

Project Proposal

We have many Visually Challenged people who find it very difficult to lead a dignified life in India.

India has the second highest percentage of blind people in the world. Every 3rd blind person in the world is an Indian. There are nearly 45 million Indians who are visually impaired, of whom 80% can be cured as Cataract is the largest contributor to avoidable blindness amongst the elderly, especially the elderly poor & illiterate living in the rural countryside having little or no access to medical aid.

Rotary Club of Cochin Global (RCG) operates a state of the art computer centre (RCG-Surya) in Infopark, Cochin which trains the visually challenged in computers, mobility and communicative English. With these three skill sets, they are able to commute to their work place independently and perform any sedentary job such as those involved with back office, call centre, telemarketing, customer service etc. We have successfully trained and placed 80 students till now and this centre is in operation for the last 5 years.

This is an ongoing project where in there is requirement for funds for upgrading the Computers and software which are 6 years old and also the administration expenses for one year.

Our club members will ensure that effective functioning of the centre and the funds are utilised diligently. Our members and Anns are regularly visiting the Finishing School where in adequate directions are given from time to time. We currently run the facility with sponsors from the club and from outside sponsors.

RCG- Soorya Project
Project Expenditure

Item			Amount	Amount
			Rupees	US Dollars
<i>Upgrading existing facilities</i>				
Computer (Nos.)	15	28000	420000	6,269
Chairs (Nos.)	15	5000	75000	1,119
Software Licence	15	20000	300000	4,478
<i>Administration expenses</i>				
<i>1 year salary</i>				
Salary for Centre Head	12	25000	300000	4,478
Trainers	12	18000	216000	3,224
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Office running expenses	12	10000	120000	1,791
<i>1 Year transport & support cost</i>				
Transport for students	12	18000	216000	3,224
Accommodation	12	20000	240000	3,582
Food	12	22000	264000	3,940
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED			2583000	38,552