



LV Prasad Eye Institute

Dalmia OCL Eye Centre (DOCLEC)

Rajgangpur, Sundargarh District, Odisha.

(2015-2025)



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International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye care

LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad

The Dalmia OCL Eye Centre at Rajgangpur, Sundargarh district is the first secondary centre of L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) in Odisha. It was inaugurated by former President of India, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on February 27, 2015. Shri Naveen Patnaik, former chief minister of Odisha laid the foundation stone on December 15, 2013.

The centre was supported by OCL India Ltd, the flagship company of the Dalmia Group of Companies, with strong presence in eastern India. A key driving force behind this centre was Mr. M H Dalmia, President of OCL India Limited, and son of the renowned industrialist and philanthropist Mr Jaidayal Dalmia. Mr. Dalmia's association with LVPEI began when he visited the Bhubaneswar campus a few years ago. Inspired by LVPEI's work in Andhra Pradesh and its mission to reduce avoidable blindness, he supported the institute in its efforts to deliver quality eye care.



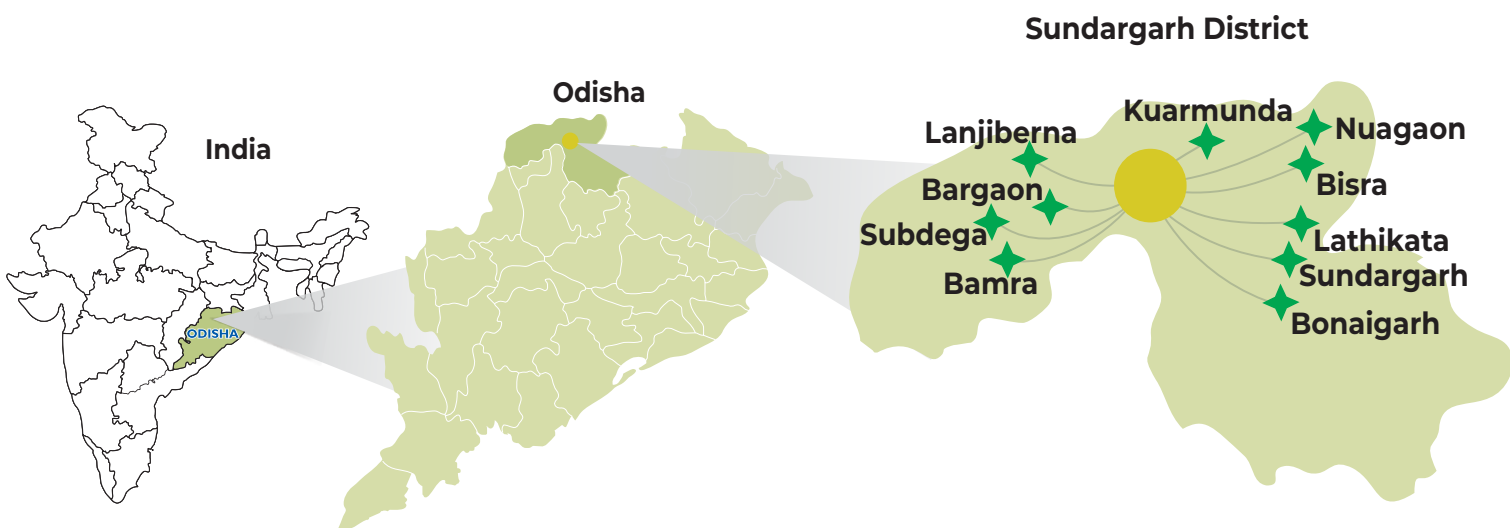


Mr. M H Dalmia, President of Dalmia OCL India Limited and A P J Abdul Kalam, President of India at the inauguration of the centre



Rajgangpur

Rajgangpur is an industrial town located 63 kilometres from Sundargarh, the district headquarters of the district by the same name, located in north western Odisha. The district has a significant tribal population of 0.5 million. The DOCLEC meets the eye health needs of a population of about one million.



- Ten primary eye care vision centres were initiated with the support of Dalmia OCL India Limited and Standard Chartered Bank
- Community eye care programs were initiated
- Drusti project as part of the universal eye health initiative was undertaken to cover the population surrounding Lanjiberna Village

Together to meet the community's eye health needs...

