

# **PREVALENCE AND CAUSES OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT IN CENTRAL INDIA**

## **The Central India Eye and Medical Study**

### **Propositions**

- 1:** A majority of visual impairment and blindness is treatable, through enhanced access to basic eye health. (This thesis)
  
- 2:** Visual Acuity following cataract surgery could be much better by improving the quality of cataract surgery and lens Implantation. (This thesis)
  
- 3:** The prevalence of myopia and myopic macular retinopathy are not high in the rural Central Indian community. (This thesis)
  
- 4:** There is a need for providing improved comprehensive eye examination to detect glaucoma and retinal diseases. (This thesis)
  
- 5.** Strengthening of the public health system is of paramount importance in a country like India to reduce levels of visual impairment and blindness. (This thesis)
  
- 6.** Adequate financial planning and outlay for control of blindness will be very helpful.
  
- 7.** It is important to make available glaucoma care at very low cost or at no cost for the rural community, where most of the glaucoma is undiagnosed.
  
- 8.** Understanding the prevalence and evolution of childhood myopia may be very important for a large country like India.
  
- 9.** As the life expectancy in India increases rapidly, it may become important to research new drugs and set up high quality manufacturing to reduce costs, especially for treating conditions such as AMD and diabetic maculopathy.
  
- 10.** Perseverance and incremental progress is the hall mark of significant achievements.
  
- 11.** Global food security is fundamental.