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KALINGA EYE HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE (A UNIT OF NYSASDRI)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Laying of Foundation Stone for KEHRC permanent campus
- Leading corporate organizations joined with KEHRC in eradicating the needless blindness.
- 3717 cataract surgery
- Establishment of four satellite eye screening centre at Khamar, Danagadi, Bhuban & Parjang
- 177 free comprehensive eye screening camps, reaching 14,381 persons
- Free eye examination in 104 schools, screening 17,577 students
- Training of 118 number of school teachers on identifying refractive errors

The Vision of KEHRC

To promote quality of life in rural communities through providing affordable eye care services on a sustainable basis.



An eye screening Camp at Dhukuta, Angul, with support of Vision Foundation India

Foreword

Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre has completed its fifth year. This period has been full of challenges, which we have met with dynamism and fortitude, striving always to deliver the *best international quality eye care services*. We have brought professionalism without scaring the humanity; translated years of practice in to precision; shared our knowledge for benefit, with others; and utilized maximally the available resources to meet the ends without any compromise.

Any new beginning is fraught with many perils making one lose sight of the mission. At this juncture of time we can humbly say that our efforts to achieve our goals have not been wasted. We have yet to achieve many milestones and graduate too much higher level of services. However, today we can pause and look back to take pride in our existence.

Activities

More Hands in service

Since last 20 years, Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre is serving the people of Orissa in the sector of eye care. During this period of services, many agencies, corporate houses have joined hand with us. Moreover, this year *Nava Bharat Ventures Limited, Reliance Industries Limited, Indian Metal & Ferro Alloys*, and *BRG Steel & Sponge Iron* have supported KEHRC in eradicating the needless blindness.

Foundation Stone laying for permanent campus

On the 20th April 2007 in the presence of Honorable District Collector of Dhenkanal Janab Jamil Ahmed Khan, His Excellency Sri Bijay Bhusan Mahanti, Advocate General, Hon'ble Orissa High Court, Major General S D Mahanti, Ms Sabita Swain laid the foundation stone for the new KEHRC at the same street from the present Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dakhinakali Road, Dhenkanal.

Addressing the reputed persons assembled there Ms Swain emphasized that comprehensive eye care should be taken up by all those engaged in the task of eradicating the needless blindness. KEHRC has taken a big step towards this eradication of needless blindness.



The Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre.



Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre own premise under construction

Community Outreach

Performance Report

Activities	2007
Base Hospital OPD	14,314
Pediatric at Base Hospital	2197
No. of School Children Screened	17,577
No. of Children Referred	640
No. of Schools covered	104
Camps held	177
Camp OPD	14,381
Adult OPD at Camp Site	12,146
Pediatric OPD at Camp Site	565
Paying Surgeries	343
Camp Surgeries	3717
Total Surgeries	4060
Refraction at Base Hosp	6734
Free Glass Distribution	144
School Teachers Trained	122
Doctors Trained	38
Hospital Staff Trained	5

Community outreach is an integral part of KEHRC's efforts to eliminate the needless blindness. Over 90% of the patients who undergo surgery at KEHRC Hospital come through active outreach in to the communities. We organize outreach camps in different villages of our operational area. A special team comprising of Ophthalmologist, Refractionist, & other support staff are engaged for this purpose, along with two-passenger vehicles, which are dedicated for taking medical team to the campsite & the patients to the base hospital

Apart from screening camps, other outreach activities include:

- Community-Based Comprehensive Rehabilitation Programme
- School Children Screening
- Village Volunteers Programme
- Refraction Camps.
- Special Surveys

Satellite Eye Screening Centres:

Order to strengthen our eye care services in the rural and remote areas, we establish four **Satellite Eye Screening Centres** at Khamar, Danagadi, Bhuban & Parjang. These provide comprehensive primary eye care to those, who have eye problem but cannot afford to come down to the hospital by incurring travel expenses and a day's wage loss. Through these centres we could reduce the expenditure incurred on publicity and information dissemination and provide hassle free services to patients at their convenient location on a fixed day.

