

Anandashram Charitable Foundation, Inc.

The Satchidananda Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS) was inaugurated on February 24, 2008 by Swami Satchidananda. The founding principle is the teaching of Swami Ramdas: "The best way to serve God is to serve man—especially the weak and the downtrodden." SIMS is a charitable non-profit hospital where modern medical facilities will be made available with an ethical and charitable outlook.



Initially there were many hurdles. For example, the electricity connection became available only in November. There was also a shortage of physicians and a paucity of funds. All of these hurdles are slowly being overcome under the able administration of Brig (Retd) Abraham. At this stage, the hospital has about 70 beds available. The emergency, outpatient clinic, general medicine, general surgery (including endoscopy and laparoscopy), orthopedics, and obstetrics and gynecology sections are open.

In the last six months, we have achieved the following measurable indications of progress:

- We have treated 3525 patients and distributed Rs. 335,226/ worth of medicine, free of cost.
- The eye section has done very well, treating 1749 patients and performing 268 surgeries free of cost.
- SIMS Kidney Foundation has started dialysis on daily basis.

If funds are available, other facilities like cardiology, rehab, and ayurvedic centres will be opened soon. The institution is still in its infancy and is facing many challenges. It is in need of urgent financial support till it establishes itself. The whole project has been financed through donations from well wishers. We look forward to continuing support from the charitably minded public for this noble venture.

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