

SANKAR FOUNDATION EYE HOSPITAL & INSTITUTE



**SANKAR FOUNDATION
A JEWEL IN EYE CARE**

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AIMING SKY:
Sankar Foundation Waging a War on avoidable Blindness



Heartfelt Thanks :
Women leave with high spirits after successful eye surgeries



Empowering Sight: A tribal woman undergoes eye exam at a community eye camp.



Face to Face with Vision:
A tribal woman assesses her vision in the mirror



A New Vision: A woman expressing joy and gratitude to Sankar Foundation doctors



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Leading the Way in Quality Eye Care

Eye care management is a critical aspect of healthcare that involves a comprehensive approach to delivering high-quality eye care services. Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital and Institute is committed to becoming a Centre of Excellence in Eye care. It aims to eradicate avoidable blindness and be socially responsible, reflecting the vision of its founder, **Sri Atmakuri Sankar Rao**, who laid the foundation for the hospital with a mission to offer excellent eye care to the underprivileged.

Eye care management encompasses a range of activities from providing high-quality clinical care to managing resources, conducting research, and ensuring continuous professional development, all aimed at preventing blindness and improving the quality of life for patients. Sankar Foundation also adapted best practices to enhance patient outcomes, satisfaction and ethical standards. This ensures that the surgical outcomes meet the highest standards and contribute to the overall operational efficiency of eye care institutions.

Sankar Foundation also aims to foster excellence in eye care delivery system, education and continuous research through the **Centre for Professional Development (CPD)**.



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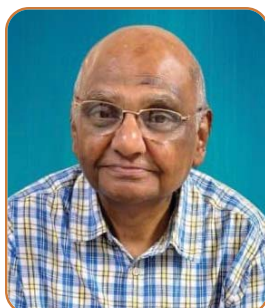


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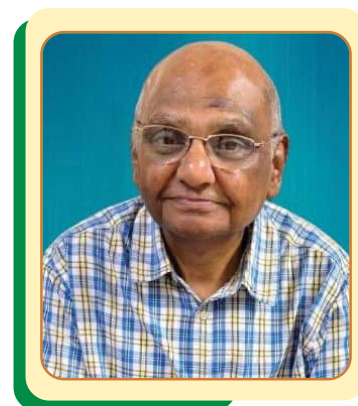


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Executive Trustee



Shri A Ram Kumar
Trustee

Chairman's Message



Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year at Sankar Foundation, we are filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. Our commitment to excellence in eye care and our dedication to improving the lives of those with visual impairments have brought laurels to the hospital.

This year, we have made significant strides in enhancing the quality of our services and expanding our reach to those in need. Our Quality Improvement initiatives have been instrumental in creating an organizational structure that sustains our projects and ensures the achievement of our goals and objectives. Our management's foresight and employee cooperation played a pivotal role in achieving excellence in quality eye care management.

Sankar Foundation has endeavored to streamline the systems to provide transparency in its operations. This leads to increase efficiency in its operations and helped improve ethical practices in the hospital.

I am proud to share that Sankar Foundation has achieved a significant milestone by performing 4,41,474 eye surgeries since its inception. Additionally, during the fiscal year 2023-24, we have successfully screened 2.56 million outpatients. This remarkable achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to providing quality eye care and improving the vision health of our community.

Our research teams have continued to push the boundaries of ophthalmology, contributing to the global understanding of visual outcomes. These efforts not only enhance our reputation as a leading institution in eye care but, more importantly, they improve the quality of life for our patients.

As we look to the future, we are proud of our achievements and of the opportunities that lie ahead. We will continue to invest in cutting-edge research, foster a culture of continuous learning and improvement, and above all, remain steadfast in our mission to eradicate avoidable blindness.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our doctors, dedicated staff, our Corporate supporters, our generous donors, the Media and our partners in the community. We also express our gratitude to the government of Andhra Pradesh, district administration, district coordinators, DM&HO, district coordinators, DBCS, district ophthalmic officers for their continuous support and guidance to the hospital. Your support is the cornerstone of our success. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of millions in eradication of avoidable blindness. The fiscal year 2023-24 has been a journey marked by resilience, challenges, and unwavering commitment to our mission.

I express my gratitude to our entire team and our stakeholders-the pillars of our success. Let us continue our journey, guided by compassion, innovation, and unwavering dedication to eye health.

Thank you for your continuous improvements, innovations and commitment to our cause.

M Ramdas

Chairman, Board of Trustees
Sankar Foundation

"SANKAR FOUNDATION: A BEACON OF HOPE AND EXCELLENCE IN EYE CARE"

The hospital is committed to providing excellent eye care to the underprivileged, transforming lives through its services. With a mission to eradicate avoidable blindness and a vision to become a Centre of Excellence in Eye care, the foundation continues to inspire others to serve humanity selflessly.

Over 4.42 Lakh Eye Surgeries since inception

Over 2.56 Million OP beneficiaries since inception

Total 39,503 Eye Surgeries performed during 2023-24

Total 2,15,096 Out Patients screened during 2023-24

45+ Ophthalmologists

SF Inks MOU with NIT AP, Tadepalligudem on Artificial Intelligence (AI) based research in the field of eye care

NABH Accredited Eye Care Hospital

Very Comprehensive Eye Care Provider

Strong Research & Training Institute

ENHANCING VISION THROUGH OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Operational efficiency in an eye hospital can be significantly enhanced by leveraging advanced technologies and methodologies.

The clinical advancements, operational efficiency also encompasses the management of patient flow and resources. Ensuring good post-operative outcomes, as recommended by the WHO, is not only crucial for patient satisfaction but also reflects the hospital's commitment to quality and efficiency. The operational efficiency in an eye hospital is a multifaceted goal that can be achieved through the adoption of innovative technologies, refined surgical techniques, effective resource management and a commitment to continuous improvement and research. Very experienced and a strong team of over 45 doctors, supported by Fellows, para-medical staff making significant contributions in enhancing the reputation of the hospital. Here the figures illustrate its capabilities and strengths.

2023-24 Financial Year

Base Hospital

Total Surgeries done	39,503
Total OP Screened	2,15,096
Cataract	23,179
Retina Surgeries	2856
Glaucoma Surgeries	347
Cornea Surgeries	3038
Pediatrics & Squint	72
Orbit & Oculoplasty	994
Other Surgeries	165
(These are all excluding Injections and different Procedures)	

Branches

SRIKAKULAM	
Surgeries	4362
OP Screened	17,120
MADDILAPALEM	
Surgeries	680
OP Screened	15,675
MADHURAWADA	
Surgeries	422
OP Screened	10,893
GAJUWAKA	
Surgeries	29
OP Screened	13,180

TRANSFORMING LIVES: SANKAR FOUNDATION EYE HOSPITAL'S OUTREACH SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital, located in Visakhapatnam, is dedicated to providing high-quality eye care services to the marginalized population in North coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh. Our outreach service activities are a crucial part of our mission to ensure accessibility and affordability of eye care for all.

Outreach Screening Camps: We organize regular screening camps in urban, rural and tribal areas to identify and treat eye diseases. These camps have been instrumental in creating awareness about eye health and ensuring that people in remote areas have access to specialized eye care services.

Community Eye Care Services: Our community eye care services are designed to reach out to people suffering from various eye conditions, including cataract, refractive errors, and orbital diseases. We have successfully strengthened our community eye care services through these initiatives.

Publicity and Media Coverage: We actively engage with the media to publicize our outreach activities. This has significantly increased patient visits to our hospital for various eye diseases, beyond just cataract and refractive errors.

Collaborations and Partnerships: We collaborate with national and international institutions for mutual learning and knowledge exchange. These partnerships help us enhance the quality of our services and stay updated with the latest advancements in eye care.

The performance during the year 2023-24 as follows.

OUT REACH FREE EYE CAMPS

YEAR	NO. OF CAMPS	OP	SELECT	PICKUP	CATARACT SURGERIES
2023-24	520	25883	14619	14571	12919
2022-23	514	31976	15586	14952	12607

IMPACT:

- Served more than 2.56 million outpatients since inception
- Performed 4.42 lakh eye surgeries since inception
- Accredited by NBE for DNB and conducting long-term and short-term fellowships.
- Operating four secondary care surgical centers in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh-Srikakulam, Maddilapalem, Gajuwaka and Madhurawada.

Our outreach service activities have made a significant impact on the eye health of the communities we serve. We remain committed to our mission of providing high-quality eye care to all, regardless of their socio-economic status.

COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT SANKAR FOUNDATION BRANCHES

INOX CAMPUS: A BEACON OF COMPREHENSIVE EYE CARE AT SANKAR FOUNDATION



Situated in the vibrant residential and commercial area of Maddilapalem, the INOX campus of Sankar Foundation stands as a beacon of comprehensive eye care services. Its strategic location in the heart of the city ensures easy accessibility for patients seeking expert ophthalmic care.

Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, this campus offers a wide array of services, including comprehensive eye examinations, diagnostic procedures, and advanced medical and surgical treatments in various subspecialties such as General Ophthalmology, Glaucoma, Retina, and Cornea.

The INOX campus prides itself on its commitment to patient comfort and safety. With its modern modular operation theatre and a 25-bed capacity, it provides an optimal environment for efficient surgical interventions and post-operative care. A team of four highly

experienced eye specialists ensures that patients receive the best possible care and attention.

Having earned prestigious accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH), the INOX campus maintains high standards of quality and patient-cantered care. Recently, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has accorded Dr. YSR Arogya Sree empanelment (now renamed as Dr. NTR Vydyha Seva) to Sankar Foundation, enabling it to extend services to underprivileged individuals under this scheme. This initiative underscores the Foundation's commitment to providing essential eye care services to the below-poverty-line community.

MADHURAWADA CAMPUS OF SANKAR FOUNDATION

As the city rapidly expands towards Madhurawada, Sankar Foundation recognized the need for a dedicated eye care facility to serve the growing population in this area. In response to this demand, the Foundation established the Madhurawada Campus three years ago, which has since become a preferred destination for quality eye care services within the local community.



The Madhurawada Campus offers comprehensive eye examinations and cutting-edge surgical interventions, facilitated by a state-of-the-art operation theatre complex. With a focus on providing efficient care, the campus also offers day care facilities, enabling patients to receive specialized treatments and return home the same day.

Highly skilled ophthalmologists at the Madhurawada Campus ensure that patients receive personalized attention and specialized care. The dedicated team's expertise, coupled with modern infrastructure, contributes to the delivery of excellent eye care services that meet the highest standards of quality.

GAJUWAKA CAMPUS OF SANKAR FOUNDATION



Located in the industrially vibrant region of Gajuwaka in Visakhapatnam, the Gajuwaka (BC Road) Campus of Sankar Foundation addresses the growing demand for comprehensive eye care services in this area. Initially established to provide outpatient examinations, the campus quickly received widespread appreciation from the public, highlighting the need for expanded facilities.

Today, the Gajuwaka Campus operates as a fully-fledged eye care facility, serving both the industrial workforce and the local community with holistic eye care services. The branch is equipped with two ultra-modern Operation Theaters (OTs), senior doctors, and a wide array of modern clinical facilities, including a pharmacy, laboratory, and a 20-bed ward. These resources ensure the hospital can effectively cater to the needs of the industrial area, providing top-notch medical care and support.



Sri Doraswamy, Indian Partner, Brandix inaugurated the Gajuwaka Branch of Sankar Foundation. Sri A Krishna Kumar, Sri A Vijaya Kumar, Our Executive Trustees and Sri K Radhakrishnan, GM and others are seen.

SRIKAKULAM CAMPUS OF SANKAR FOUNDATION

For more than two decades, Sankar Foundation has been tirelessly serving the underprivileged district of Srikakulam through its outreach programs. Recognizing the growing demand for comprehensive eye care services in the region, the Foundation established a secondary eye hospital with a capacity of 50 beds two years ago. With all clinical facilities like Pharmacy, Lab, day care etc. Since its inauguration, the Srikakulam Campus has been warmly embraced by the local community, acknowledging the exceptional care and services provided. The facility is equipped with the necessary infrastructure and staffed by three experienced ophthalmologists who deliver comprehensive eye care services, including examinations, diagnostics, and advanced treatments.



The Srikakulam branch has been empaneled by Arogya Sree/Dr. NTR Vydy Seva, aimed at providing comprehensive treatment to the poor and needy, further strengthening the Foundation's ability to serve the underprivileged in Srikakulam. Through this initiative, the Srikakulam Campus extends its support to the most vulnerable members of society, ensuring that no individual is denied access to quality eye care due to financial constraints.



Bringing Vision to Villages: Free eye camps in Srikakulam district by Sankar Foundation Outreach team.

FOREVER GRATEFUL : A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Supporters through the years: Your Trust Lights Our Path



Partners in Progress: Driving Excellence Together



Visionary Alliance: Brandix Continued Support to Sankar Foundation Enhances Community Eye Care

Brandix, a global leader in apparel manufacturing, under the able leadership of Sri Pachipala Doraswamy, Indian Partner, has been a steadfast partner of Sankar Foundation, playing a crucial role in enhancing community health through its continuous support. This partnership has been instrumental in conducting free eye camps and distributing free spectacles to patients, significantly impacting the lives of many underprivileged individuals.

Sankar Foundation expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Brandix for their continuous support and unwavering trust in the hospital. This partnership has been instrumental in our journey towards achieving excellence in eye care.

Free Eye Camps: Brandix's support has enabled Sankar Foundation to organize numerous free eye camps in their location, particularly targeting rural and underserved areas. **During the year 2023-24, Sankar Foundation has conducted 20 eye camps, screened 7408 Out patients, performed 54 surgeries and distributed 5325 spectacles free of cost to the patients at the sprawling Brandix India Apparel City (BIAC) campus.**

The collaboration has been pivotal in identifying and addressing eye health issues at an early stage, thereby preventing avoidable blindness and improving the quality of life for many.

Distribution of Free Spectacles: One of the standout initiatives of this partnership is the distribution of free spectacles to patients diagnosed with vision problems during the eye camps. Brandix's generosity ensures that those in need, especially those who cannot afford corrective eyewear, receive the necessary support to restore their vision. This initiative not only enhances the visual health of the recipients but also empowers them to lead more productive and fulfilling lives. This collaboration exemplifies the power of corporate social responsibility and the profound impact that well-coordinated efforts can have on public health.

A Commitment to Health and Well-being: By supporting Sankar Foundation's mission to eradicate avoidable blindness, Brandix has made a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals, fostering a healthier and more equitable society. Together, they continue to pave the way for a brighter future, ensuring that eye care services are accessible to all, regardless of their socio-economic status.



Sri Doraswamy engaging with patients and children at the eye camp, showcasing his commitment to enhancing their quality of life through Brandix's social responsibility initiatives.

Sankar Foundation's Gratitude to Arcelor Mittal and Nippon Steel (AMNS)



Sankar Foundation conveys our heartfelt appreciation to Arcelor Mittal and Nippon Steel (AMNS) for their valuable support in our endeavor to eliminate preventable blindness and provide comprehensive eye care services to underprivileged tribal communities in Dantewada district, Chhattisgarh.

We are delighted to share that our eye camps have positively impacted the lives of hundreds of individuals, enabling them to lead dignified and independent lives in their old age.

For the past 26 years, we have been actively serving the North Coastal Districts of Andhra Pradesh, including Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam, as well as Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Our focus has been on delivering high-quality eye care services across all ophthalmology sub-specialties, with particular emphasis on serving the underprivileged.

This extraordinary achievement is a testament to our unwavering dedication and commitment to eliminating avoidable blindness. We owe this success to the invaluable contributions and unwavering support of numerous corporate and public sector undertakings, who have played a pivotal role in our mission. Among these esteemed partners, AMNS has been significantly instrumental.

We are delighted to report that our partnership with AMNS continues to grow. This year alone, with their generous support, we organized six eye camps in Malkangiri district. Through these camps, we screened a total of 1,448 individuals from tribal areas. Of those, 1,139 people with refractive errors were provided with spectacles of their choice, elegantly packaged in branded boxes featuring the AMNS logo. Essential medicines were also distributed to 802 patients in need during the camps. Additionally, we identified 217 people requiring cataract surgeries, who were referred to the government hospital for further treatment.



Appreciation for Larsen & Toubro's Continued Support



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the management team at Larsen & Toubro for their continued collaboration on our latest project aimed at ensuring a brighter future for young citizens through improved eyesight. Hundreds of children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are pursuing their education in government schools join us in expressing our gratitude to Larsen & Toubro for their admirable efforts in enhancing these young lives. Your invaluable support for the school eye screening project

initiated last year has already made a significant impact on their ability to see clearly.

