

Drishti – A project of Rotary Ambala Central in association with Madhav Netra Bank Ambala City

The project is on Corneal Transplantation. Corneal Transplantation which helps the people who are suffering from corneal blindness. As per data available, there are 6.8 million cases of corneal blindness in India and out of these 1.0 million people are bilateral blind. It is, however, sad to note that in India people are not persuaded enough to resort to eye donation. That is why in a country of more than a million and a quarter, only 20,000 eye donations take place in a Calendar Year which is very low. Moreover, the eyes so collected are not optimum utilized in the absence of improper guidance, lack of proper equipment.

Cornea Utilization & Cornea Plantation can be immensely improved with spread of knowledge, proper public awareness, persuasion & the help of voluntary organizations. The most important thing at the present moment is the procurement of specular microscope, an instrument which helps in grading of cornea. This Project is quite ambitious but financially not viable. The cost of this instrument is a whopping \$ 26,500.00 which is a major hindrance. There are no funds available with District Administration. Procurement of this SPECULAR MICROSCOPE will help to translate the dream of Rotary “Light for the Blind” into reality & the image of Rotary will be enhanced in the public.

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Cost of project: US \$ 28,500.00 (Quotation attached)

Means of Finances:

Rotary Club Ambala Central	US \$ 6000.00
DDF	US \$ 6000.00
DAF Foundation	US \$ 2000.00
Foreign Partner	<u>US \$ 14,500.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>US \$ 28500.00</u>

Beneficiaries: All blinds in need of “gift of light” & patients suffer from cornea diseases/blindness.

Mode of Operation: : A committee of 5 persons including three Rotarians & two representative of Madhav Netra Bank Ambala city will monitor the Project under the supervision of Eye surgeon.

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