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Introduction: Preventing Needless Blindness

Blindness is an unfortunate and tragic occurrence, especially if the blindness could be easily averted. There are three main causes of such needless blindness that continue to plague India today. Poverty and lack of awareness are contributing to this dismal state. The causes are:

- Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)
- Refractive errors in children
- Diabetic Retinopathy

Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

There are certain unique problems facing a child, which is born preterm (prematurely) before the completion of the full-term of ten months. One such problem is ROP, which, if untreated or treated late, results in blindness in 50% of the cases. ROP is the most common cause of childhood blindness in the west. In India too, its prevalence is on the rise. The incidence of ROP reported in various Indian studies varies from 38% to 52%. Currently, we are facing what is called the third epidemic of ROP in the world, with developing countries such as India contributing to a major part of the disease burden. Management of ROP is a team work between committed eye specialists, sensitized paediatricians, diligent paramedical staff, efficient social workers and compliant parents. The need of the hour is the identification of the infants who are at risk and are in need of prompt treatment.

Refractive errors in children

Currently, 5% of school going children in India need to wear glasses. Thanks to the changing life style, this percentage is on the rise. This has been our experience as well, on analysis of the data collected at the school eye screening camps conducted by us. In fact the incidence was found to be 30% in our camps! If the refractive error remains uncorrected, it affects the child vision and overall physical and mental development. Such children are also wrongly dubbed as being “dull” or “unintelligent” at school. Hence, it is of paramount importance that such children are identified and treated early. The best way to achieve this is to conduct school screening camps at the school premises itself.

Diabetic Retinopathy

Diabetes is on the rise in the country and very soon India may become the diabetic capital of the world. A diabetic patient is 25 times more likely to become blind than a non-diabetic person. Only a very small percentage of the diabetic patients are referred for an eye examination to rule out diabetic retinopathy (a sight threatening affliction caused by diabetes of the retina). Diabetic retinopathy occurs in 18% of the diabetic population, with treatable retinopathy occurring in 7% (rural) to 13% (urban) of the diabetic population. Not all ophthalmologists in India are trained to detect and treat Diabetic Retinopathy. WHO's *VISION-2020: Right to Sight Programme* has clearly identified Diabetic Retinopathy as a priority area in India.

Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation

Radhatri Nethralaya, a Chennai-based tertiary eye hospital, launched its charitable trust Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation (GVRF), on the occasion of its first anniversary on September 13, 2009. The trust was started with the ardent hope of eliminating the above mentioned three principal causes of needless blindness. The trust has made provisions for free screening and treatment of infants with ROP belonging to the lower strata of the society, conducts extensive school screening camps including corporation schools and spearheads awareness about diabetic retinopathy through speciality diabetic eye disease camps and awareness talks. In addition, general eye camps wherein patients with cataracts are brought in from villages and slums, operated, kept overnight and dropped back the next day are also carried out under the aegis of the trust. The trust also proposes to ensure lifelong free eye treatment for children belonging to orphanages as well as mentally challenged children.

One of the long term goals of the trust is to further combat the menace of ROP by screening the infants in hitherto unscreened rural areas in Tamil Nadu. This has been made possible with the recent procurement of the Neo Retcam, a wide-field digital portable imaging camera and using Tele-Ophthalmology to identify babies with ROP in the remote villages of Tamil Nadu. Prof. Viswanatha Raghavan, Emeritus professor from IIT, a resident of Nungambakkam, had donated the camera in July 2017 to Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation.

A van to transport the camera was also recently procured by the trust in March 2018, thanks to donations from well wishers, which included Prof. Viswanatha Raghavan, JCI Chennai Royals, Shri .Srihari, Smt. Chitra Krishnamoorthy and Shri. Rengesh and their Families, Tamilnadu Foundation (USA) and Smt. Leela Devi Munoth Foundation. This teleophthalmology project to screen for ROP in remote places has been christened “Vision on Wheels: Balanethra Phase two”.

The vision on wheels project van.



Eye Camps

Four kinds of eye camps conducted under the aegis of the trust aim to achieve the above mentioned goals.

1.) Project Kannoli: Free cataract screening and surgery camps for the needy

- The hospital staff members along with the medical equipment go to villages, slums and public places such as parks and check patients for eye problems. As required, glasses are prescribed and assistance given in procuring the glasses. Those patients requiring cataract surgery are brought to the Radhatri Nethralaya in the hospital van. Digital biometry is carried out to calculate the required power of the Intra Ocular Lens (IOL). The patients then undergo state-of-the art, sutureless phaco-emulsification surgery with IOL implantation. They are given dinner and overnight accommodation in the hospital premises. After breakfast next morning, they undergo postoperative check up by the surgeon. They are then dropped back in the hospital vehicle to their villages or other screening places. All these are done totally free of cost. Table gives the data of camps held in 2017-2018. A total of 5163 patients were examined from villages around Chennai and slums in the city.



