



Ophthabuzz

Congratulations!!! Congratulations!!! Congratulations!!!

Members of OSWB make their presence felt
at American Academy of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting 2008

Dr. Samar Basak wins the AAO achievement award. Nine participants from West Bengal... Many scientific presentations and awards in the bag.

It was a glittering performance by the members of OSWB at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology held at Georgia World Congress Center at Atlanta between 7th and 11th November 2008. Members of OSWB are participating routinely at American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) conference for the last few years. It was an extraordinary performance this year. We take pride for the awards won and compliments achieved by the delegates from West Bengal. Nine delegates from West Bengal were Dr. P. K. Bakshi, Dr. Samar Basak, Dr. Shyamal Pandey, Dr. Amitava Biswas, Dr. Chandrima Paul, Dr. Sanjay Thakur, Dr. Saurav Sanyal, Dr. T. K. Sinha and Dr. Partha Mandal.

It is with great pride that we announce that our own Dr. Samar Basak has been crowned with AAO achievement award. At present he is the only one from eastern India with this achievement.

What is AAO achievement award? An ophthalmologist earning a minimum of ten points is entitled for this award in the next annual meet of AAO. For a presentation in one category, a delegate wins one point. More than one presentation in a single category can earn only one point in a year and so a delegate has to contribute in different categories to earn more than one point. There is a maximum limit of three points earned in whatever way it may be in one academic year. There are also other ways to earn points like doing five journal reviews in a year can earn one point or publication of article in AAO journal can earn one point.

Dr. Samar Basak had many scientific deliberations and achievements at Atlanta as follows:

- **“Best Video Award”** entitled- “Late Secondary Angle Closure Glaucoma Following Descemet Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty and Its Management”.
- **International Ophthalmologist Education Award-2008**
- **Poster:** entitled - “Periodic Endothelial Cell loss in Descemet Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty: *in First 110 Cases*”.
- **Free Paper (Glaucoma):** entitled - “Late Secondary Angle Closure Glaucoma Following Descemet Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty”.
- **Instruction Course (Co-instructor):** High Risk Keratoplasty Comprehensive Strategy for the Management of PCR (with or without Vitreous Disturbance) by the Anterior Segment Surgeons



Dr. Samar Basak with Award at AAO



Dr. Saurav Sanyal with his poster

Dr. Saurabh Sanyal presented a poster : "Centurion syndrome --- a simple surgical challenge".

Dr. Chandrima Paul presented a poster : "OCT plays a decisive role in glaucoma suspects".

Dr. Partha Mandal presented a poster : "Risk factors for failures of conservative management in chronic synechial angle closure". This was recognized as a 'Star' poster.

Editorial

Welcome to the inaugural issue of **Ophthabuzz** - OSWB's new baby, the official newsletter. This is a happy and exciting moment for us to be able to serve the first issue to you. This baby is yours and it is your responsibility to nurture it and look after its well being for a steady growth.

A lot has been happening in the ophthalmic fraternity in our state of West Bengal, in our country and all around the globe in general. While some of us are keen and fortunate enough to keep ourselves updated in the latest buzz in the ophthalmic community, several others, especially our friends working in remote districts lack the opportunity.

Ophthabuzz is simply a humble effort on the part of OSWB to bridge this yawning gap and actively inform all the members about the recent happenings in the ophthalmic circle. "Sharing is Joy", they say, and we are here to share all the interesting events and achievements of the fraternity.

Inspiring features, like 'Ophthalmologist scales Mt. Everest', which narrates much more about the ophthalmologist as a person rather than his achievements in ophthalmology will be a regular feature for an interesting and exciting reading during your leisure times.

'Participation improves the performance' and Ophthabuzz shall flutter with joy to utilise your participation in full scale. If you have any kind of news which concerns ophthalmology or ophthalmologists or anything that you would like to share with us all, please come forward and be an active part of our team of reporters. We are just a phone call away. We would encourage every kind of news, happy or sad, scientific or non scientific and try and reach it to our members. But it should have something to do with ophthalmology or ophthalmologists. After all we are one big family!

An enormous effort has been exerted to make Ophthabuzz see the light of the day. Your evaluation shall surely lift it to the zenith of perfection. Please tell others about the things you liked in this issue and do not hesitate to give us a feedback on areas where you felt we could have done a better job. We value and welcome your suggestions. So please come forward with your opinions and advices. Ophthabuzz is here to stay...come and be a part of it.



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President's Message



"It gives me immense pleasure to announce the launch of 'NEWSLETTER' of our society. The previous effort of newsletter 'EYESPEAK' failed to maintain regularity because of fewer contribution of article from the members of our society. This is an unique effort and a significant step towards right direction.

