

Remarks by Amb. Abhishek Singh, High Commissioner of India to Nigeria organized Eye Camp by HCI in collaboration with Skipper Eye-Q, Abuja for journalists and Media Personnel on 09.06.2026

Good Morning,

Members of the media,

Mr. Fredrick Idehai, President, Diplomatic Correspondents' Association of Nigeria

Members of the High Commission of India

Let me welcome all of you to the Indian High Commission. Today is truly a special day. Only a couple of weeks back, I had the privilege of inviting friends from the media for a get-together at India House.

2. During that get-together, Mr. Fredrick on behalf of the Diplomatic Correspondents' Association made a request to organize an Eye Camp for the journalists and media personnel.

3. During the course of our various discussions that day, one thing I stressed was the importance of media in any democracy. As the Chief Representative of world's largest democracy that is India, in Africa's largest democracy that is Nigeria, I did emphasis the point that other than three organs of democracy namely executive, legislature and judiciary which act as checks and balances,

media is indeed the fourth wheel of democracy. Regular interactions with media is therefore an important-element of our diplomacy in Nigeria.

Friends,

4. I had promised that I will revert quickly on the request for organizing the eye camp. Today, I am very happy that we are able to organize this eye camp for the Nigerian media personnel with the help of Skipper Eye-Q Eye Hospital. This free eye camp will provide journalists with an opportunity to undergo eye examinations and receive professional medical advice. Healthy eyesight is vital for all individuals, especially for media personnel, who serve as the eyes and ears of our society.

5. Finally, I want to assure the Diplomatic Correspondents' Association that the High Commission of India and the High Commissioner stands ready to provide whatever assistance is required to the best of our abilities. I also look forward to several media interactions on all issues of important bilateral dimensions in the weeks and months to come.

Long-live India-Nigeria Partnership.

I thank you all.
