



Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust

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Message from the Managing Trustee



It gives me great pleasure to present the Activity Report of Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust for the financial year 2025-26. Since its inception, the Trust has remained committed to the mission of reducing avoidable blindness and ensuring that quality eye care services are accessible to all sections of society, particularly the underserved and economically disadvantaged communities. Over the years, our efforts have been guided by the belief that timely eye care not only restores vision but also restores dignity, independence, and livelihood for individuals and families. The achievements highlighted in this report reflect the collective dedication of our team members, volunteers, and partners who continue to support our vision of community centered eye care.

During the year, the Trust continued to strengthen its outreach initiatives through community eye camps, vision centres, and collaborative programmes with Government schemes and partner organizations. Thousands of individuals were screened for eye conditions, provided with spectacles, and offered sightrestoring surgeries. Initiatives such as the Vision Care Project, the strengthening of primary eye care through Vision Centres, and the expansion of infrastructure at Gobindpur represent our ongoing commitment in expanding access to quality eye care. The continued support of partners, donors, community leaders, and well wishers has played an important role in enabling us to serve people who might otherwise remain deprived of essential eye care services.

As we move forward, our focus remains on further strengthening community outreach, enhancing infrastructure, and adopting new technologies that can improve patient care and service delivery. We remain deeply grateful to our partners, supporters, and the communities we serve for their trust and cooperation. I sincerely appreciate the dedication of our team members whose tireless efforts continue to drive the mission of the Trust. Together, we look forward to expanding our reach and making a meaningful contribution toward the elimination of avoidable blindness in the region.

Sabita Behera
Managing Trustee
Hospital Manager
Kalinga Eye Hospital

Introduction

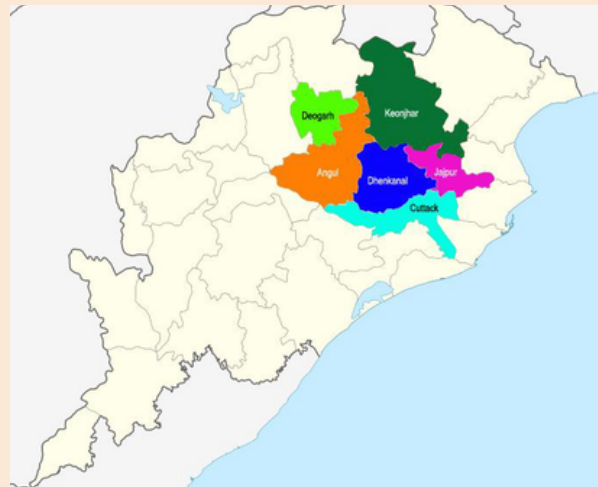
Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust (KEHT) is a charitable organization committed for providing accessible and affordable eye care services to the community, particularly to underserved and economically disadvantaged populations. The Trust was founded on 1 January 2010 by a group of dedicated volunteers from Odisha who shared a common vision of reducing avoidable blindness and strengthening eye health services in the region. With a strong belief that quality eye care should reach every individual regardless of their socio economic background, the organization has gradually developed a structured system of outreach programmes, and community eye care initiatives.

The Trust was formally registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 on 3 May 2013, with its registered office located at Dakhinakali Road in Dhenkanal, Odisha. Since its inception, the organization has been working to promote comprehensive ophthalmic care through community screening programmes, vision centres, and training initiatives. Guided by the principles of service, compassion, and professional excellence, the Trust aims to strengthen eye care delivery across different levels ranging from primary to tertiary care. Over the years, it has expanded its activities through community outreach camps, refractive error correction programmes, partnerships with Government health schemes, and collaborations with national level organizations to ensure that quality eye care services reach those who need them the most.

Through sustained efforts and community engagement, KEHT continues to work towards its mission of preventing avoidable blindness, restoring sight, and improving the quality of life of thousands of individuals across Odisha and neighbouring regions. The activities undertaken during the financial year 2025-26 reflect the Trust's continued commitment to expanding eye care services, strengthening healthcare infrastructure, and building partnerships that support long term community health outcomes.

