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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 pediatricians, 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 needs 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 specialty 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"

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

We continue to do all eye camps with all COVID Safety protocols in place despite the pandemic and the lockdown as much as possible .our camp team are specialized optometrist wore mask, gloves and PPE's and ensure adequate social distancing of all patients.

- 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 April 2020-March 2021. A total of 2307 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	29/9/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	25	06 glasses prescribed
2	13/10/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	43	14 glasses prescribed
3	21/10/2020	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE,KOTTURPURAM	8	2 glasses prescribed
4	28/10/2020	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, CIT NAGAR	13	2 glasses Prescribed
5	14/10/2020	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE,KOTTURPURAM	10	4 glasses prescribed
6	03/11/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	41	14 glasses prescribed
7	4/11/2020	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE,KOTTURPURAM	7	1 glasses prescribed
8	5/11/2020	PUBLIC CAMP AT HVF AVADI	51	3 glasses prescribed
9	18/11/2020	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	16	3 glasses prescribed
10	10/11/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	38	16 glasses prescribed
11	12/11/2020	PUBLIC CAMP AT HVF AVADI	39	2 glasses prescribed
12	17/11/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	38	8 glasses prescribed
13	19/11/2020	PUBLIC CAMP AT HVF AVADI	58	8 glasses prescribed
14	24/11/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	18	5 glasses prescribed

15	01/12/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	48	7 glasses prescribed
16	08/12/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	41	12 glasses prescribed
17	15/02/2020	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	44	17 glasses prescribed
18	16/12/2020	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	8	02 glasses prescribed
19	17/12/2020	PUBLIC CAMP AT HVF AVADI	77	2 glasses prescribed
20	24/12/2020	PUBLIC CAMP AT DLF COMPANY	84	15 glasses prescribed
21	12/01/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	45	20 glasses prescribed
22	13/01/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	6	01 glasses prescribed
23	18/01/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, SHENOY NAGAR	7	2 glasses prescribed
24	19/01/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	53	21 glasses prescribed
25	20/01/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	20	1 glasses prescribed
26	22/01/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, JONES ROAD	7	01 glasses prescribed
27	26/01/2021	AURO WELLNESS CENTRE NUNGAMPAKKAM	36	2 glasses prescribed
28	27/01/2021	AURO WELLNESS CENTRE NUNGAMPAKKAM	45	3 glasses prescribed
29	28/01/2021	AURO WELLNESS CENTRE NUNGAMPAKKAM	27	4 glasses prescribed

30	29/01/2021	AURO WELLNESS CENTRE NUNGAMPAKKAM	29	2 glasses prescribed
31	30/01/2021	AURO WELLNESS CENTRE NUNGAMPAKKAM	27	5 glasses prescribed
32	31/01/2021	HINDU REGIOUS MIDDLE SCHOOL ,ALANDUR	53	14 glasses prescribed
33	02/02/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	63	6 glasses prescribed
34	03/02/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, CIT NAGAR	24	2 glasses prescribed
35	05/02/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, JONES ROAD	12	1 glasses prescribed
36	6/02/2021	PUBLIC CAMP AT MINJUR	120	34 glasses prescribed
37	07/2/2021	NANGANALLUR	81	5 glasses prescribed
38	10/2/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	12	1 glasses prescribed
39	13/2/2021	CHENNAI PRIMARY SCHOOL	153	14 glasses prescribed
40	14/2/2021	MANITHANEYA MAKKAL NALVAZVU	60	14 glasses prescribed
41	15/02/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE,SHENOY NAGAR	12	3 glasses prescribed
42	16/02/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, CIT NAGAR	24	02 glasses prescribed
43	19/02/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE JONES ROAD	30	2 glasses prescribed
44	23/02/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	69	18 glasses prescribed

45	24/02/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	10	2 glasses prescribed
46	27/02/2021	JEEVA PARK	53	2 glasses prescribed
47	01/03/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, SHENOY NAGAR	15	4 glasses prescribed
48	02/03/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	73	5 glasses prescribed
49	03/02/2021	STENOGRAPHER GUILD T NGAR	34	3 glasses prescribed
50	05/03/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, JONES ROAD	10	4 glasses prescribed
51	07/03/2021	TIRUVALANGADU	37	2 glasses prescribed
52	09/03/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	63	16 glasses prescribed
53	10/03/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	07	2 glasses prescribed
54	17/03/2021	VEERAPURAM	37	2 glasses prescribed
55	20/03/2021	WEST MAMBALAM	44	3 glasses prescribed
56	23/03/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	41	10 glasses prescribed
57	24/03/2021	URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, KOTTURPURAM	6	Nil glasses prescribed
58	27/03/2021	PANAGAL PARK T NAGAR	20	3 glasses prescribed
59	30/03/2021	TIRUMALA TIRUPATHI DEVASTHANAM . T NAGAR	90	16 glasses Prescribed
60	31/03/2021	WEST MAMBALAM	45	15 glasses prescribed

INVITE FOR FREE EYE CAMPS

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Team Disease Prevention & Treatment (RID 3232)
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Venue: No. 74 K.R. Koil Street West Mambalam Chennai- 33.Near Srinivasan Theatre

A team from Radhatri Nethralaya will be screening the eyes of the patients for Glaucoma & Cataract.

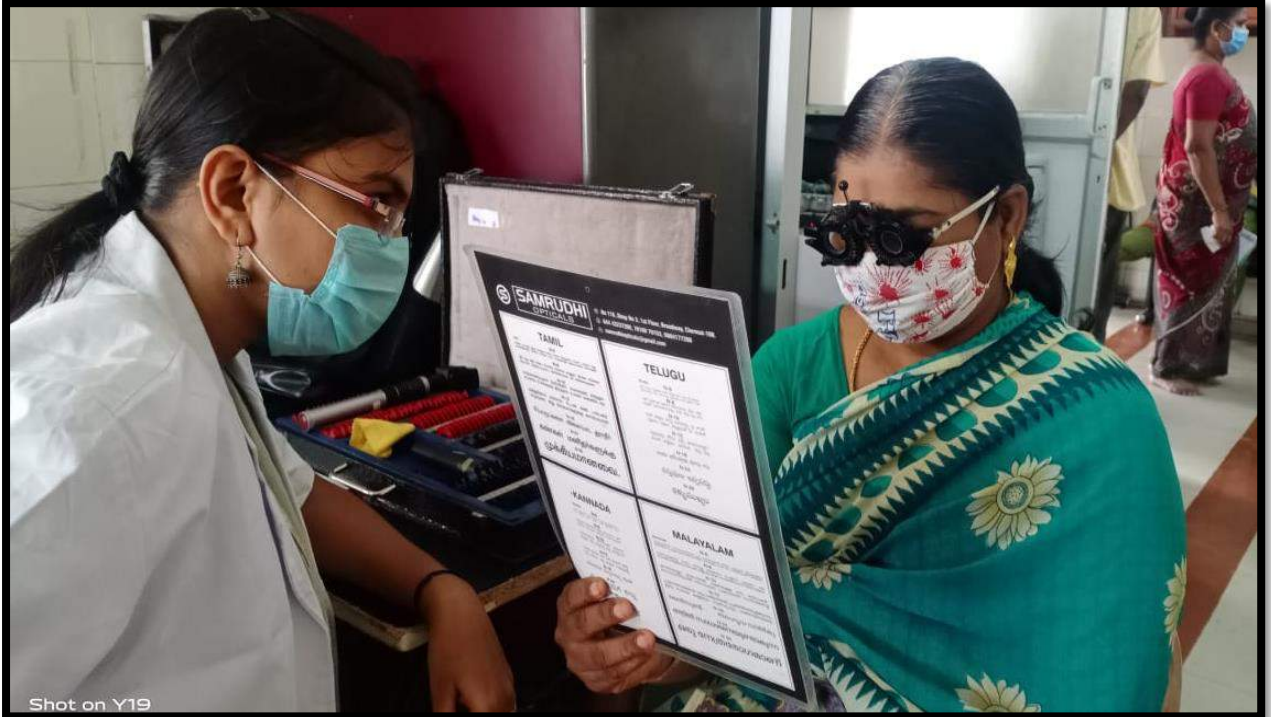
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Directors, Radhatri Nethralaya

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Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Gemini, Aura Wellness and Radhatri Nethralaya jointly organised Free Wellness Camp at Aura Wellness, Mahalingapuram, Nungambakkam. The program was preside over by N.Malathi Santhosh (President, Innerwheel Club of Chennai Gemini), Sruthi Sridhar and K.Vishal (Managing Directors, Aura Wellness). The participants were underwent free eye screening, consulting from nutritionist, wellness councillors and physiotherapist.

