SILIGURI GREATER LIONS
EYE HOSPITALS & EYE CARE SYSTEMS

In Restoring The Beauty Of Sight Since 1981



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024 2025

Foreword

From the Chairman's Desk



The year 2024–25 has been one of transformation and pride for Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital. With the unveiling of our reinvented super specialty eye care space, "Hamara Naya Chehra, Hamari Nayi Pehel," we renewed our promise to deliver world-class eye care. Eight modular operation theatres, dedicated specialty units, and patient-friendly infrastructure now stand as a symbol of safer, smarter, and more accessible treatment.

Crossing 33,400+ surgeries this year reminds us that every number is a story of vision restored and lives changed. Adding to this joy was a historic milestone — SGLEH became the first hospital in North Bengal to win the FICCI Healthcare Excellence Award in Community Engagement (NGO), a recognition of our deep-rooted bond with the communities we serve.

Our outreach grew stronger through "Project Ujjyalo" in Sikkim, working towards making Namchi a Cataract Backlog Blindness-Free District and bringing inclusive eye care to grassroots celebrations of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities across six districts. At the same time, children's vision took center stage with "Sight4All" (Mission Roshni), launched with Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision, to screen 2,00,000 school children. Our "Drishti Sehi Duniya" initiative further expanded eye health services in the Darjeeling Hills.

This year was also filled with moments of inspiration — honoring our doctors on Doctors' Day, launching mobility vehicles on Independence Day to reach remote corners, and celebrating renewal at our Annual Day, "Naya Chehra, Nayi Pehchan." A special highlight was the visit of Past International President Dr. Patti Hill, who appreciated SGLEH's enduring commitment to excellence and community service.

As you turn the pages of this report, I invite you to relive these milestones with us. SGLEH is not just a hospital — it is a movement built on compassion, innovation, and trust. Together, we are shaping a future where sight is within everyone's reach.

Lion Suresh Sinhal
Hospital Chairman
Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital

Group Hospitals

Hospital Infrastructure Overview

4 Hospitals

60 Vision Centres

8 Modular Operation Theaters

- Spacious And Comfortable OPD Accommodating Approximately 500 Footfall
- Dedicated Retina Operation Theater
- Largest Community Dedicated Hospital In North Bengal

Dedicated Training Department

- DNB Education For Ophthalmic Studies
- Diploma In Optometry Programme
- Ophthalmic Assistant Programme
- Glaucoma Fellowship
- Retina Fellowship
- Rural Livelihood Development Programme
- Programme Evaluation And Research
- Capacity Building Of Staff Through Various Short Term Training & Excurtion Modules
- Fellowship In SICS And Phacoemulsification

Outreach Programme

- 60 Vision Centres working as permanent primary eye care centres
- Robust Independent & Vision Centre based Outreach, reaching to the remote rural and sub-urban pockets
- Daily screening and speciality camps to ensure early interception and access to treatment
- Mobilizing formal and informal agents of change to sensitize and ensure grassroot reach into the community
- Network and advocacy for synergy building to facilitate prompt response when in need
- Regular school screening programmes to reach the school going children

Our Mission

"Committed to provide excellent, affordable eye care services through dedicated team work and making it accessible to all in Eastern part of India"

Our Vision

"To be a Centre of Excellence in providing quality eye care services for all"

Media Communication

- Ensure information, education and communication dissemination to the targeted population to facilitate informed decision making ensuring participation in accessing early eye care
- Include direct engagement through Outreach and relevant Local Media to inform, promote and create an ethical brand image of the organization

Our Capacity

Siliguri Greater Lions is a family of 450+ staff members including Doctors, Nurses, Optometrists, Administrative and dedicated Training staff. The organization also has a robust Outreach field, and Vision centre based staff force that makes intercepting people working across the region at grassroots possible. With 70% women staff it is today a fully-fledged super speciality tertiary eye care system with infrastructural presence at Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar & Kaliyaganj & Vision Centre network spread across North Bengal and in the State of Sikkim & Bihar.

Organizational Strength

- The largest Ophthalmic Institution of North Bengal with 17 full time eye surgeons, 4 undergoing DNB education, 4 fellow Doctors and 3 Physicians providing comprehensive eye care services through 4 eye hospitals.
- Holds highest ratio of total Cataract, Glaucoma, Retina, Oculoplasty, Cornea and Pediatric eye surgeries in the entire region.
- Only Ophthalmic Training Center in North Bengal Affiliated with Diplomate of National Board (DNB).
- Phaco Surgery Training, & various specialty training fellowships such as Glaucoma & Retina for Post Graduate doctors.
- The hospital also runs various paramedical courses (OA, DOPT, Optical Dispensing, Biomedical Equipment Maintainence etc).



