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Taking eye care to the unreached

ITANAGAR, Apr 5: Rinchin would have been blind for the rest of the life. He lives in the Shoktzen, a village on Indo-China border. His place is devoid of basic eye care services. He was suffering from bilateral total cataract. The free Mega Eye camp organized by Voluntary Health Association of India Lumla, Primary health centre, in collaboration with District Blindness Control Society, Tawang and Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar came as a boon for him. He was operated in the camp and the next day could see



the world again. It was a life reborn, a joy unfathomable.

The Free Mega Eye camp was organized from March 28 to 31 at VHAI Primary Health Centre, (Contd. P-3)

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(From P-1) Lumla, Screening of patients was done at Dudunghar, Zimithang and at Lumla on March 28 and 29 and surgery was done for operable cases on March 30 and 31.

In spite of torrid rain and cold conditions, huge number of patients turned up to avail the opportunity. In total 565 patients were screened and free medicines were dispensed. 86 refractive error patients were given free spectacles, the cost of which was born by VHAI Lumla PHC.

The medical team led by Dr. Lobsang Tsetim and Dr. T. Sorum, Ophthalmologist from Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar performed free operations on 39 patients of which 28 cases were cataract, operated by modern sutureless technique with intraocular lens implantation. Other surgeries performed were 3 squint, 1 trabeculectomy (glaucoma surgery), 3 oculoplastic surgeries and 4 other minor surgeries. The intraocular lens used for the camp was donated by Loye Foundation, Arunachal Pradesh.

MLA Jambey Tashi, was the Chief Guest of the closing function of the camp held on March 31 and Lobsang Dorjee, ADC, Lumla was the Guest of the Honor.

MLA who was pleased with the good work being carried out by VHAI Lumla PHC and Ramakrishna Mission Hospital Itanagar promised to extend all his help and support.

The department of Ophthalmology of Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar has been carrying out routine outreach surgical camps in difficult areas of various districts of the state and also in Assam. In doing so it is taking a major role in reducing the burden of blindness in the state.