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Don't delay cataract surgeries for fear of Covid, say doctors

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, AUG. 30

One of the side effects triggered by the fear of the Covid-19 pandemic in people has been their reluctance to visit hospitals and clinics for seeking clinical help. Eye doctors are among those who are warning people that certain procedures like cataract surgeries should not be put off for too long and that people should trust hospitals and health-care clinics in their following all norms and protocols in treatment, including in surgical procedures.

Telemedicine and other tools for easy clinical consultation may not work in cases where urgent surgeries are required. Among them is a disorder like cataract, the most common age-related eye condition and the leading cause of blindness. Cataract surgery is an

"Cataract is a degenerative condition even leading to permanent vision loss. It is wise to go for a cataract surgery without delaying it. A latest report has revealed alarming data that about 20 lakh new cases of cataract are added every year and 51 percent of blindness is because of cataract"

operating room (OR) procedure and cannot be conducted at the convenience of home.

"It should not be delayed and must be conducted at the appropriate time as otherwise, the cataract may turn hard and the procedure can become more complicated, posing greater risk to restoring vision. It is advisable to consult doctors for test and book an immediate surgery depending on the severity of the condition," says Dr. Praveen Krishna, Phaco surgeon and paediatric

ophthalmologist, director, Radhatri Nethralaya.

"Cataract is a degenerative condition even leading to permanent vision loss. It is wise to go for a cataract surgery without delaying it. A latest report has revealed alarming data that about 20 lakh new cases of cataract are added every year and 51 percent of blindness is because of cataract," he adds.

Dr. D. Rajendran (Cataract and Refractive Surgeon, Medical Director of DH Eye Care Centre, Madipakkam) says, "Now, as we are taking proper safety measures for patients like PPE kits and sanitisation of the hospitals, we can assure patients and their family of safety. We are also trying our best to complete procedure as fast as possible with the help of expert doctors at the theatre."

Rotary 3232 district Governor Muthupalaniappan visit to Manali Health Centre run by Rotary club of Chennai Towers with CPCL . The Eye clinic of the centre is managed by Radhatri Nethralaya, under the aegis of its public charitable trust GURUPRIYA VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION. Happy to share that more than 250 free cataract surgeries were done by us in this centre between April 2020 and March 2021.



**A TOTAL OF 372 FREE SURGERIES WERE CARRIED OUT FROM
APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021**



**AFTER FREE CATARACT SURGERIES, PATIENTS BEING EXPLAINED ABOUT OCULAR HYGIENE
AND METHOD OF SELF ADMINISTERING EYE DROPS BY OUR STAFF NURSE**



Happy Patients

After successful completion of free cataract surgeries, patients being dropped back to their respective villages in Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation vehicles.



2) SPECIALISED EYE CAMPS

A.) RADAR: RADHATRI NETHRALAYA DIABETIC RETINOPATHY PROJECT IN ASSOCIATION WITH ROTARY

Radhatri Nethralaya launched the eighth consecutive annual Project RADAR at its premises on 17/11/2020. The launch was by the Rotary District Governor Rtn. Muthupalaniappan. He also released pamphlets on diabetic retinopathy to be distributed in busy junctions to improve awareness amongst the public. Rtn. Dr Vasuda, rotary district health chair was the guest of honour. The project was graced by Rtn R.M.Suresh, president Rotary club of Chennai towers and other distinguished rotarians. The distribution of pamphlets and the project would be under the aegis of Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, the Public Charitable Trust of Radhatri Nethralaya

Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Praveen Krishna, Medical Director Radhatri Nethralaya said that Project RADAR was Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project in Association with Rotary and it was a month long free screening of deserving diabetic patients for diabetic eye disease at Radhatri Nethralaya.

Dr.Vasumathy Vedantham, Medical Director of Radhatri Nethralaya gave a talk on the treatment of diabetic Retinopathy and said that India was fast becoming the diabetic capital of the world and camps such as project RADAR were the need of the hour.

A press release was given by GVRF trustees to improve public awareness that, diabetic patients interested in getting themselves checked under Project RADAR could call 9445438681 and register themselves for a free Retina checkup to rule out Diabetic Retinopathy till December 17th 2020.

INVITE FOR RADAR PROJECT

Rotary Club of Chennai Towers
(Club No. 51278 - R I District 3232)

In association with
Radhatri Nethralaya
&
Team Disease Prevention & Treatment (RID 3232)
cordially invites you to the inauguration of



PROJECT RADAR 2020

Radhatri Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Project in Association with Rotary

Date: 17th November 2020
Time: 9 am

Venue: **Radhatri Nethralaya**

12, Hindi Prachara sabha Street, T Nagar, Chennai 600017
Web: www.radhatrinethralaya.com | Email: radhatrinethralaya@gmail.com
Ph: 044 24332229, 044 24311550, 9445438681

Chief Guest
Dist. Governor

Rtn. AKS Muthupalaniappan

Guest of Honour

Rtn. Vasudha
Dist. Chair, Health Team

Camp details:

Free eye check up for Rotarians & families with Diabetes

Project duration - 1 month

For camp registration, please call 9445438681

Rtn. R.M. Suresh
President

Rtn Manoj T
Director - Community Service

Rtn. Venkatesh
Secretary





Patient information pamphlets on diabetic eye disease and its complications were released by the rotary district governor and the pamphlets were distributed by the trustees in all busy junctions like bus stops and crowded places to the general public.

A Public awareness initiative by GURUPRIYA VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION!







Write-up in press about project RADAR

**MAMBALAM
TIMES**
The Neighbourhood Newspaper for T. Nagar & Mambalam
www.mambalamtimes.in
1418th & 1419th Issue: November 22 - 28, 2020

Free eye screening for diabetic patients



Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri, Neithralaya) presented a talk on diabetic retinopathy.
For appointments for the free check-up, call 9445438681.

By Our Staff Reporter Radhatri Neithralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar. Ph: 24332229, 9445438681) offers free eye screening for diabetic patients under its RADAR (Radhatri, Neithralaya Diabetic Retinopathy) project till Dec. 17. It conducted its annual seminar on the project co-sponsored by Rotary Club on Nov. 17.

B) GlauCom-R camp

Glaucoma awareness and detection in the community by Radhatri Nethralaya. A series of specialty eye camps to detect glaucoma, a blinding eye condition associated with increased eye pressure in the eyes, were initiated and carried out between April 2020 and March 2021. The detection of Eye pressure was done in all these camps by ‘NON CONTACT METHOD’ without touching the patient’s eyes . These camps were carried out in parks and other places and the patients identified to have glaucoma, were brought back to base Hospital (RN) for further free evaluation.



GlauCom-R camp (Glaucoma screening in the Community by Radhatri Nethralaya) along with RC Nanganallur at Independence Day park was a fruitful one with 81 joggers and walkers screened for glaucoma by non contact method







3.) Balanethra: Free Screening and Treatment for ROP

- Free screening and treatment of preterm infants for ROP disorder at five Government hospitals has been on-going 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
- Government (Gosha) Hospital in Triplicane.
- Weekly free screening of at least 110 pre-term infants is being carried out at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (IOG), Govt hospital Triplicane (Gosha Hospital), Government children's hospital RSRM, Stanley Government hospital and Kilpauk medical college. We have screened **5737** pre-term infants in the period between April 2020 to March 2021

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 was to be spread over a period of three years. We are happy to say that global grant was successfully completed in 2019.

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 245 infants that underwent free laser surgery in the period between April 2020 to March 2021.

