

NEWSLETTER

Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre

A Unit of NYSASDRI

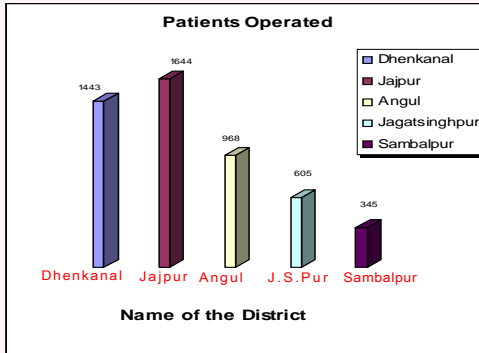
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125% Achievement by KEHRC

Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre, an independent unit of NYSASDRI, has achieved remarkable success in the year 2005-2006. Against the set target of conducting 4000 eye surgeries, the hospital has conducted 5005 surgeries by the end of February 2006. This is 125% achievement by the hospital and demonstrates the dedication and hard work by the hospital's team. It is also a 200% increase in previous years record.

The biggest contributors to this overwhelming success are ORBIS International, DIK, HelpAge India, Unites for Sight, BasAid, District Blindness Control Societies and local Agencies. With their financial support, technical guidance & encouragement, the hospital could be able to achieve challenging accomplishment. All these eye surgeries are conducted free of cost and only the poor and



PARTNERS IN OUR SUCCESS

- ORBIS International, USA
- Deutsch-Indische Kinderhilfswerk- DIK, Germany
- Unites for Sight, USA
- HelpAge India
- BASAID, Switzerland
- LAICO, Madurai

vulnerable sections of the society in five districts of Orissa got their vision back by this eye hospital. The district-wise number of patients is given in the chart.

Indian COS Network on Disability and Autism

Circles Network, UK and NYSASDRI have joined their hands for Government, lobby and advocacy strengthening the Indian COS Network on Disability and Autism. This network will focus on Empowerment, advocacy, education and rehabilitation services for People with Disability and Autism.



Ms. Mandy Neville, Chief Executive Officer, Circles Network, UK speaking at the COS Conference, held at Bhubaneswar

More than 200 NGOs, who are working on the issue, would be directly benefited under this COS Network. It will build the capacity of NGOs and Disability Service professionals through training, exposure programmes and transnational knowledge sharing activities. The network will also facilitate resource mobilization for disability programmes,

works. On the other hand, this network will improve mutual coordination and sharing of skill among the participating NGOs. Unlike other networks, this COS Network will also take up programmes that will directly benefit children and people with Disability. It will provide rehabilitation services, skill development programmes for disabled people, psychosocial counseling support, generation of employment opportunity for PWDs etc. The Network will advocate for a disability friendly policy framework in India and will act a policy watchdog.

ORBIS International: Indispensable Support

ORBIS International, an international organisation working to eradicate avoidable blindness has made the biggest contribution for the accomplishment by KEHRC / NYSASDRI. This organisation has not only financially supported 2000 eye surgeries, they also supported in developing the objective and strategic plan to achieve the same.



Mr. Kamallesh Guha, Sr. Prog Manager, ORBIS India



The mini-bus, provided by ORBIS International in an Outreach Camp

The officials at its India Office, especially Mr. Kamallesh Guha has always extended their helping hand in all round development of the hospital. They have supported for organizing eye screening camps in rural areas, development of infrastructure and skill development of our staff.

Their technical assistance in improving the quality of services as well as efficiency was also remarkable. This has helped us in developing ourselves as a comprehensive community eye care centre. NYSASDRI / KEHRC is extremely happy to work with this organisation and is very thankful for their wide-ranging support.

Volunteer Eye Surgeon from 'SEE International'

Dr. Aisha Simjee, M.D., an Ophthalmologist from SEE International volunteered her services for Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre from January 1 to January 10, 2006. She participated in



Dr. Aisha Simjee (centre) in the Doctors Awareness Meeting

the hospital's clinical activities and shared her experience as well as skill in ophthalmology with the KEHRC team. She also participated in the Doctors' Awareness Meeting on Paediatric Ophthalmology, held on January 05, 2006 by KEHRC.

