

Inauguration  
Asian Eye  
Hospital

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

There is a verse <sup>in</sup> ~~from~~ the Bhagwat Geeta, which says  
'NETRAM PRADHANAM SERVENDRIYANAM' of all the organs  
of the body, eyes are the main. <sup>सर्वे इन्द्रियाणाम्</sup> It is the precious gift given to  
~~the beings~~ by the almighty.

~~Therefore~~ It gives me immense pleasure to inaugurate  
the-Asian-Eye-Hospital-and-Laser-Institute- here, in Pune  
and Launch India's first <sup>लेजर</sup> Carl Zeiss (Germany) Next Gen <sup>जेन</sup>  
Refractiv <sup>कार्ब</sup> Suit <sup>सूट</sup> for <sup>लेजर</sup> Bladeless Laser-Vision-Correction (LASIK) <sup>लेसिक</sup>  
and Relex <sup>रेलेक्स</sup> SMILE. Medical science is rapidly growing and  
advancing. Research is being undertaken in many  
institutions all over the world, where scientists are focusing  
on developing new medicines, new ways to treat diseases  
and new techniques for the treatment, in the field of  
Ophthalmology. However, in the recent times there have  
been phenomenal advances in the field of diagnosis, and  
treatment of eye diseases. New techniques in eye care, like  
Lasik and refractive Surgery Clinic, advanced cataract and  
Lens Clinic, Retina and diabetic-Eye-Diseases-clinic,  
glaucoma clinic etc. <sup>and</sup> have revolutionized the approach to

eye diseases. I understand that Asian Eye Hospital and Laser-Institute have excellent departments like Lasik and vision correction clinic, cataract and Lens implant clinic and retina and diabetic eye disease clinic of International standards.

It is a super speciality eye care hospital with facility and technology at par with International reputed Hospitals, and adhering to International standards. I am very happy to know that Dr Vardhaman Kanakaria and his <sup>sweet temper</sup> wife Dr Shrutika Kaknaria have at such a young age, started aiming at such a adventurous project. It is said that Not failure, but low aim is crime.

do something big ~~and~~  
~~in life~~ and

I wish them all success! They have mentors of International fame, namely Prof. Pallikaris, a world reputed Ophthalmologist and who is the father of Lasik surgery, Prof. Yoo (USA) and Prof Harry Flynn to assist and guide them. <sup>I do compliment them for being here today a very good thing!</sup> I also understand that Asian Eye Hospital will be accessible to others Doctors also who wish to take advantage of the world class facilities available at Asian Eye Hospital for treating their patients also, without having to

put in huge investment. Hence indirectly it will be of great benefit to all patients at large who will have access to the best in eye care at affordable cost, and other Doctors with their expertise can get a good opportunity to make use of the latest technology.

The eye is not only the most beautiful but also delicate and the most important sensory organ of the human body. A window that connects you with the whole world! But unfortunately, in India, eye care is very much neglected and not treated till the disease becomes very serious. Moreover, <sup>there are</sup> ~~with~~ very few eye clinics and lack of general awareness regarding eye protection.

Doctors provide valuable healthcare to patients. Doctors have been considered almost demi-gods by their patients as they have the capacity to give new hope and, often, new life to their patients. ~~In general~~ <sup>However it must be always kept in mind that</sup> what the patients need is apart from treatment, a reassuring smile on the face of the Doctor, <sup>have</sup> you <sup>to</sup> not only take care of the eye of the patient, but <sup>h</sup> <sup>h</sup> have an eye for the patients. also

What do I mean by that?

A worried patient doesn't come only with his problem of eye. He comes with his doubts, fears, misgivings and uncertainty –as to how good must be the doctor? what will happen to his eye, whether the treatment would be helpful or not, whether the doctor will be careful and so on. If the doctor greets him with a smile and shows his concern and consoles the patient by <sup>his</sup> ~~being~~ gentle <sup>talk</sup> ~~to him~~ and by giving his assurance that full care will be taken and he need not worry. It gives the patient confidence that he is at right hands, where-by, his tension <sup>gets</sup> ~~is~~ released and he feels at ease to undergo the treatment. I can see that Dr Vardhaman and Dr Shrutika have that quality as God's gift. ~~Not only eye patient~~ <sup>This</sup> but it is true in case of all other patients. <sup>not only eye patients but</sup>

Similarly, the role of para-medical staff is very important. They are the silent workers who provide crucial support at all times. We should look at proper training facilities for them. They too are performing service to humanity and we must recognize the important role that they play.

I am happy to know that Asian Eye Hospital is ready to utilize their expertise and skills for the under privileged class also by starting a foundation namely, 'Kankariya Vision Foundation' and already have started 'Maan-Kanhaiya Trust' through which they have performed thousands of free cataract surgeries. Senior citizens are treated free of cost once a week. *Very good!*

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c. | In 2008, as President of India, I visited one of the leading NGOs in Aurangabad who are in the forefront about creating awareness of eye donation. Their main aim is to increase collection of eyes from all over the country and to educate the public about eye donation and prevention of corneal blindness. I understand that recently, the Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of Maharashtra have assured the Bombay High Court in writing that 202 municipalities, and 36 corporations of Maharashtra have been told to mandatorily seek consent for eye donation while issuing a medical death certificate. I hope Asian Eye Hospital and Laser Institute and all will also take initiative in this noble work and help the blind to see this beautiful

world.

A Yojana called 'Vivah Drishti Bhet Yojana' was initiated on World Women's day through which over 2000 girls were treated and got rid of their spectacles through free surgeries. I would encourage you to continue your good work and also call on others to follow this example where money is utilized for alleviating the pain and suffering of humankind.

In the end I would like to congratulate Dr Vardhaman Kankaria, a laser eye surgeon of international repute and Dr Shrutika Kankaria, who has specialised in Advanced medical retina, diabetic eye disease and a Cataract expert who are the back bone of this prestigious Institute. They have the blessing of their parents for ..... profession they have ~~invented from~~ their parents. I congratulation also for such a worthy son ~~in daughter~~ in law.

I am happy to say that they chose Pune for this International project with the aim, to make PUNE as a most sought-after eye care destination, of India and a top medical

tourism destination of Asia.

Once again I extend my congratulations and felicitations to both of them, other Doctors and Staff of Asian Eye Hospital and Laser Institute and wish them every success.

I am happy that पद्मविभूषण Dr. Sancheti, Dr Pallikaris who specially came from Turkey and all others who are present here to bless the young, hardworking energetic, devoted and hunble couple.

God bless

Thanks.