Primary Eye Care Centre Intervention

Primary Eye Care Centre Growth	2024 - 25
Vision Centre	60
Number of Referrals to Base Hospital	26267
Referral Reported at the Hospital	12542
Vision Centre Patient Footfall	128857
Number of Vision Centre Based Camps	722
Number of Optical Services	34966

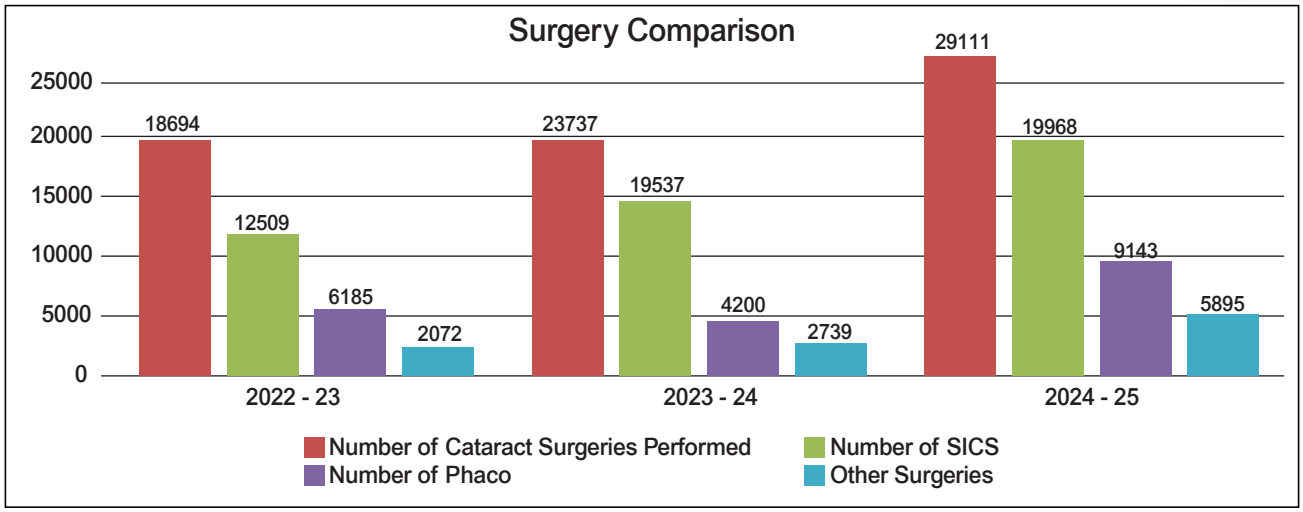
Empanelment & Recognition

- West Bengal Health Services - Recognized Grade 1 Hospital by West Bengal Health Services
- Swasthya Saathi Grade A Hospital
- Ayushman Bharat for Residents of states other than West Bengal & CAPF
- Sikkim Health & Family Welfare Association
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- Shashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- Dooars Tea Garden Association
- Border Security Force
- Airport Authority
- All Leading TPA & Insurances

Permanent Primary Eye Care Centre Spread

Primary eye care centres in Coochbehar and Uttar Dinajpur districts which shares borders With Assam & Bangladesh respectively.
Total area spread including in the State Of Sikkim and 3 Districts of Bihar of 4000 sq kms.
Total population reach through primary eye care infrastructure cover of 1.4 crores.
Number of Vision Centre based camps conducted in 2024-25 is 1374.

