

# The Drishty

A quarterly Newsletter from

## Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre

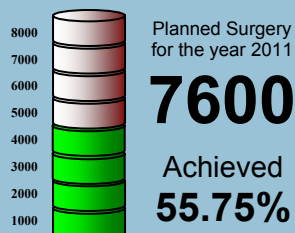
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*To promote quality of life  
in rural communities  
through providing afford-  
able eye care services on a  
sustainable basis.*



Let's join hand for the noble cause  
And be a part of this achievement

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## Raising Awareness for Eye Donation

To further strengthen the eye donation and eye banking practice in Odisha, a meeting was organized by the Drushti Daan at the LVPEI, Bhubaneswar campus on July 27, 2011. Leading eye donation and eye banking ophthalmic centers and partners of DrushtiDaan were invited to participate and strategize. Prof. Dr. K C Padhy, President DrushtiDaan had welcomed dignitaries. Dr. Taraprasad Das, Director, LVPEI, Bhubaneswar who has had an holistic approach to Eye Banking, Dr. Radharani Nanda- Joint Director

Ophthalmology, Directorate of Health Services, Govt of Odisha, all shared the initiative that been taken by the Government to take forward Eye donation & Eye Banking in Odisha. Dr. Pramod K. Meherda, IAS, Mission Director, National Rural Health Mission, Odisha has appreciated the efforts that have been taken by the Govt & NGOs in strengthening the eye donation activities while requesting the NGOs to raise the awareness of Eye Donation. Smt. AnuGarg, IAS, Director Health Services, Odisha was the Chief Guest for

the meet.

The second and third panel of discussion were anchored by Dr S.T Murlidharan, and DrSrikantSahu respectively, when all the invited ophthalmologist shared their ideas and thoughts to further strengthen the eye donation activities in Odisha. , Dr. Col Subhash Chandra Nanda, a partner of DrushtiDaan in eye donation activities for Dhenkanal, Medical Director and Sunil Kumar Mishra, Hospital Manager of Kalinga Eye Hospital both participated in the meet as well.

## Let's Light a Life: Support Us

Kalinga Eye Hospital is internationally recognized for provided cutting-edge, high-quality care to Orissa's poorest residents. By providing free cataract surgeries to over 5000 patients annually, we bring light into the lives of children and adults throughout India's

poorest district. One of the most cost-effective global health interventions, cataract surgery gives patients new educational and economic opportunities, thereby boosting the local economy and helping to break the cycle of poverty. To continue this life-

changing and community-building work, we need your support. Only \$50 pays for a sight-restoring cataract surgery—please give now and restore someone's sight today. Together, we can build a brighter future for Orissa.



**Unite For Sight supported Sight restored patient at Kalinga Eye Hospital.**

## Restoring Sights : Unite For Sight

Unite For Sight, a non-profit global health delivery organization that empowers communities worldwide to improve eye health and eliminate preventable blindness has joined forces with Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal to provide comprehensive Ophthalmic care including examinations by eye doctors, diagno-

sis and care for all treatable conditions, educating the community about preventive measures through conducting Outreach eye treatment camps. Outreach camp services are conducted in a radius of about seven hours from the clinic in the local villages to minimize the patient travelling. These pa-

tients are provided with follow up care by our outreach teams regularly. To date, more than 20,000 people, including 2051 adult & 9 Paediatric cases got sight restored in this year under this joint program and in the last quarter 614 adult and one paediatric cases were restored with sight.

**92 people affected with Diabetes were treated with Laser Photocoagulation procedure, preserving their sight.**

## Relighting life; Deogarh

The people of Deogarh were afraid of undergoing cataract surgery after an unfortunate cataract operation. Kalinga Eye Hospital has since restored their confidence in cataract surgeries and has joined hand with the district administration

of Deogarh to organize eye treatment camps followed by cataract eye surgeries in the district of Deogarh. In the initial phases, Kalinga Eye Hospital's technical team were conducting camps in the different blocks of Deogarh and holding

the surgeries in the District Head quarter Hospital of Deogarh. In order to maintain quality & sterility in the surgeries, Kalinga Eye Hospital has conducted four outreach camps between September 14 -17, 2011 and restored 190 sights.

## Eye Screening Camp for Drivers.



**Eye screening of the Drivers at the camp site.**

A eye screening camp was organized in Dhenkanal town for Driver trainees of all the Dhenkanal driving training institutes in order to improve road safety, especially in the NH55, connecting NH5 to NH6. The camp was organized by the Dhenkanal Road trans-

port Office in presence of Dr. Bishnu Charan Behera, the Chief District Medical Officer, Dhenkanal. 177 Driver Trainees were examined by Kalinga Eye hospital, Dhenkanal Ophthalmologists for Eye ailments, the results of which were: 1 patient was diagnosed

with cataract related blindness, 27 were diagnosed with refractive error and were prescribed glasses and a further 79 were given prescription medications. This program was highly successful and will help to keep safer roads in the near future.



