

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA considers it a matter of great privilege and pride to present the 'VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-INDIA VISIONARY AWARD' to Dr SS Badrinath, Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Sankara Nethralaya, a humanitarian doctor, doyen of ophthalmology and pioneer in eye care delivery in the country.

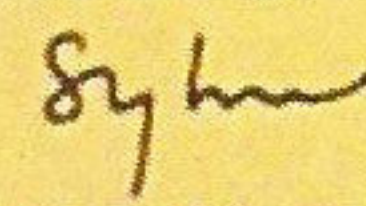
The award is being conferred in recognition of Dr. Badrinath's yeoman service and contribution towards reducing the burden of blindness in the country, particularly among the weaker sections of society. It is his Vision and tireless pursuit of his dream to eradicate blindness that led to establishing 'Sankara Nethralaya' a world class ophthalmic centre known for its excellence in clinical care, research, academics and community care. A man committed to the concept of 'Quality' first and 'Quality' last and 'Quality' in everything we do, he ensured that it is adhered with a spirit of zero error, nurturing a culture where quality is the norm rather than an exception.

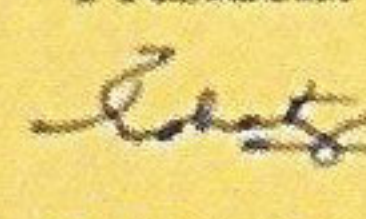
Dr Badrinath is considered as the father of 'comprehensive eye care under one roof' in India; a patient centric approach to Medicare delivery, strong ethics, accountability, transparency, fact-based decision-making and constant innovation are the hallmark of his leadership, sterling qualities which have made Sankara Nethralaya what it is today. *The fact that cataract is the largest cause for vision impairment in the country and his realization that a large number of patients especially from the backward regions of the country will not be able to avail eye care in a base hospital even if it is offered cost free, that led to the development of a revolutionary process that dispenses eye care right at their door steps. Today Sankara Nethralaya's 'Mobile Eye Surgical Unit' (MESU) a medico-engineering marvel and first of its kind in Asia operation theatre on wheels, developed jointly with the IIT-Madras performs the most advanced cataract surgery totally cost free, right at the door steps of economically and socially backward patients living in highly remote regions of the country, including hilly tribal belts. A classic example of his foresight and original thinking benefiting the masses living in places not served by basic Medicare.*

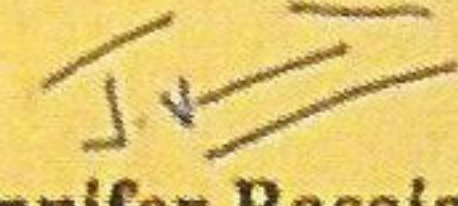
Dr Badrinath's vision and firm belief that 'Research' holds the key to prevailing and emerging ophthalmic challenges led to the development of Sankara Nethralaya as a fountainhead of research in ophthalmology and training in India. He is also credited for gaining the due importance to the field of optometry. His uncompromising commitment to high standards in training, skill transfer and the spirit of service have resulted in creating a good number of eye care professionals who are not only knowledgeable and skilled but inculcated with the spirit of service.

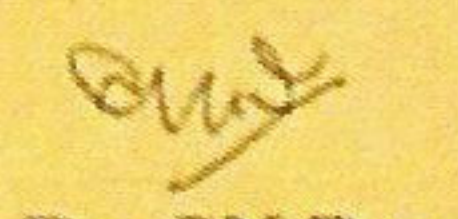
Sankara Nethralaya the institution he founded has been in the forefront of research to find solutions to complex ophthalmic challenges right from its inception; the Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, the research arm of the institution is engaged in broad spectrum, cutting edge research in basic to complex fields like Nanotechnology and Stem cell in this pursuit. The research facility provides an avenue for young ophthalmologists and scientists to pursue their passion.

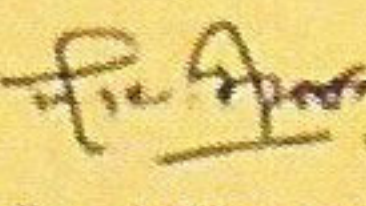
The entire ophthalmic fraternity and VISION 2020: The Right to Sights – INDIA, are greatly indebted to you. We take pleasure in presenting the VISIONARY AWARD, Instituted by VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA, as a token of our regard and respect to you and to acknowledge and honour your colossal contribution towards reducing avoidable blindness in the country, on this day the 3rd of June 2017

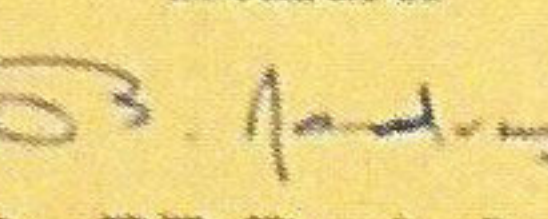

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