• Free Cataract Surgery Camps along with NGOs

S.NO	DATE	PLACE OF CAMP	NO OF PATIENT SCREENED	SERVICE RENDERED
1	17/05/2017	IYYAPANTHANGAL	85	10 glasses prescribed
2	17/06/2017	KOLLATHUR	106	27 glasses prescribed
3	16/07/2017	K.K.NAGAR	148	12 glasses prescribed
4	22/07/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	145	15 glasses prescribed
5	17/08/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	117	26 glasses prescribed
6	24/08/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	110	28 glasses prescribed
7	31/08/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	125	14 glasses prescribed
8	07/09/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	120	17 glasses prescribed
9	14/09/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	110	26 glasses prescribed
10	17/09/2017	AMBATTUR	138	24 glasses prescribed
11	21/09/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	125	24 glasses prescribed
12	28/09/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	155	22 glasses prescribed
13	01/10/2017	PATTABIRAM	138	20 glasses prescribed
14	05/10/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	120	15 glasses prescribed
15	12/10/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	107	17 glasses prescribed
16	15/10/2017	THIRUVALLUR	108	17 glasses prescribed
17	20/10/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	84	22 glasses prescribed
18	27/10/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	125	22 glasses prescribed
19	29/10/2017	MADHURANDHAGAM	105	76 glasses prescribed
20	09/11/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	85	18 glasses prescribed
21	16/11/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	95	20 glasses prescribed
22	12/11/2017	KODAMBAKKAM	58	22 glasses prescribed
23	19/11/2017	T.NAGAR	131	24 glasses prescribed
24	19/11/2017	T.NAGAR	102	21 glasses prescribed
25	21/11/2017	KARUR VYSYA BANK,CHROME PET	110	22 glasses prescribed
26	22/11/2017	KODAMBAKKAM	133	24 glasses prescribed
27	23/11/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	50	15 glasses prescribed
28	21/12/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	71	23 glasses prescribed
29	28/12/2017	WEST MAMBALAM	160	24 glasses prescribed
30	21/1/2018	KARUR VYSYA BANK ,BESANT NAGAR	131	21 glasses prescribed
31	28/1/2018	UTHRAMERUR	139	20 glasses prescribed
32	7/1/2018	THIRUVALLUR	149	20 glasses prescribed
33	1/2/2018	WEST MAMBALAM	146	22 glasses prescribed
34	8/2/2018	WEST MAMBALAM	154	15 glasses prescribed
35	11/2/2018	AAVADI	152	23 glasses prescribed
36	15/2/2018	KARUR VYSYA BANK, ROYAPURAM	143	10 glasses prescribed

37	23/2/2018	THIRUMAZHISAI	124	23 glasses prescribed
38	24/2/2018	SIKKARAYAPURAM	103	24 glasses prescribed
39	1/3/2018	WEST MAMBALAM	142	26 glasses prescribed
40	5/3/2018	PANAGAL PARK	130	15 glasses prescribed
41	8/3/2018	WEST MAMBALAM	145	14 glasses prescribed
42	11/3/2018	AMBATTUR	121	20 glasses prescribed
43	15/3/2018	WEST MAMBALAM	105	12 glasses prescribed
44	22/3/2018	WEST MAMBALAM	123	12 glasses prescribed



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Free eye check conducted for terminally ill patients



Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229 / 2431 1550) conducted free eye screening for the inmates of Karuna Sagar (Home for palliative care for terminally ill and cancer patients) on Dec. 7.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director) told *Mambalam Times* that the doctors carried mobile equipment to conduct the tests at the patient's bedside due to their poor medical condition. She said that 5 persons diagnosed for cataract will undergo free surgery in the hospital.



TOTALLY WE HAVE OPERATED 155 PATIENTS FROM APRIL 2017 TO MARCH 2018.



APPRECIATION LETTER FROM KARUR VYSYA BANK



March 31, 2018

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham,
Managing Trustee,
Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation,
Public Charitable Trust of Radhatri Nethralaya

Madam,

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Gurupriya Vision research Foundation & Radhatri Nethralaya and to the entire staff members of the hospital who rendered their renowned services by conducting FREE EYE CAMP to our Bank customers on the occasion of the Anniversary Celebrations of our various Branches for the past few months.

We appreciate the work done by your TEAM and also look forward in working together.

Keep going with your Good work.

Regards,

V. Anburaj
Deputy General Manager,
Chennai Division

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2.) RADAR: DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

The trust, in association with Rotary Club of Chennai Towers, started the RADAR (Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project in association with Rotary) project in 2010. It includes the month-long free diabetic eye camps at Radhatri Nethralaya and in public places. The Rotary district Governor Rtn. R. Srinivasan inaugurated project RADAR: Season five on 7th Nov 2017 at Radhatri Nethralaya. He also released pamphlets to promote awareness on diabetic eye disease to be distributed to the public.

