

**Commemoration of World Alzheimer's Day 2024 – Speech, Language, Swallow and
Hearing Screening Camp for Elderly Individuals – School of Rehabilitation and
Behavioral Sciences**

In Alzheimer's disease, speech, language, and swallowing difficulties often accompany cognitive decline, further isolating patients and accelerating deterioration. Dysphagia, a common complication, raises the risk of aspiration, malnutrition, and dehydration. Hearing loss in elderly adults is strongly linked to cognitive decline due to reduced auditory stimulation, increased cognitive load, and social isolation, which can lead to memory and attention problems. Early screening for hearing loss, speech, language, and swallowing issues is vital for timely interventions, such as hearing aids, speech therapy, and dietary modifications, to improve communication and reduce health risks.

To mark World Alzheimer's Day 2024, the School of Rehabilitation and Behavioral Sciences, VMRF (DU), conducted a speech, language, swallowing, and hearing screening camp at HelpAge India Thamaraiikulam Elderly Village on 20th September 2024. A team of faculty and students from the Department of Audiology and Department of Speech-Language Pathology screened 50 elderly individuals (8 males and 42 females) aged 60 to 92. Among them, 35 were identified with varying degrees of hearing loss, and 12 had ear-related disorders, all referred for further evaluation and intervention. Additionally, 4 out of 8 individuals in palliative care were found to have speech and language difficulties, while 29 out of 42 individuals in the elderly care facility had age related difficulties in voice, swallowing and cognitive communication skills; all were advised to seek further intervention.







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