

World Sight Day 8 October 2009



World Sight Day 2009 commemorated

LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) commemorated World Sight Day 2009 on October 8, 2009, with support from Fullerton India Credit Company Limited (FICCL) and the British Library. During the day, a community screening program and eye health, awareness meeting was organised at the venue of the Institute's Comprehensive Eye Health Project in Malkajgiri, Hyderabad. Mr R Vijay Kumar, Regional Business Head and Mr K Chanakya Reddy, Cluster Manager, were the guests of honour from FICCL, while the LVPEI - ICARE staff were the organizers. A talk on 'Eye Health Awareness' was given and schoolchildren sang songs on eye health.

Later Dr Srivalli Kaza, Consultant, LVPEI, gave a talk on the global theme of World Sight Day 2009 'Gender and Eye Health - equal access to care' at the British Library. This was followed by a vision screening program. The event was covered by the local newspapers and TV channels.

Photos: (Clockwise from top) A grandmother and her grandchildren have an eye check-up on World Sight Day; Dr Srivalli Kaza at the British Library; a tiny tot holds up an eye health awareness poster



LDSC support for primary eye care



The Latter-day Saint Charities (LDSC), from Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, LVPEI's long-term partners in providing primary eye care to the underserved communities in rural Andhra Pradesh, have extended support for establishing 30 more Vision Centres in Andhra Pradesh. This takes the total number of Vision Centres supported by LDSC to 38.

Photo: Mr Bill and Mrs Karen Laduke present a cheque for the first instalment to Dr G Chandrasekhar, Director, LVPEI, Hyderabad. Also seen is Sam Balasundaram, Donor Relations

A message on Foundation Day

23 years ago on this day, we had our ground-breaking ceremony and so much has happened since then. I believe that together, we have made the lives of many better, all over the world and in that process we have built a brand known for quality, equity, integrity and credibility. It wouldn't have been possible without the diligence, dedication, drive and sacrifice of the LVPEI family. We are also indebted to many supporters from around the world who generously share their time, talent and treasure with us "so that all may see."

Gullapalli N Rao, Chair, LVPEI

October 17, 2009

Diwali Emergency Taskforce

In line with LVPEI's initiative in the past, Dr Muralidhar R, Consultant, LVPEI, organized a Diwali Emergency Taskforce to handle firecracker accidents during Diwali. The Institute saw over 90 emergency patients in 2 days, with 15-20 cases coming in at the same time on one occasion. Fortunately, most of the patients had superficial injuries. Several staff members gave up their holiday to be on duty.

		Outpatients			Surgeries		
		Paying	Non-Paying	Total	Paying	Non-Paying	Total
Patients seen Sep 26, 09 to Oct 25, 09	Hyderabad	10848	4605	15453	1074	818	1892
	Bhubaneswar	4223	1027	5250	305	126	431
	Visakhapatnam	3399	1001	4400	235	176	411
	Total	18470	6633	25103	1614	1120	2734

Upcoming programs @ LVPEI, Hyderabad

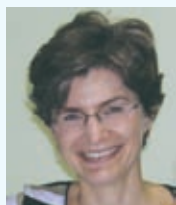
Low-vision Awareness Program

November 20-22, 2009

Nawab Arastu Yar Jung Bahadur Memorial Lecture

By Dr Andrea Araujo Zin
Fernandes Figueira Institute
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

November 24, 2009



Indian Contact Lens Education Program

Basic Course

December 10-12, 2009

Advanced Course

December 13-14, 2009

Cornea Update: Challenges Old and New

corneameet2009@lvpei.org

December 19-20, 2009

Alumni News

LVPEI alumnus Dr KV Ravi Kumar's paper "A stitch in time saves nine – successful management of optic neuritis" received the Best Paper Award at Vaisakhi Eye Con-2009, Andhra Pradesh State Ophthalmological Society's annual conference at Visakhapatnam, from October 2-4, 2009. The paper was based on a patient treated at his hospital free of cost under the Rajiv Aroyashri scheme and subsequently regained most of her lost vision. A phaco and glaucoma specialist, Dr Ravi Kumar is consultant ophthalmologist at the Manipal Superspecialty Hospital.

Thank you!

We have very deeply appreciated the way patients are treated at L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. Right from the time we came to the reception, where we were whisked away by your staff to fill in a detailed form, to the waiting area, the quick movements from one test situation to the other, the kind of equipment that is available at LVPEI, the work that is done, and the completely professional approach to health care - which is evident in the attitude of all the staff. Starting from the receptionists, to the doctors who carried out the various tests, to Dr. Pravin Krishna. I am so happy we did decide to come to Hyderabad. We will continue to take the support of the institute in the days to come.

Navin J Kripalani

Pune

October 1, 2009

Dr Syamala Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture



Dr Syamala Bhaskaran presents a plaque to Dr Vishali Gupta

Syamala Bhaskaran, renowned pathologist and educationist, is a recipient of the Dr B C Roy Award. Dr C Bhaskaran, formerly Professor & Head, Dept. of Microbiology, and Vice Chancellor, NTR University of Health Sciences in Vijayawada, was a fellow and committee member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences.

Speaking on 'Asking a question: The first step of research', Dr Vishali Gupta, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, delivered the Dr Syamala Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture for 2009 on October 9, 2009. This was the 12th lecture in the series initiated in honour of Dr Syamala Bhaskaran's generous support to the Institute. Dr



Drs C Bhaskaran and Syamala Bhaskaran

From Bhubaneswar

Visiting Professor

Prof Robert C Kersten. MD, FACS, from Denver, Colorado, USA, visited LVPEI Bhubaneswar as ORBIS visiting faculty (October 5-8). He lectured on a range of topics in ophthalmic plastics and orbital diseases, including lymphoproliferative disorder and soft tissue injuries to orbit and adnexa. There was an active interaction between the host and visiting faculty on several interesting cases. Postgraduate students from SCB Medical College, Cuttack, also attended the lecture. One evening Prof Kersten interacted with the local ophthalmologists of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack.



Prof Kersten (center) with the fellows

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