



CHAITANYAM

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Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute

- Your Vision Is Our Mission -



Rising towards Humanity

There are multiple pencils of different brands in the market. Each pencil externally looks different from the other, however, it is the same lead inside which is used for writing. **Bhagawan** beautifully explains this concept with a different, yet, profound example. There are different types of bulbs with different colours and voltage in the market, but the current which passes through is the same. Similarly, individuals may be in different forms and have different names, but the principle of Atma (Spirit) is one in all.

Each time the pencil tip breaks, a sharpener is used to sharpen and get a new point. Similarly, when each human being breaks the **Divine law**, God Himself descends in different forms to sharpen our minds and spirits so that we return on the path that leads us to Him - This is **Spiritual Transformation!**

Spirituality is to God what Humanity is to Humans! Spirituality is common to all religions. If you cultivate humanity, you automatically generate spirituality, leading to Divinity.

The journey from “Manav” to “Madhav” is not so easy but not impossible as well. It’s important to first initiate a transition from being “Danav” to “Manav” in case the wrongdoings have been high, or the sins committed are too many. God always gives a chance to those who genuinely want to transform themselves.

The Lord provides multiple opportunities for people to realise the Divine talent within them by identifying areas where they could “**surrender**” themselves to the service of God – One such route is the service to mankind, and one such opportunity is **Chaitanyam Institute for Human Excellence!**



Chaitanyam Institute for Human Excellence in the Healthcare Sector – an initiative of Sweekriti Sociacare Foundation:

An institute set up for the noble cause of service to mankind, more so to the underprivileged and the absolutely unattended strata of the society to whom even the governing agencies are unable to cater. This is a significant step taken up by the Institute with the sole purpose of “**Service Before Self**” and “**Love All, Serve All**”.

One of the most important initiatives of this set-up is the **Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute** – an eye hospital coming up in a remote village of ‘**Kale**’ at **Kolhapur**. What started as a feeling of emotion for the people impacted by visual impairedness, cultivated into a mission to eradicate this problem, culminating into a project of bringing vision and smiles to those who are in despair.

The Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute project was started **early 2024**, and within a short span of time has achieved significant milestones:

• Survey – an initial assessment. •

It all began with a needs assessment survey. In collaboration with ekam foundation, Mumbai, Pramiti Philanthropy partners and our local partner Shahid Aniket Subash Mole trust, a survey was conducted in the Kale Village at Kolhapur to identify individuals requiring cataract surgery.

Highlights:

- ◆ 700+ individuals surveyed in 5 talukas of Kolhapur - Karvir, Gaganbawda and Panhala, radhanagari and shahuwadi
- ◆ Local team’s invaluable support ensured seamless execution.
- ◆ One to one Interactive survey

• 29th May 2024 – Mobile Eye Screening Van (donated by Safari) •

In order that people should not suffer while the Chaitanyam Eye Care Institute is being built, a **Mobile Eye Care Van unit** was launched in **June 2024**. This mobile van was sourced and upgraded with state-of-the-art facility to start addressing patients' needs immediately – a big step towards identifying and eventually eradicating blindness with around Kale, Kolhapur.

By **July 2024** the mobile van was completely operational and dedicated to pediatric screening and is covering government schools of entire Panhala taluka of Kolhapur district.

In the coming 6 months the adjacent talukas of Panhala (for e.g Karvir and Gaganbawada) will be covered.



- ◆ Children of all government schools of Panhala Taluka are being currently screened by qualified optometrists for refractive disorders and other eye ailments



