

ROURKELA VEDVYAS LIONS EYE HOSPITAL

(Signature Project of **LIONS CLUB OF ROURKELA VEDVYAS**)



Started in the year 1987 from a premises of Red Cross Society. The members of the Club derive great deal of satisfaction because the hospital commands a great deal of respect in the area and is the first choice for eye care.

The Club members had always a dream of operating hospital from its own building. With the help of saving over a period of times from various fund raising activities, the club purchased 1 acre plot costing Rs 30,00,000/-. The entire past accumulated fund of the club was used in purchasing the land but the club had no money to build the hospital building.

Club continued to operate its hospital from rented premises but during Lionistic year 2005-06, it was asked by Red Cross Society to vacate the premises for their own use and was given time till March 2006. The Club had only 9 months time to shift.

The members took up the challenge and decided to do something impossible. A blue print of new hospital building was made covering an area of more than 8,000 sq ft and the task in hand was to raise money for construction and construct the building in a very time bound schedule of 6 months. With the support of all the members record fund of over Rs. 75.00 Lacs was raised. The building construction started in November 2005 and was completed in June 2006. Finally, the hospital was shifted on 28th June 2006 to our own building.

The Hospital comprises 12 AC cabins, Male and female wards, Operation Theater, chambers for doctors, OPD, rooms for testing, kitchen etc. The Hospital also has medicine and spectacles shop within complex. The hospital is maintained very hygienically. It also has a very well maintained garden.

The Hospital presently treats on and average 2000-2500 patients every month with Cataract operation of around 150-200 per month. Minimum 6-8 free Eye Operation Camps are held every year in which on and average per camp 100 patients are treated.

The Club is regularly conducting screening camps in far off tribal places and villages which are very poor and backward. Patients from these screening camps are bought by Club in its own vehicle to the hospital and after free treatment/operation are left at their villages.

The club has ambitious plan to upgrade the facilities in the hospital for which funds support from LCIF is being sought.