

# **Arjun Waney Eye Centre (AWEC)**

Berhampur, Ganjam District, Odisha  
(2015 - 2025)



**Gullapalli Pratibha Rao**  
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**LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad**

The Arjun Waney Eye Centre (AWEC) in Berhampur, Ganjam District is the third secondary centre of L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) in Odisha. It was inaugurated on December 13, 2015 (the birthday of Smt Savitri, Mr Arjun's mother in whose name he established the Savitri Waney Charitable Trust (SWCF)), by Shri Naveen Patnaik, the then Chief Minister of Odisha. Mr Arjun Waney, began his journey as a restaurateur two decades ago, when he established Zuma, a restaurant in London that serves traditional Japanese cuisine. Today, he is among the most successful restaurateurs in the world.

Arjun Waney is the founder of Beebas Creations, a publicly traded company on the NYSE, the Argent Fund Management Limited and co-owner of The Arts Club in London. He had a prolific career, both as a successful businessman and a compassionate philanthropist. His restaurants Zuma, Roka, La Petite Maison and Coya achieved worldwide success. In 2018 he was recognized as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours and awarded an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his services to hospitality and philanthropy. He now applies his business acumen to his two passions - restaurants and philanthropy. He founded the Savitri Waney Charitable Trust (SWCF) in 2001 and remains very much at the heart of the trust through which he supports social initiatives in partnership with Mission for Vision, Mumbai.

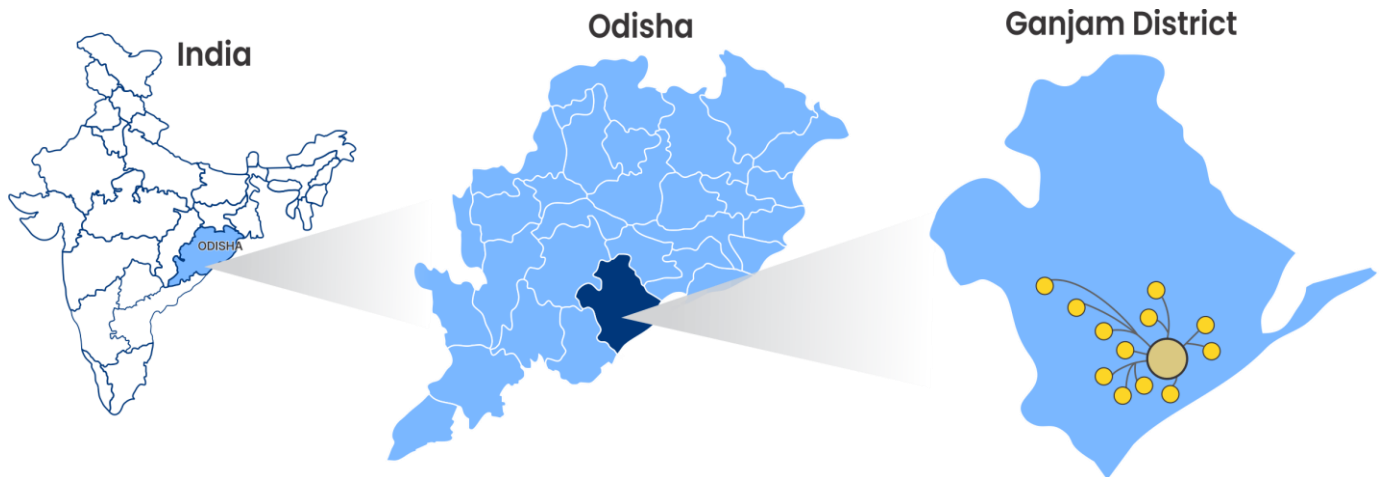




## Village Vision Complex – Berhampur

The Arjun Waney Eye Centre (AWEC) in Berhampur, Ganjam district is the third LVPEI secondary centre in the state of Odisha. It caters to the eye health needs of approximately 0.5 million population.

Berhampur, a city on the eastern coast of Odisha is known as the "Silk City" and the food capital of Odisha. It is the fourth populous city in Odisha State. Berhampur is a sub-division and the headquarters of Ganjam district. The administrative headquarters is Chhatrapur, located 24 kms away.



- Twelve vision centres are connected to this secondary centre – Polasara, Potlampur, Seraguda, Digapahandi, Asika, Purushottampur, Kabisuryanagar, Chikiti, Rambha, Patrapur, Mundamarai and Surada. These vision centres are supported by Mission for Vision and WenGiving Foundation.
- Community eye care programs were initiated in 2016 and Universal Eye Health programs in April 2024 with the objective to reduce the prevalence of blindness in the district.
- LVPEI's Home Care services were initiated in April 2025 with the objective to provide primary eye care to those who cannot visit the centre physically, particularly the elderly and individuals with special needs .