This year, under your CSR initiative, we have launched a new project to screen 9,762 school-going children from government schools. The dedication shown by Larsen & Toubro to the future generation of our nation is truly commendable. We began this project after informing and securing the necessary permissions from the District Educational Officer, starting with the Gajuwaka School. The project was inaugurated by Sri K.V. Subba Rao, the Joint General Manager, and the distribution of spectacles was carried out by Sri A.K. Srivatsav, General Manager of the Vizag unit.

So far, we have successfully completed eye screenings in six government schools, namely Gajuwaka School, boys' and girls' schools in Gopalapatnam, Chandrampalem High School, Malkapuram School, and Pendurthy School. We have screened 7,400 students and provided 721 pairs of spectacles to those in need. In addition, we have offered immediate medical assistance to those requiring it.



Barzilai Foundation Supports Eye Screening Camps at ZP High Schools

Sankar Foundation has successfully completed eye screening camps at ZP High Schools in Sabbavaram Mandal and Mallunaidupalem, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh, with support from Barzilai Foundation. This historic collaboration marks the beginning of a partnership aimed at creating a society free from avoidable blindness. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Barzilai Foundation for their invaluable collaboration.

The eye screening project at ZP High School in Sabbavaram Mandal was inaugurated by Sri Kesava Kishore Majji from the Barzilai Foundation on February 16th, 2024.



Similarly, an eye screening camp was organized at ZP High School in Mallunaidupalem on February 22nd, 2024. Students diagnosed with refractive errors promptly received prescribed glasses from our ophthalmologist. They were given the opportunity to choose frames that suited their preferences from our selection. Additionally, students requiring medication were provided with prescribed medicine along with instructions for its usage.

Twenty students from Mallunaidupalem School were referred to our main hospital for further examination. On March 2nd, 2024, nineteen students and four teaching staff were transported to our main hospital for detailed examination and subsequent treatment.



Heartfelt Gratitude to INOX Air Products



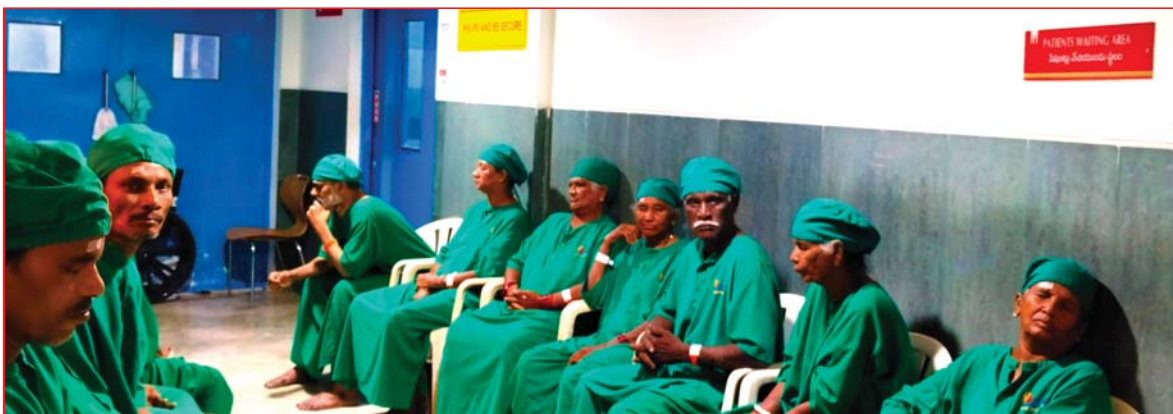
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to INOX Air Products for their continued partnership with Sankar Foundation. Your unwavering support has made a profound difference in our mission to provide quality eye care and eliminate avoidable blindness.

- **800 EYE SURGERIES** have been **successfully** completed using the microscope at the INOX campus in Maddilapalem.

Path to Clear Vision: A woman undergoing an eye exam before a successful surgery.

Your donations have been instrumental in providing high-quality treatment, and we are deeply grateful for the trust you place in our foundation. Your generosity will leave a lasting impact on the lives of countless patients and their families. We are honored to partner with a company like INOX, which shares our commitment to delivering exceptional eye care.

Filled with joy and gratitude, Nookalamma regained her sight and hope for the future. She expressed heartfelt thanks to Sankar Foundation and INOX for their life-changing support that gave her a new lease on life.



Hopeful Faces: Patients patiently awaiting their turn for life-changing eye surgeries.

LEADING THE WAY IN EXCEPTIONAL PATIENT CARE

At Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital, we are dedicated to delivering exceptional eye care services to all our patients. Our patient-centered initiatives are crafted to enhance care, improve outcomes, and ensure accessibility for everyone. Below are some of the key initiatives we have implemented:

Comprehensive Eye Care Services:

We offer a wide array of services, including thorough eye examinations, medical treatments, and surgeries with state-of-the-art equipment. Our experienced team of ophthalmologists and support staff is committed to providing the highest standard of care. With "Patient First" as one of our core values, we ensure that each patient receives personalized attention, with treatment plans tailored to their specific needs.



Vision Restored:

Smiling faces as patients prepare to return home post-surgery

Community Outreach Programs:

Sankar Foundation's mission is to serve the community, especially the underprivileged. Community outreach camps form a vital part of this mission, bringing essential eye care services to underserved populations. These camps play a crucial role in early detection and treatment, significantly reducing preventable blindness in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

Affordability and Sustainability:

While maintaining high standards of care, we strive to offer cost-effective services. Paying patients at our hospital not only receive world-class treatment but also support those in need, ensuring that we can continue to serve both with excellence. Our sustainability initiatives help us maintain financial health, enabling us to serve our patients effectively and efficiently. We recognize and reward the achievements and professional development of our staff and students, fostering a culture of excellence and innovation within the hospital. Our specialists provide care for a range of eye conditions, including Cataracts, Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Floaters, Dry Eye, Corneal transplants, Glaucoma, Amblyopia (Lazy Eye), Astigmatism, Paediatric eye conditions, and Squint corrections, among others.



Guidance and Care:

Nursing sister explaining post-surgery precautions to the patients.

Role of Nursing Staff in Patient Care:

Nurses are the vital link between doctors and patients, playing an essential role in patient care at Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital. They are actively involved in a wide range of duties, from assisting in surgeries to providing pre- and post-operative care, administering medications, and participating in outreach camps. Given that 70% of our patients come from underserved areas, the role of our nursing staff is even more critical. Educating patients about post-operative care and ensuring they attend follow-up visits are key to maintaining their eye health.



Caring Hands:

Our nursing staff is the heart of our healthcare team and ensures every patient feels cared for and valued.

Training and Professional Development:

Sankar Foundation offers training programs to equip nurses with the skills they need to meet the growing demands of patient care. Nurses must continuously adapt, expand their practical skills, and take on administrative responsibilities, such as maintaining accurate patient records and ensuring compliance with statutory norms.

Challenges in Nursing Care:

Nurses at Sankar Foundation face significant challenges, including managing the high volume of patients. Our hospital so far has served over 2.65 million outpatients, which places immense pressure on our nursing staff. Another challenge is staying current with the latest advancements in eye care technology and procedures. To help nurses perform their duties efficiently, the hospital ensures they have access to the necessary tools and equipment, reducing the physical and mental strain associated with their work.

Sankar Foundation also fosters a supportive environment focused on managing stress and preventing burnout, ensuring our nursing staff can thrive while delivering exceptional care.



Key Achievements of the 2023-24 Financial Year

Sankar Foundation launching "Family Glaucoma Screening Programme:

Sankar Foundation, a reputed eye care hospital at Naidutota, Visakhapatnam is launching "Family Glaucoma Screening Programme" on Sunday (30th April) 2023 for treating all the family members of identified glaucoma patients in the north coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh. This programme will continue on last Sunday of every month in the hospital for the benefit of patients.

Glaucoma is a "silent thief of sight" and progressive and irreversible condition and early detection and management are of utmost importance to slow or prevent vision loss, according to Dr. T Raveendra.

Sri Gudivada Amarnath, Minister for Industries inaugurates "Smt Atmakuri Yasodha Centre for Professional Development" in Sankar Foundation

Sri Gudivada Amarnath, Minister for Industries, Investment, Infrastructure, Commerce & Information Technology, GoAP today inaugurated the newly built "Smt Atmakuri Yasodha Centre for Professional Development" in Sankar Foundation which was aimed to strengthen the Research & Development arena in Ophthalmology in the hospital on July 19th, 2023. Sri A Adeeppraju, MLA Pendurthy congratulated the doctors and the team of Sankar Foundation for doing high number of eye surgeries to the BPL families and assured all support from the government in their future endeavors.



