

### MIT Media Lab's Innovation Workshop

'Engineering The Eye', an Innovation Workshop with MIT Media Lab, for which LVPEI was the ophthalmology partner, concluded in Hyderabad on July 13, 2013. The workshop brought together students from across India to work with clinicians over seven days to develop fully functional prototypes to address both prevention of blindness and enable people with existing vision damage to lead fuller, productive lives. Other partners for the event included MIT Tata Center for Technology and Design, BITS Pilani: Hyderabad and Perkins School for the Blind.



### Genetic Educators Workshop

A Genetic Educators workshop was conducted on 13 July 2013 at the Kallam Anji Reddy campus with eminent invited speakers from UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre). Dr Jacqueline Hoover spoke on 'Genetic counseling and the importance of genetics in ophthalmology' and Dr Ken Nischal on 'Ocular surface issues in children'. The workshop was aimed at educating optometrists about genetic education for patients and also for educating patients about genetic diseases.

### RIEB Anniversary

The RIEB (Ramayamma International Eye Bank) at LVPEI completed 24 years and entered its Silver Jubilee year. The Eye bank has on the occasion set for itself the lofty goal of facilitating 5,000 corneal transplants by 2015 and hopes to reach the magical figure of 10,000 by 2020 which is expected to place it uniquely as being the only such Eye Bank in the world.

### Awards & Honours

**Anil K Mandal's** article 'Sudden Unilateral Corneal Clouding in an infant' was published in the 'Images in Clinical Medicine' section of the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM).

**Subhadra Jalali** was co-author and Principal Investigator for a multicentric, international collaborative drug trial in Diabetic Retinopathy, where LVPEI was a part - 'The Effect of the Oral PKC b Inhibitor Ruboxistaurin on Vision Loss in Two Phase 3 Studies' published in the *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science* (IOVS) journal.

**Srinivas Marmamula** had three papers published:

- 'Visual Impairment in the South Indian State of Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh - Rapid Assessment of Visual Impairment (AP-RAVI) Project' in *PLoS One*.
- 'Population based assessment of prevalence and risk factors for pterygium in south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh: the Andhra Pradesh Eye Disease Study (APEDS)' in *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science* (IOVS).
- 'Prevalence of spectacle use in Andhra Pradesh, India: Rapid Assessment of Visual Impairment (RAVI) project' in *Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology*.

Alum **K Ravi Kumar** won the Best Video award at the 26<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Academy of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons in Singapore for his video 'Sewing machine technique for Iridodialysis repair' (Cataract complications and challenging cases category).

**Beula Christy** (Rehabilitation services), **Sannapaneni Krishnaiah** (Community and rural eye health services) and **Shobha Mocherla** (Central Audio-Visual Unit) have been awarded their respective PhDs from the University of New South Wales, Sydney.

### News @ GMR Varalakshmi Campus, Visakhapatnam

### 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

GMR Varalakshmi Campus, Visakhapatnam, celebrated its 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 7 July 2013 with a series of events:



- A seminar 'Looking Beyond the Eye - II' that had about 75 delegates, with good participation from the surrounding districts of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, East Godavari and West Godavari. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss on a common platform with various super-specialists the diagnostic and management issues that pertain to ocular diseases which have a systemic component.

- An exclusive, premium opticals store inaugurated by Mr Appalaraju.



- The Hostel and Guest House of the Pathak Centre for Eye Care Education inaugurated by Mrs N Madhavi.
- The Auditorium, Library, Classroom and Wet lab for the Education Centre inaugurated by Mr Naresh.



The evening's program had a wonderful dance program by 26 children from the Kalashetram dance peetham, Libenshelf school for mentally challenged, and the Government Residential Blind School.

Appreciation certificates were given out to Mr BVS Mallikharjuna Rao (Accounts dept) and Mr KVV Suresh Kumar (Patient care services). The Best Employee of the year certificate was awarded to Mr P Varun Kumar (Patient care services).



