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World marks the first day to create cleft awareness

The first World Cleft Awareness Day was observed on July 20, 2025, to create awareness of the treatable nature of cleft lips and palates, and of the need to include and support, not stigmatise individuals with clefts.

Smile Train, a global not-for-profit supporting corrective surgery for individuals with clefts, was behind this awareness drive. The Global Hospital & Research Centre trust partners the Smile Train to further cleft care in India.



Dr Sharad Mehta, senior consultant ENT surgeon (extreme right), Dr Jagadevi Sajjanshetty, senior consultant anaesthesiologist (second from left) and nurses on the first World Cleft Awareness Day in 2025

Visitor speak

The Global Hospital is truly doing marvellous work with amazing innovation. It is truly inspiring how so many facilities are rendered here. It is amazing how all the pathies are provided under one roof.

In providing mobile clinics for local tribals, you are doing a great job for the nearby villages.

VJ Rajput, I.A.S.,
Additional chief secretary to the Chief Minister,
Home Department portfolio, Government of Gujarat



SPECIALIST'S CONSULTATIONS

Dr Swapan Gupta, associate professor, Department of Neurology, GB Pant Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research, New Delhi, was consulted by 132 patients in visits over the quarter.

Dr Vinod K Abhichandani, endocrinologist & diabetologist from Ahmedabad, saw 32 patients over three visits.



A neurology consultation in progress

Plastic surgeon and varicose vein specialist from Lucknow Dr Anupam Sharan saw 32 patients over two visits.

Dermatologist Dr Sumit Rawal from Ghaziabad was consulted by 48 patients in July.

Neurotherapist Tushar Vishwas from Jabalpur saw about 490 patients over a visit in July.

Nephrologist Dr Anand Narayan Malu from Gulbarga was consulted by a few patients during a visit in September.

Gastroenterologist Dr Sudhir Mankare from Mandi saw 46 patients in September.

Pulmonologist Dr Praneetha from Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad, saw 59 patients in September.

Dermatologist Dr Sunil Dogra from Chandigarh was consulted by seven patients in September.



Gastroenterologist Dr Sudhir Mankare sees a patient



Jyoti Narang, chief lab technologist, trained in laboratory management systems and internal audit

CONFERENCE & TRAINING PARTICIPATION

Nursing tutor at the Saroj Lalji Mehrotra Global Nursing College Chandrika Solanki attended the 22nd Student Nurses' Association of India Biennial Conference organised by the Trained Nurses Association of India, Gujarat, on July 17-18.

Admin assistant, HIMS & PRO, BK Sukhdev, and assistant coordinator, Patient Relations & IT (Software), Akhil Verma, underwent training in software at Visual Infotech, Ahmedabad, on July 17-18.

Jyoti Narang, chief lab technologist, underwent training in laboratory management systems and internal audit as per ISO 15189:2022 from August 11 to 14. This was arranged by Medical Education and Learning Point and the Hinduhradaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Medical College Dr R N Cooper Municipal General Hospital, Mumbai, in the latter's premises.

Assistant chief of nursing staff Minati Naik attended the National Patient Safety Conference 2025 organised by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers in Delhi on September 17.

Dr Niranjana Upadhyaya, head & senior dental surgeon, Dentistry Department, and Dr Laxmi Patil, senior dental surgeon, attended the 2nd International Congress on Dental Oncology and Research 2025 organised by the Asian Head & Neck Cancer Foundation at Udaipur from September 5 to 7.

Devimalya Banerjee, supervisor, Reception, Santosh Anbhule, senior optometrist, and Dhananjay Gawane, optometrist attended LEAP – enhancing cataract surgical outcomes, an in-person learning programme organised by Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology, Madurai, from September 18 to 20.

BLOOD BANKING UPDATE

The Rotary International Global Hospital Blood Bank collected 2,504 units of blood, 62% from donation programmes and the rest from walk-ins. Five blood donation events yielded more than 100 units of blood, a programme organised by North Western Railway Employee Union, Abu Road (328 units), two by the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishva Vidyalaya at Mt Abu and Abu Road respectively (222 units, 646 units), one by the Bhartiya Janata Party (121 units) and one by the Agrawal Sangh Trust (141 units).

The blood was processed into 4,404 units of whole blood, packed cells, fresh frozen plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate.

4,756 units were issued to 1,350 patients, 12% for free. Only 18% of the units were used in-house.



Blood donation in progress

BREAST CANCER SCREENING UPDATE

At the Breast Cancer Screening and Awareness Centre housed in the GV Modi Rural Health Centre, Abu Road, 491 sonography exams and 1,029 mammography exams were conducted during the quarter.

Over the first half year, 31 BI-RADS (Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System) 4 cases were identified and 12 BI-RADS 5 cases.

BI-RADS is a system that helps make sense of multiple breast imaging tests--mammograms, ultrasounds and MRIs. Higher BI-RADS scores (on a scale of 0-6), from 3 to 6 indicate a higher likelihood of cancer.

Of 11 biopsies, two proved to be cancerous.

The majority of the nulliparous women screened hailed from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana.

Plastic Surgery Programme

A special plastic and reconstructive surgery programme between August 25 and 30 attracted 65 patients, of whom 28 were operated on by senior consultant ENT surgeon Dr Sharad Mehta, aesthetic and reconstructive plastic surgeon from London Dr Shailesh Vadodaria, and plastic surgeons from Mumbai Dr Ashish Magdum and Dr Santosh Bhatia. The surgeons performed ear reconstructions, cleft repairs, rhinoplasties, contracture releases and so on.