List of babies which underwent laser in April 2020 – March 2021 Under Balanethra Project

S.NO	BABY NAME	DATE OF LASER	EYES
1.	BABY OF NAGESHWARI	02/04/2020	BOTH EYES
2.	BABY OF SUDHARANI	04/04/2020	BOTH EYES
3.	BABY OF SARASWATHI	04/04/2020	BOTH EYES
4.	BABY OF MADHRIDEVI	17/04/2020	BOTH EYES
5.	BABY OF PRIYA	21/04/2020	BOTH EYES
6.	BABY OF AMUTHA	27/04/2020	BOTH EYES
7.	BABY OF DIVYA	04/05/2020	BOTH EYES
8.	BABY OF VASANTHI	04/05/2020	BOTH EYES
9.	BABY OF JEEVITHA	07/05/2020	BOTH EYES
10.	BABY OF FARITHA	07/05/2020	BOTH EYES
11.	BABY OF SHANTHI	11/05/2020	BOTH EYES
12.	BABY OF KANIMOZHI	14/05/2020	BOTH EYES
13.	BABY OF JOSHNA	14/05/2020	BOTH EYES
14.	BABY OF SUGANTHI	21/05/2020	BOTH EYES
15.	BABY OF SANUPRIYA	23/05/2020	BOTH EYES
16.	BABY OF ABIRAMI	25/05/2020	BOTH EYES
17.	BABY OF SHABIN SHARMILA	25/05/2020	BOTH EYES
18.	BABY OF SHILA BANU	26/05/2020	BOTH EYES
19.	BABY OF DIVYA	26/05/2020	BOTH EYES
20.	BABY OF ISHWARIYA	27/05/2020	BOTH EYES
21.	BABY OF SATHYA PRIYA	28/05/2020	BOTH EYES
22.	BABY OF DEVI	28/05/2020	BOTH EYES
23.	BABY OF KASTHURI TWIN 1	03/06/2020	BOTH EYES
24.	BABY OF KASTHURI TWIN 1	03/06/2020	BOTH EYES
25.	BABY OF MAHALAKSHMI	06/06/2020	BOTH EYES
26.	BABY OF GIRIJA	08/06/2020	BOTH EYES
27.	BABY OF SANGEETHA	10/06/2020	BOTH EYES
28.	BABY OF MAHAESHWARI	13/06/2020	BOTH EYES
29.	BABY SAI KARTHEKEYAN	15/06/2020	BOTH EYES
30.	BABY OF RAMYA TWIN 2	20/06/2020	BOTH EYES
31.	BABY OF SANGEETHA	23/06/2020	BOTH EYES

32.	BABY OF RAMYA	24/06/2020	BOTH EYES
33.	BABY OF SASIKALA	04/06/2020	BOTH EYES
34.	BABY OF ISWARYA	26/06/2020	BOTH EYES
35.	BABY OF DIVYA TWIN 1	07/07/2020	BOTH EYES
36.	BABY OF MANGAYAKARASI	07/07/2020	BOTH EYES
37.	BABY OF MANGAYAKARASI	07/07/2020	BOTH EYES
38.	BABY OF VINITHA	10/07/2020	BOTH EYES
39.	BABY OF SHALINI	11/07/2020	BOTH EYES
40.	BABY OF ARCHANA	11/07/2020	BOTH EYES
41.	BABY OF SARALA MARY	11/07/2020	BOTH EYES
42.	BABY OF VALLIAMMAL	14/07/2020	BOTH EYES
43.	BABY GIFTSON WILBER	16/07/2020	BOTH EYES
44.	BABY OF ANITHA	17/07/2020	BOTH EYES
45.	BABY OF LAKSHMI TWIN 1	17/07/2020	BOTH EYES
46.	BABY OF LAKSHMI TWIN 2	17/07/2020	BOTH EYES
47.	BABY OF DHANALAKSHMI	17/07/2020	BOTH EYES
48.	BABY OF ADHILA	21/07/2020	BOTH EYES
49.	BABY ARIFA	21/07/2020	BOTH EYES
50.	BABY AYYANAR	24/07/2020	BOTH EYES
51.	BABY OF SANTHI PRIYA	28/07/2020	BOTH EYES
52.	BABY OF NIKILA TWIN 2	28/07/2020	BOTH EYES
53.	BABY OF VASUMATHI	28/07/2020	BOTH EYES
54.	BABY OF NANDHINI	28/07/2020	BOTH EYES
55.	BABY OF JEEVITHA	28/07/2020	BOTH EYES
56.	BABY OF KAVITHA	29/07/2020	BOTH EYES
57.	BABY OF PARAMESHWARI	7/08/2020	BOTH EYES
58.	BABY OF RUKSHANA BEGUM	7/08/2020	BOTH EYES
59.	BABY OF SARANYA	7/08/2020	BOTH EYES
60.	BABY OF SHALINI	7/08/2020	BOTH EYES
61.	BABY OF ARCHANA	7/08/2020	BOTH EYES
62.	BABY OF CHITHRA	7/08/2020	BOTH EYES
63.	BABY OF DHANALAKSHMI	11/08/2020	BOTH EYES
64.	BABY OF ISHWARIYA	14/08/2020	BOTH EYES
65.	BABY OF SANGEETHA	20/08/2020	BOTH EYES

66.	BABY OF SUBHA TWIN 1	20/08/2020	BOTH EYES
67.	BABY OF CHITHRA	20/07/2020	BOTH EYES
68.	BABY OF NANDHINI	25/08/2020	BOTH EYES
69.	BABY OF BHAVANI	27/08/2020	BOTH EYES
70.	BABY OF VENILA	01/09/2020	BOTH EYES
71.	BABY OF KANNIYAMMAL	03/09/2020	BOTH EYES
72.	BABY OF ANJAMANI	03/09/2020	BOTH EYES
73.	BABY OF LAKSHMI	03/09/2020	BOTH EYES
74.	BABY OF MEGALA	04/09/2020	BOTH EYES
75.	BABY OF PRADHA TWIN 1	04/09/2020	BOTH EYES
76.	BABY OF PRADHA TWIN 2	04/09/2020	BOTH EYES
77.	BABY OF CHITHRA	04/09/2020	BOTH EYES
78.	BABY OF INDUMATHY	07/09/2020	BOTH EYES
79.	BABY OF AMEENA	07/09/2020	BOTH EYES
80.	BABY OF SHANTHI	07/09/2020	BOTH EYES
81.	BABY OF SARIGA	08/09/2020	BOTH EYES
82.	BABY OF NADIA	10/09/2020	BOTH EYES
83.	BABY OF VIJAYALAKSHMI 1	11/09/2020	BOTH EYES
84.	BABY OF VIJAYALAKSHMI2	11/09/2020	BOTH EYES
85.	BABY OF MALATHY	12/09/2020	BOTH EYES
86.	BABY OF SARANYA	15/09/2020	BOTH EYES
87.	BABY OF ESHWARI	18/09/2020	BOTH EYES
88.	BABY KRITHISHA	18/09/2020	BOTH EYES
89.	BABY OF BAKKIYAVATHY	18/09/2020	BOTH EYES
90.	BABY OF ANITHA	18/09/2020	BOTH EYES
91.	BABY OF VIDHYA	18/09/2020	BOTH EYES
92.	BABY OF PRIYADHARSHINI	21/09/2020	BOTH EYES
93.	BABY OF MALLIGA	24/09/2020	BOTH EYES
94.	BABY OF PRIYADHARSHINI	24/09/2020	BOTH EYES
95.	BABY OF SHALINI	25/09/2020	BOTH EYES
96.	BABY OF GAYATHRI	26/09/2020	BOTH EYES
97.	BABY OF PACHAIYAMMAL	01/10/2020	BOTH EYES
98.	BABY OF PADMINI	2/10/2020	BOTH EYES
99.	BABY OF KAMALI	06/10/2020	BOTH EYES

