients and around 20 patient attenders, 15 Faculty members (Total = 119)
8	Awards / Prices The skit team was presented with its consisting of pens and chocolates. E-Certificate was issued to skit team for performing vitiligo awareness skit titled: "Beyond the Skin".
9	Valedictory The Event ended with distribution of snacks and high-tea to all the participants and delegate.
10	Any other information -



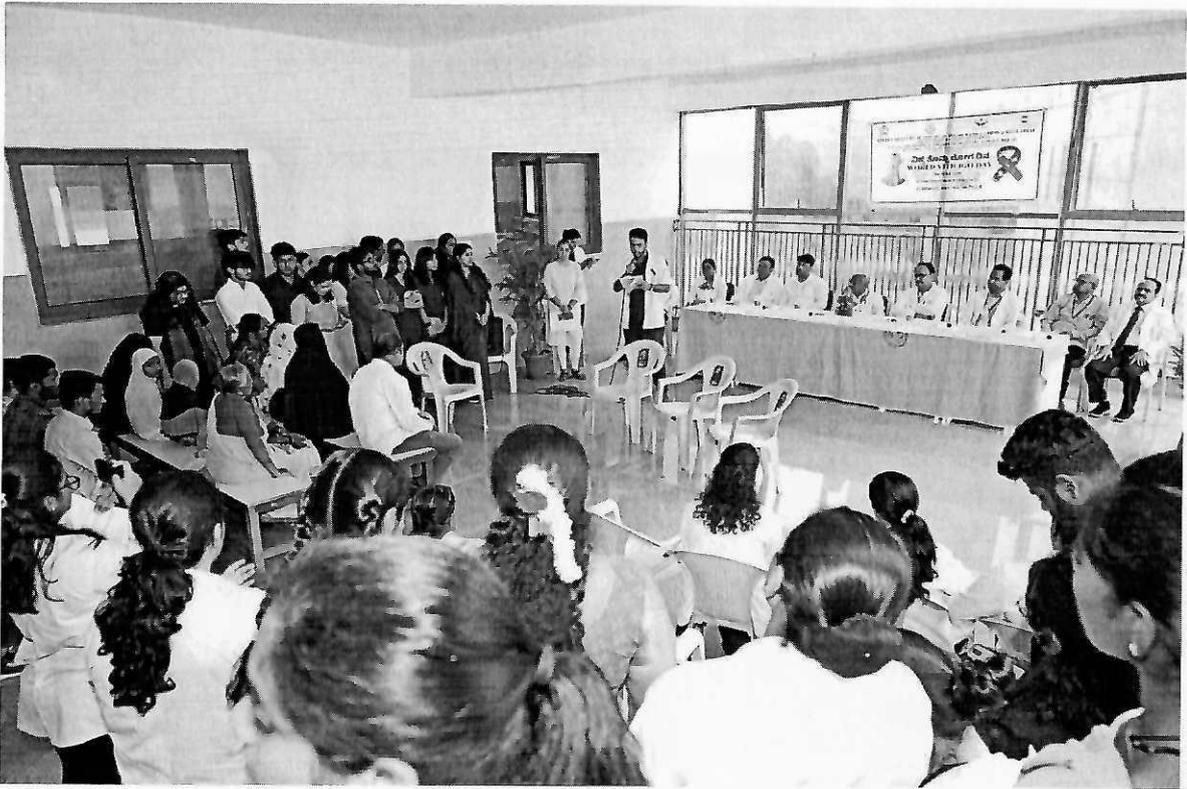
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Photos of the event