Primary Eye Care Centre Intervention

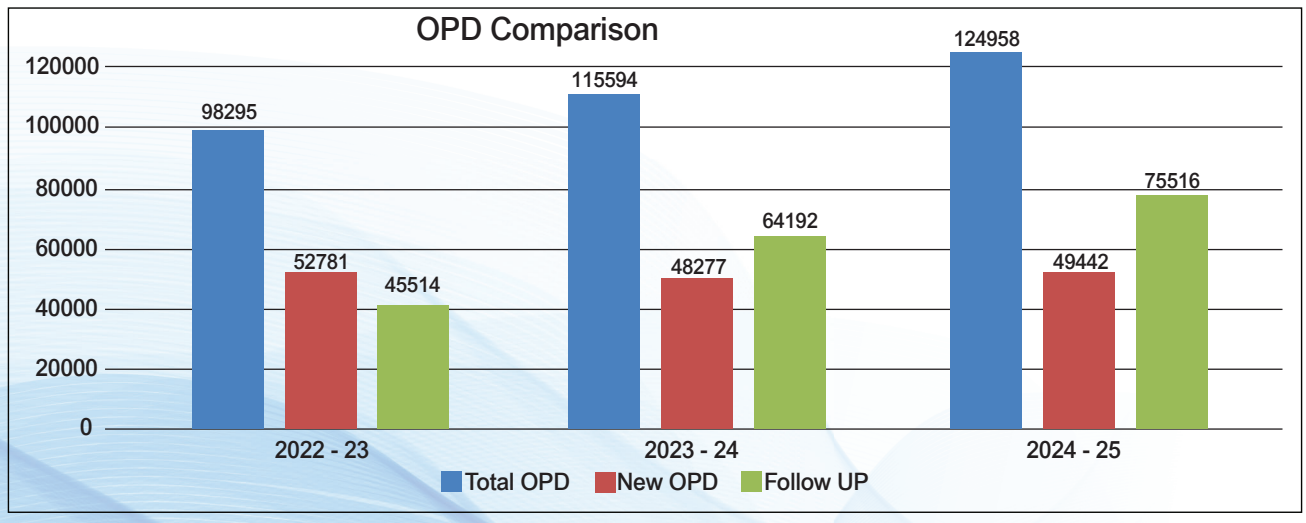


From April 2024- March 2025

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Total
OPD Service	74,140	26,321	2,389	22,108	1,24,958
Diagnostic Service	20,503	2,003	207	1,275	23,988
Surgical Service	14,234	16,434	101	2,635	33,404
Pay	9,470	3,268	34	1,272	14,044
Free	4,764	13,166	67	1,363	19,360

Vision Centres	
Total Number of VC	60
Total OPD	128857
Hospital & VC Based Camps	
Total Camps	1374
Total OPD	92863

Patient Footfall – Hospitals



SGLEH Won The Prestigious FICCI Award 2024

Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH) has brought unprecedented pride to the people of Siliguri, North Bengal, and the region it serves, by becoming the first hospital in Eastern India to receive the FICCI National Award for Excellence in Community Engagement (NGO) at the 16th FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on November 5, 2024.



The award was received by Dr. Rajesh Saini, Chief Executive Officer, from Legendary Cricketer Mr. Kapil Dev, Dr. Harsh Mahajan (Chair, FICCI Health Services Committee), and Hony Brig. Dr. Arvind Lal (Chair, FICCI Swasth Bharat Task Force).

The honour celebrates SGLEH's multi-layered community eye health programmes, which have consistently delivered quality, accessible, and inclusive eye care since the hospital's inception in 1981. The hospital continues to serve as a pillar of community health, reaching deep into urban, rural, tea garden and remote locations of North Bengal. Speaking at the event, Mr. Kapil Dev praised the healthcare sector's transformative role in recent years. He highlighted the award as a recognition of the "countless miles travelled" by the organisation to ensure last-mile accessibility—especially during and after COVID—by creating safe, local avenues for quality care.

Lion Suresh Sinhal, Hospital Chairman, shared, "This year marks 43 years of SGLEH. What began as a small eye check-up initiative has grown into a comprehensive eye care system with 4 hospitals and 60 primary eye care centres, enabling us to reach every doorstep in the region." To this, PID Lion G. S Hora, Trustee, LCIF, added, "The FICCI Award now stands as a testament to our commitment to innovation, awareness, community mobilization, and the adoption of evolving technologies."

This recognition underscores Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital's unwavering commitment to delivering accessible, inclusive, and high-quality eye care to the communities it serves.

Unveiling Of Our Re-invented Super Specialty Eye Care Space

"Hamara Naya Chehra, Hamari Nayi Pehel"



From 22nd - 25th May the hospital celebrated and relaunched the upscaled infrastructure starting with the hospital administrative block, the hospital administrative officials prayed together for a clearer vision, the tenacity and vigour in planning, in taking decisions that reflects through its commitment for the community based programmes to reach all in the region.

Continuing with the programme on May 25th, the hospital organized a programme to unveil & celebrate our newly revamped infrastructure, bringing in a world class facility equipped with all modern diagnostic and treatment instruments crucial to ensure quality treatment reaches to all in the region.

The programme "Hamara Naya Chehra, Hamari Nayi Pehel" was organized to inform the region and the press of our newly undertaken initiatives, expansion of service basket and the scope of services that the hospital today hosts to create accessible eye care spaces across the region continuing with the trust that we have earned from our patients. The upscaled infrastructure is equipped to provide specialty care in a much safety and hygienic environment reducing the chances of infection by 99.9%. With 8 fully equipped Modular



Ophthalmic Operation Theatres the hospital is the only institution in the region with dedicated super specialty units of Retina, Paediatrics, Cornea, Glaucoma having specially trained staff to cater to specific eye care requirements. Now, a fully airconditioned hospital, with world class diagnostic shifted to the OPD wing at ground floor the patients would not have to climb to the 2nd floor making patient navigation within the hospital very easy. The newly created infrastructure was made public informing the press and visiting distinguished guests of the development. The programme, is a revival of the hospital promise, reassuring its people ensuring world class affordable quality eye care services.

Past Lions International President Dr. Patty Hill Visits SGLEH





On July 21st, Dr. Patty Hill, Past International President of Lions Clubs International, visited Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital for the second time. Her earlier visit was during Global Service Week at Unit 2, when the Begraj Agarwal Diabetes Centre was inaugurated at Siliguri Greater Lions Shri Vidya Sagar Oswal Eye Hospital.

She was received by Lions Club of Siliguri Greater President Lion Santosh Mitruka, Chairman PDG Lion Suresh Sinhal, Lion G. S. Hora, PID & LCIF Trustee, Founding Chairman Lion P. K. Shah, and other senior delegates.