100.	BABY OF MEENAKSHI	06/10/2020	BOTH EYES
101.	BABY OF NANDHINI TWIN 1	06/10/2020	BOTH EYES
102.	BABY OF NANDHINI TWIN 2	06/10/2020	BOTH EYES
103.	BABY OF NATHIYA	12/10/2020	BOTH EYES
104.	BABY OF HEMASHREE	13/10/2020	BOTH EYES
105.	BABY OF KOTTESHWARI	15/10/2020	BOTH EYES
106.	BABY OF RUBIKA	16/10/2020	BOTH EYES
107.	BABY OF SARVESH TWIN 1	16/10/2020	BOTH EYES
108.	BABY OF RAMYA	20/10/2020	BOTH EYES
109.	BABY OF YASODHA	20/10/2020	BOTH EYES
110.	BABY OF JANAKI TWIN 1	20/10/2020	BOTH EYES
111.	BABY OF JANAKI TWIN 2	20/10/2020	BOTH EYES
112.	BABY OF KUMARI	20/10/2020	BOTH EYES
113.	BABY OF DEEPA TWIN 2	20/10/2020	BOTH EYES
114.	BABY OF ROSHINI	23/10/2020	BOTH EYES
115.	BABY OF NITHYA	27/10/2020	BOTH EYES
116.	BABY OF DESSAMMAL	27/10/2020	BOTH EYES
117.	BABY OF DEEPTHI TWIN 1	28/10/2020	BOTH EYES
118.	BABY OF DEEPTHI TWIN 1	28/10/2020	BOTH EYES
119.	BABY OF SUMITHRA	28/10/2020	BOTH EYES
120.	BABY OF DIVYA	28/10/2020	BOTH EYES
121.	BABY OF RAJESHWARI	29/10/2020	BOTH EYES
122.	BABY OF PARIMALA	30/10/2020	BOTH EYES
123.	BABY OF CHELLATHA	30/10/2020	BOTH EYES
124.	BABY OF BHUVANA	30/10/2020	BOTH EYES
125.	BABY OF AMUDHA	2/11/2020	BOTH EYES
126.	BABY OF DEEPA RANI	04/11/2020	BOTH EYES
127.	BABY OF SHAMEEN	04/04/2020	BOTH EYES
128.	BABY AMARAVATHY TWIN2	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES
129.	BABY OF SHYAMALA	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES
130.	BABY TIKIVA	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES
131.	SREESHA	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES
132.	BABY OF BUJAMMA	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES
133.	BABY OF VIJAYALAKSHMI	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES

134.	BABY OF ARUNA	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES
135.	BABY OF SAROJA TWIN 2	8/11/2020	BOTH EYES
136.	BABY OF JENIFER	10/11/2020	BOTH EYES
137.	BABY OF SWETHA	10/11/2020	BOTH EYES
138.	BABY OF NATHIYA	12/11/2020	BOTH EYES
139.	BABY OF VASANTHI	13/11/2020	BOTH EYES
140.	BABY OF GAYATHRI	13/11/2020	BOTH EYES
141.	BABY OF VIDHYA	17/11/2020	BOTH EYES
142.	BABY OF SANKARI	19/11/2020	BOTH EYES
143.	BABY OF GOMADHAGAN	24/11/2020	BOTH EYES
144.	BABY LIKHI	24/11/2020	BOTH EYES
145.	BABY OF MUTHULAKSHMI	28/11/2020	BOTH EYES
146.	BABY OF LALITHA	28/11/2021	BOTH EYES
147.	BABY OF ABINAYA	28/11/2020	BOTH EYES
148.	BABY OF SANGEETHA	03/12/2020	BOTH EYES
149.	BABY OF VIJAYARANI 1	04/12/2020	BOTH EYES
150.	BABY OF VIJAYARANI 2	04/12/2020	BOTH EYES
151.	BABY OF VIMALA	04/12/2020	BOTH EYES
152.	BABY OF DURGA	05/12/2020	BOTH EYES
153.	BABY OF NIVETHA	05/12/2020	BOTH EYES
154.	BABY OF KANIMOZHI	07/12/2020	BOTH EYES
155.	BABY OF SADHANA	08/12/2020	BOTH EYES
156.	BABY OF SONIYA	08/12/2020	BOTH EYES
157.	BABY OF MALATHY	08/12/2020	BOTH EYES
158.	BABY OF MUTHULASKMI	10/12/2020	BOTH EYES
159.	BABY OF PON INIYAVAL	12/12/2020	BOTH EYES
160.	BABY OF RAMYA	12/12/2020	BOTH EYES
161.	BABY OF SANGEETHA	14/12/2020	BOTH EYES
162.	BABY OF GEETHA	15/12/2020	BOTH EYES
163.	BABY OF AMANI	18/12/2020	BOTH EYES
164.	BABY OF MALARVIZHI	19/12/2020	BOTH EYES
165.	BABY JONATHAN	21/12/2020	BOTH EYES
166.	BABY OF HEMASHREE	22/12/2020	BOTH EYES
167.	BABY RAKSHITHA	22/12/2020	BOTH EYES

168.	BABY OF AMSA	26/12/2020	BOTH EYES
169.	BABY OF DIVYA	28/12/2020	BOTH EYES
170.	BABY OF AMANI	29/12/2020	BOTH EYES
171.	BABY OF RIHANA	31/12/2020	BOTH EYES
172.	BABY JACOB	04/01/2021	BOTH EYES
173.	BABY JONATHA	04/01/2021	BOTH EYES
174.	BABY MITHUN RAJ	06/01/2021	BOTH EYES
175.	BABY OF BHUVANESHWARI	08/01/2021	BOTH EYES
176.	BABY OF JAYANTHI	08/01/2021	BOTH EYES
177.	BABY OF JANSIRANI	09/01/2021	BOTH EYES
178.	BABY OF PRIYA	11/01/2021	BOTH EYES
179.	BABY OF ANANDHI	11/01/2021	BOTH EYES
180.	BABY KEVIN	11/01/2021	BOTH EYES
181.	BABY OF RADHIKA TWIN 1	12/01/2021	BOTH EYES
182.	BABY OF RADHIKA TWIN 2	12/01/2021	BOTH EYES
183.	BABY DEVI	16/01/2021	BOTH EYES
184.	BABY OF NAVANITHAM	16/01/2021	BOTH EYES
185.	BABY OF PRIYA TWIN 1	18/01/2021	BOTH EYES
186.	BABY OF ALIZA	19/01/2021	BOTH EYES
187.	BABY OF GEETHANJAL	19/01/2021	BOTH EYES
188.	BABY PRIYA R	21/01/2021	BOTH EYES
189.	BABY OF VINOTHINI	21/01/2021	BOTH EYES
190.	BABY OF SINDUJA	21/01/2021	BOTH EYES
191.	BABY OF JAYA	21/01/2021	BOTH EYES
192.	BABY OF RUKMANI	22/01/2021	BOTH EYES
193.	BABY OF RAJESHWARI	22/01/2021	BOTH EYES
194.	BABY OF PUSHPAVALLI	22/01/2021	BOTH EYES
195.	BABY OF SARANYA	26/01/2021	BOTH EYES
196.	BABY PUGAZHENTHI	28/01/2021	BOTH EYES
197.	BABY OF KUMADHA	29/01/2021	BOTH EYES
198.	BABY PRATHI	01/02/2020	BOTH EYES
199.	BABY OF MALATHY	01/02/2021	BOTH EYES
200.	BABY FAISAL	02/02/2021	BOTH EYES
201.	BABY OF MAHALAKSHMI	04/02/2021	BOTH EYES

