

Dear Friends,

We are extremely happy and proud to announce the **inauguration of the Vision Varanasi Eye Hospital** on March 4th, 2016, the 16th Foundation Day of the Aghor Foundation. The establishment of this eye hospital will create a new wave of access to eye care for the communities in Varanasi to whom it was previously not available. Due to the generosity of donors, the cost of service will be assessed and based on an individual basis. This means that each patient will receive care free of charge or for nominal amounts depending on his or her ability to pay. This model aims toward sustainability while still maintaining access for the people of the poorest communities, in the spirit of seva. The opening of this eye hospital is the culmination of hard work on the part of many distinguished people.



A decade ago, **Dr.**

Ivor Wolfe, a retired optometrist in London, came to Varanasi with the intention to help others. What started with eye check-ups and glasses distribution on Dr. Ivor's brief annual visits to Aghor Foundation developed into the idea for a full-fledged eye hospital that would not only provide the basics, such as glasses, but would also provide surgical operations. Very slowly, this idea grew, and step by step it proceeded to fruition.

This process took the time, effort, and money of many people. To the following people in particular we would like to extend an **ENORMOUS THANK YOU** for their efforts and contributions, without which this project would not be a reality.

Brothers **Justin and Teifion Salisbury** and their company **Cathelco**. They donated the funds necessary to construct the building for the hospital.

Dr. V. Rajaram, from **CCJM Engineers, Chicago, USA**, who made introductions and facilitated communications between Aghor Foundation and **Dr. S. S. Badrinath**, the director of **Sankara Nethralaya Academy**, a renowned organization in India that runs

charitable hospitals. Through Dr. Rajaram's efforts as chief advisor and the support of Dr. Badrinath, there was soon a plan to bring a skilled doctor to the Vision Varanasi Hospital.

The doctor whom Vision Varanasi has the pleasure to welcome is **Eye Surgeon Dr. Sunil Kumar Sah**, past fellow of Sankara Nethralaya Academy. Dr. Sah has performed over 100,000 cataract operations and has transplanted over 5,000 retinas. He is also supplying



Vision Varanasi with the necessary medical supplies and surgical



equipment from his own hospital. Aghor Foundation is supremely grateful to have him. On Foundation Day last Friday, we had the honor to welcome **Dr. Indra Sah**, the retired prestigious gynecologist and mother of Dr. Sunil Sah. She performed the honors of the inauguration and cut the ribbon.

As of today, Vision Varanasi Eye Hospital has performed its **first 10 cataract operations**. We are looking forward to a bright future as this number continues to rise.



Blessings from Babaji,
And kind regards from all of us in India at Aghor Foundation