During her hospital tour, Dr. Patty commended the work being carried out and interacted with patients and staff. CEO Dr. Rajesh Saini highlighted that, with LCIF's support, the hospital has built capacity to conduct over 26,500 surgeries annually, a figure projected to reach 50,000 by 2030, serving patients from North Bengal, Eastern Bihar, and Sikkim.

In her remarks, Dr. Patty expressed her delight at visiting the hospital and congratulated the members of the Club, including Lions Club of Greater Femina and Youth, for their vision and commitment to service.

Inferences 2024 – 2025

29,111 Cataract surgeries conducted

18,120 Of the patients who underwent free Cataract surgery suffered silently without ever trying to access timely eye care.

212 Pediatric surgeries including all specialities such as Cataract and Squint

19,041 Surgeries conducted free reaching to the unreached population of North Bengal

Landmark Moment: 33,400+ Surgeries in FY 2024-25



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH) proudly announces crossing 33,400+ eye surgeries in FY 2024–25, reaffirming its position as the region's leading provider of quality eye care. Over the past 43 years, SGLEH has grown into a beacon of hope for the visually impaired across Eastern India, supported by international charities, government agencies, NGOs, and Lions members.

Chairman Lion Suresh Sinhal said: "This milestone reflects our dedication to excellence in eye care. With specialized departments in Cataract, Glaucoma, Retina, Cornea, Oculoplasty, and Pediatric Ophthalmology, we remain committed to making vision care accessible to all."

Lion G. S. Hora, PID & LCIF Trustee added, "Serving 4.5 lakh patients annually through 4 hospitals and 60 primary eye care centres, SGLEH is powered by 20+ eye specialists and 200+ optometrists, supported by 5 state-of-the-art Modular Ophthalmic OT. The hospital is also NABH Certified, India's highest recognition for quality and patient safety".

CEO Dr. Rajesh Saini highlighted SGLEH's strategic location: "Situated in Siliguri, a vital hub bordering Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, and Nepal, our hospital serves patients from North Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Assam, and Jharkhand—making quality eye care accessible to millions."

Equipped with advanced diagnostics like Pentacam, OCT Angiography, and IOL Master 700, SGLEH has expanded its Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) services with the Government of West Bengal, reaching newborns in Darjeeling, Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, and Kalimpong.



Beyond treatment, SGLEH stands as North Bengal and Sikkim's largest ophthalmic training centre, nurturing young professionals and strengthening India's eye care workforce. As it celebrates this landmark achievement, the hospital remains committed to eliminating preventable blindness, expanding outreach, and setting new benchmarks in eye care.

Dr. Rajesh Saini, President of Vision 2020: The Right to Sight-India & CEO of Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, Drives a Landmark Initiative in Eye Care



A proud moment for Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH) as our CEO, Dr. Rajesh Saini, who also serves as the President of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, shared the stage with cricket legend Krishnamachari Srikkanth at a prestigious event hosted by Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai.

In a major step toward eliminating avoidable blindness, Krishnamachari Srikkanth was appointed as "Goodwill Ambassador" for VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, aiming to amplify public awareness and advocacy for eye health across the nation. The announcement was made in the presence of the board members and leadership team of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, including Dr. T.S. Surendran, Chairman of Sankara Nethralaya, and Dr. Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India, among others. This landmark event marks a significant step in the collective effort to eliminate preventable blindness in India.
Established in 2004, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India is a national initiative committed to eradicating avoidable blindness through policy advocacy, capacity building, and partnerships with leading eye care institutions, NGOs, and the Dr. R.P. Centre, AIIMS. The initiative is aligned with the global goals of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Rajesh Saini stated: "This is a remarkable step forward in the fight against avoidable blindness. With a respected figure like Krishnamachari Srikkanth championing our cause, we can inspire action, raise awareness, and extend our outreach across India—from Jammu to Kerala."

Together, with Krishnamachari Srikkanth's influence and our unwavering commitment, we take another bold step toward a blindness-free India.

Project Ujjyalo: Making Namchi Cataract-Free



On May 5th, the Eye Department of Namchi District Hospital hosted a training session on Integrated People-Centered Eye Care under "Project UJJYALO" – Disability Inclusive Universal Eye Health Sikkim. The initiative aims to declare Namchi District as a cataract backlog blindness-free zone.

The session, led by the Ophthalmologist and Programme Manager of District Hospital Namchi, welcomed the Senior Optometrist and Trainer from Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital. Ophthalmologists, optometrists, and ASHA workers from district, primary, and community health centers actively participated.

The training focused on door-to-door assessment surveys using an innovative mobile application (EMR). This application facilitates comprehensive screening of all village inhabitants, enabling prompt identification and documentation of visually impaired individuals for subsequent rehabilitation. Additionally, the EMR app promises to offer valuable insights into the prevalence of various diseases among the screened population.

In the initial phase towards achieving the cataract backlog blindness-free district status, several villages have been earmarked for focused interventions. These include Wok Omchu, Omchu, Mamley-Kamrang, Kitam-Manpur, and GOM Sorok-Shyampani, situated within Namchi South Sikkim.

