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Educational Awareness and Community Outreach

The University of Delhi, a Premier Central University of our country with both National and International acclaim and recognition, will be celebrating its centenary year on 1st May, 2022 through observance of year-long program culminating in the conclusion of the ceremony on 1st May, 2023. In view of that the university has established several committees, and one of them is to realise the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4, the Education Awareness Committee has been formed.

The department has been organising various awareness and sensitisation programs in various communities and recently this department organised an **Eye Screening Camp** from **25th Feb 2022 to 27th Feb 2022 for children (Age Group of 5-20 years) in Anna Nagar Slum Community, ITO, Delhi**. The camp has been organised by **Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE)** in collaboration with **Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA)**.

This eye camp has not only organised for eye screening only but also to raise awareness and sensitise the community on various issues like :

- Proper Eye Hygiene.
- Adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all.
- Harmful effect of drug consumption and drug addiction.

We have raised **awareness** among **500 to 600 persons** of the slum community and **screened** about **300 children** for their eye disorder. The purpose of the camp is to provide **eye glasses** to the needy children with **eye issues (Myopia & Hyperopia)**. So after screening we have provided **100 eye glasses** to the children of the community. Along with we have also mapped the skills, they (children) require in futures for sustainable livelihood. So we will also be planning and looking forward to organise camps or programmes in future for the same.

Details of the Eye Camp:

Organising Advisor

- **Prof. Rajesh** (HOD, DACEE, DU)
- **Prof S Y Shah** (Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Learning)

Organising team

- Kumar Gaurav, PhD (DACEE DU)
- Siddhant Singh, MPhil (DACEE DU)
- Bidya Bhushan, MPhil (DACEE DU)
- Shivam Chaturvedi, MPhil (DACEE DU)

Volunteers team

- Siya Bihari, MPhil (DACEE DU)
- Abhijatya, MPhil (DACEE DU)
- Anuja, MA (DACEE DU)

Optometrist Team:

- **Md. Salman**, Optometrist, Speciality in Lens Making and Degree in Eye-Testing.

Photos:





Recommendation:

Due to covid induced indoor setting and the school closure compels the schools to shift from physical mode to online mode of education. This makes the students devoid of various physical activities and cut them from their peer groups. These all in accumulation has not only hampered the physical health of the children but also affected their psychological health and cognitive learning. A research has been carried in the Anna Nagar Community before organising the eye camp “**impact of the online education on the ocular health**”, by one of our MPhil Student which find that the children were having the eye related issues. And based on the finding, the eye camp is organised. Eye camp data details:

No of patients screened in the camp	No of NV glasses recommended
264	99

United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989 which sets out the **civil, political, economic, social, health and cultural rights of children**. And these rights has been compromised in the covid induced lockdown and closure of the schools. So while camp, we also communicated with children and also our volunteers carried counselling and guidance to them. We counselled around 500 children and made them aware of the harmful affect of prolong use of mobile phones. We told them how to use the mobile phones at keeping certain distance and also changing the position while using the mobile or television screen for longer period.

Further, we are also planning to organise another camps which will be helping the children of the community in their sustenance of their livelihood. There is need of the government intervention in order to provide the counselling and guidance about the lost childhood in the covid period. We will further planning to organise a skill based course classes in the camp. There is need of proper hauling the educational system to make them more inclusive keeping in view of the slums community.

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