

Excitement galore at rehab summer camp



"I'm very happy to be here again! Although I have come here for the third time, I feel the excitement of a first-time visitor. I enjoyed myself thoroughly during the camp," said Gopal, who is visually impaired, sharing his joyous experiences of the annual Integrated Summer Camp organized by the Vision Rehabilitation Centres of LV Prasad Eye Institute (May 26 - 29, 2010). Most of the children and their parents echoed this enthusiasm. Gopal recapped all the fun he and his sighted brother had at the valedictory function. All the participants performed on stage at the concluding program and were awarded gifts, prizes and certificates.



A wide range of competitions and cultural events were organized at the camp to showcase the children's interests and talents and provide them an opportunity to enjoy new challenging activities. These included dance, arts and crafts, fashion show, and a quiz. The children especially enjoyed interacting with dogs, special guests from Pedigree MARS International Pvt Ltd. They were thrilled to touch, feel and feed them! There was a lot of excitement in the cookery session as they learnt to make lemon tea... and each one of them got to sip a cuppa too! A visit to GE Energy exposed the children and their parents to various career possibilities for the visually challenged so they can be integrated into the corporate mainstream.



13-year-old Salim and his father Ramas Mohammed Ali came to LVPEI from the city of Salalah, Oman. The little boy had red, itchy eyes and the vision in his right eye had diminished. Ramas has seen and heard of many people from Salalah being treated at LVPEI, including his neighbor, a deaf and mute teenaged girl. Salim underwent a corneal transplant after a wait for the right cornea. He loves to watch TV and play video games.

Dr Gullapalli N Rao receives Bernardo Streiff Gold Medal



Dr Gullapalli N Rao, Chair, LV Prasad Eye Institute, received the prestigious Bernardo Streiff Gold Medal for his contribution to ophthalmology at the World Ophthalmology Congress 2010 at Berlin (June 5-9, 2010). The Congress is sponsored by the International Council of Ophthalmology and organized in conjunction with the German Society of Ophthalmology and the German Academy of Ophthalmology.

Patients seen, May 26 to June 25, 2010

	Outpatients			Surgeries		
	Paying	Non-paying	Total	Paying	Non-paying	Total
Hyderabad	12,966	5734	18,700	1340	1138	2478
Bhubaneswar	4282	1233	5515	294	209	503
Visakhapatnam	3423	1124	4547	263	273	536
Total	20,671	8091	28,762	1897	1620	3517

Patient Care Day celebrations



Dr Pravin V Krishna

A day of the year when the staff unwind completely... LVPEI's 23rd Patient Care Day on June 1 was an event organized by the staff and for the staff! Held each year to mark the day the outpatient clinics began functioning at LVPEI, Hyderabad, it also allows us to take satisfaction from seeing how far we have traveled since 1987, when one paying patient (the son of a Banjara Hills resident) and one non-paying patient (a gardener) were examined here. From 9672 patients seen and 486 surgeries performed in 1987, we have seen a whopping 2,748,023 patients and performed 353,505 surgeries till March 2010 at the KallamAnji Campus, Hyderabad.



Dr V Raghunathan

This year too, the celebrations were marked with zeal and fervor. The program began with an interactive session on Change Management by Prof S Ramnarayan, Visiting Professor at the Indian School of Business. This was followed by a talk on Corporate Social Responsibility by Dr V Raghunathan, Chief Executive of GMR Varalakshmi Foundation. The story behind the founding of LVPEI was narrated by Mr Ramesh Prasad, Managing Director, Prasad Film Laboratories, and son of the legendary filmmaker Shri LV Prasad, who contributed generously towards the establishment of the Institute. Dr Akkineni Nageswara Rao, veteran film actor, amused the audience with interesting anecdotes from his life. A retrospective slide show by Dr Pravin V Krishna, Consultant, Cornea & Anterior Segment Services, took the staff down memory lane. There was nostalgia as old photographs from the archives flashed on the screen one after another. The staff members shared lighter moments recalling interesting incidents from their life at LVPEI. Some of the Institute's long-term patients too got an opportunity to share their experiences. In the evening, talented patient care staff commanded the stage with a variety of skits, songs and dances.



Honor for Dr Gopinathan

Dr Usha Gopinathan has been invited to be a member of the eye bank advisory group of ISBT 128 that stands for global standards for identification, labeling and information processing of human blood, tissues and organ products across international borders and disparate health care systems.

LVPEI fellow in the winning team

Dr Sameer Mahapatra, Comprehensive Ophthalmology Fellow, LVPEI Bhubaneswar was a part of the Orissa state team, which won the first prize at the Ophthalmic Premier League Video competition held at the annual meet of the East India Zonal Ophthalmic Conference on June 19, 2010 at Disha Eye Hospital, Barrackpore, Kolkata. The video was from LVPEI.

Fellowship for our resident student

Ujwala Baheti, who is doing her residency (Diplomate of the National Board) program in ophthalmology at LVPEI, has been accepted by Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, MA, USA, for a research fellowship beginning July 2011. Ujwala belongs to the first batch of ophthalmology residents in the program.

Training program for eye donation counselors

In May 2010, the Ramayamma International Eye Bank at LVPEI, in partnership with SightLife, USA, launched a pilot training program for Eye Donation Counselors (EDCs). The program includes lectures, observation of eye bank operations and cornea recovery. The trainees also participate in interactive sessions with senior EDCs and technicians to evolve effective ways of building support systems in hospitals to facilitate eye donation.

Donors for the month

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