

Eye Care Camp

A Report...

Date of Eye Camp: 24th May, 2019.

Timings- 9.00am- 3.30pm

Eye Camp spot: Tughlakabad Village, Mandir

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Organizing support: Han's Foundation

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Free School Children Eye Checkup Camp, Govt. Girls School, NIT-3, Faridabad

In India 41% of children – Under 18 years are estimated to need visual correction but are not corrected. The resources and infrastructure for eye care services in India are much below the actual requirement. Estimated average coverage of refractive services for the age group 5–15 years for rural areas in India is 30% (which is the lowest of all regions of WHO) and it is 55% for urban areas. Free Eye Check UP and Vision test camp was organized in Govt girls School NIT-3 Faridabad by Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation to raise awareness on visual impairment. This one of its kind, integrated vision camp to help school children to understand and comprehend various symptom identifications, impart eye health education and provide visual acuity measurement including basic eye examination and diagnosis. Free spectacles distribution was also offered to create a one stop solution for the kids to combat the growing problem of poor vision.



Visual Screening of 275 students was done. Out of them 127 students were diagnosed to have refractive errors. 85 keen to have Spectacles were given free spectacles on the spot. In the the begging many were reluctant to wear the spectacles but after a brief talk they agreed to wear, Few knew they need a spectade but they could not afford.179 students screened with Eye infection were handed over with free Eye drops. 2 Students identified with corneal problem, 2 pyterism cases 1 cataract were referred to Hospital for future examination and treatment. Their respective class teachers will be meeting their Parents on Monday.

Results of Eye screening camp conducted in schools revealed, Uncorrected refractive error is the most common cause of reduced visual acuity in the younger population. Myopia being the most common cause of visual impairment among children, its prevalence is found to be high among children of this age group.

It was observed that corneal causes, globe abnormalities, cataract and retinal causes largely contribute to blindness in India. Children reported difficulty in doing homework, reading, using computer, drawing, and painting. Teachers accompanying the students during Screening camp reasoned that children avoid reading and refuse to do homework owing to symptoms like eyestrain and headache. Many children with uncorrected refractive error admitted that their academic performance was only average and related it to their vision-related problems. Children wearing refractive correction lenses were able to recall their limitations to perform well in academics before wearing spectacles.



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