



Newsletter

KEHRC has celebrated the World Sight Day



Kalinga Eye Hospital with the school children of Town High School, Angul, Celebrating the World

According to World Health Organization World Sight Day is being celebrated on the second Thursday of October. This year the theme of World Sight Day was VISION FOR CHILDREN, so KEH has tried to aware the people on the child eye care and has conducted few educational programs on eye care in different schools of Angul. In this program schools like Angul High School, Town High School, Panchayat High School has participated in this program and appreciated the effort made by KEH for the Child eye care. Even this day was celebrated in LVPEI Bhubaneswar, where a national level meeting was held; the honb'le MP and VISION 2020 India Brand Ambassador Smt Hema Mailini Jee the President of V2020 & all Vision 2020 members were celebrated. The director of KEHRC Sri Sarangadhar Samal preceeded this meeting.



Sri Sarangadhar Samal, Director, KEHRC, with Hema Malini, at the state level meeting on World Sight Day 2007,

Child Eye Care:



Dr. Mihir Kothari operating a six month baby at Kalinga Eye Hospital.

For better child eye care facilities in Orissa KEHRC is conducting Hospital Based Programme where Kalinga Eye Hospital is consulting with the best Ophthalmologist from apex eye centre of world comes to the hospital for Child eye check ups & even for pediatric eye surgeries.

Within last one year Kalinga Eye Hospital could able to conduct 23 paediatric eye surgeries. This year through Dr. Mihir Kothari KEHRC could

able to operate 8 number of paediatric cases in August & ten number of Paediatric cases in December 2007. Within five months of time, Kalinga Eye Hospital could able to conduct eighteen paediatric eye surgeries. In this way, Kalinga Eye Hospital has taken a small step towards a big future of Paediatric Ophthalmology in Orissa.



Sri A K Mishra of Kalinga Eye Hospital Educating the children on eye care at Angul High School, Angul

Education Program on Eye Care:

Kalinga Eye Hospital has started its school eye care education program as Young Ambassador Program. In this program, KEH 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. Therefore, any school interested in this type of program may inform the hospital to render its services.



Amina Hamman, Jane Wilkinson, Georgina Howson's visit to Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre

Visit of EUROMONEY:

EUROMONEY (Amina Hamman, Jane Wilkinson) of United Kingdom have visited Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre. In their three days tour they have visited one eye screening camp at podapada of Angul, one school screening program at Rai Narshinghpur Primary School, Dhenkanal and visited few cases those who have got eye operated with the support of Euro money & ORBIS, by going to their homes. In their tour to KEHRC, they have also visited the new construction site of Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre. For EUROMEY have visited the hospital and appreciated the effort made by KEHRC for the poorest of the poor in eye care.



Maj Gen S D Mahanti, President KEHRC, Dr. GV Rao, Country Director, ORBIS India, with EUROMONEY at the construction site of new Kalinga Eye Hospital.



Hon'ble Collector with Dr. S H S Patra is paying a visit to the post operated patient ward at KEHRC

In this, trip to Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre the ORBIS India-country director Dr. G V Rao, Program Manager Dr. Rishi Raj Bora and Georgina Howson, ORBIS UK has also joined the trip.

Collector Visit:

The Honorable collector cum district magistrate of Dhenkanal Janab Jamil Ahmed Kan has visited Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre on 30th of November and talked with few patients who were got their eye operated with free of cost in Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre. Collector has appreciated the effort Kalinga Eye Hospital is making in eradicating the needless blindness from its service area.



Vice President, NBVL, Sri G V Vardhan Rao & Ganga Dhar Samal has paid a visit to a eye screening camp organized in NIMIDHA village of Odapada block in support of Nava Bharat Ventures Ltd

More Hands in Service: Nava Bharat Ventures Limited

Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre has joined hand with the Nava Bharat Ventures Limited, Kharagprasad. On 14th of November Mr. Arya Mohapatra Personal Manager, Mr. R K Pattnaik HR Manager of Nava Bharat has made a visit to the Hospital to see the service facilities available at the hospital. They were so satisfied that they have decided to conduct one eye-screening program for them in Nimidha, which comes as the peripheral area to Nava Bharat Ventures.

On 29th of November 2007 a eye screening camp was conducted at the Nimidha Primary School, with the support of Nava Varat Ventures, where KEHRC could able screen 132 number of people and identified 17 number of adult cataract patients. And also provided 27 numbers of free glasses to the patients of Nimidha area. Srijukta 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 Mr. GP Vardan 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. In addition, the company has shown interested to hold another eye screening camp on the 20th January 2007.