An ear reconstruction case is examined

Treating Road Traffic Victims



Successful recovery of a hematoma case: from being unconscious to walking, talking and eating

A 36 year-old unconscious young man with a history of trauma was admitted under senior neurosurgeon Dr Prakash Khatri on August 2. An investigative CT scan showed that he had an acute subdural hematoma. He underwent an urgent craniotomy wherein a section of his skull was temporarily removed to access and evacuate the hematoma.

Checking the eye health of employment scheme female workers

Thirty two women workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme stepped up to get their eyes tested in village Bhagali, Jalore, on July 30.



Women lined up to get their eyes tested

Creating awareness of eye donation

A programme to create awareness of eye donation on September 8 was timed with the close of the Eye Donation Fortnight, an annual campaign observed from August 25 to September 8 to raise awareness about eye donation and corneal blindness.



Staff interacted with the community during eye donation fortnight

Caring for villagers with cataract

Here is a story that brings out the service by the Global Hospital Institute of Ophthalmology

Ramesh Majirana, a 35-year-old man from Sadur, Jaswantpura, suffered several injuries and paralysis on being electrocuted in early 2025 while operating a motor pump in an agricultural field.

Ramesh became completely dependent as a result, unable to stand or walk alone. A stubborn head wound and failing sight adding to his suffering.

In the months thereafter, his wife left

him, taking their children with her, leaving him to rely solely on his elderly mother for his daily care and support.

On July 10, Ramesh, visited Global Hospital Institute of Ophthalmology to get his eyes tended to. Ophthalmologist Dr Sneha Khare found that he could barely count fingers close to his face. She recommended urgent surgical intervention on his right eye, the implantation of a foldable intraocular lens (IOL), to partially restore his sight. His left eye had a vitreous hemorrhage, and

would need further evaluation and treatment at a later stage.

Given Ramesh's stressed financial situation, the hospital subsidised the cost of his stay.

Ramesh underwent the right eye surgery successfully, with his vision recorded as 6/6 post-operatively.

A week later, his left eye was successfully operated on, with which Ramesh fully regained his sight.

Ramesh Majirana after his right eye was operated on, and before the operation on his left eye





Gynaecologist Dr Piyushi Sharma spoke to the women about screening for cancer

Siemens Healthineers supports the community

Access to Primary Healthcare is an 18-month initiative to deliver primary healthcare services through a mobile clinic to around 50,000 socio-economically deprived people in 38 villages in Sirohi, an aspirational district. The project also covers the detection and treatment of non-communicable diseases, tuberculosis and

eye care. Building general health awareness to promote healthy practices and positively impact the standard of living is another priority.

Siemens Healthineers is sponsoring this project to increase access to essential health consultation services by those at the bottom-of-the-pyramid.

Between July and September, medical officer Dr Lalit Saini saw 6,906 patients, 48% male and 52% female. Almost 7 in 10 patients were from below poverty line backgrounds. Just over one in three patients was aged less than five, almost one in five was aged 6 to 15, two in five were aged 16 to 60 and less than one in 20 were aged

more than 60. Five community awareness and screening events attracted 62 women for breast cancer and cervical cancer screening, and 850 persons for screening for non-communicable diseases. Two puppet shows performed by experts in the local dialect helped enthuse villagers about health-related issues.

ENT consultations in a village

A consultation programme for ENT and plastic surgery and reconstruction surgery on August 22 in village Panchdeval attracted 213 patients. ENT specialist Dr Gaurav Nemade and community service project medical officer Dr Vikas Gurjar were in attendance. Australian Friends for Global Hospital sponsored this event.



ENT specialist Dr Gaurav Nemade saw patients in village Panchdeval

Specialist consultations in Sirohi

Dr Kailash Kadel, consultant orthopaedics & joint replacement surgeon, saw 38 patients at the Rajkunwar Prakashchand Physiotherapy Centre, Sirohi, while Dr Kumarsen Nadkarni saw 10 patients.



Graduate nursing students with the values faculty

TRAINING FUTURE NURSES IN VALUES

Graduate nursing students underwent training in Values in Healthcare: A Spiritual Approach from August 29 to September 2. The facilitators led by Kalpana Bhandare used several tools--activity, reflection, meditation, creative work and movement exercises--to bring home the utility of values that can enhance professional and personal life.

TEACHING STUDENTS GENDER EQUALITY

BK Arushi from Radio Madhuban 90.4 FM was one of 10 community radio station representatives trained under a UNESCO and International Center for Research on Women project, Transforming MENTalities, an initiative to help dispel gender bias. Interacting with first year students of the Global Hospital School of Nursing, she touched on relevant subjects such as how to process painful emotions, with the aim of dispelling an erroneous image of masculinity that adversely impacts the lives of both men and women.



Students eagerly followed the presentation



Chief of nursing services Rupa Upadhye with the outgoing principal Professor Shashibala Gupta and the incoming principal Dr Supriya K

A FAREWELL – AND A WELCOME

All the staff and students turned out to bid farewell to the principal of the Saroj Lalji Mehrotra Global Nursing College professor Shashibala Gupta on September 30. Dr Partap Midha, managing trustee of the Global Hospital & Research Centre trust addressed the gathering and welcomed the incoming principal Dr Supriya K.



A healthy turnout of students for the sports day

COMMEMORATING SPORTS DAY

Tutor Ratheesh R organised several events to commemorate National Sports Day. The graduate students enjoyed competitive games of badminton and volleyball.

TEACHER'S DAY

A get together for the faculty and students was arranged on teacher's day on September 5.