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Dr. Rajesh Saini, President of Vision 2020: The Right to Sight-India & CEO of Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, Drives a Landmark Initiative in Eye Care



A proud moment for Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH) as our CEO, Dr. Rajesh Saini, who also serves as the President of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, shared the stage with cricket legend Krishnamachari Srikanth at a prestigious event hosted by Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai.

In a major step toward eliminating avoidable blindness, Krishnamachari Srikanth was appointed as "Goodwill Ambassador" for VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, aiming to amplify public awareness and advocacy for eye health across the nation. The announcement was made in the presence of the board members and leadership team of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, including Dr. T.S. Surendran, Chairman of Sankara Nethralaya, and Dr. Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, among others. This landmark event marks a significant step in the collective effort to eliminate preventable blindness in India.

Established in 2004, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India is a national initiative committed to eradicating avoidable blindness through policy advocacy, capacity building, and partnerships with leading eye care institutions, NGOs, and the Dr. R.P. Centre, AIIMS. The initiative is aligned with the global goals of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Rajesh Saini stated: "This is a remarkable step forward in the fight against avoidable blindness. With a respected figure like Krishnamachari Srikanth championing our cause, we can inspire action, raise awareness, and extend our outreach across India—from Jammu to Kerala."

Together, with Krishnamachari Srikanth's influence and our unwavering commitment, we take another bold step toward a blindness-free India.

Chairman's Note



Dear Well Wishers,

This quarter has been a remarkable journey of growth, impact, and innovation at SGLEH. Crossing the milestone of 33,400+ surgeries in FY 2024-25 is a powerful reminder of our shared commitment to restoring sight and transforming lives.

SGLEH has strengthened its presence on the national platform through Vision 2020: The Right to Sight-India.

From hosting the DNB Clinical Assessment for the first time to expanding Child Eye Care with Sight4All in collaboration with Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision, each initiative reflects our unwavering dedication to quality eye care.

Together, we are shaping a brighter, clearer future—for all. We hope you find this edition insightful and inspiring.

Warm Regards,
Lion Suresh Sinhal
Chairman, SGLEH

Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital Achieves Landmark 33,400+ Surgeries in FY 2024-25

Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH) proudly announces the successful completion of over 33,400 + eye surgeries in the financial year 2024–25. This milestone underscores the hospital's commitment to restoring vision and transforming lives, further solidifying its reputation as the largest leading quality eye care provider in the region.

Chairman Lion Suresh Sinhal shared his thoughts on this achievement:

"We are delighted to have reached our goal of performing 33,400+ surgeries this year. This milestone is a testament to our dedication to excellence in eye care. With specialized departments in Cataract, Glaucoma, Retina, Cornea, Oculoplasty, and Pediatric Ophthalmology, we remain steadfast in our mission to serve even more people in the coming years, ensuring that quality vision care is accessible to all."



SGLEH CEO Dr. Rajesh Saini emphasized the hospital's strategic importance:

"Located in Siliguri, a crucial transit hub bordering Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, and Nepal, SGLEH serves a diverse patient base. Our hospital is a trusted healthcare destination, not only for residents of North Bengal but also for those from neighboring states like Sikkim, Bihar, Assam, and Jharkhand. Our geographic advantage allows us to provide life-changing eye care to millions."

With expertise across Cataract, Glaucoma, Retina, Cornea, Oculoplasty, and Pediatric Ophthalmology, SGLEH is powered by a dedicated team of 20+ eye specialists and 200+ optometrists. Their relentless commitment ensures the highest standards of eye care, transforming lives through vision restoration and treatment.

SGLEH is also proud to be NABH Certified, the highest national recognition for quality in patient care and safety. This certification underscores the hospital's dedication to maintaining the highest standards in eye healthcare delivery.

In its pursuit of continuous improvement, SGLEH has introduced state-of-the-art diagnostic technologies, including Pentacam, OCT Angiography, and IOL Master 700, enhancing precision in eye care. Additionally, the hospital has expanded its Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) services in collaboration with the Government of West Bengal, extending care to newborns across Darjeeling, Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, and Kalimpong districts.



