

## **International Nurses Day 2025**

The Basaveshwara Medical College and Hospital, Chitradurga, celebrated International Nurses Day on 30th May 2025 with great enthusiasm and reverence at the Akkamahadevi Auditorium. The event began with a prayer dance by Ku. Yashaswini, a prayer by Mrs. Sharadamma and team, the symbolic watering of a plant, and the garlanding of Florence Nightingale's portrait to honor her as the pioneer of modern nursing. Mrs. Sharadamma J. H, Nursing Officer, delivered the welcome address, followed by a compering by Ms. Manjushree A. and Ms. Priyanka B. Nursing Superintendent Mr. Halaswamy KMG highlighted the vital role of nursing in social, medical, and humanitarian fields, shared Florence Nightingale's contributions and achievements, and encouraged staff to carry forward her legacy.

Chief Guest Dr. Prashanth, Principal, commended the unwavering dedication of nurses, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Palakshaiah L., President, IMA Chitradurga, recognized nurses as the backbone of hospital services, contributing nearly 80% of patient care. Dr. Savitha S V, Principal, SJM Institute of Nursing Sciences, spoke on the 2025 theme "Our Nurses. Our Future." Caring for Nurses Strengthens Economies," stressing the importance of supporting nurses' well-being. Dr. Nagendra Gowda, Deputy Medical Superintendent, praised the profession's compassionate care, while Medical Superintendent Dr. Rajesh M. S. described nursing service as eternal and inseparable from healthcare. In his ashirvachana, Dr. Basavakumar Swamiji encouraged nurses to keep smiling, as it brings positivity and strength to patients.

As part of the celebrations, prizes were distributed to winners of various sports activities conducted earlier for nurses and Group-D staff, adding a spirit of camaraderie and joy to the occasion. Senior Nursing Officers Mr. Mallan Gouda, Mrs. Marakka T, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi B, Mrs. Martha T, and Mrs. Razia Begum, along with Group-D employees Mr. Kumar R, Mr. Ramesh H, Mrs. Padmavathi, Mrs. Gangamma, Mrs. Mylamma, Mrs. Rajeshwari, Mrs. Thippamma T, and Mrs. Rathnamma Shridar, were also felicitated for their selfless service. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Lakshmi R., Nursing Officer.