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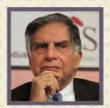
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#### Proclamation to Sankara Nethralaya, Indra Nooyi



## New York Mayor Proclamation to Sankara Nethralaya USA - Special Guest, Indra Nooyi - Sudha Ragunathan's concert, raised \$227,500.

Sankara Nethralaya USA organized Padma Bhsuhan Dr. Sudha Ragunathan's carnatic music concert in Hindu Temple Society of North America on June 19th, 2022, was a grand success. Dr. Sudha Ragunathan shared her experiences with Sankara Nethralaya to a full house. Dr. Sudha Ragunathan enthralled audience with popular Carnatic music songs.

Global legend Padma Bhushan awardee, Indian American Business Entrepreneur & former CEO of PepsiCo, Indra Nooyi was the Keynote speaker. When Indraji was speaking huge response was received from the audience. She spoke highly about the organization, appealed the audience to open the wallet and donate generously to the noble cause to restore the vision to indigent blind patients.

Consulate General of India New York, Honorable Randhir Jaiswal is the Special Guest.

Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor City of New York – making June 19th is Sankara Nethralaya Day was presented to President Bala Reddy Indurti. He spoke about the history of Sankara Nethralaya and Founder Padma Bhushan Dr. S. S. Badrinath and USA chapter Founder Sri SV Acharya. When he mentioned about recent Rs. 1 crore from Smt. Madu Gulati, who donated in memory of her parents-in-law, he received roaring response from the audience.

Mr. Dilip Chauhan, Assistant Commissioner for International Affairs, was a guest of honor to the NY concert who was instrumental in procuring the proclamation for Sankara Nethralaya.

Sankara Nethralaya New York chapter Board of Trustee (BOT) Dr. Raj Modi organized the event with the help of President Bala Reddy Indurti, Vice President Mr. Moorthy Rekapalli, Secretary Mr. Srinivas Ganagoni, and Board of Tustees Shankar Setty, and Sowmia Naarayan. Dr. Raj Modi and his wife Neelam Modi worked tirelessly to conduct this program successfully.

 $Sankara\ Nethralaya\ USA,\ Newark\ Delaware\ team\ organized\ a\ similar\ fundraising\ charity\ concert\ with\ Padma\ Bhushan\ Dr.$   $Sudha\ Raghunathan\ in\ Morrisville,\ PA\ in\ coordination\ with\ Chinmaya\ mission.$ 

Thanks are due to Sowmia Narayan, Kamalakiran Vinjamuri, and Akshay Anantapadmanabhan for providing excellent music to back-to-back Sudha Ragunathan's concerts.

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Thanks are due to the volunteers: Dr. Raj Modi's wife Neelam Modi and his daughter Aparna Modi.

Thanks are due to the volunteers: Shankar Setty's wife Sadhana, his daughter Shreekrutha and his Son in law Gigio Ninan.

Thanks are due to the volunteers: Dr Urmila Shivram, Ananda Iyar, Murli Iyar, Rahul Iyar, Pavithra Sundar, Meenu Sawhany, Anju Sharma, Sanjoo Sharma, Nilima Madan, Lalitha Sankaran, Chitra, Gina Shekhar, Shuba Rajgopal, Divya Shah, Sadhana Shankar, Sweekrutha Shankar, Gigio Ninan, Prameela Gopu, and Garikapati Seeta.

Thanks are due to media partners: Mana TV, TV Asia, Sakshi TV, TV5, US1, TeluguOne, GNN, and Singapore TV for promoting the mission of Sankara Nethralaya.

Thanks are due to Chennai team Mr. Theagarajan, Mr. Suresh Kumar, Mr. Deena Dayalana for providing beautiful flyers and promoting the event for Morrisville PA and New York events.

We have raised \$227,500.00 (Two hundred twenty-seven thousand and five hundred dollars) to restore the vision to 3,500 indigent blind patients in India.

MESU and Brand Ambassadors video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgp8Luognuk

While we appreciate your support for the past four decades, we seek your continued support. You may donate your tax-deductible contributions by credit card or by check.

