

Internship
at
Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore

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SANKARA EYE HOSPITAL, COIMBATORE

THE BEGINNING: Inspired by the Sankaracharyas of Kanchi, in May 1977, Dr. R.V. Ramani and his wife, Dr. Radha Ramani set up a Primary Health Care Centre for the needy at Coimbatore. With the help of doctors offering voluntary services and the support of Coimbatore's Resident Community.

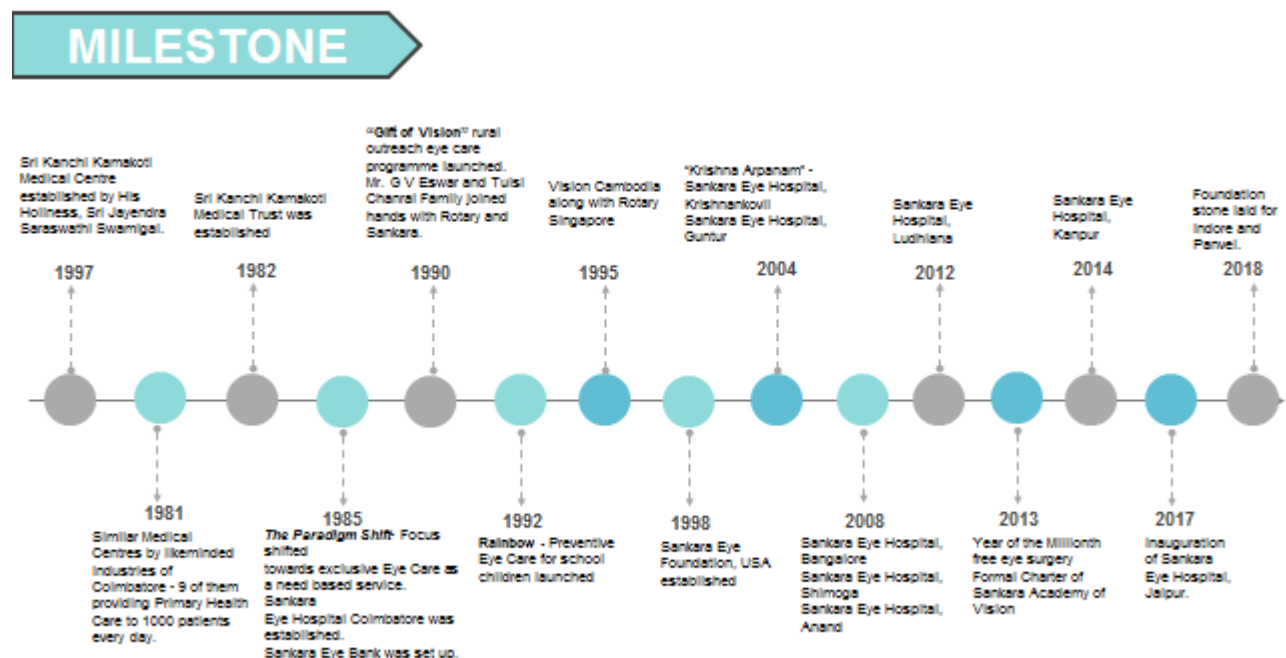
The Paradigm Shift- In 1985, focus shifted towards exclusive eye care with the establishment of Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore.

Vision

“To work towards freedom from preventable and curable blindness”

Mission

“To provide unmatched eye care through a strong service oriented team”



SANKARA MODEL

The Model aims at providing World Class eye care totally free of cost to 80 % of the population and through paid services for 20 % which in turn subsidizes the total cost of treatment. The Sankara 80/20 hybrid model is possibly the highest leverage cross subsidy model in community eye care worldwide.

The hybrid revenue model ensures that each of the Sankara hospitals is financially self-sufficient in five years.

INITIATIVES

SANKARA EYE BANK

In the year 1985, when Eye Banking had not yet picked up in our country and India was dependent on Sri Lanka for donor eyes, against all odds and much pessimism, the Sankara Eye Bank was launched.

Realising the importance of Eye Donation and the need to make it a People's Movement as the key to succeed, thousands of awareness initiatives were conducted.

Gujaratis and Jains of Coimbatore had set the trend by donating the eyes of their dear departed, and this inspired and motivated every other community to take up Eye Donation as the most humanitarian cause.

Presently, a pair of eyes gets donated every day on an average.

GIFT OF VISION

Identifying the needy patients

Vision Health Visitors (VHV) or Sankara's Field Workers conduct a preliminary survey covering a region of 40–50 km around the camp village. They collect demographic, socio economic, general health, eye health, referral, and follow-up details. Those identified with an eye problem are referred to a centralized camp scheduled on a predetermined date.

Rural Eye Camps

On the designated day, Sankara's Team of Eye Surgeons and Staff travel to the camp site from the local Sankara Eye Hospital. At the camp site, patients undergo.

- Registration
- Vision Screening by the Staff
- Examination by Eye Surgeon
- Lab Investigations
- Fitness Evaluation for patients selected for surgery
- Counselling

Eye Care with compassion

Identified patients for surgery are transported to the Base Hospital, provided with accommodation, investigated, treated accordingly with IOL implants, medicines and food, all free of cost. One month later, all the operated patients are reviewed at the camp site as a Medical Audit and Qualitative Analysis.