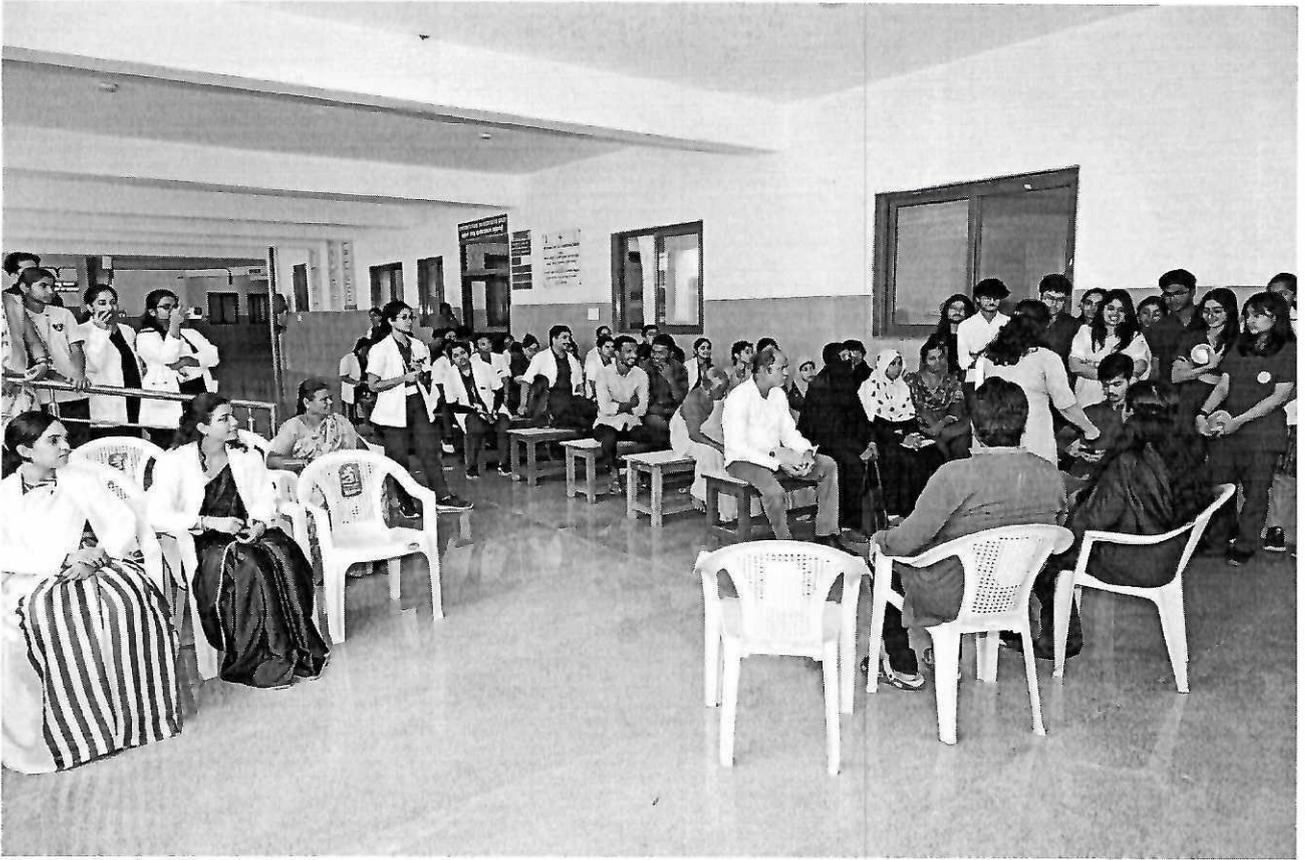
(From right to left) Dr. Murugesh S B (Professor of Dermatology), Dr. Hanumanthayya K, (Retired Professor of Dermatology), Dr. Rajkumar M G (Deputy Medical Superintendent), Dr. Dinesh K (Deputy Medical Superintendent), Dr. Krishnappa J (Medical Superintendent), Dr. Deepak (HOD of Department of Plastic Surgery), Dr. Rajashekar T S (Prof & HOD of the Department of Dermatology), Dr. Miss Zeanath Cariena Joseph (CNO), Dr. Suresh Kumar (Associate Professor of Department of Dermatology)

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Undergraduate students of SDUMC performed a short skit named “Beyond the Skin” to spread awareness about Vitiligo.

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Faculty of the Department of Dermatology, patients with their attenders, Undergraduates and Post-Graduates participated as delegates in World Vitiligo Day 2025 Event.

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**Dr. Krishnappa J (Medical Superintendent), along with Dr. Rajashekar T S (Prof and HOD),
Dr. Dinesh K (Deputy Medical Superintendent), Dr. Suresh Kumar (Associate Professor)
distributing the Educational Leaflets to the patients.**

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