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Program was concluded with New York Board of Trustee Dr. Raj Modi's vote of thanks.

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## Madhu Gulati donates \$130,000 to Sankara Nethralaya in memory of her in-laws



Sankara Nethralaya (SN) is a non-profit charity organization providing ophthalmic(eye) care to millions of patients throughout India for the last four decades. Nethralaya also provides ophthalmic education and India-centric research. To support the mission of Sankara Nethralaya, Sankara Nethralaya USA was established back in 1988. The main goal of the Trust creation was to have the NRIs support and contribute to the Noble cause.

Sankara Nethralaya USA is one of the trusted and well-respected charity organizations in the USA. The Trust also received Charity Navigator's "Four Stars" highest rating for maintaining financial accountability and fiscal transparency for funds donated by donors and how they are utilized towards the stated cause.

Sankara Nethralaya has recently received a whopping Rs. 1 crore (\$130,000) donation from Madhu Gulatiji in memory of her in-laws. Her generous donation would help to care for 2000 deserving blind patients in India.

Jagdish Chander Gulati, Ms. Gulati's husband who preferred to be addressed as JC, was born in 1938 to Bhisham Ji and Padma Vati Gulati in a town named Bannu which was part of Northwest Frontier during the Pre Independence-Era. Gulati's were a simple Punjabi family and could trace their roots back to four generations in the same town.

JC's father Bhishamji, born in 1906 to Manna Ram and Ganga Vati Gulati was named Bhisham because in Mahabharata Bhisham was Ganga's son. He was the oldest of the three siblings. He was very enthusiastic about studies because he knew that hard work and education would get him somewhere in life. He did his Master of Science from The University of Punjab, Lahore in 1929 in the First Division and was appointed as Chief Engineer of All India Radio, Lahore.

While studying for his Masters, in 1927 he got married to a local Punjabi girl, Padma Vati Narula, born in 1911 to Roop Chand and Binni Vati Narula, oldest of the six siblings. She was a simple girl endowed with high values and dignity. She supported her husband in all his ventures and took care of the family and was blessed with seven children (five sons and two daughters).

In 1942, Bhisham Ji Gulati was posted to All India Radio, Madras (present day Chennai) as Chief Engineer. He moved to Madras with his family, with a heavy heart because he was leaving behind the whole clan of Gulati's and Narula's in Bannu where the political conditions were very unstable.

When the Migration took place in 1947 and 1948, all the Gulati's and Narula's moved back to India. It became a mission for Bhisham Ji and Padma Vati Gulati to make sure that each member of the extended family got settled quickly. Bhisham ji instilled in nieces and nephews his two solid principles - hard work and education is the key to success. They both sacrificed their own comforts to pay for the school and college tuition for the children of the extended families. Their home was an open house with warm, simple and nutritious food on the table for any visitor.

Bhisham Ji Gulati did so well as Chief Engineer that he was admitted as a member to The Institution of Electrical Engineers in England, UK in 1957 which was considered as a very high honor in those days. In 1958, he was posted to All India Radio, Delhi as Chief Engineer and that's where he worked until his retirement in 1963. He passed away in 1970 leaving behind his wife Padma Vati Gulati as the head of the family and she carried on until her death in 1989. They are survived by five daughters-in-law, fourteen grand-children, twenty five great grand-children and one great grand, grand-child. All the children are doing very well in their chosen field in three countries, India, USA, and Singapore.

This donation is a humble tribute to Bhisham Ji Gulati and Padma Vati Gulati from each and every member of the Gulati and Narula Families. OM SHANTI

Both **Sankara Nethralaya USA** and the **Sankara Nehralaya** India teams, thank Ms. Madhu Gulatiji for her generous donation and shared the following appreciations.

Dr. Girish Rao, President of Sankara Nethralaya: Sincere gratitude to Madhuji for the generous donation and to Balaji for his tireless services.

