



SILIGURI GREATER LIONS EYE HOSPITALS & EYE CARE SYSTEMS

In Restoring The Beauty Of Sight Since 1981



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Foreword

From the Chairman's Desk

The year 2023-24 was a year which gave us recognition and the reason to touch new heights. While we organized the 16th Vision2020:The Right To Sight India National Conference last year having been visited by more than 1000+ delegates, Ophthalmologists, decision makers, administrators and policy makers from across the country we are proud to have received the Sant Hirdaram Innovative Eye Care Practices Award the very this year during the 17th Vision 2020: Annual Conference, reconfirming our years long efforts to create necessary buzz around early eye care through innovative steps around eye care. Declaration of Cataract Blindness Backlog Free Kumargram and Falakata Blocks of the Alipurduar District were another feather on our cap. We also took another step in Sikkim opening our 60th Vision Centre at Soreng, North Sikkim.



While we accomplished the mammoth task of launching 15 primary eye care centres we decided to put our complete focus in increasing the quality of our services this year. With our efforts to improve the quality of services we also launched the new OPD section of the hospital, with the new Diagnostics and ultra-modern day-care keeping patient comfort and patient priority to receive an easy walk-through experience at the hospital. Luckily when we are putting effort to improve the service delivery model is when we also acknowledged our Doctors, Nursing and Administrative staff for their efforts in creating this institution as it has become today.

We also took our first steps into Diabetic Care, opening the first Lions Club Of Siliguri Greater lead Diabetes centre as Begraj Agarwal Greater Lions Diabetes Centre at our hospital. With extended outreach presence we are sure to take Diabetes care to everyone in the region.

With 4 hospitals, 60 primary eye care centres and a robust outreach team catering more than 4 lakhs people every year we are proud to bring to our people the best of quality eye care catered through highly skilled eye care professionals brought from across the country, catering world class eye care in an ultra modern, fully equipped internationally acclaimed set-up.

I am confident you would enjoy reading this Annual Report written with passion and flair giving insights of our journey ahead catering to the people of the region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Binayamrit Mundra". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lion Binayamrit Mundra

Chartered Civil Engineer & Architect
Group Chairman, SGLEH

Group Hospitals

Hospital Infrastructure Overview



Dedicated Training Department

- DNB Education For Ophthalmic Studies
- Diploma In Optometry Programme
- Ophthalmic Assistant Programme
- Glaucoma Fellowship
- Retina Fellowship
- Rural Livelihood Development Programme
- Programme Evaluation And Research
- Capacity Building Of Staff Through Various Short Term Training & Excurtion Modules
- Fellowship In SICS And Phacoemulsification

60 Vision Centres working as permanent primary eye care centres

Robust Independent & Vision Centre based Outreach, reaching to the remote rural and sub-urban pockets

Daily screening and speciality camps to ensure early interception and access to treatment

Outreach Programme

Mobilizing formal and informal agents of change to sensitize and ensure grassroots reach into the community

Network and advocacy for synergy building to facilitate prompt response when in need

Regular school screening programmes to reach the school going children

Our Mission

"Committed to provide excellent, affordable eye care services through dedicated team work and making it accessible to all in Eastern part of India"

Our Vision

"To be a Centre of Excellence in providing quality eye care services for all"

Media Communication

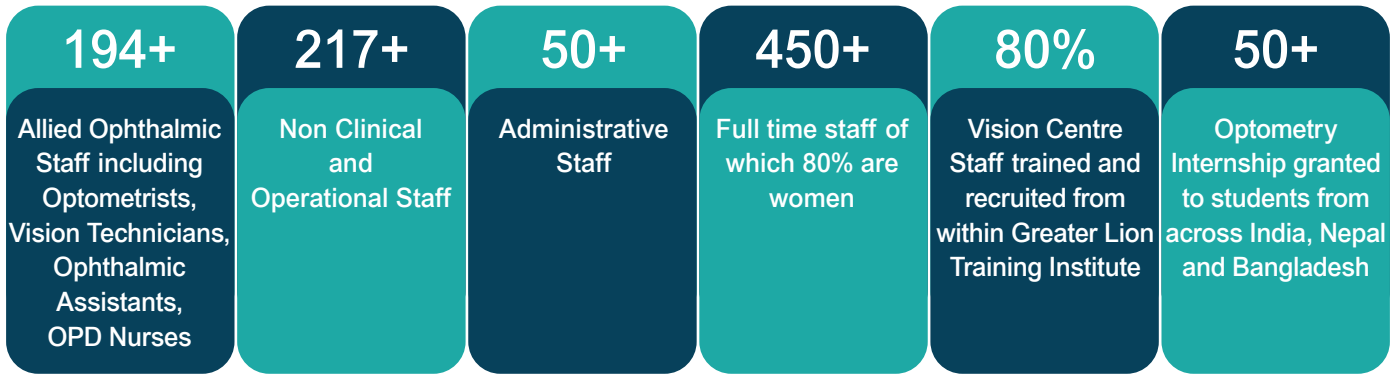
- Ensure information, education and communication dissemination to the targeted population to facilitate informed decision making ensuring participation in accessing early eye care
- Include direct engagement through Outreach and relevant Local Media to inform, promote and create an ethical brand image of the organization

