



Newsletter

Dr Shroff's Charity Eye
Hospital



SCEH BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

"It's not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference."

Bear Bryant

SCEH hosted a very significant event in the month of April 2022- The Badminton Championship. The championship started on 20th March with a schedule of four days. However, the love and participation it received made it a month-long event! The tournament was organised across all the secondary centres, and every centre participated with the same zeal and enthusiasm.

The championship was organised with a cause to raise funds for kids suffering with Retinoblastoma, and the team successfully collected Rs 75,000.



The event saw massive participation from every department of the hospital, right from the Optometrists, Management trainees, Senior consultants to DNBs, to the Donors department to the Eye bank, Counsellors, OT sisters, Housekeeping to the Lab, making it to 150+ participants.



The final day of the championship was on 10th April 2022 at SCEH, Daryaganj. The initial matches were played in the respective centres and on the last day, the winning teams from all the secondary centres joined in at Daryaganj.

Dr Julie Pegu stated that this championship began with a small dream. A dream to have everyone on the same ground – to see everyone in a lighter jubilant mood – to see everyone come out and play and let out the latent energy inside us. It was a small group when we started, but we had wonderful people who shared the same dream join hands as we moved ahead. We got the opportunity to be a part of an incredible team that selflessly and dedicatedly moved towards a vision.

The event acted as a medium to bring out the athletes' spirit in everyone and gave everyone the extra boost to enjoy their workplace. It also helped the SCEH family know new faces and form new professional relations.

Behind every successful event, there is a highly talented and committed organising team, the smooth functioning of the championship was in the hands of these champs – Dr Julie, Dr Gaurav, Mr. Dilavar Rawat, Dr Prashant, Dr Shanu, Dr Tripti, Mr. Prakash, Mr. Saptarshi, Miss Vijeta, Miss Jafreen and Mr. Joseph.

Not only did the organizing team from Delhi manage everything well but also the management team of the secondary centers did a great job.

The winners of the championship:-

- **Team Saharanpur** – Ms. Yogita Rawat and Mr. Vivek Singh Rana
- **Team Alwar** – Ms. Ashima and Mr. Anil
- **Team Mohammadi** – Dr. Shreya and Mr. Remlal
- **Team Vrindavan** – Ms. Rekha and Mr. Piyush
- **Best Female Player** – Dr. Shreya (Team Mohammadi)
- **Best Male Player** – Mr. Remlal (Team Mohammadi)
- **Champions** – Dr. Rashmi and Dr. Prashant (Retina)
- **First Runner up** – Dr. Julie and Dr. Basitali
- **Second Runner up** – Dr. Nidhi Dhawan and Mr. Michael Choudhary (ENT)
- **Most Exemplary Team player** – Mr. Dilavar Rawat
- **Best Photography award** – Dr. Arjun Aurora





INITIATION OF ORBIS PROJECT IN SAHARANPUR

SCEH, in partnership with Orbis, is starting a 5-year program for providing pediatric ophthalmology services in Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. The partnership will create a unique model for providing eye care services to children of the entire district, leveraging the secondary centre. The initiative will include school and community eye screenings for children, conducted through our network of existing vision centres and two upcoming vision centres supported by Orbis.

We will also identify and build the capacity of the comprehensive eye care team to provide pediatric services at Saharanpur. A team from Orbis, including Dr Rishi Raj Borah, Country Director, Orbis India and SCEH project team, had a detailed discussion on the project implementation plan in a workshop organised in Saharanpur.

PATIENT APPRECIATION

Our little patient Rishabh, sharing sweets with Dr Priya at our Mohammadi centre.

The availability of super speciality services in the interiors of Uttar Pradesh has made a huge impact on health-care. A lot of these children are left untreated for the lack of resources and treatment in the nearby areas. SCEH is not only providing basic speciality care, but also surgical care.

And the smile on Rishabh's face says it all!



INAUGURATION OF TERTIARY CARE LABORATORY SERVICES AT MOHAMMADI

A state-of-the-art microbiology laboratory was inaugurated at our satellite centre on 30th April 2022. Such a facility is not even available in all tertiary eye hospitals. The occasion was graced by the CMO Dr Anil Kumar Gupta, and chief guest Dr G.D Agarwal. Dr Umang Mathur congratulated Dr Arpan Gandhi for setting up the lab, training the technicians in ocular microbiology, and arranging funds for the facility.



