

Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital

In the month of March 2012, Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital served 7,303 patients from 14 different mandals. These patients were drawn from 512 villages. A team comprising of 40 doctors and 36 paramedics rendered their services during the 12 days of the programme.

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March 2012 Programme – Highlights

- *Availability of super specialists, like Cardiologist, Nephrologist for varying periods, helped in expert advice being given for patients with intricate problems.*
- *Dr.Praveen, MD., DM, Senior Nephrologist from Narayana Medical College, Nellore was in service for three days. He examined patients pooled and specifically called, for consultation with him. Many diabetics with renal involvement were also examined by him. March being the 'World Kidney Month', he conducted a special session for other doctors of the Mobile Hospital, explaining to them the magnitude and causes of renal disease and the necessary preventive measures to be adopted, especially the discreet use of Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs). He also attended one of the community level health education programme at Siddirampuram village on 9th evening. Besides addressing the villagers on various aspects of renal problems in the community, he showed them an interesting documentary on the subject.*



It is a great good fortune to be able to love and serve the suffering humanity.

-- Sri Sathya Sai Baba

- The Obstetrics & Gynecology team screened 191 women as part of their Cervical Cancer screening service. 36 cervical biopsies and 3 pap smears were done and sent for histo-pathological examination. The histo-pathological reports of last month revealed Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia CIN-III changes in one patient and CIN-II changes, in two patients. The former underwent Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP) and the latter Cryo surgery. In addition reports of four patients of this month came as Carcinoma-in-Situ and these patients have been sent to Indo-American Cancer Centre in Hyderabad, through the 'Arogyasri' scheme of the Government. The block, slides and report were sent with the referral letter to ensure immediate treatment. The referred patients were received at the Railway station in Hyderabad and taken to the said hospital, by volunteers of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization, Hyderabad. The operating surgeons Dr.Susheela, MD., DGO and Dr.Madhuri, MD., DNB., MRCOG performed two surgeries on 5th March.
- The ENT team performed 3 surgeries including one difficult Mastoid Surgery. Dr.Rambabu, MS., an eminent ENT Surgeon of Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad was the operating surgeon.
- As part of screening for Retinopathy, 31 patients with Diabetes Mellitus underwent detailed ophthalmic examination. 4 of them were found to have early Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy (NPDR) and 2 had Proliferative Retinopathy. They have been referred to Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Prasanthi Gram for treatment.
- The surgical team performed 9 surgeries on 2nd & 3rd March at Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital, Prasanthi Nilayam which had spared its operation theatre and beds for the surgical team from the Mobile Hospital. It included two difficult thyroid surgeries and one case of carcinoma breast. Dr.Govinda Rao, M.S., a senior surgeon from Machilipatnam was the operating surgeon.
- Dr.Ramana Rao, MD, retired Professor of Dermatology who also served as Director of Medical Education; Andhra Pradesh had come to the Mobile Hospital for service, for the first time. He was very impressed and happy and expressed his desire to come frequently. It is a matter of concern that four new cases of leprosy were diagnosed. The current strategy of 'Passive Surveillance' followed by the State health authorities perhaps, needs to be reviewed.
- Health Education was done extensively at different times using audio-visual tools, covering a variety of subjects. Special sessions were conducted for patients with Diabetes Mellitus on the importance of "Oral Hygiene" in ensuring good glycemic control.

Regard this hospital as yours. This exists for your sake. Anyone is free to come to the hospital and seek relief.

-- Sri Sathya Sai Baba