

## Celebration of **WORLD HEARING DAY** at Yenepoya Medical College Hospital, Deralakatte

On the occasion of World Hearing day, Yenepoya Medical College Hospital, department of ENT and Audiology and speech and language Pathology conducted an awareness programme for the public. The programme was chaired by Dr. K. S. Gangadhara Somayaji, Registrar and Professor of ENT. Dr. M.S. Moosabba, Dean and Professor of Surgery, Dr. Prakash R. M. Saldanha, Medical superintendent and Professor of Paediatrics graced the occasion. Dr. Vijayalakshmi S, Professor of ENT, introduced the audience about the importance of hearing being one of the first and most important special senses and its relevance. Dr. Deekshith RM, Assistant professor, department of ENT and postgraduates Dr. Chandana, Dr. Aishwarya and Dr. Dismi informed the audience on prevention of hearing loss, timely intervention and early detection. In children the importance of hearing and its role on development of speech and brain development was also emphasized. The common problems of ear like ear discharge, hearing loss and tinnitus were discussed. The Impact of hearing loss in children and teenagers can lead into emotional and social disabilities. While in elderly hearing loss can lead to frustration, anger, embarrassment, social phobia, loneliness and rejection. **Although hearing loss is seen in all age groups but in newborns and kids it can affect the maturity of brain and speech impairment. It was also discussed about the cochlear implant surgery and various schemes for children's born deaf. Yenepoya hospital has been empanelled for cochlear implant scheme under SAST(Govt of Karnataka).** Head of department of ENT Dr. Sai Manohar and Mrs. Shwetha Prabhu, head of the department of Audiology and speech and language pathology were present in the program. Dept of Marketing of Yenepoya Medical college Hospital actively involved for all arrangement of this program.