HUMANS OF SCEH

I had varied experiences before coming here. Having served in the Indian Army as a tank wireless operator for 24 years, I can easily say I have seen it all. I have served in J&K and Pakistan borders as well. Our regiment, called the Ten Armour Regiment, was on alert during the Kargil war, but we never got orders to fight. One time, our tank fell into the Indira Gandhi Canal in Rajasthan while training and three people died; I somehow survived. Another time, we unknowingly entered the Pakistan border at night. Thankfully the UNO alerted us, and we got out in time. Otherwise, God knows where we would have been today.

I have been working at SCEH for the last 12 years. I see people come and go, and I wish people to stay and work. I find SCEH as my family now, and if given a choice, I would not like to leave.

AADYA PROJECT

SCEH in partnership with Combat Blindness international has an ongoing program 'Aadya' in Saharanpur. This has a team of young women volunteers going door to door to screen villagers for eye care issues. The program has already screened more than 75,000 people. This initiative was presented in the Enactus United States National Expo by the UW- Whitewater Enactus team and won the second prize in the US. A big congratulation to UW-Enactus team and the entire team of Aadya!



Both my sons are well settled and working in the Air Force. But I still want to continue to work.

-Navin Chand Bhatt

RESTORING EYE SIGHT: STEP BY STEP



A selfie moment!

Dr Choton Basu, Combat Blindness International (CBI) board member, recently visited Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital in Delhi.

In his own words, this Wisconsin to Daryaganj journey to SCEH was as much an internal journey as an external one for him. It was life-changing.

The visit deepened Dr Basu's commitment to social impact and inspired him to dedicate himself even more to our partnership with SCEH and our Aadya Initiative.

CBI's partnership with SCEH goes back many decades. CBI initially supported cataract surgeries and built a surgical centre at SCEH, but our partnership has grown and evolved. In 2014, CBI began supporting the Certified Ophthalmic Paramedic Program (COP), training and employing young women. Today, we are collaborating to bring eye care to the doorsteps of rural communities via the Aadya Initiative.

INITIATION OF THE RAAB SURVEY IN MOHAMMADI

Our partnership with Peek Vision focuses on two districts in the Uttar Pradesh region. The work aims to improve the eye health of the population through research and development projects using cutting edge software, data intelligence and public health research tools.

The rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness (RAAB) survey is taking place to develop a baseline understanding of the region's eye health needs. Conducted using the RAAB7 platform powered by Peek technology, the survey assesses the prevalence and causes of vision loss and blindness in the catchment area of Mohammadi hospital in Shahjahanpur and Lakhimpur Kheri district.

There was a five-day training held at the Mohammadi hospital, followed by the start of the survey on the 29th of April. The survey team consists of six of our young ophthalmologists (Medical officers), four vision technicians, four coordinators, three community health workers and three paramedic students



Not all superheroes wear capes..some wear dupattas... ***(An ode to the super-women @ SCEH)***

***Her day starts even before the sun awakens,
The laptop has replaced her bed-tea,
Food, laundry, cleaning or kids,
She has a long list of morning errands to meet,***

***She steps out of her car,
With the sun beaming down on her,
And runs to her workstation,
When the morning is still young,***

***Neither the weight of her multiple bags,
Nor that of the work awaiting her,
Slows her pace,
She throws her dupatta on her shoulder,
And is ready to run the race,***

***She meets and greets,
A very good morning to all,
Talks, treats and empathises with her patients,
No matter what their problem is,
Big or small,***

***When she enters the OR,
She is a force to reckon with,
And in that one day,
She has a surgeon's, a student's, and a teacher's role to play,***

***And just when she is about to pick her bag to leave,
At the end of the day,
A work requiring immediate attention,
Comes her way,***

***She makes a call home,
Explaining her delay,
Ties her hair in a bun,
Throws her dupatta on her shoulder,
And with a smile on her face,
Goes back in...
To SAVE THE DAY....***

-Isha Chaudhari