Celebrated the Children's Day:

This year on the children's day Kalinga Eye Hospital has joined hand with the DPEP and participated in the district level activity week where Kalinga



Eye Hospital has opened a stall. The stall was primarily made with a purpose of creating awareness about blindness and Childhood Blindness in the community and to screen the children among the general population with having any ocular problem and providing appropriate referral and

A Special stall was opened for three long days on Children's day to aware people on Child Eye care

treatment. Also at the stall, KEHRC has distributed different educational materials and pamphlets on eye care, tips for eye care and on needless blindness. The staff could able to serve the people for three long days in the DPEP centre of Dhenkanal, with that stall.



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

Expanding the Horizon: BRG Steel Plant

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.

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 &



An Eye Screening Camp organized by Kalinga Eye Hospital at Dukhuta, in support with Vision Foundation of India, Mumbai

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 Kalinga Eye Hospital & research Centre could able to conduct one free eye screening camp at Dukhuta panchayat of Angul district where KEH has screened 136 number of people at the camp site and out of them 36 number of people with cataract, out of these surgeries 25 number of people got the benefit of Vision Foundation.

Therefore, we would like to thank Vision Foundation for their support and enabling us to extend our services to the underserved marginalized population of Orissa.

Receiving open heart and mind from Good schools and Corporate of Orissa – Spreading messages of eye care and restoration of vision in remote Orissa



Students of Amar Vani Public School joined hand in the mission of restoring sight for the older person & children in need those have no body to support

The publicity and fund raising division of KEHRC has started receiving open heart and mind from the good schools and corporate 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.

The division with the objective of spreading the message of eye care and vision restoration particularly to the older



Your Support...bringing the smile back on their faces.

persons and children from poverty has started the young ambassador programme through out Orissa. In this programme many schools with their courageous and helping students have contributed for caring the older and children by way of receiving contributions from their relatives, friends, family members and neighbors. Not only that they have also become young ambassador of spreading messages to their families, friends relatives and neighbours to take care of their eyes. They have learnt the tips from the presentations of personnel of KEHRC and also disseminated the same. Eye testing was also done for the students in different schools, and world sight day was observed. We acknowledge with great thanks to the schools, students, principals, coordinators and staffs of different schools those who participated in our young ambassador programme. 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.

1. Gandhi Public School, Bhubaneswar
2. Kendriya Vidyalaya, Niladrivihar, Bhubaneswar
3. Govt. Boys High School, Unit – 8, Bhubaneswar
4. Amar Vani Public School, Angul
5. Kendriya Vidyalaya, Angul
6. Govt. High School, Angul
7. Sri Arabindo Purnanga Sikshya Kendra, Dhenkanal
8. Prabhuji English Medium School, VSS Nagar, Bhubaneswar
9. Monfort English Medium School, Dhenkanal.



We Acknowledge with thanks the support of Nava Bharat Ventures, BRG Steels of Dhenkanal District for their kind and generous support towards restoration of sights.

Sri G P Vardhan Rao, VP, Nava Bharat Ventures Ltd, In the middle, with Mr. Sunil Kumar Program Manager, Kalinga Eye Hospital

Screening in Amar Vani

With support of Amar Vani Public School, Angul, Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre has conducted one screening program for the children of Amar Vani School, a total number of 487 children were examined of which 57 were identified with eye disorder and advised further investigation and treatment.



Mark Paul, Consultant DIK-Germany, with the Director KEHRC at the construction site of New KEHRC

Visit of DIK:

DIK's Consultant, Mark Paul made his quarterly visit to Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre in the month of December 2007. During his visit to Kalinga Eye Hospital, he has also visited the new hospital's site and appreciated the work done toward the construction.

CME Cum Press Meet on Paediatric Ophthalmology:

Status of pediatric eye care services is poorer than adult eye care in Orissa.



Sri Sarangadhar Samal, Director, Kalinga Eye Hospital addressing the attendees of the CME program on Paediatric Ophthalmology.

Pediatric eye care requires specific expertise, equipment and training is needed to manage them. Major barriers to childhood cataract surgery in Orissa are: 1) absence of adequate trained pediatric eye care personnel and anesthetists, 2) lack of high volume cataract surgical setup where pediatric eye care facility can be developed,

3) lack of awareness and skill to detect congenital cataract in children 4) absence of outreach services to identify and treat children with cataract and refractive error. Prevalence of refractive error (visual acuity <6/9) among children could be as high as 5% according to an estimation made by the Government of India. Refractive error in children, if untreated, almost

always leads to poor academic performance and results in students dropping out of their education system. Refractive error in children can easily be corrected by providing a pair of spectacles. As 75% of the population lives in the rural areas, the same proportion of children who are blind or have significant refractive errors would be living in the rural areas where no pediatric eye care or refraction services are available.