Good wishes to every member and the family for a Happy New Year. Please do contribute with brief interesting case reports etc.

All members of Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal are requested to get registered as 'Delegate' for All India Ophthalmological Conference, 2010 : I CON 2010. Delegate fee Rs. 2500/-."

New Executive Committee of OSWB Takes Charge

29th October 2008 at OSWB Office

The results of the Election of OSWB office bearers



and members (held on 26.06.2008) were officially declared at the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October, 2008 during the XXXIX Annual State Conference at Netaji Eye

Hospital, Ramchandrapur, Purulia. The next ceremonial event was slated for the 29th October, 2008 (Wednesday) at 2-30 p.m at the OSWB office. The new Executive Committee took over the charge from the outgoing committee under the Presidentship of Dr. Gautam Bhaduri.

The outgoing Hony. Secretary Dr. Anita Banerjee handed over the charge along with relevant documents to the incoming

Hony. Secretary Dr. Ashis Kr. Bhattacharya. Dr. Ranjan Choudhury, the incoming Hony. Treasurer was appraised of the financial situation of the



Society by the outgoing Hony. Treasurer Dr. Sugata Nandi Ray. Almost all the new Executive Committee members were present during this ceremony. The Hony. Secretary and the incoming



committee members pledged to work together wholeheartedly to take OSWB to greater heights keeping in mind the views, demands and suggestions of all its members.

Commendable achievements by the members of OSWB at the ESCRS Congress 2008

A good number of OSWB members participated and contributed to the scientific deliberations and won awards at the XXVI Congress of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons held at ICC (International Congress Centrum), Berlin, Germany from 13th to 17th September 2008.

The trend is very much encouraging that a good number of people from West Bengal are now participating in international conferences and also making their presence palpable by winning several awards. OSWB takes pride to serve the prestigious news. This year, in September 2008, a good number of seven ophthalmologists from West Bengal presented their delegation at the 26th Congress of ESCRS at Berlin. They were Dr. Kajal Ghosh, Dr. P. K. Bakshi, Dr. Samar Basak, Dr. Nandini Ray, Dr. Suven Bhattacharjee, Dr. Ajoy Paul and Dr. Chandrima Paul.



Dr. Ajoy Paul

Dr. Samar Basak won the best video award in the special category: "Late Secondary Angle-Closure Glaucoma Following Descemet-Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty and Its Management." He also presented two free papers: "DSEK-Overall results in first 110 cases" and "Prophylactic Intracameral Vigamox - to prevent bacterial endophthalmitis."

Dr. Suven Bhattacharjee had a multifaceted participation as follows:

1. Chief Instructor of the instruction course: 'Subluxated IOLs - Relocating techniques'.
2. Wet-lab Instructor: 'Basic Suturing techniques'.
3. Free Paper: 'Emerald T Unfolder, Emerald C cartridge and methylcellulose - safety and efficacy in delivering the Sensar AR40e IOL'.
4. Video: 'Bhattacharjee's Genie - It's a chopper, converts to a spatula and injects OVD too!'
5. Poster: 'Effect of Injector rotation during IOL unfolding on capsulo zonular stress and ease of implantation - its clinical relevance'



Dr. Chandrima Paul

Dr. Ajoy Paul also contributed in multiple areas:

1. Co instructor in the instruction course: Course Title was "Microphaco in White and Supra hard Cataract".
2. Three Videos:
 - "The Agony and the Ecstasy : Phacoemulsification in Ectopia Lentis" in the Prestigious "Video Symposium on challenging cases". It was chosen among the first 12 from hundreds of videos from all over the world.



Dr. Samar Basak receives the Best Video Award from Paul Rosen

- "On the Rocks: Bimanual Microphaco in Hard Cataract"
 - "Taming of the Shrew: Phacoemulsification in small pupil"
- The last two were selected for the Competitive Category.

Dr. Chandrima Paul presented three scientific papers as follows:

1. Retinal nerve fibre layer loss by Optical Coherence Tomography is the earliest indicator of Primary Open Angle Glaucoma.
2. Central Corneal Thickness can redefine the Target Intra Ocular Pressure.
3. Comparative efficacy of Travoprost versus Latanoprost in controlling the diurnal curve of Intraocular pressure in Normal Tension Glaucoma.

Ophthalmologist scales Mt. Everest

An inspiring life to take pride as an Ophthalmologist



Dr. Geoffrey Tabin of USA climbed the East face of Everest on 2nd October 1988 and inflated the ego of the Ophthalmologist community in the world. Dr. Tabin, born on 3rd July 1956 not only has scaled the top of the world, he ranks 8th in the list of mountaineers to have conquered 7 summits in climbing the highest points of all the seven continents.

