



FREE CATARACT SURGERY FOR LEPROSY CURED PERSONS

Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre (KEHRC), a unit of NYSASDRI conducted free cataract surgery for leprosy afflicted persons in Anugul, Dhenkanal, Jajpur and Talcher. This rare initiative was supported by **The BASAID**, Switzerland.

Under this programme the eye hospital conducted special free screening camps for the leprosy affected persons and provided cataract surgeries to 97 persons. The medical team provided diagnostic ophthalmic services to 352 patients, with free medicines. Out of them 135 persons were provided spectacles, free of cost.



When the KEHRC ophthalmic team first conducted the preliminary Screening Camp for Leprosy affected persons, everyone, including the leprosy affected persons were taken aback. They were surprised because, it was beyond their expectation. They had accepted a life of curse and were confirmed that no one is going to help them. However, KEHRC team organised eye screening camps and latter conducted sight restoring cataract surgeries. These persons are very contented to get their vision back. They thank the sponsoring organisation (BASAID) and KEHRC for their work.

Union Bank of India Sponsors Eye Camp

Union Bank of India, Angul contributed Rs. 8000 towards a screening camp, held at Balipatna, Angul on 9th August 2005. In this camp diagnostic eye services was provided to 113 persons and free cataract surgery was done for 25 persons.



ORBIS: Committed for Combating Blindness in Orissa

ORBIS, the US based blindness prevention organization working to eliminate avoidable blindness in developing countries has collaborated with *Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre* to prevent and eliminate needless blindness in Orissa. This international charity is supporting the hospital in terms of financially as well as in institutional development. They are facilitating training programmes for both clinical and non-clinical capacity development of staff and improvement in service delivery.

This year ORBIS supported to conduct 1500 cataract surgeries, screening camps and basic training for school teachers and ICDS workers on eye diseases and its prevention. They have also assisted the training of KEHRC personnel in Ophthalmology Programme Management, Cataract Surgery, and Optometry etc.

KEHRC is very thankful to ORBIS for its support to provide comprehensive eye care to poor and marginal sections of the society. The hospital, expects to be self-sufficient within three years.

HelpAge Supports the Aged

The HelpAge India supported the Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre to conduct cataract surgeries for 720 senior citizens (above 65 years), who are living Below the Poverty Line. With this support KEHRC has organised eye screening camps in Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Anugul districts. The patients identified with cataract are provided free cataract surgery at the base hospital, along with medicine and dark glass.

GAA Supports KEHRC in Training for Fundraising

German Agro Action, a partner of NYSASDRI has supported the KEHRC team in capacity building of its personnel in the area of local resource mobilization. The German organisation supported training programme on "Basics of Public Fundraising" for two of the staffs from 13-17 September 2004 by MCC, Bangalore.

After this basic fundraising training, KEHRC took up local resource mobilization programmes and has been partially successful in mobilising local resource. In future, KEHRC plans to take up more local fundraising programme, as a part of its road to self-sufficiency.

Awareness Meeting on Paediatric Ophthalmology

A training programme for Ophthalmologists Paediatricians and General Medical Practitioners was conducted by KEHRC on 5th January 2006 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Laxmidhar Mishra. An introductory speech was given by Dr. D.N. Parida, Managing Director. In his speech, he briefed about the history of the Hospital and Services rendered by the institution to the people in five districts of Orissa.

The prominent eye diseases causing blindness like cataract, glaucoma, refractive errors, diabetic retinopathy and other were discussed. Doctors present in the meeting took part in group discussion how to eliminate these diseases.



All the participants stressed on diagnosis and treatment on Keratomalaria and malnutrition. Dr. D. Sahani, Chief Medical Officer discussed about Myopia, Squint, Congenital Cataract and other warning signs of serious eye diseases in infant and children. He also told few words about launching of global initiation VISION 2020.

The Chairman pointed out that the discussions were very effective and should be a continuous process. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. R. Garanyak.

Unite for Sight supports Cataract Surgery for 131 persons

Unite for Sight (UfS), a US based international non-profit organisation that empowers communities worldwide to improve eye health and eliminate preventable blindness, supported KEHRC in sponsoring 154 sight restoration cataract surgery and four diagnostic eye screening camps.



Through four diagnostic screening camps, at Bamu, Angul; Satya Sai Seva Ashram, Jajpur; Balipata, Angul and Pingua, Dhenkanal KEHRC provided medical treatment to 557 people, out of which 154 were identified with cataract. The Cataract affected persons were provided free surgery at the base hospital, free of cost. All the patients were provided free medicines and or dark glass, as per need.

UFS has also deputed its energetic and highly efficient volunteers in this hospital. These volunteers by devoting their time have contributed their skill and expertise to the hospitals initiatives.

