

BAL JYOTI

The Bal Jyoti programme is an innovative programme for comprehensive screening and testing of Visually Impaired Children through mobile ophthalmic unit conducted in SSA. The objective of the programme is to provide eye care facilities like vision screening, on the spot spectacles distribution and to provide eye surgery for the children with vision problem at cluster/block level in a massive scale. The Bal Jyoti programme is conducted in convergence with National Health Mission (NHM), District Blindness Control Society (DBCS), District Red Cross Society (IRCS), Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO), Local eye hospitals.



The programme was conducted through a mobile ophthalmic unit consist of the Eye Specialist, Ophthalmic Asst, Optician. The team conducted 4-5 camps at block level. One teacher of the school has been provided training on how to identify the students with low vision. One kit is also provided to the teacher in which snellen chart and basic materials are available. The suspected students with vision problem was identified by the teacher and referred to the block level camp. The children identified for eye surgery are referred to the eye hospital at district or state level for surgical correction. Till date 30541 spectacles has been distributed to the students in 2016-17.

