



VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-INDIA



WORLD SIGHT DAY 2024

A Report

VISION 2020 INDIA in collaboration with Dr RP Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences organised the World Sight Day 2024 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. A slew of activities were organised – from observing World Sigh Day 2024 through speeches by eminent ophthalmologists, launching of the second edition of the Vision Centre Manual, launch of a life-changing case story by Orbis, to a special walkathon under the theme, **“Children, Love Your Eyes.”**

OBSERVING WORLD SIGHT DAY

The World Sight Day 2024 was inaugurated at Dr RP Centre by Dr (Prof.) RK Srinivas, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi. The inauguration was followed with talks by Dr (Prof.) Praveen Vashist, Dr (Prof.) JS Titiyal, Dr (Prof.) Radhika Tandon, and Dr (Prof.) Namrata Sharma. There were talks by Dr (Prof) Tanuj Dada, Dr (Prof.) Pradeep Venkatesh, Dr (Prof.) Praveen Vashist, and Dr (Prof.) Rohit Saxena on various aspects of eye health and preventive measures. A insightful panel discussion on, **“What Should You Know in Blindness Prevention”** was also held at the end of the talks, drawing questions from the audience at large.





ANNUAL AWARDS

Vision2020: The Right to Sight INDIA announced two awards as part of its Annual Awards, given every year to luminaries.

- The **Life-Time Achievement Award 2024** was conferred to **Col. (Retd.) Dr. M Deshpande**, Eye Care Consultant.
- The **Guru Dronacharya Award 2024** was conferred to **Dr. (Prof.) JS Titiyal**, Chief, Dr RP Centre of Ophthalmic Sciences All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi



PANEL DISCUSSION

Blindness prevention is a critical area of public health, aiming to reduce avoidable blindness through timely intervention, awareness, and policy initiatives. The panellists explored the latest developments in eye care, emphasizing early detection, access to treatment, and the role of preventive strategies. They also highlighted the importance of community awareness programs and affordable eye care services to address common causes of blindness, such as cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy.

Attendees gained practical knowledge about the key warning signs of eye conditions and the importance of regular eye exams. With a focus on both individual and systemic approaches, this session

aimed to equip participants with actionable strategies to advocate for blindness prevention in their communities, in the backdrop of World Sight Day 2024.



LAUNCH of SECOND EDITION of VISION CENTRE MANUAL

The second edition of the **Vision Centre Manual** was unveiled by Dr. Rajesh Saini, President, VISION2020 India, alongside the eminent Dr (Prof) J.S. Titityal, Dr (Prof). Praveen Vashist, Professor and Officer In-Charge, Community Ophthalmology at Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi Dr (Prof.) Namrata Sharma, and Dr (Prof.) Radhika Tandon.

The Vision Centre Manual is a handy document presented in detail which is a crucial component in establishing, operating, and managing vision centres across the country to provide quality and accessible services to patients. The manual serves as an useful document to healthcare professionals, managers, administrators, and others seeking ways to improve quality and accessibility of eyecare services.



WALKATHON

A special “Walkathon” was held at the Dr RP Centre, AIIMS, on October 10 in the presence of eminent ophthalmologists. Flagged off by Dr (Prof.) Praveen Vashist and Dr (Prof.) JS Titiyal. the program commenced at 7 am with a walkathon covering approximately 3 km through the streets surrounding the AIIMS campus. Volunteers and students carried banners, raised slogans promoting the need for child eye care, and successfully drew the attention of the public.





SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE


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YOUR EYES

**WE WANT
AVAILABLE SIGHT TESTS
FOR ALL AGES AND ALL
LIFE STAGES**

It is estimated that 40% of children are blind from eye conditions that could have been prevented or could be managed if the child had access to eye care services.


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YOUR EYES

**WE WANT
AFFORDABLE GLASSES
SO EVERYONE CAN
SEE CLEARLY**

Vision impairment in children can severely impact educational outcomes, contribute to low self-esteem and future socio-economic potential.


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