Over 90% of visual impairment cases can be treated or prevented, with cataract being a leading cause. Achieving "cataract backlog blindness-free" status means eliminating untreated cataract cases, improving quality of life, productivity, and healthcare equity.

SGLEH Expands Child Eye Care with "Sight4All" in Collaboration with Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH), in collaboration with Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision, has launched the "Sight4All" (Mission Roshni): School Children Eye Screening Programme across Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Uttar Dinajpur, Kalimpong, and Darjeeling.

The programme aims to provide eye health services to 2,00,000 students from government and government-aided schools over the next two years. Since 2022, more than 1.17 lakh children have already been screened and treated under this initiative, helping prevent avoidable blindness among underserved school children.

"Vision care is a critical part of a child's learning and development. At SGLEH, we are committed to ensuring that no child's future is limited by preventable or treatable vision problems," said Dr. Rajesh Saini, CEO, SGLEH. "School-based screenings are one of the most effective ways to identify and treat visual impairments early.

The Sight4All programme, led by Cognizant Foundation under its healthcare focus, is aimed at preventing avoidable blindness and making quality eye care accessible and affordable to vulnerable populations. This strategic partnership has enabled SGLEH to expand its reach and impact significantly across North Bengal's rural and semi-urban communities. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Deepak Prabhu Matti, CEO of Cognizant Foundation, stated, "We are pleased to support this pioneering programme alongside Mission for Vision and SGLEH. Our objective is to detect vision problems early and offer timely treatment, helping children achieve their full potential."

Ms. Elizabeth Kurian, CEO of Mission for Vision, added, "Through our partnership with SGLEH and Cognizant Foundation, we aim to ensure that every child has the opportunity to see clearly and learn effectively, unlocking brighter futures." SGLEH expresses its deep gratitude to Dr. Ashim Halder, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Jalpaiguri, for his encouragement and recognition of SGLEH's role in serving the community through the Chokher Alo programme, a visionary initiative under NPCB & VI by the State Government.

Smt. Balika Goley, District Education Inspector of Schools, Jalpaiguri, also praised the effort, saying, "Just as education is important, good vision is essential for a child's academic success. This is a noble initiative promoting child eye health in our schools."



This programme exemplifies SGLEH's continued commitment to delivering impactful community eye health services, in alignment with its mission to ensure vision for all.

Inferences 2024 – 2025

9578	Total OPD conducted for Vitreo Retina
773	Retina Surgeries conducted
1227	Number of Int. Vit. administered
4265	Patients attended for Glaucoma related ailments
1657	Patients attended for cornea related ailments

Aman's Story: From Blurred Vision to a Bright Future



Aman Kumar (name changed), a 14-year-old from Kolkata, faced years of struggle due to undiagnosed high myopia. His blurred vision affected not only his studies but also his behavior, leaving him misunderstood and withdrawn.

One day, while playing near a railway station, Aman mistakenly boarded a moving train. Unable to navigate because of his poor eyesight, he ended up in New Jalpaiguri (NJP). Rescued by the Railway Protection Force, he was placed in a children's home in Jalpaiguri while his parents desperately searched for him.

Hope arrived when Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital (SGLEH), in collaboration with Cognizant Foundation and Mission for Vision under the Mission Roshni Project, conducted an eye screening camp at the home. Aman was diagnosed with high myopia and provided with spectacles. For the first time in years, he could see clearly—his world transformed in an instant.

Soon after, railway authorities traced his parents, leading to an emotional reunion. Now back in Kolkata with his family, Aman is thriving in his studies and embracing a brighter future. As Aman joyfully says, "I can see, I can study, and I have my family back."

Hospital Celebrates Independence Day with Flag Hoisting and Launch of Patient Mobility Vehicles



The hospital proudly celebrated Independence Day 2024, honouring the hard-won freedom gifted to us by our ancestors who built the foundation of a nation rooted in equality and shared values.

During the August 15th programme, alongside the Honourable Trustee Members who hoisted the national flag, the hospital also inaugurated two new Patient Mobility Vehicles. This important addition to our service infrastructure aims to enhance accessibility and ensure that quality eye care reaches even the most remote corners of the region.

These vehicles will support our initiative with the SEVA Foundation under the "Drive Against Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)" project. This effort focuses on combating an irreversible eye condition that affects premature infants. Through this programme, the hospital has partnered with the Government of West Bengal to identify, diagnose, and treat prematurely born children at government hospitals, ensuring early intervention and preventing avoidable childhood blindness.





Academic Excellence: Dr. Rima Chakraborty Clears DNB Exam on First Attempt



Dr. Rima Chakraborty, a student of the DNB course at Siliguri's Greater Lions Eye Hospital, has successfully cleared the DNB examination in her very first attempt. Her achievement reflects both her dedication and the hospital's strong academic foundation. Adding to the significance, SGLEH served as the examination centre for the DNB Workplace-Based Clinical Assessment in Ophthalmology on 14th January 2025. Eight candidates, including Dr. Rima, were assessed by two eminent examiners from Kolkata on a wide spectrum of clinical competencies.