Let's get it from "The Horse's" mouth:

"One passion leads to another....my interest in international medicine grew out of my passion for climbing. I was a dedicated rock and ice climber in college during the 1970s, with a focus on big-wall rock.

I was asked to join a team, funded by National Geographic, climbing the unexplored East Face off Mt. Everest. I dropped out of medical school, against the advice and went to Tibet. I had a great trip despite not making the top. I spent the rest of the year climbing and exploring and then reapplied to medical school. I graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1985 and started a residency in Orthopedic Surgery. During my third year, I was invited to join a team funded to get the first American woman to the top of Everest. Everyone I knew, including most of my climbing friends, said, "You can't quit your residency!" Everyone thought I'd be ruining my career, if not my life. But I quit and went to Nepal where I became the token boy who reached the summit along with the first two American women. I then worked as a general doctor in Nepal and saw so much preventable or treatable blindness that I was inspired to seek a residency in ophthalmology. I had found my passion in medicine."

| Dr. Geoffrey Tabin's 7 summit details: | |
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| Continent, Peak & Height | Summit date |
| Africa, Kilimanjaro, 19,340 feet | 17-02-1990 |
| Russia & Europe, Elbrus, 18,510 feet | 22-06-1990 |
| South America, Aconcagua, 22,841 feet | 07-01-1990 |
| North America, Mc.Kinley (Denali), 20,320 feet | 04-06-1989 |
| Antarctica, Vinson Massif, 16,050 feet | 14-12-1989 |
| Asia, Mt. Everest, 29,029 feet | 02-10-1988 |
| Australia New Guinea, Mt. Carstensz, 16,024 feet | 03-08-1980 |
| Australia, Mt Kosciuszko, 7,310 feet | 00-12-1988 |

Dr. Geoffrey Tabin is a cornea specialist and director of the International Ophthalmology Division at the Moran Eye Center. In addition to his work in Utah providing corneal, cataract and refractive care, Dr. Tabin is working to develop eye care delivery in developing countries as Co-Director of the Himalayan Cataract Project. Dr. Tabin has been selected to receive the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award in 2008 for his Himalayan Cataract Project. Dr. Tabin made climbing his hobby. One of his dreams was to complete the Seven Summits, the highest point on each continent.



Dr. Tabin returned to America as an ophthalmology resident at Brown University with a focus on becoming involved in international ophthalmology. After his residency, he continued onto a fellowship in corneal diseases and surgery with Professor Hugh Taylor, one of Fred Hollow's protégées. His major reason for choosing the fellowship in Australia was Professor Taylor's reputation in international ophthalmology and the opportunity to work with the Fred Hollow's Foundation in Nepal. During his fellowship year, he spent one month working with Dr. Ruit at cataract camps in the mountains. After his fellowship, Dr. Tabin returned to Nepal to help run the Golchha Eye hospital in southern Nepal and teach cataract surgery. Drs. Ruit and Tabin then developed a teaching program for extracapsular cataract surgery with lens implantation and formed the Himalayan Cataract Project.



Tilganga Eye Hospital, Kathmandu

The Himalayan Cataract Project strives to eradicate preventable and curable blindness in the Himalaya through high-quality ophthalmic care, education, and establishment of a sustainable eye care infrastructure.

Based in Asia at the Tilganga Eye Centre in Kathmandu, Nepal, the Project is empowering local physicians to alleviate the suffering caused by blindness through unique programs including skills-transfer education, cost-recovery, research, and the creation of a world-class network of eye care facilities.

On being contacted via e-mail by the Editor, Dr. Tabin responded as follows:

"Thank you very much. I will be honored to have you write about me in your news letter. Please let me know what more you would like from me. I know West Bengal well and have worked to help develop cataract care in Kalimpong."

A special message for all OSWB members from Dr. Tabin :

"Every eye is like a life. Everyone deserves to have the best possible surgery. Even the poorest of the poor can recognize a great result. We need to emphasize quality surgery, not simply quality"

With warm wishes,

Geoff

Acknowledgements:

Personal communication with Dr. Geoffrey Tabin

News letter of Tilganga Eye Hospital, Nepal

<http://www.cureblindness.org/who/tabin.html>

http://uuhs.utah.edu/MoranEyeCenter/patientcare/find_a_doctor/geoffrey_tabin.html

<http://www.everestspeakersbureau.com/geoffreytabin.htm>

http://7summits.com/info/stats2/index2.php?_d&familyname=Tabin

Seconds Mart

Following pre owned equipments are for sale at the residence cum clinic of late Dr. Haranath Chakraborty at NSB Road, Tarabangla, Raniganj, Burdwan.