I am pleased to share the remarkable journey and impact of the Arjun Waney Eye Centre (AWEC), the third secondary centre of L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) in Odisha and fifteenth in the network. The centre was inaugurated on December 13, 2015 by Shri Naveen Patnaik, the then Chief Minister of Odisha.

The establishment of this centre was made possible through the generous support of Mr Arjun Waney, a London-based entrepreneur and philanthropist. He is widely known for his successful global portfolio of premium Japanese and Asian restaurants. He founded the Savitri Waney Charitable Trust, in memory of his mother. He supports social impact initiatives across India, through the trust, in partnership with Mission for Vision, Mumbai.

The centre is equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical facilities and is connected to 12 primary eye care vision centres located in Polasara, Potlampur, Seraguda, Digapahandi, Asika, Purushottampur, Kabisuryanagar, Chikiti, Rambha, Patrapur, Mundamarai, and Surada. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mission for Vision and the WenGiving Foundation for supporting the primary eye care vision centres.

Over the past decade, the AWEC examined over 200,000 outpatients and performed over 15,000 surgeries. It conducted over 100,000 screenings through its vision centre network and screened over 65,000 individuals through its community outreach programs. Additionally, nearly 2,800 beneficiaries received low vision and rehabilitation services.

Technology has played a pivotal role in enhancing access and quality of care. The use of tele-ophthalmology, faculty visits from the tertiary centre, and Pashyantu, the mobile diagnostic van have significantly reduced the need for patient travel, bringing care closer to communities, improving convenience, outcomes, and environmental sustainability.

We express our heartfelt appreciation to the Savitri Waney Charitable Trust, the faculty across the LVPEI network, and the dedicated team at the Arjun Waney Eye Centre, Berhampur, for their unwavering commitment to excellence and community service.

As we move forward, we remain deeply committed to our mission i.e. to ensure equitable, universal, and affordable access to high-quality eye care for all, so that all may see.

**Dr Rohit Khanna**  
Director-GPR ICARE

# Timeline of Services

## OPD & Surgical Services



2015

## Operating Room



2015

2016



## Community Eye Care



## Low Vision & Rehabilitation Services



2020



## Pashyantu

2024



## Universal Eye Health

2025



## Home Care Services

# Impact

Community screening  
at the base of the  
pyramid

**65,771**

Screenings at  
primary eye care vision centres  
under AWEC

**1,08,905**

100% services  
at no cost to  
patients

Outpatient visits at  
AWEC

**2,05,378**

Surgeries at  
AWEC

**15,669**

60% services  
at no cost to  
patients

# Rehabilitation Services

December 2015 – November 2025

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**1,446**  
Rehabilitation  
Services

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**1,419**  
Low Vision  
Services

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**Community Eye Care**

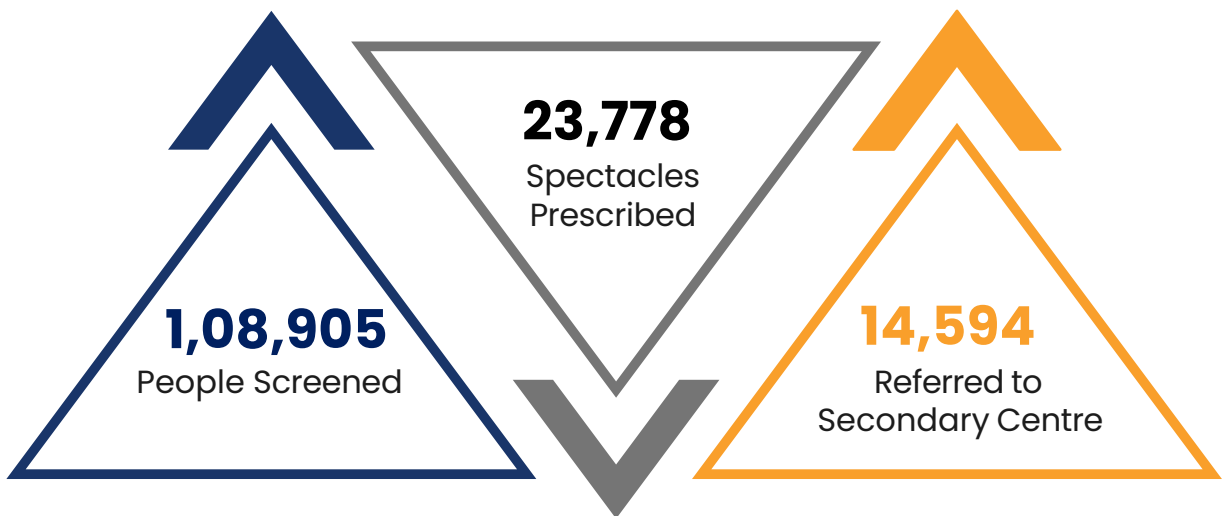
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**7,380**

