

# SATYA MANAV UTTHAN SANSTHAN

## Annual Report 2023-2024



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## Secretary's Message

It gives me immense pleasure to present the SMUS Annual Report for 2023-24, which provides a glimpse of what we did and achieved during the year through our synergized efforts. We made progress on several fronts. The annual report covers these in detail. This is a time for reflection, both on our accomplishments and also on the way forward for continued, swift, and sustainable transformation of lives and communities.



Like previous years this year too our regular eye work flourished. We also made progress both in terms of the geographical area of operation and on qualitative standards as well. Laxman Eye Hospital (LEH) which is functioning under the legal banner of SMUS has made all-around progress during the year. We successfully performed eye surgeries and distributed spectacles and also dealt with some very difficult emergency cases. To see a blind gain sight put new energy and encouraged us to move with solidarity with renewed zeal and commitment. More important, people are now beginning to understand the importance of caring for their own eye health and demand access to services, free from the weight of any social stigma.

The establishment of the S.L. Mary International School at Bangra Hardas in Muzaffarpur has added a new dimension to SMUS. At S.L. Mary International School, education is based on conscience to rear a breed of young minds with self-confidence and ever ready to take up challenges in life.

Taking the opportunity of this moment, I express my heartfelt gratitude to our donors; well-wishers, and our team members because they are the actual pillars of our success.

Thanking you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature reads "Thakur Dharmendra Prasad Singh".

Thakur Dharmendra Prasad Singh  
Secretary

# ANNUAL REPORT

## ◆ Genesis

Satya Manav Uthhan Sansthan (SMUS) is an NGO functioning in different districts of Bihar since 2002. SMUS is promoted by a group of active and committed social activists and social workers for the promotion of a just and equal society. SMUS is registered under the Society Registration Act in 2003 and under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act in 2010.

## ◆ Vision

To establish a just and progressive society based on the values of equality, fraternity, and mutual help.

## ◆ Mission

To educate, organize and empower the rural poor for achieving social justice, economic growth, and self-reliance.

## ◆ Core Values

- Participatory development approaches.
- Mutual sharing of ideas and information and
- Faith in knowledge and capacity of the poor and marginalized.

## ◆ Legal Status

- Society Registration: Registration No. 396 dated 26.07.2003. Registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860 by I.G. Registration, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
- FCRA Registration: Registration No. 031140091 dated 24.12.2010. Registered under the FCR Act, 1976 by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.<sup>1</sup>
- Income Tax Registration: Registration No. 4213-14 dated 23.10.2008. Registered under Section 12 (A) and Section 80 (G) of the Income Tax Act, 1976.
- Permanent Account Number: AACAS504671.
- Niti Aayog Unique ID Number: BR/2017/0168947.

## ◆ Governing Board

Sl. No.	Name	Sex	Designation
1.	Krishnandan Pandey	Male	President
2.	Thakur Dharmendra Prasad Singh	Male	Secretary
3.	Sangita Singh	Female	Treasurer
4.	Ajay Kumar	Male	Member
5.	Arpana	Female	Member
6.	Hari Kishor Ram	Male	Member
7.	Rakesh Kumar Singh	Male	Member

## ◆ Target Groups

Women, children, aged, youth, disabled, and blind belonging to the poor and underprivileged sections of society.

Registration valid till 2028

◆ **Area of Operation**



State	District Coverage	Block Coverage	Panchayat Coverage	Village Coverage
Bihar	Muzaffarpur	16	387	1811
	Sheohar	5	53	207
	Samastipur	14	182	558
	Vaishali	11	142	362
	Sitamarhi	16	232	812
	Darbhanga	18	324	1251
	Madhubani	12	162	613
<b>Total</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>5,614</b>

◆ **Infrastructure & Human Resources**

SMUS has a well-equipped and spacious registered office at Nazirpur, P.O. Shekhpur, Via: Ramna in Muzaffarpur and an administrative office is at Zero Mile, Akharaghat Road (Laxman Eye Hospital Premises) in Muzaffarpur district in Bihar. These offices are equipped with all basic facilities like phone, fax, computers, and internet along with meeting halls and libraries.

The branch offices of SMUS are based in Sheohar, Darbhanga, Vaishali, Madhubani, Sitamarhi, Samastipur, East Champaran & West Champaran districts in Bihar. SMUS has a committed and devoted team of 80 personnel (professionals, social workers, and social activists), who are involved in our programs and activities with sincerity and commitment.