I am pleased to share the remarkable journey and impact of Dalmia OCL Eye Centre, Rajgangpur, LVPEI's first secondary centre in Odisha. The centre was made possible through the generous support of Dalmia OCL India Ltd, the flagship company of the Dalmia Group.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. M H Dalmia, Ms. Kanupriya Dalmia and their family for their unwavering commitment to the cause of eliminating avoidable blindness. A special mention should be made of

Mr. D D Atal, the then Director of OCL Cements, and our colleagues at the MTC campus for their efforts in making this vision a reality.

The centre is equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical equipment and is connected to ten primary eye care vision centres in Lanjiberna, Kuarmunda, Nuagaon, Subdega, Sundargarh, Lathikata, Bisra, Bargaon, Bamra, and Bonei, supported by Dalmia OCL India Limited and Standard Chartered Bank.

We sincerely thank the faculty of MTC campus, and the dedicated staff of Dalmia OCL Eye Centre for their invaluable contributions in nurturing the centre.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission and vision—to ensure quality eye care for all, so that all may see!



Dr Rohit Khanna
Director-GPR ICARE

Timeline of Services

OPD & Surgical Services



February 2015

February 2016

Community Eye Care



January 2017



Low Vision Services

Pashyantu



Febraury 2018

October 2024

February 2020



Rehabilitation Services



Universal Eye Health Project

Impact

Community Screening
at the base of the
pyramid

1,63,435

Screenings at
Primary Eye Care Vision Centres
under DOCLEC

66,956

100% services
free of cost

Outpatient visits at
DOCLEC

1,93,805

Surgeries at
DOCLEC

15,790

68% services
free of cost

Rehabilitation Services

101

Community-based
rehabilitation



385

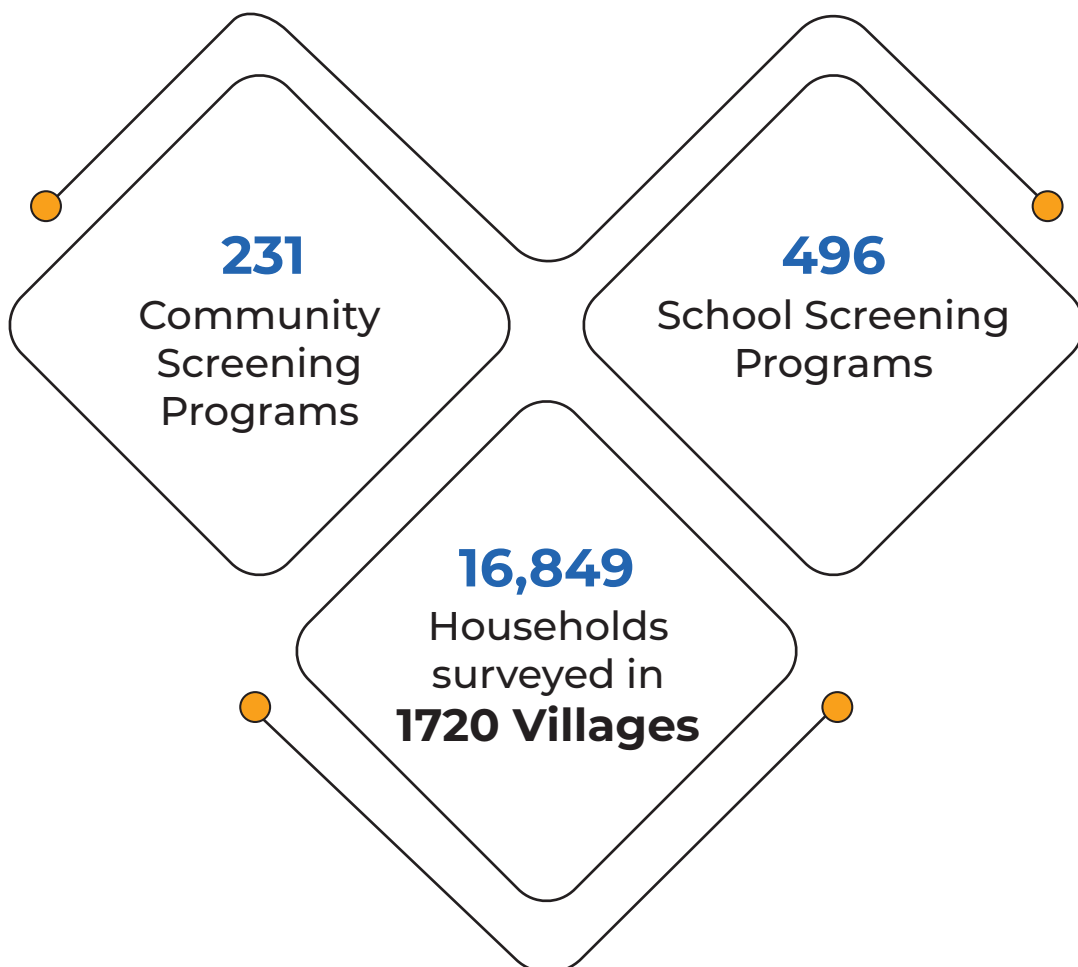
Centre-based
rehabilitation



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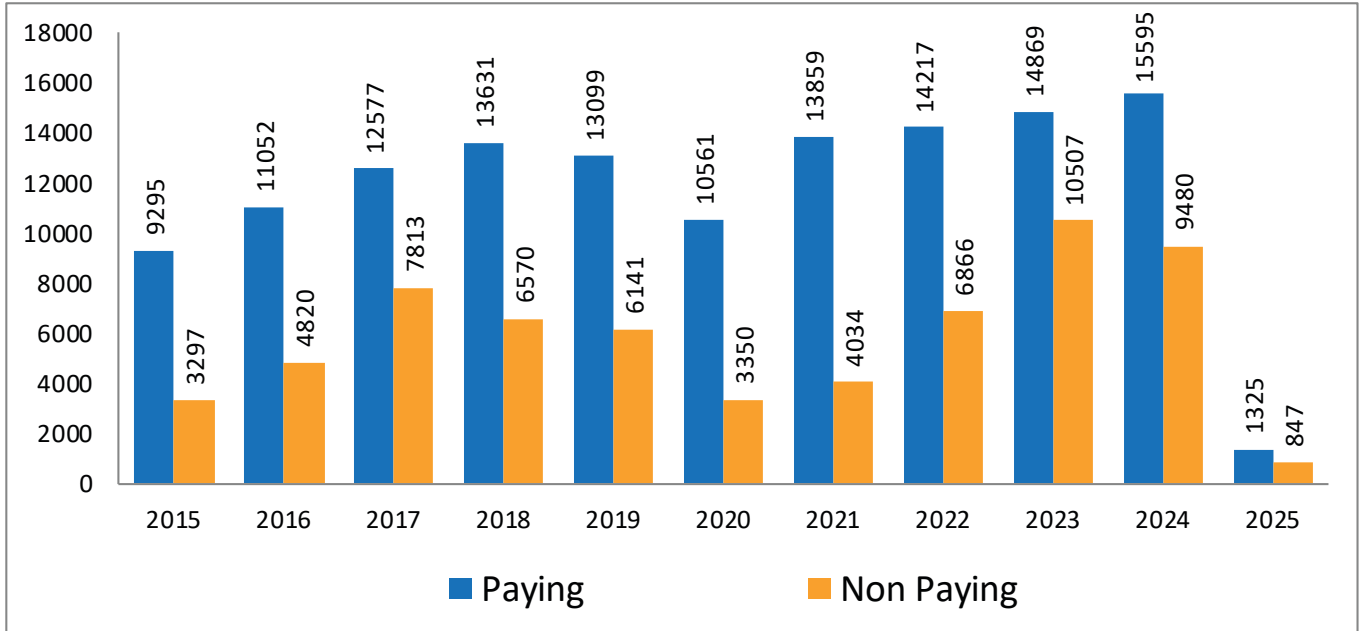
Low vision
services

