

## **SUCCESS STORY**

### **Sight restored of Ten-year-old boy at the 183<sup>rd</sup> Lifeline Express project held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at Daltonganj in Palamu District, Jharkhand.**

Rohit Uran, 10 years old, lives in the Chaipur village of Palamu District in Jharkhand along with his parents and two brothers and two sisters. His father, Mr. Shivnath Uran is a construction worker by profession and his mother is a home maker. The family owns agricultural land of about 3 *bhigas* in which they grow vegetables and other seasonal crops. The monthly income of the family is around six thousand rupees which is insufficient for such a big family to survive. The produce from the agricultural land helps the family procure vegetables with a little extra to sell which earns more income for the family.

At the age of six years Rohit started to complain of problems with Sight in his right eye as he was finding it difficult to see the blackboard clearly at school causing him a lot of discomfort. His parents being uneducated did not give much attention to the matter initially but later on when they observed the difficulty he was going through even at home, they approached the local doctor. After testing him, the doctor referred Rohit to Baharatiya Kashyap Hospital in Ranchi which is located at a distance of 150 kms from their village. The Doctors who examined him in Ranchi expressed their inability to treat Rohit and referred him to Shankar Netralaya, Indore. They told the family it would cost Rs. 45000/- for the surgery. Even though the Uran family desired to have Rohit operated, because of their tight financial situation the surgery could not take place. They checked to see if Rohit could be operated under any Government scheme but were informed that Cataract surgery is not covered under any existing scheme.

When the Uran family was worried about the condition of their son, they were informed by Ms. Mina Gupta, the Zilha Parishad (Village Council) Member of their village, about the impending arrival of the Lifeline Express at Daltonganj. They were told the Lifeline Express provides quality treatment and has Operation Theatre facilities to get Rohit operated on board, free of cost. They were disappointed when the Lifeline Express did not arrive in their District as per the schedule announced in March, 2017 and were losing hope, when the news came about the arrival of the Lifeline Express finally in August 2018



**Rohit Uran, 10 years old, was successfully operated for Cataract on the Lifeline Express:  
Left to Right: Pre- Operative picture and Post-Operative picture**

Rohit's father accompanied Rohit to the OPD at IMA Hall in Daltonganj and was examined by the doctors who, after a series of tests, admitted him for surgery on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. Thanks to the team of Ophthalmologists who conducted the surgery, the vision in Rohit's eye was restored. The event was celebrated by the entire family.

Mr. Uran says that Rohit is a brilliant student and is aspiring to become an engineer, in order to help his family and also to serve the Nation. They are grateful to the team of Doctors, to the Lifeline Express and to the project funder, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, without whose support Rohit's future would have remained in jeopardy.