◆ **Our Auditor**

B.K. Pandey and Co.  
Kankarbagh, Patna, Bihar

◆ **Our Bankers**

For National Fund	For FC Fund
1. Oriental Bank of Commerce, Muzaffarpur	1. State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch, Sansad Marg, New Delhi
2. Bank of India, Muzaffarpur	2. Oriental Bank of Commerce, Muzaffarpur
3. Bank of Baroda, Muzaffarpur	
4. State Bank of India, Sheohar	

## PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR

### ◆ HEALTH PROGRAMS

(1) **Eye Surgeries under Laxman Eye Hospital:** Bihar, one of the poorest Indian states, has a population of 104 million - of which approximately 700,000 people are blind in both eyes. The number of blind people in Bihar is increasing by approximately 100,000 each year. Bihar also lags in all aspects of development facing poverty and illiteracy and lacks basic infrastructures like electricity, roads, housing, and hospitals. In Bihar, eye care services are inadequate and a large number of ophthalmologists in the state are unskilled. The Government is doing its best but the enormity of the task makes it imperative that support comes from all quarters. The policymakers have so much to do that blindness has taken a backseat. Poverty and blindness are co-related. Most of the blinds in Bihar have monthly family incomes below Rs.1000. People are very ignorant about eye care. Cataract is an old age problem and Vitamin A deficiency is prevalent in large numbers here. Each household that has a blind patient faces a loss of income and completes the cycle. The situation is grave and the people in Bihar are suffering from different eye problems like cataracts, refractive error, corneal blindness, and glaucoma.

Since its inception, SMUS has been working effortlessly for blindness control by establishing "Laxman Eye Hospital" (LEH) functioning since 2010 at Akharagahat (Zero Miles) in Muzaffarpur, Bihar with the purpose of rendering quality and timely ophthalmic services to the rural poor of Bihar. The hospital is spread over 19,000 sq. ft. supported by an experienced team of trained technical and non-technical persons to render qualitative services with the spirit of dedication and sincerity to eye patients.

Supported by Second Sight, London, we at Laxman Eye Hospital are dedicated to the cause of cataract blindness eradication of the poor and marginalized people of North Bihar. LEH with the support of Second Sight, London successfully organized eye camps in Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Madhubani, Samastipur, and Vaishali districts in Bihar by undertaking door-to-door screening and identifying the persons having cataracts. The identified persons with cataract problems were brought to LEH and eye surgeries were performed on them after necessary tests. SMUS believes that no one should suffer from blindness because they cannot afford the cost of treatment so the operations and other facilities like fooding and lodging, medicines, and dark glasses were provided to the patients free of cost.

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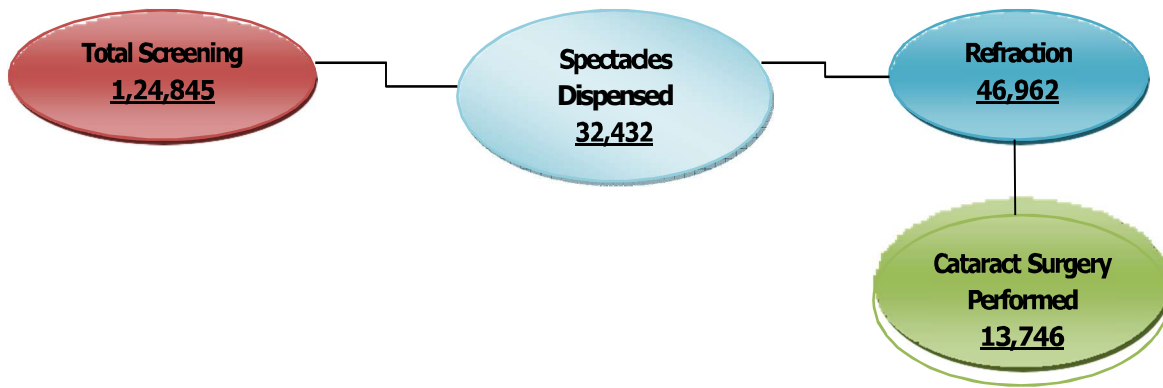
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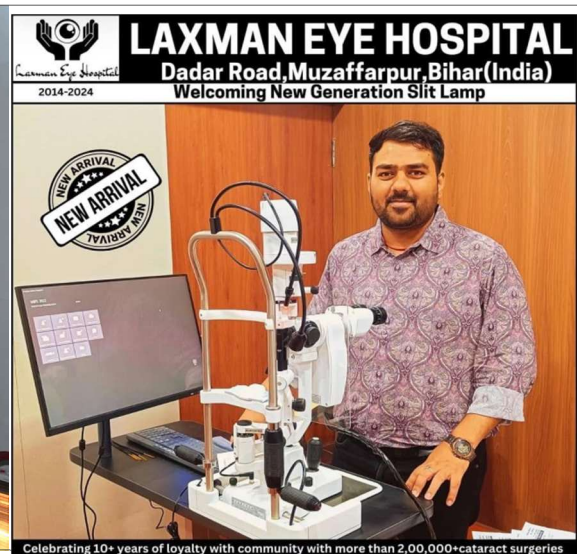
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## ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023-2024



### Overall Achievements

1. Visit of International Doctors at LEH.
2. Free eye screening for Diabetic Retinopathy patients.
3. Installation of solar power at LEH. SMUS is the first eye hospital in Muzaffarpur with an alternative energy source.
4. Vitamin tablets distributed. Districts covered Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Vaishali, and Sheohar.
5. Eye Surgery for Ayushman Bharat & Second Sight, London.
6. Republic Day celebration at LEH.



