



SRI SANKARADEVA  
NETHRALAYA



# Annual Community Activity Report 2023 - 2024

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*Dedicated moments...*





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



With much gratitude to my team; I write this forward in dedication to our unwavering effort to uphold our beloved institution's noble pursuits.

In times of uncertainty and challenge, the light of compassion shines brightest. Our community initiatives exemplify the guiding principle of Bhagwad-Gita. Lord Krishna states:

*"śreyān sva-dharmo viguṇaḥ  
paradharmāt sv-anuṣṭhitāt  
svabhāva-niyataṁ karma  
kurvan nāpnoti kilbiṣam"*

Translation:

"It is far better to perform one's own duties imperfectly than to master the duties of another. By fulfilling the obligations he is born with, a person never comes to grief."

As we navigate the complexities of providing eyecare to the unseen people of our society, let us remain steadfast in our pursuit of making a difference, no matter how insignificant may it seem. Because drop by drop, we shall fill a ocean.

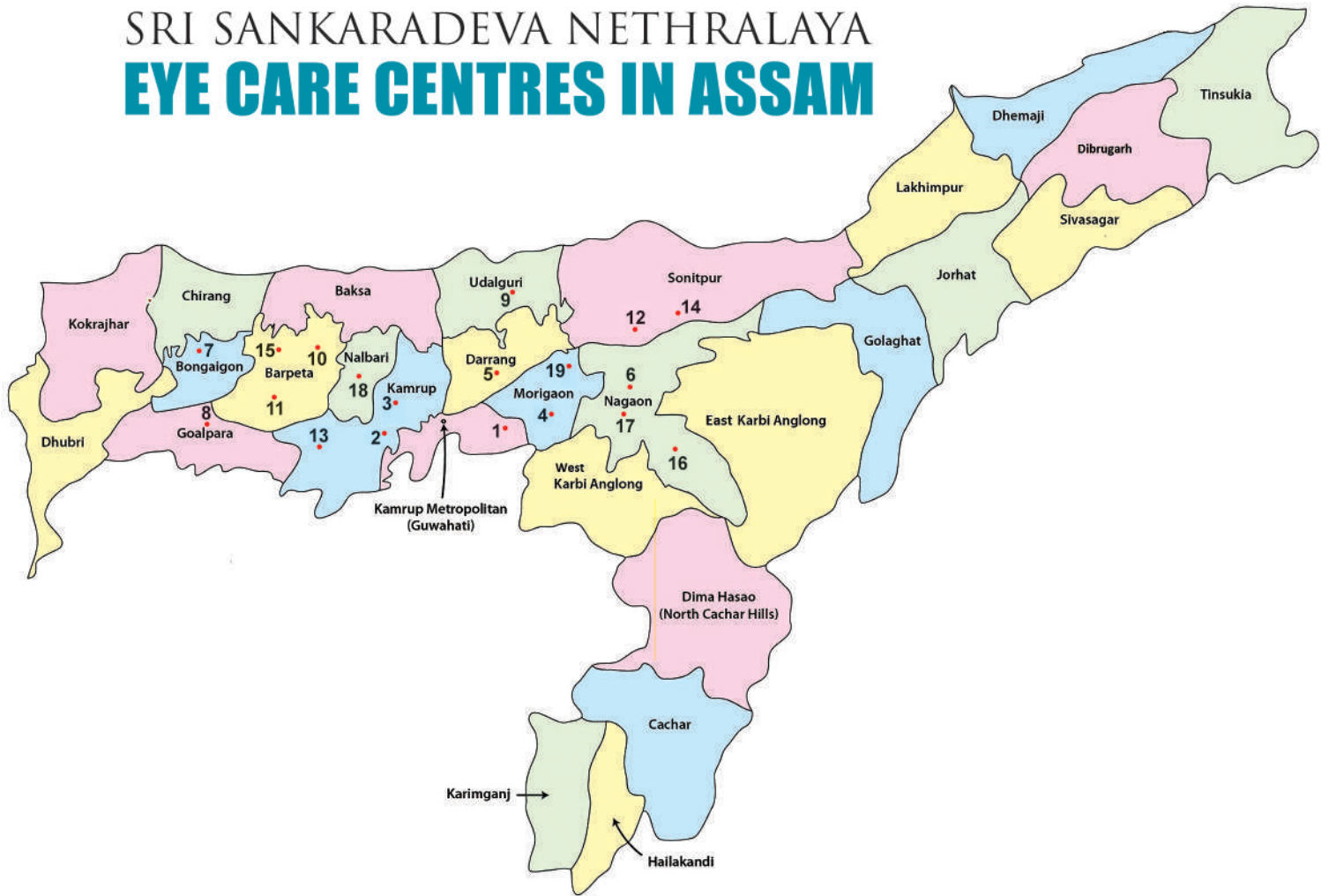
I thank each member of our community, our adopted villages and our collaborators for their invaluable contributions and belief in us.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Dr. Harsha Bhattacharjee