202.	BABY DHANUSHREE	04/02/2021	BOTH EYES
203.	BABY OF KAVITHA	04/02/2021	BOTH EYES
204.	BABY OF SARANYA	04/02/2021	BOTH EYES
205.	BABY VIJAYA SHANTH	05/02/2021	BOTH EYES
206.	BABY OF POONGODI	05/02/2021	BOTH EYES
207.	BABY OF SANDHIYA	05/02/2021	BOTH EYES
208.	BABY OF NANDHINI	05/02/2021	BOTH EYES
209.	BABY OF BAKIYAVATHY TWIN 1	09/02/2021	BOTH EYES
210.	BABY OF BAKIYAVATHY TWIN 2	09/02/2021	BOTH EYES
211.	BABY OF SHALINI	09/02/2021	BOTH EYES
212.	BABY OF DHANALAKSHMI	10/02/2021	BOTH EYES
213.	BABY OF POOJA	12/02/2021	BOTH EYES
214.	BABY DESAM	12/02/2021	BOTH EYES
215.	BABY OF JAYASUDHA	16/02/2021	BOTH EYES
216.	BABY OF AMSA	16/02/2021	BOTH EYES
217.	BABY OF VALLI	16/02/2021	BOTH EYES
218.	BABY OF SANGEETHA	16/02/2021	BOTH EYES
219.	BABY OF ABINAYA	17/02/2021	BOTH EYES
220.	BABY OF NADHIYA	20/02/2021	BOTH EYES
221.	BABY OF PALIN	22/02/2021	BOTH EYES
222.	BABY OF BANUMATHY TWIN 1	22/02/2021	BOTH EYES
223.	BABY OF BANUMATHY TWIN 2	22/02/2021	BOTH EYES
224.	BABY SHALINI TWIN 1	22/02/2021	BOTH EYES
225.	BABY BHUVANESHWARI TWIN 1	22/02/2021	BOTH EYES
226.	BABY BHUVANESHWARI TWIN 2	22/02/2021	BOTH EYES
227.	BABY OF SHABHANA	25/02/2021	BOTH EYES
228.	BABY OF LAVANYA	01/03/2021	BOTH EYES
229.	BABY OF SUJI PRIYADHARSHINI	01/03/2021	BOTH EYES
230.	BABY OF VIJAYALAKSHMI	02/03/2021	BOTH EYES
231.	BABY OF SHALINI TWIN 1	02/03/2021	BOTH EYES
232.	BABY OF ISHWARIYA	03/03/2021	BOTH EYES
233.	BABY OF BRINDA	04/03/2021	BOTH EYES
234.	BABY OF VIOLET SARALA	13/03/2021	BOTH EYES
235.	BABY OF PRIYA	13/03/2021	BOTH EYES

236.	BABY OF LAVANYA	13/03/2021	BOTH EYES
237.	BABY OF SRIVALLI	17/03/2021	BOTH EYES
238.	BABY OF ABIRAMI	18/03/2021	BOTH EYES
239.	BABY OF VINOTHI	18/03/2021	BOTH EYES
240.	BABY OF BANUPRIYA	20/03/2021	BOTH EYES
241.	BABY OF RAVI SELVI	20/03/2021	BOTH EYES
242.	BABY OF NASREEN	23/03/2021	BOTH EYES
243.	BABY OF MANIMEGALAI	26/03/2021	BOTH EYES
244.	BABY OF KOKILA	27/03/2021	BOTH EYES

Some of our Balanethra Babies





1000 baby steps and counting.....

Project Balanethra which offers free vision preserving surgery to preterm babies belonging to poor socioeconomic background reached another milestone in 2020 when the number of babies prevented from becoming blind zoomed past 1000...

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1000th baby treated under Project Balanethra

Project Balanethra of Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 2431 1550, 94454 38681) reached a milestone when it treated the 1000th baby last week.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) said that Balanethra aimed at providing free vision through laser surgery for preterm babies from poor socioeconomic background in urban slums and rural areas. The blinding disorder, called Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), is detected through screening.

Dr. Praveen Krishna (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) said that more than 4 lakh babies have been screened over the past 13 years under this project which is under the aegis of Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, the public charitable trust of Radhatri Nethralaya,

“Many philanthropic individuals and organisations such as Rotary, Freemasons, JCI Chennai Royals and Inner Wheel are supporting this project but we often struggle without donors. However, no baby is denied treatment for want of funds,” said Dr. Vasumathy.

She said that donations to the trust for this project are exempted under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act and the trust is also eligible to receive foreign donations under FCRA. Persons residing in the US wishing to avail of tax exemption can send donations to Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation through CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) USA.

Vision on Wheels

(Project Balanethra: Phase II)

Radhatri Nethralaya eye hospital entered its fourteenth year in September 2021. In this journey, we have touched the lives of more than 40,000 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 pediatric 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 2021.

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 760 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 well-wishers 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.

PRE COVID TIMES



A lot of pressure and heat was faced by all of us at Radhatri Nethralaya from March 2020 in the COVID pandemic to continue our service delivery, at the same time to stay protected and protect our patients by wearing PPEs (despite the sweltering heat in the summer months), masks, sanitising and ensuring of the social distancing.

Social distancing During COVID



All mothers who had brought their babies for VOW visits, were instructed to sit with appropriate COVID safety distancing in place and were taught about handwashing and were instructed to wear masks by our team of nurses and technicians.

The Vision on Wheels team of Radhatri Nethralaya with the lasered babies from villages













IN PRESS

MAMBALAM TIMES

Rotary Club felicitates Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (consultant vitreoretinal surgeon and Director, Radhatri Nethralaya, 12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 94454 38681) was felicitated by the Rotary Club of Madras Central on National Doctors Day on July 1.

The function was conducted through video-conferencing.

Through Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation (the public charitable trust of Radhatri Nethralaya) she is actively involved in community work



and conducts eye screening camps in rural and urban ar-

reas. She has been conducting free screening of preterm infants for retinopathy in several Tamilnadu hospitals and Balwadis in and around Chennai.

Dr. Vasumathy has a distinguished academic record with 15 gold medals including the best outgoing medical student for MBBS and MS in Ophthalmology and the prestigious Rakesh Sharma Memorial Award conferred by All India Ophthalmologic Society for best work in ocular trauma in India in 2005.

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Vision on Wheels project had another milestone in 2020 wherein we crossed the borders of Tamilnadu to spread our wings in Andhra Pradesh at Nellore. 93 babies were screened at Nellore in the period between April 2020 to March 2021 and 14 of them under went the laser surgery.



**LIST OF VISION ON WHEELS PROJECTS VISITS
FROM APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021**

1	24-05-2020	CHENGALPATTU GH	18	0	0
2	24-05-2020	THIRUVALLUR GH	5	0	0
3	06-06-2020	CHENGALPATTU GH	23	0	0
4	06-06-2020	THIRUVALLUR GH	6	0	0
5	28-06-2020	CHENGALPATTU GH	17	0	0
6	28-06-2020	THIRUVALLUR GH	6	0	0
7	01-07-2020	GOSHA GH	2	2	2
8	02-07-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	16	5	2
9	04-07-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	10	1	0
10	07-07-2020	KMC GH	16	2	1
11	07-07-2020	GOSHA GH	2	1	1
12	07-07-2020	CHENGALPATTU GH	17	3	2
13	11-07-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	11	0	0
14	13-07-2020	THIRUPATTUR GH	49	2	2
15	15-07-2020	KMC GH	21	0	0
16	16-07-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	21	2	2
17	17-07-2020	GOSHA GH	5	0	0
18	18-07-2020	STANLEY GH	1	0	0
19	18-07-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	10	1	1
20	22-07-2020	KMC GH	20	0	0
21	23-07-2020	GOSHA GH	8	2	2
22	24-07-2020	CHENGALPATTU GH	24	1	1
23	25-07-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	11	3	3
24	25-07-2020	RSRM GH	9	1	1
25	27-07-2020	TIRUPATTUR GH	30	0	0
26	29-07-2020	KMC GH	17	0	0
27	01-08-2020	STANLEY GH	3	1	1
28	01-08-2020	EGMORE IOG	6	1	1
29	03-08-2020	THIRUVANAMALAI GH	25	2	2
30	05-08-2020	KMC GH	9	0	0

