



## **PROJECT PRAKASH CHARITABLE TRUST**

Registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (Registration No. 1, 418)

### **Activity Report August 2018 to March 2019**

#### **Project Prakash Charitable Trust**

Project Prakash Charitable Trust (PPCT) is a non-profit organisation registered with Sub-registrar's Office (West District), Delhi under India Trust Act, 1882(Registration No. 1, 418) with its registered office at F-324 F/F, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018.

Project Prakash Charitable Trust was formed with the **Vision** "All lives lived to their full potential." The **Mission** of the Trust is, "Transforming the lives of individuals with various disabilities by providing treatment, helping their socio-economic and educational rehabilitation and undertaking scientific research to understand causes and develop better therapies." For this purpose, PPCT works towards spreading awareness on disability related issues especially in eye care and makes efforts for prevention of blindness. To achieve this, the organization organizes free eye screening camps in collaboration with organizations/institutions engaged in prevention and treatment of blindness.

Apart from the above Project Prakash Charitable Trust also helps persons with disabilities for their educational and vocational rehabilitation. Through its committed and well-trained volunteers PPCT identifies the children with disabilities who have lack of resources and inaccessibility to the educational facilities. It provides guidance and counseling to such children and helps them to find such organizations/institutions that can address their unmet needs.

#### **Activities undertaken by Project Prakash Charitable Trust from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

##### ***Prevention of Childhood Blindness through Eye Screening Camps and Spreading Awareness.***

Project Prakash Charitable Trust (PPCT) worked towards prevention of childhood blindness through organizing eye screening camps. During the period (Aug. to Dec., 2018) under report, PPCT organized 2

free pediatric eye screening camps for the school children. A brief account of these 2 eye screening camps is given below:

***Eye Screening Camp at Hakim Ajmal Khan Girls Senior Secondary School, Daryaganj, New Delhi***

Project Prakash Charitable Trust (PPCT) in collaboration with Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital (SCEH), Delhi, conducted an eye screening camp at the Hakim Ajmal Khan Girls Senior Secondary School, in PROJECT PRAKASH CHARITABLE TRUST Registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (Registration No. 1, 418) 2 Daryaganj, Delhi on 2nd November, 2018. The school is government aided and affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Provisional basis since 1974. The school conducts classes from Grade 5th to Grade 12th in its campus. The Principal of the school was very cooperative with the team and gave her full support for conducting the camp along with her school staff. Appropriate space, logistics arrangement and other requirements of the team were facilitated by the school to conduct the camp. A total of 67 children were screened at the school during the camp, out of which, 39 children were analyzed to have normal vision (requiring no further examination, treatment or action). 19 children were identified with compromised vision requiring spectacles and 9 children were referred to SCEH for further examination and treatment of their vision. The interaction between the screening team and the school staff was very insightful. The discussion laid emphasis on encouraging and counseling children and parents to remove the social stigma about weak vision and wearing spectacles openly. The screening team would also conduct an interactive session with the 19 children and their parents who have been prescribed and would be provided spectacles free of cost.

***Some pictures of the eye screening camp where the screening team is carrying out screening of the children:***





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***Eye Screening Camp at Sarvodaya (Government) Co-Ed Senior Secondary School, Munirka, 110067 – New Delhi***

Project Prakash Charitable Trust (PPCT) in collaboration with Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital (SCEH), Delhi, conducted an eye screening camp at the Sarvodaya Co-Ed Senior Secondary School, in Munirka, New Delhi on 14th November, 2018. The school is affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and has been operating since 2006. The camp was conducted on the occasion of Children's Day in India, with the support of Jawahar Lal Nehru University (J.N.U.), New Delhi, with the initiative of Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Professor at the Center for the Study of Regional Development (CSR), School of Social Science, J.N.U. This camp was also supported by National Service Scheme (NSS), India, which

included volunteers that are students at J.N.U. The school staff was extremely co-operative. They arranged for appropriate screening space, logistics and coordinated the screening camp for its smooth functioning. A total of 226 children were screened at the school, aged between 6 to 16 years. Out of these, 167 children had normal vision requiring no further examination, treatment or action. 23 children were identified with compromised vision, and will be provided spectacles free of cost. 12 children were prescribed medicines to treat minor eye problems like allergies, infections, etc., and 24 children were referred to visit SCEH for further examination and treatment. The children were also advised for appropriate eye care measures and hygiene for better health. The school Principal and staff were impressed with the overall turnout and results, and wished to have more eye screening camps for the school children in future.

*In the pictures below the ophthalmologist and optometrists from SCEH are engaged in screening the children. The Principal, teaching staff from the school, officials from PPCT, JNU and NSS volunteers are also seen in the pictures:*





***Children were provided Spectacles in a Delhi School***

Project Prakash Charitable Trust (PPCT) in collaboration with Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital (SCEH), Delhi, conducted an eye screening camp at the Sarvodaya Co-Ed Senior Secondary School, in Munirka, New Delhi on 14th November 2018. The camp was conducted on the occasion of Children's Day the 14th Nov. 2018 in India, with the support from National Service Scheme (NSS), India, which included volunteers that are students at Jawarharlal Nehru University (J.N.U). The volunteers from NSS-JNU also coordinated the screening camp. The camp was financially supported by Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, JNU. A total of 226 children were screened during the screening camp aged between 6 to 16 years. Out of the 226 children who had been screened

during the above screening camp 23 children had been identified with refractive error and were prescribed spectacles.