SEE International had also donated 61 IOL for cataract surgery of poor people. NYSASDRI thanks SEE International for this small support and looks forward to have a longstanding partnership with this international humanitarian organisation.



A letter of thanks by Dr. Simjee, after her departure from KEHRC

Eye Care Training for Rural Service Personnel

In a strategy to reduce eye care problems in rural areas and increase referral services, Kalinga Eye Hospital organised a series of training programme for Anganwari Workers and School Teachers on identification of primary eye problems and its treatment. As these personnel are working closely with the communities in rural areas, it is expected that this training programme will enable them to detect ailments in eye and refer them to the hospital for treatment. The school teachers' training would be very helpful to reduce eye problems among school students.

Through all these programmes the hospital trained 25 school teachers and 122 Anganwari Workers.

On 5th January 2006, the hospital also organised an "Awareness Meeting on Paediatric Ophthalmology" for doctors and ophthalmologists in the town. The objective of the programme was to raise awareness among eye specialists about the eye health of children in the area. The programme



Anganwari Workers' Training on Paediatric Eye Care

was held at the hospital premises and 17 practicing Ophthalmologists participated in it.

Strengthening Human Resources

With support from its partners, mainly on Refraction. Mr. Sarangadhar ORBIS International and other Samal and Maj. Gen (Retd) S.D. supporting agencies, several Mahanti participated in a short course on Management of Eye Care Programmes, at LAICO, Madurai. The hospital's team members also attended Vision 2020 Workshop at ophthalmology training institutes in Hyderabad, India.

Mr. Dasarath Mohanta attended a one month training programme on Eye care Programme Management organised by L.V. Prasad Eye



Dr. S. Jagadala, the new Ophthalmologist in a Children's Eye Screening Camp

Hospital, Hyderabad. Dr. Susant Jagadala, Mrs. Trupti Das, Ms Asanti Behera and Mr. Dillip Nayak also have undergone an on the job training programme at Lions Nab Eye Hospital, Miraj. Here Dr. Jagadala got training on SICS and Phoco surgery, while Mrs Das took training on Counselling, Ms Ashanti and Mr. Dillip

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Eye Screening of 14581 School Children

Since inception, the Kalinga Eye Hospital gives adequate emphasis on eye care for children. With involvement of ORBIS International, the hospital's child eye care activities have been intensified.

During the last one year, the Hospital extended its services to 137 schools through 137 Eye Screening Camps. It provided primary eye check up as well as primary treatment services to 14581 school children, out of which 7658 were boys and 6893 were girls. The medical team of the hospital tested the eyes of the children through refraction.

On the other hand, the hospital has also trained 25 school teachers on identification of eye ailments and its primary treatment. They are expected to help in detection of eye problems and referral services.



Glimses from the School Children's Eye Screening camp organised at various schools in Dhenkanal District, Orissa.

Unite for Sight Volunteers at KEHRC

Eight volunteers from USA, Australia and Canada worked with the Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre and provided their in different areas of ophthalmology. These volunteers were, primarily recruited by Unite for Sight, a USA based non-profit organisation working to combat eye problems the world.

Phillips, Dr. Rajesvar Sharda and Alyssa Titus (Canada), Erin Law (Australia) and Dr. Raja Agrawal (Trinidad). All these volunteers were exposed to different camp based and clinic based activities, depending upon their

The volunteers were Ms. Angela Yang, Ms. Dina Jones, Ms. Branwen Phillips, Ms. Matt Noble, Erin Law, Dr. Raheshvar Sarda, Alyssa Titus, Ms. Dr. Raja Agrawal

UNITE FOR SIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer's Name	Country	Volunteering Period
Ms. Angela Yang	USA	May 15 - Jun 15 2005
Ms. Dina Jones	Canada	May 15 - Jun 15 2005
Ms. Branwen Phillips	Canada	May 15 - Jun 15 2005
Ms. Matt Noble	USA	Oct 01 - Dec 15 2005
Erin Law	Australia	Oct 01 - Dec 15 2005
Dr. Raheshvar Sarda	Canada	Oct 01 - Oct. 12 2005
Alyssa Titus	Canada	Jan 31 - Mar 01 2006
Dr. Raja Agrawal	Trinidad	Dec 03 - Dec 08 2005