#### Sankara Netharalaya USA Executive Committee & Board of Trustees appreciation:

S.V. Acharya, President Emeritus, Sankara Nethralaya USA: Mrs. Madhu Gulati Ji – We greatly appreciate your generous contribution of \$ 130,000 for naming a floor at our Chennai hospital in memory of your late in-laws Bhishamji and Padmavati. This kind gesture of yours will go a long way in materializing our Founder Living Legend, Padmabhushan Dr. S. S. Badrinath's vision of providing free eyesight to indigent patients and eradicating blindness in the Indian sub-continent.

Bala Reddy Indurti, President, Sankara Netharalaya USA: Dear Ms Madhuji, I am truly honored to be the receiver of your generosity \$130,000 (one hundred thirty thousand US dollars) on behalf of Sankara Nethralaya to support 2000 indigent blind patients in India. "The highest of distinction is service to others" - your magnanimity & selflessness is unparalleled, and it would bring hope and ray of light into many unfortunate lives. Thank you heart fully, and I am sure your in-laws would be delighted watching from above. Glad to know you during my tenure as Sankara Nethralaya USA president. I am also very thankful to your son Vishal for supporting these noble deeds.

Moorthy Rekapalli, Vice President: Madhuji's generous contribution will restore vision for thousands of indigent patients every year. That is a great service to humanity and nation.

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Banu Ramakrishnan, Treasurer: It is really a big donation Ms Madhuji. We the SNOM Trust family thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Prasad Rani, Jt Secretary: Great news!

Krishnaraj Bhat, Jt Treasurer: Through your donation we will be able to restore vision and provide essential vision surgery to countless people in need. You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

Leela Krishnamurthy, Past President: Huge Dear Madhuji and Vishal, what an extremely charity minded family our deepest gratitude to you Ms Madhuji and Vishal for identifying Sankara Nethralaya as a recipient of your huge donation. Your generous donation will restore the eyesight of 2000 patients. We are sure that you will receive the blessings of these very grateful people who have received the gift of sight Gods blessings to you and your family. With deep appreciation.

Dr. Raj Modi, BOT: Dear Madhu ji and family. Thank you very much for this very generous donation for this very important cause. Your contribution will help thousands of poor people, I assure you the amount you have donated will be used properly for the intended purpose. I have been associated with Sankara Nethralaya for the last 35 years. We really thank you and your family for this generous donation.

Srini Vangimalla, BOT: Madhuji and family, thank you for your great generosity and thoughtful donation to Sankara Nethralaya. Your support helps to further our mission of eradicating preventable blindness and providing free access to eye care in rural India.

Shankar Setty, BOT: Dear Madhu ji, your contribution speaks volumes about your values towards society, particularly the community who needs help to get their eyes fixed and your donation goes a long way!! God bless you & your family. We are very thankful!!

Upendra Rachupally, BOT: Amazing, Awesome, and motivational.

Meher Lanka, BOT: Dear Madhu ji, we are highly indebted to you and have tremendous appreciation for your magnanimous contribution to Sankara Nethralaya. Providing eyesight to the needy is indeed a very noble deed. Thank you so much, our sincere Pranams to you!

Anand Dasari, BOT: Dear Madhu ji and family, thank you for your generous contributions for the people in need. Service to humanity is service to God. May God continually bless your family with abundance of health, happiness, and wealth.

Ravi Maraka, BOT: Dear Madhuji & family, Thank you very much for your generous donation to Sankara Nethralaya. Your donation not only helps underprivileged people in India, and it also inspires many people to follow your footsteps. I am truly blessed to witness this kind of generous donation from you.

Jagannath Vedula. BOT: Thank you Bala ji for sharing the inspiring news about Smt. MadhuJi. It is great to see their faith in Sankara Nethralaya and its mission. This donation will provide vision to many people in need and will stay as an icon of inspiration. Lord bless Madhuji and family with abundance and a big heart.

Piram Manickavasagam, BOT: Thanks, and may God bless in abundance for generous donation.

Shyam Appali, BOT: Thank you for your generous donation, Madhu Ji. Your donation will enable us to provide much-needed services to India's thousands of indigent blind people. Our programs could not exist without the generosity of individuals like you. Thank you for making a difference with your donation.