So Kalinga Eye Hospital has arranged one Continuing Medical Examination cum press meet on the Paediatric ophthalmology at its base hospital on the 22nd December 2007, where 28 media personnel & 18 number of doctors has attended the programme. Dr. Mihir Kothari and Sri Sarangadhar Samal have addressed the attendees for the program.

Unite For Sight, USA

Unite For Sight an international agency of USA , the friend of NYSASDRI—Kalinga Eye Hospital, has supported Kalinga Eye Hospital & research Centre for 400 free cataract eye surgeries in the last quarter of the year 2007. Unite For Sight is not only supporting the surgeries but also enhancing the capacities of the international volunteers on Community Ophthalmology by sending them to Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre for at least a one month training on the same. Also by this way Kalinga Eye Hospital is getting the international standards of working pattern.



Photograph of few patients, those have got the support from the Unite For Sight, USA, towards getting their sight back.

Desire towards Light : A Case Study:

Deepti Lenka is a schoolteacher with a story to tell. Hers is a story of great suffering and pain but also one of sweet victory! Deepti Lenka has lived through it and beneath her smiling eyes; there lies a determination to make it in life.

Sangram Sethy an eight-year-old boy from Gondia village of Dhenkanal. Staying with his two brothers, one sister, father Saroj Sethy & mother Rina



Pre Operation Photo of Sangram Sethy

Sethy. Father Saroj is a daily laborer and as usual mother is working at the home. Sangram knows very well that his family's economic condition is not so good, so he was concentrating more on his studies at his Gondia Upper Primary School, Gondia to become a good man in future and can eradicate the problems from his family. But luck was not in favour of his side.



Deepti Lenka, in Black Saree with Sangram Sethy and with his parents.

Two years ago while playing with his brother, his brother hit a stick in to the left eye of Sangram, suddenly the eye got red and it became a headache for his parents, because they don't have that much of money to go to a good doctor for his treatment. After few days of time their parents found the white spot in the left eye of Sangram & left Sangram with that condition. As due to lack of awareness & financial supports Sangram's family could not able to treat that eye.



Sangram under the slit lamp examination by Dr. Mihir Kothari

To sensitize the people on eye care Kalinga Eye Hospital is conducting a varieties of activities and providing trainings to the school teachers on primary eye care is one of that activity. In the month of August KEH has conducted the teachers training program in that area and Deepti Lenka of Gondia Primary School has attended that training. Soon after the training she has identified Saroj and bring Saroj personally to the Kalinga Eye Hospital, where Sangram got his left eye operated with free of cost. The Hon'ble district magistrate cum Collector and the Nava Bharat Ventures Ltd has supported the surgery cost of Sangram.



Sangram after the eye Operation



Post Operation Photo of Sangram Sethy

So we if teachers like Deepti will always come to the front, reaching to the mission of "eradicating the needless blindness" will not be so difficult.

Performances: October to December 2007

Sl No	Activities	In Numbers
1	Number of New OPD in the Base Hospital	3084
2	Number of Review OPD in the Base Hospital	1003
3	Number of Total OPD in the Base Hospital	444
4	Number of Out reach Camps Conducted	48
5	Number of OPD in the Camp	3941
6	Number of Paediatric Cases in the Camp	49
7	Total number of patients screened in this quarter	24575
8	Number of Persons received Medical Treatment	5403
9	Number of Persons got Refracted	2503
10	Number of Persons Educated on eye care	7051
11	Total number of teachers trained	58
12	Number of Doctors Trained	7
13	Total no of School Screened	70
14	Total number of School Children Screened	14503
15	Number of Children received Medical Treatment	1089
16	Number of Children Received Free Spectacles	37
17	Number of Free Eye Surgeries Conducted	1311
18	Number of Paying Eye Surgeries Conducted	149
19	Total Number of Eye Surgeries Conducted	1460
20	Number of Paediatric Eye Surgeries	10
21	Surgeries conducted in the Dhenkanal District	465
22	Surgeries conducted in the Jajpur District	616
23	Surgeries conducted in the Angul District	269
24	Surgeries conducted in the Jagatsinghpur District	nil