Houses  
surveyed

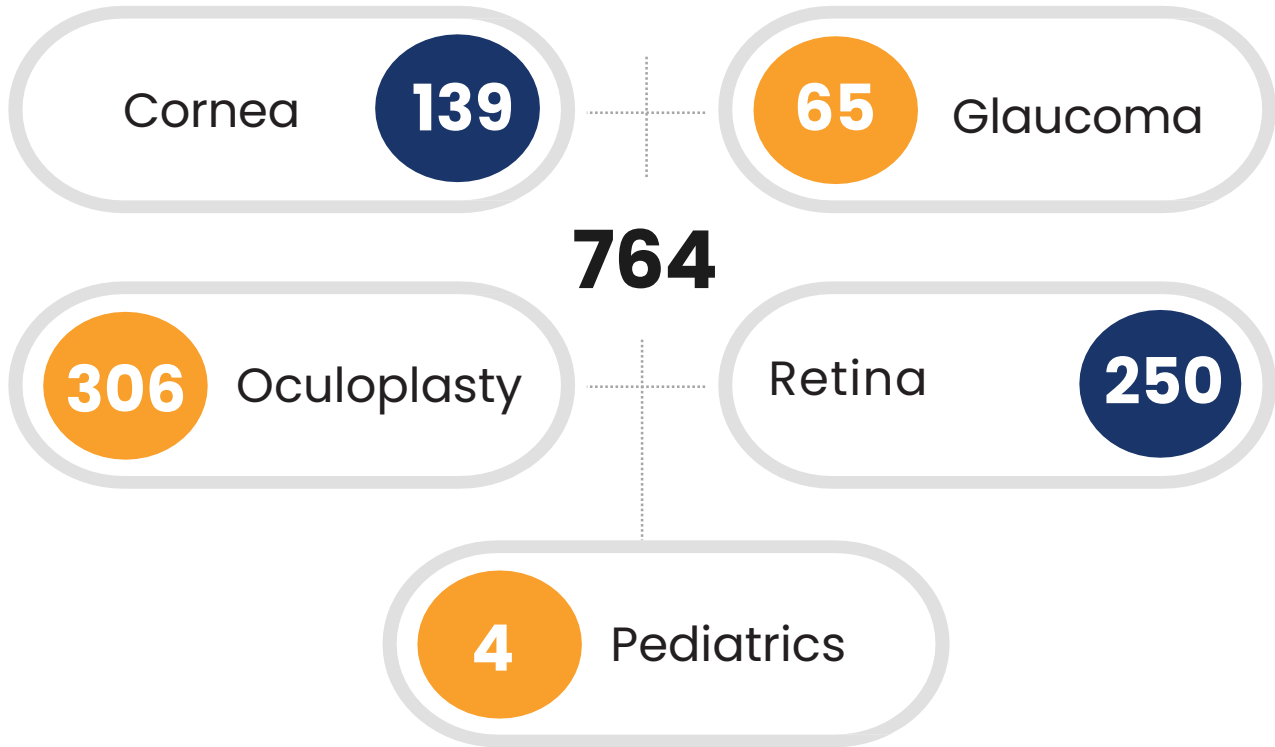
## Services @ Primary Eye Care Vision Centres

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## Sub-specialty surgeries performed

