



From Mozambique to Hyderabad, Isaura Brito dos Santos trains in Pediatric Optometry and Telugu!



"My eye twitching is almost gone; have been seizure free for almost a year now."

- Abhirami Venkatesh



Clinical Trials at LVPEI

## From scoring the lowest marks to securing 70%



D Sireesha's vision problem went unidentified until she was in her 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When her teacher tried to counsel her on her low scores, she realized that Sireesha was unable to copy notes from the blackboard due to limited vision. Soon enough, her agriculturist father brought her to LVPEI's Edward and Soona Brown Eye Centre at Sattenapalli. Diagnosed with low vision at the centre, she was prescribed with 4X telescope. "I am in seventh grade now and I am able to study well. In my last exam I scored 70% and I am now participating in all school activities as well," says the elated Sireesha.

## Premature Odisha baby saved from blindness

Mamata Rout of Sidhamala, Nayagarh District, Odisha, had delivered two premature baby girls in the 30<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. They weighed 900 gm and 1500 gm respectively, and were kept at the NICU of the local government hospital for 25 days as the parents couldn't afford to take them to Bhubaneswar for better treatment. Dr Sweta Mohapatra, an Ophthalmologist at Nayagarh, trained at LVPEI in early diagnosis of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), a condition affecting the eye health of premature babies,



diagnosed the twin babies with ROP. The RBSK (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, a state Child Health Program for the disadvantaged) helped rush the babies to LVPEI Bhubaneswar. RBSK's pediatrician Dr Lingaraj Pradhan admitted one of the twins who needed urgent treatment to the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) at Capital Hospital Bhubaneswar where her health was



stabilized. At the brink of losing her vision, the baby underwent advanced ROP treatment, including injections and laser sessions, under the skilful hands of Dr Tapas Ranjan Padhi of LVPEI Bhubaneswar. Thanks to the collective efforts of the various teams, the baby today has healthy vision and will no longer be blinded for life.

Dear Dr Subhadra Jalali,

It gives me great pleasure that my daughter Lavanya (your Retinopathy of Prematurity patient) has secured admission at Symbiosis Center for Management Studies, Pune for her BBA course. She completed class 12<sup>th</sup> this year with 71% marks. I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone at LVPEI, and to you in particular. I still remember our first visit to LVPEI with a 3 month old Lavanya in November 1999. We were staring at a very uncertain future for her. But you and the Rehabilitation team led by Ms Beula Christy showed us the way and together we fought ROP.

Tarun Gupta

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