On the occasion of World Diabetes Day

COMMUNITY SERVICE (HEALTH) TEAM

RI District 3232

invites you for the inauguration of

PROJECT RADAR
Season Five

(Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project in Association with Rotary)

A month long Free screening of Diabetic Rotarians for Diabetic Eye Disease And Diabetic Screening Camp

(Conducted by SPOT Hospital, Chennai)

on Tuesday, the 7th November 2017 at 10.30 am

at Radhatri Nethralaya,

12, Hindi Prachara Sabha St, T.Nagar, Chennai 17

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CHIEF GUEST

Rtn. R. SRINIVASAN
Dist. Governor, RI Dist. 3232

Rtn. P. Sathish
District Director, Community Health

Rtn. Sujatha Ramesh Babu **Rtn. Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham**
Chairperson, Diabetic Care **Chairperson, Paediatric Eye Care**

Diabetes is a silent Killer, Let's take it seriously

ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR RELEASING THE DIABETIC RETINOPATHY PAMPHLETS



DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLETS TO THE PATIENT



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Month-long free check-up for diabetic retinopathy in Radhatri Nethralaya

By Our Staff Reporter 38681).
 Project RADAR (Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project), conducted in association with Rotary Club, was inaugurated on Nov. 7 by Rotary District Governor R. Srinivasan in Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 2431 1550, 94454 38681).
 According to Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya), under the project, month-long free check-up will be conducted for detecting diabetic retinopathy (diabetic eye).
 She added that the most number of diabetic eye cases have been detected in India and constitute a major cause of blindness in people. She added that many cases go undetected till blindness sets in by which time it is too late to cure.
 Pamphlets to spread awareness on diabetic retinopathy were distributed in public places like parks, bus stations and other crowded areas.



On the occasion of World Diabetes Day

COMMUNITY SERVICE (HEALTH) TEAM

RI District 3232

invites you for

PROJECT RADAR

(Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project in Association with Rotary)

“ Diabetic Eye Disease Camp ”

Date : **19.11.2017 (SUNDAY)**

Place : **JEEVA PARK**

Timing : **7.00 am to 9.00 am**





On the occasion of World Diabetes Day

COMMUNITY SERVICE (HEALTH) TEAM

RI District 3232

invites you for

PROJECT RADAR

(Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project in Association with Rotary)

“ Diabetic Eye Disease Camp ”

Date : **19.11.2017**

Place : **GOPAL STREET, T.NAGAR**

Timing : **9.00 am to 12.00 pm**





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106 attend diabetic eye disease camp

By Our Staff Reporter
 106 persons attended the free diabetic eye disease camp organized by Rotary International (District 3232) and Gopal Street Residents Welfare Association (T. Nagar) on Nov. 19.

Dr. R. Praveen Krishna (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya, 12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 2431 1550, 94454 38681) examined the patients and took photographs of the retina of all diabetic patients with a hand held Fundus camera.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) said that a series of camps and month-long free check-up for diabetic retinopathy are going on in Radhatri Nethralaya on the occasion of World Diabetes Day Prasan Chand and Sanjay Bagmar from Gopal Street Association were present.

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APPRECIATION LETTER FROM ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR



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19/06/2018

To whom so ever it may Concern

This is to certify that Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation and Radhatri Nethralaya have partnered with many Rotary Clubs in RI Dist 3232 and rendered valuable medical service like free cataract screening and surgery camps, school screening camps, RADAR camps to combat diabetic blindness and also the Project for 100 babies in preventing them from becoming blind by laser Treatment thanks to global grant from Rotary International.

Their service to combat blindness is commendable. I Wish them Success in all pursuits of Community Service.

Rtn. R. SRINIVASAN
Dist. Governor
RI Dist-3232
Chennai.

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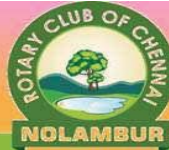
3.) Save Sight Give Light: Vision screening camps for school children

School screening camps are held in the school premises. Under *Project RAYS (Radhatri Nethralaya Sight Saving Project for the Young)*, 560 school screening camps have been held till date. Table gives the data of the 25 school camps held in 2017-2018. In this year, 11,289 school children have been screened and 893 glasses were prescribed.

SCHOOL CAMPS

S.NO	DATE	NAME OF SCHOOL	NO OF PATIENT SCREENED	SERVICE RENDERED
1	28/04/2017	MPL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	212	20 glasses prescribed
2	11/07/2017	CHENNAI GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	135	13 glasses prescribed
3	12/07/2017	ADHI DHRAVIDER BOYS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	450	25 glasses prescribed
4	14/07/2017	GOVERNMENT GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	987	47 glasses prescribed
5	18/07/2017	TARACHAND GALADA SCHOOL	375	14 glasses prescribed
6	21/07/2017	GOVERNMENT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	289	12 glasses prescribed
7	03/08/2017	CHENNAI GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	95	5 glasses prescribed
8	05/08/2017, 08/08/2017	JAIN VIDYASHRAM SCHOOL	2300	167 glasses prescribed
9	10/08/2017	GUNTUR SUBBAIAH SCHOOL	598	19 glasses prescribed
10	11/08/2017	CAMBRIDGE HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	429	13 glasses prescribed
11	20/09/2017	CHENNAI PRIMARY SCHOOL	61	6 glasses prescribed
12	06/10/2017	SKDT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	237	76 glasses prescribed