Service Area

The community eye care programmes of Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust extend across several districts of Odisha, with a primary focus on reaching populations that have limited access to specialized medical services. The Trust provides eye care services to communities residing in Dhenkanal district, Angul district, Keonjhar district, Jajpur district, Deogarh district, and the rural areas of Cuttack district. Through a network of outreach camps, vision centres, and collaborative programmes, the Trust strives to make essential eye care services accessible to individuals who would otherwise find it difficult to reach tertiary medical facilities. These initiatives are designed to address the growing need for early detection and treatment of eye diseases in both rural and semi-urban communities.



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Activity Highlights 2025-26

Vision Care Project

With the objective of addressing the growing burden of uncorrected refractive errors in the community, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has partnered with the Mumbai based philanthropic organization Srimad Rajchandra Love and Care to implement a dedicated initiative known as the Vision Care Project. The project focuses on identifying and correcting refractive errors among adults through largescale community based screening programmes. Uncorrected refractive errors remain one of the leading causes of visual impairment, often affecting an individual's ability to work efficiently, perform daily tasks, and maintain overall quality of life. Through this collaboration, the Trust has been able to expand its outreach and systematically screen communities for vision problems that can be easily corrected with appropriate spectacles.

During the financial year, a total of 220 exclusive refractive error screening camps were conducted under this project across various communities. Through these camps, 57,309 individuals were screened for refractive errors, and 12,950 beneficiaries were provided with spectacles free of cost after proper vision assessment. For adults, timely correction of refractive errors through spectacles plays a vital role in improving productivity, reducing eye strain, and enabling individuals to carry out occupational and household responsibilities with greater comfort and accuracy. Many adults, particularly those engaged in agriculture, small trades, and daily wage work, often continue to struggle with blurred vision due to lack of access to eye care services. By providing corrective spectacles, the project not only restores clear vision but also enhances work efficiency, safety, and overall well being, thereby making a meaningful contribution toward improving the quality of life of thousands of individuals in the community.



Eye Screening by Dr, Biswaprakash Samal



Patient Registration process

Eye Check Up Camp in Collaboration with Rotary

On the occasion of Independence Day, an eye checkup camp was successfully organized on 15 August 2025 in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Dhenkanal as part of the ongoing community outreach initiatives of Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust. The camp was conducted with the objective of providing accessible and comprehensive eye care services while also raising awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations. The initiative received a positive response from the local community, with individuals from different age groups participating in the screening programme. The medical team conducted detailed eye examinations, including vision testing and preliminary diagnosis of common eye conditions.

During the camp, a total of 248 patients were examined in the OPD. Following vision assessment, 129 beneficiaries were provided with spectacles to correct refractive errors, enabling them to carry out their daily activities with improved visual comfort. In addition, 38 patients were identified with cataract, a condition that requires surgical intervention for vision restoration. These patients were counselled and advised to visit the hospital for further diagnostic evaluation and treatment. The camp not only helped in early detection of visual problems but also reinforced the Trust's commitment to delivering quality eye care services and strengthening community partnerships for the prevention of avoidable blindness.



Eye Screening By Dr. Utkarsh Deshmukh



Queue for Eye Checkup at Rotary Club

Eye Screening Camps for ECHS Beneficiaries

Kalinga Eye Hospital has been an empanelled eye care provider under the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) for the past five years, extending specialized eye care services to ex-servicemen and their dependents. As part of this engagement, an eye screening camp was organized at Bajrang Club on 21 September 2025 to provide accessible eye examinations and promote awareness about eye health among the ECHS community. The initiative focused on early detection of visual problems, offering basic eye examinations, vision screening, and counselling on preventive eye care. The medical team also guided participants regarding timely treatment and the importance of regular eye checkups, particularly for age related eye conditions.

During this camp, a total of 102 beneficiaries were examined, out of which 64 individuals were provided with spectacles following detailed vision assessment. Additionally, 21 patients were identified as requiring surgical intervention, primarily for cataract and related conditions, and were advised to undergo further treatment at the hospital. Eleven patients with more complex eye conditions were referred to tertiary care centres for advanced diagnostic evaluation and specialized management. In continuation of this outreach effort, another camp was organized for ECHS beneficiaries at the Ex Servicemen Association, Kamakshyanagar on 14 September 2025. During this programme, 64 persons underwent eye examinations, 20 were provided with spectacles, 8 were advised for surgery, and 4 patients were referred to tertiary centres for further evaluation and treatment. These camps reflect the hospital's continued commitment to serving the veteran community by ensuring timely access to quality eye care services.