- 1. Direct Ophthalmoscope - - - - - Two
- 2. Slit Lamp Biomicroscope - - - - - Two
- 3. Auto-Keratometer (Nidek) - - - - - One
- 4. Indirect Ophthalmoscope (Appa) - - - - - One
- 5. Schiottz Tonometer - - - - - Two
- 6. Phacoemulsification machine(AMO) - - - - - One
- 7. Yag Laser (Zeiss) - - - - - One

Please contact Ms. Arumita Chakraborty (Wife of late Dr. Haranath Chakraborty) for further detail. Ph: 0341-2445117

Disclaimer : This column is for selling or buying second hand Ophthalmology equipments for personal use. OSWB furnishes the information only and is no way responsible for any dispute related to the quality of equipments or transaction deal.

Please contact Dr. J. Bhunia / Dr. S. Home for your advertisement in the next issue.

Vacancy Board

Candidates are required for the following posts:

- 1. Dr. Debdas Mukhopadhyay at Malda needs optometrists for his clinic. Please dial 09434056307 for details.
- 2. Sunetra (Unnayan Complex Center, Survey Park, Kolkata – 700075) requires ophthalmologists and optometrists. Please contact Dr. Amitava Biswas at 9830559121.
sunetra@vsnl.com
- 3. Disha Eye Hospital, Hooghly at Sheoraphuli, needs ophthalmologists and optometrists. Please dial 033-26325111 for details.
dishahooghly@yahoo.co.in
- 4. Susrut Eye Hospital urgently needs ophthalmologists efficient in IOL surgery for Kolkata as well as their satellite centers at Baharampur and Kishanganj.
- 5. Railway Hospital requires 'Hony. Visiting Specialist' in ophthalmology. Please contact Dr. J. Bhunia at 9432002464.

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AIOC – 2010

The editor contacted Dr.Gautam Bhaduri, Organising Secretary of AIOC 2010 for the latest information regarding the arrangements of AIOC in Kolkata in 2010 for the benefit of the members of OSWB so that they could be kept informed about the developments. The Organising Secretary replied as follows:

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West Bengal are requested to get registered as 'Delegate' for All India Ophthalmological Conference, 2010 - I CON 2010. Delegate fee Rs. 2500/-."



Members of OSWB actively observe World Diabetes Day at several places... A commendable performance by the Community Ophthalmology Committee



OSWB's novel venture the first of its kind at Katwa Sub Divisional Hospital. Patients sing praises.



The patients and their relatives at Katwa S D Hospital had a unique experience for the first time in their lives. Dr. Sekhar Sarkar, an active member of OSWB, organized an awareness programme on

Diabetes on 14th November, 2008 in the OPD of the hospital at the conclusion of the outdoor clinic. A good number of about 70 patients and their relatives actively participated in the function. Dr. Sarkar mentioned about the importance of the day. Dr. J. K. Mandal (Physician), Dr. Tapas Sarkar (Surgeon), Dr. Asim Banerjee (Ophthalmologist), Dr. Subrata Ghosh (Ophthalmologist), Dr. B. N. Ghosh (ENT Specialist) and Dr. Manoj Mukherjee (Pediatrician) discussed on various aspects of Diabetes before the patients. The participating patients and their relatives were so impressed with the meeting that they requested the organizers to arrange for more such awareness programmes in the near future. The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sekhar Sarkar. Thank you Dr. Sarkar... that was a wonderful job done.



Durgapur unit celebrates World Diabetes Day



Kudos to Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Chatterjee for her dynamic effort in organizing the 'Diabetes and Eye Awareness Camp' at Durgapur under the aegis of OSWB on 14th Nov, 2008. Physicians and surgeons discussed the influence of life style on Diabetes and the importance of periodical eye check ups before the gathering. The speakers also highlighted the importance of Retinopathy in Diabetes.



OSWB observes World Diabetes Day at Serampore

Dr. Sunil Kumar Mandal, our active member organized an awareness programme on Diabetes at the Serampore Walsh S D Hospital, Hooghly on 14th November, 2008. A whole hearted participation by the patients and the employees of the hospital made the function a grand success. The function was staged in two phases. In the first phase, a lecture was arranged for the patients and their relatives at the eye OPD and in the next phase a meeting was arranged involving all categories of employees of the hospital. The meeting was held at the office of the Hospital Superintendent.



Both the meetings were chaired by Dr. Amarendra Sarkar, Physician superintendent of the hospital. He talked on the prevalence, cause and treatment of Diabetes. Dr. Sunil Mandal spoke on the effects of Diabetes on eye, importance of periodical eye check up and the retinal damage in Diabetes. Dr. Mandal, keep up the good show.

