

**OPHTHALMIC CELL, DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES
PANAJI GOA**

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS

In Goa the National Programme for Control of Blindness was started in the year 1981 keeping in view the main objective to reduce blindness incidence from 1.10% to 0.30% by year 2020, this programme is now incorporated in to the Primary Care component of the health subject along with other programmes.

The Directorate of Health Services implements the National Programme for Control of Blindness to render ophthalmic service at three levels.

1. At the Primary Level it renders services through the Primary Health Centre and Community Health Centres along with its peripheral network.
2. At the Secondary Level through the referral units mainly the District Hospitals, at Asilo Hospital, Mapusa & Hospicio Hospital, Margao.
3. At Tertiary Level through Goa Medical College Hospital, Bambolim.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

1. Reduction in cases of Blindness from 1.10% to 0.3% by 2010
2. Implementation and follow up of Vision 2020 guidelines.
3. Elimination of all backlogs of cataract operations by 2010.
4. Complete elimination and prevention of Vitamin "A" deficiency by 2010.
5. Check up all school going children for refractive errors and other eye defects and providing free spectacles to needy patients.
6. Providing free eye check up and free IOL operations to the poor cataract patients.

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Achievement at glance

Sr. No.	particulars	2008-09	2009-10	Achievement Up to November 2010
1.	Patients Examined	76784	95680	67866
2.	Cataract Opt. IOL Performed	7226	7662	4682
3.	Glasses Prescribed	15477	18401	13037
4.	Cataract Detected	5110	5365	4266

School Health Report:-

Sr. No.	particulars	2008-09	2009-10	Achievement Up to November 2010
1.	Schools Examined	316	307	175
2.	Students Screened	21127	24881	15364
3.	Students With Refractive Error	931	1056	421
4.	Spectacles provided free to the students.	615	385	128

SPECIAL CATARACT DETECTION CAMPS:

Sr. No.	particulars	2008-09	2009-10	Achievement Up to November 2010
1	Camps Conducted	19	19	12
2	Patients Examined	2086	1797	1113
3	Cataract detected	343	829	358
4	Glasses Prescribed	205	218	196
5	Operative Camps	38	47	7
6	Patients Operated`	478	506	94

Eye camps Conducted:- .

Sr. No.	particulars	2008-09	2009-10	Achievement Up to November 2010
1	Camps Conducted	70	60	24
2	Patients Examined	8960	5634	2225
3	Cataract detected	1031	608	177
4	Glasses Prescribed	1943	1548	655