# SRI SANKARADEVA NETHRALAYA EYE CARE CENTRES IN ASSAM



## PRIMARY EYE CARE CENTERS UNDER SRI SANKARADEVA NETHRALAYA 16 Centers in 13 Districts of Assam (3 more in the pipeline)

Location	District	Location	District
1. Sonapur	Kamrup (M)	11. Pathsala	Bajali
2. Bijoynagar	Kamrup (R)	12. Dhekiajuli	Sonitpur
3. Hajo	Kamrup (R)	13. Boko	Kamrup (R)
4. Morigaon	Morigaon	14. Tezpur	Sonitpur
5. Mangaldoi	Darrang	15. Barpeta Road	Barpeta
6. Nagaon	Nagaon	16. Hojai	Hojai
7. Bongaigaon	Bongaigaon	17. Kampur (upcoming)	Nagaon
8. Goalpara	Goalpara	18. Mukalmua (upcoming)	Nalbari
9. Udalguri	Udalguri	19. Moirabari (upcoming)	Morigaon
10. Barpeta	Barpeta		



# The Base

*Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya was established in Guwahati in the year 1994 by Sri Kanchi Sankara Health & Educational Foundation, a registered charitable trust formed under the aegis and with the blessings of Their Holiness – Jagadguru Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal & Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal of Sri Kanchi KamakotiPeetam, Kancheepuram - with a mission to provide quality eye care services through state-of-the-art facilities to the people of the region at affordable prices and equal quality treatment free of cost to economically underprivileged patients.*

*Located in Guwahati, Assam, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya is a non-profit service organization and it is the only state-of-the-art ophthalmic service centre as well as postgraduate training institute in the entire northeast. The hospital was established out of public donations, bank loans, and with a team of dedicated doctors & staff. It is a professional institution rendering quality eye care services with highest moral, legal and ethical standards.*

Named after the 15th-century saint, scholar, and social reformer, Srimanta Sankardev, known for his contributions to Assamese culture & society, the hospital is dedicated to providing comprehensive eye care services to the people of Assam and the northeastern region of India. It offers a wide range of services including consultation, surgery and treatment for almost all eye conditions known today.



Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya is also known for its community outreach programs aimed at raising awareness about eye health and providing free or subsidized eye care services to underprivileged communities. The hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities & a team of experienced ophthalmologists, nurses, & support staff dedicated to delivering quality eye care to all patients, irrespective of their caste, religion, gender, financial status etc. The hospital conducts more than 5000 free surgeries and more than 1000 subsidised surgeries every year with the number expected to exponentially increase in the coming years.

In addition to its clinical services, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya is also involved in research and training programs to advance the field of ophthalmology and train the next generation of eye care professionals. The hospital has collaborations with national and international organizations to further its research and educational initiatives.

Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya plays a crucial role in promoting eye health and providing accessible eye care services to the people of Assam & the northeastern region through its commitment to service and excellence in eye care.





# The Extended Arms - EYE CARE CENTRES

In its endeavour to providing eye care services to one and all in the region, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya has further extended its services through the setting up of 18 Eye Care Centres in 13 districts of Assam. These centres act as the Primary Eye Care Service point to the population of their respective service areas.

The Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya Eye Care Centres have each adopted 100 villages, within a radius of 10 kms, with the targeted aim to declare them as 'Avoidable Blindness Free Villages in the coming years.

Each Centre is run by a team of trained professionals, which includes an Optometrist, an Optician, a Supervisor, and two Accredited Social Eye Care Activists (ASECA), who work together to deliver quality eye care services to the underprivileged sections of society.



Since the time of the inception of the Community department in the year 2014, SSDN has successfully conducted more than 50,000 free cataract surgeries, and the Primary Eye Care Centres have played a crucial role in this regard.

Cataract patients from the underprivileged sections are transported on a regular basis from each centre to the Base Hospital for cataract surgery. Each centre contributes an average of 35 free cataract surgeries per month, making a significant impact on the lives of the patients, their families, and the community they belong to. The hospital's patient-centric approach to care, coupled with its focus on community engagement, has helped transform the lives of many individuals across Assam.



Furthermore, the Eye Care Centre teams regularly organise Eye Screening Camps at the village level in order to ensure that no person is left without access to eye care services in the region.





The Backbone

## ACCREDITED SOCIAL EYE CARE ACTIVISTS

Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya has always moved forward with the aim to provide free and affordable Eye Care to the under-privileged sections of the society. For this purpose, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya has made the goal of achieving Last Man Connectivity its primary focus. Today, after years of dedication, persistence, hard work & service, this goal has been brought to reality in many of its service areas.

Throughout all of this the contribution of our field workers, namely the **Accredited Social Eye Care Activists (ASECA)** needs to be applauded. Selected from the very communities that we serve, the ASECA workers are the backbone of Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya's entire Community service. It is they who serve as a bridge between the community, the Eye Care Centre and the Base Hospital.

