

THIRD CATARACT EYE SURGERY CAMP
Organized by OXIGEN & SAHYOG
Under its CSR INITIATIVE

FY2019-20/4/Cataract Surgery.

Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation Report on Cataract Surgeries:

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NEW DELHI: India is home to one third of the world's blind population. The country has about 12 million individuals with visual impairment as against the global total of 39 million according to a report published by the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB). Despite this, when it comes to accessibility of education, healthcare and employment, the visually impaired is cut-off. Only 29.16% of the blind in India are the part of the education system as per a survey conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The World Health Organization (WHO) says some of the major causes of blindness are cataract and refractive errors, which are preventable 80% of the times but lack of awareness and poor access to eye care in India makes the situation tough.

Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation in association with Lions hospital Delhi organized a free Cataract surgery camp on Thursday, July 18th at Lions hospital with a mission to control blindness of marginalized population. After screening of eyes, during the eye camp at Tughlakabad and Noida 10, Cataract identified patient were sent to Lions eye hospital, where in the Ophthalmic team of Lions along with Oxigen CSR team rendered their valuable services and their valuable services and 6 Successful cataract surgeries were conducted.

Third Cataract surgery camp details

Date- 18th July 2019

Location- Lions Eye Hospital, Delhi

No of Patients undergone surgery-6

Patients From-Tughlakabad Slum & Noida -10

Partnering NGO- Lions Eye Hospital, Delhi

The sequence of steps taken to screen, transport, and conduct the surgery are as follows:

- 1) The patients who come to the camp site are registered
- 2) The patients are screened to determine their eyesight problem



- 3) Those found in need of cataract surgery are tested for inter-ocular pressure
- 4) Patients are then screened for high blood pressure and blood sugar
- 5) The patients who do not have any health complications and are deemed to be in need of cataract surgery are subjected to a final screening by the ophthalmologist
- 6) Patients are then transported to the hospital by bus provided by the OXIGEN & SAHYOG Foundation
- 7) The patients are admitted to the hospital and are operated the same day. During the surgical procedure, clouded lens is removed and a plastic intra-ocular lens is implanted
- 8) after staying for few hours, the patients are checked to ensure that there are no complications and are then transported back home.



Patients were grateful to Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation for conducting such surgeries free of cost. They are now able to feel the world once again through their improved visions. Meals and medicines were provided along with a full day's rest at hospital after the surgery. The patients are also provided with post-operative medication, colored glasses and two follow up visits. Proud to Share that Patients were very happy with surgery & the arrangements at hospital.

Oxigen & Sahyog foundation has brought a new ray of hope for the hopeless and helpless people. The patients being operated at hospital acknowledge that with the help & blessings of volunteers rendering selfless services to them more than their own kin they will be able to restore their vision back. The happiness on the faces of patients getting operated in the eye camp can be clearly seen.

Acknowledgement

We express our heartiest thanks to surgeons of Lions Eye Hospital Dr Anita Arora & Dr Noopur and their teams for their honest & dedicated hard work. We would like to thank Dr. Manoj Dubey and Camp coordinator Mr. R.N Bajaj for their generosity in referring the patients and accompanying us to the hospital and continuously monitoring the situation at the hospital and ensuring they reach home safely with new vision. Special thanks to the Medical Superintendent & senior surgeon at Lions Eye Hospital who came to meet the patients while they were discharged.

"I am very happy that each one of us, privileged to be part of this grand human experience, by this unique service project".

Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation, seeks the continued patronage of corporate to transform the quality of life of the villagers into a productive one and deliver quality eye care to the rural masses and to those living in inaccessible and remote areas

We are still trying to make sense of it to all".

Seema Khurana
CSR Lead & Activist