Organising Team at Bajrang Club venue



Eye Checkup of ECHS beneficiaries

Strengthening Community Eye Care

With the objective of reducing avoidable blindness and ensuring that quality eye care reaches the most underserved sections of society, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has continued to strengthen its community-based eye care initiatives. The Trust believes that timely eye care should be accessible and affordable to every individual, particularly those living in rural and remote areas where specialized medical services are often limited. Guided by this vision, the Trust has undertaken sustained outreach efforts aimed at extending essential eye health services to people who may otherwise remain deprived of proper diagnosis and treatment.

As part of this initiative, the Trust organized a wide range of community eye screening programmes, including free consultation and service camps across villages, peripheral habitations, and various wards of local NAC areas. During the last financial year, a total of 200 eye camps were conducted, through which 14,276 individuals received free eye consultations. Among them, 1,121 patients underwent sight restoring surgeries, while 2,136 beneficiaries were provided with spectacles after proper vision assessment. In addition, 6,853 patients received free medicines, and 1,011 individuals with complex or advanced eye conditions were referred for further examination and specialized treatment. These initiatives demonstrate the Trust's strong commitment to expanding community eye care and ensuring that preventable and treatable causes of vision impairment are addressed in a timely and effective manner.



Eye Screening Camp at L&T(Larsen &Toubro)

Vision Centres: Strengthening Primary Eye Care Access

Primary Eye Care Centres, commonly known as Vision Centres, play a crucial role in strengthening community level eye health services and ensuring early detection and management of common eye problems. Recognizing the importance of decentralizing eye care and making it easily accessible to the community, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has established a network of Vision Centres in different parts of the region. These centres function as the first point of contact for people seeking basic eye care services such as vision screening, refraction, preliminary diagnosis of eye conditions, and guidance on appropriate treatment. By bringing essential eye care services closer to the community, Vision Centres significantly reduce delays in diagnosis and help prevent minor eye problems from progressing into serious conditions.

At present, Kalinga Eye Hospital operates eight Vision Centres across the region. Two of these centres function within Government healthcare facilities at Bhuban Community Health Centre and Sriramchandrapur Community Health Centre, strengthening collaboration with the public health system. In addition, six centres are operating within local communities at Khajuriakata, Bhuban, Athagarh, Khamar, Koshala, and Athamallik. Through these centres, community members are no longer required to travel long distances to Dhenkanal for minor eye concerns or routine vision correction, thereby saving a day's wage as well as travel, food, and accompaniment expenses. When necessary, patients can also connect directly with the doctor at the base hospital through video consultation from these centres. During the last financial year alone, 24,448 individuals benefited from services provided through these Vision Centres, many of whom would otherwise have had to travel to the base hospital for primary eye care services.



Eye Test at Bhuban Primary Eye Care Centre



Patient Registration at Eye Campaign

Eye Surgeries under Ayushman Bharat

Kalinga Eye Hospital is an empanelled eye care institution under the Government of India's flagship health assurance programme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, as well as the health assurance initiatives of the Government of Odisha. Through this empanelment, the hospital has been able to provide quality eye care services to economically vulnerable sections of society without imposing a financial burden on them. The scheme enables eligible beneficiaries to undergo necessary eye surgeries through a completely cashless process, thereby ensuring that financial constraints do not prevent patients from receiving timely treatment for vision restoration.

During the financial year 2025-26, a total of 1,621 patients benefited from cashless eye surgeries at the hospital under the Ayushman scheme. Many patients from surrounding districts choose to undergo treatment at the hospital due to its reputation for delivering consistent surgical outcomes, patient centered care, and ethical medical practices. The availability of experienced ophthalmic surgeons, well trained clinical staff, and quality surgical infrastructure has further strengthened the trust of patients seeking treatment under the scheme. In addition, the Trust's organized outreach programmes and patient support services help guide beneficiaries through the Ayushman process, ensuring smooth admission, treatment, and postoperative care. As a result, the hospital continues to serve as a reliable centre for accessible and high quality eye care for Ayushman beneficiaries across the region.



