

World Prematurity Day 2025 Celebration – Department of Pediatrics & Neonatology

The Department of Pediatrics & Neonatology, RRMCH, observed **World Prematurity Day 2025** on **28th November 2025** with the global theme “**Strong Start for a Hopeful Future.**” The event brought together families of **preterm NICU graduates**, faculty, and staff to celebrate the resilience and progress of babies born prematurely.

Event Highlights

The program began with a formal **inauguration ceremony**, featuring the watering of a plant symbolizing growth and hope, followed by a theme-based cake cutting. The ceremony was graced by:

- **Dr. Sathyamurthy** – Dean
- **Dr. Praveen** – Medical Superintendent
- **Dr. Rajanish** – HOD, Pediatrics
- **Dr. Roopakala** – HOD, OBG
- **Dr. Nitisha** – HOD, Ophthalmology
- **Dr. Keshava Murthy** – Pediatric Surgery
- **Dr. Venkatesh** – NICU In-charge

Celebrating Our NICU Graduates

The most heartwarming part of the event was the participation of **former preterm babies**, now healthy, confident children, who performed colorful cultural programs. Parents also shared **touching testimonials**, expressing their gratitude for the care, compassion, and expertise provided by the NICU team during their babies' earliest and most critical days.

Awareness & Education

Postgraduates, interns, and nursing staff from the Departments of Pediatrics and OBG conducted **public awareness activities**, including:

- Poster presentations
- Educational skits on **anticipated preterm delivery** and **preterm baby care**

These activities helped spread vital knowledge about preventing complications and ensuring optimal outcomes for preterm infants.

A Celebration of Hope

The event truly embodied this year's theme, “**Strong Start for a Hopeful Future,**” emphasizing the importance of early care, continued support, and community awareness in improving the lives of preterm babies