Our Capacity

Siliguri Greater Lions is a family of 450+ staff members including Doctors, Nurses, Optometrists, Administrative and dedicated Training staff. The organization also has a robust Outreach field, and Vision centre based staff force that makes intercepting people working across the region at grassroots possible. With 80% women staff it is today a fully-fledged super speciality tertiary eye care system with infrastructural presence at Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar & Kaliyaganj & Vision Centre network spread across North Bengal and in the State of Sikkim & Bihar.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH

- The largest Ophthalmic Institution of North Bengal with 11 full time eye surgeons, 4 undergoing DNB education, 5 fellow Doctors and 3 Physicians providing comprehensive eye care services through 4 eye hospitals.
- Holds highest ratio of total Cataract, Glaucoma, Retina, Oculoplasty, Cornea and Pediatric eye surgeries in the entire region.
- Only Ophthalmic Training Center in North Bengal Affiliated with Diplomate of National Board (DNB).
- Phaco Surgery Training, & various specialty training fellowships such as Glaucoma & Retina for Post Graduate doctors.
- The hospital also runs various paramedical courses (OA, DOPT, Optical Dispensing, Biomedical Equipment Maintenance etc).



Primary Eye Care Centre Intervention

Primary Eye Care Centre Growth	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
Vision Centre	58	60
Number of Referrals to Base Hospital	10832	15723
Referral Reported at the Hospital	5224	6507
Vision Centre Patient Footfall	102254	141685
Number of Vision Centre Based Camps	891	1200
Number of Optical Services	22430	27999

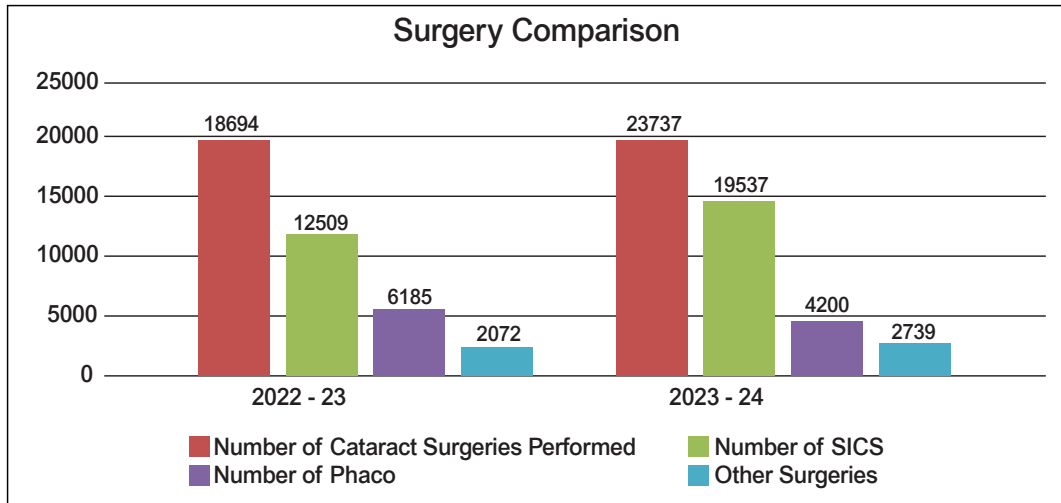
Empanelment & Recognition

- West Bengal Health Services - Recognized Grade 1 Hospital by West Bengal Health Services
- Swasthya Saathi Grade A Hospital
- Ayushman Bharat for Residents of states other than West Bengal & CAPF
- Sikkim Health & Family Welfare Association
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- Shashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- Dooars Tea Garden Association
- Border Security Force
- Airport Authority
- All Leading TPA & Insurances

PERMANENT PRIMARY EYE CARE CENTRE SPREAD

- # Primary eye care centres in Coochbehar and Uttar Dinajpur districts which shares borders With Assam & Bangladesh respectively.
- # Total area spread including in the State Of Sikkim and 3 Districts of Bihar of 4000 sq kms.
- # Total population reach through primary eye care infrastructure cover of 1.4 crores.
- # Number of Vision Centre based camps conducted in 2023-24 is 501.