Community Eye Care

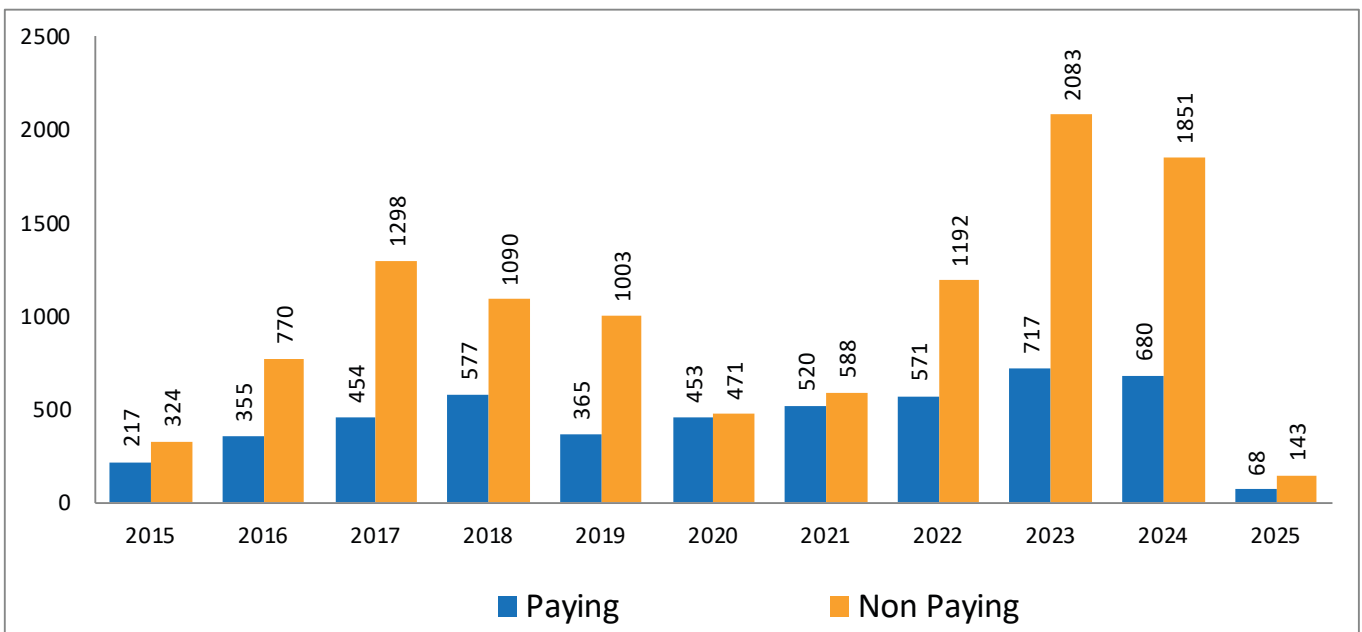


Outpatient and Surgical Services

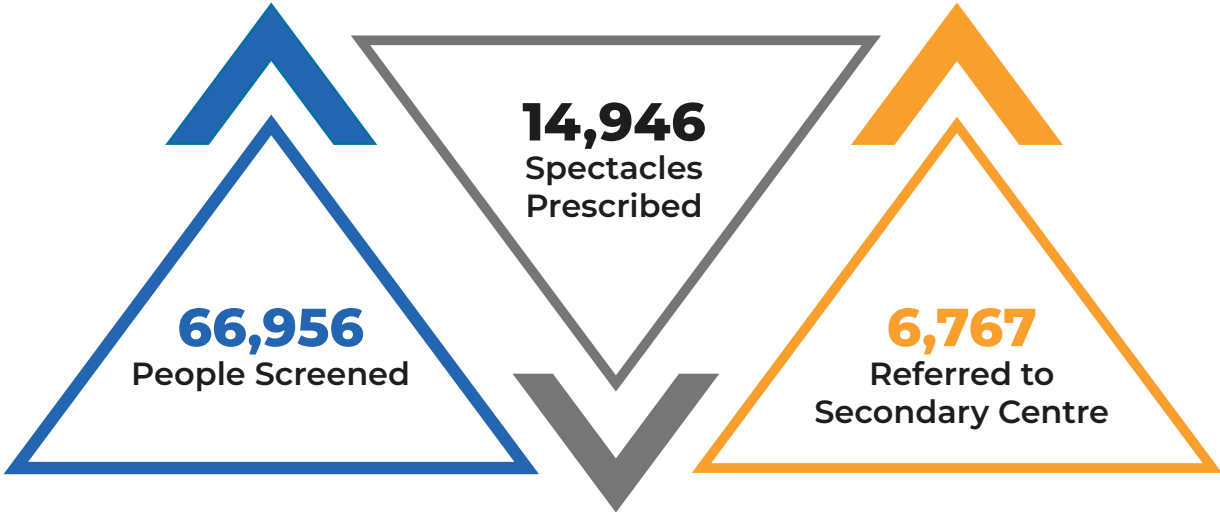
Year-wise OPD - Paying & Non Paying
(February 2015 – January 2025)



Year-wise surgeries - Paying & Non Paying
(February 2015 – January 2025)

