

A RAY OF LIGHT

INAUGURATION OF SRIKIRAN-SHAH FAMILY PAEDIATRIC EYE CARE CENTRE

By – Dr. Chandrasekhar Sankurathri

The Pediatric Eye Care Centre in Kakinada finally became a reality due to the generous donations through MSMF from the Shah Family Foundation based in Toronto. This idea of a Pediatric Eye Care Centre has been on our minds for the last 35 years and finally it became a reality this year. We thank the Shah Family Foundation for their quick response and their financial support to complete the construction of our 6,500 sq. ft. building. The land for the building was provided by the Sankurathri Foundation.



New Paediatric Building

The building was inaugurated on January 21, 2026, by a very prominent public figure, Brahmasri Chaganti Koteswara Rao garu. After the building inauguration, he complimented the Shah Foundation and promised to do his best to create awareness of the need to examine as many children as possible in order to prevent avoidable blindness. Through this building, the Srikan Institute of Ophthalmology can

100,000 CHILDREN TO BE SCREENED ANNUALLY FOR VISION PROBLEMS!

MSMF IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SRIKIRAN-SHAH PAEDIATRIC EYE CARE CENTRE IN KAKINADA. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 6,500 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING WAS MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE SHAH FOUNDATION THROUGH MSMF AS DESCRIBED BY DR. CHANDRA. MSMF WILL SUPPORT ESSENTIAL SURGERIES AND SERVICES TO POOR CHILDREN THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT!

provide eye care services to a population of ten million because there are no affordable, equitable and quality eyecare providers for children in this region. We are very much excited about this new development in the history of the Srikan Institute of Ophthalmology.



Inauguration by Brahmasri Chaganti Koteswara Rao garu and Dr. Chandrasekhar Sankurathri

So far, we have provided eye care services to about 4.5 million out-patients and restored eyesight to over 337,000 people through cataract surgeries. The most

remarkable feature of this program is that almost 85% of the surgeries are provided free of charge to the poor and needy.

These services were possible only because of benevolent donors to MSMF from St. John's to Vancouver Island and through the matching grants from the Canadian International Development Agency, Help the Aged (Canada), the Ottawa Eye Institute and several more international organizations and volunteers. We are grateful to all of them for making this possible.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Shah Family Foundation for making my dream come true after 35 years!



**Mr. Siva Sinnathambi,
A representative from Shah Family Foundation,
gracing the occasion**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT SRIKIRAN

From 1993 to this date, 1,718 children, and 3,444 adult screening camps were conducted through our comprehensive Outreach Screening Programs.



PATIENT SLIT LAMP EXAMINATION AT CAMP PLACE



Child friendly Paediatric O.P.

MANJARI SANKURATHRI MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TRUST (MSMF Charitable TRUST)

We informed you in our last newsletters that the volunteer MSMF Board of Directors signed an agreement in 2021 with the Ottawa Community Foundation (OCF) to create this Trust. The MSMF TRUST will be managed in perpetuity by OCF. Basically, the annual interest earned from investments will be provided every year to MSMF to support our projects. If you wish to review details concerning this agreement, please contact us by e-mail at admin@msmf.ca. We will also be pleased to provide you with a copy of our latest audited financial statement which lists our contributions to the Trust and summarizes all our revenues and expenses.

Note: Please send us your email ID to "admin@msmf.ca" We would like to send our next Newsletter by email.

Important Statistics – Eye Care & Education Program			
Fact	Cumulative (1990–2026)	Jan'25 to Dec'25	Jan'26 to Mar'26
Outpatients Treated	4,527,482	244,779	73,252
Surgeries Performed	337,944	12,163	2,947
Eye Screening Camps for Adults	3,430	113	38
Eye Screening Camps for Children	1,710	188	45
School Children Screened	561,065	61,041	27,052
Para Medical Personnel Trained	465	10	3
Support Staff Trained	216	3	2
Children Educated	4,386	236	On-going
Scholarships Provided	1,018	92	On-going

Thank you for Caring

MSMF is doing well because of your generous financial support, dedicated services from staff and teachers at Sarada Vidyalayam, and doctors and paramedical staff at Srikan Institute of Ophthalmology. We pledge that we will continue to provide outstanding support and services, that is possible, to the poor, disadvantaged and the suffering.

Please donate to support our programs financially using one of the following methods:

1. Cheque / Credit Card:

Complete the donation form which came with this Newsletter, attach a cheque payable to MSMF or provide details of your credit card information and mail it to MSMF, 174, Berrigan Dr, Nepean, ON K2J 5C6. Or

2. **Interac e-Transfer:** Send a donation to admin@msmf.ca by giving your full mailing address and email address to receive a tax receipt, or

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We thank you.

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Thank you