In preparation, the SGLEH team conducted training sessions and mock drills to ensure smooth execution-from case selection to exam-day protocols. The external examiners commended the hospital's meticulous coordination and professionalism.

This milestone strengthens SGLEH's reputation as a hub for ophthalmic education and positions it as a strong contender to host final DNB examinations in the future. Dr. Rima's success stands as a proud example of how SGLEH is shaping the next generation of skilled eye care professionals.

Hospital Hosts Management Development 4 Day Initiative for Eye Care



The 4-day Management Development Programme was organized at the Hospital, an initiative of Seva Foundation from August 27th-30th. The Programme of National importance was attended by participants from different organizations in eye health care from across the country.

The comprehensive Program (MDP) designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of management professionals in the eye care sector aims to strengthen the leadership and management capabilities of professionals working in eye hospitals, clinics, and organizations.

This MDP program is one of unique program of Seva Foundation is a leading organization dedicated to promoting excellence in eye care. This initiative is part of efforts to enhance the quality of eye care services in the world. The hospital look forward to empowering eye care management professionals and contributing to the growth of the eye care sector in India.

Inferences 2024 – 2025

3,114	Free spectacles were delivered to the children intercepted during screening
305	Schools participated in the school eye health initiative
117	Children with developing & congenital cataracts and squints were also identified from school screening programmes

Annual Blood Donation and Diabetic Retinopathy Eye Screening Camp



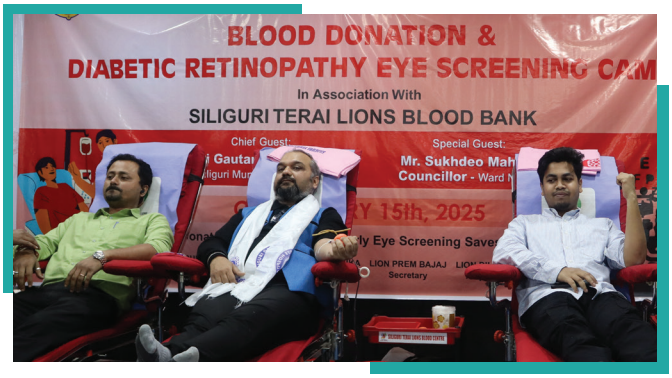
On 15th February 2025, the Lions Club of Siliguri Greater, in collaboration with the Siliguri Terai Lions Blood Bank, organized a Blood Donation and Diabetic Retinopathy Eye Screening Camp at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital Unit 1. The camp successfully collected 62 units of blood and provided complimentary Diabetic Retinopathy Eye Screening to 200 individuals. The initiative saw enthusiastic participation from hospital staff, students, doctors, patients, family members, and local residents. All donors were presented with certificates and water bottles as a token of appreciation.

The event was graced by Shri Gautam Deb, Mayor of Siliguri Municipal Corporation, as the Chief Guest, along with Councillor Mr. Sukhdeo Mahato (Ward No. 43). The camp was conducted with technical support from the Lions Club of Siliguri Terai Blood Bank and Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital.

“Our hospital organizes annual blood donation camps so that no life is lost due to the shortage of blood. We are inspired by the people who step forward to support this life-saving cause,” said Lion Deepak Bajla, Unit 2 Chairman. “Alongside the blood donation drive, we also conducted Diabetic Retinopathy Eye Screening, as India, often called the ‘World Diabetes Capital,’ faces rising retinal blindness due to diabetes. Through this initiative, we aim to raise awareness about this growing concern.”

Addressing the media, Lion Suresh Sinhal, Chairman of Unit 1, shared, “This annual initiative is organized with enthusiastic participation from our dedicated staff, students, and doctors. We take immense pride in contributing to the community beyond these blood donation programs, through Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital’s comprehensive eye care services. What began as basic eye check-ups in 1981 has now evolved into a fully integrated eye care system.”

During his visit, Shri Gautam Deb commended Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital for its commitment to community welfare, praising its advanced infrastructure, hygiene standards, and status as the region’s first and only charity hospital with fully air-conditioned OPD and IPD facilities. He also congratulated the team on receiving the prestigious FICCI Healthcare Excellence Award, stating, “This honor stands as a testament to the exceptional dedication of Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in ensuring accessible and affordable quality eye care for the community.”



The event concluded on an inspiring note, reaffirming the hospital’s ongoing commitment to social welfare and excellence in healthcare.







Empowering Inclusion: International Day of Persons with Disabilities (2024)



Every year on December 3rd, the world meets to observe the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), a day dedicated to promoting awareness, rights, and well-being of individuals with disabilities. For 2024, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in collaboration with the Department of Women and Children Development, Government of Sikkim took a transformative step forward, shifting from a single, centralized event at Palzor Stadium, Gangtok, to a more inclusive, decentralized approach, ensuring grassroots participation across six district headquarters - Mangan, Gangtok, Pakyong, Soreng, Geyzing, and Namchi.