**The Graduation of 15 Long Term Ophthalmology fellows, 4 DNB Residents and 11 Short Term Ophthalmology fellows** this session on 29 June 29 included distribution of certificates, videos sharing nostalgic moments of the graduates during their training at LVPEI, and a farewell dinner accompanied by loads of fun, music and dance.

## 95<sup>th</sup> Vision Centre Inaugurated

LVPEI's 95<sup>th</sup> vision centre, A S Chowdary Nava Bharat Vision Centre was inaugurated at Buttayagudem village and mandal, West Godavari district, on 21 July 2013. The centre is in a thickly forested 'Agency' area, majorly populated by tribals. It is supported by A S Chowdary Navbharat Foundation, Hyderabad, and L D S Charities, USA.



**A delegation of senior public servants from Australia** visited on 27 June 2013 as part of the 'Leading Australia's Future in the Asia-Pacific (LAFIA)' program delivered by the Australian Public Service Commission in partnership with DeakinPrime and Deakin University. LAFIA is a prestigious study tour program that allows Australia's most senior public servants to deepen their insights into the strategic, economic, political, social and cultural issues shaping key nations across the Asia-Pacific regions.

## News @ Bhubaneswar Campus

### Anniversary Day Celebrations

LVPEI Bhubaneswar celebrated its 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 3 July 2013. The academic block of the Pathak Centre for Eye Care Education - 'Endeavour' - was formally opened on the occasion. Dr Rao announced the institution of the 'Dr Taraprasad Das Chair of Ophthalmology' in recognition of Dr Das's contribution towards the development of the Bhubaneswar campus. The Best Employee certificate of the year 2013 was awarded to Ms Mamata Rani Swain.



### Santhanuthalapadu Vision Centre Reopens

The Santhanuthalapadu Vision Centre has been reopened on 22 July 2013 as S V Prasad Vision Centre. The new facility is donated by Mrs. Indira Prasad and her family in memory of Late Mr. S V Prasad, who was a retired Wing Commander with the Indian Air Force and a native of the village. Mrs. Indira Prasad and Mr. Arun Prasad inaugurated the centre.

### Anniversary Celebrations

The 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Swarna Bharat Eye Centre, Venkatachalam, Nellore, LVPEI's 6<sup>th</sup> secondary care satellite centre, was celebrated on 1 July 2013.

### Workshop on Operating Room Protocols

A workshop on Operating Room Protocols for Operating Room technicians and nurses from LVPEI's satellite hospitals, Operational Eye Sight Universal (OEU) partners and Centre for Community Ophthalmology (CCO) hospitals was held on 13-14 July 2013. About 50 participants from 28 hospitals from all over India attended the program. The workshop was supported by the SEVA Foundation.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MHCECC

LVPEI Bhubaneswar celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miriam Hyman Children's Eye Care Centre (MHCECC) on 3<sup>rd</sup> July by organizing a drawing competition at the institute for primary school children on the theme "Impact of blindness on life". Ms Esther Hyman from the Myriam Hyman Memorial Trust, UK, was present on the occasion.



### LVPEI Opticals Opens in Bellary

LVPEI Opticals opened a new outlet at the secondary care Y Mahabaleswarappa Memorial Eye Centre in Bellary on 27 July 2013.

### Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus CME

The Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus course for general ophthalmologists, postgraduate students and pediatricians conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> July was the culmination of a three-day postgraduate refresher program from 4-6 July 2012 attended by postgraduate students in ophthalmology from eastern India. The CME aimed at providing practical tips in pediatric ophthalmology practice. The talks were designed to help not only in day-to-day practice but also to strengthen fundamentals in pediatric ophthalmology. There was also a competitive case presentation session for residents.

### Prof C S Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture

Dr Anand Vinekar delivered the Prof. C S Bhaskaran Endowment lecture on 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Bhubaneswar Campus. He spoke on "Serving the community with Tele-ROP; The evolution of the KIDROP program and the road ahead".



### Our Support in August

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