13	16/10/2017	SHOLINGANALLUR HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	760	60 glasses prescribed
14	23/10/2017	SHOLINGANALLUR HIGH SCHOOL	312	23 glasses prescribed
15	24/10/2017	ADVENT CHRISTIAN AND HIGH SCHOOL	338	20 glasses prescribed
16	27/10/2017	ST.JOSEPH HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	385	77glasses prescribed
17	30/10/2017	PANJAYAT UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL	250	8 glasses prescribed
18	30/10/2017	ADVENT CHRISTIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	150	19glasses prescribed
19	24/11/2017	SRI BALANANDA NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL	95	15 glasses prescribed
20	30/11/2017	ADVENT CHRISTIAN AND HIGH SCHOOL	58	2glasses prescribed
21	30/11/2017	PANJAYAT UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL	366	2glasses prescribed
22	21/12/2017	P.K HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	2102	205 glasses prescribed
23	22/01/2018	A.A.GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	94	15 glasses prescribed
24	24/01/2018	MCN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	146	35 glasses prescribed
25	29/01/2018	CSI MIDDLE SCHOOL	65	6 glasses prescribed

Rotary

**Mega Eye Camp at Perunthalivar Kamarajar Govt Girls Higher Secondary School, Ambattur
Jan 4th, 5th & 6th 2018**

**Along with Women empowerment Dist Team
in association with Radhatri Nethralaya**

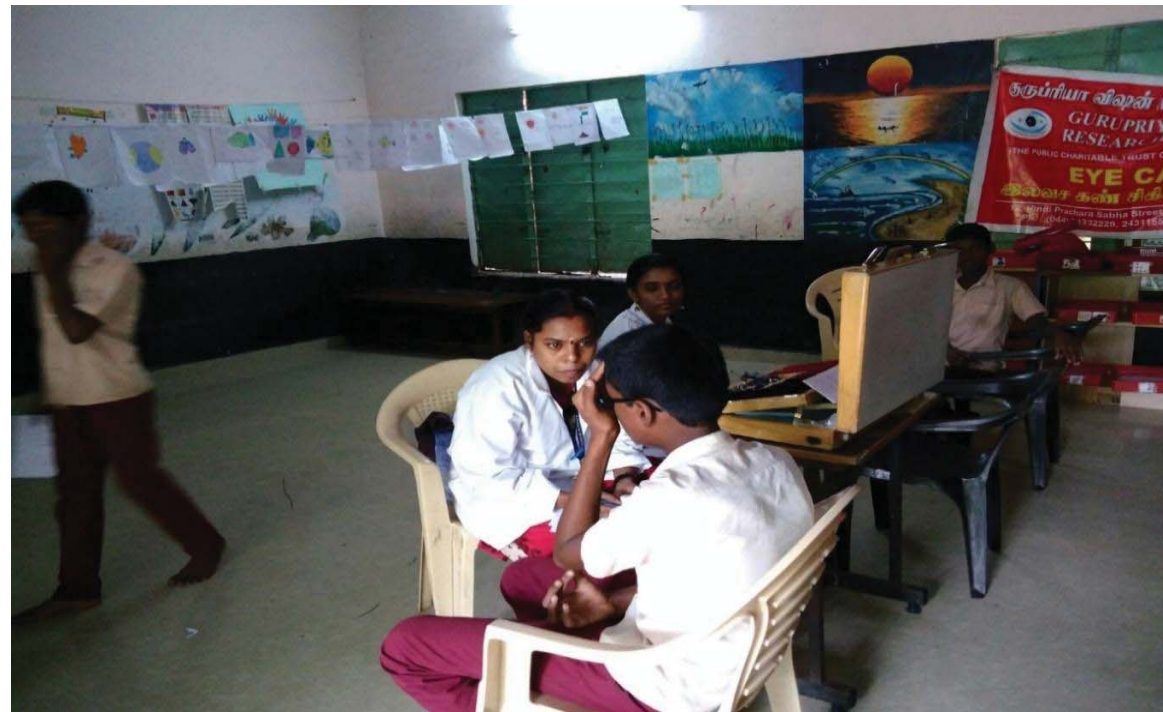


President : Rtn M R N Rao

Secretary : Rtn A Gobichandar

Director Health : Rtn Sivasankari





4.) Balanethra: Free Screening and treatment for ROP

- Free screening and treatment of preterm infants for ROP disorder at five Government hospitals has been ongoing this year too under the aegis of Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation.
- Regional Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (IOG), Egmore
- Raja Sir Muthiah Govt Hospital (RSRM), Royapuram
- Stanley Hospital,
- Kilpauk Government Medical College, and
- Government (Gosha) Hospital in Triplicane.
- Weekly free screening of atleast 110 pre-term infants is being carried out at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (IOG), Govt hospital Triplicane (Gosha Hospital), Government childrens hospital RSRM, Stanley Government hospital and Kilpauk medical college. We have screened **5280** pre-term infants in the year March 2017 to April 2018.