Sri Atmakuri Krishna Kumar, Executive Trustee expressed his happiness for naming the new Centre on his mothers name and for fulfilling the dreams of Late Sankar Rao in developing the hospital to newer heights.

Sri Adeep Raj, MLA Pendurthy starts BT road works to Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital



Sri A Adeep Raj, MLA, Pendurthy laid foundation stone for a BT road (estimated to cost around Rs 20 lakhs) from Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital to Saibaba Temple in Sai Madhavnagar, Naidutota, 93 Ward in GVMC on 18th August 2023. Sri Adeep Raj was accorded a warm welcome by Sri Krishna Kumar Atmakuri, Executive Trustee and Sri K Radhakrishnan, GM (Admn & Operations), Sri K Bangar Raju, Dy GM (PR & Liaison) Sankar Foundation. Sri Raparthy Triveni Varaprasad Rao (Kanna), 93 Division Corporator, GVMC was present on the occasion.

Lotus Award bestowed on Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital



Sankar Foundation Sankar Foundation. a multi specialty Eye Hospital Naidutota, Visakhapatnam has been presented with LOTUS Award for holistic development of an Organization to serve Community better for the Year 2023. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000/- also.

The award was presented by Dr Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO, VISION 2020-The Right to Sight India during the 17th Annual conference held on August 27th at GOMABAI Netralaya, Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh today. RN Mohanty, President Vi-

sion 2020 was present in the occasion.

The award was received by V Ramesh Kumar, DGM, KV Venugopal, AGM & Appalaraju, Sr Manager on behalf of Sankar Foundation. The award was presented to Sankar Foundation in the category of Community Ophthalmology.

Sankar Foundation installs Modern "OCT" at Srikakulam branch to diagnosis Retinal Disorders

Sankar Foundation, a reputed Eye Hospital at Simhadwaram, Srikakulam added another new facility (08.09.23) called Ocular Coherence Tomography (OCT) to extend medical Retina services to the people of Srikakulam and neighboring areas under the guidance of Dr Krishna, Senior Retina Surgeon, Sankar Foundation. The new equipment will enable the doctors to identify any abnormality in the Retina, most important structure in the eyes. The new facility is in addition to the cataract surgical services in the hospital.



Sankar Foundation performs an advanced "iStent" Glaucoma Surgery



Sankar Foundation , a multi Specialty Eye Hospital, Naidutota, Visakhapatnam achieved a remarkable success by performing an advanced "Glaukos iStent Inject Surgery -W Model" by Dr T Raveendra, Director and HOD, Glaucoma Department of the Hospital. This model, a 3rd Generation Model of the patented design from Glaukos International, USA and was introduced in India in November, 2023.

The iStent has been implanted for successful control of pressure in a Glaucoma patient in Sankar Foundation Hospital. The Stent made from Titanium Metal, measures 360 Micro Meters. It is designed, made and imported from United States of America. Approved by FDA, USA in 2012

Sri Doraswamy, Brandix India Partner inaugurates Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital Gajuwaka Centre



Sri P Doraswamy, Brandix India Partner formally inaugurated Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital Gajuwaka Centre on this auspicious occasion on January 22nd, 2024. He was apprised of the latest facilities in the hospital and witnessed the OT equipment and other facilities incorporated in the centre. Sri Doraswamy was very much impressed about the facilities and appreciated the management of Sankar Foundation for serving the society in the elimination of avoidable blindness. Dr Prakash, Chief GM (Medical),

Dr Sarangi, GM (Medical) Vizag Steel Plant were the guests of honour.

Sri Atmakuri Krishna Kumar, Sri A Vijaya Kumar, Executive Trustees, Sri K Radhakrishnan, GM (Admn & Operations), Dr Nasrin, Dr Sirisha, Dr Krishna, Dr Mamatha, Dr Subba Rao and senior officials of Sankar Foundation were present on the occasion..

Sankar Foundation organizes Workshop on Clinical Updates in Ophthalmology

Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital, Naiduthota, Visakhapatnam organized a one day workshop on Clinical Updates in Ophthalmology on 29th January, 2024 in its premises with the aim to share the latest innovations and technological advancements in eye care management. The District Programmes Manager (DPMs), Para medical Ophthalmic Officers, Kanti Velugu Para Medial Ophthalmic Assistants participated in the workshop from six districts of North Andhra Pradesh.



Executive Trustee Sri Krishna Kumar Atmakuri, Sri Vijaya Kumar Atmakuri, Sri K Radhakrishnan, GM (Admn & Operations) graced the occasion.

Dr V Meenakshi, Superintendent, Regional Eye Hospital was felicitated on the occasion. Dr GV Ramana Kumar, DPM, Anakapalle district, Dr K Sukumar Babu, DPM, Parvathipuram, Dr T Visweswarrao Naidu, DPM, ASR District were also felicitated to mark the occasion.



CENTER FOR CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

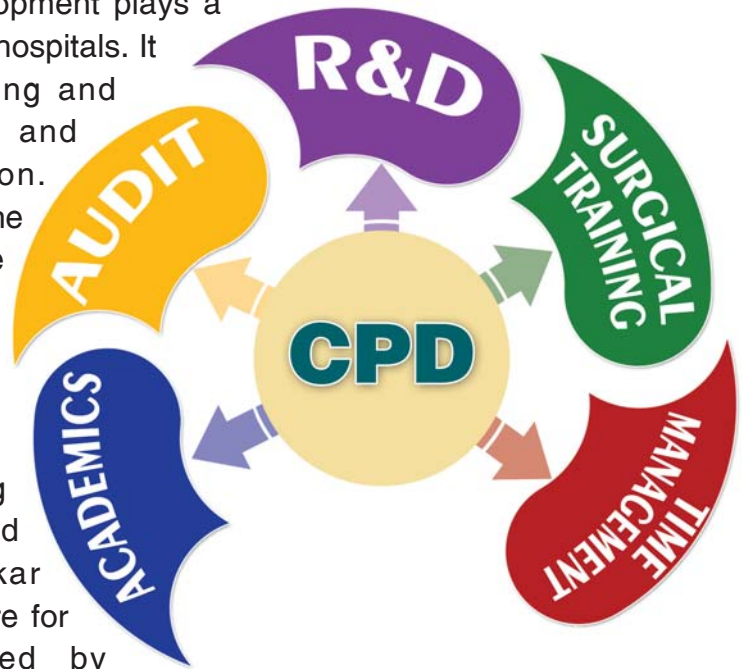
The 5 Pillars of CPD with R&D as the Keystone

The Center for Continuous Professional Development plays a crucial role in advancing ophthalmic care in eye hospitals. It involves a systematic approach to improving and introducing any new treatment modalities and enhancing patient care through innovation. Academics, Surgical Training, Audits, R&D & Time management activities go on in an intricate manner to be able to bring improvements holistically & comprehensively for all the stake holders.

Sankar Foundation is making continuous efforts to improve the eye care management with its strong holistic approach to the vision, mission and values defined. To realize this goal, Sankar Foundation has started "Atmakuri Yasoda Centre for Professional Development (CPD) headed by Dr T Raveendra, Director., CQI & Research & HOD, Glaucoma

Department. The CPD housed in an ambient atmosphere to strengthen research and support the doctors in taking forward the clinical services with incorporation of relevant research in eye care management.

The CPD envisions a future where doctors are empowered to deliver high-quality, evidence-based, and patient-centered care, while also contributing to the generation and dissemination of new knowledge and best practices. The CPD strives to make SFEHI a leading provider of professional development programs and resources for doctors across all disciplines and stages of their careers.



Championing Ethics:

Dr. T. Raveendra addressing a meeting on ethical practices in health care.

ACTIVITIES

The CPD organizes regular events and workshops on of clinical skills, research methods, ethics, communication, teamwork, and innovation. The CPD collaborates with various stakeholders, such as academic institutions, professional associations, health authorities, and industry partners, to ensure that its services are relevant, responsive, and accessible to the doctors' needs and interests.

The hospital adheres to strict ethical guidelines and requires all research proposals to undergo a thorough review process before approval. At Sankar Foundation, Collaboration opportunities are available, and interested parties should reach out for explore potential R&D partnerships.