Comprehensive eye camps:

In the year 2007, we have organized 177 comprehensive eye camps through which we could able to screen 14,381 persons, of whom 3717 under went surgery. Apart from these comprehensive camps, special camps were also conducted for specific industries.

Eye Screening Camps for school children:

From January 2007 to December 2007, free eye examination of school children has been done in 104 schools, across the Dhenkanal district. 17,577 children were examined of which 640 were identified with eye disorder and advised further investigation and treatment. Also 144 poor children received pair of glasses at free of cost.

Refraction Camps:

Refraction camps were specially conducted for industrial workers and peripheral population of the industry. In 2007, KEHRC has conducted a few of such camps with support of IMFA, Jajpur & Nava Bharat Venture Ltd, Dhenkanal.

Special Cataract Survey drives in...

There is a quite good percentage of people are suffering from Cataract blindness, but due to various reasons they don't show their interest towards the cataract surgery. Therefore, KEHRC has conducted a survey in two panchayat (Chaulia & Kankadahad) of Dhenkanal district. This study was to find out the various reasons on why adult cataract



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Eye Screening program for School children

Education & Training Program.

Continuing Medical Examination on Pediatric Ophthalmology:

In Orissa, pediatric eye care services are poorer than adult eye care. Pediatric eye care requires specific expertise, equipment and training to manage them. KEHRC had arranged one Continuing Medical Examination cum press meet on the Pediatric ophthalmology at its base hospital on the 22nd December 2007, where 28 media personnel & 18 number of doctors attended the programme. Dr. Mihir Kothari and Sri Sarangadhar Samal addressed the attendees for the program.



The Survey team at Chaulia village.

Capacity Building of Rural Service Personnel:

The service area of Kalinga Eye hospital is primarily inhabited by tribal groups and the scheduled caste population. More than 80% of the population are below the poverty line. The area is backward with pliable communication with inadequate infrastructure. Health service delivery mechanism is very inefficient and insufficient in the locality. Therefore, Kalinga Eye Hospital has decided to build the capacity of these rural personnel on eye care so that they will spread the message on eye care in their locality. The medium of capacity building is different types of training program.

In the year 2007 Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre has able to train 118 number of school teachers on identifying refractive errors, low vision and squint across the two blocks of the Dhenkanal district, where the base hospital is now.

To reduce the number of needless blindness, teachers training will not be the ultimate solution, so Kalinga Eye Hospital is also providing special free training programs to the Anganwadi Workers, Village Volunteers & the Self Help Group members, to identifying refractive errors, low vision and squint in their peripheral area, so that the children between 0-6 age group, the school drop outs and other elderly people will get a chance to screen their vision problems if any.



The Anganwadi Workers of Odapada Block, during the training program

School Education Program on Eye Care:

Kalinga Eye Hospital has started its school eye care education program as Young Ambassador Program. In this program, KEHRC is going to the doorstep of every school to aware the students and teachers on Eye care and their responsibility toward eradication of needless blindness from the society. Also conducting the school eye screening camp there. By these types of activities, Kalinga Eye Hospital could able to raise the awareness and treatment on eye care. Therefore, any school interested in this type of program may inform the hospital to render its services.

Internal Capacity building- Specialty Training:

To improve the quality of service, Kalinga Eye Hospital is providing special trainings to its in-house staffs, and for 2007 the following staffs were undergone the training, at different apex training centres of India



Bringing the Smile back



Eye surgery of a six months baby Km. Sujata Ghibala in 2007.

Visitors:

- Amina Hamman & Jane Wilkinson, EUROMONEY, United Kingdom
- Georgina Howson, ORBIS International, UK
- Sri Bijay Bhusan Mahanti, Advocate General, Hon'ble Orissa High Court
- Janab Jamil Ahmed Khan, Hon'ble District Magistrate cum Collector, Dhenkanal
- Mr. Sai Sarvanan, Consultant- Free lions Consultancy Agency, Hyderabad.
- Mark Paul, Country Coordinator - India, DIK
- Dr. G V Rao, Country Director, ORBIS International, Delhi, India
- Kamalesh Guha-Senior Program Manager, ORBIS International, Delhi, India
- Dr. Asim Sil, Netra Niramaya Niketan, Kolkata, West Bengal, India.
- Manpreet Kaur Chadhha, Program Manager, ORBIS International, Delhi, India.
- Dr. Rishi Raj Bora, Program Manager, ORBIS International, Delhi, India.
- Sri Arun Kumar Samantrai, GM-HR, Reliance Industries, Dhenkanal.

