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Leading young ones to light

Eye institute performs surgery on visually challenged children who hail from BPL families

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RAJAHMUNDRY: Two infants, one seven months old and another two and half years, will have their eyesight restored after a surgery in an service-oriented Eye Institute here on Friday. Goutami Eye Institute has been performing surgeries on children who hail from below-poverty-line families.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, the Executive Director K. Madhu and Dr. Madhavi said 7-month-old Balarsri, had trouble with eyesight at birth. Her parents, M. Veerabhadram and Samrajyam of Papitipalli in Khammam district, who are agriculture labourers, took her to Hyderabad thrice for treatment but they could not afford surgery. The couple later approached the institute. Cataract surgery was performed on the baby soon. Her vision will be restored in one month.

Two-and-a-half year old Chintakula, of Kakinada, underwent surgery on February 5 this year. Her father, C. Satyanarayana, said that the baby could recognise the family now. Doctors here will operate upon a brother and sister on Saturday. L. Sowjanya and L. Sanjeev, 13 and 10 years re-



NEW LIFE: Balarsri with her mother and Dr. Madhavi who operated upon the seven-month-old for cataract.

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spectively, were born blind. They arehyms from Indrapalem, Kakinada.

The record

According to Mr. Madhu, the executive director, out of 19 lakh children

in East Godavari, 11,000 suffer from eye diseases and need immediate treatment. He said that they would conduct eye tests for all children in Government and municipal schools in Rajahmundry and also other parts of the district.