*KEHRC, a unit of NYSASDRI is very thankful to **Unite for Sight** for its support to fight needless blindness in Orissa.*

NGOs in Rural Eye Care

The Government of Orissa has decided to involve NGOs in ophthalmic service delivery in rural areas of the state. According to the latest report by the Times of India (Bhubaneswar 30.01.2006) the government will assist NGOs to open eye hospitals or clinics in districts which are devoid of adequate facilities for eye treatment. These hospitals will function under the guidance of the Hospital Management Committee.

This exact model is adopted by NYSASDRI in management of two primary health centres, under Public Private Partnership, in rural areas, one in Atta GP in Jajpur and the other in Khankira GP in Dhenkanal district.

This decision confirms that the government has failed to cater the eye care services in rural areas and further demonstrates the government's trust on NGOs for providing health care services to the community.

DBCS Partners with KEHRC in Five districts

The District Blindness Control Society (DBCS) of four districts collaborated with Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre to conduct cataract surgeries for the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. The Societies are supporting 50% of the surgery cost. With this support, KEHRC has conducted screening camps and cataract surgery for patients from Dhenkanal, Angul, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur and Sambalpur districts.



Training Programme for KEHRC Personnel

Four personnel from Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre attended job training programmes in different field of eye care at Lions Nab Eye Hospital, Miraj, Maharashtra from 1st December 2005 to 31 January 2006. While Dr. Sushant Kumar Jagadala was trained on SICS and Phaco surgery; Ms Ashanti Behera and Mr. Dillip Nayak went training on Refraction. Ms Sarita Dash attended training on Counselling.

KEHRC is thankful to ORBIS International for sponsoring these training programmes and Lions Nab Eye Hospital for their support and cooperation. We hope this training programme would enhance services for the poor and deprived sections of the society.

Mr. Sarangadhar Samal, Director of KEHRC and Maj. Gen. (Retd) S.D. Mahanti also attended 'One Week-Training Programme on Eye Care Programme Management, held at LAICO, Madurai from 15-22 January 2006.

Dr. R Garanayak and Mr. Janardan Behera attended the National Workshop on Diabetic Ratinopathy from 31 Jan - 1 Feb 2006 at Kolkata, organised by Vision 2020: Right to Sight.

RESTORE VISION AMONG RURAL POOR

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I am sending herewith a cheque /DD in favour of C.M.O, Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre, Dakhinakali Road, Dhenkanal, Ph-06762-223949, nysasdri@gmail.com.

You are always welcome to visit our hospital from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., daily, except Sundays and other Holidays. Please contact Dr. D N Parida or Mr. Janardan Behera at the following Address for further information, if needed.

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Employees of OPL Contribute for Sight

Twenty Six employees of Orissa Polyfibre Limited (OPL), Dhenkanal contributed Rs 1,600 towards restoration of sights among poor and vulnerable sections of the society by Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre. These employees are regularly supporting the hospital by contributing from their monthly Salary.

KEHRC is extremely thankful to these staffs of OPL for their generous support and expects more and more employees of this company to join with eye hospital to fight against preventable blindness in the region.



Matt Noble (upper pic) and Erin Law (lower pic) These Two Volunteers from UNITE FOR SIGHT, U.S.A. worked with KEHRC for two months. They also got experience in rural development projects by NYSASDRI

Hindu Society Supports KEHRC

Canada based non-government organisation, Hindu Society has contributed CAD \$ 1,000 to Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Centre for its initiatives to prevent blindness and remove curable eye diseases in the locality among children. With this support KEHRC conducted eye screening camps for more than 500 children in its operational area. In these camps the ophthalmologists of the hospital provided diagnostic eye care services to the children. Those, who found with visual error, were given free medicines.



Mr. Datta Saigaonkar (centre in the last row) with students of NYSASDRI Educational complex, Rayagada

The Hospital also trains school teachers and ICDS workers, who are directly interacting with children, on primary eye diagnosis and treatment. These trained persons are expected to act as a referring person for the hospital.

NYSASDRI is extremely thankful to this development support organisation and its President, Mr Datta Saigaonkar for supporting this noble cause. Mr. Saigaonkar has visited NYSASDRI and spent time in rural areas where NYSASDRI is implementing different development projects. The society has also supported NYSASDRI in education of children, women empowerment and other activities. NYSASDRI expects a long-lasting and constructive partnership with Hindu Society for development and empowerment of rural and tribal communities in Orissa, one of the poorest state in India.

An Appeal

This year, we have set a target to conduct 5000 cataract surgery and we have achieved 75% of our target. We request all the organizations and individuals to donate generously to achieve rest of the target.

Each operation costs Rs 800 only. We would be very grateful if you can donate full or a part of the cost to eliminate avoidable blindness from eyes of a poor person. Please contact us for more information, if you need.