

## 8th LASIK of the State belongs to Susrut



**I**t 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



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

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.

"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 Zyoptix of Bausch & Lomb in the year 2005. Implant House took over that Zyoptix 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)
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)