



Dr. Kulin Kothari welcomed all the members and expressed condolences on the demise of a member of the Board of Advisors, Late Shri Manubhai Shah.

He gave a presentation on the status of the various projects and activities of VFI.

The highlights were as follows:

Project 'Rashtriya Netra Yagna'- Last year VFI had facilitated 1,17,574 free eye surgeries under this project. State-wise data of these eye surgeries were presented, 20% of which were done in the state of Maharashtra.

Other Projects- A brief update on all major projects such as Mumbai Urban Slum Eye Care (MUSE) Project, Project Police Jyoti, Village Adoption Project and Inauguration of Project Sugar n Sight (National Diabetic Retinopathy Project) was provided. He thanked Shri A. N. Roy for his support with the MUSE & Police Jyoti projects

Dr. Kulin Kothari also informed the members about the recent strategic meetings held to discuss the way forward for the Foundation as follows:

a. A day long brainstorming meeting was conducted on 8th July'18 at Mumbai with experts from all over India. The experts were Prof. (Dr.) B. R. Shamanna (Hyderabad), Prof. Dr. Praveen Vashist (New Delhi), Dr. Uday Gajjiwala (Gujarat), Mr. Prashant (Karnataka) and Dr Narayan Bordoi (Assam).

b. On 26th July'18, Dr. Kulin Kothari along with VFI management team met Dr. Anand Bang, Medical Advisor to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, on how the foundation can partner with the Maharashtra government for achieving the objective of eradicating curable blindness in the State of Maharashtra. The project will be officially called into action through a letter from the Honorable Chief Minister.

Dr. Kulin Kothari presented the new initiatives being undertaken and sought support from the members for the same:

a) He shared a proposal document providing details on the project model for Project Sugar N Sight including the idea of using Artificial Intelligence (AI). The AI technology is being developed by a team of professionals.

b) He sought support from the members to use their good offices to connect other corporates to the foundation for their CSR activities. Shri Ajay Piramal emphasized that the district adoption project can interest many corporates to join hands.

c) He once again sought Shri Piyush Pandey's expertise to help with the branding and positioning of the foundation.

Dr. Saumil Kothari summarized the discussions and concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to all the members and specially thanked Shri Ajay Piramal for hosting the meeting at the Piramal board room.



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The 5th Advisory Board
&
Trustees Meeting
was held on
Saturday, 28th July 2018
at Piramal Tower, Mumbai.
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Indo-American Society Achiever's Award

Dr. Kulin Kothari was awarded the ACHIEVER'S AWARD by the Indo-American Society for his contribution towards prevention of blindness.

Dr. Kothari received the award at the hands of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon. Union Minister for Road, Transport & Water Resources and US Consul General Edgard Kagan in the presence of Shri Adi Godrej, Chairman-Godrej Industries.



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Accolades

Community Award
at
West Bengal



Nayonika Eye Care Charitable Trust (NECT), Bangalore established in the year 2012 by Mr Prashant, MBA (USA) and Ophthalmic surgeon Dr Surekha, has been providing quality Eye Care since its inception.

NECT, as a mark of gratitude to Vision Foundation of India, have recently dedicated and launched the DR.KULIN KOTHARI CATARACT HALL with a capacity of 100 patients wherein patients undergoing free surgeries would be screened.

VFI has supported NECT in over 10,000 free cataract surgeries conducted for poor and needy patients in rural and urban slums of Karnataka and has been highly supportive with Paediatric Surgeries as well as Diabetic Retinopathy treatment.

Dr. Kulin Kothari
Cataract Hall





Vision Foundation of India applauds SADHANA BHATIA for reinforcing our relentless drive towards "Vision for All".

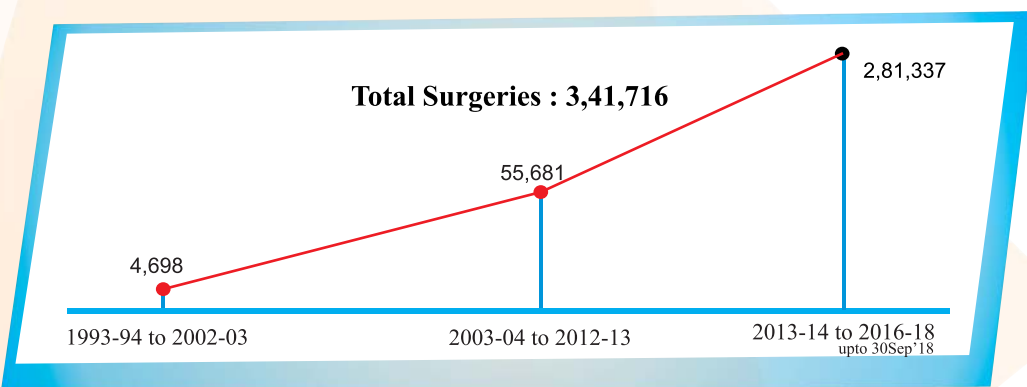
Anyone who has visited Bombay City Eye Institute & Research Centre in the past several years could not have missed her. This small but tough-as-nails lady is the backbone of our institute, with a passion for her work that is unmatched and unequivocal. No task is too small or too tough for her.

Working with the Vision Foundation of India & BCEIRC since more than 30 years, SADHANA BHATIA is a multi-talented individual who is actively involved in administration.

A sincere and honest worker, she puts duty before self, even at the cost of her own health. A rare jewel in our crown, Sadhanaben, as we all lovingly call her, is the "PRIDE of BCEIRC".

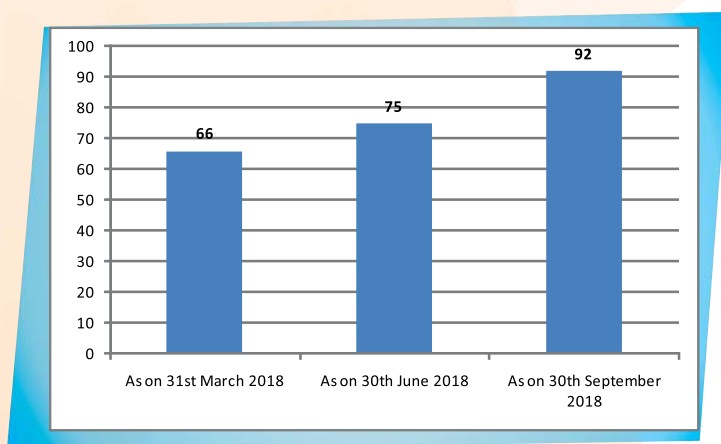
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BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT
OF VFI
Free Eye Surgeries done from
1993 upto 30th September 2018



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.



VFI presents
our special
"JOY OF GIFTING"
cards!



To celebrate your joyous occasions, whether it is festivals, milestone birthdays or anniversaries, instead of presenting material gifts, why not share a humanitarian one?

This Diwali, on behalf of your loved ones, you can give the GIFT OF SIGHT to needy persons through the Vision Foundation of India. Let the philanthropist in you come alive!

(Every "Gift of Sight" costs only Rs 1800 per surgery)



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