



India Ozanam Eye Center

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6,152 Conferences
54,743 Members
110,000 people helped
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The Ozanam Eye Center is an eye hospital situated in the premises of Quilon Diocese. It is a joint project of the SSVP Quilon Central Council, the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (RCBS) and the Catholic Diocese of Quilon.



It was established on 31 December 1979, and was the biggest and most famous eye hospital in the Southern part of Kerala, as well as the biggest project of SSVP in Asia; it was long considered to be the landmark of the Vincentian Services in India.

The Center has advanced technological equipment and a dedicated team of Doctors –specialists and experienced junior doctors – and paramedical staff.



The objectives of the institution are:

1. To render the best ophthalmic services at the cheapest rate possible
2. To provide **free treatment** for the deserving
3. To conduct **free eye camps** at rural areas
4. To render periodic **free ophthalmic services to school children**
5. To educate the rural population on prevention of eye diseases and visual hygiene

In the tradition of its charitable nature, the centre fulfils its objectives most faithfully. They do organize free eye camps in the remote rural districts of the Diocese, but also outside of it, in cooperation with the SSVP Central Councils of the neighbouring



Dioceses of Punalur, Trivandrum, Alleppey and Tiruvalla, as well as school camps in various schools around.

174 Camps have been conducted in 2007, at which **37,689 patients were examined and given free treatment, including** costly operations like **surgery**. The Centre also encourages eye donation. With 28 donors in 2007, they have already been able to practice, free of charges **keratoplastry on 50 people**, bringing them to the world of light!

It is important to underline that, after the initial investments made for the opening of the Centre by SSVP Netherlands, SSVP England and Wales, and RCBS, the Centre can incur its running expenses and the free treatment costs self-sufficiently from the income generated from the paying part of the hospital.

Some Technical Details...

<p>Surgeries done at the Centre: Small incision cataract surgery Phako-Emulsification with foldable IOL implant Vitreo Retinal Surgery Retinal Detachment Glaucoma Surgery Squint Surgery Ptoris Surgery Trauma Care</p>	<p>Equipment in the hospital Applanation tonometer Scan Auto Keratometer Phaeco Emulsifier Auto Refractometer Bedside monitors Operating microscope Slit lamp Indirect Ophtalmoscope Diode Laser Autoperimeter Yag Laser Multichannel Monitor</p>
<p>Facilities available at the Centre Contact Lens Clinic Eye Bank with corneal transplantation Corneal Clinic Laser for diabetic retinopathy Automated computerized perimetry 24 hrs trauma care</p>	