“Jyot Se Jyot Jalao”- Mega Eye Screening Campaign in Solapur

Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes is committed to serving society through eye care activities. With the aim to eradicate avoidable blindness due to Diabetic Retinopathy and other eye conditions, we conducted a 3 day-long mega eye screening camp in Solapur from 5th to 7th October, 2018.

The camp was inaugurated by Honorable Ms Praniti Shinde (MLA, Solapur). The Aditya Jyot team was ably supported by Dr Uma Pradhan and Dr Anand Bagmar. About 3000 patients were examined in the camp. Glasses were prescribed to 1,425 people. 895 cases of Cataract were identified during screening.

In addition, a special screening for Diabetic Retinopathy was done by the Aditya Jyot Team. Retinal screening was conducted by portable Remedios Fundus on Phone (FOP) camera. Retinal images of 176 diabetic patients were taken by the Aditya Jyot Team, retinal lasers were also provided where needed. Patients with major eye problems were referred to local eye care centers for further treatment.

Ms Praniti Shinde ensured free or subsidized treatment for referred cases.

The Aditya Jyot team got an overwhelming response from the local supporters.
Translating research into clinical and community practice: a Multicentric study for screening of Diabetes and its complications in India

(Ornate India Project)

India is considered as the Diabetes capital of the world - there are 62 million people with Diabetes and another 77 million who are estimated to be pre-diabetic. There is an urgent need to screen and manage diabetes in a cost-effective manner. The aim of this study is to evaluate the diagnostic accuracy of various strategies for screening of diabetes and pre-diabetes.

This study involves complex interventions and will conduct out of 20 sites in India with the aim of carrying out a Process Evaluation of these strategies. Aditya Jyot Foundation is one of the 20 sites representing Maharashtra state to evaluate the diagnostic accuracy of various screening methods in India. The study will provide crucial insight into the most cost-effective use of health resources and information about potential sources of cost reduction (via improved resource efficiency) and modelling for global use.

Mrs. Radha Ramakrishnan, Data Manager- Ornate Project visited Mumbai on 15th December to assess the initiation of the project. She observed field activities of Aditya Jyot in the Kumbharwada area of Dharavi. Strategies were discussed with the Aditya Jyot Team to improve the methods of Data collection and other aspects of the study.

SALAAM BAALAK TRUST has helped thousands of children come off the streets and into a safe and nurturing environment. It caters to the individual needs of street children in Mumbai, covering all the areas of a child's development from physical and medical needs to the educational, creative and social ones. With the help of The Abdul Hamid Ansari Trust, AJFTLE conducted eye screening camps in 3 of these centres in Charni Road, Andheri & Malad, screening 223 street children, providing free spectacles to 29, and detecting other eye anomalies requiring referral in 5 patients. We were happy to have been able to work with the Salaam Baalak Trust, and look forward to regular follow up sessions with these children.
Eye Screening Camp at Maharashtra Police Academy, Nashik

Aditya Jyot foundation organized an eye screening camp for cadets at the Maharashtra Police Academy, Nashik.

A 2-day camp was organized for the police cadets on 4th and 5th December, 2018.

The camp was inaugurated by Mrs. Aswati Dorje (Director, Maharashtra Police Academy, Nashik). Mrs. Dorje spoke about Aditya Jyot’s initiative to screen police personnel for eye problems and thanked the team for organizing the eye screening camp in Nashik.

28 batches of Police cadets were screened in the campaign. The team also screened other police staff and their family members.

Comprehensive eye examination was done to check the status of eye diseases like refractive errors, color blindness, cataract, Diabetic Retinopathy etc. Pamphlets were also distributed to create awareness about eye problems and methods to prevent them.

The event also focused on creating awareness about eye donation. Many young cadets pledged to donate their eyes.

More than 1,089 police personnel were screened for eye diseases in the event. A total of 436 individuals needing glasses to improve their vision had free spectacles provided. Police personnel with major eye diseases were referred to Academy hospital for further treatment.