The 5 Pillars of CPD with R&D as the Keystone: At Sankar Foundation, we are deeply committed to the advancement of ophthalmic care through our dedicated Research & Development (R&D) and Centre for Professional Development. The five pillars are Medical Education, Training, Audit, R&D and Time Management activities to remain at the forefront of eye care excellence.

Research & Development (R&D): Our research initiatives span various sub-specialties within ophthalmology, including cataract, glaucoma, retina, cornea, orbit & Oculoplasty and paediatric eye care.

Centre for Professional Development: The Centre for Professional Development at Sankar Foundation is dedicated to the continuous education and training of our healthcare professionals. We recognize that the rapidly evolving field of ophthalmology requires our staff to stay updated with the latest advancements and best practices. To this end, we offer a range of programs and workshops designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of our medical, technical, and administrative staff.

Through our R&D and Centre for Professional Development, Sankar Foundation is committed to driving the future of eye care. By investing in research and fostering professional growth, we aim to provide the highest quality of care to our patients and make significant contributions to the field of ophthalmology.

Sankar Foundation Collaborates with NIT AP to Propel AI Innovations in Eye Care



In a major breakthrough Sankar Foundation has associated with NIT AP-Tadepalligudem to collaborate on Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based research in the field of eye care. The aim of this collaboration is to leverage the combined strengths and expertise of both parties to advance the frontiers of science and technology in Ophthalmology.

Global Vision: Dr. P. Krishna Prasad, Director of Medical Education, speaking at an international Ophthalmology conference in Singapore.



HUMAN RESOURCES: THE CORNERSTONE OF SUCCESS AT SANKAR FOUNDATION

At the heart of Sankar Foundation's impressive achievements lies a pivotal element: its Human Resources. The Foundation's success is intricately tied to the dedication, expertise, and collaborative spirit of its team. Recognizing this, Sankar Foundation has cultivated a work environment that prioritizes employee well-being, professional growth, and effective delegation, resulting in enhanced productivity and job satisfaction. That's why Sankar Foundation proudly holds the reputation of being the "Best Place to Work."

A dedicated team of over 60 ophthalmologists and a committed workforce of 466 employees including consultants, paramedical, other supporting staff, DNBs and Fellows, are tirelessly serving society, propelling the hospital to new heights of excellence. The House keeping and Security services are outsourced.



Sankar Foundation, In addition to the base hospital at Naidutota, Visakhapatnam, has its branches and surgical centres at Srikakulam, Maddilapalem, Madhurawada and Gajuwaka, equipped with the state of the art facilities catering to the needs of North Coastal combined Districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam.

Fostering a Supportive Work Environment

Sankar Foundation understands that a motivated and happy workforce is essential for delivering high-quality healthcare. By creating a supportive work environment, the Foundation ensures that its employees feel valued and respected. Initiatives such as sending doctors and employees for national symposiums/programmes, regular wellness programs, mental health support, and team-building activities foster a sense of community and belonging among staff members. This positive atmosphere not only boosts morale among employees but also translates into better patient care.

Effective Delegation and Empowerment

One of the critical drivers of increased productivity at Sankar Foundation is its emphasis on effective delegation. By distributing responsibilities appropriately and empowering employees to make decisions within their areas of expertise, the Foundation fosters a sense of ownership and accountability. This approach not only streamlines operations but also encourages innovation and problem-solving among staff members. Employees are more likely to contribute their best efforts when they feel trusted and empowered to take initiative.

Professional Growth and Development

Investing in the professional growth of its employees is a cornerstone of Sankar Foundation's HR strategy. Continuous learning opportunities, such as training programs, workshops, and conferences, are provided to keep staff updated with the latest advancements in their fields. By encouraging skill development and knowledge enhancement, the Foundation empowers its employees to excel in their roles and take on new challenges with confidence.

Employee Welfare Initiatives: Enhancing Well-being and Fostering Growth

- Strict compliance to statutory Provident Fund (PF), Professional Tax, ESI, Gratuity guidelines
- Leave policy on par with Government guidelines- Leave Encashment once in a year, Bonus etc.
- All employees who have completed one year of service is eligible for yearly increment.
- Group Medical Insurance to all employees who are not covered under ESI. Providing accidental Insurance to all employees and Consultants
- Uniforms to all employees reflecting belongingness and good work culture
- Providing a subsidized meal at Rs.10 to all employees and free Tea once in a day
- Providing a gift voucher of Rs 3116 to the newly married employees
- Distribution of sweet packets on the occasion of staff birthdays
- Interest free loans to the employees who have completed 5 years of service on emergency necessities (marriage, education and health purpose)
- Medical facilities like OP (free) and 50% discount on procedures, reduction of Rs 5000 on surgeries to employees, spouse, children and parents.
- To and from free transport to the employees upto 5 KMs radius.
- Annual Health Check Ups to all employees
- Hepatitis -B vaccination to all employees who are handling patients.

Collaboration and Teamwork

Collaboration is a fundamental aspect of Sankar Foundation's success. The Foundation promotes interdisciplinary teamwork, bringing together diverse expertise to address complex healthcare challenges. Regular meetings, knowledge-sharing sessions, and collaborative projects ensure that all team members are aligned and working towards common goals. This collaborative spirit enhances efficiency and leads to innovative solutions that benefit both patients and the organization.

Recognition, Acknowledging and rewarding the hard work and dedication of employees is a key component of Sankar Foundation's HR practices. Regular recognition programs, performance incentives, and career advancement opportunities motivate staff to strive for excellence. By celebrating achievements and providing clear pathways for career growth, the Foundation ensures that employees remain engaged and committed to their work.

Sankar Foundation's Flagship Education Program

As part of its commitment to fostering excellence in healthcare, Sankar Foundation operates a comprehensive education program through its School of Optometry, encompassing various medical and paramedical courses. This flagship program includes:

- DNB Courses: Offering Post MBBS and Post PG specializations, enabling medical professionals to deepen their expertise.

- Our DNB admissions attracts professionals from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir and Bihar states because Sankar Foundation has high footfall of patients and state-of-the art facilities with a strong contingent of 60+ Ophthalmologists.
- Fellowships in Ophthalmology: Advanced training opportunities for ophthalmologists to enhance their skills and knowledge.
- **Paramedical Courses:**

❖ B.Sc in Optometry	❖ Diploma in Ophthalmic Assistant
❖ Diploma in Optometry Technician	❖ Diploma in Medical Sterilization

Through these educational initiatives, Sankar Foundation aims to cultivate a new generation of skilled healthcare professionals dedicated to improving eye care and overall health services.

In conclusion, the success of Sankar Foundation is a testament to the power of strong Human Resources practices. By fostering a supportive work environment, operating a comprehensive education program, investing in professional growth, and implementing effective delegation strategies, the Foundation has created a high-performing and motivated workforce. This approach not only enhances productivity but also significantly contributes to the overall happiness and well-being of employees. As Sankar Foundation continues to prioritize its human resources, it sets a benchmark for excellence in healthcare and employee satisfaction.

FESTIVE SPIRIT MARKS SANKRANTI

● **Recreational & Cultural initiatives**

Doctors and women employees actively participated in Sankranti celebrations. Beautiful Rangoli designs created by enthusiastic participants. Male and female employees engaged in sports competitions, reflects Team Spirit. Employees in colourful dresses marking the joyous occasion. Glimpses of the vibrant Sankranti festivities at Sankar Foundation.



Sankar Foundation doctors and staff celebrate Sankranti in vibrant, colorful attire, showcasing unity and festivities within the hospital.

Celebrating Excellence: Clinical Achievements of Sankar Foundation's Doctors

Innovations in Glaucoma Care: Highlighting 2023-24 Milestones

Introduction: The Glaucoma Department has had a year marked by significant progress and achievements. Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to improve patient outcomes through advancements in diagnosis, treatment, and research. This article highlights the key milestones and accomplishments of the Glaucoma Department for the year 2023-24.

Innovations in Diagnosis

Early diagnosis is crucial for managing glaucoma. This year, we've enhanced our diagnostic capabilities with advanced imaging technologies like Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography (OCTA), which provide detailed vascular images for early detection. Additionally, we are researching AI integration to speed up diagnosis and improve assessment reliability.