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Two day long activity at Namita Biswas Memorial Eye Hospital, Garia, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day

Dr. S. P. Chakrabarty, organized a function spanning two days to observe the World Diabetes Day. On 14th November, 2008, a community service was done by free eye check up of 42 patients,



Free blood sugar check up of 12 patients and fundus examination of 12 diabetic patients. A seminar was organized on 15th November for the common population at the hospital premises. Lectures were delivered on various eye affections in Diabetes. Thank you Dr. Chakrabarty for your untiring efforts.



OSWB at Madhyamgram on World Diabetes Day

Spectra Eye Foundation, Madhyamgram Chowmatha, observed World Diabetes Day on 14th November 2008, in its premises. Four consultants of this institution delivered speeches regarding ophthalmic complications of diabetes before a gathering of patients. Prevention and management of diabetic retinopathy was discussed along with an interactive session with the patients. OSWB's sincere thanks to four consultants Dr.Somnath Ghosh, Dr.Ananyabrata Das, Dr.Satyajit De & Dr.Moumita Roy.



OSWB, "World Diabetes Day" and Kolkata



The newly elected Executive Committee of OSWB observed the "World Diabetes Day" in conjunction with the first Academic meeting (2008-2009) on 22nd November 2008 at Hotel Golden Park, Kolkata. The programme, aptly called "A Date with Diabetes and the Eye" was a huge success as was reflected by more than 132 ophthalmologists attending the session. A presentation on World Diabetes Day prepared by International Diabetes Federation was screened before the august gathering marking the beginning of the evening's proceedings. The Chairman, Scientific Committee, Dr. B.K.Sarkar welcomed the delegates and introduced the speakers to the audience.

This was followed by scientific presentations by Dr. Partha Sarathi Chatterjee on "Key Issues and Newer Concepts in Diabetes Mellitus", Dr. Rupak Biswas on "Diabetic Retinopathy: Newer Classification and Aetiopathogenesis" and Dr. Sandip Mitra on "Management of Diabetic Retinopathy : Current Concepts".

This marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of OSWB. "Early Bird Prizes" were introduced for the first time and 25 'early birds' walked away gleefully with their prizes at the conclusion of the ceremony. A feedback protocol was also introduced and it will be continued in the days to come. The meeting concluded with a sumptuous

dinner courtesy Milmet. The response of the OSWB members was fantastic and their support and encouragement will provide us with impetus to frame our future programmes.

Facts & Figures

- World Diabetes Day was started by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and WHO. The day is celebrated on 14th November to mark the birthday of Fredrick Banting who along with Charles Best, was instrumental in the discovery of Insulin in 1922.
- India is on the top in the number of people with Diabetes (20-79 age group). In 2007 there were 40.9 million people with Diabetes in India which is likely to go up to 69.9 million in 2025.
- Over 250 million people live with Diabetes worldwide which is likely to reach 380 million in 2025.
- Every 10 seconds a person dies from diabetes related causes and two people develop diabetes.



— OBITUARY —

We have lost five of our members in the recent past

Dr. Sunil Bikash Pal. OSWB Membership No: P-325

Born: 27th March 1932

Expired: 26th September 2007

As a student of Calcutta Medical College, he completed his MBBS and DOMS from the same institute. Subsequently, he chose to serve the Indian Railways. Within the zone of Eastern Railway, he has worked in Danapur, Liluah, Asansol and ultimately retired from B R Singh Railway Hospital as Senior Medical Superintendent in the year 1990.

He was the secretary of the local body of ophthalmologists at Asansol under OSWB. An ardent lover and discussant of Bengali literature, Dr. Pal had arranged several 'Kobi Sammelans' at Asansol during his posting there at the Railway Hospital. His book of poems 'Hey Aakash Abagunthan Kholo' was well appreciated at that time. As an active social worker he has done a lot for the development of his native place Konnagar. His contribution has substantially improved the activities of Konnagar Public Library, Blood donation camps of Sammilani Club and the Charitable Dispensary of Shakuntala Kalimandir at Konnagar.

He is survived by his wife Ms. Pratima Pal and two sons Dr. Bhaskar Bikash, a gastroenterologist at Peerless Hospital and Dr. Dipankar, working in State Health Service at Dhaniakhali.

Dr. Haranath Chakraborty. OSWB Membership No: C-92.

Born: 16th February 1962

Expired: 23rd September 2008

He was an active personality since his student days. After achieving MBBS from Bankura Sammilani Medical College, he had opted to move away to Sitapur for his DOMS. He was a very popular figure in his friend circle at Aligarh Muslim University while studying for his MS in Ophthalmology. After postgraduation, he started his career at Lion's Eye Hospital, Raniganj. Later he decided to start practice on his own and developed a comprehensive eye clinic at NSB Road at Tarbangla, Raniganj. As an active social worker he was very popular amongst the poor people in the Rickshaw-puller and Mutia-majdur community for providing free consultation and help in their times of need. He used to provide free consultation in his clinic for the poor on 1st Thursdays of every month.