Unite For Sight Volunteer at Kalinga Eye Hospital: (above) Alyssa Titus, Canada with cataract operated patients, (below) Erin Law, Australia with Hospital's staff



Ms. Jennifer Staple, Founder and CEO of the Unites for Sight, USA

interest and education. The Hospital's doctors and other staff guided these volunteers in their work. It was an excellent opportunity for most of these volunteers as they aquired practical experiece and got a chance to have a close look at the impacts of poverty and underdevelopment.

In view of the opportunity for mutual sharing of knowledge and skill, this volunteering programme by Unite for Sight has been always productive for NYSASDRI / Kalinga Eye Hospital. This USA based organisation has also

supported the hospital in conducting free cataract surgeries for 253 poor and vulnerable people in the region. NYSASDRI / Kalinga Eye Hospital is highly thankful to Ms Jennifer Staple, Founder and CEO of Unite for Sight for her continuous cooperation.



BASAIID supported free screening camps and cataract surgery for 97 leprosy affected persons in Jajpur, Anugul and Dhenkanal



Dr. Harry S. Brown, M.D., F.A.C.S.; President and CEO of SEE International with Mr. Sarangadhar Samal, Director, NYSASDRI / KEHRC

Your Feedback

Sarang,

I enjoy every newsletter that I receive from you. I still remember the journey from Northern to Central California. I have studied a map of India for quite some while as you may have studied the map of California that you looked at during our journey. My hope is to arrive in India in December of 2006. I hope that I still may be able to stay at your hospital during my trip through India. Hope you continue to improve the eye facilities and please send an email to this address, my father, who may certainly be willing to contribute to your cause.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith, U.S.A. (email: arsmith4@gmail.com)

OUR LOCAL PARTNERS

Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre is thriving to mobilise resources from various quarters for the eye care of poor and vulnerable communities. It is very encouraging that some of the local business organisations, civil societies and individuals have come forward to support us in our fight against blindness.

Some of these organisations who are a part of our initiatives to restore vision among the poor are:

1. District Blindness Control Societies (DBCS), Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Anugul, Dhenkanal and Sambalpur
2. Indian Overseas Bank
3. Dhenkanal Gramya Bank
4. Lions Club, Rengali
5. Ganeswar Club, Rasol
6. Classic Club, Bhuban
7. Jagannath Club, Khuntuni
8. Sarapanch, Joranda
9. Sarapanch, Kamakshyanagar
10. BDO & Sub Collector, Kamakshyanagar
11. NAMI, Dhenkanal
12. Secretary, Market Committee, Govindpur
13. Shakti Sugar Ltd, Dhenkanal
14. Orissa Polyfibres Ltd, Dhenkanal
15. Kendriya Bidyalaya, Anugul
16. Utkal Asbestos, Dhenkanal
17. Canara Bank, Anugul
18. State Bank of India

Restore Sight, Give Smile

Orissa is home to a huge number of people who are 'needlessly' blind. Only USD 10 can make them to see the world again and live a life that normal people live. However, due to economic & physical inaccessibility to eye care, many people are becoming blind. This not only affects the person concerned, it has physical, emotional and economic impact on the entire family.

The objective of Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre (KEHRC) is to improve the qualities of lives for the poor and vulnerable people in rural areas of Orissa. To achieve this objective, this eye hospital has restored vision among many people by providing comprehensive eye services. Several individuals, corporate houses and development organizations have supported this Community Eye Hospital, in its fight against blindness.

We also request you to partner with us and donate, generously, for our sight saving work. Any amount would be helpful for us to restore vision among the underprivileged people in Orissa.

Please join with us and improve lives by giving sight. Donations can be made through Demand Draft / Cheque, in Favour of C.M.O, Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre, payable at Dhenkanal (Orissa).

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