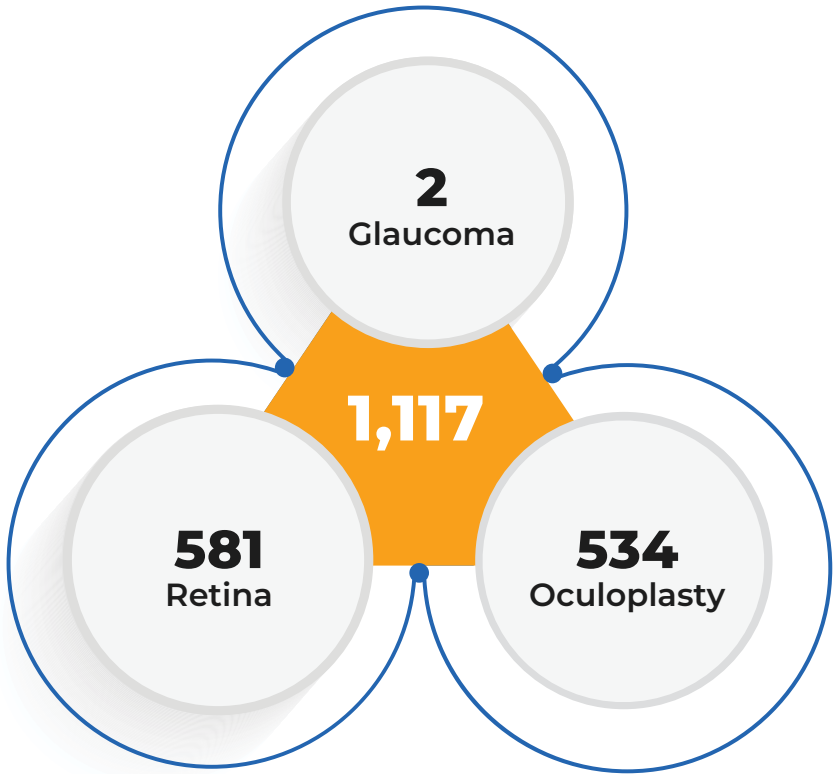


Services @ Primary Eye Care Vision Centres



Sub-specialty Surgeries Performed

(February 2015 – January 2025)



PASHYANTU

Mobile Eye Diagnostic Van (MDV) program



Advanced diagnostic procedures - **2,917**
(28% Non-Paying)

Team@ Dalmia OCL Eye Centre



The team works with enthusiasm and dedication to serve as many as possible.
Happy patients spread the word to many more.



Team DOCLEC at Rajgangpur for more than half a decade



A Story of Perseverance: Rosalia Kerketta's Journey to Clear Vision

Rosalia Kerketta, a 61-year-old woman with diabetes, visited our hospital on October 27, 2022, due to blurry vision in her left eye for over a year. Identified through the DRUSTI project and Lanjiberna Vision Centre, she was diagnosed with senile cataracts in both eyes and severe non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy (NPDR) in her right eye.

After eight months, her vision worsened, prompting further tests. Once her diabetes was managed, cataract surgery on her left eye was performed on August 22, 2023, improving her vision to 20/50. However, diabetic retinopathy caused her vision to decline, requiring multiple treatments, including IVTA and RANIBIZUMAB injections.

On April 1, 2024, she underwent cataract surgery in her right eye. Despite health setbacks and limited family support, Rosalia visited the hospital showing incredible patience and determination. By May 27, 2024, her vision improved to 20/30 in the right eye and 20/50 in the left, demonstrating her resilience and the transformative power of dedicated care.

Stories about our association with the Dalmia group and reflections of people involved in the development of the DOCLEC

Dalmia Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory

In early 2012, the ophthalmic pathology lab was inaugurated at the LVPEI, Mithu Tulsi Chanrai campus in Bhubaneswar, with the support of Mr M H Dalmia of the Dalmia group. The lab greatly increased the capacity to process pathology specimens, both from our patients and research studies. Another major function of the lab was to educate ophthalmology trainees on the basics of ophthalmic pathology. Dr Ruchi Mittal was recruited to run the laboratory.

First Secondary Centre in Odisha

The Dalmia group's Orient Cements Limited supported the Dalmia OCL Eye Centre at Rajgangpur, entirely. Sri Naveen Patnaik, the then chief minister of Odisha was present for the groundbreaking ceremony on December 15, 2013. It was inaugurated by former President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on February 27, 2015 in the presence of Mr M H Dalmia and members of his family.

Primary Eye Care Vision Centres

The vision centre at Lanjiberna village in Sundergarh district is attached to the Dalmia OCL Eye Centre, Rajgangpur.

Advanced Diagnostic Facilities for Rural Centres- PashyantU in Odisha

A mobile eye diagnostic van, supported by Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) was flagged off by the honourable chief minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik on January 16, 2020. With this, the LVPEI model of ensuring the availability of advanced diagnostic equipment at secondary centres through a mobile van (the PashyantU), was replicated in Odisha. It covers twice a month, the four secondary eye care centres at Keonjhar, Rajgangpur, Rayagada, and Berhampur. The model aims to provide access to advanced diagnostic equipment in a cost-effective manner by sharing among multiple centres.