- (2) **Running Vision Centers:** Cataracts and uncorrected refractive errors are the most common causes of blindness and low vision in general. Since communities living in rural areas of Bihar do not have access to eye services so it is important to provide them with eye care services (preventive, curative, and rehabilitative) through vision centers. Under LEH, vision centers are established in Muzaffarpur, Sheohar, Darbhanga, Madhubani, and Vaishali districts in Bihar so that people may receive quality eye care at the right time. Our vision centers are equipped with basic ophthalmic equipment and managed by well-trained ophthalmic



technicians. So far, these vision centers have attended more than 30,000 patients and played a major role in restoring sight.

- (3) **Awareness Camps and Cultural Shows:** Many eye-related problems in Bihar go unnoticed because people are not aware of them. To reduce this problem, SMUS organized periodic Awareness Camps in its operational districts in Bihar informing and sensitizing the masses about the importance of eye care and avoiding preventable blindness. Cultural shows in the form of street plays, painting competitions, and puppet shows were organized periodically by SMUS. Through these events, we were successful in reaching out to the masses that blindness should be eliminated one day. Wall writings were also put up in the local vicinity to attract local service users.
- (4) **Paramedical staff training on Cataract Counselling:** There are many possible complications of cataract surgery, and it is impossible to be absolutely exhaustive under the time constraints in a busy clinic session. However, certain essential information must be provided to the cataract patient prior to surgery. Patients should know what cataract surgery will involve, from the preoperative assessment, type of anesthesia, and intraoperative procedures, to the postoperative recovery period.

The training was conducted with the support of Ajanta Pharma Limited at Muzaffarpur was of immense benefits for the paramedical staff.

◆ **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**S.L. Mary International School:** “S.L. Mary International School” is a unique secondary residential school from Play to Class VIII run by SMUS at Bangra Hardas in Kurhani block in Muzaffarpur district in Bihar. The school has strength of more than 1,000 students. At S.L. Mary International School, education is based on conscience to rear a breed of young minds with self-confidence and ever ready to take up challenges in life. The campus, sports, and academic facilities at the schools all bear testimony to this effort.



## **Salient Features & Achievements**

- > Received NOC from Govt. of Bihar and affiliated with CBSE.
- >Transport facility and availability of hostels for boys and girls.
- >Positive environment for children's growth.
- >Mango tree plantation drive initiated by the efforts of students and teachers.
- >Science exhibition and food fest successfully held in the school. Various science models were presented by students that included smoke absorbers, rainwater harvesting, and smart city.
- > The school has completed the road construction and connected the school to the main village. We are thankful to Shri Devesh Chandra Thakur, Chairman of Bihar Legislative Council for supporting the construction with a donation of Rs. 20 Lakh from his development fund.
- > Central Teacher Eligibility test successfully conducted by the school.
- >Play facilities for badminton and volleyball courts and a swimming pool was promoted.
- > Horse riding was also organized.

### ◆ **OTHER NEED BASED PROGRAMS**

(1) **Support to Poor Students:** In Bihar, the dropout rates in government schools for innumerable reasons have been one of the primary concerns in achieving its literacy targets. Along with endemic poverty and social Inequality, education remains inaccessible for many children in Bihar. One of the key reasons that have come to light was the issue of affordability. The families were not able to afford the basic things needed for their children's education, such as books, stationery, etc.

Every year, SMUS supports poor students from school to college levels who are not in a position to continue their education because of financial hardship. In 2023-24, 30 poor students were supported for education in Muzaffarpur, Sheohar, and Sitamarhi districts in Bihar.



(2) **Distribution of Cloth and Blankets:** In 2023-24, SMUS team distributed warm clothes and blankets to 40 poor people during the winter season and relief materials were provided to 25 families.

(3) **Vocational Training Program:** SMUS always believes that functional ability is essential to ensure sustainable income generation. Poverty elimination is closely related to unemployment eradication and employment can never be generated without proper skill training. In 2023-24, SMUS conducted vocational training in trades like Tailoring, Computer, Beautician, Two Wheeler Repairing, and Mobile Repairing for 110 poor and unemployed males and females of Muzaffarpur and Sheohar districts in Bihar. All trained persons are now earning a sustainable income and progressing in life.



- (5) **Yoga Awareness Program**: Yoga is a physical, mental, and spiritual practice or discipline which originated in ancient India. However, to date, there is no systematic effort made to understand various aspects of Yoga in life. A 3-day training program was conducted by SMUS at Marwan and Musahari blocks in Muzaffarpur district benefitted 160 people in understanding the importance of yoga in for a healthy life.
- (6) **Solid Waste Management Program**: The increasing volume and complexity of waste associated with the modern economy are posing a serious risk to ecosystems and human health. It presents the fastest-growing challenge in both developed and developing countries. Poor waste management - ranging from non-existing collection systems to ineffective disposal -causes air pollution, water, and soil contamination. Open and unsanitary landfills contribute to the contamination of drinking water and can cause infection and transmit diseases. The dispersal of debris and garbage pollutes ecosystems and puts a strain on the environment.  
A 2 day awareness program conducted at Kurhani, Muzzafarpur covered all this aspects in details.