Rotary International recognised Radhatri Nethralaya as a centre to perform free vision-preserving laser surgeries on preterm infants suffering from ROP disorder. A global grant of US\$ 37500 was provided for this purpose in 2016, which is to be spread over a period of three years. In addition, several philanthropic organisations such as JCI Chennai Royals, Inner wheel and patients and well-wishers too contributed towards Balanethra project in immense measure to ensure that no baby lost sight due to ROP!

Table lists the consolidated list of the infants that went free laser surgery in april 2017- march 2018.

LIST OF ROP LASERS DONE IN 2017-18 UNDER BALANETHRA PROJECT

PHASE 1

S.NO	BABY NAME	DATE OF LASER	EYES
1	BABY NITHRATHAN	01/04/2017	BOTH EYES
2	BABY OF MONISHA	03/04/2017	BOTH EYES
3	BABY OF MANJULA	05/04/2017	BOTH EYES
4	BABY OF MUTHURANI	24/04/2017	BOTH EYES
5	BABY OF KEERTHANA.Y	26/04/2017	BOTH EYES
6	BABY OF NITHYA.M	27/04/2017	BOTH EYES
7	BABY OF PARAMESHWARAN A	13/05/2017	BOTH EYES
8	BABY OF MITHANA LALITHA (Twin II)	17/05/2017	BOTH EYES
9	BABY OF SANDHIYA.K	19/05/2017	BOTH EYES
10	BABY.M.D.YAHYA.S.T	20/05/2017	BOTH EYES
11	BABY OF LOGANAYAGI S	22/05/2017	BOTH EYES
12	BABY OF ABILASHINI.S (Twin I)	23/05/2017	BOTH EYES
13	BABY OF AMBIGA.R	29/05/2017	BOTH EYES
14	BABY OF SUBHASHINI	31/05/2017	BOTH EYES
15	BABY OF PARAMESWARI	05/06/2017	BOTH EYES
16	BABY OF GRACY.A (Twin II)	13/06/2017	BOTH EYES
17	BABY OF PRIYANKA.R	14/06/2017	BOTH EYES
18	BABY OF VENUMADEV.I.P	21/06/2017	BOTH EYES
19	BABY OF MALATHY	21/06/2017	BOTH EYES
20	BABY OF JAYANTHI	12/07/2017	BOTH EYES
21	BABY OF RIHANA	17/07/2017	BOTH EYES
22	BABY OF RAJESWARI G	17/07/2017	BOTH EYES
23	BABY OF MANIMEGALAI.T	22/07/2017	BOTH EYES
24	BABY OFMANIMEGALAI.S	01/08/2017	BOTH EYES
25	BABY OF SARANYA.M	15/08/2017	BOTH EYES
26	BABY OF ANITHA DEVI	17/08/2017	BOTH EYES
27	BABY OF VISHALATSHI.L	21/08/2017	BOTH EYES
28	BABY OF KALPANA	21/08/2017	BOTH EYES
29	BABY OF AMBIKA K	22/08/2017	BOTH EYES
30	BABY OF VINOTHINI E	23/08/2017	BOTH EYES
31	BABY OF JEEVALAKSHMI	23/08/2017	BOTH EYES
32	BABY OF SANDHIYA G	26/08/2017	BOTH EYES
33	BABY OF RUBA DEVI CHRISTY	01/09/2017	BOTH EYES
34	BABY OF DHANALAKSHMI	02/09/2017	BOTH EYES
35	BABY OF HEMALATHA	02/09/2017	BOTH EYES
36	BABY OF KALEESWARI	06/09/2017	BOTH EYES
37	BABY OF ELAKKIYA DEVI	11/09/2017	BOTH EYES
38	BABY OF PRIYA TWIN 1	11/09/2017	BOTH EYES
39	BABY OF PRIYA TWIN 2	11/09/2017	BOTH EYES
40	BABY OF RAMYA	11/09/2017	BOTH EYES
41	BABY OF ANGAMMAL	15/09/2017	BOTH EYES

