

# The Life of Bal Ashram

## Aghor Narayan Seva



Love all, serve all. This frees us from feeling anything is lacking in our life. We acknowledge how blessed we are by giving to the ones in need. In doing this, we create hope and inspire faith for ourselves and others.

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## A day of seva



## Pots of kichari for the homeless were offered during Puja

for 46 patients having eye surgery at Vision Varanasi. Not in attendance, the Eye Camp team who screened some 200 villagers nearby and distributed eyeglasses.

# A sense of joy earlier



Women from Project Shakti pitched in

A nutritious kichari was prepared with greens and other vegetables.



# Eye Camp at a local village



The Eye Camp team arrives and sets up quickly. 150- 200 villagers are screened for surgery and tested for corrective lenses. All receive free services, but those who have the ability, are asked to contribute a small amount to cover the cost of their eyewear.





## Screening

Women in the village gather to listen to an informative talk about eye care and wellness— it is customary that women and men gather in groups separately. In addition to eye exams vitals are also taken. It is rare that any of them have ever been examined by a health care professional. Rural life in India is hard on the eyes. Dust, pollution, and hot weather render sweat into a corrosive solvent.



Patients requiring progressive lenses are referred to Vision Varanasi Eye Care Center for a followup before receiving their new eyeglasses.



# Inpatient processing

Patients from local villages, assigned for surgery, sit in queues, waiting to fill out forms and go over their records with staff members before being admitted. This takes time and long naps become contagious!



# Cataract Surgery



In a little over a day the small group of surgeons and their support staff, working in long shifts, will have performed cataract surgeries on 50 patients.



## Benchmarks:

At Eye Camp 237 people were given eye exams. Of those 102 received eyeglasses, another 17 were referred to the clinic for progressive lenses, and 8 people were scheduled for eye surgery.





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# VISION VARANASI

EYE HOSPITAL



Not far from the  
eye hospital is a camp  
of homeless migrants at  
the foot of the Samne  
Ghat Bridge



# Feeding the hungry



**Love all, serve all:**

Volunteers absorb the anxiety of the crowd and maintain a sense of order reassuring hungry people that there is enough for everyone. They arrange queues, first with women and young children, Then finally older boys and men.





Sponsorship from the Sanga at Bal Ashram cannot encompass the far reaching needs of these poor ones, but the Sanga members' heartfelt interest and attention to their plight is ongoing. This attention and connection is an offering to that Divinity which resides in all of us.

May all be happy.

