Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital

In the month of April 2012, Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital served 6,694 patients from 14 different mandals. These patients were drawn from 482 villages. A team comprising of 42 doctors and 36 paramedics rendered their services during the 12 day programme.

April 2012 Programme – Highlights

- The service continues to draw some of the best of doctors in every specialty. Dr.Gowri, M.D., (Retd. Professor & HoD, Osmania Medical College) an eminent Dermatologist and Dr.Ravinder, M.S., M.ch., a Senior Cardio Thoracic Surgeon of Gandhi Hospital, Hyderabad were part of the team and their availability was immensely helpful to the patients.
- Addition of Hematology Analyser (cell counter) to the pathology lab of the mobile enhanced the diagnostic services being provided by the programme. The utility of this analyser towards treatment of patients with viral fever who experience lower platelet counts is significant since this condition could be now accurately detected.

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- The Obstetrics & Gynecology team screened 111 women as part of their Cervical Cancer screening service. 24 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-III changes, in two patients. The former underwent Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP) and the latter Cryo surgery. In addition reports of three patients 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. Bhavani, DGO performed three surgeries on 2th April.
- The ENT team performed 4 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, 26 patients with Diabetes Mellitus underwent detailed ophthalmic examination. Four of them were found to have early Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy (NPDR) and one had Proliferative Retinopathy. They have been referred to Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Prasanthi Gram for treatment.
- The surgical team performed 13 surgeries on 3rd & 5th of April 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 Parotid Pleomorphic Adenoma. Dr.Mohan Rao, M.S., a senior Surgeon from Vijayawada and Dr.Satish, M.S., FRCS, Asst. Professor in Anantapur Medical College were the operating surgeon.
- 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.

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