
Manjari Sankurathri Memorial Foundation

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Happy Ugadi ...

Manjari Sankurathri Memorial Foundation (MSMF) continues to support the rural poor community of Kothuru near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. It operates a school for children, **Padmavathi Education Center**, and an eye hospital, **Srikiran Institute of Ophthalmology**.

This year, the school has moved into its new buildings. There are sixty children enrolled in four grades taught by four highly motivated teachers and managed by a well-respected principal. The children are getting good education and are learning values necessary to prepare them for responsibilities in the community. It is amazing to see how little it costs per child per year to put them through school -- it is just one hundred dollars (See page 2). One Canadian school, St. Gregory of Nepean, Ontario, needs to be commended for the support it gives every year; we thank its staff and students.

The eye hospital is like an oasis in a desert. Srikirans's eye camp programs make access to eye care easier to the rural poor who live within a 30 km radius. Some do travel over 100 km for the excellent facilities available at this hospital. In 1995, the outpatient number has exceeded 10,000 mark and the number of surgeries done was more than 1350. A quick look at the statistics given in page 2 reveals that the paying and non-paying outpatient numbers are nearly equal. While there are more paying male outpatients among 40 to 70, there are more non-paying female outpatients in the same age group. Clearly, the programs help the poor and help the women. In just three years, at Srikiran, the demand has exceeded its capacity. To add 50 more beds to the existing 20, a third level is being added to the hospital building. Thanks to the volunteer Ophthalmologists from US, the staff and patients of this hospital benefit a lot.

The school and the hospital require your monetary support to operate and to grow. Please give generously. MSMF is a charity registered with Revenue Canada and donations are tax deductible.

Thank you,

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Visitors at Srikiran ...

Dr. Kjell Dahlen M.D., F.A.C.S., Eye Physician and Surgeon, Eye Care for the Adirondacks, Plattsburg, visited the Srikiran Institute of Ophthalmology in January. During his two week stay, Dr. Dahlen had a very busy schedule performing eye surgeries and training the resident Doctors and Nurses in modern operating procedures and the use of latest surgical instruments. This is Dr. Dahlen's second visit to the Institute. Such a strong commitment he has to treat the poor, he pays for his travels to India and enjoys his work at the Institute and his stay at the Foundation.

Dr. V. K. Raju M.D., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S., Monongalia Eye Clinic, Morgantown; Professor of Ophthalmology, University of West Virginia; President, Eye Foundation of America, was at the Institute in February. Dr. Raju is the co-founder of Srikiran Institute of Ophthalmology. Towards the end of his stay, he had participated in the Eye Camp organized by the Rotary Club in Vijayawada.

Help the Aged (Canada) Volunteer ...

Ms. Tammy Richer has been on a visit to India to monitor programs funded by Help the Aged (Canada). Mr. Pierre Barbeau, Executive Director, Help the Aged (Canada) sent Ms. Richer to Kakinada to monitor programs at Sankurathri Foundation. Ms. Richer visited Padmavathi Education Center and met its principal, staff and students. She spent one day at the Eye Camp organized by Srikiran Institute and Corporation Bank, which is celebrating this year it's 90 years in service. She interviewed patients and observed surgeries performed at the Institute. Ms. Richer has a Postgraduate degree from the U of Ottawa and has previously visited other developing countries on similar missions.