Strengthening the level of demand generation by the community from the perspective of Eyecare, primary healthcare, &

sanitation solely depends on the expertise of the ASECA workers. Presently Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya boasts a dedicated work force of 42 ASECA workers who are serving the community in terms of any eyecare and primary health attention sought by their communities.

The community also considers the ASECA workers as the first and most reliable point of contact when there is any issue related to Eye Care. The ASECA workers are mainly involved in facilitating the primary eye screening process of any patient in their service intervention areas.

The ASECA workers conduct door to door based primary eye screening and ensure that the last man in their service area is reached. Furthermore, the ASECA worker also conducts door to door survey to keep track of all eye related issues in their service area, including cataract surgery backlog, post-surgery follow-up etc. The ASECA workers also collect relevant information related to Primary Healthcare and Public Health including pre-natal and post-natal care, sanitation, immunization of children etc.

Over and above this, our ASECA workers regularly conduct awareness sessions on Primary Eye Care and Primary Health Care in their respective service areas.





# THE SSDN COMMUNITY TEAM

The Community Team of Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya (SSDN) is a dedicated group committed to serving the community. Led by Dr. Harsha Bhattacharjee, the President, and Dr. Kasturi Bhattacharjee, the Director, the team includes Mr. R P Kakoti, the Senior Administrator, Mr. Tarit Das, the Manager (Finance & Accounts) and Mr. Dipjyoti Medhi, Community Officer, ensuring the smooth functioning of operations and financial management.

SSDN's services reach not only the urban population of Guwahati but also extend to rural areas and under-served communities across Assam through its 18 Eye Care Centres in 13 districts of Assam. SSDN's reach is expansive, catering to a diverse demographic. At present SSDN has adopted 2104 villages of Assam by covering a population more than 13,50,000, out of which 214 villages were declared free from Avoidable Blindness by 2023.

SSDN today, has more than 40 dedicated ASECA workers in the field, who are supervised by 7 Field Supervisors.





## THE TEAM

Dipjyoti Medhi	Community Officer	Overall
Upam Handique	Project Co-ordinator	Overall
Simanta Saikia	Community Accounts & Audit	Overall
Nipu Mahanta Bitupon Medhi Hrishikesh Gautam	Project Co-ordinator, Field Project Co-ordinator, Field Project Co-ordinator, Field	Overall OEU EC's Barpeta Rd., Hojai & Kampur
Pranjit Das Uttara Kumari Dipti Laskar Rina Chetry Anjan Sarma Tapendra Nath Kakoti Bikash Deka Prosenjit Roy	Field Supervisor Field Supervisor Field Supervisor Field Supervisor Field Supervisor Field Supervisor Field Supervisor Field Supervisor	Hajo & Sualkuchi Bijoy Nagar Nagaon Udalguri Pathsala & Barpeta Goalpara Nalbari Bongaigaon

## ACREDITED SOCIAL EYECARE ACTIVISTS (FIELD -LEVEL WORKERES - ASECA)

Monalisha Rangpee	ASECA	SONAPUR
Kanchan Roy	ASECA	SONAPUR
Swapna Kumari	ASECA	BIJOYNAGAR
Mainu Kalita	ASECA	BIJOYNAGAR
Rumi Mahanta	ASECA	HAJO
BhanitaThakuria	ASECA	HAJO
Pampi Das	ASECA	HAJO
Pranali Patowary	ASECA	HAJO
Sangita Malakar	ASECA	HAJO
Nitu Kalita	ASECA	SUALKUCHI
Barasha Baishya	ASECA	SUALKUCHI
Marami Patar	ASECA	MORIGAON
Dimbeswari Saikia	ASECA	MORIGAON
Subhash Deka	SR. ASECA	MORIGAON
Mampi Bordoloi	ASECA	NAGAON
Manita Kakati	ASECA	NAGAON



Shila Das	ASECA	NAGAON
Dipti Borah	ASECA	NAGAON
Dhanistha Deka Bora	ASECA	MANGALDOI
Dipshikha Rajbangshi	ASECA	MANGALDOI
Pampi Deka	ASECA	MANGALDOI
Bijuli Devi	ASECA	BONGAIGAON
Dibyajyoti Das	ASECA	GOALPARA
Krishna Nath	ASECA	GOALPARA
Chanda Devi	ASECA	UDALGURI
Rudra Parajuli	ASECA	UDALGURI
Nabanita Medhi	ASECA	BARPETA
Hiramani Datta Das	ASECA	BARPETA
Marjina Khatun	ASECA	BARPETA
Jutika Haloi	ASECA	PATHSALA
Jyotsna Pathak	ASECA	PATHSALA
Pranami Kalita Bora	ASECA	NALBARI
Nirmali Das Kalita	ASECA	NALBARI
Sumitra Tanti	ASECA	DHEKIAJULI
Pallabi Das Kalita	SR. ASECA cum DEO	BOKO
Kanmoni Boro	ASECA	BOKO
Krishna Boro	ASECA	BOKO
Bimala Khatun	ASECA	BARPETA RD.
Priti Sarkar	ASECA	BARPETA RD.
Deepa Paul	ASECA	HOJAI
Nargis Sultana	ASECA	HOJAI

The key program staff, including Mr. Dipjyoti Medhi (Community Officer), Mr. Upam Handique, Mr. Nipu Mahanta, Mr. Bitupon Medhi, and Mr. Hrishikesh Gautam, oversee various community projects and initiatives, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to their roles.

