

## Tripura Vision Center

### **About:**

15 million blind people in the country. Over 90% of the blind live in Rural Areas. Because of the increase in life expectancy and the projected increase in country's population, this number is likely to rise to more than 18 million by the year 2020 if current trends continue. Blindness can be avoided in up to 80% of cases. Tripura Vision Centre has been set up on 7th April 2005 in Community Information Centre (CIC) at Melaghar Block. Multipurpose Worker (MPW) goes to villagers to identify persons having eye ailments. MPW counsels the patient to visit the Centre and undergo eye screening. Ophthalmic Assistant (OA) based at the Centre conducts eye screening for the patient. OA identifies the defect in the eye and over Video Conference (VC) reports to the doctor based at IGM hospitals. Based on doctor's assessment, the OA then either prepares glasses or prescribes medicines for the patient OR advises him/her to go to Agartala for further treatment. Appointment is fixed through online. Patient undergoes secondary treatment at the Secondary care hospital at Agartala. If further treatment is required then on VC, Secondary care hospital discusses the case with Tertiary care hospital and decides further course of action. 80,375 patients screened during 7th April 2007 to 31st October 2010.

The said center has been set up in the CICs at the following locations:

Melaghar  
Boxanagar  
Hezamara  
Jampuijala  
Jirania  
Kalyanpur  
Kathalia  
Mandhai  
Mohanpur  
Mungiakami  
Tulashikar  
Dukli  
Teliamura

Padmabil  
Khowai  
Kakraban  
Matabari  
Satchand  
Amarpur  
Rajnagar  
Rupaichari  
Bagafa  
Salema  
Manu  
Kumarghat  
Gournagar

Pecharthal  
Panisagar  
Kadamtala  
Killa  
Dumbornagar  
Damcharra  
Ambassa  
Ompi  
Hyrishyamuk  
Chowmanu  
Dasda  
Bishalghar