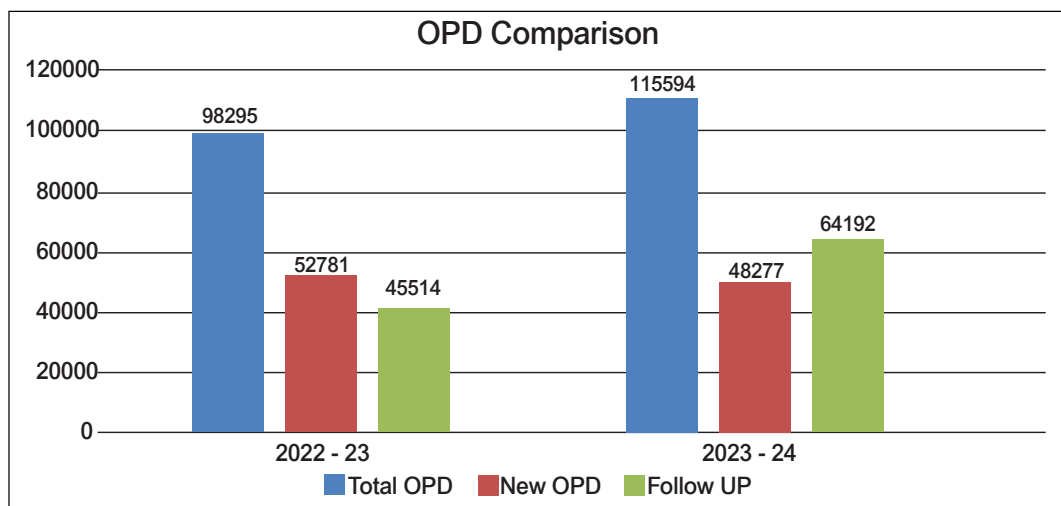
Primary Eye Care Centre Intervention



From April 2023- March 2024

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Total	Vision Centres	
OPD Service	73295	19,685	4921	17693	1,15,594	Total Number of VC	60
Diagnostic Service	25041	1795	413	3502	30,751	Total OPD	104287
Surgical Service	12014	12293	216	1953	26,476	Hospital & VC Based Camps	
Pay	7197	1293	83	777	9,350	Total Camps	1464
Free	4817	11000	133	1176	17,126	Total OPD	120464

Patient Footfall – Hospitals



Leading Pediatric Eye Care in North Bengal

The only Pediatric Eye Care Centre in North Bengal, established as the first of its kind in the region, offers a safe, child-friendly environment with a play area, dedicated parent spaces, a feeding room, and a child washroom. The space features soft walls without sharp edges, floor mattresses, colorful designs, educational graphics, and adaptive screening methods for children of all ages. This holistic approach eases children's comfort and promotes greater acceptance of eye care. Besides advanced paid eye surgeries, hospital also provides services including Vision Therapy, Diplopia care and Myopia treatment. The hospital runs the region's only school-based eye screening program, "Drishti Sehi Duniya" focusing on early eye health-seeking behavior and peer engagement in school going children.



The hospital also implements two extensive child engagement programs: REACH (Refractive Error Among Children) in Darjeeling, supported by Orbis International, and 'Mission Roshni' in Kalimpong, Cooch Behar, and Jalpaiguri, supported by Mission For Vision. In **2023-24**, these initiatives helped us touch **194873** children through school screening, and providing necessary free spectacles to **6033** children.

A New Ray Of Hope "Expanding boundaries, reaching to the unreachable"

16 years old Ankita Hira from Guwahati, faced severe headache since childhood. Facing a lot of difficulty in studying, staying under the sun or doing other daily chores; little did she knew that she was suffering with developmental Cataract. Knowing, that it would bring added trouble on the family's difficult financial conditions she chose to never inform her parents about her prevailing vision ailment. Though, Ankita would always avoid playing after dark or her father often received complains for her poor memory and concentration at the school, little it alarmed her parents.

Niyami Hira, Ankita's mother was a frequent visitor to Guwahati Medical College & Hospital for her eye ailment. When Ankita accompanied Niyami and her father at Guwahati Medical College & Hospital, Biren Hira decided that Ankita should also go for a routine eye checkup is when the family was shocked to learn the prevailing Cataract condition of Ankita. She was suggested to undergo immediate Cataract surgery for both eyes.

Ankita's father was utterly distressed. While, undergoing further check-up at a private eye hospital at, Guwahati, seeing the difficult financial condition of Biren, the Doctor suggested Biren to take her to Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, in Siliguri.

The family reached Siliguri, on 24 August 2023 and underwent comprehensive Doctor Check-up and Diagnostic tests under Dr. Rajive Kumar. Ankita Hira was operated for her right eye first on 26th, August 2023 and her 2nd eye (LE) was operated on 2nd September 2023. During her discharge she said "I am happy that I have found a new ray of hope through my vision. Having to be able to see again clearly is priceless".



Take Home Message

Ankita living in difficult circumstances, with limited access to daily essentials had succumbed to her condition. Having suffering with poor vision at such a young age she was also unaware of her own condition as she could not differentiate between bad and proper vision. Hence, without a routine check-up with her father or mother she may have remained neglected. It is hence extremely important that all must visit for a comprehensive eye examination at least once in a year.

Inauguration Of Begraj Agarwal Greater Lions Diabetes Foundation (Mesaso Group)



In collaboration with Sanjay Mittal & Meenakshi Mittal; Begraj Agarwal Greater Lions Diabetes Foundation a 2800 sq ft set-up completely dedicated towards Diabetes management & care was inaugurated at the Unit 1 Hospital. The Comprehensive Diabetes Institution is the first ever Lions Club lead Diabetes centre in North Bengal and the North East pioneered by Lions Club of Siliguri Greater and has been made possible with the unprecedented support from Sanjay Mittal & Meenakshi Mittal of Begraj Group Of Industries. Equipped also with a Mobile Diabetes Clinic the Diabetes foundation will look forward to make quality affordable comprehensive diabetes management & care reach everyone at their doorsteps.

