

When wishes came true for Labala Urmila...

60 year-old Labala Urmila had lost all her hopes along with her sight. A few years ago, she had lost complete vision in her right eye due to glaucoma with diminishing vision in her left eye. Even for her routine tasks she had become dependent on her husband. This caused both mental and economical stress for her and her family. Initially, Urmila consulted many neighbouring hospitals with the hope of correcting the vision in her left eye. However with every visit, all she found was another closed door.

help correct her vision to a great extent and were advised to go for the same at the earliest. With the help of expert VFI doctors and staff team, a plan was made to operate on Urmila the next week. She was admitted for 3-4 days post her surgery for observations and was discharged with much clearer vision and a happy smile on her face.

Seeing people like Urmila go out of the hospital with a smile and a confident stride is what counts for us the most at VFI.



But little did she know that her fate was to change with her visit to VFI. She visited the VFI-conducted eye camp in Alamanda village, Andhra Pradesh in October 2015 with her husband, where they were given detailed information on her current vision related situation. They were informed that a surgery can

Lending his vision to our mission...

AFZAL VARALIYA

Working with Vision Foundation of India & BCEIRC since more than 12 years, Afzal Varaliya is a multi-talented individual who manages accounts, assists in audits and is actively involved in administration.

A sincere, zealous and honest worker, Afzal is a fast learner, who shoulders responsibility seriously. Not one to rest on past laurels, he gives nothing but his best to any task that he is entrusted with.

He is indeed an invaluable asset in our fight for Vision for All.



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A Newsletter
to help others see, the unseen

An initiative by Vision Foundation of India

A Successful Fundraiser! An Enchanting Evening!



Mr. Anil Naik, Chairman, L&T being felicitated



Dr. Kulin Kothari with Ladies Wing members - Ms. Malti Jain & Ms. Reena Rupani

To help achieve their profound vision & mission, the Vision Foundation of India (VFI) organised a glittering fund raising program on 20th March 2016 at JBT Hall, NCPA, Mumbai. Around 1200 elite guests from the corporate world were present for the event, significantly uplifting the cause promoted by VFI.

This signature VFI event was graced by Mrs. Rajashree Birla as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Adi Godrej and Mr. Uday Kotak as the Guests of Honour.

A short film made by VFI focusing on the fundamentals of the cause was screened at the event, followed by an enthralling musical extravaganza presented by an active member of VFI - Shaimak Davar, a name that is synonymous with entertainment. The announcement of securing a 35 A C Tax exemption certification for donations received under "Rashtriya Netra Yagna" was well-appreciated and applauded by the guests.

In her speech, Mrs. Birla stressed on the importance of vision and how loss of sight can be the cause of social exclusion,



Shaimak Davar & group enthralling the audience with high energy dance performances



A light moment shared with Mr. Deepak Parekh, Chairman, HDFC



Mr. Navin Dave, Chairman VFI, spreading smiles at the event

leading to social abuse and early death. She expressed the deep fulfillment that the Aditya Birla group feels in partnering this cause with VFI and urged all corporate guests to join hands against preventable blindness. Mrs. Birla reiterated her belief that helping people without sight is a great noble cause.

Mr. Kotak expressed serious concern over India being regarded as the blind capital of the world. He was strong in his conviction that this grave status of our country can be changed with assistance from corporates working hand in hand with ordinary citizens. He expressed pride in having institutions like VFI working towards changing the destiny of our country.

Mr. Godrej also applauded the contribution of VFI in the social sector. He mentioned that although there are many charities and organisations working in this social space, VFI stands out sheerly on the scope and size of its efforts.

Other distinguished guests present at the event also echoed the need to support the cause promoted by VFI to help brighten the lives of many in India.



Dignitaries Mr. Adi Godrej, Mrs. Rajashree Birla & Mr. Uday Kotak on the dias with Dr. Kulin Kothari & Dr. Saumil Kothari



A memento of appreciation for Shaimak Davar



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VFI is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation established in 1993, with the primary objective of reducing avoidable blindness in India

Vision

To transform lives by giving needy blind persons the gift of sight and to become a leading force in the fight against preventable blindness in India.

Mission

To establish a network of partner eye hospitals and other NGOs, strategically located across India. To get experts on board and channelize their expertise & guidance to raise awareness about VFI and increase the scale of operation. To utilize the credibility of VFI and get more partners on board.

