

World Lupus Day 2024

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World Lupus Day, observed annually **on 10th May**, is a crucial event that aims to shed light on the challenges faced by individuals living with lupus. This complex autoimmune disease affects millions worldwide.

- Lupus causes the <u>immune system</u> to attack the body's own tissues and organs, leading to symptoms like joint pain, rashes, fever, and fatigue. It can also result in severe complications like osteoporosis and cardiovascular issues.
 - Factors such as <u>genetics</u>, smoking, hormones, environmental influences, and stress can increase the risk of developing lupus.
- Established in 2004 by the World Lupus Federation, World Lupus Day aims to spread awareness and rally global support for lupus patients.
- With nearly 5 million sufferers worldwide, this day emphasises the need for better healthcare, increased research, early diagnosis, and improved treatments for lupus. It also aims to unite organisations and individuals in reducing the suffering caused by this potentially fatal disease.

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