The Centre was inaugurated with the unveiling of the Inaugural Plaque from the auspicious hands of Nirmala Devi with Sanjay Mittal and Meenakshi Mittal in presence of Chief Guest and Past International Director (PID) of Lions Club International India Lion G. S. Hora, Guest Of Honour Lions District 322F Governor Lion Suresh Sinhal along with visiting dignitaries from Lions Club Of Siliguri Greater, Lions fraternity of North Bengal, and valued guests. The comprehensive diabetes care unit is equipped with various care verticals including Dietitian, Foot Care, Kidney Care, Heart Care, and Eye & Dental Care with special focus on lifestyle change keeping minimum stress on medicinal support.

The foundation is committed to create essential Diabetes awareness and preventive care to bring necessary lifestyle changes in people towards early diabetes management & care. Putting light into the scope of services PID and past Chairman Lion G. S. Hora said, "The Club proposed to start a permanent project for the control of diabetes in North Bengal this year in January. We are privileged that Sri Sanjay Mittal took great interest in thoroughly studying the project and dedicate it to his brother and visionary leader Begraj Agarwal. We are fortunate to have his wife Nirmala Devi with us and Meenakshi Mittal under whose supervision the Project it was envisioned".

India is the Diabetes capital of the world with over 77 million people suffering and an equal number of undiagnosed cases. North Bengal and the adjoining State of Sikkim as a region also sees a similar trend and has a huge population especially in the Hilly & the Terai region who are affected with Diabetes most of them being undiagnosed cases given that healthcare challenges in the region of accessibility, affordability & availability. The foundation will address to this dire and urgent need.

Inferences 2023 – 2024

23,737 Cataract surgeries conducted

16,574 Of the patients who underwent free Cataract surgery suffered silently without ever trying to access timely eye care.

183 Pediatric surgeries including all specialities such as Cataract and Squint

17,126 Surgeries conducted free reaching to the unreached population of North Bengal

Lions International Global Service Week



On February 15th, as part of the Lions International Global Service Week the hospital was honoured to have received Dr. Patty Hill, LCI International President along with Brian E. Sheehan, LCIF Chairperson at our community eye hospital and training institute Siliguri Greater Lions Shri Vidya Sagar Oswal Eye Hospital.

The programme was visited by 41+ International Directors and Delegates from across the globe who appreciated the efforts the hospital has been making in creating North Bengal preventable blindness-free. The programme saw the inauguration of Begraj Agarwal Greater Lions Diabetes Centre our step into diabetes care, followed by the discharge of 100 patients after successful Cataract surgery at the hands of the International President and the visiting delegates.

The programme also saw Group Chairman Lion Binayamrit Mundra receiving recognition on behalf of the Board Of Directors For Outstanding Service and Changing the World. PID and Past Chairman G. S. Hora received the Presidential medal for his unprecedented support in building District 322F a model district among all globally.

Give Conclave: Hospital Awarded With Silver Jubilee Award



On January 28th the hospital was awarded the Silver Jubilee Award at The Give Conclave at Mumbai, in recognition to the 25+ years of service we have been catering to our trusted people in North Bengal & Sikkim. The award was received by Past Chairman, PDG Lion P. C. Maskara in presence of Lions Clubs International Foundation President Dr. Patti Hills, LCIF Vice President Lion A. P. Singh, Immediate Past International President Lion Brian Sheehan, with International Directors Lion Jitendra Singh, Lions R Mathanagopal, Lion Babu Rao Ghattamaneni. Among the audience from the club were Founding Chairman, PDG Lion P. K. Shah, Past Chairman PID Lion G. S. Hora, DG Lion Suresh Sinhal, along with hospital CEO Dr. Rajesh Saini.

The Annual Review Meeting of (NPCB&VI) Along With Project Ujjyalo



The annual review meeting of the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI), along with Project UJJYALO (an initiative by CBM India to strengthen eye health services in Sikkim), was held on 19th January 2024 at the Conference Hall of Health Secretariat, Govt. of Sikkim. The meeting was chaired by Dr. A. B. Karki, Secretary, the Health & Family Welfare Department. It was attended by senior officials, including PDHS-cum Mission Director, NHM, Director-cum SPO NPCB&VI, Directors and Additional Directors for National Health Programmes, and representatives from the Women and Child Development Department, Rural Development Department, and Education Department. Also present were HOD, Department of

Ophthalmology, STNM Hospital, Ophthalmologists from District Hospitals, and Hospital CEO, Dr. Rajesh Saini, along with the hospital team.

The objective was to appraise attendees about the performance and achievements under NPCB&VI and Project UJJYALO during 2023-24 and to invite feedback and suggestions. Dr. Sangeeta Pradhan, Director cum SPO, NP-NCD, NPCBVI, welcomed everyone and presented the State performance report of NPCB&VI. This was followed by a detailed PPT presentation by Dibyaraj Ghatani, State Programme Coordinator of Project UJJYALO from the hospital.

Performance statistics showed that 17,901 persons were examined at the Vision Center, with 9,149 patients prescribed spectacles and 801 cataract patients referred for further treatment. These figures reflect the impact of the initiatives undertaken and the growing outreach of eye health services in the region. Officials from various departments shared their views and suggestions, discussing challenges and activities to enhance the ongoing project for the upcoming fiscal year. The discussions emphasized the need to scale up awareness activities to build public confidence in eye health services.