42	BABY OF ANANDHI TWIN 2	15/09/2017	BOTH EYES
43	BABY OF INDHIRA SUDHA	15/09/2017	BOTH EYES
44	BABY OF NITHYA	18/09/2017	BOTH EYES
45	BABY OF PRAVANYA	18/09/2017	BOTH EYES
46	BABY OF MARISELVI .P	20/09/2017	BOTH EYES
47	BABY OF PREMA	23/09/2017	BOTH EYES
48	BABY OF NAZIA THARANUM	23/09/2017	BOTH EYES
49	BABY OF JOTHIPRIYA (Triplet III)	03/10/2017	BOTH EYES
50	BABY OF HEMALATHA A	05/10/2017	BOTH EYES
51	BABY OF SARITHA (Twin I)	07/10/2017	BOTH EYES
52	BABY OF SUBASHINI	07/10/2017	BOTH EYES
53	BABY OF SAHAYRA BANU	07/10/2017	BOTH EYES
54	BABY OF PRIYA JERONEE	12/10/2017	BOTH EYES
55	BABY OF JEYALAKSHMI	21/10/2017	BOTH EYES
56	BABY OF SATHYA P	21/10/2017	BOTH EYES
57	BABY OF SARANYA	26/10/2017	BOTH EYES
58	BABY OF DEVAKIRUPA K	28/10/2017	BOTH EYES
59	BABY OF ADUKUMALLI	04/11/2017	BOTH EYES
60	BABY OF SIVAKUMARI J	09/11/2017	BOTH EYES
61	BABY OF RAMYA T	17/11/2017	BOTH EYES
62	BABY OF SEERANMADHI	17/11/2017	BOTH EYES
63	BABY HARIHA TWIN 1	25/11/2017	BOTH EYES
64	BABY HARIHA TWIN 2	25/11/2017	BOTH EYES
65	BABY OF REENA	25/11/2017	BOTH EYES
66	BABY OF ANANDHI.S	25/11/2017	BOTH EYES
67	BABY OF KAVITHA	25/11/2017	BOTH EYES
68	BABY OF AMBIKA KUMARI	27/11/2017	BOTH EYES
69	BABY OF VAISHNAVI	27/11/2017	BOTH EYES
70	BABY OF NITHYA.S TWIN 1	27/11/2017	BOTH EYES
71	BABY OF KARTHIKA.M	29/11/2017	BOTH EYES
72	BABY OF GRACE	29/11/2017	BOTH EYES
73	BABY OF SUBASHINI S	29/11/2017	BOTH EYES
74	BABY OF DHANALAKSHMI K	06/02/2017	BOTH EYES
75	BABY OF PRAVEENA M	11/12/2017	BOTH EYES
76	BABY OF JAYAMMA S	12/12/2017	BOTH EYES
77	BABY OF AGALYA R	12/12/2017	BOTH EYES
78	BABY OF SUMATHI	16/12/2017	BOTH EYES
79	BABY OF SARANYA A	23/12/2017	BOTH EYES
80	BABY OF SIVAGAMI S	23/12/2017	BOTH EYES
81	BABY OF SIVASHANKARI	23/12/2017	BOTH EYES
82	BABY OF LAVANYA M	23/12/2017	BOTH EYES
83	BABY JENITHA(Twin II)	26/12/2017	BOTH EYES
84	BABY OF BHUVANESWARI	09/01/2018	BOTH EYES
85	BABY OF MANJULA B	13/01/2018	BOTH EYES
86	BABY OF ARCHANA G	13/01/2018	BOTH EYES
87	BAY OF FARSHANA	13/01/2018	BOTH EYES

88	BABY OF SANGAVITHRA J.K	20/01/2018	BOTH EYES
89	BABY OF LATHA	20/01/2018	BOTH EYES
90	BABY OF NANDHINI	20/01/2018	BOTH EYES
91	BABY OF JANU PRIYA (TWIN 1)	25/01/2018	BOTH EYES
92	BABY OF SHALINI R	27/01/2018	BOTH EYES
93	BABY OF JOYEKLIN MARY	27/01/2018	BOTH EYES
94	BABY OF GEETHANJALI R	27/01/2018	BOTH EYES
95	BABY OF KAVITHA K.S	31/01/2018	BOTH EYES
96	BABY OF DURGADEVI	31/01/2018	BOTH EYES
97	BABY OF ALIF NISHA	31/01/2018	BOTH EYES
98	BABY OF SHANTHI A (TWIN 1)	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
99	BABY OF SHANTHI A (TWIN 2)	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
100	BABY OF INDHU	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
101	BABY OF GOPADHAR	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
102	BABY OF BHUVANESWARI	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
103	BABY OF SARIKALA	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
104	BABY OF DATCHAYANI	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
105	BABY OF CHITHRANI	03/02/2018	BOTH EYES
106	BABY OF PUSHPA	07/02/2018	BOTH EYES
107	BABY OF SAMUEL	12/02/2018	BOTH EYES
108	BABY OF SHANMUGA VALLI M	13/02/2018	BOTH EYES
109	BABY OF LAKSHMI	14/02/2018	BOTH EYES
110	BABY OF JOTHI A	15/02/2018	BOTH EYES
111	BABY OF THENDRAL RIYAAZ	16/02/2018	BOTH EYES
112	BABY OF THANIKA	27/02/2018	BOTH EYES
113	BABY OF RUBINI	02/03/2018	BOTH EYES
114	BABY OF MAHALAKSHMI	03/03/2018	BOTH EYES
115	BABY OF POONGAVANAM	03/03/2018	BOTH EYES
116	BABY OF KAVITHA	03/03/2018	BOTH EYES
117	BABY OF BENNET MONICA	07/03/2018	BOTH EYES
118	BABY OF LAKSHMI	12/03/2018	BOTH EYES
119	BABY OF MANOJ	12/03/2018	BOTH EYES
120	BABY OF JAYARANI	14/03/2018	BOTH EYES
121	BABY OF VIMALA SIVAKUMAR	15/03/2018	BOTH EYES
122	BABY OF NANCY	15/03/2018	BOTH EYES
123	BABY OF THAMIMA	15/03/2018	BOTH EYES
124	BABY OF BHAVANI	15/03/2018	BOTH EYES
125	BABY OF SIVAKUMARI	15/3/2018	BOTH EYES
126	BABY OF SHANTHI	17/03/2018	BOTH EYES
127	BABY OF ARCHANA V	17/03/2018	BOTH EYES
128	BAY OF JAYASREE	19/03/2018	BOTH EYES
129	BABY OF LAKSHMI DEVI	24/03/2018	BOTH EYES
130	BABY OF ARIFA	24/03/2018	BOTH EYES

