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Institute visits in India



On World Optometry Day, Executive Manager of Global Education **Lakshmi Shinde** visited Hari Jyot College of Optometry in Gujarat (23 March). The visit covered various aspects of optometry, including soft skills, different application methods and the evolution of optometry. Lakshmi shared insights on career opportunities, and there were discussions surrounding postgraduate and PhD options and settling overseas after completing an optometry degree in India.

During the day, Lakshmi awarded FIAACLE **Dr Nirav Mehta** with a Certificate of Affiliation from IACLE.

On 24 March, Lakshmi also visited [Shree Bharatimaaya College of Optometry](#) in Gujarat, India, where she spoke to the students about career opportunities in India and other countries and encouraged them to utilize IACLETOP's resources including the ICLC, Flashcards and the Student Trial Exam to enhance their learning. 'We are privileged that. Lakshmi visited our institute. It was a wonderful experience for our students to interact with her personally. Ma'am showed new dimensions in the optometry field to the students', said FIAACLE **Ankit Varshney**.



Industry day at institution in India

The Department of Ophthalmology at [Sapthagiri Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre](#) in Bangalore organized an industry guest lecture on 'Multinational companies – a career prospective for budding optometrists', aimed to create awareness among future optometrists about corporate opportunities and familiarize them with various products and technologies in the contact lens market (23 March). The lecture was delivered by **Suman Majunder** who is currently a Senior Professional Services Executive for [Bausch + Lomb](#) in Karnataka. The event saw participation from over 40 undergraduate optometry students and faculty members.



Update from FIACLEs in Pakistan

Ophthalmological Society of Pakistan and the Pakistan Optometric Society



IACLE Fellows in Pakistan organized an engaging two-hour session, featuring a plenary session for research papers and a panel discussion on Contact Lens Day to Day Practices, in preparation for the 15th annual Khyber Eye Kon event. Collaborating with the Ophthalmological Society of Pakistan and the Pakistan Optometric Society, the session saw active participation from FIACLEs and members **Mutahir Shah**, **Ali Minto**, and **Saif Ullah**. Under the guidance of moderators FIACLEs **Asad Ullah** and **Atif Ullah**, and the supervision of **Sir Muhammad Kashif**, the session featured case studies presented with visuals from the

IACLE Library. The meeting was highly productive and well-received by attendees and fellow optometrists.

The Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences at Isra University

The Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences at [Isra University](#) in Islamabad hosted a two-day hands-on training program for Optometry and Vision Science students, led by FIACLE **Mutahir Shah**. Over 20 fourth-year optometry students were trained using IACLE resources and tools, following the curriculum and guidelines. Faculty members were also encouraged to join IACLE and participate in its programs. FIACLE **Farrukh Mahmood**, an educator at Isra University, shared insights on Clinical Meetings.