At the heart of this initiative was our “Project Ujjyalo”(an initiative supported by CBM India to strengthen eye health services in Sikkim). With our Primary Eye Care Centers established across key districts, the project provided essential eye screenings, free spectacles, and counseling services during the IDPD celebrations. By working alongside CDPOs, Social Welfare Officers, Panchayat representatives, ASHA workers, and SHGs, Project Ujjyalo ensured a lasting impact beyond symbolic celebrations.

Key activities included:
Cultural performances and talent showcase by persons with disabilities, Exhibitions of handmade crafts, Comprehensive eye camps, Free spectacle distribution (51 spectacles provided), Awareness programs and IEC material distribution, A total of 304+ individuals, including 65 specially-abled individuals, benefited from these efforts.

More than just a celebration, IDPD 2024 was a call to action, reinforcing the theme “Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future.” With continued community engagement, government commitment, and collective efforts, we move toward a more inclusive, accessible, and empowered society.

113-Year-Old Freedom Fighter Shri Pandu Murmu Successfully Undergoes Vitreo Retina Surgery



Recently, 113 years old Freedom Fighter Shri Pandu Murmu underwent surgery for Vitreous Haemorrhage at the hospital. The surgery was performed successfully by Dr. Deepak Agarwal at our Modular Ophthalmic Operation Theater. When asked what is his reason for such a long and healthy life Shri Murmu replied "It is the contentedness of my heart, and the pride I am full with that has kept me alive to yet share my stories with all of you". Shri Murmu, though very less known inspired us, and compelled us to share his stories along with the stories he shared with us. An active freedom fighter who walked with Mahatma Gandhi as a young man, participating in India’s freedom movement, he still clearly remembers the meeting and the freedom struggles that he had to face for his participation in the movement.

It was an honor to treat him and listen to these heart warming stories from a living witness of nation's freedom movement. But, it also reminded us of how much vision matters witnessing this 113 year old still longing for a better vision, still longing to create more memories, and more stories to share.

Launch of “Drishti Sehi Duniya” Child Eye Health Initiative with Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)



On July 11th 2024, with support from Seva Foundation in collaboration with Government Of West Bengal, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, Department Of Health and Family Welfare, NPCB&VI, Dept. of Education and Women and Child Development Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital proudly launched "Drishti Sehi Duniya" Child Eye Health Initiative with ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity) for three districts. The hospital also launched School Eye Screening Drive in the Darjeeling Hilly terrain targeting to reach more than 600+ schools, aiming to intercept and screen more than 100000+ children for better eye health.

The program was officially launched at the Government of West Bengal Head Office in GTA, Darjeeling by the auspicious hand of Chief Executive of GTA Shri Anit Thapa, in presence of distinguished guests including Principal Secretary of GTA, CMOH, and other esteemed health officials from the Darjeeling district, along with officials from the Education Department, Lions Club Of Siliguri Greater and the hospital.

Unity and Celebration Mark Annual Day 2024 at the Hospital



Everyone came together and danced, sang, acted and feasted together as one on this Annual Celebration day 2024, on this September 29th with our "Naya Chehra Nayi Pehchan", with our newly found "UDAAN AND UMEED" as we kept it as the prime theme of our Annual Day Programme.

As the hospital stood as one, where everyone including the Doctors, Nurses, Health care staff, Administration without any barriers, hierarchy played their part, they together also showcased the unity and the mission the organization together stand for in creating a cummulative effort to eradicate preventable blindness.

A Second Chance at Sight: Kabita Rai's Journey



Kabita Rai, a 42-year-old beautician from Jaldhaka, Kalimpong, experienced gradual vision loss due to prolonged exposure to cosmetic chemicals and smoke in her profession. Over several months, she developed light sensitivity, night blindness, and deteriorating eyesight. Initially seeking treatment in Bangalore, the high cost made surgery inaccessible. Returning to Siliguri, she visited Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, where she was diagnosed with retinal detachment and cataract in both eyes and referred to Dr. Debarati Dasgupta for specialized care.

With timely intervention and multiple surgeries, Kabita's vision improved to 6/24 P in both eyes within three months. Grateful for her restored sight, she now actively advocates for eye health awareness, emphasizing the importance of early check-ups and intervention, particularly for those in high-risk professions. Her journey highlights how timely medical care can preserve vision, restore independence, and inspire hope.

Empowering Growth: SGLEH Conducts Two-Day Organisational Development Workshop

On 7th and 8th January 2025, Greater Lions Eye Hospital conducted a two-day strategic workshop focused on employee development and organisational growth. In line with the hospital's ongoing expansion and its commitment to strengthening service excellence, SGLEH collaborated with Deloitte to develop a comprehensive roadmap for future growth. The workshop enabled employees to gain a clearer understanding of the institution's evolving vision and the strategic priorities that will guide long-term progress.