SSDN's Primary Eye Care Centres are crucial components of its community outreach. These centres are headed by optometrists and supported by a team of supervisors and ASECA recruited from local communities. This approach ensures that the services provided are culturally sensitive and tailored to the specific needs of each community.

Currently, SSDN has a strong team of 40 ASECA and 8 field supervisors, who are integral to the organization's community outreach efforts. Furthermore, SSDN benefits from the support of 'Friends of Nethralaya' a network of experienced and respected individuals within their communities, who refer patients to the hospital, extending the organization's reach and impact.

Together, the Community Team of Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya works tirelessly to fulfill the organization's mission of providing quality eye care services and making a positive impact on the community.



## Key Functionaries

1. Dr. Harsha Bhattacharjee  
**President**
2. Dr. Kasturi Bhattacharjee  
**Director**
3. Dr. Ganesh Ch. Kuri  
**Asstt. Director**
4. Mr. Randip Prasad Kakoti  
**Sr. Administrator**
5. Mr. Tarit Das  
**Manager (Finance & Accounts)**

## Key Program staff

1. Mr. Dipjyoti Medhi  
**Community Officer** (10 yrs' experience)
2. Mr. Upam Handique  
**Project Coordinator Base Hospital** (4 yrs)
3. Mr. Nipu Mahanta  
**Project Coordinator Field** (5 years)
4. Mr. Bitupon Medhi  
**Project Coordinator Field** (1 year)
5. Mr. Hrishikesh Gautam  
**Project Coordinator Field** (1 year)



We extend our sincere appreciation to our dedicated team of Community Doctors for their tremendous contribution towards serving the community over the last year. Their commitment to providing quality healthcare and compassionate service is invaluable. Our sincere thanks goes out to the team led by Dr. Ganesh Chandra Kuri, Dr. Nilutparna Deori, Dr. Shyam Sundar Das Mohapatra, Dr. Techī Dodum Tara, and Dr. Geetopam Bordoloi. Their expertise and selfless efforts have a profound impact on the well-being of our community.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the members of our Operating Theater (OT), Ward, the HR department, Maintenance, IT department, Bio Medical Engineering, and all other support services.

Their dedication and hard work are the foundation for the success of our Mission towards eradication of Avoidable Blindness in all our adopted villages across Assam. Their commitment to excellence ensures that our facilities run smoothly and our patients receive the best possible care.



# MAJOR EVENTS : 2023 - 2024

## April 2023

In April, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 375 free eye surgeries; and 168 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

On the occasion of World Earth Day, a Tree Plantation drive was initiated by the Community wing of Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya on 22nd April, 2023. The plantations were done in the adopted villages of all the Eye Care Centres of SSDN. The EC field staff were mobilised and more than 50 saplings were planted on that day.



## May 2023

In May, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 541 free eye surgeries; and 100 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

The month of May was one of the busiest months for the Community Department. With the onset of summer, the number of patients considerably increased. It was a month with one of the highest numbers of Cataract surgeries in 2023-24. Additionally, field work continued with full force as our strong team of 40 ASECA workers worked tirelessly and successfully conducted a record 23 Community Eye Screening Outreach Camps in different regions of Assam. More than 2500 patients were screened by the SSDN team.



## June 2023

In June, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 460 free eye surgeries and 84 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

A "Round Table Brainstorming Conference" was convened in June 2023. All SSDN ASECA workers were invited to the Base Hospital, where each participant had the opportunity to share their views and ideas related to their work. Furthermore, our distinguished Consultants also participated in the event, offering valuable insights and guidance to the workers. The session was highly interactive, leading to the integration of many new ideas in our fieldwork.





## July 2023

In July, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 525 free eye surgeries; and 98 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres. Furthermore, a two-day long hybrid workshop for piloting integrated people centered eye care in North East India was organized & successfully held on 20th & 21st July'2023 in Guwahati at the Taj Vivanta Hotel. The meeting was organized jointly by the Government of Assam, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya and the World Health Organization with concurrence to Ministry of Health, Govt. of India. The primary objective of the meeting was to prepare and document the action plan for Integrated People Centered Eye Care in North East India and explore the possibility of establishing a World Health Organization collaborative Center at Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya for the entire region of South East Asia. The technical sessions were followed by field visits to different remote locations of Assam where the SSDN model was in operation. This was arranged to give the delegates a first-hand experience of the nature of community work conducted by Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya in its service intervention areas. In July 2023 SSDN has also declared 11 adopted villages of Sualkuchi as "Avoidable Blindness free".