Namchi District Health Functionaries were selected to conduct a door-to-door survey for Cataract and Visual Impairment in the South District, aiming to make it Sikkim's South Cataract Blindness Backlog Free District. The PDHS-cum Mission Director, NHM, and Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department emphasized optimizing resources and enhancing convergence with various departments to strengthen eye health services.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to collective action and strategic implementation to eliminate cataract blindness in Sikkim, focusing on active participation in Gram Sabhas and sensitizing Self-Help Groups (SHGs). This marked another milestone towards better eye health and vision care, reinforcing the dedication of all stakeholders involved.

CMB India Ujjyalo Training Programme

On January 4th, Siliguri Greater Lions Shri Vidya Sagar Oswal Eye Hospital under CMB India Ujjyalo programme for Jalpaiguri district conducted comprehensive training for medical practitioners (RMPs) of Jalpaiguri District, to sensitize them with the necessary eye



care tools and the available state resources to ensure early interception and treatment of the patients suffering with visual difficulty. The programme was conducted under the supervision of hospital operations manager Joshef Mollah along with Ujjyalo programme supervisor Dibyaraj Ghatani.

Announcement Of Sant Hirdaran National Award For Innovative Eye Care Practices at the Vision 2020: The Right To Sight - India National Conference

On September 2nd, 2023, the hospital, through an official press conference, announced that it had received the award for Innovative Eye Care Practices at the Vision 2020: The Right To Sight - India National Conference, the apex body that facilitates and supports government policy-making initiatives for community eye health in India. The award was presented to Dr. Rajesh Saini, Chief Executive Officer, along with other members from the hospital who represented the organization at the Vision2020 Annual Conference in Neemuch on August 26th, 2023. In recognition of his leadership and contributions to community eye health, Dr. Rajesh Saini was also appointed as the President of VISION 2020 INDIA, further solidifying the hospital's commitment to excellence in eye care and its influential role in shaping community eye health initiatives across the country.



Speaking to the Media Lion P. K. Shah said, "This award is a testament to the hospital's unwavering dedication for creating patient centric programmes, creating essential systems that today has ensured it's infrastructural reach to all corners of the region. We are thankful to our 1500+ community and institutional partners, and thousands of volunteers who are empowered to play a pivotal role in sensitizing and intercepting people in need of immediate treatment helping us to reach them before delay".

"We are deeply honored to receive this national-level award at the Vision 2020 Conference," said SGLEH Group Chairman Lion Binayamrit Mundra. "This recognition emphasizes our team's ceaseless efforts to redefine the standards of eye care through innovation, research, and a patient centric approach towards eye care. We remain committed to advancing the field of ophthalmology and ensuring that every individual receives the highest quality of care."

Keeping Hospital Accessible For Patients With Disability

A sign of trust we have received from physically disadvantaged persons due to the accessible infrastructure, and training health care staff who walk that extra mile to cater the best of eye care to you.

Inset: A trusted patient accessing our facilities at our Unit 2 Siliguri Greater Lions Shri Vidya Sagar Oswal Eye Hospital!



Inferences 2023 – 2024

8,190 Total OPD conducted for Vitreo Retina

630 Retina Surgeries conducted

920 Number of Int. Vit. administered

4967 Patients attended for Glaucoma related ailments

3016 Patients attended for cornea related ailments

Declaration Of Kumargram & Falakata Block Of Alipurduar District As Cataract Blindness Backlog Free



On August 17th, the hospital with support from Sightsavers India, in collaboration with Government of West Bengal declared Kumargram and consecutively on August 18th Falakata was Cataract Blindness Backlog Free under the Alipurduar High Impact Programme.

The programme was graced by former Sabhadipathy Alipurduar Zilla Parishad Shila Das, Deputy CMOH Dr. Bibek Sarkar, Gram Panchayat Pradhan Rydak Smt. Mayuri Minj, in presence of State Programme Manager of Sightsavers Ms. Sampa Paul, and Abhinav Mukherjee DPC Sightsavers including people who underwent Cataract surgery through the programme, delegates from the District Health, CDHI and Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital.

Inauguration Of Greater Lions Vision Centre at Soreng, Sikkim



Under the Ujjyalo Disability Inclusive Eye Health Programme, in partnership with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, NPCB&VI, Government of Sikkim, the Greater Lions Vision Centre at Soreng was inaugurated on September 27, 2023. The event was graced by MLA Soreng-Chakung, Shri. Aditya Golay, along with District Collector Shri. Bhim Bahadur Thatal, Additional District Collector Shri. Diraj Subedi, and other dignitaries, including Dr. Amber Subba (Soreng PHC Incharge), Shri. Lok Bahadur Tamang (Health Educator, IEC Cell), Mr. Dev Nepal (Programme Manager, Piramal Foundation), Shri. KB Chetri (Chief Education Officer), and Shri. Nakul Pradhan (Superintendent of Police). Over 100 delegates from the district attended the occasion.

The Disability Inclusive Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and staffed by skilled optometrists, ensuring precise diagnoses and care. This Vision Centre enables early diagnosis, treatment, and referrals, making quality eye care accessible locally. It helps residents access services without sacrificing daily wages, contributing to improved health outcomes in the region.

