



ADITYA JYOT FOUNDATION FOR TWINKLING LITTLE EYE'S

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Celebrating 14 years of service

Aditya Jyot Foundation for twinkling little eyes recently celebrated their 14th foundation day on 29th June 2019. The program was attended by Mr.D.Sivanandan, former Commissioner of Mumbai Police, Mr Sushil Jivrajka, Past President of FICCI, members from Rotary club of Thane Hills, Mumbai Sion among other guests.

This program was held to mark 14 years of dedicated service to society and recognised the 54 local supporters who have helped the team of AJFTLE work in communities over the past





Our Donors



Initiatives undertaken by Aditya Jyot Foundation For Twinkling Little Eyes.



1. The Pearls Project

The pearls project is an ongoing slum based project working for an early detection and treatment of eye diseases in children living in the slums of Mumbai.

Screening services are provided right at the doorstep for the children, and in the last 3 months a total of 290 children were screened of which 146 needed additional tests which were provided in the slums itself. 61 children were given glasses, 3 were diagnosed with colour vision deficiency and 10 were diagnosed with other eye diseases. This work is being supported by Tata Capital.



**ONE OUT
OF EVERY
FOUR
BLIND IN
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ACT NOW!**



2. A.H Ansari camps

Aditya Jyot foundation has jointly been working with Abdul Hamid Ansari Trust to provide quality eyecare services, free of cost to the underprivileged in society. In the last 3 months we have screened 1181 people, providing 717 spectacles free of cost and have also diagnosed 153 cataracts and 120 patients with other eye diseases.



“The highest of distinctions is service to others”



3. Diabetes screening-MIT study

We are trying to focus on making it easier to identify and evaluate susceptible diabetics for complications of DM. Together with MIT we have started checking for other factors associated with DM complications alongside provision of free retinal examination. The aim of this study is to examine the effectiveness of using non-invasive methods to diagnose diabetes and predict its complications. This study will compare the predictive value of the non-invasive tests against standard blood measurements such as HbA1c and fasting blood sugar .

A total of 99 diabetic patients have benefited from this last month.

4. Stop blindness a Tata Trusts project

“STOP BLINDNESS” was an initiative taken by AJFTLE on 1st August 2018 to prevent cases of avoidable blindness due to diabetic retinopathy and create awareness about the disease. This initiative is a partnership between Aditya Jyot Foundation and the municipal corporation of greater Mumbai, to screen patients undergoing treatment for diabetes in municipal dispensaries across Mumbai, along with the help of medical professionals in treating these patients at each dispensary.

Between January to March 2019, we have screened 533 diabetic patients, diagnosed 31 patients with diabetic retinopathy and have also created widespread awareness about the disease and its complications. Regular follow-ups were

Advised to the patients in order to monitor the progression of the disease. Where needed, investigations and laser treatments were also offered. Among these 29 patients were detected with cataract, 26 patients had other eye diseases like retinitis pigmentosa, age related macular degeneration, glaucoma, etc., of which they had been unaware of . Patients were referred to Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital or to the nearest municipal hospital for further treatment. From January to March 2019 we completed screening in 12 dispensaries across the city and plan to finish the 1 st round of screening in each dispensary by end of the first year by August 2019.





5. AJ-DRUMSS

It is a slum based study working throughout Mumbai for the prevention and treatment of diabetic blindness in the underprivileged sectors of society. Together with the support of Tata Trusts, awareness was created in 16,300 households across Mumbai.

Aditya Jyot Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Researcher Exchange Program

Through the Global Eye Genetics Consortium (GEGC) initiative, Dr. Rajkumar Shankar(Head of Genetic Lab) has been selected for researcher exchange program. He will be working at Dr Takeshi Iwata's lab at the National Institute of Sensory Organs, Tokyo, Japan for three months as a Visiting Research Scientist.





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FROM THE CEO

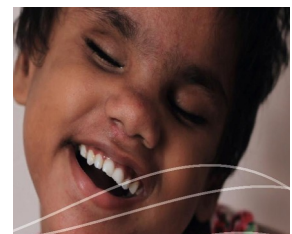
A good beginning to this quarter, Aditya Jyot continues to soar high in pursuit of its goal – a society free of avoidable blindness. The Foundation day was a good exercise to look back and look ahead. It gave us an opportunity to recognise our partners and also the silent unsung heroes in our own organisation, the health workers, optometrists, social workers and also the students interning with us. We had students from BITS Pilani also interning with us during this period and they brought a fresh wave of ideas to help reach out to the community. I would like to recognise Aayushi Gandhi, an engineering student from Sanghvi College and Khushi Jhunjhunwala a class 9 student Ascend International School. For their passion to give back to society. May we have more like them! Our society needs them. My team is going from strength to strength and I am glad we are together in this journey! I thank our Board for their foresight and direction and giving wings to our desire to achieve our goal.

If you are interested in joining us in our mission, please reach out to me on dradhika.ajftle@gmail.com

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