In the words of Dr Taraprasad Das

Dr TP Das describes in detail how the relationship with Mr M H Dalmia began and nurtured over the years, resulting in multiple philanthropic gifts from him and his family.

“In 2010 Manav Jalan introduced me to Mr Mridu Hari Dalmia (popularly, M H Dalmia) at a health talk in the campus. I had read of the Rajgangpur cement factory during my schooling but was not aware of the history. I stayed in touch with Mr Dalmia through Manav. Six months later, Mr Dalmia shared his interest to support LVPEI to the tune of INR 50 lakh. Upon further discussion, I learnt that he was inclined to support cancer care. In that instance, I proposed the pathology lab as it is a basic need in the rapid diagnosis of retinoblastoma and other ocular tumours.”

LVPEI made a proposal for INR 60 lakh and to be honest I was not very hopeful, as he had previously mentioned his cap. Manav convinced Mr Dalmia and the grant was through. The ‘Dalmia Ophthalmic Pathology Service (DOPS) was established in 2011 with the support of Mr Dalmia who donated in his personal capacity. The lab was formally inaugurated by the former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

Following this, I visited Rajgangpur, met his daughter, Ms Kanupriya Dalmia (Somani). Again, with Manav’s encouragement we proposed a secondary eye centre at Rajgangpur. We had the complete support of Mr D D Atal, then Director of OCL Cements, Rajgangpur. After several discussions and a visit to our centre at Paloncha, the deal was finalized for 1.7 acres of land and INR 5 crores, from OCL. Ms Kanupriya fully supported the project. The foundation was laid by then chief minister Shri Naveen Patnaik. It was the first secondary eye centre in Odisha and inaugurated by former President of India, Dr APJ Kalam on February 27, 2015.

With the establishment of the Dalmia OCL Eye Centre at Rajgangpur, my association with the Dalmia family increased. Mr Dalmia left OCL in 2016, but his inclination to support worthy causes remained. His inclination was towards medical care for children and girl child education.

I approached him to support LVPEI’s Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) care in Bhubaneswar. He readily agreed, and we came up with the acronym NEHA (Newborn Eye Health Alliance), meaning love. We called it an alliance as Dr Tapas Padhi was already working with the Govt of Odisha (Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar and RBSK) on ROP. Mr and Mrs M H Dalmia attended the NEHA plaque unveiling, where Dr Ruchi presented data on cancer. On seeing this data, Mr Dalmia wanted to understand if he could do anything more. Dr Ruchi proposed an Aperio (Digital Path system), which would need INR 90 lakhs in addition to his earlier commitment of INR one crore for NEHA.

Following the presentation, we walked through the garden for tree naming and breakfast, all along discussing the merit of Dr Ruchi’s request. As he was leaving, an hour after Dr Ruchi’s presentation, he announced his willingness to contribute the INR 90 lakhs required for the Aperio (Digital Path system), taking Mr M H Dalmia’s personal contribution to INR 2.5 crores. OCL contributed INR seven crore.”

Manav Jalan

I had the privilege of chaperoning Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for the inauguration of the OCL-LV Prasad Eye Centre at Rajgangpur. LV Prasad Eye Institute, a pioneer in equitable eye care, has impacted nearly 20 million lives. My family's association with the President's office dates back to 1978 when my father, Shri R.A. Jalan, received the National Award for Safed Haathi from then-President Dr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy.



Our deep ties with the Dalmia family, who have supported many in their journeys, have shaped my own path.

Meeting Dr. Kalam was a long-cherished dream. I had briefly interacted with him in 2010 at LV Prasad Eye Hospital, but this time, I had the rare opportunity of a one-on-one conversation during our 45-minute flight.

As we took off, I introduced him to the Dalmia legacy and the unique stories of OCL, including how elephants were treated as employees, complete with ID numbers and designated living quarters. Dr. Kalam, intrigued by the name "Rajgangpur," joked that it might be named after a "gang of elephants," making us all laugh.

He shared an African folklore about man's power to destroy even God, leaving us in contemplative silence. I reminded him of our last interaction, where I had asked how he remained humble despite his knowledge and power. This time, I asked how to find the courage to follow one's heart. He simply replied, "Remove distractions, focus only on what you truly want, and courage will follow."

Dr. Kalam's love for nature was evident as he quizzed me about the forests and rivers we were flying over. When I fumbled, he smiled and had his aide read out details of the landscape. At that moment, I felt as though he was gently guiding me through the world with his wisdom.

