



Chairman's Note

Dear Readers,

At Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, every initiative is guided by a single purpose—to make quality eye care more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable. This edition of our newsletter captures that spirit through stories of innovation, expansion, and outreach, reflecting how compassion, technology, and collaboration come together to create meaningful impact across diverse communities.



I encourage you to read on and engage with the inspiring journeys, partnerships, and milestones featured here. Each article stands as a testament to our collective commitment to restoring sight, empowering lives, and building a future where no one is left behind.

Warm regards,
Lion Suresh Sinhal
Chairman, SGLEH

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Healthcare Beyond Borders: From Himalayan Outreach to Continuum of Care

Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, in collaboration with the Sashastra Seema Bal, successfully conducted a free eye check-up and spectacle distribution camp at SSB Yuksom, West Sikkim. Yuksom is a historic Himalayan town located at an elevation of approximately 1,780 metres above sea level in the Eastern Himalayas, where access to specialised eye care remains limited due to challenging terrain and distance.

Despite these constraints, the camp delivered comprehensive eye examinations to more than 146 senior citizens, with 63 pairs of spectacles distributed, many restoring clear vision for the first time in years. The initiative was designed not only as a one-day intervention, but as the first step in a sustained model of care that ensures continuity of treatment beyond outreach.

As part of this ongoing support, patients identified during the camp requiring further intervention have begun their journey to Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital for advanced surgical care. Eight patients from Sikkim arrived at SGLEH and underwent detailed pre-operative evaluation, and surgeries. The local SSB team also visited the hospital, further strengthening this meaningful collaboration.

This initiative stands as a testament to the shared commitment of the Sashastra Seema Bal and Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital to deliver quality eye care without geographical limitations. It reflects a model of healthcare driven by discipline, compassion, and purpose, ensuring dignity, vision, and hope reach even the most remote communities.



Inclusive Eye Care in Action: Reaching Every Vision, Every Child



At Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, inclusivity is not merely a stated value, it is a responsibility we actively honour. Our commitment to ensuring access to quality eye care for all remains central to our mission.

On 11 December 2025, our team conducted a comprehensive eye screening camp at Goodricke School for Special Education. The initiative offered a meaningful opportunity to engage with the school community and deliver essential eye care services to students with special needs in a supportive and dignified setting.

As the camp progressed, initial hesitation among the students gradually transformed into trust and warmth. These moments served as a powerful reminder that healthcare goes beyond clinical care—it is rooted in empathy, patience, and human connection. Each reassuring interaction reinforced the true essence of inclusive eye healthcare.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Principal, Dr. Susama Nayak, for her encouragement, compassionate leadership, and steadfast support in making this outreach initiative possible. The experience also allowed our team to witness the school's nurturing environment and the dedication with which it supports its students every day.

The day was both humbling and inspiring for our team. It strengthened our resolve to continue advancing inclusive and compassionate eye care and to ensure that quality vision services remain accessible to all without exception.



Behavioural Insights in Action: Improving Spectacle Compliance in Schools

A consistent behavioural challenge observed across our school eye health programmes is the low compliance among children in wearing prescribed spectacles. Despite clear refractive errors being corrected, many students avoid using their spectacles due to stigma, peer perception or discomfort. This directly impacts their vision, learning outcomes and overall classroom participation.

On Children's Day, in collaboration with Seva Organisation, we implemented a behaviour-change intervention designed to address this gap through positive reinforcement. During our follow-up screenings across Ghoom, Mirik and Naxalbari, we introduced the "Eye Health Champion" badge. It is a small tool, strategically conceptualised to influence children's psychology and encourage consistent spectacle use.

The idea was simple yet effective. Recognition is a powerful motivator for young learners. By publicly appreciating children who wore their spectacles regularly, we repositioned spectacle-wearing as something aspirational. It became associated with achievement, responsibility and leadership rather than discomfort or social hesitation.



The impact was visible in a short span of time. Children began wearing their spectacles more confidently, engaging openly with our team and even motivating their peers to follow the same habit. Follow-up assessments also reflected improved compliance, better visual comfort and increased classroom confidence.

This initiative highlighted the value of integrating behavioural insights into community eye care. A small gesture, when rooted in an understanding of child psychology, can drive healthier habits and create meaningful, measurable change.

Tech for Sight: When Innovation Meets Inclusion



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH) recently transformed curiosity into confidence by hosting “Tech for Sight”, a key initiative under #SeeAMillion Campaign – Solutions Week. The programme reaffirmed a simple yet powerful belief: when technology is guided by empathy, accessibility becomes a reality.

Organised in collaboration with the North Bengal Council for the Disabled (NBCD), Enable India, and CBM, the event highlighted how assistive technologies are reshaping learning, mobility, and independence for persons with visual impairment. From innovative learning tools to mobility solutions, students experienced first-hand how technology can unlock new possibilities, while families discovered renewed hope for a more inclusive future.

The programme was enriched by inspiring voices who reinforced our shared commitment to inclusion:

- Lion G.S. Hora, PID & LCIF Trustee, spoke on the importance of digital inclusion for every individual.
- Dr. Rajesh Saini, CEO, SGLEH, reflected on SGLEH’s journey towards becoming bigger, better, and more inclusive, strengthened through its partnership with NBCD.
- Ms. Rita Sengupta, NBCD, highlighted the collective mission of empowering the underserved through sustained collaboration.



