

OUR JOURNEY

We have come a long way. Here is an insight of our journey:

Date	Progress
2006	Monthly clinics were started in Para, Purulia by the ophthalmologists with instruments brought from Kolkata. The cataract cases detected were taken to Kolkata, operations were done at surgeon's city-based eye-care centre. Patients were then brought back to their base villages. All services were provided absolutely free of cost.
2007	Regular OPD services started at Para, Purulia with few basic instruments.
2008	A 1200 sq ft single storied structure was erected and an ophthalmic microscope was procured. Small OT constructed and surgeries started. This marked the beginning of the eye hospital -Swami Lokeswarananda Memorial Eye Unit. 300 cataract surgeries were performed in the 1st year.
2009	Extension of the hospital building took place with up gradation of the OPD and procurement of new instruments.
2010	Increase in turnout of patients demanded further expansion of hospital premises and more equipment were procured. The outreach team started to reach out to other blocks to screen more patients and patients needing surgeries were brought to base hospital at Para. Annual surgeries went upto 6000. The hospital was renamed LOKESWARANANDA EYE FOUNDATION. October 2010, NRHM India comes forward to support the outreach program .Lokeswarananda Eye Foundation begins to reach out to more interior rural areas. Number of sugeries go up.
Oct, 2010	Being supported by NRHM, Lokeswarananda Eye Foundation starts extending cataract and other eye surgery services to extreme remote, inaccessible villages of 23 LWE blocks.
Feb, 2012	Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal declared Lokeswarananda Eye Foundation to be upgraded to 100 bedded Referral Eye Hospital for all types of eye diseases for the district of Purulia , Bankura and Paschim Medinipur. The LWE patients from all those three districts would be offered

	<p>free treatment. A formal order was passed for official hand-over of Mohanpur BPHC (West Midnapur) and Khatra Sub-Divisional hospital (Bankura) to Lokeswarananda Eye Foundation for the purpose of operating cataract surgeries. Since Lokeswarananda Eye Foundation lacked the infrastructure to cater to the demands of increasing number of patients, Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs (PUA), Government of West Bengal sanctioned Rs 3.05 crore for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expansion of infrastructure (construction of new hospital block and staff quarters). 2. Acquisition of modern equipments. 3. Acquisition of a mobile van for conducting camps. 4. A bus for carrying patients back and forth from camps conducted in the LWE blocks.
10/04/2012	The foundation stone for construction of the new hospital block was laid by the Hon'ble Minister of Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs Department.
Aug, 2012	New equipments purchased and referral OPD starts.
Nov, 2012	Completion of construction of new OT Complex.
Dec, 2012	Completion of construction of OPD (ground floor). Surgeries started at the new OT complex including Retinal surgery and Glaucoma surgery.
Jan, 2013	Completion of construction of the 1st floor ward . Lokeswarananda Eye Foundation reaches 50 bed capacity.
Dec, 2013	Completion of construction of the 2nd floor of the hospital. Lokeswarananda Eye Foundation becomes a 100 bedded hospital. The staff quarters' construction completed.
27/01/2014	Dr Sukumar Hansda ,Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge, Paschimanchal Unnayan Affairs, Government of West Bengal, inaugurates the new hospital block.