December 2015 – November 2025



## PASHYANTU – Mobile Eye Diagnostic Van

February 2020 – October 2025

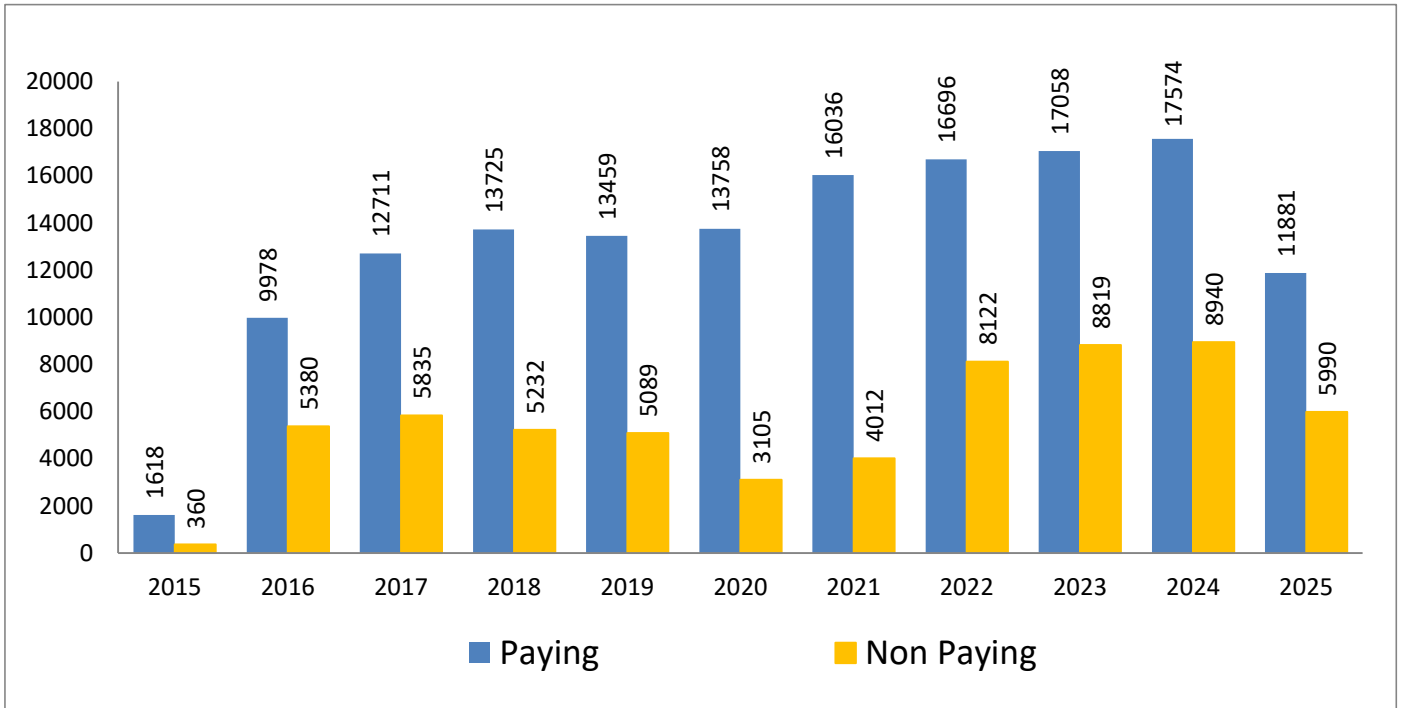
Advanced Diagnostic Procedures –

**2,324**

(33% Non – Paying)

