**Introduction:**

H.V. Desai Eye Hospital was established by the Poona Blind Men’s Association (PBMA) in Pune, Maharashtra, India in the year 2000. The institution is dedicated to provide quality surgical as well as non-surgical ophthalmological treatments without discriminating between free and paying patients. The hospital operates state-of-the-art eye care facilities in 6 districts in Maharashtra, and performs 38,000 surgeries every year.

**About Pune Blind Men’s Association (PMBA)**

PBMA is a charitable organisation established in Pune in 1960, which aims at providing socio-economic rehabilitation to the blind.

**Why H.V. Desai Eye Hospital?**

The hospital is known for its excellence in service delivery with a team of highly experienced eye surgeons known for their skills for performing several eye surgeries, such as topical, toric, and multifocal Phaco surgery with foldable lenses, squint correction, glaucoma, keratoplasty, vitrectomy, oculoplasty and LASIK eye surgery, to name a few. In addition, it offers paediatric eye care and ROP management for premature babies.

Since its inception, H.V. Desai Eye Hospital has examined 42.80 lakhs patients in OPD and performed around 5.08 lakhs eye surgeries, of which were performed 70% free of cost for the needy. In 2018 alone, the hospital performed 33,559 eye surgeries and examined 469,000 cases at its facility based in Pune.

This institute has been recognized as a leader in community eye care in Western India. It strongly advocates Vision 2020 strategies. The research studies conducted by the institute have received appreciation from the national as well as international community. The institute has collaborations with various national and international organizations such as ORBIS, Seva Foundation, CBM, Sightlife, etc.

**Training Programs & Skill Transfer**

In addition to eye care, the hospital also conducts short-term and long-term fellowship programs that help practicing ophthalmologists upgrade their skills. Under the skill transfer program, the hospital has trained over 600 ophthalmologists nominated by the Government of India, as well as private ophthalmologists from India and abroad.