On February 27, 2019, volunteers from Project Prakash Charitable Trust, Ms. Shakila Bi and Mr. Himanshu visited Sarvodaya Co-Ed Senior Secondary School, in Munirka, New Delhi. They distributed spectacles among the identified needy children. A total number of 23 spectacles were distributed. These spectacles were provided free of cost to the children by Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi. PROJECT PRAKASH CHARITABLE TRUST Registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (Registration No. 1, 418) Page 2 of 3 The activity was well supported and coordinated by the school staff. The Principal of the school Ms. Anjali Gupta was also present during this. She expressed her gratitude to the respective representatives of Project Prakash Charitable Trust and Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital for organizing the screening camp for the school children and providing free spectacles. The volunteers from PPCT also provided counseling to the children about the use of spectacles so that the children can be benefited and enhance their vision qualitatively by using them appropriately

*Some pictures of the spectacles distribution event –A group of children (Left) wearing spectacles given by the PPCT Volunteers and the PPCT Volunteer (right) counseling the children how they will be benefited from wearing spectacles in their everyday life*



The PPCT volunteers who visited the school for the distribution of spectacles among the children expressed their happiness to be part of such an experience. They appreciated the initiative of PPCT and SCEH to approach such children who have unaddressed eye care needs mostly due to the lack of attention of the parents and teachers who are sometimes not able to identify the situation.

### ***Counseling of visually impaired children for education***

During the period under report (Jan. to March 2019) PPCT through its team of volunteers PPCT also provided guidance and counseling to the visually impaired children for education and also Page 3 of 3 helped them to connect with organizations providing help to the visually impaired children for their education.

### ***Other updates***

1. Agreement for Head Office: A maintenance agreement in regard with the head office (Vikaspuri, New Delhi) of the Trust was signed
2. Grant Agreement with HGI: A grant agreement with Harvard Global Research Support Centre, India was signed to establish/pilot two Vision Centres in the district of Gorakhpur, U.P
3. Board Meeting: The 2nd Board meeting of the Trust held on Jan. 23rd 2019 at New Delhi
4. Development of Policies and Procedures: The TA/DA Norms and Financial, Accounting and Purchase/Procurement Policy and Procedure Manual were developed during the period from Jan. to March 2019
5. Communication with Silver Linings in regard with the education and rehabilitation of visually impaired children
6. Updating/designing of Organizational website: The Trust's website was created, designed and updated by one of our volunteers Mr. Darius Sinha. We have also received support in this regard from a Delhi based IT group (In Dev Consultancy) that has been voluntarily supporting the organization to further update and design its website
7. Trust's Brochure: A brochure (draft) of the organization has been prepared and the Eversion of the same has been uploaded on our website.

### ***PPCT Team***

#### ***Board of Trustees***

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status in the Board</b>
1	Dr. Tapan Kumar Gandhi	Trustee & Chairman
2	Dr. Pawan Sinha	Trustee & Vice-Chairman
3	Dr. Prerna Tewari	Member Trustee

### *PPCT Staff*

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Ajay Kumar Chawariya	Executive Director
2	Sana Iqbal	Consultant-HR & Administration
3	Sunandan Kumar	Consultant-Finance & Accounts

### *Volunteers*

The organization also received help from volunteers Mr. Himanshu Kumar, Ms. Shakila Bi, Mr. Darius Sinha and Mr. Sourav for implementing its various activities during the period under report.

### *Collaboration & Networking Building*

Project Prakash Charitable was approached by National Social Service (NSS), volunteers from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi for organizing eye screening camp for the children of nearby slums studying in a government school in Munirka New Delhi. In collaboration with Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi PPCT organized a few screening camps during the period under report.

### *Financial Support from Individual Donors*

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contribution (in INR)</b>
1	Dr. Priti Gupta	25000
2	Mr. Vishal Sharma	10000
3	Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma	4655
4.	Dr. Pawan Sinha	200000
<b>Total</b>		<b>239655</b>

Apart from the above financial support Dr. Pawan Sinha has also donated in kind which include furniture and iron almirah. The estimated cost of INR. 50000/- (Fifty thousand).

### *Future Plans*



- To organize more eye screening camps to reach more and more children and adults and provide the required assistance and services
- To generate awareness on childhood blindness
- To mobilize visually impaired children for education and vocational rehabilitation
- To reach up to the individuals with other disabilities also and to address their educational and other needs
- To explore and find ways through research and other activities to help the persons with disabilities
- To collaborate and build network with experts/individuals and organization to address needs of persons with disabilities in a more professional and better way
- To make efforts towards mobilizing financial support for the organization

***Financial Report (Please see Annexure-1) attached***