



Eye Health Heroes 2017

Honoring Global Leaders in Vision Care

The **Eye Health Heroes** initiative celebrates **outstanding professionals** from across the world who are dedicated to preventing blindness, restoring sight, and improving eye health. These individuals have been recognized for their contributions to **ophthalmic care, research, innovation, and community outreach**.

Recognized Heroes

The **2017 Eye Health Heroes** include experts from **diverse backgrounds**—doctors, researchers, community health workers, and vision care advocates—who have made a difference in the field of ophthalmology. Some of the recognized names featured on the banner are:

- ◆ Bidya Prasad Pant
- ◆ Reena Sethi
- ◆ Rishi Raj Borah
- ◆ Taba Khanna
- ◆ Harsha Bhattacharjee
- ◆ Minasha Yu

- ◆ Redenior Rabino
- ◆ Uma Vaidyanathan
- ◆ Aung Kyaw Win
- ◆ R. Meenakshi Sundaram
- ◆ Asad Aslam Khan
- ◆ Bhakta Puluk
- ◆ Ritesh Prasad 'Kisan'
- ◆ Priyam Manna
- ◆ Resha Gurung

These individuals have demonstrated **exceptional dedication** in areas such as **vision restoration, accessibility of eye care, public health initiatives, and awareness programs** to combat avoidable blindness.

IAPB: Leading Global Eye Health Initiatives

The **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)** brings together leading **NGOs, eye hospitals, research organizations, and government bodies** to work towards a world where no one is needlessly blind. Through initiatives like **Eye Health Heroes**, IAPB acknowledges the unsung champions working at the grassroots and institutional levels to **deliver quality eye care**.

Council of Members: Kathmandu 2017

The **Council of Members meeting**, which took place from **9–11 September 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal**. This event served as a platform for global vision care leaders to **share insights, discuss strategies, and collaborate on improving eye health services worldwide**.

Impact of Eye Health Heroes

- ✓ **Advocacy for better eye care policies** at national and international levels.
- ✓ **Development of innovative treatments** to prevent and cure blindness.
- ✓ **Community-based outreach programs** delivering vision care to underserved regions.
- ✓ **Training and mentoring** the next generation of eye care professionals.

This recognition continues to inspire **future leaders** in eye health and strengthen the global commitment to **eliminating preventable blindness**.