As a leading centre for comprehensive eye care, SGLEH continues to expand both scale and impact. In FY 2024–25, the hospital successfully performed 33,400+ eye surgeries, delivering advanced speciality care across Retina, Glaucoma, Cornea, Pediatric Ophthalmology, Oculoplasty, Low Vision Rehabilitation, and ROP care.

Our partnership with NBCD’s Prerana Educational Centre (est. 1998) further strengthens this mission. Together, we continue to nurture ability by supporting free education, therapy, digital literacy, and skill development for children with visual, hearing, and intellectual disabilities.

At SGLEH, we believe accessibility is more than assistance—it is about dignity, opportunity, and independence. With every collaborative step forward, we remain committed to ensuring that no one is left behind.

Laying the Foundation for Vision Beyond 2030



A new chapter unfolds at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH) as we proudly laid the foundation stone for our Expansion Project and unveiled our long-term roadmap, “Project Vision Beyond 2030.”

Together, these landmark initiatives represent more than infrastructural growth—they signal a decisive leap toward expanded access, innovation, and hope in eye care for North Bengal and neighboring states.

With the Sankara Eye Foundation (SEF) as our committed partner, SGLEH reaffirms a shared belief: quality eye care must be a right, not a privilege. This collaboration strengthens our resolve to reach the unreached and scale sustainable, high-impact eye care services.

Aligned with the nationwide “March to a Million” initiative, our vision remains bold and unwavering—restoring sight to a million lives every year and illuminating countless futures through compassionate, world-class eye care.

The momentous ceremony was graced by distinguished leaders whose presence underscored the significance of this milestone:

- Lion Dr. Manoj Shah, International Second Vice President, Lions Clubs International
- Sri Radhakrishnan Sundar, Director, Sankara Eye Foundation
- Lion G.S. Hora, Past International Director and LCIF Trustee



Each brick laid today symbolizes a brighter tomorrow, one built on clearer vision, stronger communities, and an enduring commitment to service.

World Sight Day observed with comprehensive eye camp at DAC Pakyong

A day-long comprehensive eye camp was organised by the Greater Lions Eye Hospital, Siliguri to observe World Sight Day at the premises of the District Administrative Centre (DAC), Pakyong, today.

The camp aimed to make eye care accessible to the staff of DAC, facilitate early detection and raise public awareness about the importance of regular eye check-ups and maintaining healthy vision.

During the camp, free eye check-ups and consultations were provided, along with the distribution of medicines and spectacles. Screening for cataracts was also conducted, and referrals for further treatment were made where necessary.

A medical team from the hospital carried out the screenings and offered guidance on eye care and preventive measures.



Protecting Young Eyes, Empowering Young Minds



With the valued support of Seva.org, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital successfully conducted a three-day School Eye Screening Camp at Mahbert High School from 16 to 18 December 2025. The initiative screened over 1,500 students, enabling early detection of vision-related issues, and 136 spectacles were distributed to children in need of immediate visual correction.

School eye screening camps are essential in safeguarding children's visual health at a critical stage of development. Many eye conditions progress unnoticed and, if left uncorrected, can negatively impact academic performance, classroom engagement, and self-confidence. Conducting screenings within the school environment ensures timely intervention, helps prevent avoidable visual impairment, and supports healthier learning and developmental outcomes.



At Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, preventive eye care and community outreach are integral to our mission. Through structured school screening programmes and impactful collaborations with partners such as Seva.org, we remain committed to extending quality eye care to children at the grassroots level, reinforcing the belief that clear vision is fundamental to every child's ability to learn, grow, and thrive.

ASHA Sensitization Programme on Eye Health & Disability Inclusion – Rhenock

ASHA Sensitization Programme on Eye Health and Disability Inclusion at Shri Ratna Bahadur Gurung Secondary School, Tarpin, Rhenock, under the Lions "Sight for Kids" School Screening Programme on 7th October 2025.



Eye Check-Up Camp at CISF ASG Bagdogra



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital successfully conducted an Eye Check-Up Camp at CISF Unit ASG Bagdogra, strengthening our commitment to preventive vision care for the dedicated personnel of Central Industrial Security Force.

The initiative was carried out with the valuable support and guidance of Harbir Singh, Dy. Commandant, and Rajbir Singh Rathi, Assistant Commandant, whose leadership ensured the smooth execution of the camp.

Our clinical team conducted comprehensive eye screenings, raised awareness about common vision concerns, and emphasized early detection—helping ensure that CISF personnel continue to serve the nation with clear and healthy eyesight.

We thank the CISF Unit for their cooperation and look forward to organizing more such community-focused healthcare initiatives.

Congratulating Cognizant Foundation on 20 Years of Impact

We are proud to be part of Cognizant Foundation's inspiring 20-year journey of empowerment and inclusion. As valued partners, we extend our heartfelt congratulations on two decades of transformative work in health, education, and skilling — initiatives that continue to uplift communities across India.

Our CEO, Dr. Rajesh Saini, was honoured to join the celebration in Bengaluru and witness the unveiling of "The Light That Lives On" — a moving tribute to the individuals, partnerships, and shared vision that have illuminated this remarkable journey.

We look forward to continuing this meaningful collaboration and creating even greater impact in the years ahead.





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