Inauguration of Greater Lions Vision Centre at Kurseong



On April 14th, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, in partnership with CBM, supported by Standard Chartered Bank, and in collaboration with Rotary Club of Kurseong, inaugurated its 59th Primary Eye Care Centre and 9th in Darjeeling district at Kurseong. The centre is dedicated to eradicating preventable blindness and providing early access to quality eye care, with a special focus on people with disabilities and the elderly.

The centre was officially inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri Anit Thapa, Chairman of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, in the presence of Shri Chetan Tiwari, Chairman of Rotary Club of Kurseong, Shri Binay Jain, Secretary of Rotary Club of Kurseong, along with Trustees from Lions Club of Siliguri Greater, including founding Chairperson Lion P. K. Shah, Lion P. C. Maskara, and Lion Bishnu Kedia. The programme was facilitated by Dr. Rajesh Saini, CEO, and Programme Manager Dibyaraj Ghatani.

Strategically located near Jagdish Temple, Kurseong, the centre will serve a population of over 50,000 across a 15 km radius, offering doorstep interventions to rural areas. It will reduce travel time for basic eye care, especially for women, children, and people with disabilities. Those requiring special care will be referred to Siliguri hospital.

Lion P. C. Maskara, Past Chairman, remarked on the significance of opening the centre on Nepali New Year. Lion P. K. Shah, Founding Chairman, highlighted that the hospital network now includes 59 centres across North Bengal, Sikkim, and Bihar, with Kurseong being the latest addition. The collaboration with Rotary Club of Kurseong marks a historic moment in the region, bringing quality eye care closer to the people.

Ensuring Quality Eye Care Is Available To Specially Abled Children Of Magradangi

On 27 July 2023, 12 children from Magradangi Special Children home underwent free eye screening at Siliguri Greater Shri Vidyasagar Oswal Lions Eye Hospital the Unit 2 of the hospital systems, who were suffering from conjunctivitis. It was a blessing for us to treat specially abled children at our Hospital.



State Level CME on Cornea Updates Organized at Gangtok, Sikkim



On April 6th, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, with support from CBM India and in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Sikkim, organized a Continued Medical Education (CME) programme at Hotel Summit Golden Crescent, Gangtok, on Cornea Updates under the Ujjyalo "Disability Inclusive Universal Eye Health Initiative."

The programme aimed at capacity building for Ophthalmologists and Ophthalmic staff in Sikkim's government health systems. Dr. Virendra Sangwan, Director of Innovation at Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital and Co-Founder of Uveitis Society of India & Asia Cornea Society, was the principal lecturer. Dr. Rajive Kumar and Dr. Krati Gupta, both cornea surgeons from Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, also presented, alongside Dr. Abhey Anand Gupta, who shared case stories. Dr. Virendra facilitated an interactive session to enhance understanding.

Key Ophthalmologists, PMOA, Optometrists from Sikkim SCHC/PHC/District Hospital/STNM, and MBBS students from Sikkim Manipal Hospital participated in the programme. It concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Diki Ongmu, Head of Ophthalmology, STNM Hospital Sikkim.

Declaration of Alipurduar I & II Block as Cataract Blindness Backlog Free



With support from Sightsavers India, in collaboration with Government Of West Bengal, District and Block Health & Administrative functionaries, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital declared 2 blocks of Alipurduar District Cataract Blindness Backlog Free. The programme started on December 12th with the declaration of Alipurduar II Block as Cataract Blindness Backlog Free. The declaration ceremony was inaugurated by the Acting CMOH Dr. Bibek Sarkar in presence of Panchayat Samity Adhyaksh Kedar Newar, Turturi Panchayat Pradhan Bijay Gomden, Secretary CDHI Dhananjay, and other dignitaries from the Panchayat.

Alipurduar 1 was later declared Cataract Blindness Backlog Free on December 15th, in a notable ceremony chaired by Sabhapati Shilpi Dey Sarkar, with BDO Sanjay Pradhan. Zilla Parishad Chairperson Manoranjan Dey also attended the programme with other panchayat and health functionary members. With the inclusion of these 2 Blocks been declared Cataract Blindness Backlog free to the earlier Kalchini, Madarihat, Kumargram, Falakata; all the 6 Block are now declared Cataract Blindness Backlog free under the Alipurduar High Impact Programme envisaged on 2020.

Restoring Sight, Renewing Lives: A Journey of Vision After 40 Years

Gyani Sant Singh Ji, a native of Nagaon, Assam, has served as the head priest of the Guru Singh Sabha Gurudwara, Sevoke Road, Siliguri. From the age of 7, he wore high-power minus spectacles due to vision problems. Despite seeking treatment, his vision eventually deteriorated beyond correction with spectacles.

Understanding his visual challenges, Gurudwara Committee Trustees Lion G. S. Hora and Lion B. S. Barmi referred him to our hospital. Senior Ophthalmologist Dr. Arup Kumar Das diagnosed him with hyperopia, cataract, and high Myopia. After thorough counseling and tests, Gyani Ji underwent cataract surgery in both eyes. For the first time in 40 years, he regained normal vision.

