

# Activity Report 2017-18

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## Observing the World Disable Day

Observed the World Disable Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017; a huge gathering was organized at Head Quarter in association with National Health Mission (NHM) Dhenkanal & SarvaSikshaAbhiyan. Out of the identified children with refractive errors, 200 were invited to present

on the day and those 200 children were provided with refractive corrected spectacles on that day. The District Education Officer, Dhenkanal and District Programme Manager-NHM have distributed the spectacles to the identified children.



*Spectacles distributed to the children by DPM-NHM, Dhenkanal on World Disable Day 2017*

## Spectacles for the deserving's

Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust ensures that those with curable eye ailments are brought to medical care in a timely manner. Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has successfully carried out many camps for refractive check-up. In the financial year 2017-18 Kalinga Eye Hospital-Trust has reached out to a total of 309 general beneficiaries. These beneficiaries are screened for refractive

errors and other treatable eye diseases and accordingly provided requisite refractive error corrected spectacles free of cost. Special camps were conducted in collaboration with Baba Binakar Das of Alekh Mahima devotees at Joranda Dhenkanal district 133 devotees were screened for refractive error and 92 were provided with refractive corrected spectacles free of cost. These camps were con-

ducted in June 2017. Without much investment, many people got their sight back with those pair of glasses and their happiness have made us satisfied for our work in eye care.



*Delighted KrushnaPatra, after getting a pair of refractive corrected spectacle*



## Creating Master Trainers

The Train-the-Trainers programme on identification of common eye problems amongst the adult and children age group is a part of a comprehensive approach to reduce the avoidable blindness in Dhenkanal. The main objective of the training programme is to reduce the burden on the technical person whose quantity is less and time is more important, so Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has created a group of Master Trainers, who will cas-

cade their skills to the school teachers, ASHA Workers, Community Health Workers, Village Volunteers and similar kinds of people. As a result community participation will also be increase in the eye care programme which is one of the components of sustainability at the same time early identification and referral can be ensured from the community at a regular basis. BRTs, team from Rashtriya Baal SwasthyaKaryakram (RBSK)

The long term expected result of the training programme is to enhance good service practices in the community and also assist the community in eye care without causing an unnecessary burden to the limited technical persons. On 12.01.201 the team from Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has also created a master trainer group in Angul district.

## Community Outreach Programme

The outreach wing of Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust that started as a simple Cataract screening camp, has in the past 4 years have evolved into a comprehensive movement-that involves the communities it

serves. Many kind hearted institutions, industries and individuals help Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust in our mission of restoring sight to the neediest from the most remote communities. This year only, Kaliga

Eye Hospital Trust had 17 camps through which 3008 patients were screened and 361 underwent surgery. Patients from Dhenkanal have benefited.

*The 71st Independence Day was observed by Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust at its registered office in Dhenkanal.*

## Creating Eye Care Awareness for Eye Donation

National Eye Donation Fortnight was observed in India from 25<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September to raise public awareness about eye donation after death. Several campaigns encouraged and motivated people to donate their eyes after their demise. In this regard an awareness event was organized on 2nd September

2018 at the District Head Quarter Hospital, Dhenkanal, where the eye care providers of the district were also invited to discuss amongst the group to identify people with need of cornea transplant. Also the attendants were shared about the details of the cornea collection procedure means, when to collect, who is a fit case

from whom we can collect, what are the legal steps to be taken before collecting the corneas from the death cases. Also it was shared that awareness programmes to be conducted and mostly the young generation will be motivated, so that they can motivate their family members for donating corneas after death.

## Involving ASHAs in Eye Care

Ever since the National Health Mission (NHM) aiming at architectural correction of health system in India has been launched, the health systems have witnessed great improvement. Community level volunteers like Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers if appropriately trained and sensitized, could be tapped for channeling patients to avail primary eye care services in local vicinities and their work can be supervised by the PMOAs and MOs. With

this model, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has approached the District Health Officer and convinced them of the need for intervention. In the first phase 33 ASHA saathi's were trained on identifying people with ophthalmic ailments, counselling-sensitizing them about the importance of eye care and nearby referral centres for treatment as quick treatment for amount of vision can be saved/preserved. These ASHA's were provided with a scientifically de-

signed Eye Screening KIT. The training was conducted at the NHM, meeting hall of Dhenkanal on dated 29.01.2018. In the coming time all the ASHA saathi's of the District will be trained and then the ASHAs. After Dhenkanal, a similar plan will be grounded for nearby districts of Dhenkanal in the coming phases.

## Raising Awareness

Eye Care rallies and seminars were organized on various occasions to enhance public awareness of eye diseases and improve the Eye-Health seeking behaviour of the community. NYSASDRI has always been supporting Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust in its various blindness-prevention activities. Every year, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust conducts eye care-awareness sessions at different forums. As a way of reaching out to the general public, Kalinga Eye Hospital arranged awareness programmes in the forms of rallies, talks and exhibitions on the occasions of

World Diabetes Day, World Glaucoma Week and World Sight Day. District Administration of Dhenkanal has joined hand with Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust, Dhenkanal for observing the World Sight Day on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. A rally has marched from the District Blindness Control Society office to the District Head quarter Hospital followed by a meeting with the Doctors of the districts at the National Health Mission meeting hall inside the Hospital premises. More than 120 persons from Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust and the local community participated in

the rally. The rally was flagged off by the CDMO, Dhenkanal, Dr Mohapatra.



CDMO, Dhenkanal flagging-off the WSD-17 rally

*The World Glaucoma Day 2017 was observed by the Kalinga Eye Hospital trust on 17th March 2018*

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### Mega Eye Camps



Though National Blindness Control Programme has significantly contributed to blindness control efforts in India, the state performance remains dismal compared to the national average. The prevalence of blindness in Odisha is at 1.4% as compared to the national average of 0.8%. Because of many districts in the state, where the performance of the surgeries is very low and in some districts where basic eye care is even not available and Deogarh is one of the district, where CSR is zero. So on request of the state NPCB Office and Joint Director of Ophthalmology, Odisha, In March 2018, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has conducted mega eye screening camp, through which 391 persons were screened and 158 cases were brought for surgery; Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has again achieved the rare feat of performing over 100 surgeries in just a single day two times due to the wholehearted dedication of the team.

### Advocacy with the District Admin for System strengthening



*Meeting with the District Administration of Angul under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Collector.*

Low performance of surgeries in the state is influenced by number of factors-ranging from human resources, infrastructure availability and its productivity to the local leadership around eye health etc. So as to change in the status quo and enhancement of eye care services, Kalinga

Eye Hospital Trust has proposed names of four SDHs of undivided Dhenkanal district, where eye care services can be strengthened. Because if community located near the sub division areas are not getting the basic ophthalmic services then how we can expect community ophthalmology will be accessible to in rural areas of the district. So it was proposed by the Trust to at least strengthen the Sriramchandrapur CHC of

Gondia Block, Bhuban Area Hospital of Bhuban Block, Pallahara SHD of Pallahara, Angul and Rajkishorenagar CHC of Kishorenagar, Angul district. So in the first phase, a meeting was organized with the Collector of Angul on 2nd February 2018 for strengthening of the mentioned CHCs by posting Ophthalmic Assistants in those centre.