For the past 43 years, SGLEH has grown from humble beginnings into a beacon of hope for the visually impaired across Eastern India. With support from international charities, government departments, local NGOs, and Lions members, the hospital continues to expand its services and outreach.

SGLEH remains dedicated to its mission, serving over 4.5 lakh patients annually through a network of three hospitals and 60 primary eye care centers. The hospital's state-of-the-art Modular Ophthalmic Operation Theater ensures that even the most remote communities have access to world-class eye care.



With a mission to safeguard vision at every stage of life—from neonates to centenarians—SGLEH remains dedicated to providing world-class eye care to the community. Beyond its services, SGLEH has established itself as a centre of excellence in education and training in eye care faculties. As the biggest ophthalmic training

centre in North Bengal and Sikkim, the hospital provides a platform for young talents to grow and excel. It plays a critical role in catering to the eye care training needs of North Bengal and India's North-East, ensuring a pipeline of skilled professionals dedicated to improving community eye health.

As SGLEH celebrates this remarkable achievement, it remains focused on expanding its services, enhancing outreach, and setting new benchmarks in eye care. With a vision to eliminate preventable blindness, the hospital looks forward to serving even more patients in the coming years.

SGLEH Expands Child Eye Care with Sight4All in Collaboration with Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH), in collaboration with Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision, has launched the Sight4All (Mission Roshni): School Children Eye Screening Programme across Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Uttar Dinajpur, Kalimpong, and Darjeeling.

The programme aims to provide eye health services to 2,00,000 students from government and government-aided schools over the next two years. Since 2022, more than 1.17 lakh children have already been screened and treated under this initiative, helping prevent avoidable blindness among underserved school children.

"Vision care is a critical part of a child's learning and development. At SGLEH, we are committed to ensuring that no child's future is limited by preventable or treatable vision problems," said Dr. Rajesh Saini, CEO, SGLEH. "School-based screenings are one of the most

effective ways to identify and treat visual impairments early.

The Sight4All programme, led by Cognizant Foundation under its healthcare focus, is aimed at preventing avoidable blindness and making quality eye care accessible and affordable to vulnerable populations. This strategic partnership has enabled SGLEH to expand its reach and impact significantly across North Bengal's rural and semi-urban communities. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Deepak Prabhu Matti, CEO of Cognizant Foundation, stated, "We are pleased to support this pioneering programme alongside Mission for Vision and SGLEH. Our objective is to detect vision problems early and offer timely treatment, helping children achieve their full potential."

Ms. Elizabeth Kurian, CEO of Mission for Vision, added, "Through our partnership with SGLEH and Cognizant Foundation, we aim to ensure that every child

has the opportunity to see clearly and learn effectively, unlocking brighter futures." SGLEH expresses its deep gratitude to Dr. Ashim Halder, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Jalpaiguri, for his encouragement and recognition of SGLEH's role in serving the community through the Chokher Alo programme, a visionary initiative under NPCB & VI by the State Government.

Smt. Balika Goley, District Education Inspector of Schools, Jalpaiguri, also praised the effort, saying, "Just as education is important, good vision is essential for a child's academic success. This is a noble initiative promoting child eye health in our schools."

This programme exemplifies SGLEH's continued commitment to delivering impactful community eye health services, in alignment with its mission to ensure vision for all.

Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital Celebrated World Optometry Day

Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital celebrated World Optometry Day with the incredible team of optometrists. The event was filled with fun activities, engaging quizzes, and memorable moments that highlighted their commitment to enhancing vision.



A Proud Moment for SGLEH: Dr. Rima Chakraborty Clears DNB Examination in First Attempt

Heartfelt congratulations to our very own Dr. Rima Chakraborty for successfully clearing the DNB examination in her very first attempt! As a student of our DNB course at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH), her achievement is a testament to both her unwavering dedication and the strength of SGLEH's academic training programmes.



candidates on a comprehensive range of clinical competencies.

Adding further significance to this proud moment, SGLEH was also the examination centre for the DNB Workplace-Based Clinical Assessment in Ophthalmology on 14th January 2025. This showcases our journey toward becoming a leading hub for ophthalmic education and training.