## August 2023

In August, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 481 free eye surgeries; & 123 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme & other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

On the auspicious occasion of India's 77th Independence Day, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya (SSDN) took the opportunity to honor and celebrate the exceptional contributions of its best performers in the field of Community Service. This initiative not only recognizes the dedication and hard work of our team members but also highlights the importance of grassroots-level efforts in driving positive change in our society. The awards ceremony, held on 15th August, 2023, was a testament to the forward trajectory of the Indian youth and their unwavering commitment to serving the community. It was a day to showcase the true essence of India's spirit of service and excellence.

### Winners :

- Best Optometrist – Susmita Nath (Dhekiajuli EC)
- Best Overall Performer– Nipu Mahanta (SSDN Project Co-ordinator)
- Best Performing ASECA – Jyotika Haloi (Pathsala EC)



## September 2023

In September, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 499 free eye surgeries; and 218 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

The World Sight Foundation (WSF) is a UK based Non-Governmental Organization focused on improving eye care through education and training. Their approach is that of supporting teaching and training which has a long-lasting impact on eye care in underserved areas. In September 2023, representatives from WSF visited SSDN to discuss the feasibility of launching a teaching program at SSDN Guwahati. This program would greatly benefit the allied medical staff and students of our Organisation. The visit proved to be successful as we are scheduled to host a 5 days training workshop by WSF and SSDN teachers at SSDN on October, 2024. This will be a yearly event and will be a great step towards Capacity building for our Optometry students, Eye Care Centre Optometrists, and other participants.





## October 2023

In October, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 426 free eye surgeries; and 169 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya celebrates its Foundation Day on 14th October of every year and this year was no different. The auspicious event was celebrated with great fervour as a 2 day cultural program was organised on the 13th & 14th of October, 2023. The SSDN Students of Optometry, the Doctors and other staff members put up a great show of talent on the occasion. The Institution's sports week also held simultaneously, with the SSDN Cricket tournament taking center stage.



## November 2023

In November, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 491 free eye surgeries; and 224 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

In November, 2023, SSDN further expanded its services by launching a new Eye Care Centre in the town of Tezpur, Assam. The Tezpur EC is a state-of-the-art Primary Eye Care Centre located in a central area of Tezpur. In addition to all the latest eye screening instruments, it is also equipped with a Fundus Camera (for inspection of the retina), Perimeter (to measure the visual field of a person) and a non-contact Tonometer (to check eye pressure/intra ocular pressure). The Centre was established with the aim to primarily serve the poor and needy people of Sonitpur district of Assam, including the persons belonging to the Tea Tribes of the region. The centre is manned by a skilled Optometrist and is supported by a team of ASECA workers and an optical shop.



## December 2023

In December, 2023, SSN conducted a total of 544 free eye surgeries; & 358 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme & other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya runs a Mobile Eye Care project in collaboration with Shroff Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi & Eicher Motors India Pvt. Ltd. Under this project, a mobile van, fully equipped with all equipment for comprehensive eye and ear screening and spectacle fitting, provides access to affordable primary eye and ear healthcare services to truck drivers at major transport hubs along the national highway routes across the North-East to promote safe driving. In December 2023, 3-day Project Coordinators' Workshop was organised by Dr Shroff Charity Eye Hospital in Daryaganj, New Delhi to celebrate the 7th year of successful implementation of Eicher Driver Care Program. The event was held to discuss the performance of all the Eicher Driver Care Project Teams across India in the past year. It was a great honour that SSN Guwahati was awarded the Best Performing Partner in the meet, with our performance exceeding expectations throughout the year. In the year 2023-24, the SSDN-EICHER team has screened a total of 8733 persons out of which 5358 have been truck drivers alone.





## January 2024

In January, 2023, SSDN conducted a total of 213 free eye surgeries; and 242 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

The start of the year began with the visit of a team from AIIMS, New Delhi. The main objective of the team was to collect insightful data at the field level, ranging from demographic data as well as primary eyecare and primary healthcare related data in the Kamrup Rural district. As SSDN already has a considerable presence in the region due to our adopted villages, the AIIMS team sought out our help to assist them in project.



## February 2024

In February, 2024, SSDN conducted a total of 337 free eye surgeries; and 370 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

Furthermore, SSDN successfully added two new members to the its Eye Care Centre family with the formal inauguration of the Barpeta Road and Hojai Eye Care Centres. With the two new centres, SSDN extended its support to the rural population of Barpeta and Hojai districts by adopting a further 200 villages under its Avoidable Blindness Free Village Programme.