Cataract Surgery in Operation Theatre



Eye Screening camp for Cataract Detection

Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre, Gobindpur

In order to further expand the reach of quality eye care services and address the growing demand for accessible treatment facilities, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has undertaken an important initiative to develop a larger eye care facility at Gobindpur in collaboration with NYSASDRI. The proposed institution, to be known as Kalinga Eye Hospital & Research Centre, aims to strengthen the availability of specialized eye care services in the region while also creating a platform for advanced treatment, training, and community outreach programmes. This initiative reflects the Trust's longterm vision of building sustainable eye care infrastructure that can cater to the needs of people residing in rural and semi urban areas.

As part of the process to operationalize the facility, the Assistant District Medical Officer visited the Gobindpur campus and conducted the necessary inspection, following which the Clinical Registration Certificate was issued to the institute. Subsequently, the institution applied for empanelment under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana so that eligible patients can avail cashless treatment benefits. In this regard, the Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer visited the campus on 10 November 2025 and carried out the required assessment before submitting the report to the State Health Assurance Society, Odisha for further processing of the empanelment request. Once the empanelment process is completed, the new centre is expected to commence services and significantly enhance access to eye care for communities living in and around the Gobindpur region.



Visit by State Pollution Control Board (SPCB)



Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer

6th Odisha Eye Conclave 2026: Collaborative Platform for Eye Health in Odisha

The 6th Odisha Eye Conclave 2026 was organized at Hotel Swosti Premium and witnessed the participation of 273 delegates, including ophthalmologists, healthcare professionals, Rotarians, Govt Representatives, Corporates, Academicians, and representatives from social service organizations working in the field of eye care. The conclave served as a significant platform for dialogue and knowledge exchange on strengthening eye health systems in Odisha. Key thematic discussions focused on school and Anganwadi eye health, driver vision care and road safety, handloom weavers' eye care, senior citizen eye health, corporate social responsibility in eye care, and human resource development in ophthalmic services. The sessions emphasized preventive eye care, early detection of vision problems, and expanding community based eye health initiatives to reach underserved populations.

Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust served as one of the core committee members supporting the organization of the conclave and also presented its community outreach initiatives during the pre inaugural session. The event featured several distinguished speakers and experts, including Dr. Sarangadhara Samal, Dr. Smita Sinha, Ms. Abha Mishra, Dr. Debasmita Majhi, Dr. Keerti Bhusan Pradhan, Madhusmita Das, Alok Kumar Pal, and Sudatta Khuntia, among others. Through expert presentations and panel discussions, the conclave reinforced the importance of multi sector collaboration among hospitals, government departments, NGOs, and corporate institutions to reduce avoidable blindness and expand access to quality eye care services across Odisha.



Dignitaries at 6th Odisha Eye Conclave at Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar

Kalinga Chakhyu Seva Samagam 2026 Strengthening Community Partnerships in Eye Care

Kalinga Chakhyu Seva Samagam 2026 was organised under the leadership of Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust on 17 January 2026 at the 3rd Floor Conference Hall of Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal. The programme aimed to recognise and appreciate the contributions of various stakeholders involved in community eye care and to share the institution's journey, achievements, and future vision for expanding quality eye care services to underserved populations. The half day event brought together 83 participants, including doctors, optometrists, social activists, NGO representatives, Government officials, community volunteers, and wellwishers associated with the community Ophthalmology initiatives.

The programme was graced by Shri Ashish Iswar Patil, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Dhenkanal, and Sumit Kar, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Dhenkanal, who addressed the gathering and appreciated the organizations's sustained efforts in community eye health and outreach services. During the event, several individuals and organisations who have supported eye care initiatives were felicitated by the dignitaries. The programme also provided an opportunity to highlight collaborative efforts between government departments, civil society organisations, and the hospital in strengthening eye care delivery in rural and tribal areas of the district.



Shri Ashish Ishwar Patil, IAS, Collector &
District Magistrate of Dhenkanal



Shri Sumit Kar, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer
(DFO) of Dhenkanal

Weavers Eye Care Programme: Strengthening Sight for the Weaving Community

The Weavers Eye Care Programme: Strengthening Sight, Empowering Weavers and Artisans was launched by the Government of Odisha through the Department of Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts, Government of Odisha on 4 February 2026 at Buddha Bihar. Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust participated in the programme as one of the supporting partner organisations, contributing to the delivery of eye screening and vision care services for the weaving community. The initiative aimed to reduce avoidable blindness among weavers and artisans, whose livelihoods depend heavily on good vision, thereby improving both productivity and quality of life. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Pradip Balasamanta, Hon'ble Minister of State for Cooperation, Handloom and Textiles, Government of Odisha, in the presence of Shri Prem Chandra Chaudhary, IAS, Director of Textiles and Handloom, Odisha; Shri Bijaya Kumar Dalabehera, Hon'ble MLA, Badamba; Shri Prahlad Narayan Sharma, IAS, SubCollector, Athagarh; and Abha Mishra, State Head, United Nations Development Programme Odisha, along with representatives from Sightsavers, Rotary International District 3262, and other dignitaries.