Bhaskar Ganti, BOT: Dear MadhuJi, through your donation we will be able to restore vision and provide essential vision surgery to countless people in need. You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

Vamsi Eruvaram, BOT: Wow! Thanks, Madhuji.

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#### Sankara Nethralaya's Virtual Concert: Raised \$101,010



Greetings from Sankara Nethralaya USA. Sankara Nethralaya's patriotic songs concert raised \$101,010 to restore vision to 1,554 indigent blind patients.

Inspired by a speech by Pontiff of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham he attended in 1974, Dr. S S Badrinath founded Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai in 1978 with the sole objective of providing world class eye care, free to the poor and affordable price to others. Sankara Nethralaya (SN) is a not-for-profit charity organization providing ophthalmic (eye) care throughout India.

For the last four decades, SN has treated millions of patients. Nethralaya also holds eye camps, school screenings and eye bank. One of the unique services is Mobile Eye Surgical Unit (MESU), only one of its kind approved by Government of India. These are operation theatres on wheels. MESU consists of two buses serving as operation theatre, go out to remote villages, perform cataract surgeries on 150 to 200 patients over a two-week period and return to main campus after post-operative care

Sankara Nethralaya USA (SN USA), our fund-raising arm in US was established in 1988 with the sole objective of raising funds for Nethralaya to provide free services to indigent patients. SN USA is managed by thirty-five honorary trustees spread across fourteen chapters in US and has been raising over a million dollars during the past several years.

Every year, Sankara Nethralaya USA organizes Indian classical dance and music programs in various cities to raise awareness and funds. Because of the pandemic, this year all programs were conducted through online virtual streaming.



Great response was received for the program and through this, Sankara Nethralaya USA raised \$101,010 to restore vision to 1,554 indigent blind patients in India. Kudos to the patrons, Philanthropists, and community across the USA for unconditional support. President Bala Reddy Indurti, President Emeritus S V Acharya, Vice President Moorthy Rekapalli planned, coordinated, and executed the Sankara Nethralaya USA Republic day campaign with grand success. Shailesh Lakthakia, IFS, Consul (Retd), Indian Consulate, Atlanta GA gave passionate appeal about

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Republic Day virtual concert to encourage the donors. Dr. Girish Rao, President of Sankara Nethralaya made appeal to the community for the campaign and explained Sankara Nethralaya service activities.

Sankara Nethralaya USA's Past President Leela Krishnamurthy and Board Of Trustee Upendra Rachupally also gave video appeal during the program.

During the program the MESU (Mobile Eye Surgical Unit) operations and the following brand ambassadors' messages were shown: Former President, Bharat Ratna awardee Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Bharat Ratna awardee Smt M.S. Subbalakshmi, Padma Vibhushan Nani Phalkiwala, Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata, Padma Vibhushan Amitabh Bachchan, Padma Vibhushan Rajnikanth, Padma Shri Sourav Ganguly, DRDO Chairman Dr. Satheesh Reddy, Tollywood actor Madhavan. Sankara Nethralaya Team is very thankful to these ambassadors.

President Bala Indurti coordinated with Joint Secretary, Prasad Rani & Board of Trustee, Shyam Appali to present this virtual concert on January 30th through various TV channels and social media.

President Emeritus SV Acharya announced new Board of Trustees Rao Kalvala (Dallas TX) and Dr. Madhuri Namuduri for the year 2022.

Thanks to Board of Trustee Sowmia Narayan for coordinating and presenting daily classical singing virtual concert "Do you have 11 minutes?". We have participants from US, India, UAE, Canada, and Australia.

Thanks are due to Neelima Gaddamanugu and Narayan Indurthi for promoting Republic Day concert in social media.