## March 2024

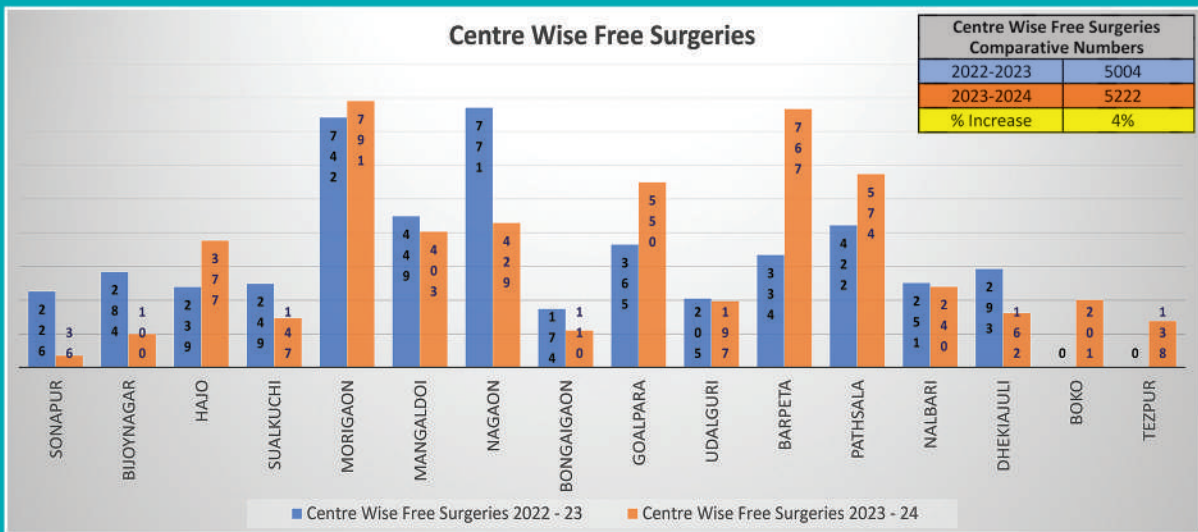
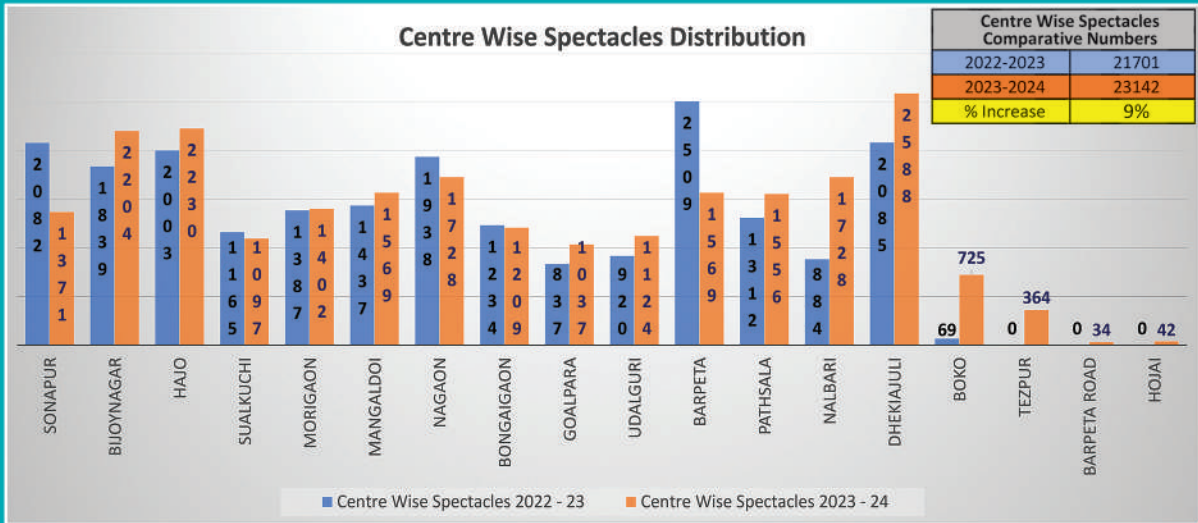
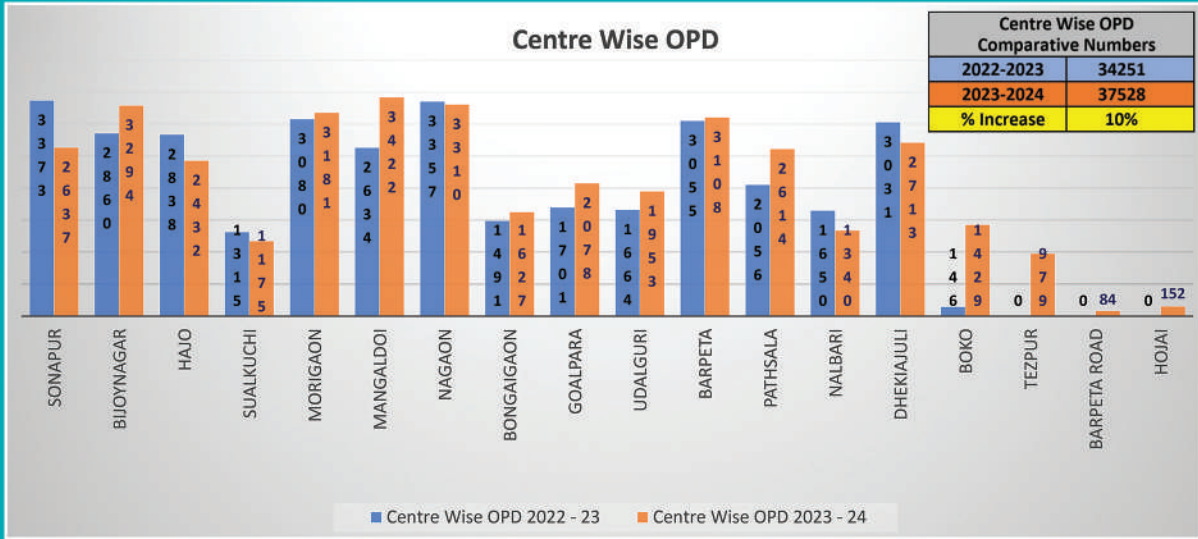
In March, 2024, SSDN conducted a total of 239 free eye surgeries; and 351 subsidised surgeries which included patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme & other patients referred from our Eye Care Centres.