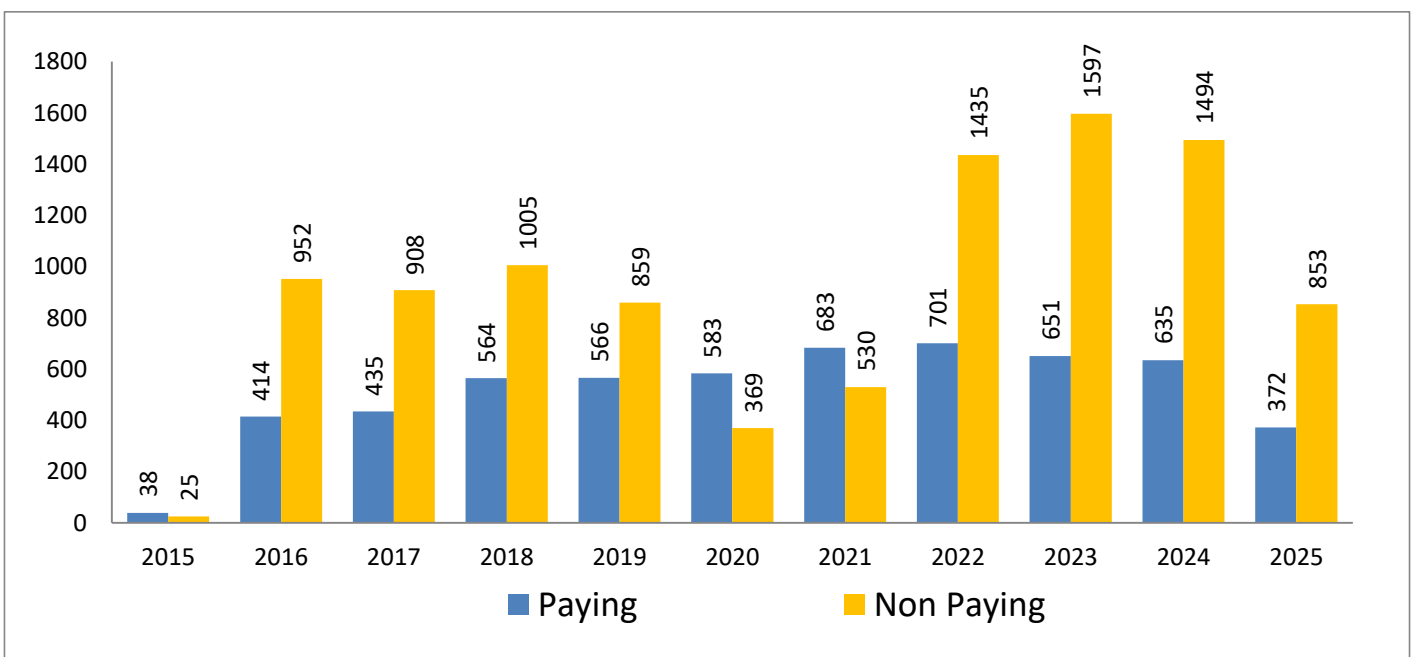
## Year-wise OPD - Paying & Non Paying

(December 2015 to October 2025)



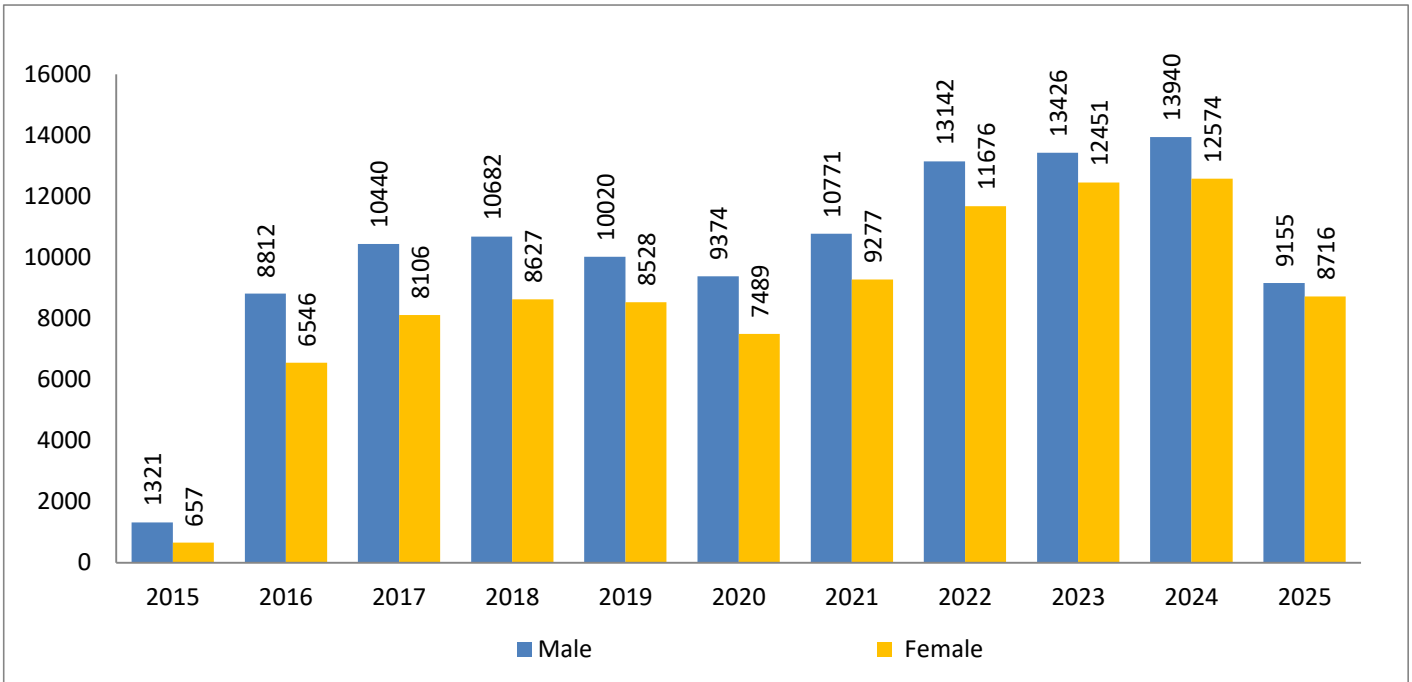
## Year-wise Surgeries - Paying & Non Paying

