

## PM inaugurates state-of-the-art R Jhunjunwala Sankara Eye Hospital in Varanasi

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In pursuit of providing world-class eye care treatment to all people, Sankara Eye Hospital, one of India's leading eye care service providers in the country with the support of the prominent investor Rakesh Jhunjunwala Family and Sankara Eye Foundation, USA launched the R Jhunjunwala Sankara Super Specialty Eye Hospital in Varanasi.

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji inaugurated the hospital in the presence of Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel; Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and other dignitaries.

The Varanasi hospital is Sankara's 14th in the country and will undertake 30,000 free eye surgeries every year for the poorest patients. The establishment of the hospital assumes significance as the legendary Southern India (Tamil Nadu)-based Kanchi Kamakoti Medical Trust, which supports Sankara Eye Hospital, infuses itself into the highly revered, historical-cultural city of Varanasi.

This world class eye care facility, which has been set an investment of around Rs 110 crore, has capacity to perform 30 k surgeries, 9 operation theatres among many other facilities. To ensure the viability of its operations as well as help the poorest in eye care and treatment, the hospital will function on a cross-subsidization model (75:25 model) wherein the income from paying patients (25% of our beneficiaries will subsidize the costs of free surgeries of 75% of the beneficiaries) for those in need.

In Uttar Pradesh, the hospital will serve districts including Varanasi, Ghazipur, and Prayagraj, with plans to expand to neighboring states.