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Press Release

Sterlite copper initiates ‘Vision to all’ project for Thoothukudi students

Thoothukudi, November 11: Sterlite Copper has initiated ‘Vision to all’ project to support and identify the visual inadequacies/refractive errors of the school going children from Thoothukudi district. This program is initiated in association with Aravind eye Hospital.

Good vision is a vital component for a child to succeed in school. Reading, writing, chalkboard work, and using computers are some of the visual tasks students perform day-to-day. These school days are extremely important to lay the foundation skills like reading and writing. But very often, unfortunately a learning input - a child's vision may be ignored. As children progress in school, they face increasing demands on their visual abilities for accumulated class work and homework. These inadequacies if not identified and corrected early may lead to reduced scholastic performance and end up in drop out.

Aravind eye Hospital has conducted a short term orientation for the teachers in their school premises to identify by primary assessment of vision of school children. This training covered anatomy and physiology of eye, common eye disorders among the children and visual acuity measurement. The school children identified with eye problems in the primary screening test by the teachers are later subjected to detailed assessment by the medical team. Those who needs refraction correction with spectacles are supported by Vedanta Sterlite copper and others who need specialised interventions are done free of cost by our partner Aravind eye care.

This project will cover all the 280 schools across Thoothukudi district in this year. As of now we have conducted detailed eye screening in seven schools in Thoothukudi and identified 245 students with refractive error and the spectacles are made to suit them. This education initiative is a yearlong project to support the learning of the children of Thoothukudi district. All the beneficiaries will be issued with their spectacles in the assembly with the prober advice and care of the eyes and the glasses in the presence of appropriate stakeholders.

A function was organized in C. M. Higher Secondary school and Karapettai NadarGirls Higher Secondary School, Thoothukudi to distribute the spectacles sponsored by Sterlite copper for the identified 140 students. Spectacles were distributed to the students by Mr. M. Kumaravendhan, Head - Sustaining Project, Dr. R. Kailasam- Head CSR, Sterlite Copper in the presence of Head Mistress, teachers, volunteers and CSR project partners.
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