

Combined eye and ear screening camp organized by Alps International with support from Society for Sound Hearing

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Introduction:

Hearing loss is the most prevalent sensory disability globally. According to WHO, over 360 million persons in the world live with disabling hearing loss. This is approximately 5.3% of the world population. 32 million of these are children less than 15 years of age. In India, approximately 6% of the population suffers from hearing impairment.

Public health measures can effectively reduce hearing loss. A combined eye and ear screening camp was organized by Alps International with support from Society for Sound Hearing on 24th January 2014 at the Alps Centre for Hearing Development, Harsaru, Pataudi Road, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Activities at the screening camp:

Officers In-charge- Dr. A.K. Agarwal (President- SH2030) & Dr Suneela Garg (Treasurer- SH2030)

Facilitators- Ms. Deeksha Khurana (Programme Officer-SH2030), Ms. Janki Mehta (Administrative Officer- SH2030), Mr. Ravi Kumar (Office Assistant- SH2030) and Senior Residents from the Department of ENT and Community Medicine, MAMC Delhi

Total number of patients screened for ear problems- 120

Inauguration of the camp- The chief guest for the program was ***the present Union Cabinet Minister for Transport, Road and Highways, Government of India, Shri Oscar Fernandes*** who inaugurated the program by distributing hearing aids free of cost to the poor and needy people suffering from hearing impairment.

Services provided at the camp:

- Free check-up of patients for eye problem and dispensing medicines wherever required
- Free check-up for cataract and referral for surgery
- Free check-up of patients for ear problem and dispensing medicines wherever required

- Audiometric testing
- Fitting of hearing aids
- Referral for ear surgeries.
- Referral for speech therapy
- Family counseling

Ear examination of the patients and necessary referrals was done by the Senior Residents from the Department of ENT, MAMC while counseling of the patient and family was carried out by the team of SSH. Pure Tone Audiometry and hearing aid fitting was being done by the team of Alps International.

Display & Distribution of IEC material- At the camp site, the posters developed by Society for Sound Hearing were displayed. Pamphlets on “ear and hearing care” and “early identification of ear problems” and posters which were developed by Society for Sound Hearing were distributed to all the attendees of the camp.

Distributions of refreshments to attendees - At the end of the camp, refreshments were distributed to all the attendees.



**Shri Oscar Fernandes distributing hearing aids
to the hearing impaired**



Otoscopic examination of the patients



IEC material developed by Society for Sound Hearing displayed in the camp site



Counseling of patients for ear and hearing care by SSH team



Registration of the patients at the camp site



Medicines being distributed free of cost to the patients