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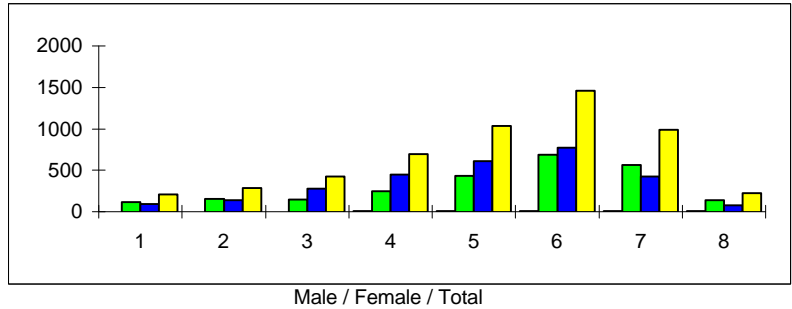
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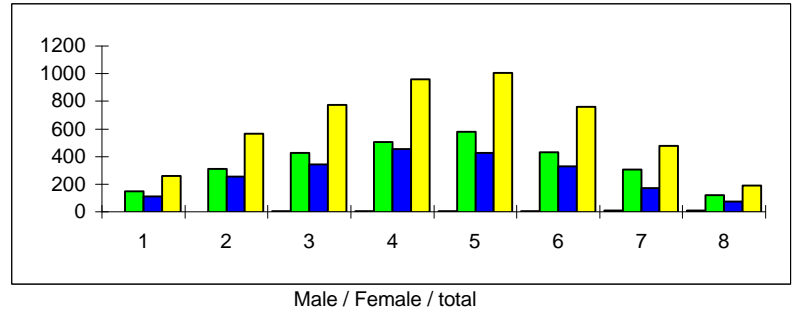
Non-Paying Outpatients in 1995.

Age	Group	Male	Female	Total
Age 01:10	1	114	93	207
Age 11:20	2	151	136	287
Age 21:30	3	147	277	424
Age 31:40	4	244	448	692
Age 41:50	5	429	607	1036
Age 51:60	6	688	772	1460
Age 61:70	7	564	422	986
Age > 70	8	142	81	223
Total		2479	2836	5315



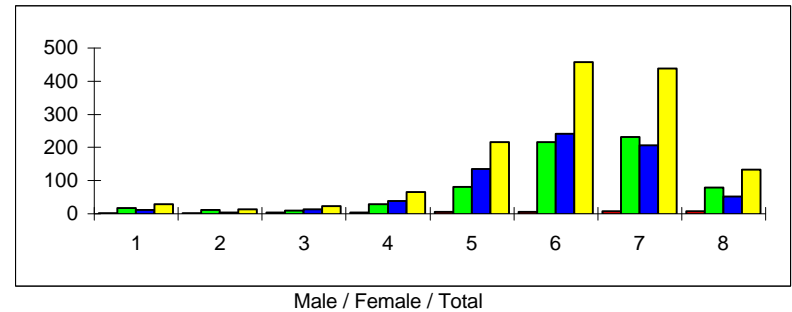
Paying Outpatients in 1995.

Age	Group	Male	Female	Total
Age 01:10	1	149	109	258
Age 11:20	2	311	253	564
Age 21:30	3	427	345	772
Age 31:40	4	505	456	961
Age 41:50	5	580	424	1004
Age 51:60	6	432	330	762
Age 61:70	7	307	170	477
Age > 70	8	120	72	192
Total		2831	2159	4990



Surgeries done in 1995.

Age	Group	Male	Female	Total
Age 01:10	1	17	12	29
Age 11:20	2	11	3	14
Age 21:30	3	10	14	24
Age 31:40	4	28	38	66
Age 41:50	5	81	136	217
Age 51:60	6	216	241	457
Age 61:70	7	232	207	439
Age > 70	8	80	53	133
Total		675	704	1379



Current Needs of School and Hospital:

School needs operating funds for:

- 1. Furniture, Supplies, Uniforms, etc. \$ 1,000
- 2. Midday Meal Program \$ 3,000
- 3. Teachers' Salaries. \$ 2,000

Total = \$ 6,000

Hospital needs capital funds for:

- 1. Construction of the third level \$ 20,000
- 2. Beds for 50 patients \$ 2,000
- 3. Furniture (Tables, chairs, etc.) \$ 1,000
- 4. Slit Lamp \$ 5,000
- 5. Autorefractometer \$ 11,000
- 6. Indirect Ophthalmoscope \$ 2,000
- 7. Ophthalmoscope and Retinoscope \$ 1,000
- 8. Yag Laser \$ 44,000

Total = \$ 86,000

Please help the rural poor.

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