Gyani Ji expressed his gratitude, saying, "I am thankful for the doctors' commitment and the staff's kindness. They guided me patiently and answered all my concerns. Today, I can see clearly again." Access to early eye care is a shared responsibility. We encourage communities to support individuals in seeking timely treatment to prevent vision loss.



Expanding Access: Vision Centre Network and Outreach



A Vision Centre is a key element of any community ophthalmology institution, providing accessible, quality eye care in underserved regions. In recent years, especially during COVID, the hospital expanded from tertiary and secondary care to establish permanent primary eye care centres, equipped with the latest diagnostic tools for early intervention. This initiative was further supported by local Lions and community organizations, enabling large-scale participation in primary eye care. The hospital transitioned from hospital-based screening camps to Vision Centre-based ones, reaching vulnerable, hard-to-access populations. This strategy not only alleviated patient load at the hospital but also boosted referrals for specialized care. Today, the hospital operates a network of 60 primary eye care centres, supported by 3 Mobile Eye Clinics, 3 secondary care centres, and 1 tertiary centre in Siliguri.

Hospital Celebrations



Celebrating World Diabetes Day and Children's Day at the Hospital



On 14th November the hospital as a part of its annual awareness programme conducted one of the biggest rally towards diabetes awareness and the impact of diabetes on the health of people through walkathon and to highlight the opportunities to strengthen the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diabetes. This year the hospital conducted the walkathon jointly with the newly inaugurated Begraj Agarwal Greater Lions Diabetes Foundation showing our commitment and raising our collective voices against Diabetes. More than 300+ flag bearers walked together to create awareness against Diabetes, an emerging lifestyle disease in our country due to stagnant city life, limited access to Diabetes care and increasing packaged food consumption.

The rally was flagged off by DIG of Shastra Seema Bal(HO) Shri H. R. Barod, DIG (Medical) Shri V. Raja with Past International Director Lions Club International Lion G. S. Hora, PDG Lion P. K. Shah, Hospital Chairman Lion Binayamrit Mundra in presence of eminent members from the Greater Lions Femina, and Lions Club of Siliguri Greater. With them were present the prestigious SSB frontier Brass Band whose foot beats and musical tunes filled all the participant with enthusiasm. The 3 kilometer walk ended with live Zumba performance and Jazz note played by the infamous Jazz Band of SSB.

Continuing with the ongoing event the Children's day was also celebrated at the hospital. To ensure increased participation and involvement of children and their parents it was advertised that parents and grandparents accompanying the children would be also provided with free eye screening. To encourage the participating the children a Drawing Competition was organized at the hospital premises and each participating child was provided with drawing pencil set and chocolates. While, the children were engaged to draw on eye care, the student volunteers of the hospital sensitized their parents.



Celebration Of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

On December 3rd, we in collaboration with Department Of Women and Children Development, Govt. Of Sikkim with support from CBM India under its universal eye health and disability inclusive programme initiative celebrated International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). The programme rally was flagged off by Chief guest Minister of Women & Child Development Department & Social Welfare Shri. Sanjit Kharel, along with various dignitaries from government departments. The program was held at Palzor Stadium, Gangtok. Each year, the day focuses on a specific theme to address various aspects of disability rights and inclusion. This day aims at promoting awareness, understanding, and support for the rights and well-being of people with disabilities worldwide. It also seeks to mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society.



The celebration of IDPD provided an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges faced by people with disabilities, promote full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in society, and celebrate their achievements and contributions.

The programme saw events like Marathon, Wheelchair Race, Cultural Dance Performance by the Children, Songs by the Visually Impaired, Stalls by the Specially Aabled People; Handmade Artifacts; Crafts, Comprehensive Eye Camps, Distribution of Wheelchairs for the Participants and Persons with Disabilities.

Fighting Preventable Blindness in North Bengal

In 2022, India had the world's largest blind population, totaling 8 million. Retinal diseases, especially age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and diabetic retinopathy, are the leading causes of preventable blindness. Lack of awareness, delayed diagnosis, and inadequate treatment contribute significantly to the rising number of cases. Projections suggest that by 2030, there will be 1.54 million AMD patients and 5.1 million with diabetic macular edema (DME) in India. Symptoms of AMD are often misinterpreted as signs of ageing, leading to accidents, loss of independence, and even depression.

Our hospital was the first in North Bengal to launch a dedicated Vitreo-Retina Department and regularly conducts awareness campaigns, such as World Diabetes Day events like Walk-a-thons and Cycle Rallies. We have also played a key role in educating the public about Diabetic Retinopathy and its detrimental effects on the retina if diabetes is neglected.

We pioneered Cornea Speciality services in North Bengal and are the first institution to provide corneal treatments, including grafting and transplants, through the region's only non-government Eye Bank. In response to the growing incidence of glaucoma in North Bengal and Sikkim, we introduced Glaucoma services in 2012, seeing steady growth in patient numbers. Today, our hospital brings together top eye care surgeons to provide comprehensive, specialized care, including expert Retina trauma care.