Advancements in Treatment

Treatment for glaucoma has seen significant advancements this year, with a focus on both medical and surgical interventions. Our department has been at the forefront of adopting minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries (MIGS), which offer patients safer and less invasive options compared to traditional surgeries. Procedures such as Trabecular micro-bypass stenting (Istent®) and Goniotomy (Kahook Dual Blade®) have shown promising results in reducing intraocular pressure and preserving vision.

Education and Clinical Research

We have also placed a strong emphasis on clinical education and Clinical Research. Understanding glaucoma and its management is crucial for patients to actively participate in their care. New ways of teaching and learning have enhanced quality of care. We have participated in Glaucoma Society of India Conference in Poona with presentations based on our activities.

Community Outreach and Awareness of Patient Care initiatives

This year, the Glaucoma Department raised awareness about glaucoma through community outreach, stressing regular eye exams and early detection. Our World Glaucoma Week Rally was a success. We produced educational materials like brochures, videos, and online resources, and organized seminars and support groups for patients.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to the coming year, the Glaucoma Department remains committed to advancing the field of glaucoma care through continued innovation, research and patient-cantered care. Our goals for the future include further enhancing our diagnostic and treatment capabilities, expanding our research initiatives, and strengthening our community outreach efforts.

We are also excited about the potential of emerging technologies, such as telemedicine and remote monitoring, to improve access to care and support our patients in managing their condition. By embracing these innovations, we aim to provide more convenient and effective care to our patients, regardless of their location.



Dr. T Raveendra

Director, CQI & Research
HOD, Glaucoma

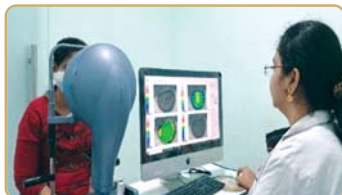


World Glaucoma Week Rally 2023-24



Attending the Transforming Paradigms in Ophthalmology at Singapore, Dr T Raveendra and Prof P Krishna Prasad meeting with Prof Paul Foster, UK

Cornea Department: Pioneering Excellence in Eye Care

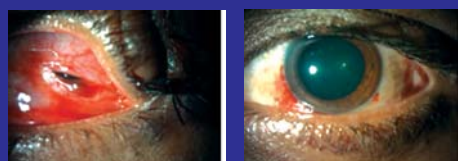
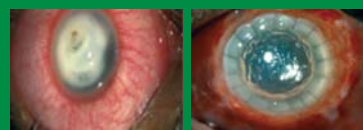


The Cornea Department at Sankar Foundation serves as a vital tertiary care center, specializing in emergency trauma cases such as corneal ulcers and open globe injuries. The department extends its high-quality emergency care beyond the immediate vicinity, catering to patients from surrounding villages of North Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. The Cornea Department is equipped with advanced technology to ensure precise diagnosis and effective treatment.

In 2024, the department treated approximately 11,500 OPD patients with various corneal diseases and successfully performed around 2,500 surgeries. These procedures included keratoplasties, collagen cross-linking, conjunctival limbal autografts, ocular surface neoplasia management, ocular surface reconstruction with amniotic membrane, and sclero-corneal tear repairs. A significant proportion of these surgeries were emergencies, underscoring the department's pivotal role in delivering timely and effective ophthalmic care.

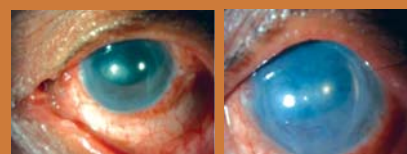
The success of the department is driven by a dedicated team of skilled doctors and fellows, who work tirelessly to provide exceptional care. Their expertise, combined with a commitment to training and mentoring the next generation of cornea specialists, ensures the highest standards of treatment and continual advancements in corneal care. Some case reports as follows...

A teenage girl presented with a perforated corneal ulcer in the left eye, with a history of self-medication that led to rapid progression of the condition. Given the high suspicion of a virulent organism, an emergency therapeutic keratoplasty (TPK) was performed to control the infection and preserve the eye, especially considering the patient's young age. Postoperative evaluation of the excised tissue confirmed fulminant *Pythium* keratitis. Timely intervention successfully saved the eye.



A middle-aged male presented with a scleral tear, vitreous prolapse, exposed choroid, and vitreous hemorrhage following a water heater blast injury. Vision was limited to perception of light (PL) and projection of rays (PR). Due to the high risk of infection and retinal detachment, immediate surgical intervention was performed. The vitreous hemorrhage resolved and the patient gained 6/9 vision.

A male patient aged 50 years presented with pain redness watering and defective vision in the eye for which he underwent cataract surgery outside. Cornea was decompensated due to badly placed intraocular lens for which the IOL was explanted and DSAEK along with SFIOL done and patient is doing well



Dr. Nasrin

Director, Medical Admn & Training
HOD, Cornea Department

Advancing Knowledge: Key Accomplishments in
MEDICAL EDUCATION
at Sankar Foundation

SFEHI's Head of the Institute, Prof. Pallem Krishna Prasad, has established excellence in the fields of ophthalmology and mentorship, setting new standards in ophthalmic education. The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India), New Delhi, accredited SFEHI in 2012 to offer Diplomate of National Board (DNB) courses in Ophthalmology, namely DNB Post MBBS courses and DNB Post Diploma courses. In 2023, eight DNB candidates were allotted. To date, all DNB residents have successfully cleared the examinations.

Highlights of Paramedical Education: Our 120 paramedical students, studying Government Recognized B.Sc Optometry, DOA, DOM, DMST, MPH (F), and OT courses at SFEHI's college, have actively volunteered in various events such as World Sight Day, World Optometry Day Celebrations, Eye Donation Fortnight, and Children's Day Celebrations. They have organized numerous eye care awareness programs, including flash mobs, skits, and poster-making activities. **Achievements:** Four students from the School of Optometry had their posters selected for a conference at the Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research in Chennai. Additionally, Mrs. Bhuvana Kalyani (M.Sc Optom, Faculty) and Ms. Sumana Sri (B.Sc Optometry, 3rd year student) authored a review article titled "Advances in Myopia Control Strategies for Children - A Brief Review," which was published in the International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR).



Dr. P. Krishna Prasad, Director of Medical Education, engaging with DNBs, paramedical staff, and teaching staff on achieving benchmarking standards at the Optometry College of Sankar Foundation.



Prof. P Krishna Prasad
Director, Medical Education

RETINA DEPARTMENT 2024: A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

The year 2024, the Vitreo-Retina Department continued to demonstrate its commitment to excellence in patient care, research, and clinical outcomes. Here are some highlights from 2024:

Clinical Milestones

- ◆ Successfully performed over 1,000 vitreoretinal surgeries and administered more than 1,800 intravitreal injections for various diseases such as diabetic retinopathy, ARMD, and macular disorders, ensuring state-of-the-art care for complex retinal conditions.
- ◆ Expanded neonatal care by providing ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity) screenings at Apollo Hospitals and Victoria Government Hospital, ensuring early diagnosis and treatment to prevent blindness in premature infants.
- ◆ Conducted familial screenings for hereditary disorders like Marfan syndrome, successfully operating on five members of the same family for ectopia lentis.

State-of-the-Art Diagnostic and Treatment Equipment

- ◆ **SSOCT:** Access to Swept Source OCT, allowing us to obtain high-resolution images of the retina, and OCTA (OCT Angiography) facilities, improving the precision of diagnosis and treatment.
- ◆ FFA (Fluorescein Angiography), FAF (Fundus Auto fluorescence), B-scan: Integral tools for timely and accurate diagnosis, helping us manage complex retinal diseases and monitor treatment responses with unparalleled precision.
- ◆ Performed over 1,400 laser procedures (pan-retinal photocoagulation, sectoral photocoagulation, barrage laser, focal laser) using slit lamp and Laser Indirect Ophthalmoscope.

Academic Contributions

- ◆ Our commitment to advancing the field of retina care is reflected in our strong presence at many conferences.
- ◆ Presented six research papers at prestigious conferences such as VRSI, BOA, and AIOS.

Looking Ahead

- ◆ The Retina Department remains committed to pushing boundaries in the field of ophthalmology, with plans to enhance services, continue familial screenings, and advance research in retinal care. We are dedicated to delivering exceptional retinal care with compassion and expertise.



The dedicated and strong team of the Retina Department showcasing their excellence in clinical services, patient care and academic achievements at Sankar Foundation.



