

Melvin Jones Lions Eye Hospital

(Signature Project of LIONS CLUB OF CUTTACK)



Lions Club of Cuttack established **Melvin Jones Lions Eye Hospital** in Cuttack in **1998** to provide basic eye care services as well as necessary surgical treatment to the people in and around Cuttack, Orissa, to achieve its slogan of “**Cataract Free Orissa**”.

The **40** bedded most modern and state-of-the-art Eye Hospital, equipped with all necessary latest & sophisticated equipments, is located in the heart of the city of Cuttack. All types of surgeries are performed by an eminent and experienced team of **5** Eye surgeons led by CMO Dr. Kiranbala Bhandari.

More than **Rs.1.50 Crores** have been spent till date in construction of the Hospital building, purchase of instruments, equipment and furniture & fittings, etc., of which **Rs.28.22 Lakhs** were received as grant from LCIF. The balance amount was donated by Members of Lions Club of Cuttack, their friends, relatives and also benevolent citizen of Orissa, who still continue to patronize the Project.

Free Services provided by the Eye Hospital:

- **Free OPD Service** – Free OPD service is provided to all persons at Hospital on two days every week.
- **Free Cataract IOL Surgery** – Free Cataract IOL surgery is provided to all patients requiring it.
- **Free Eye Screening Camps** – Free Eye Screening Camps are conducted regularly in remote places. All persons requiring Cataract surgery are brought to Eye Hospital by hospital’s own transport, and also dropped back after necessary surgery/treatment. Free Cataract IOL surgery is provided along with free food to all patients.
- **Free Student vision screening programme** – Free Students’ Eye Check up Camps are carried out regularly in schools of Cuttack by a qualified team. Spectacles and other treatments of Eye ailments are provided free of cost, as required, under the project named ‘**BAL DRISHTI**’, which has been much appreciated by the community.
- **Workshops & Seminars** – Regular Workshops & seminars are conducted with help of eminent Ophthalmologists of the country to update with the latest technical developments.

Milestones passed in this journey towards “Cataract Free Orissa”:

Type of Eye Care Service	Service Started in	Up to L.Y.2007-08	L.Y.2008-09 (Up to 11/2008)	Total
Free OPD service	June 1998	30,408	2,467	32,947
Free Cataract(conventional) surgery	August 1999	560	10	570
Free Cataract (IOL) surgery	October 2000	6,965	792	7,757
Paid OPD services with token fee	November 2000	138,157	12,663	150,820
Paid Cataract IOL Surgery	March 2001	2,521	200	2,721
Phaco surgery	March 2003	2,275	286	2,561
Free School students check-up	April 2006	2,842	4,183	7,025

Future Plans:

The Hospital is planning to add soon a Retina section, Glaucoma treatment section, besides providing Paediatric services, and also establish an Eye Bank in addition to a Research & Development wing in the near future, with the support and co-operation of LCIF, Members of Lions Club of Cuttack and the citizens of Orissa.