First Ever Participation At AIOC, Kolkata

With the aim to project the growing training potential of the hospital in Ophthalmology and induce a sense of the work that the organization has been doing in magnanimity, the hospital participated at the 3 days All India Ophthalmic Conference held at Lake Town Kolkata. The Hospital took a part in the Corporate Exhibition booth displaying its work and the scope of ophthalmic research and training at the hospital at AIOC represented by Subhasree Kundu, Hospital Cluster Manager and Khusbu Sha, Hospital Human Resource Manager along with CEO, Dr. Rajesh Saini. The platform helped the hospital open a new paradigm where for the first time a community ophthalmology hospital showcased its work, and the scope of education at the institution helping to shape the career goal of ophthalmologists from across the country.



Republic Day Celebration At The Hospital

On 26 January 2024 on the occasion of Republic Day, the hospital celebrated the essence of democracy, unity, and diversity that define this great nation. The hospital took a moment to honor the visionaries who crafted the Constitution and the countless heroes who sacrificed their lives for our freedom by hosting our National Flag at unit 1, unit 2 and unit 4 in presence of Lion Club Of Siliguri Greater Members.



Inferences 2023 – 2024

- 194873** Children were intercepted for comprehensive screening at their schools
- 61260** Children and their parents were intercepted and screened at their homes through door-to-door screening initiative
- 6033** Free spectacles were delivered to the children intercepted during screening
- 413** Schools participated in the school eye health initiative
- 215** Children with developing & congenital cataracts and squints were also identified from school screening programmes

AUDITOR'S REPORT 2023-24

Acknowledgement Number:531012140280924

FORM NO. 10B

[See rule 16CC and 17B]

Audit report under clause (b) of the tenth proviso to clause (23C) of section 10 and sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 12A of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of a fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution.

We have examined the balance sheet of GREATER LIONS SEVA NIDHI [name of the fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution] as at 31-Mar-2024 and the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account for the year ended on that date are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations to the best of our knowledge and belief which are necessary for the purposes of the audit.

In our opinion, proper books of account have been maintained at the registered office of the above named fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution at the address mentioned at serial number 14 of the Annexure:

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanations given to us, the particulars given in the Annexure are true and correct subject to following observations or qualifications-

(a) NIL

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution as on 31-Mar-2024; and
- (ii) in the case of the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account, of the income and application or profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31-Mar-2024.

Subject to the following observations/qualifications-

(a) NIL

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

Name of Chartered Accountant
Membership Number
Firm Registration Number
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Place
Date

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Nature & Status Of The Organisation

- Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital is a permanent project of Greater Lions Seva Nidhi Trust, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar at Siliguri on 4th June, 1980.
- Greater Lions Seva Nidhi is registered under section 6(1)(a) of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010, Section 11 (1) No. 146980041, dated 15.06.2011
- All contributions to Greater Lions Seva Nidhi are exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 No. 80G/CIT/SLG/Tech/313/07-08/3125-27 dated 30.11.2007, valid from 01/04/2007 onward till it is rescinded.
- Income Tax Permanent Account No. AAATG2117J
- Tax Deduction Account No. CALG03003A
- Greater Lions Seva Nidhi is registered with Income Tax Department under Section 12A No. 7591/8E/92-80- 81/CT; dated 03.03.1981

GREATER LIONS SEVA NIDHI

I SOURCES OF FUNDS

	As At 31.03.2024	As At 31.03.2023
1. Corpus Fund	29,12,87,467	28,23,46,026
2. Secured Loans	1,06,19,425	97,38,243
3. Unsecured Loans	15,00,000	30,00,000
4. Project Account	24,06,573	70,15,252
5. Current Liabilities & Provisions	2,47,95,071	1,72,59,156
Total	33,06,08,536	31,93,58,679

II APPLICATION OF FUNDS

1 Fixed Assets :

(a) Gross Block	31,46,12,744	21,82,54,375
(b) Less: Depreciation	2,40,42,909	1,95,96,591
(c) Net Block	29,05,69,835	19,86,57,784
(d) Capital work-in-progress	0	8,00,95,426

2 Long Term Deposits :

13,22,915	33,28,809
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3 Current Assets, Loans & Advances :

(a) Inventories	1,37,31,538	1,17,35,602
(b) Cash & Bank balance	79,74,524	1,19,75,048
(c) Sundry Debtors	75,20,332	76,19,228
(d) Advances & Deposits	94,89,393	59,46,778
Total	33,06,08,537	31,93,58,679

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Particulars

	For Year Ended 31.03.2024	For Year Ended 31.03.2023
I INCOME :		
Operating Income	21,25,83,563	18,84,01,602
Donations & Grants Received	8,49,08,543	6,70,58,403
Interest & Other Income	26,47,669	74,13,336
Increase/Decrease in Closing Stock	19,95,936	24,92,489
Total	30,21,35,711	26,53,65,830
II EXPENDITURE :		
Operating Expenditure	11,71,95,691	5,71,60,781
Employee benefits expenses	9,87,44,263	8,82,79,108
Project Expenses	56,15,230	3,89,84,336
Viison Centre & Outreach Expenses	4,73,54,102	3,64,20,677
Administrative and other costs	1,09,09,918	95,50,210
Depreciation	2,40,42,909	1,95,96,591
Total	30,38,62,113	24,99,91,704
Net Surplus for the year	-17,26,401	1,53,74,125



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