Events.

World Sight Day:

Children Day

Eye Donation Fortnight



Volunteers

- Maria Mc Gill UK
- Jake Tulipan USA
- Bianca Calderron USA
- Jayati Nigam USA
- Christiana Valencia USA
- Jessie Kang Korea

Supporters



ORBIS International, USA



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Corporate Partnership

Nava Bharat Ventures Limited:

On 29th of November 2007 an eye screening camp was conducted at the Nimidha Primary School, with the support of Nava Varat Ventures, where KEHRC could screened 132 persons and identified that 17 of them are adult cataract patients. KEHRC provided 27 sets of free glasses to the patients of Nimidha area. Sj Sudhir Samal, the honb'le MLA of Dhenkanal, inaugurated this Eye screening camp. During this camp the representative from State Pollution Control Society, Angul, the Vice President of Nava Bharat Ventures Mr. GP Vardhan Rao, the GM Mr. Ashish Rai and all other staff members of NBV were present during the Eye Screening camp. The identified cataract cases were undergone surgery in two different phases. All the expenses of the screening & surgery were born by the company.

BRG Iron & Steel Co. (P) Ltd.

The Vice President of BRG Iron & Steel Co (P) Ltd, Brigadier R V Singh has paid a visit to Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre on 22nd December 2007 for how BRG Iron & Steel Co (P) Ltd can support Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre's mission of eliminating the needless blindness. BRG Iron & Steel Co (P) Ltd's purpose is to leverage their support for social cause. In this context several ideas were discussed for potential collaboration.



Maj Gen SD Mahanti, President KEHRC, Brig. R V Singh, VP, BRG Iron & Steel, Sri Sarangadhar Samal, Director Kalinga Eye Hospital

IMFA

On January 20,2007 IMFA Jajpur has come up & joined hands with Kalinga Eye Hospital to eradicate blindness in the service area, in that contrary IMFA Jajapur has Organized a free eye screening camp at Kaliapani of Jajpur district where 226 no of people got their eye chek up & 33 no of people were found with cataract. These 33 persons were operated in the Kalinga Eye Hospital with free of cost.

Support from Vision Foundation.

A national agency that is Vision foundation, which is working for the social development sector has also joined hand with Kalinga Eye Hospital & research Centre in eradicating the needless blindness and decreasing the number of incidence of blindness in the service area of Kalinga Eye hospital. With the support of Vision Foundation Mumbai, KEHRC conducted a free eye screening camp at Dhukuta panchayat of Angul district. 136 persons screened at the camp site there and 36 of them identified with cataract. 25 patients out of 36 had got the benefit from Vision Foundation.

We thankful to Vision Foundation for their support and enable us to extend our services to the underserved marginalized population of Orissa.

We are not alone : support from Schools and Corporate of Orissa

The Publicity and Fund Raising division of KEHRC has started receiving support from the good schools and corporate houses of Orissa. Many of them have joined hands in the mission of restoring vision for the older persons and children in need those have no body to support. We deeply acknowledge the support of the following institutions for their heartfelt support for the helpless older persons and children those have no body to support.

- Gandhi Public School, Bhubaneswar
- Kendriya Vidyalaya, Niladrivihar, Bhubaneswar
- Govt. Boys High School, Unit – 8, Bhubaneswar
- Amarbani English Medium School, Angul
- Kendriya Vidyalaya, Angul
- Govt. High School, Angul
- Aurobindo Purnango Sikshya Kendra, Dhenkanal
- Prabhujji English Medium School, VSSNagar, Bhubaneswar
- Monfort English Medium School, Dhenkanal.