

CARE NETRAM GOOD VISION INDIA

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EXPANDING ACCESS,
IMPROVING SIGHT,
ENHANCING VISION



GOOD VISION | GOOD LIFE

Every month reflects **Care Netram – Good Vision India’s** steady commitment to enhancing vision and improving lives through accessible eye care. As we successfully concluded our work at Netra Kumbh at MahaKumbh, Prayagraj, our teams immediately moved forward, ensuring vision care reaches even the most isolated communities in India.

From serving **lakhs of pilgrims at MahaKumbh** to conducting **eye camps in the heart of Odisha’s tribal villages**, our mission remains the same **Helping India See Better**.

NETRA KUMBH AT MAHAKUMBH

A Historic Success

Netra Kumbh, a Kumbh within the Kumbh, stood as the world’s largest eye health initiative, bringing essential vision care to millions of pilgrims at the MahaKumbh in Prayagraj. With devotees from across India and beyond, Netra Kumbh served as a key healthcare touchpoint, ensuring free access to quality eye care for all.



IMPACT AT NETRA KUMBH



2,00,000+
free eye screenings



16,000+
cataract referrals to
nearby hospitals



1,50,000+
free spectacles
distributed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi acknowledged the success of Netra Kumbh, recognizing the impact of free cataract referrals and eye screenings provided to pilgrims, particularly those from marginalised communities. His words serve as a testament to the transformative power of vision care initiatives like Netra Kumbh.

The event was made possible through the dedication of multiple organizations, including Care Netram – Good Vision India Foundation, Apollo Foundation, Billion Hearts Beating, Eastern Command Army Medical Corps, ISKCON, Yashoda Healthcare, The Hans Foundation, L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), MeDex India, Sewa Bridge, Remido, Nepal Eye Care Charitable Trust, Shekar Eye Hospital, Santosh Medical College, Sadguru Netra, and Visual Eyez.

While **Netra Kumbh has concluded**, the impact of this **historic event** will continue to shape the future of **accessible eye care in India**.

STORIES FROM NETRAKUMBH

Beyond numbers, it's the people we met and served that define our success.



DR. NAVNEET TOSHNIVAL

"As an eye specialist, I am honored to serve at Netrakumbh. Good Vision India Foundation's commitment to providing free eye screenings and advanced equipment is truly commendable. Thank you for this opportunity!"



CHILD PATIENT

"I found out about the eye screenings here when they asked if I had been checked. This is my first time, and I feel happy and good about the doctors and staff!"



SHICHA SHARMA

"Serving at Mahakumbh Mela has been a dream come true! Good Vision India Foundation allows me to help countless people with their eye health. I'm grateful for this opportunity!"



AWADHESH RAM PANDE

"Working with Good Vision India Foundation at Care Netram has been rewarding. We provide essential eye care and education to patients. Thank you for this incredible experience!"



REACHING THE BONDA TRIBE

TAKING VISION CARE TO INDIA'S FOREST SETTLERS

While Netra Kumbh served millions, our teams **immediately moved forward**, reaching out to **one of India's oldest and most isolated Indigenous communities** the Bonda Tribe of Odisha.

Believed to have migrated from Africa **over 60,000 years ago**, the **Bonda people have maintained their distinct traditions**, but have **little to no access to modern healthcare**. Vision care had **never reached their villages until now**.





With support from **local authorities, police protection, and BDO Umasankar Koya**, Care Netram organized **free eye camps in conflict-affected areas** of Malkangiri district, Khairput block, Mudulipada, and Andrahal panchayat.

For many in the Bonda community, this was their **first-ever eye check-up, offering them a clearer, brighter future.**

STORIES OF CHANGE

BRINGING CLARITY TO LIVES



P. REBATI & K. KRISHNA KUMARI

A Friendship Restored

Two close friends, **Rebati (50)** and **Krishna Kumari (52)** from **Bhubaneswar**, struggled with mild **cataracts** for years, making it difficult to recognize faces or enjoy the beauty around them. After receiving their **new glasses at our eye camp**, their lives changed.

"We got glasses together, and now we feel like we've been given a new chance to see the world," they said, filled with joy.



TRIVENI BARAD

Regaining Independence

A 57-year-old woman from Bhubaneswar, Triveni had trouble seeing for years. Housework became impossible, and a lack of time and money prevented her from seeking medical help. When she attended a Care Netram eye camp, she received free vision screening and affordable glasses. Today, she performs her daily tasks with confidence and says,

"I no longer feel helpless."



ANJALI NAYAK

A Student's Future Brightened

Anjali, a 15-year-old girl from Keonjhar, faced blurred vision for over a year. She struggled to read the blackboard at school, impacting her education. At a Care Netram school camp, she was diagnosed and given prescription glasses. Now, she can see clearly and is excelling in her studies.



SARASWATI & BALABHADRA PRADHAN

Farmers Reclaim Their Land

A farming couple from **Balangir district**, spent years battling vision problems that affected their ability to work. At a nearby **Care Netram camp**, they received **on-the-spot prescription glasses** and returned the next day to say,

"We can finally see our fields again."

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE - TOTAL IMPACT



12,000+

FREE EYE SCREENINGS



6,000+

FREE SPECTACLES DISTRIBUTED IN
300+ COMMUNITY EYE CAMPS



300+

CATARACT SURGERY REFERRALS



700+

SCHOOLCHILDREN SCREENED
FOR VISION ISSUES



LOOKING AHEAD: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

As we move into the next month, **Care Netram – Good Vision India** remains steadfast in its mission to:

- ✓ Expand outreach to even more underserved regions.
- ✓ Strengthen partnerships for sustainable vision care.
- ✓ Ensure eye care becomes a fundamental right for all.

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