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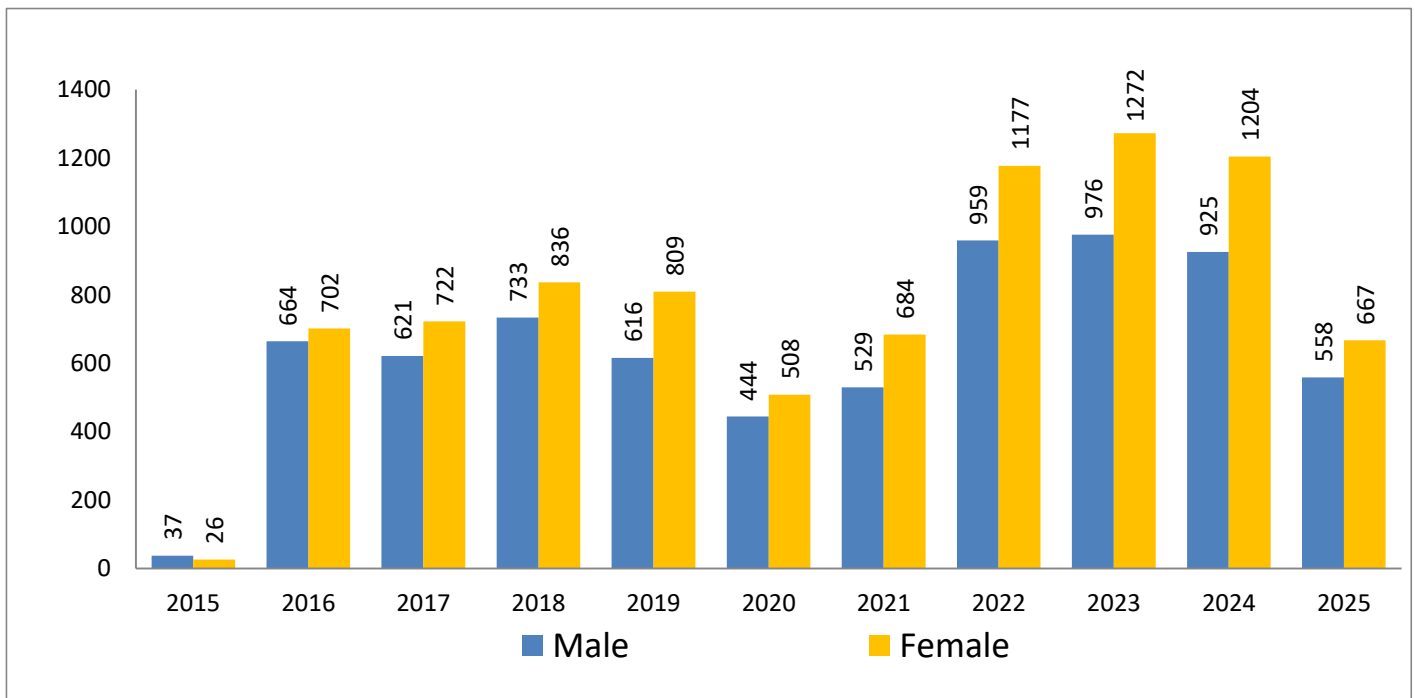
## Year-wise OPD- Male & Female

(December 2015 to October 2025)



## Year-wise Surgeries - Male & Female

(December 2015 to October 2025)



## Team@ Arjun waney Eye Centre - On ground to serve



The team continues to work tirelessly, to serve as many as possible.

Patients like Sabita Sethy and many more continue to be our happy patients and ambassadors, taking forward our mission to ensure equitable, universal, and affordable access to high-quality eye care for all.



@ Berhampur LVPEI Team working with the centre from half a decade

## PATIENT STORIES

### The Gift of Sight:

#### Sabita's Path Back to Clarity and Confidence

Smt Sabita Sethy, is a 46-year-old homemaker from Ambapua village, Ganjam District, Odisha. Her family consists of her husband, son and daughter. She earns her livelihood through a vegetable shop that she runs. For six months, she was struggling with worsening vision, making her daily activities increasingly difficult. Her married daughter had to come stay with her parents due to her worsening condition.

Sabita had visited another hospital where she did not receive proper guidance or treatment. She visited the AWEC in Berhampur (45 kms from her village), our secondary centre upon coming to know about it from a relative. The doctor at AWEC diagnosed her with total cataract in both eyes with ability to only see hand movements.

Cataract surgery was initially advised for the left eye. Considering her family's financial status, the team assured her of treatment at no cost. The cataract surgery was successful. The following morning, when the patch was removed, Sabita's vision improved dramatically to 20/25. She and her family were overjoyed, expressing immense gratitude. Sabita regained her confidence, independence, and dignity.





