

# GEI a boon to the poor

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Rajahmundry, July 14: Goutami Eye Institute (GEI), set up in 2005, has been providing free medical aid to some sections of the poor and on concession to the white card-holders.

Old-age pensioners, widowed pensioners, physically challenged people and leprosy patients will be treated free of cost including the cataract surgeries. The white card holders should pay an amount of Rs 20 towards consultation fee. Eye tests and cataract surgeries would be performed for which Rs 750 and Rs 1,200 will be charged.

As many as 75 beds would be allotted free of cost to the poor while fee will be charged for another 15. Latest equipment is available at the hospi-



Prasanna Kumar (9) who underwent Glaucoma 'Ahmed Valve Surgery' at Goutami Eye Institute in Rajahmundry.

al. GEI has organised 11 free eye camps and examined 3,400 patients and performed 820 cataract surgeries.

Speaking to TNIE, hospital medical director G Madhavi said a rare eye surgery of glaucoma 'Ahmed Valve Implantation' is available only at the hospital. She said she had performed 25 surgeries so far.

No one should suffer from blindness and we are trying to provide eyesight with latest equipment with international standards, she added. GIE secretary K Madhu said doctor Madhavi had performed 34,000 cataract surgeries in seven years.

GIE was in the forefront of providing eyecare to the people.

As many as 1.92 lakh people in the district would require cataract operations, he added.

## Take care of eyes, drivers told

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Rajahmundry, July 14: Goutami Eye Institute (GEI) secretary K Madhu has appealed to the drivers to take care of their eyes.

Participating in the SAFAR programme held on the premises of the Regional Transport Office today, he said the drivers should take rest for some time after every four

hours.

The persons above 40 years

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of age should test their eyes every year to avoid complications. He said GEI is ready to extend its help to the drivers in regard of eye care.

He said eye is an important organ of the body. Many

people are losing their eye sight, for not taking care of their eyes, he added.

Regional Transport Officer (RTO) M Mohana Rao advised the drivers to follow the guidelines given by the GEI secretary and get their eyes tested every year.

Motor Vehicle Inspector BSS Reddy, lorry owners' association leaders and many drivers attended.