Vision on Wheels

(Project Balanethra: Phase II)

Radhatri Nethralaya eye hospital entered its tenth year in September 2017. In this journey, we have touched the lives of more than 25,000 patients and have adhered to the policy of treating all patients equally with compassion and quality, irrespective of their social and economic status.

Our niche area has been paediatric eye care and we deal with a lot of preterm babies and have performed many a difficult eye surgery on them. Under the aegis of our public charitable trust, Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, we have been running a project called **Balanethra: Tender Vision**, which provides for free vision-preserving laser surgery for premature babies from poor socio-economic background, who have the blinding condition called ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity). The Rotary International, USA has recognised Radhatri Nethralaya as a centre to perform free ROP surgeries through a global grant in 2017.

The ROP laser surgery stops the bleeding in the retinal blood vessels in premature babies and allows normal retinal development to be completed. Thereby needless blindness is averted. Till date we have lasered 375 babies free of cost. Several of our patients and other philanthropic organisations had helped us time and again to do this. All these babies were from urban areas and slums in and around the city.

There are indeed a lot of babies in remote villages which may not be treated and so turn blind, due to lack of awareness and access to health care.

In order to reach out to babies from rural areas, **Vision On Wheels: Phase II of Balanethra project** was envisaged wherein a mobile van with a retinal camera (RETCAM) would be sent to the villages and photographs of the retina of the pre-term babies taken, graded by the certified technician (tele-ROP screening) and sent via internet to the doctors at Radhatri Nethralaya. Those babies

requiring treatment would be shifted immediately for free treatment to Radhatri Nethralaya in Chennai.

Through the donation of the camera **Neo RETCAM** by one of our patrons, this project is finally made possible. A mobile van which is sturdy enough to transport the sensitive camera and the babies, negotiating the rough village roads, was procured recently thanks to contributions from wellwishers and philanthropic organizations. The van would soon be modified to carry an infant warmer/incubator. In rural areas, due to poverty and lack of awareness, the parents hesitate to bring the baby on their own to the city for treatment. So, to ensure that the screening culminates in timely treatment of the needy babies, they have to be brought back for treatment in the same van on the same day.

The monthly running cost of the project is Rs. 85,000.





SOME OF OUR BALANETHRA BABIES!



5.) Diwali Workshop on First Aid for Cracker Injuries

Our annual interactive Diwali workshop to promote awareness about first aid measures to treat cracker injuries was held in October 2017 at the hospital premises. This workshop had participation of teachers and students from city schools. After training, pamphlets and first-aid kits were provided for other non-participating students of every school. The workshop was organised under the aegis of Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation.

INVITATION FOR DIWALI WORKSHOP



Greetings from Radhatri Nethralaya!
We have the pleasure of inviting one teacher and any two of your student representatives for the

**Eighth annual Interactive Diwali Workshop on
First aid following cracker injuries to the eye**
(under the aegis of Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation : Public charitable trust of Radhatri Nethralaya)

Conducted by:
Dr.Vasumathy Vedantham MS, DNB, FRCS, FIAMS
Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya, Chennai.

Venue: - Radhatri Nethralaya
#12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Chennai -600017.
Ph: 24332229, 24311550, 9445438681.
Date: - 10th October (Tuesday)
Time: - 9.00 AM- 10:30 AM.

Chief Guest:
Hon. Justice K. Chandru, Madras High Court



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The participating students will receive a certificate of participation, a first aid kit, and brochures to take back to their schools for distribution.







PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO THE STUDENTS



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MAMBALAM TIMES

Workshop on first aid for cracker injuries held

By Our Staff Reporter
 Radhatri Nethralaya
 (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 2431 1550, 94454 38681) conducted its 8th annual Deepavali workshop on first aid for cracker injuries to the eyes on Oct. 10.

72 students and 36 teachers attended the workshop.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) explained the different types of cracker injuries and demonstrated the first aid methods.

The students were given first aid kits and brochures to be distributed in their schools.



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THE HINDU FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

DownTown

Students taught how to have a safe Deepavali



The session in progress. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Around 72 students and 36 teachers from many schools in the city took part in a workshop on administering first-aid to those who have sustained injuries due to fire crackers. The workshop was conducted by Radhatri Nethralaya.