The Boko region is a sparsely populated area in Kamrup Rural District of Assam. Though it has a sizeable population, the villages in Boko are scattered & situated far apart. As such, it becomes difficult for the lady ASECA workers to travel for their daily door to door survey work. It is with this in mind that in March, 2024, SSDN distributed bicycles to the ASECA workers of the Boko Eye Care Centre for the sole purpose of making their daily commute easier. Furthermore, adhering to its commitment to extend eye care services to the most remote individuals in its operational areas, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya (SSDN) recently organized a workshop for ASHA workers at the Boko Eye Care Centre. The workshop aimed to educate local ASHA workers on identifying common eye ailments such as cataracts and pterygium, providing them with proper counseling skills, and familiarizing them with the treatment referral pathways for rural patients. This networking is expected to immensely aid in reaching the unreached in the rural areas.





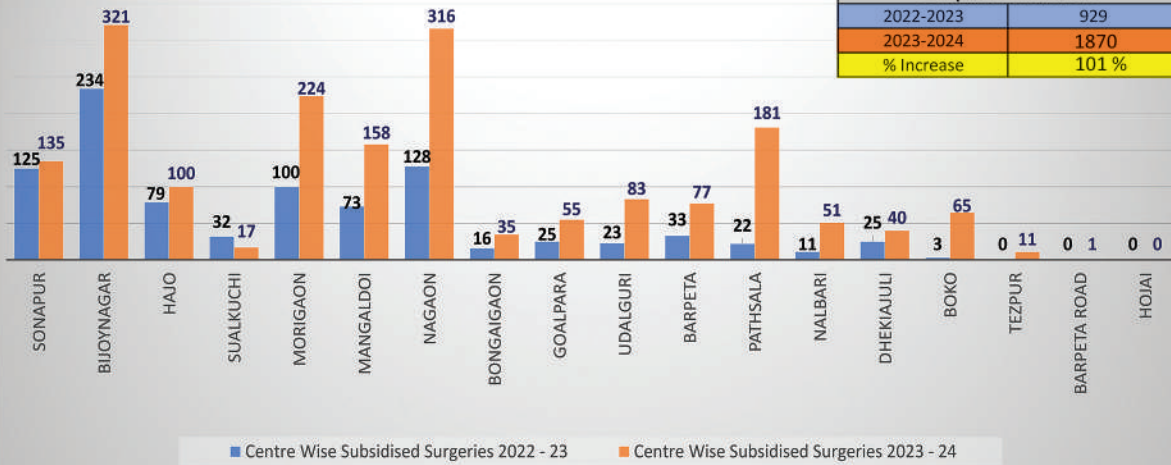
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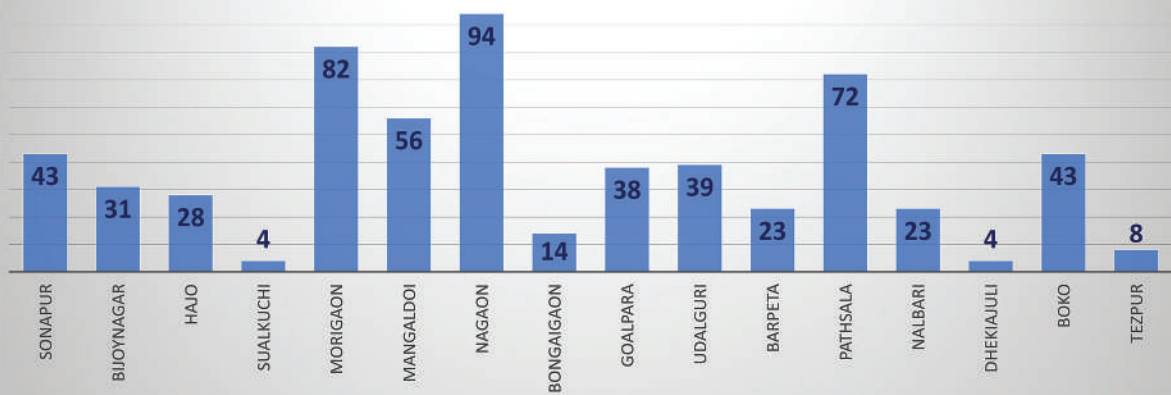
### Centre Wise Subsidised Surgeries

