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An initiative by Vision Foundation of India

Launch of Project Sugar n Sight



VISION FOUNDATION OF INDIA launched its prestigious Project 'Sugar n Sight', a National Diabetic Retinopathy Project to prevent potential blindness in diabetics by deploying Digital Imaging, Tele Medicine and Artificial Intelligence, on Saturday 2nd February 2019 at the Bombay City Eye Institute & Research Centre, Mumbai.



The Chief Guest Shri Ashish Shelar (President, BJP, Mumbai Unit) and Special Guests Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha (Vice-President BJP, Maharashtra State Unit) and Ziaa Lalkaka (H.T. Parekh Foundation) lit the auspicious lamp to launch the project simultaneously in 14 centres nationwide. They expressed their confidence that the target of 25 lakh patients would easily be achieved by the brilliant team of VFI, under Dr Kulin Kothari's able leadership.

Dr Kulin Kothari in his speech thanked the dignitaries present and informed all that Sugar n Sight is a Diabetic Retinopathy Project that includes screening, diagnosis and treatment and has a target of 25 lakh patients nationwide within a span of 5 years. He specially thanked VFI Brigadier Mr. Manoj Gursahani & his team for Artificial Intelligence, Mr. Anand from Remidio for Digital Imaging and Mr. Siddharth fron Jana Care for the Glaucometer with digital data storage.

Project Sugar n Sight was inaugurated on 3rd April 2018 by Shri Deepak Parekh, Chairman, HDFC who pledged the support of H.T.Parekh Foundation for the project.





RNC Free Eye Hospital-Valsad, Gujarat



Jorhat Lions Eye Hospital-Jorhat, Assam



Tulsi Eye Hospital-Nashik, Maharashtra



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital-Siliguri, West Bengal





PROJECT Sugar n Sight

PROJECT MODEL _____<u>©___</u>

Screening will be carried out at each identified primary centre through photographic documentation of fundus images by trained technicians

Interpretation and treatment recommendations will be sent back to the primary centre on a real time basis as best as possible or otherwise within 24

The program will be implemented in identified primary centres all over the country through associate hospitals

Images will be transmitted to the reading centre through a cloud based system for interpretation by ophthalmologists trained in diabetic retinopathy screening

Counselling and follow up at the primary centre

Referral to nodal centers for investigations and treatment/patients with ungradable images

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS





In a span of 5 years



25,00,000 Patients to be

Examined

Udaygiri Lions Eye Hospital-Udgir, Maharashtra

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Vision Foundation of India and

Artificial Intelligence used in tele medicine to screen patients

Treatment by Lasers, Intravitreal Injections, Vitreo Retinal Surgeries











Nandadeep Medical Care



PBMA'S HV Desai Eye



Bombay City Eye Institute & Research Centre-Mumbai, Maharashtra **500**



Chandraprabha Eye Hospital-Jorhat, Assam



Nayonika Eye Care-Banglore, Karnataka



Tejas Eye Hospital-Mandvi, Gujarat





Foundation-Sangli, Maharashtra Hospital-Pune, Maharashtra



Vision Foundation of India applauds Baidyanath Yadav for reinforcing our relentless drive towards "Vision for All".

BAIDYANATH YADAV, is our "MAN FRIDAY" at Vision Foundation of India.

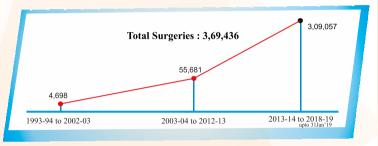
An honest and sincere member of the VFI family since the past 7 years, his job profile says "van driver" but he works far beyond his job and is an integral part of every activity and project at VFI.

He is a key member of all eye camps across Mumbai, checks all patients on the Auto-Refractive Machine, gives appointments for follow ups, works as an attendant to doctors and maintains the Mobile Van in perfect condition.

In fact, no activity at VFI is complete without this simple but committed crusader.

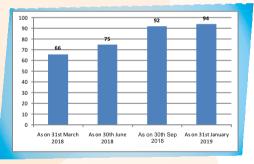
Statistics graph

BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT OF VFI Free Eye Surgeries done from 1993 till 31st January 2019



Growth in Hospital Association

Since its inception in 1993, VFI has made inroads into various states of India by Associating with many local hospitals. These partnerships widen the reach of VFI to serve even the remotest parts of India.



MARIA PARIVARIAN

VFI ties up with Goverment of Maharashtra

Exchange of MOU between the Vision Foundation of India and the Government of Maharashtra in the presence of Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Projects include Rashtriya Netra Yagna, Project Sugar n Sight, Taluka Adoption and many others, to be undertaken jointly for the prevention and treatment of blindness in underprivileged persons in Maharashtra state.