A total of eight candidates, including Dr. Rima, took part in the assessment. The examination was conducted under the supervision of two highly respected external examiners from Kolkata, who evaluated

In preparation for this landmark event, our team at SGLEH meticulously organized training sessions and mock drills, covering all facets—from case selection to exam-day protocols. These efforts ensured a seamless and professional assessment experience. The external examiners commended the team's outstanding coordination, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence.

The event also provided SGLEH opportunity to showcase its specialized ophthalmology training

programmes, which are designed to nurture clinical skill, critical thinking, and professional development in aspiring ophthalmologists.

This successful event has not only enhanced SGLEH's credibility as a centre for quality medical education but also positioned the hospital as a strong contender to host the final DNB examinations in the future.

As we celebrate Dr. Rima Chakraborty's well-deserved success, we are reminded of the impact our institution can have on shaping the next generation of eye care professionals. Here's to many more milestones and proud achievements at SGLEH.



Glaucoma Awareness Camp Reach (March 2025)

41042 Children Screening In Camps

10766 Total ODP From Camps

1361 Spectacles Provided To Children

116 Schools Intercepted

145 Glaucoma Cases

Delivering Excellence: A Surgeon's Defining Moment

The Inspiring Journey of Dr. Susmita Paul at SGLEH



Dr. Susmita Paul, a dedicated Glaucoma consultant at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH), exemplifies skill, compassion, and commitment. Alongside her expertise in Glaucoma management, she has honed her proficiency in phacoemulsification through the Cataract Development Programme at SGLEH. For her, ophthalmology is not just a profession it is a journey of growth, both personal and professional.

Over the years, Dr. Susmita has become a trusted and skilled surgeon, successfully treating countless patients with Glaucoma

and Cataract. But her greatest test came not in the operating theatre, but in the heart—when her own father needed surgery.

Mr. Swapan Kumar Paul, a retired government employee, was diagnosed with Cataract. Instead of turning to another surgeon, he placed his full trust in his daughter and the SGLEH team to restore his vision. For Dr. Susmita, it was a decision filled with emotion. “Initially, I was scared—after all, he is my father,” she shared. “But every day, I treat many patients with the same dedication and care I would want for him. So, I decided

to treat him just like any of them—and give my absolute best. That’s what we do at SGLEH.”

With composure and confidence, she performed the surgery. The result? A flawless outcome—Mr. Paul’s vision restored to 6/6. It was a deeply fulfilling moment, not just as a surgeon, but as a daughter.

At SGLEH, we are proud of Dr. Susmita’s journey. Her story is a powerful reminder that behind every skilled surgeon is a heart full of care—and that when trust meets excellence, remarkable things happen.

SUMMER EYE CARE TIPS :

Protect Your Vision Inside & Out



1. Wear UV-Protected Sunglasses

Shield your eyes from harmful UV rays to prevent long-term damage.



3. Use Lubricating Eye Drops

Keep your eyes moist and refreshed, especially in air-conditioned or dry environments.

2. Stay Hydrated & Eat Nutritious Foods

Drink plenty of water and include vitamin A & C-rich foods like carrots, spinach, and citrus fruits for healthy



4. Avoid Rubbing Your Eyes

Prevent infections and irritation by keeping your hands clean and avoiding unnecessary contact.



5. Get Regular Eye Check-Ups

Visit an eye specialist to detect and prevent any eye issues early.



SILIGURI GREATER LIONS EYE HOSPITALS & EYE CARE SYSTEMS

26476 Surgeries in 2023-24

60 Primary Eye Care Centres

3 Specialty Hospitals

4.5 Lakh Peoples Reached Yearly



*Emerging As A Centre Of Excellence
With All Modern Amenities To Aid Patient
Comfort & Quality Treatment Delivery*

Hamara Naya Chehra



Fully Air-Conditioned OPD AREA

Keeping Patient Comfort Paramount



Ultra- Modern Day Care

Heal Back To Health At Your Own Personal Cabin



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