He played as a cricketer during his student life and used to sing in small gatherings too. He is survived by his wife Ms. Arumita Chakraborty, son, Debmalaya studying in class XI and daughter Adrija in class V.

Dr. Aroop Mukhopadhyay. OSWB Membership No: M-737

Born: 29th July 1963

Expired: 22nd October 2008

Originally a native of Dhanbad, after completion of MBBS from Ramaya Medical College at Bangalore, he obtained his MS degree in Ophthalmology at Gulbarga Medical College in Karnataka. During 1996 he joined Narayan Nethralaya at Bangalore and also worked for a short period at the Agarwal's Eye Institute at Bangalore. He had also worked as a Lecturer at the Siddharth Medical College at Tumkur. On his return to West Bengal in 1999, he joined Netaji Eye Hospital at Ramchandrapur, Purulia. He also worked at the Silverline setup at Bolpur for a short period.

Later, he concentrated on his own freelance practice in West Medinipur. While heading for Medinipur town for his practice in his own vehicle on the date of incidence near Kulti, he met with a road traffic accident with a speeding truck that ended his promising career.

He was an active social worker participating in the free eye surgery camps. Besides singing he had an interesting hobby of painting. He is survived by his wife Ms. Saswati Mukhopadhyay, son Aparoop studying in class VII and daughter Aparoopa in class III.



Dr. Muktipada Samanta. OSWB Membership No: S-388

Born: 12th February 1934

Expired: 18th November 2008

The lines below have been penned by Dr. C R Khanra who is a close associate and friend of late Dr. Samanta. Dr. Ms. Hira Samanta, wife of late Dr. Samanta also contributed in her own way to provide us with some information. We feel greatly encouraged by such spontaneous participation and contribution from our senior members. As a mark of gratitude to respected Dr. Khanra, we quote whatever he had to say about his friend.

"Mukti left for his heavenly abode on 18.11.08 evening.

He was born in the village of Shyam Nabagram on 12.02.1934 in the district of Burdwan. He had his school education at Baharampur Mission School from where he passed Matriculation Examination of Calcutta University in 1950. He got admitted in N R S Medical college in 1952 after passing I Sc. From Bangabasi College, Calcutta. After acquiring his MBBS in 1957, he had his surgical training at the Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research and SSKM Hospital under Prof. S. R. Konar. After joining West Bengal Health Services, he was deputed to Orissa Govt. Health Service where he served as Medical Officer in a remote village and later also as an Anatomy Demonstrator in Burla Medical College. On returning from deputation he qualified himself as MS in Ophthalmology in the year 1967 from K G Medical College, Lucknow and a specialisation in Plastic Surgery in 1968 from Patna Medical College.

After the post graduate qualification he had to serve as ophthalmologist at the Govt. Hospital at Asansol. He joined NRS Medical College in 1973 as Resident Surgeon, in the department of Ophthalmology. He was promoted to the rank of Lecturer in 1974 and then as Assistant Professor. During his service in NRS Medical College, he performed a good number of cornea grafting surgeries successfully. In addition he did various oculoplastic surgeries and eye camp surgeries.

In 1980, he was transferred to IPGMER and SSKM Hospital as Associate Professor where he had to guide the students of MS in Ophthalmology of Calcutta University. In the later part of his service he was appointed as the Director, Regional Institute of Ophthalmology and Professor of Ophthalmology in Calcutta Medical College wherefrom he retired in 1992.

During the whole period of his service, his amicable nature pleased all his colleagues, patients, relatives and everybody coming in contact with him. Many a people had benefitted from his valuable advice. He was a proud father of two well placed sons working in the USA. The eldest Dr. Manoj Pratim is a member at NASA establishment. The youngest Dr. Arindam is a computer engineer at San Francisco. Not to speak of his sons, some of his students are also in the top positions in professional services.

After retirement from the Govt. service he was practicing as consultant ophthalmologist besides serving in honorary capacity in Calcutta University health unit and later at Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital. His beloved wife Dr. Hira Samanta, a Gynaecologist, was always by his side till the last hour in all odds and evens of life as a philosopher and guide.

May his soul rest in peace."

