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Ophthalmic Newsletter of Kalinga Eye Hospital (Sep-Oct 2020)

Kalinga Eye Hospital

Cataract: A public Health Crisis during COVID-19

Cataract surgery is a routine medical procedure performed thousands of times daily, yet untreated cataracts are one of the world's greatest unaddressed health crises. Many of us would not initially recognize cataracts as a major health issue, but for those living in rural areas this is not the case. At 51%, untreated cataracts are the leading cause of blindness in

many poorer areas of our state. The sad story is that those who are blind because of untreated cataracts cannot work and need to sit idle during this difficult time; becoming a burden for the family too. This situation leads to financial hardship, the onset of additional health problems and a reduced quality of life. It can even lead to premature death. With

many blind and visually impaired because of untreated cataracts this is not a minor health issue, it is a public health crisis. Because of COVID, when outreach camps are stopped, someone needs to reach them to help restore their sight. So let's join our hands in restoring vision of the cataract blinds in our area.



Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Heritage donated masks, gloves & sanitizer to the Clinical team of Kalinga Eye Hospital



Observed the World Sight Day 2020 on 10th Oct 20

Observed the 35th NEDF

The National Eye Donation Fortnight (NEDF) is observed every year from 25th August to 8th September. It is a campaign that aims to create mass public awareness about the importance of eye donation.

This campaign is done to motivate all the people to pledge their eyes for donation after death, so that many blind people can get a gift of sight. To make the fortnight a memory for our staffs as well as for our patients,

Kalinga Eye Hospital has displayed IEC banners in its base hospital and vision centres. Also displayed the videos on eye donation to make the people aware on cornea donation and need of the donation.



Sensitizing the staffs on the occasion of National Eye Donation Fortnight.

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Our services

Activities	Sep-Oct 2020
Patient treated at the Base Hospital	3203
Patient treated at the Primary eye care Centre & Camps	1477
Sight restoration surgeries conducted	748

Optical Shop inaugurated.

The newly renovated Kalinga Optical Store has been inaugurated by Sarangadhar Samal, Director, Kalinga Eye Hospital on 16th September 2020. On this occasion the Biswakarma Puja was also hold in the newly made store. This new store houses the contemporary eye-wear collection and modish sunglass designs to attract

the fashion frenzy millennials in Dhenkanal; also at the same time it has all ranges of refractive corrected glasses for all classes and masses. On this occasion, Mr Samal shared that this optical will be delivering glasses at the quickest time than any other Optical shops in the area.



The all new Optical Shop at Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal.

Compassion in action for lighting of lives during COVID

Though our goal is to end one form of human suffering, compassion cannot and should not be bound to one cause alone. In fact, opportunities to recognise and be of help when others are in distress positively impacts the core work of Kalinga. In a move to support the marginalized and vulnerable sections of the society during the pandemic, Kalinga Eye Hospital has implemented a number of initiatives that has helped many in restoring their sight back. With these initiatives we have tried to expand equitable access

to eye care in remote communities with the initiation of early detection eye health screening programs. In this connection door to door eye examination are been conducted by ensuring safe physical distance and COVID norms. Also village volunteers are trained to screen their own communities in the village; besides the vision centres are continuing their services through the vision centres. With all these efforts, in October, we have screened 2467 people and have able to restore sight of 454 needy people



Re-examining the patients brought through the door to Door Screening.

through sight restoration surgeries. Apart from that we are urging our communities to share the other possible means, through which we can reach them safely and can restore the sights of the needy.