



CHAITANYAM

INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE

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Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute

- Your Vision Is Our Mission -

Chaitanyam Eye Care Bhoomi Poojan Inauguration

The people, especially the underprivileged section of the society in Kale, Kolhapur are hereby due to witness one of God's greatest miracles in the form of an establishment that will manifest into an Eye Care Institution fostering external and *'Inner Vision by helping them with Physical Vision'*.

The **Bhoomi Poojan** for the establishment of this Institute was held on **4th April, 2024** in the village called, Kale, Kolhapur. **Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute** an initiative of Sweekriti Sociocare Foundation will offer Comprehensive care, Diagnostic & Therapeutic and Patient care services totally free of cost under the principle of "Love All & Serve All", laid by our Mentor, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.



Significance behind the Name of the Institute

The word *Chaitanyam* refers to awareness, consciousness, conscious self or pure consciousness. It can also mean Energy or Enthusiasm or the State of Conscious Energy. The above words present an intrinsic image. It means being in a state of inner reflection, inner consciousness.

Further, Bhagawan explains, One's state of inner consciousness will lead one to Swarna Yuga or Golden Age. To attain this state of inner consciousness, one needs to develop an "Inner View" and not wait for an "Interview". The inner view is possible only when Seva (Service) precedes Self. Hence, **Paroparakam Idham Shareeram** (this body for the benefit of others) in the form of a service when one acts as per it!

Bhagawan designed this *Chaitanyam Institution* as a workshop model to transform people from the outer world of ego, jealousy, avarice etc. to the inner world of spirituality, humanity, divinity leading to tranquillity and a state of calmness and happiness! The method to achieve this is through Service for Mankind by creating establishments that will help address the needs of the **poor** and **underprivileged** sections of the society.

The Need

India has around **12 million** visually impaired population as compared to Global total of **39 million** which makes our country stand in the third place.

Farming and Labour are only means of living in Kolhapur. A peculiar issue that unfolds Kale and other villages in Kolhapur is that there is no proper eye care facility and these people need to travel everytime around 35 kms to city for treatment in Govt. hospital which doesn't have adequate and appropriate facilities, especially for an eye treatment. Alternatively, getting treatment in private hospitals becomes unaffordable for them.

The people in Kale village and other surrounding villages rely heavily on the government bus services that come once in three days, picks up a few people who are partially or fully blind and takes them to nearby locations like Sangli etc. They get operated and are dropped back after three days. Meanwhile, the rest of the patients have to wait for their turns. Imagine how much time it will take for more than **10,000 people** to get treated. Besides this, children are also facing issues of malnutrition and other factors that impact health.

Though the need for the establishment of a quality eye-care hospital was felt across the district, none of the NGOs or even government bodies came forward to help. At this right juncture, Bhagawan chose to intervene and initiate the establishment of the aforesaid Institute with His **Vajra Sankalpa** in March 2024.

Unfolding of Events at an Enhanced pace

Just look at the pace at which this whole thing started to move:

- Announcement of the **Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute – March 2024**
- Bhoomi Poojan of the land secured through a generous farmer who donated the land – **4th April 2024**
- Water for the construction of the building and also for the people who work. There were no borewells or even a sign of water available on the land. Bhagawan asked the villagers to dig at a particular spot and in the presence of the land surveyor it was experienced that water was available at that spot, and in abundance – **May 2024.**
- Mobile Eye Care Van to screen and do the basic tests – **June 2024.**

If the above achievements aren't a miracle, then what is it???

Further, a two-floored building is being proposed to be constructed in this year so the treatment can start as soon as possible. The pace at which this work is going on is faster than the speed of a Bullet Train. As **Bhagawan says**, his train is leaving the platform. It's an opportunity for us, devotees, to get into the bogie **NOW** and become a part of the miracle that the world is going to witness.

Chaitanyam 'Van' – Mobile Eye Care Van

With great pleasure and happiness, the inauguration of the **Mobile Eye Care Van** was done in the presence of the esteemed dignitaries and leaders – **District Collector Shri Amod Yedge, Ex MLA Chandradeep Narke.**

While the construction of the hospital is in process, people should not suffer due to lack of screening facilities available at a Hospital. Hence, this Mobile Eye Care Van was sourced and upgraded with state of the art facility to start addressing patient needs immediately. This is a significant step towards the identification and eventually eradication of **blindness at Kale, Kolhapur.**

We would like to thank our partners, **Ekam Foundation; Mumbai, Vision Foundation India, One Sight Essilor Luxottica, and Shahid Aniket Subhash Mole Trust, Kolhapur** Also thanks to all the donors who have been supporting this noble cause, and the volunteers who are the backbone of **Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute.**



To build our Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute, with Swami's divine blessings, let's get support in the form of monetary donations and build an hospital which will give the blind people of Kale a feeling of being in Swarna Yuga.

We need to Unite together to make this happen!

With Unity Comes Divinity, With Divinity Comes Prosperity!

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– the way forward....

The **Swarna Yuga** is nothing but the good karmas that will get transcended into a humane way of living together. For this to happen, we need to imbibe the feeling of serving others. JOY is all about – Jesus (God) First, Others Next, Yourself Last. It's this JOY that can be derived by serving others with no expectations. The gratitude that God has been kind to us by blessing us with good family, helpful friends, meaningful colleagues, and in a country where we can live safely and happily is important. With this gratitude comes the responsibility to carry forward His Sankalpa for others benefit, especially the ones who lack something as critical as an eyesight.

The construction and functioning of the Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute is God's plan to let us embark on our own Spiritual Journey. Our Bhagawan is guiding us to win this War against blindness for the people of Kale (Kolhapur). We are His warriors, and we need to be self-dependent to make this happen. Let's come together and forge this battle winning the ultimate war against blindness!

*A feeling of Compassion,
For those deprived of Vision,
It's Swami's Mission - Your Vision is My Mission*

*Happiness will be the Reaction,
When eyes will again start to Function,
It's Swami's Mission - Your Vision is My Mission*

*Blindness will be in Depreciation,
With quality treatment in Appreciation,
It's Swami's Mission - Your Vision is My Mission*

*Chaitanyam's efforts are in Amplification,
Outcomes would be the eyesight's Restoration,
The world will see and bow to the Almighty who is the Magician,
As it's Swami's and our Mission - Your Vision is my Mission*

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