Prof. Muralidhar Sengupta. OSWB Membership No: S – 427

Born: 12th December 1911

Expired: 28th November 2008



Prof. M D Sengupta was a prominent personality who has strongly influenced the positive development of Ophthalmology in West Bengal. He was the president of All India Ophthalmological Society as well as OSWB. As an exceptional teacher, he was taken back to the Medical College even after his retirement as Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology. His name along with that of Dr. Nirmal Ghosh glitters like a pearl in the Neuro-Ophthalmology volume of Sir Stewart Duke Elder for two unusual case reports of C P angle tumour.

We request our readers to kindly wait for a detailed write up on this great personality that will be published in the forthcoming issue of 'Ophthabuzz'.

We deeply mourn their sad demise and pray for the eternal peace of their souls. We express our heartfelt sympathies for the members of the bereaved families.

8th LASIK of the State belongs to Susrut



It was an auspicious morning on 28th September 2008, for Susrut Eye Foundation and Research Centre at Salt Lake, Kolkata. The 'Vision Correction Clinic' with many other super specialty clinics

was inaugurated in the presence of almost all heavy weight ministers of the State. Prominent personalities of the Ophthalmic fraternity of West Bengal attended the programme in large numbers.

Dr. Sunil Bagchi, President, Susrut Eye Foundation and Research Centre started the function with his welcome address.

- ▀ The Vision Correction Clinic (LASIK) was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. Suryakanta Mishra, Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Panchayat, Rural Development & Health.
- ▀ The Computer Vision Syndrome Clinic was inaugurated by Mr. Gautam Deb, Minister in Charge, Housing, PHE.
- ▀ The Sports Vision Clinic was inaugurated by Mr. Subhas Chakraborty Minister in Charge, Sports, Youth and Transportation.
- ▀ The Rup Sayar Clinic was inaugurated by Mr. Amitava Nandy, MP.
- ▀ Sarbashiksha Mission was declared open by Mr. Biman Bose, President, Bangio Saksharata Prasar Samity.

The event ended by a vote of thanks by Dr. P. K. Chatterjee, Vice President, Susrut Eye Foundation.



Welcome address by
Dr. Sunil Bagchi,
President of Susrut.

"Thank you all for coming here on the eve of opening of Vision Correction Centre at our hospital today. It is our honour and privilege to announce that we have been declared as a Centre of Excellence by Govt. of West Bengal. I want to convey my heartfelt thanks and regards to all our well wishers, associates, colleagues and staffs without whose spontaneous effort Susrut Eye Foundation and Research Centre would not have reached this stage."

In this context, let us take a look into the refractive surgery scenario in West Bengal. The first installation of LASIK in Kolkata as well as eastern India was in 1996 at Better Sight Center in the premises of "Lifeline" nursing home at Wood Street and the model was Lasersight, manufactured by Lasersight Technology. That machine was replaced by Zyoptyx of Bausch & Lomb in the year 2005. Implant House took over that Zyoptyx of Better Sight Center and updated it in 2006. The chronology of the LASIK equipments in West Bengal down the years are as follows:



As reported by one manufacturer, Refractive Lasers are lagging behind with respect to patients' education and referral consciousness in Kolkata when compared with other metropolises in India. Baroda in India is harbouring a Femtosecond Laser.

| Year | Institute | Model (Manufacturer) |
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| 1. (1999) | New Vision Laser Center (Near Gorky Sadan) | MEL-60 (Zeiss) |
| 2. (2004) | Himalaya Eye Care. Near Deshapriya Park | Zyoptyx (Bausch & Lomb) |
| 3. (2006) | Implant House at Beckbagan | Zyoptix Z-100 (Bausch & Lomb) |
| 4. (2007) | Eye Microsurgery and Laser Center, Chinsura. Dr. Arup Bose | MEL-70 (Zeiss). Replaced by EC-5000 (Nidek) |
| 5. (2007) | Disha Eye Hospital, Barrackpur | Allegretto (Wave Lights) |
| 6. (2007) | Netaji Eye Hospital, Ramchandrapur, Purulia | MEL-80 (Zeiss) |
| 7. (2007) | Paramount Eye Care Center Siliguri | MEL-80 (Zeiss) |
| 8. (2008) | Susrut Eye Foundation and Research Centre, Salt lake, Kolkata | MEL-80 (Zeiss) |

Successful completion of 27th annual free Eye Surgery Camp, at Ramakrishna Mission, Kamarpukur



The 27th annual Free Eye Surgery Camp at the "Ramakrishna Math and Mission" at Kamarpukur, Hooghly, the birth place of Lord Sri Sri Ramakrishna, was successfully completed on Sunday, the 23rd of November 2008. A total of 161 IOL

implant surgeries were performed and out of them 22 were by the Phaco emulsification procedure. Patients from the nearby districts of Hooghly, Bardhaman, Bankura and West Medinipur were benefitted by this project. Renowned Eye Specialists, paramedical staff and social workers participated in this holy work of service to mankind and made it a grand success.



