



The VISION *for* CHILDREN



**JPM Rotary Club of Cuttack
Eye Hospital & Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha**

On the occasion of Inauguration of Paediatric Eye Care Centre, January 14th, 2011



President Managing Committee

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India has achieved dramatic success in the past decade or so in combating cataract, the world's leading cause of blindness. India became the first country in the world to start a national program for control of blindness. The keys to this achievement have been the dedicated work of visionary practitioner and professional leaders, the thoughtful organizing of numerous clinics and hospitals and enlightened policymaking at both the national and state levels of government.

According to WHO estimates, there were 161 million visually impaired people living on this planet. Of these, 124 million had low vision, and 37 million were blind. Blindness can be broadly divided into "incurable" and "curable" or treatable. Age-related cataract is responsible for 48% of world blindness amounting to around 18 million people. The number of cataract operations performed per 100 000 populations per year, known as the cataract surgery rate (CSR), serves as an indicator of the efforts made by any community towards alleviating cataract blindness. That India's Cataract Surgery Rate of about 4000 per million population per year rivals the CSRs of the industrialized West is a well recognized source of pride among Indian Ophthalmologists. And it's starting to win admiration beyond India's borders.

All surveys in the country have shown that cataract is the most common cause of blindness and all prevention of blindness programs have been "cataract-oriented." There is now increasing emphasis on high-quality surgery and up-gradation of skills among ophthalmologists. Other important causes of blindness are refractive errors, childhood blindness, corneal blindness, and glaucoma. The definitions, magnitude, and present status of each of these causes of blindness, as well as efforts at control, are to be discussed.

No eye condition is more tragic than infant blindness, especially if it is preventable. So awareness, proper screening and new techniques are all it may take to tackle.

In India the tragedy is that 80% of the blindness is either curable or avoidable but in the dearth of adequate knowledge it goes untreated. Information and access to services hence can go a long way in preventing blindness and promoting better eye care.

I wish that the new additions at JPM would leave tremendous impact on the community for the betterment.





Half Yearly Activities and Achievements Report 2010 (from July to December 2010)

JPM Rotary Club of Cuttack Eye Hospital & Research Institute continued to provide and expand eye care services in the report period.

The following are some of the highlights and activities of the Institute for the period July to December 2010, Surgery Campus



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Chief Executive Officer

Surgeries at Nawarangpur : On the request of the Collector & District Magistrate of Nawarangpur district, an outreach surgical camp was organized at Nawarangpur District Head quarters Hospital. 93 cataract surgeries were conducted and 471 cases (children) were identified with Visual Impairment who shall be brought to JPM by the district administration in a phased manner.

Outreach Surgical Camp - PURI : On request of DPM, DBCS , Puri we took initiative to conduct outreach surgical camp in the district of Puri and conducted 255 cataract surgeries.

Saraikela Outreach Surgical Camp : On the request of Red Cross Society of Saraikela, an outreach camp was conducted now at Saraikela and 322 cataract surgeries were conducted.

Outreach Surgical camp at Bhawanipatna: A total number of 500 cataract surgeries were conducted at Bhawanipatna District Headquarters Hospital from 22.10.2010 to 02.11.2010.

Outreach Surgical camp at Sahibganj : A cataract surgical camp was organized at Sahibganj, Jharkhand from 10th November to 17th November in which 351 cataract surgeries were conducted.

Outreach Surgical camp at Pakur : A cataract surgical camp was organized at Pakur, Jharkhand from 10th November to 17th November in which 158 cataract surgeries were conducted in the said camp.

Linkage & Sponsored Activities

Special Initiative on Trachoma : Invited by Government of Orissa, we participated in a two day consultation programme on Trachoma Initiatives (preliminary discussions) on 5th & 6th August 2010 at Kolkata.

Record Number of patients in single In-reach camp : On 2nd November 2010, the Institute received 180 numbers of cataract patients through a sponsored screening camp organized by Asirbad Fertilizers, Panikoili, Jajpur.

In-reach Camp linkage with Braja Gouri Trust: In association with Braja Gouri Trust, in the month of December 2010, a total number of 231 cataract surgeries were performed. This is a new initiative of the administration on linkage and sponsored programmes.

INS Chilika empanelment renewal: The empanelment with INS, Chilika is under process of renewal.

OMC Empanelment: On the persuasion of the Administration , the Orissa Mining Corporation have shown interest to empanel our hospital and the matter is under process.

Visit of Chief Income Tax Officer: The Chief Income Tax Officer of the eastern zone of India, visited the hospital on and expressed his satisfaction on the care, cleanliness and activities of the Institute.

Training Programmes:

Refraction Training at Aravind Eye Hospital : Four of our Ophthalmic Clinical Assistants underwent Refraction Training for a period of 02 months, at Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai and joined back the Institute after successfully completing their training.

Eye Bank Technician Training programme: As decided by the managing committee 02 (two) candidates were sent for eye bank technician training at Venu Eye Institute, New Delhi from 1st October 2010 for a period of 03 months.

Ophthalmologist Training: Dr. Jayanti Panda , Ophthalmologist, Baleswar DHH, shall be completing her SICS training under Government of India - NPCB Ophthalmologists' training programme on 30th September 2010.

Telemedicine Conference : The 6th International TELEMEDICON was held at Hotel May Fair, Bhubaneswar from 14th to 16th November 2010 was attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

Training of Ophthalmologists : 02 Nos. Dr. Tribeni Pegu, from Assam, Dr. Bijaya Kumar Banarjee from Kolkata both nominated for Phacoemulsification training have joined the Institute for undergoing 02 months training w.e.f. 1st November 2010 and are completing their training on 31st December 2010.

Toric Scientific Seminar with Zeiss on 04.12.2010 : A clinical seminar was organized by Zeiss in the Institute premises on the useful angles of Toric lenses.

Symposium on Practice Development : On 18th December 2010, a symposium on Practice management was conducted in the Institute in association with Alcon Laboratories. All Consultants, paramedicals and counseling staff of the Institute were exposed to modern practice management techniques in eye care.