#### Singers Names, Song, and their Geographical Locations:

- Srivalli Sridhar Vinara Vinara Desam Manadera Atlanta GA USA
- Usha Mocherla Jaya Jaya Priya Bharatha Atlanta GA USA
- Ram Durvasula Punya Bhumi naa desam Atlanta GA USA
- Srinivas Durgam Janani Janma Bhoomi Atlanta GA USA
- Radhika Nori Padavoyi Bharateeyuda Talahasse FL USA
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- Harini Sugantharaman Ninnai Charanadainthen Ashburn VA USA
- Sandhya Eswara Aye Mere Wattan Ke Logo Melbourne Australia

Thanks are due to all Board of Trustees, Volunteers, Philanthropists, and supporters who are working selflessly to restore vision for indigent patients.

Thanks are due to media partners manaTV, manaTV International, TV5 (Sridhar Chillara, Raagini, Harish Bennuri, and Sharat Pasumathy), TVAsia Telugu (Srinivas Ganagoni), Sakshi TV (Simha Hanumanth), 99TV (Harikrishna Inturu), and GNN (Rama Mohan Reddy Yellampally & Ravi Reddy Maraka) for promoting Sankara Nethralaya patriotic songs's virtual concert on January 30th at different timings to give the flexibility to all viewers in different time zones.

Sankara Nethralaya professionals were awarded with numerous awards for their outstanding accomplishments. Our founder Dr. SS Badrinath was given the prestigious awards of Living Legend and Padma Bhushan for his outstanding public service. Newsweek named Sankara Nethralaya as one of the four Best Ophthalmic institutions and one of the Best one hundred hospitals in the World. SN USA, our fund-raising arm in US was given the given the highest rating of four stars by prestigious rating organization Charity Navigator.

Please extend your support for the noble cause of restoring the vision of deserving patients by generously contributing at

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Our two Mobile Eye Surgical Units (MESU) are operation theatres on wheels and have so far screened 110,761 patients and performed 20,407 surgeries in the remote villages of India.

70% of the population of our country lives in rural areas - many of them in inaccessible tribal areas. 70% of the Ophthalmologists practice in urban cities and towns. Many of the people living in rural areas are daily wage earners. For them to travel to the city will involve (1) expenses for the travel and stay in the city for themselves and an attendant

(2) loss of wages for the number of days that they are in the city (3) loss of wages for the attendant. Unable to bear such a financial burden, many of them continue to live with blindness, which could be prevented, especially in the case of cataract.

The MESU project is designed to provide Quality, World-class eye care to the rural population, at their doorsteps, totally free of cost to them. This project is the "FIRST OF ITS KIND IN INDIA" and the only project that has been approved by the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to carry out the Cataract surgeries at the door-step of the rural indigent.

The Mobile Eye Surgical Unit (MESU), was developed in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai and started serving the nation in 2012. A total of 94 camps have been conducted in South India with 13079 surgeries performed since inception.

#### Shri S. V. Acharya Honoured with A. Shama Rao Outstanding Achiever's Award - 2022



Shri S. V. Acharya, President Emeritus, SNUSA was honoured with the A. Shama Rao Memorial Outstanding Achievers Award 2022 on Friday May 27 at the Srinivas University Mukka campus.

On receiving this high recognition for his socially responsible community activities, Shri S. V. Acharya said, "Three important resources in life are – time, health and wealth. These should be used for self enhancement, assist your close people and community at large. At least a part of your time and financial resources should be used for helping third parties unrelated to you"

The Vice President of A. Shama Rao Foundation and Pro Chancellor of Srinivas University Dr. A. Srinivas Rao, was the chief guest at this momentous occasion. In his address to the gathering, he appreciated Shri Acharya, saying, "Mr. Acharya works in the financial field, but is doing social work in the USA through Sankara Nethralaya. His service is always commendable."

Dr. C. A. A. Raghavendra Rao, Chancellor of Srinivas University and President of A. Shama Rao Foundation, led the awards presentation ceremony. He observed, "The man with the sight for the vision is Shri Sagri Vasudeva Acharya. The Shakti behind him is his wife, Nirmala Acharya. Performance is only possible when you are satisfied with any task."

Shri S. V. Acharya's wife, Smt. Nirmala Acharya, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Shri Acharya's sister and husband were present at the occasion.