Dr. Kamal Dawn, a general surgeon and a dedicated social worker of Howrah General Hospital started this noble mission in 1982. IOL surgery was first introduced here by the pioneer IOL surgeon Dr. P. K. Bakshi in the year 1991. A well equipped eye surgery theater with other infrastructure of OPD and pre operative evaluation started gradually from 2005. Currently one full day in the week has been kept aside as a 'surgery day' under the present set up. Nearly 1000 IOL surgeries are performed every year in this holy place.



Ophthalmologist from West Bengal wins the Senior Ophthalmologist Achievement Award at American Academy of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting 2008, held at Atlanta.

Dr. Anil Kr. Mandal, popular for his benevolent nature, has won the Senior Ophthalmologist Achievement Award at the AAO Annual Meeting 2008, held at Atlanta. As per the point earning parameters, Dr. Mandal has completed a thirty point mark which is a very rare distinction, especially for an ophthalmologist from India.

Anil Kumar Mandal is a glaucoma specialist with particular interest and expertise in developmental glaucoma. Dr Mandal graduated from NRS Medical College, Kolkata and did his MD in Ophthalmology from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). He was a visiting research fellow at the Kellogg Eye Care Center and the Doheny Eye Institute in the United States. He is presently associated with L.V.Prasad Eye Institute,

Hyderabad. His current research focuses on the clinical and genetic aspects of glaucoma in adults and children, which earned him the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for excellence in science from the Government of India in 2003; he was the first ophthalmologist to receive this award.

Dr.Mandal has participated in several academic activities of OSWB. We are proud of his achievement and express our best wishes for his further progress in life.

The following members will serve you during 2008 – 2010. The subcommittees shall be expanded in due course with the addition of members in each category. Please feel free to contact if you are interested to serve OSWB in your desired field of work.

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OSWB Sub Committees



Message from Hony. Secretary, OSWB

Welcome aboard Ophthabuzz, the newsletter from OSWB.

It has always been our honest attempt to view the members of OSWB as individuals of one big family.

The joy of existing together in an atmosphere of camaraderie with warm fellow feeling is the essence of any organisation to flourish and grow. OSWB is no exception to that. How Ophthabuzz helps?

This is an attempt by the new committee of OSWB to help know each other better and to grow firm roots of bondage by sharing every kind of news possible with the members. I welcome your feedback on this issue. Planned as a bi monthly venture initially, it can become a monthly feature with your co operation and contribution in the days to come. And now a bit about the activities we have planned....

I urge you to visit our "new look" website at www.oswb.org and you will know that we have already started work in right earnest. The website will grow and develop gradually and you can have every kind of information you could think of from it. Please make a habit of checking the site regularly for information.

We have a string of scientific programmes in queue. The Academic Calendar of OSWB will be made available to you within a very short period of time. This would include the regular Monthly Academic Meetings, Special Updates and Orations. I would request you to kindly appreciate that it is not our intention to have academic programmes of other institutions clash with OSWB dates. Hence, I appeal to all institutions to please check the OSWB Academic Calendar before finalising their programmes. Of course, the members would not like to miss out on any of the academic feasts!

The new committee has already undertaken the job of issuing photo ID cards to all its members. I seek your cooperation in sending us all the details asked for at the earliest to enable us to proceed smoothly.

I would also like to inform you that we plan to publish CME materials on a periodic basis. This will help the members in general and the post graduates in particular. A plan of starting special post graduation education programmes is also in the pipeline.

As I had mentioned in my first letter to you, I believe in the fact that mutual communication plays a very important role as far as success is concerned. Once again, I appeal to all of you to shed your reservations and get back to us with your suggestions and constructive criticisms.

Wishing you all the very best and wishing Ophthabuzz a long life,

Yours truly,

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How you can contribute in Ophthabuzz

Inform us about any event that you feel is significant for publication. Please collect the relevant photographs preferably in digital format. Support it with a write up. Send all the materials to the Editor along with your photograph.

'Letters to the Editor' column will be introduced from the next issue. Please try to pin point our deficiencies. Letters with constructive criticisms and corrective proposals will enjoy preference for printing. An award for the best letter in this column is under consideration.

Please use e-mail for faster communication. Use digital photographs for better reproduction in print. Even a chat over telephone is most welcome.

A series of narrations will be published on the history of OSWB. We have already started the ground work. We appeal to all the senior members to come forward for help. Please give us a tinkle if you have any old document of interest related to OSWB in your possession. We will have our representatives collect it from you. It shall be used with proper acknowledgement. Our representatives can also meet you for your narration if you so desire.

Vacancy Board and Seconds Mart are utility areas which any member can make use of.