## Strengthening Paediatric Eye Care Services

In order to further strengthen the Paediatric Eye Care unit at Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal, a meeting was organized at ORBIS International, India country office on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011, in presence of Mr. Paul Forrest, Regional Director-ORBIS-ASIA, Dr. Abu Raihan, Consultant-ORBIS-ASIA, Dr. Rishi

Raj Borah, Senior Program Manager, ORBIS India country office, Mr. Golden Frankly, Program Manager, ORBIS India country office, while Maj. Gen S. D .Mahanti, Chief Advisor, Mr. Sarangadhar-Samal, Director and Sunil Kumar Mishra, Hospital Manager represented Kalinga Eye Hospital. This day-long

review and planning meeting has revealed few more opportunities for developing the Paediatric Eye Care services in Orissa as the Kalinga Eye Hospital and ORBIS International have agreed to extend their support to the future Paediatric Ophthalmic related activities.



The ORBIS International, Hong-Kong and India team with the representatives of Kalinga Eye Hospital, during the meet at the ORBIS India country office.

## Volunteering at KEHRC

From July- September, 6 volunteers traveled to Dhenkanal to work with Kalinga Eye Hospital through the organization Unite for Sight. Volunteer projects this quarter have included research studies investigating patient eye drop usage and analyzing the economic

profile of cataract surgery patients, improvement of the hospital's website, computerizing data from village eye screenings, and investigating options for a switchover to an electronic medical records system. In addition to working on these projects, volunteers also

participate in village eye camps and observe and record cataract. The following people volunteered at Kalinga Eye Hospital during the months of April, May, and June: AlimFaridaliRamji, Rhonda M. Chinchilla, Kate.

**Klar Sehen Private Limited, Kolkata has donated Surgical Medicines for conducting 500 free eye Surgeries at Kalinga Eye Hospital**

## Employee Eye Screening Camp: UAL

On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011, a Health check up camp was organized at Utkal Asbestos Limited (UAL), Dhenkanal by Employees State Insurance (ESI), Orissa, where Technical team for Ophthalmic treatment

was provided by Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal. 181 people were screened for ophthalmic problems and 6 were identified with cataract, 58 were identified with refractive error and 47 were diagnosed with other infec-

tious ophthalmic diseases. Medical supplies were provided to the identified patients and all the expenses were borne by the Utkal Asbestos Limited, Dhenkanal.



Dr. Rasananda Garnayak is examining the patients for eye problems at the camp site.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS ( July- September 2011)

Sl No	Activities	In Nos
1	OPD in the Base Hospital	4604
2	Outreach screening camps conducted	54
3	OPD in those eye screening camps	1505
4	No of Free Adult Eye surgeries conducted	1366
5	No of Paying Adult eye surgeries conducted	107
6	No of Paediatric Eye Surgeries conducted	2
7	Total surgeries conducted	1475
8	No of Corneas Retrieved	0
9	Children Screened	2307
10	OPD at the Vision Centre	552
11	Persons educated on eye care	1475

## A New Life: Case Story

Tikili, is well aware of the role that females frequently play in society and, as one of two daughters, felt as if she was a burden to her father. However, realizing that her family's financial situation was desperate, she decided on becoming a teacher, which would provide income to her family and help lift them out of poverty. She worked hard as a student at the Kodala Primary School and excelled in both academics and sports, but began to realize that her poor vision was im-

peding her success. Tikili was struggling with her studies as she could barely read the blackboard. Despite her poor vision, Tikili continued to attend school, relying on the help of teachers to learn and complete assignments. Eventually, however, Tikili's vision became too poor to see anything at all Fortunately, a clinic sponsored by Kalinga Eye Hospital was held in Tikili's village in June 2011, where she was diagnosed by Dr. Garayak with bi-lateral

cataracts and referred to the base hospital for cataract-removal surgery. Dr. Arun Kumar Samal, conducted the surgery on her left eye, improving her vision from PL+ve, PR+ve to 6/60 on her first follow up. Currently, Tikili is waiting for surgery on her other eye. She continues to work hard in school to achieve her goals of becoming a teacher.

Become a friend of Kalinga Eye Hospital and help someone; restore eyesight of a person and transform lives.



**Tikili before her Cataract Surgery**



**Tikili; after Cataract Surgery**

**Make a  
Difference  
Let's Save Somebody's Light  
DONATE NOW**

***According to the World Health Organization, 37 million people worldwide are blind — yet 28 million suffer needlessly. Their blindness could have been prevented or treated. Kalinga Eye Hospital is fighting against preventable blindness —let's join hands to eliminate blindness and transform lives.***