During the one-day programme, a total of 417 beneficiaries from the weaving community underwent comprehensive eye screening through multiple examination counters and counselling units. As part of the services delivered, 104 ready to use spectacles were distributed by Kalinga Eye Hospital, while 148 spectacles were distributed by Sightsavers, and 74 individuals were prescribed spectacles for later fabrication and distribution. Additionally, 55 individuals were identified with operable cataract and enrolled for further counselling and treatment. The programme successfully demonstrated the impact of collaborative efforts between government departments, development organisations, and eye care institutions in extending essential vision care services to skilled artisans and strengthening the sustainability of the handloom sector.



Mega Eye Camp Held at Nuapatana, Cuttack for Weavers Eye Care Program

Vehicle Purchase for Community Outreach

In order to further strengthen its outreach activities and improve access to eye care services in remote and underserved areas, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust has procured a Tata Magic Express (9+1 seater) during the financial year. The addition of this vehicle has significantly enhanced the mobility of the hospital's outreach team, enabling doctors, optometrists, and support staff to reach communities where access to specialized eye care services is limited. Many rural and economically disadvantaged patients face considerable challenges in travelling long distances to access medical care, often delaying treatment due to transportation difficulties and associated costs. The availability of this dedicated outreach vehicle helps bridge that gap by bringing essential eye care services closer to the community.

The vehicle is also playing a crucial role in facilitating patient transportation for those who require surgical treatment at the hospital. Patients identified during community screening camps are provided with free transportation to the hospital for surgery, ensuring that financial or logistical barriers do not prevent them from receiving timely care. After successful treatment, the same vehicle is used to safely drop patients back to their respective locations, thereby ensuring continuity of care and patient convenience. This initiative has not only improved the efficiency of outreach programmes but has also strengthened community trust, as patients feel supported throughout the entire process from screening to surgery and postoperative return. The vehicle therefore serves as an important resource in advancing the Trust's mission of delivering accessible and compassionate eye care to people across the region.



New Vehicle Purchased for Patients Transportation Service

Installation of 50 KVA DG Set

To ensure uninterrupted delivery of critical eye care services, Kalinga Eye Hospital Trust extended support for the installation of a 50 KVA Diesel Generator (DG) set at Kalinga Eye Hospital. Reliable power supply is essential for the smooth functioning of hospital operations, particularly in areas such as operation theatres, diagnostic equipment, sterilization units, and patient care facilities. Any disruption in electricity during surgical procedures or diagnostic processes can significantly affect service delivery. The installation of the DG set therefore strengthens the hospital's capacity to maintain continuous operations and provide safe and uninterrupted eye care services to patients at all times.

The DG set was formally inaugurated on 17 January 2026 by Ashish Iswar Patil, the esteemed Collector and District Magistrate of Dhenkanal, in the gracious presence of Sumit Kar, Divisional Forest Officer of Dhenkanal. On this significant occasion, Mr. Sarangadhar Samal, Director of Kalinga Eye Hospital, had the privilege of felicitating the distinguished dignitaries as a gesture of gratitude for their presence, encouragement, and continued support toward strengthening healthcare services in the region. The inauguration marked an important milestone in enhancing the hospital's infrastructure and preparedness to deliver uninterrupted, quality healthcare services. With the installation of this backup power facility, the hospital is now better equipped to ensure continuous patient care, particularly during surgeries and emergency situations, further reinforcing its commitment to providing reliable and high-quality eye care services to the community.



Inauguration of 50 KVA DG by Collector and District Magistrate of Dhenkanal, in presence of Divisional Forest Officer, Dhenkanal and Director of Kalinga Eye Hospital

Kalinga Eye Hospital Staffs :



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