Centre Wise Subsidised Surgeries Comparative Numbers	
2022-2023	929
2023-2024	1870
% Increase	101 %



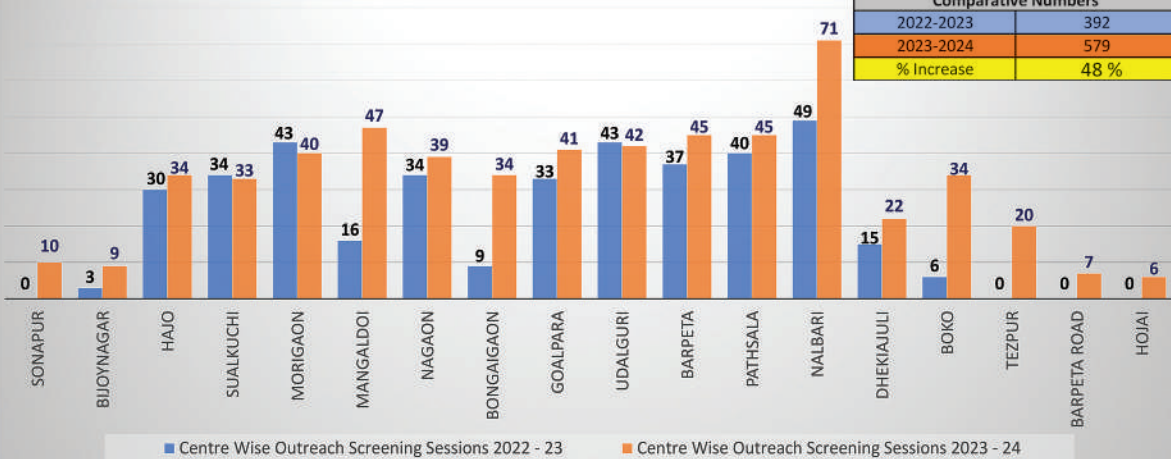
### Centre Wise AYUSHMAN BHARAT FREE SURGERIES - FY - 2023 - 24

\*A new initiative by Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya



### Centre Wise Outreach Screening Sessions Conducted

Centre Wise Outreach Screening Sessions Comparative Numbers	
2022-2023	392
2023-2024	579
% Increase	48 %





# "EMPOWERING LIVES: The Transformative Impact of Cataract Surgery on well-being and Independence"

Cataract is the largest cause of avoidable blindness in people. Cataract surgery can lead to significant improvements in vision, potentially affecting a person's daily life positively. Surgery beneficiaries experience a significant improvement in their quality of life after surgery. Their restored vision enhances their ability to perform daily household tasks. Improved vision also leads to better social interactions in the community, increased confidence, and a greater sense of independence in general.

The right and timely treatment can have a profound and positive impact on a person's overall well-being and quality of life and can have transformative effects across various aspects of a person's life.

A simple surgery has led to a life of empowerment and independence for many such persons. Even at the ripe age of 60 and above, our beneficiaries have found a respectable purpose to lead their lives.

- In one such case, a 50-year-old lady, hailing from Goalpara, had very poor eyesight because of mature cataract in her eyes. Unable to properly see, she slowly became a burden on her family as one person was constantly needed to be by her side at all times. This led to much financial constraints on her entire family. Very soon, she was screened at her home by an SSDN ASECA worker, and subsequently underwent cataract surgery. Today, not only has her eyesight been restored, but she is a proud shopkeeper who provides for her family.
- In another such instance, a 45 year old lady from Morigaon, had been suffering from cataract for a very long time. Because of this she was unable to contribute positively to her family of four. Caring for her took up a large part of her husband's time and he was unable to financially provide for the family to his full potential and this led to very difficult times for them. Very soon two of our Morigaon ASECA workers paid them a visit and quickly arranged for her cataract surgery to be done at SSDN. Today the lady and her husband both work as cooks in a local public school and are able to provide their children with a happy and fulfilled life.



There have been many such cases over the years where a story of utter desperation and despair has been successfully converted into a wholesome story of empowerment. Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya continues to dedicate all its efforts into fulfilling its solemn pledge to eradicate Avoidable Blindness in all its intervention areas and bring about positive social change.



## OUR BENEFACTORS & DONORS IN 2023-24



*\*We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our individual donors for their generous contribution throughout 2023 to 2024*





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