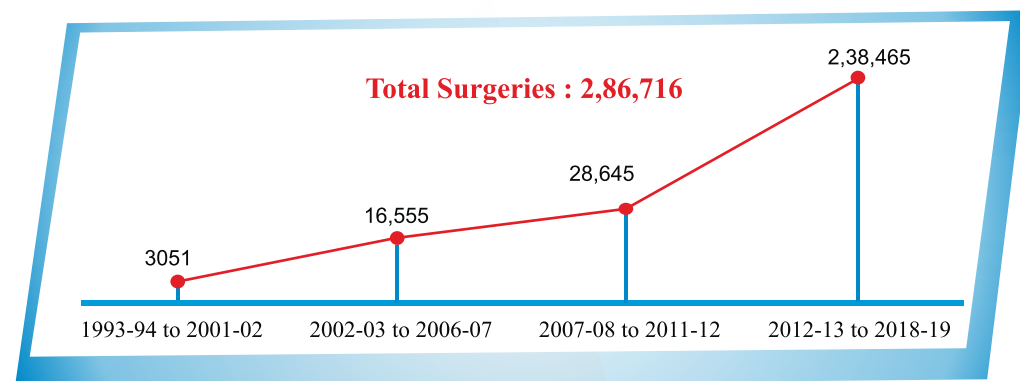


## Statistics graph

BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT OF  
VFI Free Eye Surgeries done  
Since 1993 till 30th April 2018



## VISIT TO ASSAM HOSPITALS



Jorhat Lions Service Trust  
Chhattisgarh & Karnataka

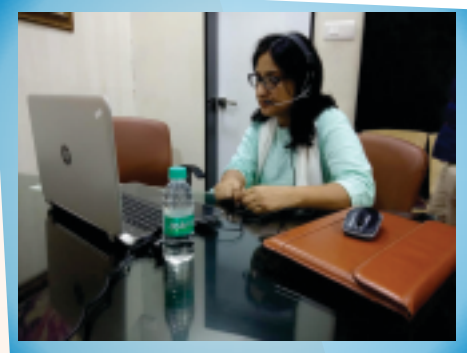
Lion K. K. Saharia Eye  
Hospital, Dibrugarh

Dhrishti Nethralaya,  
Dibrugarh

Phanidhar Bordoloi  
Memorial Trust, Jorhat

## WEBINAR

In continuation of our exciting and progressive series of WEBINARS, Dr Shalini Kaul of Bombay City Eye Institute conducted an educative webinar on an interesting topic- "Treatment of Amblyopia. Myopia : Have we conquered it?" on 24th April 2018. Attended by more than 24 medical professionals from 13 Associated Hospitals, it was a highly interactive session with a lot of queries from the Associated Hospitals being addressed to their satisfaction.



## Vision Foundation of India applauds Mr. JAYESH SHAH for reinforcing our relentless drive towards "Vision for All".



Mr. JAYESH SHAH ( Manager, Programs) is a quiet, unobtrusive worker whose shy facade belies his strong conviction towards duty. An efficient multi-tasker, he saddles the multifarious responsibilities of administration, local eye camps and cordination with associated hospitals, with equal aplomb. Always curious to explore and grow, he is the eternal student.

He adds value to every team and handles assignments with diligence and sincerity. He is proactive at all events and contributes to every endeavour of the Vision Foundation of India.

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to help others see, the unseen



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Chief Guest Shri Deepak Parekh addressing the audience at the  
inaugural function



Digital Inauguration of "Sugar n Sight" our Diabetic Retinopathy Project

## National Diabetic Retinopathy Project

Vision Foundation of India launched Project 'Sugar n Sight' a National Diabetic Retinopathy Project on 3rd April 2018. The Chief Guest for the event was Shri Deepak Parekh, Chairman, of HDFC while the Guest of Honour was Shri Dinesh Kanabar, Founder & CEO of Dhruva Advisors one of the largest tax and regulatory boutiques in India.

According to IDF Diabetes Atlas, 47.3% of India's 72.9 million diabetics are undiagnosed and are unaware of their high blood glucose levels. A recent estimate says that the diabetic population in India, already the diabetic capital of the world, is expected to grow up to 134.3 million by 2045. People with diabetes are prone to an eye disease called diabetic retinopathy

that affects blood vessels in the retina and is sight-threatening. However, regular eye exams, control of blood sugar and blood pressure and early clinical intervention can help prevent severe vision loss.

Project 'Sugar n Sight' will take care of the screening of diabetics across India and assess their eyesight for diabetic retinopathy through the use of telemedicine. The treatment, including laser, eye injections or eye surgery, will be provided free of cost to the underprivileged. The project targets screening of 25 lakh patients within a span of 5 years.

A panel of experts shared the details about

the project and the technology, ably led by Dr. Saumil Kothari.

Shri Deepak Parekh in his speech congratulated Dr Kulin Kothari and applauded him for this initiative through the foundation. He also said that Vision

Foundation of India creates confidence amongst its supporters on such soft areas such as governance, ethics, integrity and best practices which are needed to address the alarming need in the field of eye care.

Vision Foundation of India appreciates the support of H.T.Parekh Foundation for the project.