Dr. T. Krishna
HoD, Retina Department

ORBIT AND OCULOPLASTY

Pioneering Advances in Eye care and Aesthetics

Orbit and Oculoplasty is a subspeciality in Ophthalmology that deals with the management of abnormalities of the eyelids, lacrimal system, the orbit and the adjacent face.

Oculoplasty procedures are designed to improve the appearance, function, and health of the eyes.

Surgeries done

Last 3 Years a total of 1978 surgeries were done in the department of Orbit and Oculoplasty at **Sankar Foundation** of which 688 surgeries were done in 2024 which include

- Correction of Ptosis , Entropion, Ectropion, Lagophthalmos
- Lid reconstructions
- DCR with intubation , DCT, Excision biopsy
- Evisceration with Orbital implant
- Injection Botox for Blepharospasm , Hemifacial spasm

CONGENITAL PTOSIS



Before Surgery



During Surgery



After Surgery

CONGENITAL COLOBOMA LID



Before Surgery



After Surgery

SPLIT NAEVUS



Before Surgery

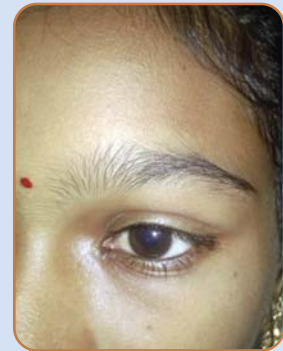


After Surgery

DERMOID



Before Surgery



After Surgery

TRAUMA



Before Surgery



After Surgery

CONCLUSION

Patients are not aware of the consequences of abnormalities in Orbit and Oculoplasty, so they present at late stages when damage to the eye has already begun giving rise to symptoms.

The cases can be detected during regular eye screening camps. Timely intervention not only saves vision but also gives good cosmeses.



Dr. N.J. Sirisha
HoD, Orbit & Oculoplasty



A Glimpse into the Paediatric Ophthalmology Department

The Paediatric Ophthalmology Department at Sankar foundation eye hospital continues to play a pivotal role in delivering specialized, compassionate, and cutting-edge eye care to children of all ages. In the 2023-2024 year, our department has remained dedicated to advancing clinical care, enhancing patient outcomes, and contributing to groundbreaking research in the field of pediatric eye health.

Comprehensive Care for Children's Eye Health

We offer a full spectrum of pediatric eye care, from routine vision screenings and common conditions like amblyopia (lazy eye) to complex surgeries for congenital cataracts, strabismus (eye misalignment), and retinal diseases. Our team of experienced pediatric ophthalmologists, supported by skilled nurses and specialists, is committed to providing the best possible care tailored to each child's unique needs.

Innovative Treatments and Technologies

This year, we have introduced several advancements in treatment methods, including, telemedicine for remote consultations and screenings, and the incorporation of digital therapies for amblyopia management.

Patient and Family Support

We understand that a diagnosis of an eye condition can be overwhelming for both the child and their family. That's why we provide comprehensive support services, including counseling, educational resources, and community outreach programs, to ensure that families feel empowered and informed throughout their child's care journey.

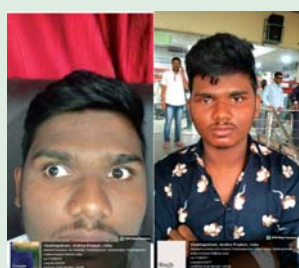
Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, the Pediatric Ophthalmology Department will continue to prioritize excellence in patient care, expand our research efforts, and leverage new technologies to further improve the vision and lives of the children we serve.

Our commitment to advancing pediatric eye care remains unwavering, and we are proud to continue being a beacon of hope for families seeking specialized and compassionate care for their children's eye health.



Pre and Post paediatric
cataract Surgery



Pre and post
squint surgery



Pre & post OP picture of girl
child with paediatric cataract



Dr. T Suparna
HoD, Paediatric
Ophthalmology & Squint

Empowering Vision: Financial Support for Community Eye Care, Infrastructure and Advanced Equipment to Sankar Foundation

Sankar Foundation is deeply committed to providing quality eye care services to the underprivileged communities. To sustain and expand our efforts, we rely on the generous financial support from various stakeholders, including corporate partners, public sector undertakings, philanthropic organizations, and individual donors. This support is pivotal in achieving our mission of eliminating preventable blindness and enhancing the quality of life for many.

Community Eye Care: Financial contributions significantly bolster our community eye care initiatives, enabling us to conduct free eye camps and screenings in remote and underserved areas. These camps play a crucial role in early detection and treatment of eye conditions, thereby reducing the incidence of avoidable blindness. The funding also covers the cost of spectacles, medications, and follow-up treatments, ensuring that all beneficiaries receive comprehensive care.

Infrastructure Development: Our continuous efforts to upgrade and expand our infrastructure are fuelled by generous donations. These funds are utilized to build and renovate facilities, ensuring that we can accommodate an increasing number of patients and provide them with a comfortable and hygienic environment. Modern and well-equipped facilities are essential for delivering high-quality care and attracting skilled professionals to our institution.

Advanced Equipment: State-of-the-art medical equipment is fundamental to providing accurate diagnoses and effective treatments. Financial support allows us to invest in cutting-edge technology, such as advanced microscopes, laser devices, and diagnostic tools. This investment enhances our capacity to perform complex surgeries and offer a broader range of ophthalmic services.

Impact of Financial Support: The contributions from our supporters have a profound impact on our ability to deliver exceptional eye care services. By investing in community eye care, infrastructure, and equipment, our donors enable us to reach more people and provide them with the necessary care to preserve their vision. This support also helps us train and retain skilled healthcare professionals who are dedicated to our mission.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our benefactors for their unwavering support. Their generosity empowers us to continue our work and make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Together, we can create a future where everyone has access to quality eye care and the opportunity to lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

DONORS SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY EYE CARE, INFRASTRUCTURE & EQUIPMENT

Organization Name	2023-24 (Rs.)
INOX Group	3,775,000
Brandix Bharat Trust	2,251,216
Nekkanti Seafoods Ltd	1,500,000
L & T	1,192,538
Vemulapalli Sunitha	100,000
Bonu Venkateswararao	60,000
J Narasinga Rao	55,600
Microlabs Ltd	50,000
D.Krishna Veni	50,000
J.Narasinga Rao	56,000
Sree Bharath Labs	100,000
IPCA Laboratories Limited	88,000
Brandix Bharat Trust	140,568
Rokkam Rama Manohar Rao	1,000,000
M.Keshava Kishore	206,684
M.S.N.Reddy	50,000
SK.Mahamad Rafi	57,500
Total	10,733,106



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Independent Auditors' Report

To
The members,
SANKAR FOUNDATION,
Visakhapatnam.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of SANKAR FOUNDATION **Visakhapatnam**, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31st March 2024, the statement of Income and Expenditure and Receipts and Payments Account for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at 31st March, 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles followed in India with respect to Non Profit Organisations (NPOs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing [SAs] issued by ICAI. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the aforesaid Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

We are also at Hyderabad & Nellore





Rao & Kumar
Chartered Accountants

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

For
RAO & KUMAR
Chartered Accountants
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[CA K.C.S. GURU PRASAD]
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PART I -Form of BALANCE SHEET			
SANKAR FOUNDATION			
BALANCE SHEET			
LIABILITIES	Sch No	AS AT 31.03.2024	AS AT 31.03.2023
1) Equity And Liabilities	BS 1	55,91,66,569	49,31,67,105
Reserves & Surplus	a	55,91,66,569	49,31,67,105
2) Non-Current Liabilities	BS 2	-	20,031
Long-term Borrowings	a	-	20,031
3) Current Liabilities	BS 3	4,15,46,223	2,15,36,351
Short-term Borrowings	a	2,88,940	1,61,089
Trade Payables	b	3,39,83,510	1,56,64,413
Other Current Liabilities	c	13,85,958	16,13,714
Short-term Provisions	d	58,87,814	40,97,135
Total Liabilities		60,07,12,792	51,47,23,488
ASSETS	Sch No	AS AT 31.03.2024	AS AT 31.03.2023
4) Non Current Assets	BS 4	22,10,95,233	19,22,87,777
Property ,Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets	a	21,52,72,187	18,74,44,131
Non- Current Assets	b	58,23,046	48,43,646
5) Current Assets	BS 5	37,96,17,559	32,24,35,711
Inventories	a	1,80,65,487	1,71,06,908
Trade Receivables	b	18,96,25,944	16,97,37,120
Cash & Bank Balances	c	11,74,13,026	10,45,61,411
Short-Term Loans & Advances	d	46,15,902	31,18,220
Other Current Assets	e	4,98,97,199	2,79,12,052
Total Assets		60,07,12,792	51,47,23,488

