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IVI launches community screening at Thiruvottiyur

MRF Foundation and India Vision Institute (IVI) today launched the next phase of their collaboration to vision screen 4,000 underprivileged community people in Chennai.

Of the 10,000 total people targeted in three cities, the program earlier vision screened 6,000 in Ranipet and Trichy.

With today's launch at Thiruvottiyur Urban Primary Health Care centre, IVI will screen 4,000 individuals in Chennai in the next ten days. Those found to have uncorrected refractive errors will be provided free glasses.

IVI's CEO Vinod Daniel said, "We thank the MRF Foundation for their support to our Eye See & I Work program to vision screen communities in the three cities."

"The program is helping communities to see clearly with a pair of corrective glasses. This will help people to be more productive and gainfully employed," Mr Daniel noted.

Present at the launch were K P Sankar MLA, T M Taniyarasu, Chairman, Thiruvottiyur Municipality, Dr S Malathi, Zonal Medical Officer, Thiruvottiyur, Dr Sumathi, Chief Medical Officer, Thiruvottiyur, and Jacob Chacko, General Manager, MRF Foundation, among others.

About India Vision Institute

IVI is an Indian not-for-profit NGO with the vision to provide access to primary eye care for the underprivileged and a pair of corrective glasses to every Indian in need of one. Our outreach and advocacy activities also include awareness generation, engaging communities, schools, partner institutions and others through talks, education, skill enhancement, and leadership development. Since 2012, IVI has helped change lives in 22 states of India. Through providing better vision and a pair of free corrective glasses, our Eye See and I Learn and Eye See and I Work programs help, respectively, school children do well in studies and adults in being more productive, ensuring their safe and secure livelihood. Vision and Road Safety is another priority for IVI and involves working with corporates/organizations on screenings and provision of free spectacles for commercial vehicle drivers. Beneficiaries have included women, children, transgender communities, workers, fisherfolk and weavers.