Under the **GIFT OF VISION** Rural outreach eye care programme, Sankara Eye Foundation India has so far conducted over **26,331 camps** covering **14,477 villages** in **7 states** of India. In these camps **4.8 Million patients have been screened and 1.8 Million free surgeries performed.**

RAINBOW

“Poor vision in the early ages of childhood affects performance in school, at work, or in a social circle and has a negative influence on the future of the child.” This program is engaged in preventive eye care through regular screenings of children in schools to identify hitherto undetected visual defects.

It is gratifying to note that Sankara’s Rainbow Programme has so far screened over 6 Million children in India, targeting the age group of 4 to 16 years studying in Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

Sankara Eye Hospital Coimbatore is the **Mission Headquarters**, a legacy of an eye care movement initiated 40 Years ago. During the past 4 decades, Sankara Coimbatore has grown in terms of membership, influence, credibility, and relevance and has helped transform Sankara into a successful pan-India community eye care organization. A hub for innovation, Sankara Coimbatore reaches out to communities through one of the most structured outreach programs, its Vision Centres and Electronic Remote Visual Information System. Our local community supported us in all the stages of development and helped Sankara Eye Hospital grow.

TOTAL BEDS – 500 BEDS

- **NON PAYING SECTION -450 BEDS**
- **PAYING SECTION -50 BEDS**

Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore provides:

- **OPD and Diagnostic services**
- **IPD and OT services**
- **Emergency eye care services**

SPECIALITIES

We offer nine super specialty services at our location in Coimbatore:

- Cataract
- Cornea
- Glaucoma
- Lasik & Laser Vision Corrections
- Orbit and Occuloplasty
- Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
- UVEA Services
- Vision Enhancement & Rehabilitation Services
- Vitreoretinal Services
- Eye bank
- Ocular Oncology
- Contact lens services
- Computer vision clinic
- College of Optometry

Operation Theatre Complex

- Nonpaying section – 10 OT beds
- Paying section -8 OT beds

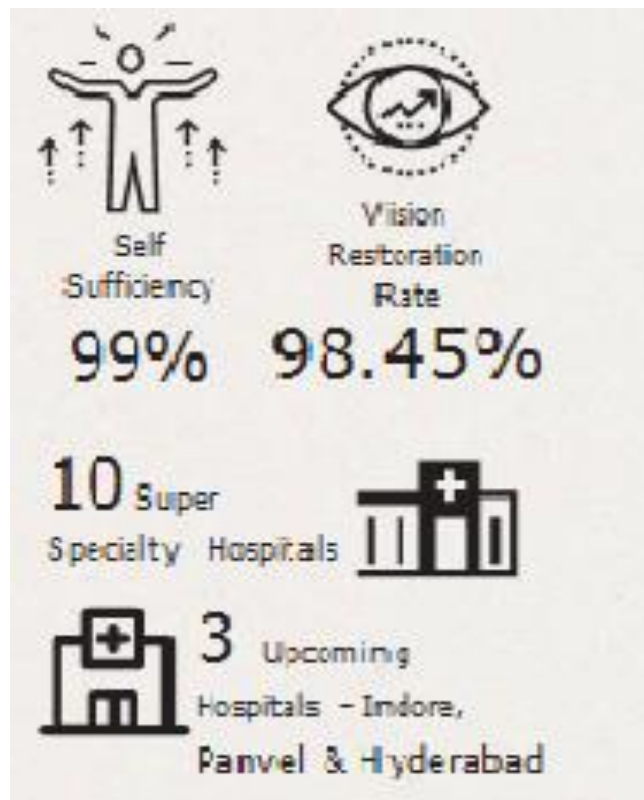
PERIPHERAL SERVICES

- Pharmacy
- Opticals
- Laboratory
- Inpatient rooms and Day care lounge
- Hospital Management System
- Counseling
- Library

- Laundry
- Housekeeping
- Cafeteria
- Transport

Eye care diagnostics-

- Scan
- Ultrasonography
- FFA
- HFA
- OCT
- Pachymetry
- Green Laser YAG Laser
- Corneal Topography



EXISTING HOSPITALS

- Tamilnadu (Coimbatore, Coimbatore City, Krishnankoil)
- Karnataka (Shimoga, Bengaluru)
- Andhra Pradesh (Guntur)
- Punjab (Ludhiana)
- Gujarat (Anand)
- Uttar Pradesh (Kanpur)
- Rajasthan (Jaipur)

UPCOMING HOSPITALS

- Panvel (Maharashtra)
- Indore (Madhya Pradesh)
- Hyderabad (Telangana)

Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore, has 4 **Vision centres** across Coimbatore district. These are located in Krishnagiri (since March 2016), Annur (since Jan 2017), and Perur (since June 2017), Sundarapuram (since August 2018).

SANKARA ACADEMY OF VISION

Realising the need for better oversight of various training, the Sankara Academy of Vision (SAV) was formally chartered in 2013. Sankara Academy of Vision aims to impart value based eye care education by leveraging research and technology to build capacity towards sustainable and replicable eye care delivery.

Over the years, the post graduate training programme has expanded to our hospitals at Guntur, Shimoga & Bengaluru. We also established optometry programmes in Bengaluru and Ludhiana. Allied health training is also today conducted for 8 of our hospitals.

Sankara Academy of Vision currently offers & enables:

- Academic Programs (Medical & Non-Medical)

- Capacity Building (Training & Conferences)
- Clinical Research

The Vision Care Technician programme is a Government Recognised Diploma programme for +2 Passed girls from economically backward families. “The programme helps in equipping the local youth from villages with excellent technical skills to work across the hospital. In addition, this programme gives them a new goal and a respectable identity.