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For **SANKAR FOUNDATION**

A. KRISHNA KUMAR
Trustee

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A. Vijay Kumar
Trustee

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SANKAR FOUNDATION			
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT <i>for the period ended 31st March, 2024</i>			
RECEIPTS	Note No	2023-24	2022-23
Opening Balances Bank/Cash/FDR's		10,45,61,411	8,29,90,913
Revenue From Operations		41,19,79,611	38,24,64,504
Other Income		90,32,790	28,93,394
Short Term Borrowings		1,27,852	-
Grand Total		52,57,01,663	46,83,48,811
PAYMENTS	Note No	2023-24	2022-23
Expenses			
A) Cost of Service Rendered		20,13,02,726	18,14,11,940
B) Employee Benefit Expenses		10,49,50,795	10,26,02,874
D) Interest On Loan		132	32,101
E) Other Expenses		4,39,15,802	3,52,54,288
Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets		5,58,06,225	4,26,49,110
Current Assets (Deposites, Electricity ACD/Employee Loans)		22,92,927	13,06,444
Repayment of loan		20,031	5,30,643
Closing Balance Bank/Cash/FDR's		11,74,13,026	10,45,61,411
Grand Total		52,57,01,663	46,83,48,811

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PART II -Form of STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

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SANKAR FOUNDATION			
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ending 31.03.2024			
INCOME	Note No	2023-24	2022-23
1.Revenue From Operations			
A)Grants & Donations for meeting Operating Cost	a	1,64,73,835	1,69,88,861
B)Hospital Collections	b	43,70,36,953	42,74,39,882
Total Revenue From Operations	IE 1	45,35,10,788	44,44,28,743
2.Other Income			
Interest Income		84,42,790	27,93,394
Total Other Income	IE 2	84,42,790	27,93,394
3.Total Income	IE 3	46,19,53,578	44,72,22,137
EXPENDITURE	Note No	2023-24	2022-23
4.Expenses			
A)Cost of Service Rendered	a	21,35,82,221	17,19,38,084
B)Employee Benefit Expenses	b	10,67,04,449	10,15,35,738
C)Depreciation and Amortization Expenses	c	3,11,13,558	2,63,31,620
D)Interest on Loan	d	132	32,101
E)Other Expenses	e	4,51,03,753	3,39,11,982
Total Expenditure	IE 4	39,65,04,114	33,37,49,525
5.Profit/Loss		6,54,49,465	11,34,72,612

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కంటి వ్యాధుల పరిశోధన కేంద్రం ప్రారంభం

వేపగుంట్ల, న్యూస్టుడే: ఆరునిక పరిశోధనాన్ని వినియోగించి కంటి వ్యాధుల నిర్ధారణకు వైద్యులు, ఆసుపత్రుల యాజమాన్యాలు కృషి చేయాలని ఐటీ, బాలి పరిశ్రమల మంత్రి గుడివాడ అమర్ నాథ్ పేర్కొన్నారు. నాయుడుతోట దరి శ్రీనివాసు మాదవనగర్ లోగల శంకర్ ఫౌండేషన్ కంటి ఆసుపత్రిలో సూతనంగా ఏర్పాటు చేసిన అభ్యుదయ యశోద కంటి వ్యాధుల సూతన పరిశోధనా కేంద్రాన్ని మంత్రి బుడవారం ప్రారంభించి మాట్లాడారు. వైకాపా ప్రభుత్వం విద్య, వైద్య రంగాలకు విశిష్ట ప్రాధాన్యం ఇస్తోందన్నారు. ఆసుపత్రి అభివృద్ధికి ప్రభుత్వం నుంచి ఎటువంటి సహకారం అవసరమైనా అందిస్తామన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఫౌండేషన్ ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ ట్రస్టీ ఆత్మకూరి కృష్ణమూర్తి, డీఎం కె.రాధాకృష్ణన్, డాక్టర్ కృష్ణప్రసాద్, రవీంద్ర, నజరీన్, శరీష్, డీజీఎం పీఆర్ బంగారాజు, రమేశ్ కుమార్, సిబ్బంది పాల్గొన్నారు.



కంటి వ్యాధుల పరిశోధనా కేంద్రాన్ని పరిశీలిస్తున్న మంత్రి అమర్ నాథ్, ఎమ్మెల్యే అదీష్ రాజ్, ఆసుపత్రి యాజమాన్యం తదితరులు

'Glaucoma should be treated early to prevent blindness'

The Hindu Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

Glaucoma should be diagnosed early as delay can result in irreversible blindness. It silently kills the peripheral vision even though the patient does not have any symptom, pain, watery eyes or redness, according to Dr. G.R. Reddy, president of A.P. Ophthalmic Society.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Reddy said pa-

tients with diabetes, high myopia and family history of glaucoma and frequent change of glasses must get a check-up done by an ophthalmologist to prevent avoidable blindness. Continuous evaluation would help reduce vision loss, he added.

Dr. Viswamitra, superintendent of Government Regional Eye Hospital, Visakhapatnam, observed that clinical examination and follow-up was crucial for glaucoma treatment. Dr. N.R. Rangaraj from Premier Eye Care Surgical Centre, Chennai, stressed the need for early intervention to check progression of glaucoma, adding that proper diagnosis depends on detection of pathology, evaluation of disease status and follow-up.

కంటి ఆసుపత్రి కేంద్రం ప్రారంభం

గాజువాక, న్యూస్టుడే: సామాజిక సేవలో శంకర్ ఫౌండేషన్ అందిస్తున్న సేవలు స్ఫూర్తిదాయకమని బ్రాండిక్స్ ఇండియా భాగస్వామి డొరైస్వామి కొనియార్ దారు. గాజువాకలో శంకర్ ఫౌండేషన్ కంటి ఆసుపత్రి సూతన కేంద్రాన్ని సోమవారం ఆయన ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా కేంద్రంలో ఆత్మాధునిక సౌకర్యాలను పరిశీలించి మాట్లాడుతూ లక్షలాది మందికి కంటి చూపును ఇచ్చి కొత్త జీవితాలను అందించడం అభినందనీయమన్నారు. స్టీల్ షాంట్లు చీప్ జీఎం (మెడికల్) డాక్టర్ ప్రకాష్, డాక్టర్ సారంగి, ఫౌండేషన్ డీజీఎం కె.బంగారాజు, వేణుగోపాల్, ఎస్ కేఎల్ రావు, శాస్త్రి తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



నేత్ర ఆసుపత్రిని ప్రారంభిస్తున్న బ్రాండిక్స్ ఇండియా భాగస్వామి డొరైస్వామి, శంకర్ ఫౌండేషన్ ప్రతినిధులు

హైక్వాలిటీ ఎస్ఎస్-ఓసీటీ పరికరం ప్రారంభం

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ఆత్మాధునిక కంటివైద్యపరికరాన్ని ప్రారంభిస్తున్న డాక్టర్ జగన్నాథ్ కుమార్ చల్లా, ఆసుపత్రి సిబ్బంది

Workshop on clinical updates in ophthalmology conducted

A one-day workshop on clinical updates in Ophthalmology was organised by Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital on its premises at Naiduthota, here, on Monday. The objective of the workshop was to share the latest innovations and technological advancements in eye care management. The District Programmes Manager (DPMs), Para medical Ophthalmic Officers and Kanti Velugu Para Medical Ophthalmic Assistants participated in the workshop from the six districts of North Andhra Pradesh. Executive Trustee of Sankar Foundation Krishna Kumar Atmakuri, Vijaya Kumar Atmakuri and K.

Advanced eye surgery performed

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The Glaucoma Department of Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital, Naiduthota, Visakhapatnam, performed an advanced 'Glaukos iStent Inject Surgery-W Model'. This model is a 3rd Generation model of the patented design from Glaukos International.

The iStent has been implanted for successful control of pressure in a glaucoma patient in the hospital. The stent made from Titanium metal, measures 360 micrometres. It is designed, made and imported from the United States of America. It was approved by FDA, USA, in 2012 and upgraded in 2018 as much smaller, safer and

Glimpses of inauguration of
Smt Atmakuri Yashoda Centre for Professional Development
in Sanka Foundation by Sri Gudivada Amarnath,
Hon'ble Minister for Industries ,
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