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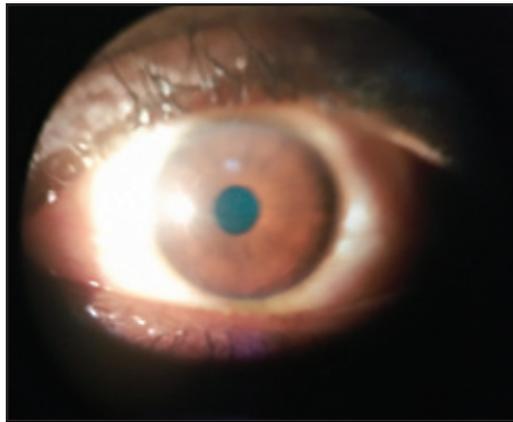
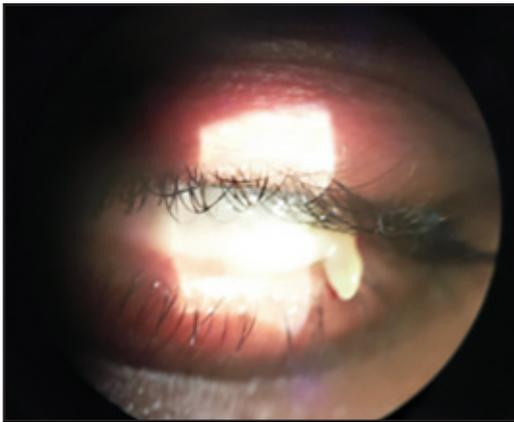


Comprehensive Ophthalmology Fellow of the Year, Village Vision Complex, LVPEI - Dr Mayank Mahajan



Irene N Joki Maingi, from Kenya, was treated for macular degeneration and cataract

No more blinded for life



When Rathod Shyam, 40, a registered medical practitioner (RMP) had conjunctivitis, he tried treating it with antibiotic drops. To ease the burning sensation, he applied cow's milk and ghee. Within days, his condition worsened, his vision dropped completely and his eyes were covered with a white

layer. He consulted a local eye specialist near his village in Maharashtra and was devastated when told that he was blinded for life. A former LVPEI Vision Technician advised the family to take Rathod to LVPEI's Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre in Adilabad, Telangana.

Dr Prabhakar Singh, fellow ophthalmologist posted at the centre, examined the white layer that seemed like severe inflammation due to milk and ghee. Rathod's eyes were cleaned and he was prescribed medication. Overwhelmed at receiving his eyesight back, Rathod says, "In spite of being a medical practitioner, I was ignorant about how vision threatening home remedies can be! I now pledge to create awareness among other people in my village."

Regaining vision, and dignity

A failed cataract surgery in the right eye and a gradual diminution in vision in the other eye, had made Pratima Barik, residing in Nayagram, West Bengal, completely dependent on her husband. Expensive medical treatment being beyond their reach, she visited Shri Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus at Bhubaneswar with hope and was diagnosed with 'Fuchs endothelial dystrophy', a condition in which the cells present in the cornea do not secrete adequate fluids necessary for clear vision. It generally affects the elderly population and is slightly more common in women.



A corneal transplant surgery, along with cataract surgery in the left eye, was successfully performed. Her vision in the left eye has now significantly improved. "I am extremely delighted I can now lead a dignified life and can contribute equally to the family," says Pratima Barik.

We were very impressed with Ms Rukmani's (Patient Counsellor) courteous and kind services. She received and took good care of us. She deserves all accolades.

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