



Celebrate This **Independence Day** by
Pledging to **Donate Your Eyes**

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Independence Day



- Day to express our gratitude
- Day to bind together as One Nation
- Day to do something good for the people around
- But mostly.. We don't find a mode to express ourselves..



What are You doing on this independence day?



Some people live only in Darkness

- 1) **1.5%** of the population are unnecessarily blind
- 2) **25%** live below the poverty line
- 3) **2.5 million** children are suffering, including those who don't have the correct spectacles
- 4) **32%** are under 15
- 5) **60%** of blind children will not make it to adulthood. A cumulative economic loss to India's GNP of US\$11.1 billion
- 6) **75%** live in rural areas
- 7) There are **12,000** ophthalmologists in the country but the majorities of them live and work in the urban areas
- 8) **40%** live in rural areas in Central & Northern India where there is little access to quality eye care services

You Can Show Them Light

- Pledge to Donate Your Eyes..
- As you will move on from a Journey from this world to the next, give someone a chance to see the beautiful world..
- Express Your care in the most beautiful way
- Give a whole new meaning to Independence day in your life.

A Little Time a Little Care

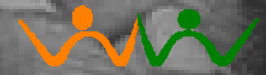
- All you need to do is register as eye donors.
- Stand up and give all a chance to share.
- No money, no time..
- One mail is enough to get you registered.
- The best eye banks to choose from.
- All that is required is a little initiation..



Eyes are beautiful



Will you share?



Please register as Eye donors at www.sankalpindia.net Pass on the message. Give few people a chance to Pledge their eyes. What could be a more beautiful way of celebration our Independence and Expressing our care.

Thank You!
Jai Hind!

Who? What? How?



Who can donate eyes?

Any person can be an eye donor, WEARING GLASSES AND AGE of the person make no difference. Persons younger than 18 years must have the authorization of the parents or guardian.

Who will benefit from Eye Donation?

An estimated 3 million people who are blind due to corneal diseases are eligible for corneal transplantation.

How Will the Donated eyes be used?

After the eyes are acquired, the eyes will be processed by the Eye Bank and supplied to the eye specialists who will transplant the corneal tissue into the eye of a person blinded by corneal disease.

What part of the donated eye is useful?

All parts of the eye are useful. The corneal (front portion) of the eye is used for transplantation. The other parts are used for Retinal Reattachment surgery and important research NO EYES ARE WASTED

What is the role of whole eye transplantation?

At present the whole eye cannot be used for transplantation. Only the corneal tissue is transplanted.

How do I donate my eye?

Discuss your desire with your relative and instruct them to inform the nearest Eye-Bank in the event of your death. Once death occurs in a family, call must be made to the nearest eye bank immediately. The donor need not be taken to the eye bank. The team comes and removes the eyes without disfiguring the face. Five ml. Blood is drawn from the donor to test for AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, Rabies, septicemia, leukemia or any other infectious diseases.

What are the problems of disfigurement after eye donation?

Donation of eyes does not produce disfigurement.

What are the expenses the family has to bear for donation of eyes?

It is against Medical ethics to buy or sell donated eyes.

What is the role of Religion in Eye Donation?

All major religious faiths approve of and support donation of eyes for the restoration of sight.

What support does the Eye bank need from the individuals in the community?

Aquaint others with this programme to Dispel Darkness and Spread the Light.