

'Synapse' the Oculoplasty Meeting

'Synapse' the Oculoplasty meeting on 20 August 2017 at the Kode Venkatadri Chowdary campus in Vijayawada had 76 participants benefiting from the case based discussions, live demonstration of botox on face and video assisted surgical training sessions. The oculoplasty quiz 'INQUIZZITIVE' was a huge hit.



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Glaucoma Preceptorship Program

Glaucoma preceptorship program, 26-27 August 2017, had 13 delegates from Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Vietnam attending the highly interactive program that focused on strengthening basic concepts in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma, through didactic lectures, 3D based disc evaluation and wet lab based teaching of basic and advanced glaucoma surgeries. Also included were case based discussions on difficult glaucomas and a discussion on initiating studies on glaucoma in African countries.



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Training Programs:



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- The 5th Exit Competency Training program on cataract, for first year Comprehensive Fellows across the LVPEI network, was organized on 13 August 2017 at the GMR Varalakshmi Campus.

- LVPEI and Lions Club International Foundation 'Sight for Kids' conducted a training program for heads of Government schools in Kondapur Mandal, Sangareddy District in August 2017, to train them on screening school children for eye ailments. The program was inaugurated by the District Education Officer and benefited 40 school teachers.



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- A training program on Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advance Life Support (APLS) was organized by GVK Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI), 5-6 August 2017, for 27 ophthalmologists, residents and fellows at the Mithu Tulsi Chanrai campus in Bhubaneswar.



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30th Anniversary Lecture

The second in the series of public lectures for the 30th anniversary celebrations was delivered by Prof Govindarajan Padmanaban on 'Curcumin from Turmeric: Wonder Drug Waiting' on 5 August 2017.

Awards & Honours

Taraprasad Das appointed Chairman, Universal Eye Health Program - an initiative by Government of Odisha to minimize avoidable blindness in the state. The appointment is for five years beginning September 2017.

At the 35th Annual scientific meeting of the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS), 11 - 15 August 2017 at Boston:

- Vishal Raval received the Honour Award
- Mudit Tyagi won the Rhett Buckler Award for best video, titled 'VR surgery in Retinal Angiomas'

Sujata Das has been invited to lead as Co-Convenor of Health Care and Life Science panel of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Odisha.

Subhadra Jalali delivered the Prof T Gopinathan Menon gold medal oration on 'The ROP Blinding Epidemic - Where are the Gaps?' at the Cochin Ophthalmic Club meeting on 6 August 2017. She was also faculty instructor for post graduate students for a session on electrophysiology and newborn retinal diseases.

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At the 24th IERG-ARVO (Indian Eye Research Group-Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology) - India chapter meeting at Madurai, 29-30 July 2017:

- Research fellow Sanjukta Guha won the best poster presentation award for 'Role of SLC4A11 during oxidative stress in human corneal endothelial cells'
- Research fellow Abhinav Reddy Kethiri won best free paper research award for 'Assessing the limbal explant size for transplantation: expansion adequacy of human limbal tissue in vitro'. He had also received a travel award to present this paper.

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Anniversaries

14th Anniversary - Bhainsa Vision Centre, Adilabad District, Telangana; 1 August.

14th Anniversary - Wanaparthi Vision Centre, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana; 3 August.

4th Anniversary - Kotabommali Vision Centre, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh; 3 August.

7th Anniversary - City Centre, Madhapur, Hyderabad; 16 August.

7th Anniversary - EyeSmart EMR; 16 August.

6th Anniversary - Cherla Vision Centre, Khammam District, Telangana; 19 August.

8th Anniversary - Pamuru Vision Centre, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh; 22 August.

8th Anniversary - Ulavapadu Vision Centre, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh; 24 August.

Awareness Talk for Students

The team at GMR Varalakshmi campus organized an 'Eye Care Awareness Talk' for about 250 students of Little Angels School, Visakhapatnam on 17-18 August 2017.



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In the midst of many twinkling eyes, my eye water for the reason not known. I looked east and west; north and south, no one to give me the gentle touch. Like a lighting you appeared before me, wiped out all my tears with your magic wand. Brought back the twinkle in my eye. Healing rays of kindness and gentleness. Placed me in the midst of all the other twinkling eyes, with a difference!

The eyes that felt your warmth, radiates and reflect the love you infused. Revealing the mystery behind the flooded eye that made life a hell. Its heavenly to be out of hell.

Swapna, Vikasa Vidya Vanam

(Swapna was treated by Dr Niranjana Pehera for a foreign body under her eyelid)

Dear Sir (G Karuppaiah, Institute for Vision Rehabilitation),

Thank you for finding me a new job in a software company. I have completed 3 months successfully here. My employer and other sighted team members are treating me good and I am enjoying my new job very much.

I will not forget the help extended by you, Mohan Sir, Aishwarya Akka, Priya Akka, Vinay Annaiya, and all others who trained me. I want to thank Dr Subhadra for treating my eyes. I want to share my biography with other students coming for computer training so that they will be motivated with my story. Thanks for giving me the confidence to live. I will remember you people all my life.

Shaik Yousuf Ali
Gajwel

(Yousuf lost his eyesight after his Intermediate due to a retina problem. Around the same time, he lost his father too. He spent 3 years depressed and confined to his house. Someone advised LVPEI where he was referred to the Institute for Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired. He was counselled and put through IT Training Centre for the Visually Impaired, besides mobility training, personality development, spoken English, and general knowledge classes. He was also helped with securing free hostel accommodation in the city. At the end of his training, he had gained sufficient confidence and knowledge and was helped with placement too. He has since changed jobs, having been awarded 'Best Employee' at his first organization.)



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6th Anniversary - **Dr Kommareddy Raja Ram Mohan Rao Eye Centre**, Gudavalli, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh; 24 August.

2nd Anniversary - **Atchutapuram Vision Centre**, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh; 29 August.

2nd Anniversary - **Parawada Vision Centre**, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh; 29 August.

2nd Anniversary - **Jami Vision Centre**, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh; 30 August.

2nd Anniversary - **Naraindas and Morbai Budhrani Eye Centre**, Rayagada District, Odisha; 31 August.

Visitors & Updates

Prof Mark Duncan Willcox, Faculty of Science, School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Sydney; Guest lecture: 'TFOS DEWS II - outcomes from the recent workshop on dry eye disease'; 2 August.

Dr Donald Champagne, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University; Guest lecture: 'Science of Cataract Onset Delay'; 8 August.

Neilsen De Souza, Global Business Director, Brien Holden Vision Institute; Visit: 31 July – 1 August

Respected Dr Subhadra Jalali,

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation for the time you took to study my daughter's case and provide guidance. After my daughter Nida's birth, when we came to know about her corneal opacity issue, we were afraid and clueless. Our pediatrician suggested we visit LVPEI. But as my daughter was a pre-term baby and could not travel, I sent an email to LVPEI for guidance. Honestly, I was not expecting any response but Mr V Naveen Kumar, Patient Care Administrator forwarded my email to you and we got timely and accurate guidance over email. Thank you for helping clueless parents like us.

Shahid Shaikh

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