Objective

Work directly and indirectly to prevent, arrest and reverse the occurrence of blindness amongst the underprivileged sections of the society. Treat all kinds of curable blindness, and in situations when permanent blindness cannot be cured, rehabilitate the visually handicapped persons.

Projects

VFI has many projects & camps operational across India. Between 1993 to April 2016, VFI has surgically benefitted 1,45,353 patients across the country. All these activities are being carried out free of cost. VFI believes that its fight against eye

diseases and blindness is an undying and endless mutiny. There are several projects carried out by VFI like: **Project Rashtriya Netra Yagna**: An initiative for reducing treatable blindness, with 11 lakh beneficiaries and an estimated project cost of Rs.372 crores. Since its inception in April 2015 up to dec2016, this project has surgically benefitted 56,254 patients across India.

Project Bal Drishti: This project involves various municipal and ashram schools. Patients from these camps are given complimentary treatment at Bombay City Eye Institute & Research Centre, Mumbai.

Project Police Jyoti: Launched in 2005 for the benefit of Mumbai Police and for their families.

Project Mobile Eye Clinics: A unique community outreach program in remote villages, whereby infrastructure and expertise in eye care is made available at doorsteps through mobile medical eye clinics with diagnostic equipment.

Navneet Shah Eye Bank: Aims at increasing the level of awareness amongst masses about the importance of eye donation. VFI staff/volunteers conduct regular lectures on eye disorders and cornea donation at various locations.

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Mobile Eye Clinic Camp



Free eye check-up & surgeries conducted under project RNY



Eye camp organised in Hubli with Jaya Priya Medical Foundation



VFI spreading light and beaming smiles through its various projects



The face of our campaign - emanating care, hope, vision for all



Ensuring that our future will be bright - Eye surgery conducted under project RNY



Protecting and nurturing the future of India - Free eye check-up in Schools



Prevention is better than cure - Eye check-up for workers of a construction site



Protecting the sight of those who protect us - Eye check-up camp under Project Police Jyoti

To,
The Managing Trustee,
Vision Foundation of India

Yes I/we want to be part of the solution to help ensure people with visual impairments have the opportunity to live with independence and dignity.

☐ I/we wish to sponsor _____ surgeries @ Rs 1500/- per surgery.

☐ I/we wish to donate Rs. _____ to the Corpus Fund.

Total: Rs. _____ by Cheque / DD/ Cash/ Electronic Transfer in the name of "Vision Foundation of India"

Donor Details

Name:- _____

Address:- _____

Pin:- _____

Contact No:- _____

Email:- _____

PAN:- _____

Cheque/DD/ Electronic Transfer Details

Cheque No. _____

Txn No. _____

Date: _____

Drawn On: _____

For 100% Tax Exemption U/s 35AC

(Valid till 31/03/2017)

Bank Details:-

Account Name :- Vision Foundation Of India
Account No: 9711731425
Bank Name: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
Branch: Hughes Road
IFSC/RTGS: KKBK0000639
MICR: 400485044

For 50% Tax Exemption U/s 80G

Bank Details:-

Account Name :- Vision Foundation Of India
Account No: 9711651853
Bank Name: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
Branch: Hughes Road
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MICR: 400485044

India loses \$37bn because of poor eye vision: A Study

According to a recent study by WHO, **India loses \$37 billion (about Rs. 203,500 core) in annual productivity on account of poor eye vision.** The study estimates that 550 million people in India - about half its population, require vision correction but they are not taking steps to correct it. In

many cases, there is lack of awareness about the consequences of poor vision.

In India 41% of children are estimated to need vision correction, but this need is not addressed, having a direct and serious impact on their education. About

42% workers, 42% drivers and similarly placed. A study among Indian workers found that vision correction can lead to more than 30% increase in their income and 25% increase in their productivity. WHO estimates that poor vision results in an economic productivity loss of \$275

billion globally, with China accounting for the biggest hit at \$65 billion. Some 4.2 billion, or two-thirds of the total world population of 7 billion, is estimated to have impaired vision. But only 1.7 billion of these adopt vision correction methods.

Sources: WHO Organization

Let us
not
turn a
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