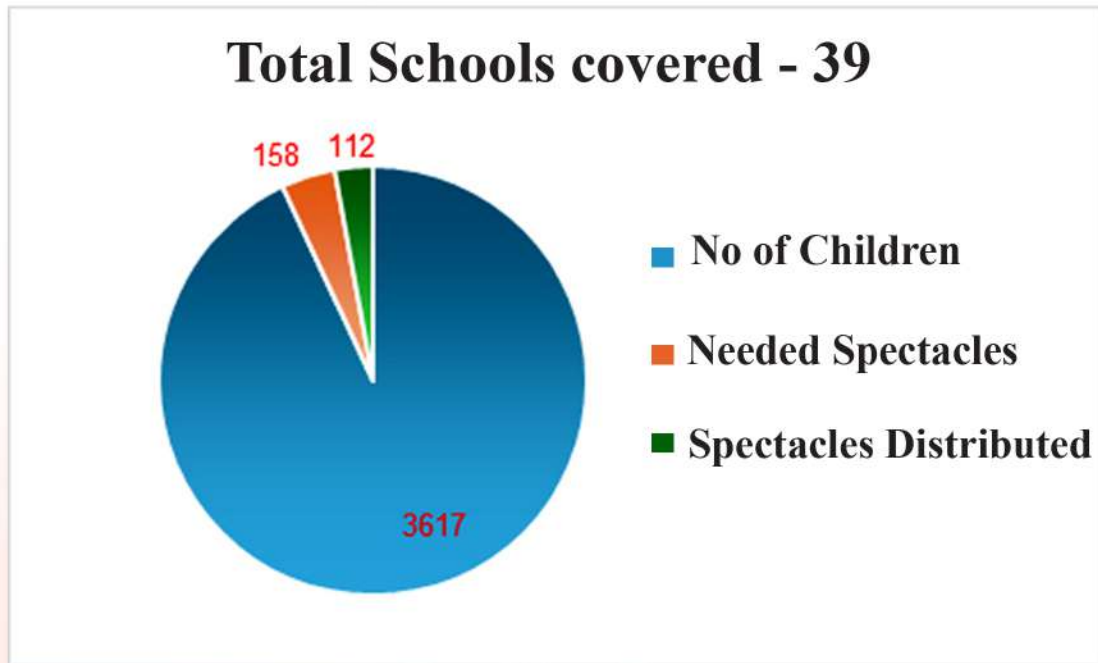
- ◆ Distribution of free spectacles to children post eye screening.



- ◆ Any child with a different eye condition will be referred to hospitals with whom Chaitanyam has a tie-up till the Eye Care Institute is functional.



Distribution of customized spectacles (donated by One Sight Essilor Luxottica)



Statistics so far;

- Screened around 3617 children
- Total schools covered - 39
- Children detected with the need for specialised spectacles - 158
- Total spectacles distribution – 112

Chaitanyam distributed customized spectacles to school children who had tremendous problems reading the contents from the blackboard.

To our surprise, they were not even aware of their lack of eyesight, as an issue!

— An interesting story that led to the above service: —

Ophthalmologists were screening the children in a municipal school at Kale. A young girl appeared to be slightly weird, and the school authorities used to consider her to be quite mentally challenged, given that she would not respond to anything on the blackboard or any written stuff while the others could see it better.

When the doctors spoke to the girls' parents, they also stated that they were unsure of the mental state of that girl and were worried about her future.

After a thorough investigation by the doctors, they realized her eyesight was impacted at birth and was not able to see anything, and she had a problem with 'farsightedness'. They customized a spectacle for her, with a diopter of 8+ in one eye and 9+ in another. Once this was done, the girl was able to see everything clearly and was responding as any other child - they felt it was a miracle! If this was not detected she would have been treated as a mentally retarded girl throughout her life.

Such is the state of 'lack of awareness' and 'myths' that are being followed, not only by the parents but also by school authorities.

August 2024 – Bus service for patients (donated by SBFC)

A traveller bus service has been started to bring children, senior citizens and other patients suffering from blindness to the **Mobile eye care unit** considering a single van cannot cover so many people at the same time. This is a duo service – where the mobile eye care unit goes to places where immediate attention is needed, while the bus brings patients to the eye care van, so a structured treatment process gets administered.

In addition to the above, **Chaitanyam Institute for Human Excellence** has also undertaken additional activities (all over Maharashtra):



In Kale, Kolhapur:



Medical camp



**Divine Mother and
Child Health Program**

At Wani:



Divine Mother and Child Health Program

- **Blood Group** checking camp for school children (**Aug 2024**), in association with Shabdkruti Foundation and Indian Red Cross.
- **Jal Abhiyan** (Rain Water Harvesting) and schooling support are being planned for Varpod village where tribes reside. The entire village is being adopted by Chaitanyam.
- Dental check-up camp in association with **Shabdkruti Foundation** at Wani.

In Mumbai

- Multiple workshops for Human Excellence for Nurses and Caregivers in hospitals.

At Kale, there is an urgent need to build a hospital with better facilities, quality doctors, and good healthcare treatment, including creating awareness amongst the people for a better life.

The construction work has started recently and will take almost **6 – 9 months** to complete. In all probability, the surgeries for eye defects would begin by the end of next year.

Your Vision is My Mission: This is our Motto at Chaitanyam, This is what We Stand By!

If you want to join us for this mission, come forward and contribute to the hospital that will serve millions of people impacted by visual impairment.

*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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