The audience enjoying an exciting interactive session



Dr. Saumil Kothari leading the panel discussion with (L-R) Mr Anand Sivaraman (Remidio Innovative Solutions), Dr Kulin Kothari, Prof Dr. H.B Chandalia, Dr Lubhani Jain, Dr Sabyasachi Sengupta (Sengupta's Research Academy).



# Silver Jubilee Celebrations



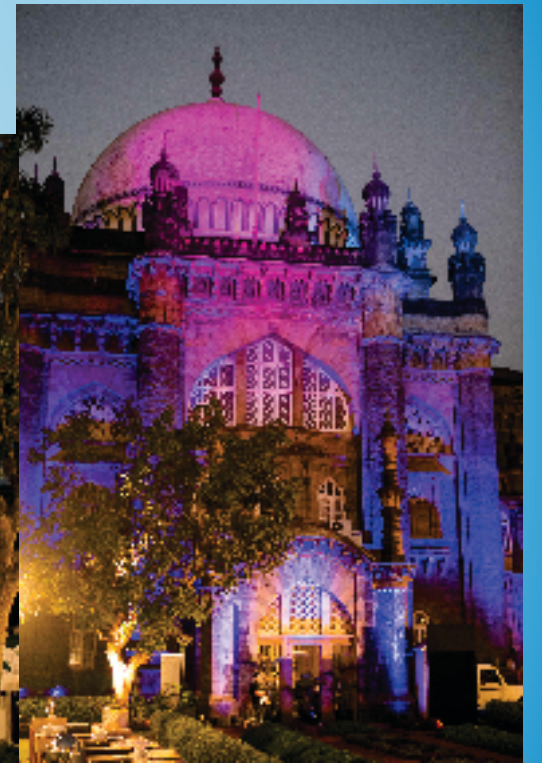
Chief Guest Honorable Shri Ch. Vidyasagar Rao addressing the August gathering



Dr Saumil Kothari conducting the formal function in a dignified manner befitting the occasion



Spellbound audience enjoying the sublime, ethereal "jugalbandi"



The stunning architecture of the Museum lent its colourful brilliance to the grandeur of our Silver Jubilee event "SOULFUL STRINGS"

In celebration of 25 Years of selfless and dedicated services in the field of eye care in India, Vision Foundation of India hosted 'SOULFUL STRINGS' a concert by Santoor Maestro Padma Vibhushan Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma in performance for the first time with his illustrious son Shri Rahul Sharma, on the picturesque lawns of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai on 24th February 2018.

The Honorable Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. Ch. Vidyasagar Rao was the Chief Guest and TISS Chairman Shri S. Ramadorai, the Guest of Honour. Smt. Rajashree Birla (Aditya Birla Group) lent honour to the occasion with her gracious presence. Shri Navinbhai Dave, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Vision Foundation of India graced the dais while Dr Saumil Kothari hosted the event.

The grandeur of the evening was further enhanced by luminaries Shri Ram Jethmalani, Shri Uday Shankar (Star Group), Shri Arvind Shah (Asian Star), Shri Milind Deora, Ex-Police Commissioner Shri A.N.Roy, Smt Shalini Piramal, Shri Nihchal Israni (Blue Cross Laboratories Pvt Ltd. ), and celebrities from the stage Shri Dilip Joshi (Taarak Mehta) and Ms. Sarita Joshi. Many other dignitaries were present from leading corporate and business houses of India.

In his speech, Dr Kulin Kothari highlighted the activities of the Foundation and thanked all individuals and corporates associated with it. Dr. Kothari expressed the Foundation's dream of creating a Curable Blindness-Free Country and humbly sought partnership of the Government with the Foundation to achieve this goal.

Guest of Honour Mr S. Ramadorai, congratulated Vision Foundation of India on completion of 25 years of service and emphasised the use of latest technology in this era of snowball and scientific development. He urged all present to re-commit themselves to facilitate and inspire the professionals in the field of eye care to use all the tools available and see how they can support them in this venture. He reiterated that we should do so in the belief that the visually impaired feel it is an opportunity, and not a disability.

The Honorable Governor, Shri. Ch. Vidyasagar Rao also congratulated Dr Kulin Kothari and the Foundation on the Silver jubilee occasion. He said that it should be collective endeavor of the Government, Private Sector and non-profit organisations to restore to the fullest extent possible, the "right to sight" of every affected individual. He assured the Government's fullest support to the Foundation. He also spoke about 'Artificial Intelligence' and said he will help connect the Vice-Chancellor of Kalina Campus, Mumbai University with the Foundation for adopting AI technology which will help to diagnose lakhs and lakhs of patients within seconds.



Chief Guest, Shri Ch. Vidyasagar Rao being felicitated by Smt. Rajashreeji Birla



Guest of Honour, Shri Ramadorai being felicitated by Shri Navinbhai Dave, Chairman, Board of Trustees - Vision Foundation of India



Pandit Shivkumar Sharma being felicitated by the Honorable Governor Shri Ch. Vidyasagar Rao



Shri Rahul Sharma being felicitated by the Honorable Governor Shri Ch. Vidyasagar Rao

**Honouring our revered guests and artists**