The programme proved to be a transformative experience for participants across departments, offering meaningful insights into their roles and showcasing opportunities for both professional and organisational advancement. It encouraged broader thinking around leadership, innovation, and cross-functional collaboration, reinforcing the belief that collective development is essential to building a more resilient and future ready SGLEH.

The workshop was hosted at our second unit, Siliguri Greater Lions Shri Vidyasagar Oswal Eye Hospital. Speaking on the occasion, Hospital Chairman (Unit 2), Lion Deepak Bajla, highlighted the organisation's steady advancement, stating that "as we continue to grow across infrastructure, workforce, and patient outreach, such initiatives play a crucial role in aligning our goals with a structured and strategic direction."
















SILIGURI GREATER LIONS EYE HOSPITAL










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AUDITOR'S REPORT 2024 - 25

Acknowledgement Number:333080290291025

FORM NO. 10B

[See rule 16CC and 17B]

Audit report under clause (b) of the tenth proviso to clause (23C) of section 10 and sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 12A of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of a fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution.

We have examined the balance sheet of GREATER LIONS SEVA NIDHI 3. [name of the fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution] as at 31-Mar-2025 and the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account for the year ended on that date are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations to the best of our knowledge and belief which are necessary for the purposes of the audit.

In our opinion, proper books of account have been maintained at the registered office of the above named fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution at the address mentioned at serial number 14 of the Annexure:

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanations given to us, the particulars given in the Annexure are true and correct subject to following observations or qualifications-

(a) NIL

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view-

(i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named fund or trust or institution or university or other educational institution or hospital or other medical institution as on 31-Mar-2025; and

(ii) in the case of the Income and Expenditure account or Profit and Loss account, of the income and application or profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31-Mar-2025.

Subject to the following observations/qualifications-

(a) NIL

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

Name of Chartered Accountant	LAV AGARWAL
Membership Number	ARCA302387
Firm Registration Number	0327621E
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Place	SILIGURI
Date	27-Sep-2025

LAV & CO. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS SILIGURI

UDIN: 25302387BMIGMX8257

Nature & Status Of The Organisation

- Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital is a permanent project of Greater Lions Seva Nidhi Trust, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar at Siliguri on 4th June, 1980.
- Greater Lions Seva Nidhi is registered under section 6(1)(a) of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010, Section 11 (1) No. 146980041, dated 15.06.2011
- All contributions to Greater Lions Seva Nidhi are exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 No. 80G/CIT/SLG/Tech/313/07-08/3125-27 dated 30.11.2007, valid from 01/04/2007 onward till it is rescinded.
- Income Tax Permanent Account No. AAATG2117J
- Tax Deduction Account No. CALG03003A
- Greater Lions Seva Nidhi is registered with Income Tax Department under Section 12A No. 7591/8E/92-80- 81/CT; dated 03.03.1981

GREATER LIONS SEVA NIDHI

I SOURCES OF FUNDS

	As At 31.03.2025	As At 31.03.2024
1. Corpus Fund	29,81,25,255	29,12,87,467
2. Secured Loans	89,23,898	1,06,19,425
3. Unsecured Loans	10,00,000	15,00,000
4. Project Account	1,12,66,953	24,06,573
5. Current Liabilities & Provisions	3,27,68,660	2,47,95,071
Total	**35,20,84,765**	**33,06,08,536**

II APPLICATION OF FUNDS

1 Fixed Assets :

(a) Gross Block	32,10,52,045	31,46,12,744
(b) Less: Depreciation	2,72,44,732	2,40,42,909
(c) Net Block	29,38,07,313	29,05,69,835
(d) Capital work-in-progress	0	0

2 Long Term Deposits : **73,28,554** **13,22,915**

3 Current Assets, Loans & Advances :

(a) Inventories	1,71,05,402	1,37,31,538
(b) Cash & Bank balance	84,09,464	79,74,524
(c) Sundry Debtors	1,05,99,372	75,20,332
(d) Advances & Deposits	1,48,34,660	94,89,393
Total	**35,20,84,765**	**33,06,08,537**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Particulars

I INCOME :	For Year Ended 31.03.2025	For Year Ended 31.03.2024
Operating Income	28,48,64,619	21,25,83,563
Donations & Grants Received	5,41,28,445	8,49,08,543
Interest & Other Income	73,05,882	26,47,669
Increase/Decrease in Closing Stock	33,73,864	19,95,936
Total	**34,96,72,810**	**30,21,35,711**

II EXPENDITURE :

Operating Expenditure	13,77,75,017	11,71,95,691
Employee benefits expenses	12,22,21,793	9,87,44,263
Project Expenses	50,30,410	56,15,230
Viison Centre & Outreach Expenses	5,79,94,869	4,73,54,102
Administrative and other costs	42,74,241	1,09,09,918
Depreciation	2,72,44,732	2,40,42,909
Total	**35,45,41,062**	**30,38,62,113**
Net Surplus for the year	**-48,68,252**	**-17,26,401**



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