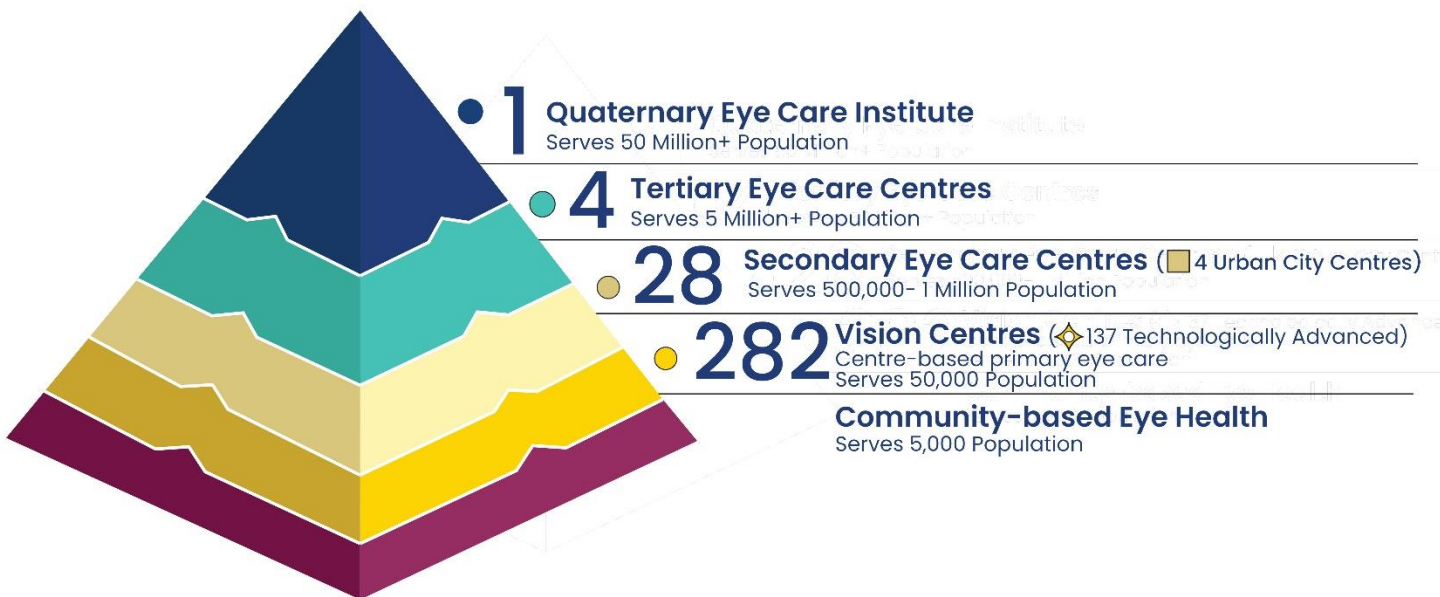
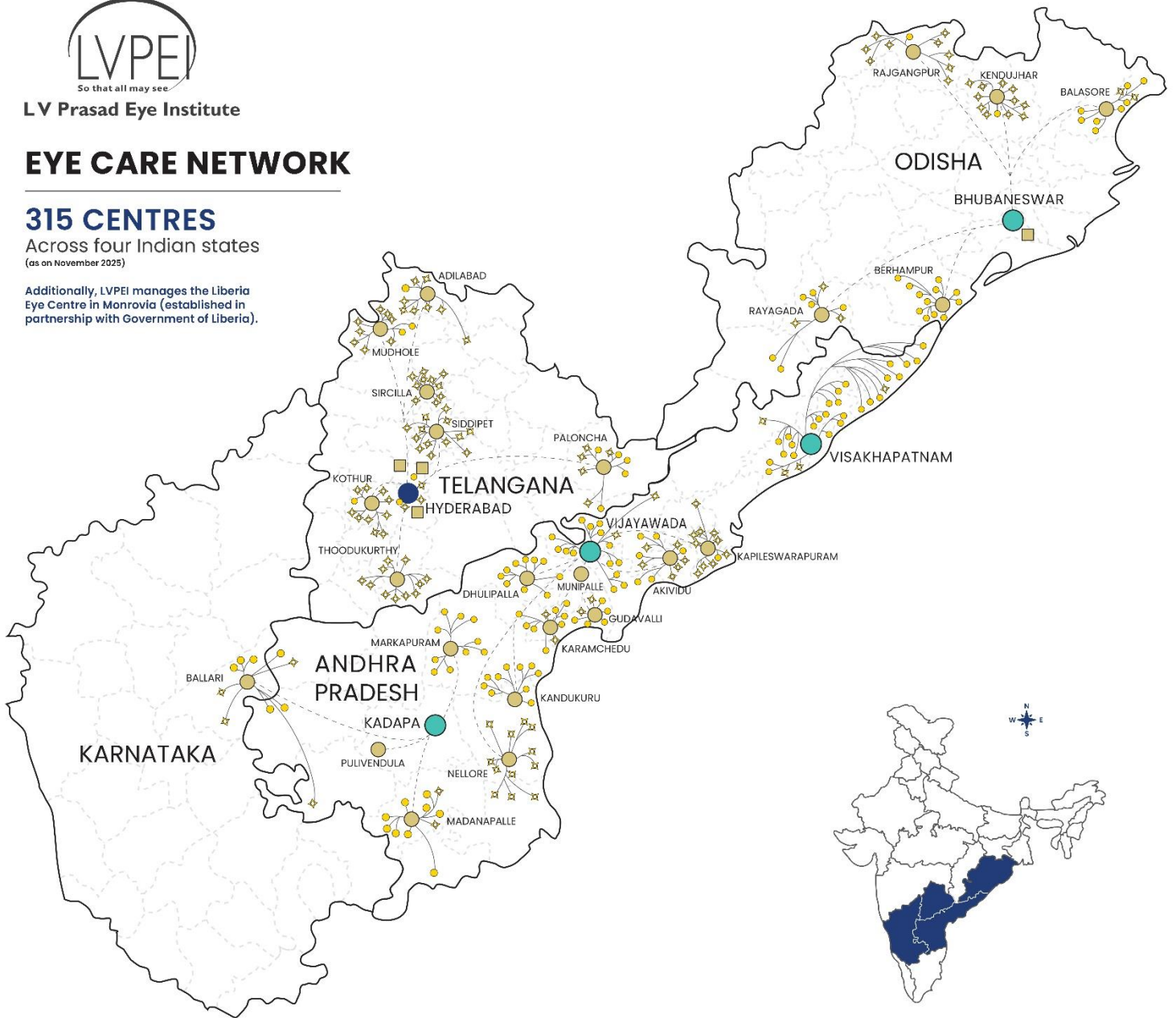
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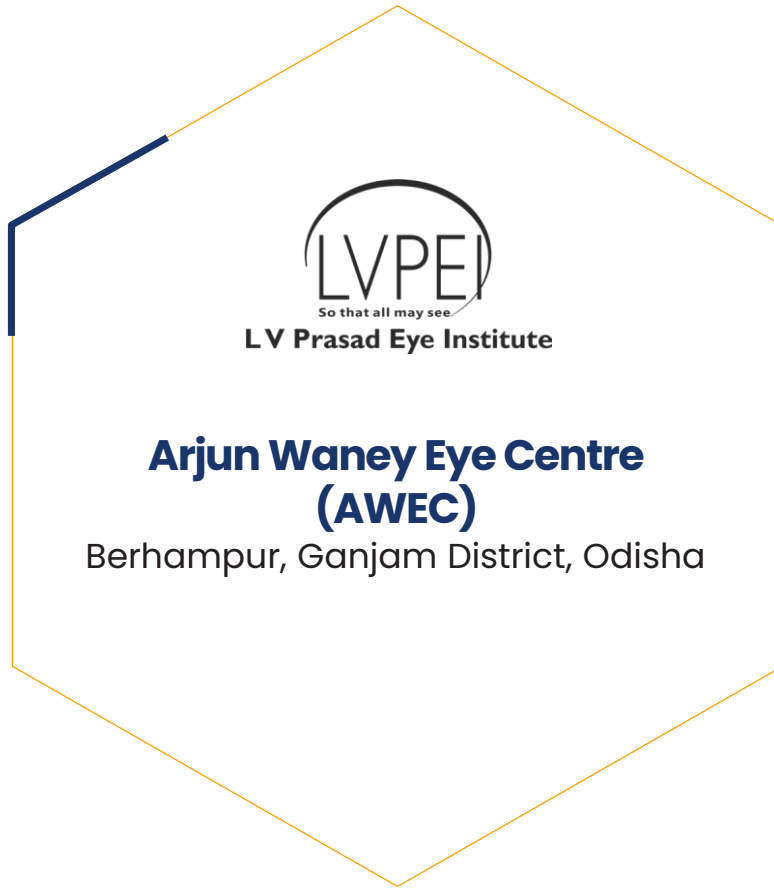
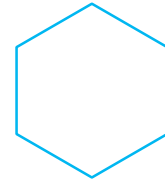
## EYE CARE NETWORK

### 315 CENTRES

Across four Indian states  
(as on November 2025)

Additionally, LVPEI manages the Liberia Eye Centre in Monrovia (established in partnership with Government of Liberia).





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