



Theosophical Order of Service (TOS)

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SEEING EYES FOR EVERYONE (SEE), Chennai, India.

The **TOS, Chennai, India**, has initiated a project, extending the range of medical support its members already provide to disadvantaged people in their area. The **SEE (Seeing Eyes for Everyone)** Project was launched in **September 2007** to mark the **150th** birth anniversary of eminent Theosophist, **Damodar K. Mavalankar**. So far, screening for vision impairment has been carried out in five schools and two slum areas, with approximately **4,300** school children and **396** slum dwellers examined. The screening identified **191** school children and **128** slum dwellers whose vision could be corrected with spectacles and these were provided **free** of charge. **Seven** slum dwellers were operated on for cataract removal, at no cost to themselves. Workers on the **Theosophical Society's Adyar Estate** were screened as well as a number of orphans from the area.

SEE is a collaboration between the **TOS** and the **Udhi Eye Hospital** in **Chennai**, which provides highly subsidised medical care. The **TOS** identifies deserving cases and institutions. Their member-volunteers make the non-medical arrangements and the Hospital's professionals perform the screening. If further treatment or glasses are required, the patients are sent to the hospital.

The **TOS** coordinates the billing, monitoring the numbers screened and treated. The success of the project is due to the team effort between the **TOS** and the hospital staff.

The **TOS (France)** has been the major sponsor of this project receiving the bills and paying the hospital directly by electronic transfer. Costs are minimal because of the **Hospital's** generosity. The cost for spectacles is **Rs 200** (approx. **US\$4.50**) and for cataract surgery, **Rs 1,000** (approx. **US\$22**) per eye.

The **TOS (Australia)**, **TOS (UK)** and several **Indian members** have also donated to this project.

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