#### Dear Sankara Nethralaya patrons

As we approach mid-year, Dr. Girish Rao, Mr. S V Acharya, and Mr. Bala Reddy Indurti join me in seeking your support for providing free ophthalmic services to the poorest of the poor in the Indian sub-continent. First, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support for the past four decades.

The pandemic has changed the way millions of Americans do their jobs, raising questions about the future of work. The public, for its part, appears to recognize that a swift return to life as it was before the pandemic is unlikely.

Here are some of the recent highlights:

- Sankara Nethralaya has recently received a whopping Rs. 1 crore (\$130,000) donation from Madhu Gulatiji in memory of her Parents-in-law. Her generous donation would help to care for 2000 deserving blind patients in India.
- Shri S. V. Acharya, President Emeritus, SNUSA was honored with A. Shama Rao Memorial Outstanding Achievers Award 2022 on Friday May 27 at the Srinivas University Mukka campus in Mangalore, India.
- Mr. Selva Jayaraman, Mrs. Leela Krishnamurthy, Mr. Anand Dasari, and Mr. Ravi Maraka sponsored Adopt-A-Village MESU 11-day programs successfully in their respective villages.
- For the second year in a row, Newsweek magazine has named Sankara Nethralaya as one of the best 100 hospitals in the world. Our fund-raising arm in US, Sankara Nethralaya USA was given the highest rating of four stars for the third year in a row by Charity Navigator.
- Our Newark Delaware team organized Padma Bhushan Dr. Sudha Raghunathan concert in Morrisville, PA in coordination with Chinmaya mission.
- Our New York team conducted Padma Bhushan Dr. Sudha Raghunathan concert in Ganesh Temple, Queens NY. New York Mayor issued a proclamation declaring June 19th as Sankara Nethralaya USA Day. Sankara Nethralaya USA President Mr. Bala Reddy Indurti received the proclamation. Mr. Dilip Chauhan and Dr. Raj Modi were instrumental in procuring the proclamation for Sankara Nethralaya. Padma Bhushan Indra Nooyi is the keynote speaker and Hon' Consulate General of India NY Randhir Jaiswal is the Special Guest. Dr. Raj Modi and his wife Neelam Modi are instrumental in organizing the event. SN USA Vice President Mr. Moorthy Rekapalli, Secretary Mr. Srinivas Ganagoni, Board of Trustees Mr. Sowmiya Narayan, and Mr. Shankar Setty supported this event in person. Concert was a grand success.
- On an average, Sankara Nethralaya treats 3,000 outpatients and performs 300 surgeries/day almost half of them free on poor patients. Our two Mobile Eye Surgical Units (operation theatres on wheels only one of its kind in Asia) have so far screened 110,761 patients and performed 20,407 surgeries in the remote villages of India.
- We are grateful to media partners: Mana TV, TV Asia, Sakshi TV, TV5, US1, TeluguOne, GNN, and Singapore TV for promoting the mission of Sankara Nethralaya.

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My best wishes to you and your family!

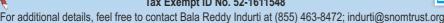
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Contributions by check - Simply make your check payable to Sankara Nethralaya USA. and mail to the above address.

Payroll Deductions - Please check with your HR office if they are programmed to withhold from payroll and remit to a nonprofit organization. A number of organizations provide this as a public service.

**Draft from Checking Account** - Download from our website www.sankaranethralayausa.org, the direct debit authorization form and forward your authorization with a 'void check' to the above address. We will draft the funds on the 15th of every month. You can stop your authorization any time by a simple notification to us.

Donate on Special Occasions, as a tribute Festivals, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, in memory of a loved one and provide support in the form of a

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#### How can you help us?

Sankara Nethralaya USA owes its existence and success to its committed volunteers. To realize our mission of 20/20 by 2020, we need many more volunteers. You can be one of our volunteers and can help us by:

- Spreading the word about Sankara Nethralaya.
- Supporting Teleophthalmology & Glass dispensing vans.
- Conducting events for fundraising.
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