According to a press release, the eight annual workshop, which was held under the aegis of Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, was handled by Vasumathy Vedantham, medical director of Radhatri Nethralaya. Students of PSBB Nungambakkam and SRM Nightingale enacted a situation relating to a firecracker-induced injury and demonstrated how first-aid should be administered. Justice K. Chandru, retired judge, Madras High Court, was the chief guest. All the students were provided with a certificate of participation, a first-aid kit and brochures, added the press note.

The institution is located at No: 12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar. For details, call 24332229 / 24311550 / 9445438681

Donations

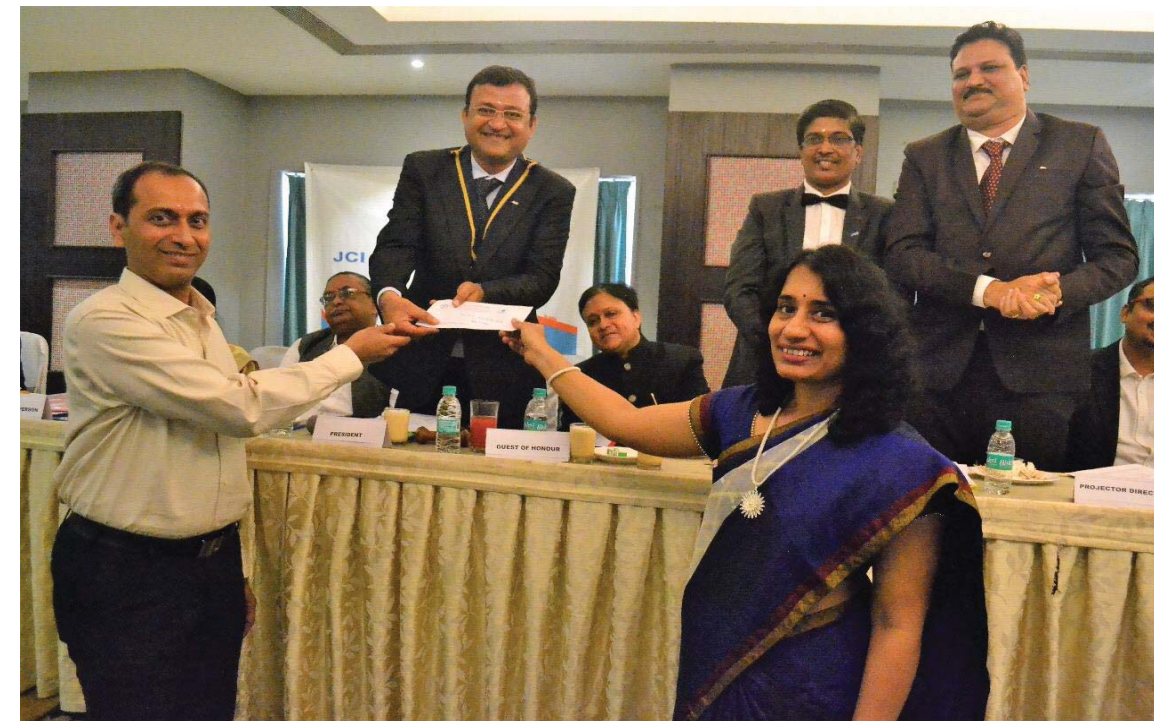
You can donate to the Trust and partner with us to prevent needless blindness in several ways:

- You can support the general eye camps, which are held in schools, villages, slums and public places like parks for free eye examination of the members of the public. You could suggest places to hold camps/help us in organising camps. **You could support cost of an eye camp by a contribution of Rs 10,000.**
- You can support the subsidised cost of the glasses for poor patients seen in the camps by contributing **Rs.200 for a pair of spectacles made by glass and Rs.400 for a pair of spectacles made of unbreakable plastic.**
- You can support the subsidised cost of a cataract surgery for a poor patient by contributing **Rs.5,000.**
- You can save the tender vision of tiny infants, who are in immediate need of ROP laser surgery. **You can support the subsidised cost of ROP laser surgery in one eye by contributing Rs.5000.**
- You can support the cost of a single visit of “VISION ON WHEELS “van to screen babies in rural areas which amounts to **Rs. 10,000.**

CONTRIBUTION FROM WELL -WISHERS



CONTRIBUTION FROM JCI CHENNAI ROYALS





Contact Details

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham MS, DNB, FRCS, FIAMS (Managing Trustee)

Please draw your cheque in the name **Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation** and send it to:

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Please note that donations to the trust are exempted from income tax as per 80-G of the income tax act (DIT (E) No. 2 (683) 09-10, dated: 28.04.2010)

For those of you, who would like to use the route of direct crediting of the Trust account, the account details are given below.

Bank details for remittance in Indian Rupees (Domastics) donor

Beneficiary name: Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation

Current Account number: 856810513

Bank Name: Indian bank

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Beneficiary name: Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation

Current Account number: 6142241974

Bank Name: Indian bank

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