Diabetic Retinopathy Screening In Mumbai under the Aegis of Tata Trust (AJDRUMSS)

Aditya Jyot foundation has been doing a community based project in the slums of Mumbai. Our community health workers have been creating awareness & screening individuals for Diabetes & Diabetic Retinopathy during household surveys. Nearly 200,000 people have been screened in this campaign where our Mobile ophthalmic van goes to slum areas for Diabetic Retinopathy screening. In the last quarter, Community health workers visited slum households where they created awareness among slum communities. Patients with sight-threatening retinopathy were referred to base hospital for treatment.
“Mission for Vision”- Pragati Blind School Camp- Badlapur

“Mission for Vision” is an initiative of Rotary Club of Thane Hills to screen blind children for eye diseases. With the Kind support of Rotary Club Members, Aditya Jyot conducted an eye check-up camp in Pragati Blind School, Badlapur on 23rd November, 2018. 37 children with partial or complete visual impairment were examined by ophthalmologists out of whom 14 children were referred for complete evaluation. On Christmas Eve, 25 children were examined by team led by Paediatric ophthalmologist Dr Hemalatha Vidyashankar at Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital, Wadala. 6 children were identified with treatable conditions such as congenital cataract and squint & will be undergoing surgery with the generous donations from Rotary club members.

The Aditya Jyot team thanked Mr. Ranganathan, Mr. Jayram Mendon and Rotary team for their Kind efforts.

“Mission Roshni” Eye Screening in Municipal Schools

“Mission Roshni” project focused on screening municipal school children for eye problems.

Till December, Aditya Jyot covered 12 schools where about 10000 children were screened for eye problems. Our team also conducted eye screening camps at night schools in Kurla and Tilak Nagar. A range of colorful spectacles were made and delivered to the children at the schools within 10 working days to ensure better compliance and to make it a more positive experience for them. Children requiring examination at the hospital were seen by paediatric ophthalmologist Dr Hemalatha Vidyashankar.

Special teacher training sessions were conducted on the day of screening to sensitize the teachers to eye problems. Aditya Jyot got enormous support from partner organizations such as Kotak Education Foundation to screen underprivileged children.
UMEED 1000 Cyclothon 2018 — Paediatric eye screening in Maharashtra and Karnataka

UMEED 1000 Cyclothon 2018 is a CSR initiative of Ratnakar Bank Limited to raise funds for the education of underprivileged girls. As a part of the initiative, Aditya Jyot Foundation conducted paediatric eye screening camps in different locations of Maharashtra and Karnataka states.

We conducted camps in Pune, Kohlapur, Belgaum and Hubli with the support of local partner hospitals. Free Spectacles were given to needy children. 611 children were screened in the eye screening campaign. Children needing any other treatment were referred to partner hospitals.

Our camp coordinator Mr. Sagar Chakor visited campsites with a mobile ophthalmic van to ensure successful completion of screening. Aditya Jyot Foundation is heartily thankful to Ratnakar Bank, other donors and partner hospitals for their generous support in this noble endeavor.

Community Based children's eye Screening in M-Ward

'M- Ward is amongst the most under developed wards of Mumbai in term of infrastructure and human development. Health indicators of the M-Ward are worst among other wards of Mumbai. Aditya Jyot Foundation is doing eye screening in children of age 3-15 in Mandala and Shivajinagar slum areas of Mumbai. Project is started with the kind support of Tata capital financial services limited. Our Mobile Pediatric van goes to slum areas to screen children for eye problems. Free eye glasses are being provided to children with refractive errors. Squint and Childhood cataract cases are referred to Pediatric ophthalmologist for surgical intervention.

Project “Drushti” School Screening in Palghar District

Aditya Jyot conducted eye screening camps in Zila Parishad schools of Palghar district with the support of Kishore Musale Charitable Trust (KMCT). The screening Program covered students from 1st to 10th standard. Eye screening camps Zila Parishad and Ashram schools where 4,329 children were screened for eye problems. Free spectacles were given to the 108 children having uncorrected refractive errors. 56 children with other eye diseases were referred to nearest eye care facilities for further treatment. 16 children were found to have Vitamin-A deficiency. Aditya Jyot is trying to cover a significant number of tribal villages in school screening program to lessen the burden of eye ailments in school children.
Another satisfying year comes to a close. I look back with a sense of satisfaction on the lives transformed, the smiles we have spread.

As the new year dawns, it brings with it new challenges, new bonds & new hope. We are blessed to have the support of our patrons, well wishers and community at large.

With a strong, committed team determined to make a difference, Team AJFTLE is ready to tackle the burden of blindness of the community we live in.

Dr Radhika Krishnan,
Chief Executive Officer

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