31	05-08-2020	GOSHA GH	5	0	0
32	06-08-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	25	0	0
33	07-08-2020	CHENGALPATTU GH	23	0	0
34	08-08-2020	RSRM GH	6	0	0
35	08-08-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	13	1	1
36	10-08-2020	TIRUPATTUR GH	37	1	1
37	12-08-2020	KMC GH	13	0	0
38	12-08-2020	GOSHA GH	4	0	0
39	15-08-2020	RSRM GH	11	0	0
40	15-08-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	7	1	1
41	17-08-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	37	0	0
42	17-08-2020	THIRUVANAMALAI GH	31	4	4
43	19-08-2020	KMC GH	6	0	0
44	19-08-2020	GOSHA GH	6	0	0
45	20-08-2020	KALLAKURICHI GH	6	0	1
46	21-08-2020	THIRUVANAMALAI GH	41	0	2
47	24-08-2020	KALLAKURICHI GH	8	0	2
48	24-08-2020	TIRUPATTUR GH	20	0	0
49	25-08-2020	RSRM GH	16	1	1
50	25-08-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	2	2	2
51	26-08-2020	KMC GH	8	1	1
52	26-08-2020	GOSHA GH	3	0	0
53	27-08-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	23	1	1
54	29-08-2020	RSRM GH	7	0	0
55	29-08-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	8	0	0
56	01-09-2020	THIRUVANAMALAI GH	30	0	0
57	02-09-2020	KMC GH	14	1	1
58	02-09-2020	GOSHA GH	2	2	2
59	03-09-2020	KALLAKURICHI GH	2	2	2
60	03-09-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	34	2	2
61	04-09-2020	CHENGALPATTU GH	30	3	3
62	05-09-2020	RSRM GH	6	0	0
63	05-09-2020	STANLEY GH	9	0	0

64	05-09-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	23	1	0
65	07-09-2020	TIRUPATTUR GH	29	1	1
66	09-09-2020	KMC GH	8	0	0
67	10-09-2020	KALLAKURICHI GH	1	1	1
68	11-09-2020	TIRUVALLUR GH	14	0	0
69	11-09-2020	CHENGULPATTU GH	15	0	0
70	12-09-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	11	0	0
71	12-09-2020	RSRM GH	3	0	0
72	12-09-2020	STANLEY GH	3	0	0
73	14-09-2020	THIRUVANAMALAI GH	49	1	1
74	16-09-2020	KMC GH	10	0	0
75	16-09-2020	GOSHA GH	4	0	0
76	17-09-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	39	4	4
77	18-09-2020	CHENGULPATTU GH	22	0	0
78	19-09-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	19	0	0
79	19-09-2020	RSRM GH	9	2	2
80	21-09-2020	TIRUPATTUR GH	30	0	0
81	25-09-2020	THIRUVALLUR GH	15	0	0
82	25-09-2020	CHENGULPATTU GH	18	1	1
83	26-09-2020	STANLEY GH	2	0	0
84	26-09-2020	RSRM GH	10	2	0
85	26-09-2020	IOG EGMORE GH	11	0	0
86	28-09-2020	THIRUVANAMALAI GH	41	1	0
87	30-09-2020	KMC GH	15	1	1
88	30-09-2020	GOSHA GH	9	1	0
89	01-10-2020	VILLUPURAM GH	23	0	0
90	02-10-2020	CHENGULPATTU GH	18	1	1
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Dr.Vasumathy gave a presentation on Radhatri Nethralaya's Vision on Wheels project at the International Delhi Ophthalmic Society Conference, in December 2021.



**It is our precious patients that make our journey worthwhile!!
Recounting some of them**

RACHAEL

An abandoned female orphan from Shillong, Meghalaya was found to have end stage Retinopathy of Prematurity(ROP) and she underwent free vision preserving Vitrectomy surgery in both the eyes at Radhatri Nethralaya in December 2020. Rachael's journey from Shillong to Chennai.

"I am the founder of Milliondots. Org NGO based out of Chennai. When we heard about an year old orphan child from Shillong "Rachael" and her slowly losing her vision due to ROP.

We so wanted to help her but we were clueless about how to proceed with the surgery, as it had several challenges especially with the treatment and the finance part. We approached several doctors but they said this condition can't be treated as the surgery had to be done within 6 months of the baby's birth.

When we approached Dr.Vasumathy she quickly gave us an appointment at the earliest date and straight away declared that the surgery would be done free of cost. All the doors opened before us, we felt so relieved. Immediately we brought the child here. The surgery was scheduled the very next day and the surgery was done with utmost care and affection.

Doctor Vasumathy mam, an Angel in disguise (This is being said by most of them who heard Rachael's story) Entire hospital, hospital staffs, and the nurses were so kind enough and accommodative. The note will be incomplete if I don't mention Brindha mam's support. She is the sweetest lady I've ever come across in life, she was so patient and loving in explaining all our doubts so patiently and she explained everything in a very detailed way. Radhatri Nethralaya the name is very close to our hearts now. God bless this beautiful Radhatri Nethralaya team with countless blessings." Sujatha.

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Radhatri Nethralaya performs free surgery for orphaned infant



By Our Staff Reporter

Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar. Ph: 2433 2229, 94454 38681) performed free surgery for an orphaned infant suffering from ROP (Retino-

pathy of prematurity).

The girl is under the care of an orphanage in Shillong (Meghalaya). The surgery was performed by Dr. Vasumathi Vedantham (Medical Director). She told *Mambalam*

Times that ROP is a blinding condition in preterm babies.

She said that Gurupriya Vision Charitable Trust (a division of Radhatri Nethralaya) organises free surgeries for preterm babies.

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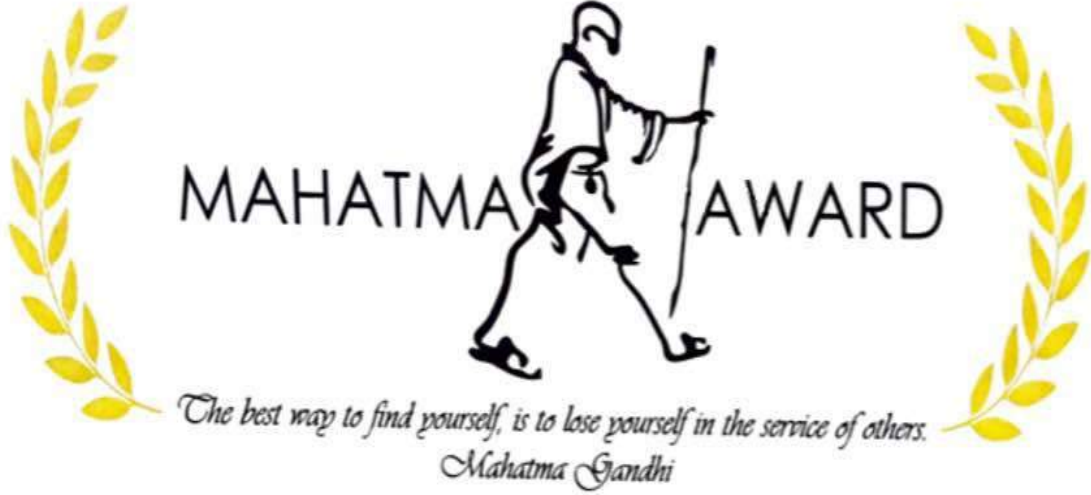


We did our bit for the COVID warriors : Donation of N95 masks to health care workers, doctors, nurses and ambulance drivers in Chennai and other Govt. hospitals in a radius of 300kms from Chennai





On 73rd Punya Thithi of Mahatma Gandhi, Radhatri Nethralaya was prevailed to receive the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi award 2020 for Social Good for eye care.



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**Drs. Praveen Krishna and Vasumathy Vedantham, Trustees GVRF and
Directors Radhatri Nethralaya, with the Mahatma Award**





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Award for Radhathri doctors



On the occasion of the 73rd Purnya Thithi of Mahatma Gandhi, Radhatri Nethralaya was conferred the prestigious Mahatma Award 2020 for social good for Eye care at a function in India International Centre, New Delhi on 30th January 2021. The Mahatma award celebrates social impact leaders and change-makers across the globe, with some of the past recipients being Mr. Ratan Tata, TATA Group, Mrs. Rajashree Birla, Aditya Birla Group, Google Ad Grants at Google, IBM Foundation, Twitter for

Good, Microsoft, Reliance Foundation, LV Prasad Eye Institute among others.