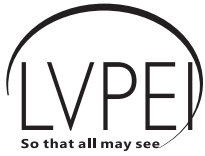
He recalled his earlier association with Rajgangpur during his DRDO days and was delighted to know he would be interacting with 600 children from the Dalmia Vidya Mandir School. When I shared my passion for mental health, he immediately connected me with his PhD student, Father A.K. George, the very next day.

Seeing him not just as a President or scientist, but as a small boy from Rameswaram, I told him so. Amused, he asked, "Do you really see me like that?" I nodded, and we all smiled.

Dr. Kalam graciously gave autographs and took photos throughout the day. At lunch, he insisted I join him, but I declined, saying it was OCL's day to serve him. He asked us to thank the cooks, proving that greatness lies in the smallest gestures.

As we landed, an electrifying energy filled the air. Dr. Kalam stepped out to a hero's welcome, but in my mind, I was still in the clouds—flying over forests and rivers, lost in the wisdom of a remarkable man.

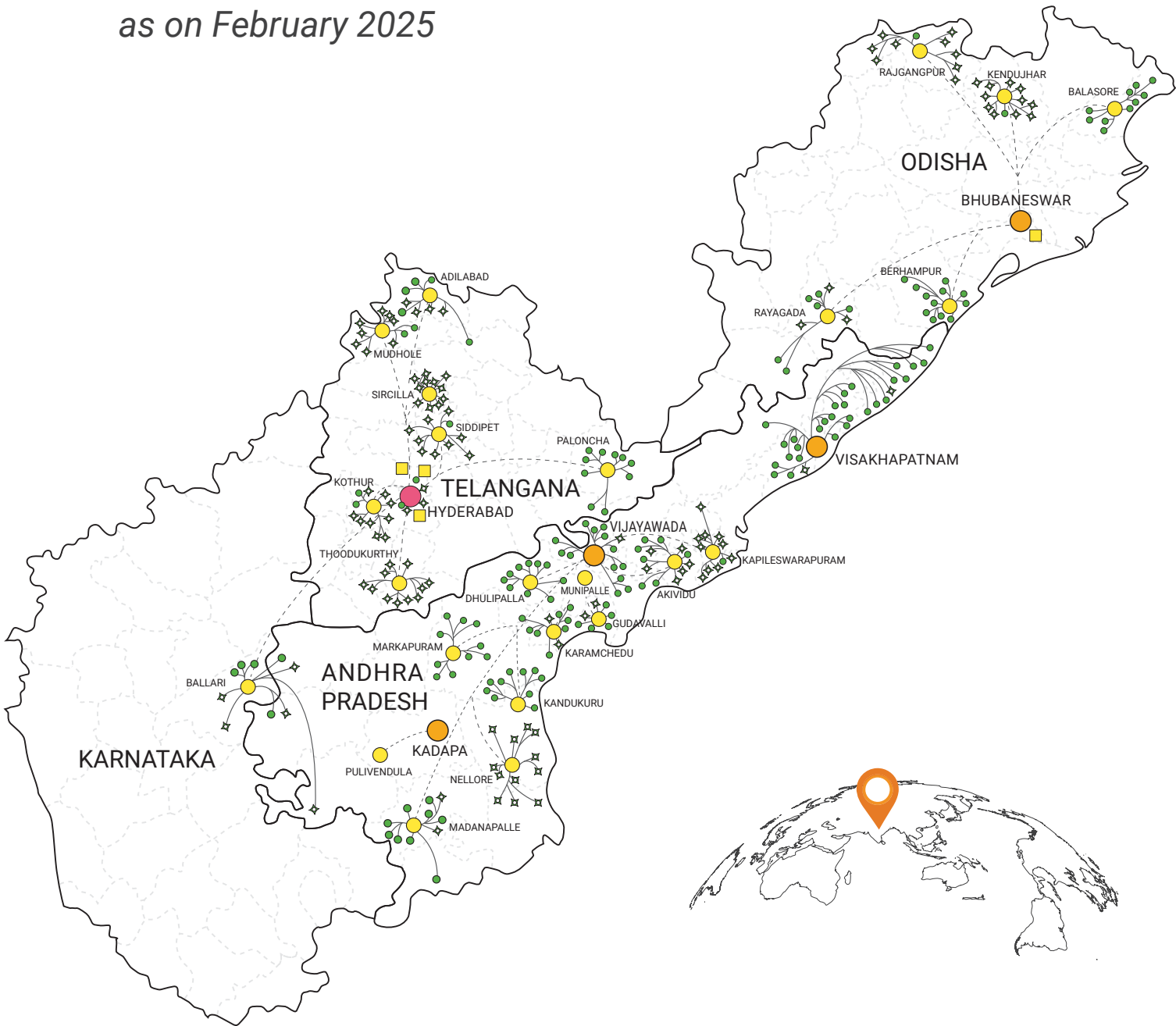


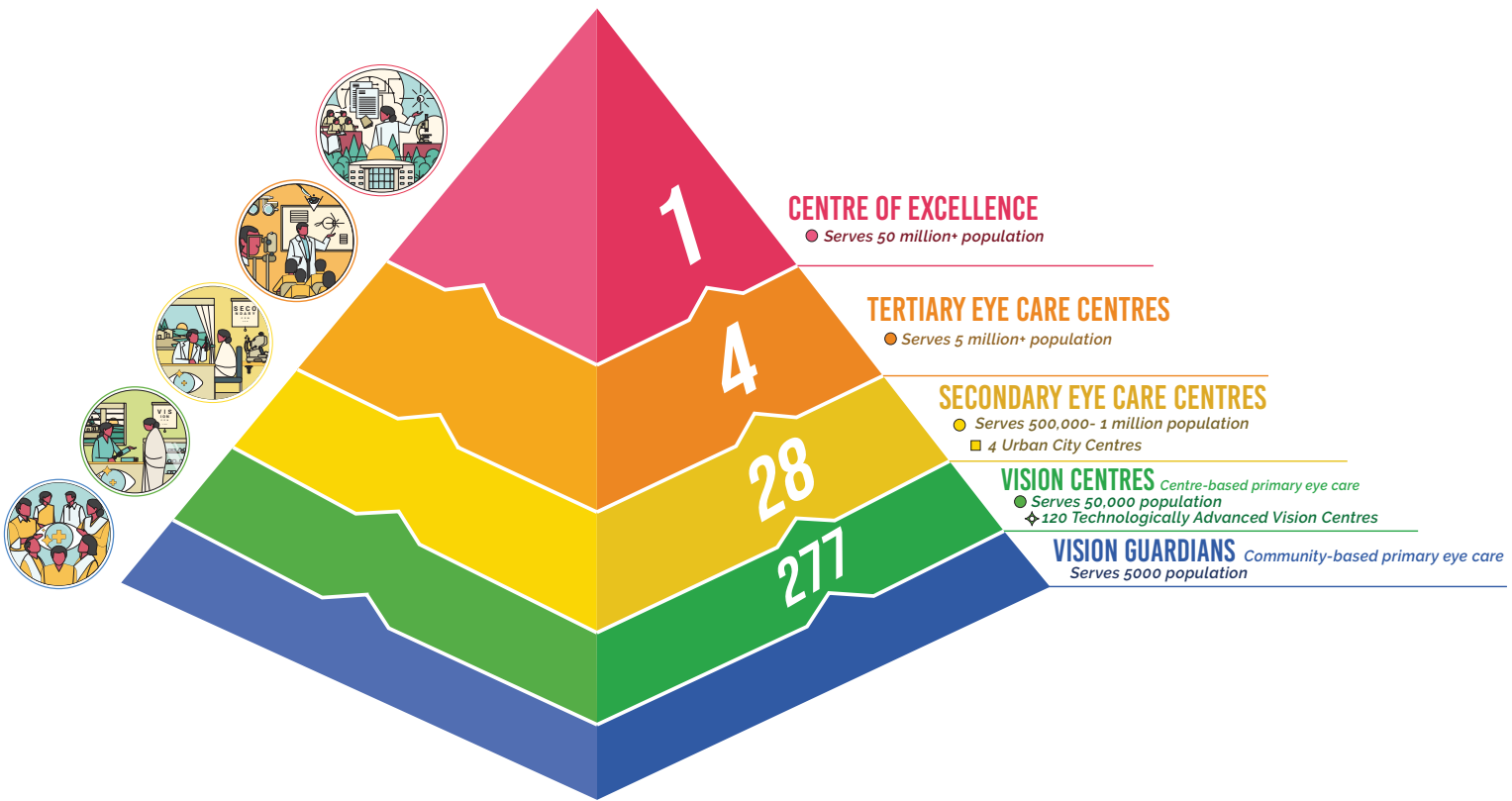


EYE CARE NETWORK

310 CENTRES

as on February 2025





Additionally, LVPEI, in partnership with the Government of Liberia, has established and manages the Liberia Eye Center in Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia.



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