

# SANKURATHRI FOUNDATION REPORT

September - December 2014

## Srikiran Eye Institute Update

During the months of September through November 2014, 8379 patients were screened and 1584 surgeries were performed.

Month	Total Camps	Total Screened	School Camps	Surgeries performed
September	19	2619	0	522
October	14	1890	1 ( 32 pairs of glasses distributed)	616
November	24	3870	3	446

## Eye hospital success story – Yelagala Adam

Yelagala Adam is a 60-year-old daily wage earner, who works as an agricultural helper and a stone crusher. Every day he works to support his wife and three daughters.



About 5 years ago, an injury resulted in loss of total vision in his right eye. To make matters worse, his vision in his left eye also started to deteriorate resulting in the inability to recognize objects even at a close distance. Due to these issues, he was unable to work.

He came to a camp conducted by SriKiran Institute of Ophthalmology. Surgery on his left eye at SriKiran Institute of Ophthalmology, improved his vision significantly (Before surgery: LE – 10 ft. After surgery: LE - 20/60).

He has said, “Your hospital is like a temple for the poor and the needy people and I am very thankful to your hospital management and staff forever”.

## Eye Hospital Advancements - Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

ROP is a condition that affects premature children leading to vision loss in the long run if not treated. This is caused by an abnormal proliferation of blood vessels in the very premature babies and is usually treated by laser therapy.

Recently, Srikan Institute of Ophthalmology started a Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) Screening program at Government General Hospital, Kakinada.

From September to November a total of 42 babies were screened for ROP and laser treatments were performed on 2 babies.

On 9th September 2014, for the first time in coastal Andhra Pradesh, India, a 1½-month-old baby was operated upon for Retinopathy of Prematurity.



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ROP Procedure

## Sarada Vidyalayam Happenings

In September Sarada Vidyalayam celebrated Teachers' Day



In October, the children of Sarada Vidyalayam recycled old school uniforms by distributing them to children at surrounding primary and high schools.

Cyclone Hudhud affected the neighboring city of Visakhapatnam very badly. The students of Sarada vidyalayam responded to this natural calamity by giving up buying crackers for Diwali ( the festival of lights ) and donated a total of 11,350 INR for the benefit of cyclone victims.

As part of Clean India program, the students went to adjoining village of Tammavaram and cleaned the village

## **Spandana – the social service wing of the Sankurathri Foundation (SF)**

In response to the recent cyclone, the foundation visited Veeravaram, a village affected by the recent cyclone. The foundation helped the locals with utensils and groceries and also gave a 5000 liter capacity water tank for the benefit of the villagers.

In addition, utensils and groceries were also distributed to residents of the Konapapapeta village.



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