Dr. Praveen Krishna and Vasumathy Vedantham, Medical Directors, Radhatri Nethralaya [12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Chennai-17, Ph: 24332229, 9445438681] received the award from Smt. Shalu Jindal of the Jindal group and Shri Amit Sachdeva, "the CSR man of India". Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vasumathy said the award was a recognition for Radhatri Nethralaya's tremendous efforts in the community ophthalmology front

especially in the field of childhood blindness and restoring vision in preterm babies. Project Balanethra has prevented blindness in more than 1000 preterm babies and Project Vision on Wheels has screened more than 12,000 babies all over rural Tamilnadu for blinding disorders, she added.

Legend: Dr. Praveen Krishna and Vasumathy Vedantham, Medical Directors, Radhatri Nethralaya receiving the award from Smt. Shalu Jindal of the Jindal group and Shri Amit Sachdeva.

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Radhatri Nethralaya receives 'Mahatma Award'



By Our Staff Reporter Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 24332229, 9445438681) prestigious 'Mahatma Award - 2020' for its decades of social endeavours in providing free eye care to the underprivileged at a function in India International Centre (New Delhi) on Jan. 30 to mark the 73rd death anniversary of Gandhiji.

Overcomes cerebral palsy to become a psychologist

By Our Staff Reporter K. Kumaran (30) (resident of 37, 12th Avenue, Ashok Nagar), who was born with cerebral palsy, is today a successful psychologist.

He offers counselling to persons suffering from depression and students and is also invited by various organisations to deliver motivational speeches.

He is pursuing Ph.D in Bharathiar University (Coimbatore).

He penned the Tamil book 'Anandha Thandavam' in 2013 which describes how he is tackling the limitations of cerebral palsy and achieving success in life to become independent. He released the English version of the book titled 'CP to CP' in 2017.

He wrote a book of poems titled 'Raia Nadai' and the



He debuted as a lyricist in the Tamil movie 'Nenjandumu Nermayundu Odu Raja' in 2019. "No mountain is tall enough to scale if one has the determination, motivation and support of family and friends. Having gone through and overcome distress, depression and other such issues in my life caused by cerebral palsy, I decided to choose psychology as a career to help persons like me and others to overcome

travails", said Kumaran.

Some of the past recipients of the awards include Ratan Tata, Rajashree Birla, IBM Foundation, Microsoft and Reliance Foundation.

Dr. Praveen Krishna and Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham, (Medical Directors, Radhatri Nethralaya) received the award.

Dr. Vasumathy told *Mambalam Times* that the award was given in recognition of Radhatri Nethralaya's unstinted efforts in the fields of paediatric retinopathy and restoring vision for more than 1000 preterm babies.

Under its Balanethra and Project Vision on Wheels, it has screened more than 12,000 babies all over rural Tamilnadu for blinding disorders, she said.

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Dr.Vasumathy Vedantham received the Prestigious Health care award by World Health and Wellness Congress for the unstinting work done by Radhatri Nethralaya during Covid times.

She addressed an august audience on “Taking eye care to the door steps: COVIDNot Withstanding”. Her talk focussed on the community Ophthalmology initiatives of Radhatri Nethralaya under the aegis of its Public Charitable Trust GURUPRIYA VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION during the COVID times.

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Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham is the consultant vitreoretinal surgeon and one of the medical directors of Radhatri Nethralaya tertiary eye care hospital, Chennai. She has the distinction of being the alumnus of premier institutions such as Madras Medical College (MMC) & RIO-GDH (Regional Institute of Ophthalmology), Chennai where she completed her M.B.B.S & M.S Ophthalmology, L.V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Hyderabad, where she did her vitreoretinal fellowship and Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai where she worked as a retina consultant for five years and Moorfields Eye Hospital, London where she did her fellowship in pediatric retina, ROP and Electrophysiology of the Eye.

She is a member of All India Ophthalmologic Society (AIOS), Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association (TNOA), Andhra Pradesh State Ophthalmic Society (APSOS), Indian ROP Society and Indian Women Ophthalmologists Society (IWOS). She was part of the expert committee constituted by Rashtriya Bala Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) of the Govt of India for prevention of blindness due to Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) in special children with cerebral palsy.

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'Health Care Warrior' award for Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya 12, Hitech Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, PN 94454 2881 and 2433 2229) was one of the recipients of the 'Health Care Warrior' award given by The World Health & Wellness Congress in Mumbai on Feb. 19.

The awards were given to medical professionals who had continued their committed services even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Vasumathy gave a talk on the occasion about the several community outreach programs initiated by Radhatri Nethralaya like Project Kannaki (free cataract surgery for the



poor), Project Balanetha (vision saving laser surgery for preterm babies), Project Vision on Wheels (mobile eye camps to identify vision problems in preterm babies in villages in and around Chennai).

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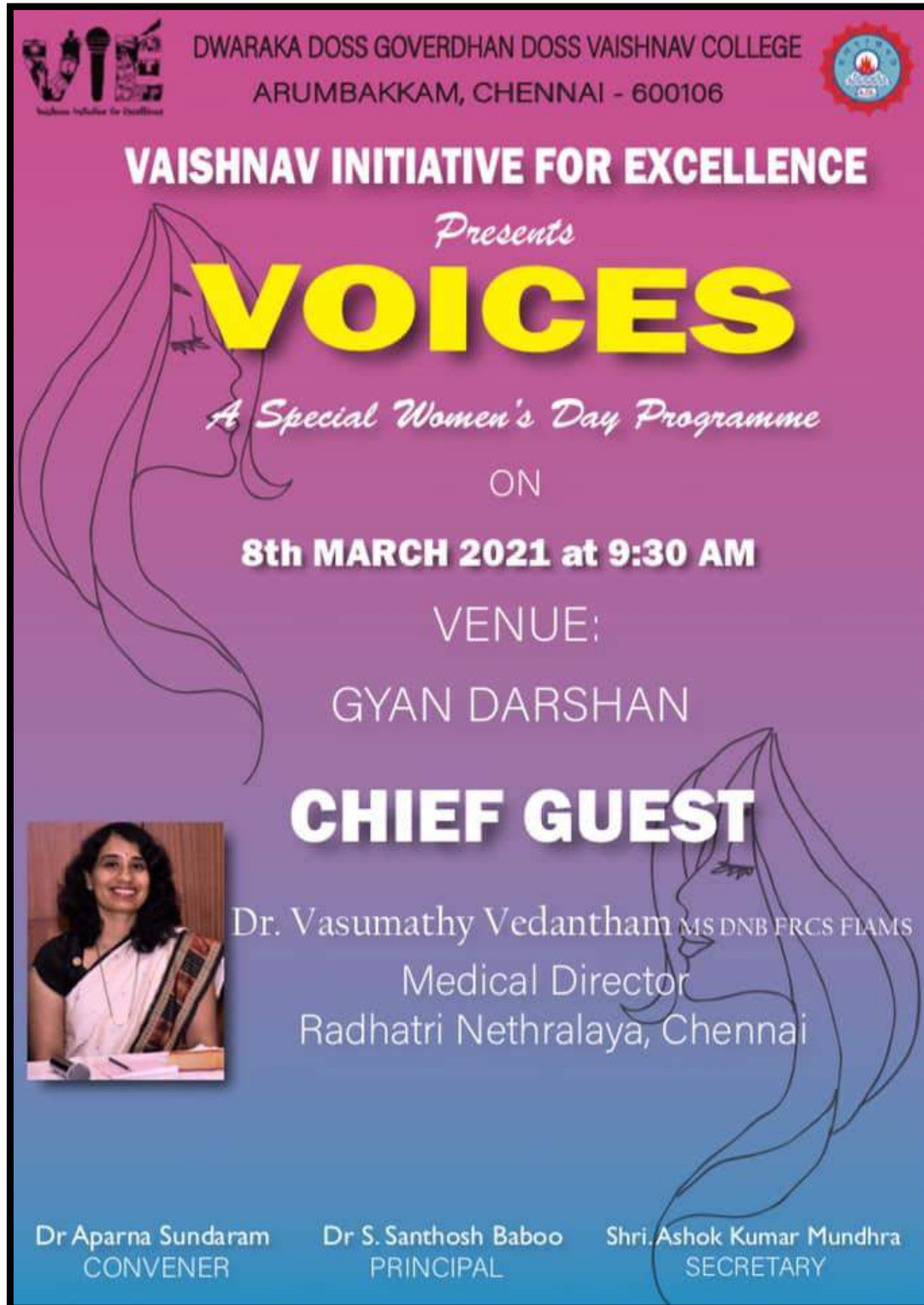
One priceless blessing from a happy sister from Missionaries of charity to Dr.R. Praveen Krishna after recovering perfect vision after free Cataract Surgery by him at Radhatri Nethralaya under Project Kannoli (free cataract surgery to the poor) of GVRF.





