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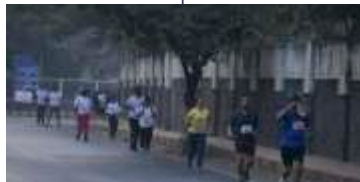
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COSMETIC CAMOUFLAGE



RUN FOR VITILIGO -
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Don't be
afraid of being
different,
be afraid of
being the same
as everyone
else.

Vitiligo is only a pigmentation disorder.
All you need is support, care & love along
with a proper treatment.

Shweta Association
Vitiligo Self-Help Support Group, Pune, India



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Vitiligo or Leucoderma is psychologically devastating and therapeutically challenging disorder. It is not a disease per se, it is an autoimmune disorder in which body destroys its own pigment cells. Melanocytes or cells giving colour to skin, sometimes gradually decrease in number leading to white patches on the skin. This depigmentation of the skin does not affect other organs of the body. Cosmetic disfigurement and fear of hereditary transmission has attached undue importance and social stigma to this disorder.

Vitiligo is found all over the world and is seen in about 1 to 3% of the total population. Vitiligo is not a contagious disease and it does not affect physical and mental capability of a person in any manner. In approximately 10 to 15% people it can be transmitted to future generation.

Cosmetic disfigurement in Vitiligo leads to lot of emotional problems, depression, damage to one's self image and family disputes. These people need firm emotional support from family, friends and society to overcome the devastating mental trauma. In half of the affected population, the patches are noticed before the age of 20 years, shattering their childhood, disturbing their education and spoiling their youthful dreams.

A RAY OF HOPE

It was under such gloomy, stigmatized social scenario, "Shweta Association" was initially formed in March 2001 by few individuals suffering from Vitiligo who have overcome their complexes with the help of emotional support from close ones and are successful in their personal, professional and family life. All of us are working with a mission of spreading this light of hope to Vitiligo people all over the world. Many eminent Social workers, Skin specialists, Psychiatrists, Genetic counsellors, Pathologists, Beauticians are working actively with us.

OUR VISION

Our highest aim is to secure eradication of the curse of Vitiligo affecting millions of people, scientifically by identifying causes of this malady and by developing curative treatment. Till then we work towards prevention and dilution of ill-effects of Vitiligo including social stigma.

OBJECTIVES

- To bring people having Vitiligo together, to form a common platform, to discuss their problems, to exchange their experiences, to learn scientific facts about the disorder and above all to gain the self respect and improve quality of life.
- To undertake programmes towards education and awareness of vitiligo among the various sections of society.
- To provide counselling to the persons having Vitiligo, their parents and their relatives.
- To advocate and support for research in various systems of medicine to find remedy for Vitiligo.
- To establish chapters in various parts of India by identifying like minded people who will share our vision.
- To sensitize health regulatory bodies to change the category of Vitiligo as Non-communicable disease instead of existing Cosmetic disease category to avail insurance facilities on all treatments.
- To work actively with International Vitiligo Self Help Groups for global alliance.

HOW TO MEET US

- Daily for Counseling, Marriage Bureau facilities, Phototherapy, Camouflage makeups at 'Sahawas Hospital', Pune from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Weekly meaningful meetings on topics of interest for planning future strategies.
- Twice a year Public Meetings to increase social awareness and to minimize social stigma attached to Vitiligo



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MISSION

- For fulfilment of our ambitious projects of social awareness and eradication of vitiligo we seek the co-operation and active involvement of all the sections of the community.
- Shweta counts on the whole - hearted support of common man by directing Vitiligo sufferers for any help to us and by generous donations. We appeal to Medical Institutions, Educational Institutions and Industries with social commitment to come forward and contribute for this worthy cause.