

## **VAIBHAVI VINAYAK BHANDARI**

*Age 15 years*

*Medical Condition – Hearing Impairment*

This case was detected at our Second Free Health camp at Dhareshwar, Kumta, held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013 under our project – **Mobile Health Care**. She suffers from profound hearing loss since birth. Her family could not afford the treatment suggested by the doctors.



The ENT Surgeon at the camp, Dr. Prakash G.Bhat, Kumta, had recommended fixation of high power programmable Hearing Aid Instruments for both the ears.

**The Trust Office had followed the case and the Hearing Aid Instruments were fixed to the girl patient on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the clinic of Dr. Prakash G.Bhat, Kumta.**



The total cost of the hearing aid instruments including mould, battery cells, etc. amounted to Rs.24,544/-. Dr. Prakash Bhat was kind enough to waive off his service charges and other overheads.

Total cost after this discount amounted to **Rs.21,980/-** which was borne by the sponsor of this project – **Kruger Foundation for Child Aid, Karwar.**

Ms. Vaibhavi is a IX Standard student studying in Gibbs Girls High School, Kumta. She has represented Uttar Kannada District at the State Level in sports like Javelin throw & shot-put in competitions held for differently-abled school children and also at normal sports events. Her parents are poor labourers and she also has a younger sister.