On the occasion of International Women's Day, a group of 20 members from Punjab women's association visited Radhatri Nethralaya and contributed towards project Balanethra which offers free vision preserving laser surgeries to preterm babies belonging to poor socio economic background



Dr.Vasumathy Vedantham, Managing trustee, GVRF was the Chief Guest for the “Women’s Day” Programme at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaisnav College and she addressed to the college student’s and gave them words of encouragement.



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Shri. Ashok Kumar Mundhra
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Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham was the CHIEF GUEST AT GANGAUR (Women Wing of Rajasthani Association of Tamilnadu)



We received several other awards for our community work.

INDUSTRIAL ICON AWARD FROM VIJAYA HOSPITAL -CHENNAI



**PRESTIGIOUS SEMI FINALIST, SKOCH ORDER OF MERIT 2020 , FROM
Mr.SAMEER KOCHHAR - CHAIRMAN**



Trustee Prof.Viswanatha Ragavanhoisted the National Flag on the occasion of the “INDEPENDENCE DAY” at Radhatri Nethralaya , other trustees Dr.Praveen Krishna and Dr.Vasumathy Vedantham were present.



Another icing on the cake was winning the prestigious Tamilnadu Healthcare Leadership Award for the second consecutive time in 2020 (Previous award in 2019).



Radhatri Nethralaya received the Prestigious “International XOVA Excellence in Ophthalmology Vision award” and grant, for its Rural Teleophthalmology project Vision on Wheels which has prevented blindness in more than 10,000 preterm babies all over Tamil Nadu till date. The project was chosen among 156 project applications world wide. It was the crowning glory for our community ophthalmology initiatives.



Dear Dr Vasumathy,

Congratulations! On behalf of Novartis, we are delighted to inform you that your application entitled “**Vision on Wheels**” has been selected for an eXcellence in Ophthalmology Vision Award.

This year, an independent panel of experts selected the 12 projects, compared to 10 in 2019, that aligned most with XOVA's mission to have a significant impact in unmet needs in the fields of ophthalmology and optometry. From a total of 156 applications, your initiative was ranked within the top 12 projects.

The logo for XOVA eXcellence in Ophthalmology Vision Awards. The word "XOVA" is in a large, bold, red font. To its right, the words "eXcellence in Ophthalmology Vision Awards" are stacked in a smaller, red font.

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We were nominated among the Top 4 NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals) accredited Best eye care hospitals in Tamilnadu State for the “Excellence in Quality Awards 2020”. The award was jointly instituted by Tamilnadu State Government, FICCI, and the New Indian Express. A proud Moment for us!



DIGNITARIES AND PATRONS VISIT US

Rtn. Vinod Saraogi Ji and Rtn. Supriya Sunderraman, President RCMC visited the hospital and interacted with the project Beneficiaries



Shri Ashok Mehta Ji, chairman Jain Housing for contributing to Project Balanethra which offers free vision preserving laser surgery to preterm babies belonging to poor socioeconomic background



Contribution from Freemasons lodge Srinivasa Gopala towards Project Balanethra within offers free Vision preserving Laser surgery to preterm babies belonging to poor socioeconomic background. Also receive from Shri Navin Lalchand PPE Kits to used by the vision on wheels team of Radhatri Nethralaya



Moved and honored beyond measure to receive a donation from a Balanethra baby whom Dr. Vasumathy had treated for ROP with free vision preserving laser surgery nearly six years ago The baby's family came to donate towards treatment of another baby



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Parents of beneficiary give donation to Balanethra project

By Our Staff Reporter

To express their gratitude, parents of a child who underwent a successful eye-saving surgery, gave a donation to the Balanethra project of Radhatri Nethralaya (T. Nagar) last month.

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham, who received the donation, said that their baby Keerthana had undergone free vision preserving laser surgery under the Balanethra project six years back. The parents at that time were poor and could not afford the surgery.

When their financial status improved, they came forward to donate towards the eye surgery of a child from a poor family, she said.

She said that preterm babies suffering from Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) are at risk of blindness if the ailment is left untreated.

Dr. Praveen Krishna (Medical Director) said that thousands of preterm babies with ROP have been given free treatment under the Balanethra project managed by Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation run by Radhatri Nethralaya.

The project, which was started 13 years back, is supported by a number of philanthropists, Rotary Clubs, Freemasons Club, JCI Chennai Royals, Inner Wheel Club and more such organisations and corporate under their CSR projects.

Donations for the project are exempted under section 80G of the Income Tax act.

She has also appealed to the readers of *Mambalam Times* to refer to their relations living in the US to avail of tax exemption by donating to Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation through Charities Aid Foundation, USA.

For more details, call 2433 2229 or 94454 38681.

We received support for the charitable activities of Radhatri Nethralaya from the mother of Dr. Vasumathy's schoolmate.



Inner wheel of Madras Midtown supported Radhatri Nethralaya's charitable initiatives



Shri Manekchand Ajit Srisrimal ji made a corpus donation towards Project Kannoli under the aegis of its public charitable trust, Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, which offers free cataract surgery to the underprivileged, in memory of his wife.



Sanjeetha Umashankar from Inner Wheel Club of Madras Midtown donated Rs 10,000/ for a pre-term infant just 3 weeks old (baby of Sukanya) at Radhatri Nethralaya for laser treatment.



With Freemason Shri Bharat Epur Reddy from the Garuda Temple city (a fraternity of Freemasons under the August Temple of light, one of the six in the world and one of its kind in Asia) at Radhatri Nethralaya Thank you sir for the contribution towards project Balanethra which offers free vision preserving laser surgery to preterm babies belonging to poor socioeconomic background



Prof.Viswanatha Raghavan, Emeritus professor IIT and a trustee of Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, the public charitable trust of Radhatri Nethralaya, who has been a pillar of support to all our activities, donated a state of the art retinal camera in June 2020. The camera will enable us to diagnose many difficult retinal conditions.



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Special camera donated to Gurupriya Vision Foundation



**Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham and Dr. Praveen Krishna with
Prof. Raghavan**

By Our Staff Reporter
Prof. V. Raghavan (an emeritus professor from IIT and resident of T. Nagar) has donated the latest state of the art vision saving equipment, the Topcon Fundus camera (imported from Japan) capable of imaging the retina, to Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation, the public charitable trust of Radhatri Nethralaya (12, Hindi

Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2433 2229, 2431 1550, 94454 38681).

Dr. Vasumathy Vedantham (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) said that the camera would help to accurately pinpoint the cause and site of loss of vision.

Dr. Praveen Krishna (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya) was present at the function.

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 organizing camps. You could support cost of an eye camp by a contribution of Rs.10,000.**
- You can support the subsidized cost of the glasses for poor patients seen in the camps by contributing Rs. 400 for a pair of spectacles made by glass and Rs.600 for a pair of spectacles made of unbreakable plastic.**
- You can support the subsidized 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 subsidized 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.**

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 (Domestic donors)

Beneficiary name: Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation

Current Account number: 856810513

Bank Name: Indian bank

Bank Address: Prakasam Road, T. Nagar, Chennai 600017

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Beneficiary name: Gurupriya Vision Research Foundation

Current Account number: 40086472352 (FCRA Current account)

Bank Name: State Bank of India

Bank Address: State Bank of India, 4th Floor, 11 Sansad Marg, New Delhi

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