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Celebrating the success of *Slumdog Millionaire* team

The Dharavi Rotary Aditya Jyot Netra Kendra & Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital Pvt. Ltd. jointly celebrated on February 26, 2009 the phenomenal success of *Slumdog Millionaire* - based in Dharavi, Asia's largest slum – in winning the coveted Oscar awards.



Seen here with children of Dharavi are (lt to rt) Mr. Ajit Kumar Barjatya (Director, Rajshri Productions), Dr. N. S. Sundaram (Academic Head, Aditya Jyot Institute of Optometry), Mr. Dinesh Shah (President of Rotary Club of Mumbai Sion) and Dr. S. Natarajan (Chairman & Managing Director, Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital).

Aditya Jyot Foundation for Twinkling Little Eyes (AJFTLE) has been working closely with the poverty stricken people of Dharavi since last two years, bringing essential eye care services to their doorstep. It is with this resolve that AJFTLE hopes to eradicate avoidable blindness due to diabetic retinopathy, uncorrected refractive errors, glaucoma and other eye diseases. It has been proactive in organizing free eye check-ups of school children from low socio-economic background and providing them with required treatment like glasses, surgeries etc free of cost, and in spreading awareness on eye donation encouraging people to pledge their eyes after death and let blind people see the beautiful world. Over 17,000 children from schools in Thane and Mumbai have been screened, around 1,500 free cataract and

retinal surgeries have been done, and nearly 3,006 investigative procedures like angiography and topography.

On March 23, World Optometry Day, Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital is to organize a Free Eye Check-up Camp and Diabetic Retinopathy Awareness Programme at Dharavi to screen nearly 500 patients. Those requiring medical and/or surgical treatment will be taken to Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital, free of cost. And during this event all team members of *Slumdog Millionaire* will be felicitated.