

### 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Visakhapatnam Campus



A CME 'Looking Beyond The Eye - IV' was organized at the GMR Varalakshmi campus on 12 July 2015, on the occasion of their 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On the agenda were diagnostic and management issues of ocular diseases that have a systemic component. It had over a 100 delegates.

### ReDx Workshop

LVPEI's Innovation Centre Srujana, in collaboration with the Camera Culture group at MIT Media Lab, conducted the third edition of the 'ReDx Workshop'. ReDx (Rethinking Engineering Design eXecution) is a platform for engineers, medical professionals, designers, technology aficionados, innovators and big dreamers. Shri K T Rama Rao, Honourable Minister for Panchayat Raj & IT, Telangana, was the Chief Guest at the inaugural event. About 100 Engineering and Design students from all across India worked on prototypes for their innovations at the workshop from 5-11 July 2015.



### 51<sup>st</sup> Indian Contact Lens Program (ICLEP)



The 51<sup>st</sup> Indian Contact Lens Program (ICLEP) was held 3-5 July 2015 in collaboration with Bausch + Lomb. The program comprised instruction courses on fitting silicon hydrogels, toric contact lenses, gas permeable contact lenses and specialty lenses for keratoconus, along with multiple clinical case scenarios.

### Homage



The LVPEI family deeply mourns the loss of two of our biggest supporters, **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam** and **Prof Brien Holden**, who have been solid pillars of support for our institute during its evolution.

### Awards & Honours

**Jay Chhablani** won the Rhetta Buckler Award for his video 'Navigated yellow laser hyaloidotomy for subhyaloid hemorrhage' at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS 2015) at Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2015.

**Vivek Singh** was an invited speaker at the national seminar on 'Omics and Biomarker Analysis in Disease Pathology' organized by the Department of Zoology, University of Kerala. He spoke on 'Corneal/ Limbal wound healing'.

### Visitors & Updates

**Dr Neil Hall**, celebrated poet, ophthalmologist and author of 'Nigger for Life'; Public Lecture - 'The Wonders of Words'; 26 June.

**Dr Vivek Lal**, Professor and Head, Department of Neurology, PGIMER. Chandigarh; Guest Lecture - 'Clinical case histories and radiological findings'; 11 July.

**Dr David A Sullivan**, Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology Harvard Medical School, Senior Scientist, Schepens Eye Research Institute; Guest Lecture - 'How to turn them on and off: Regulation of human meibomian gland epithelial cells'; 14 July.

*As little kids we loved building things and exploring the world around us. As we grew up we got too busy learning about the things other people had already invented and discovered. Somewhere along the line, we forgot that we were capable of making things too. We forgot the joy of creating.*

*At the ReDx camp, I learnt and tried things I would never have had the opportunity to do otherwise in my chosen field of medicine. I had hoped to meet amazing doctors and scientists from around the world but I never imagined I would actually get a chance to interact with them as closely as I got to. I realized they didn't just want to cure diseases or save lives. They wanted to CHANGE lives. They were thinking out of the box, and I realized that these incredible people were not just engineers, scientists or doctors but had found a way to blend their multiple skill sets to achieve anything they aspired for. The ReDx camp has taught me a lot in one week. But most importantly, it has inspired me beyond belief, and shown me an entire network of people around the world with only one mission: to follow their passion and positively impact millions.*

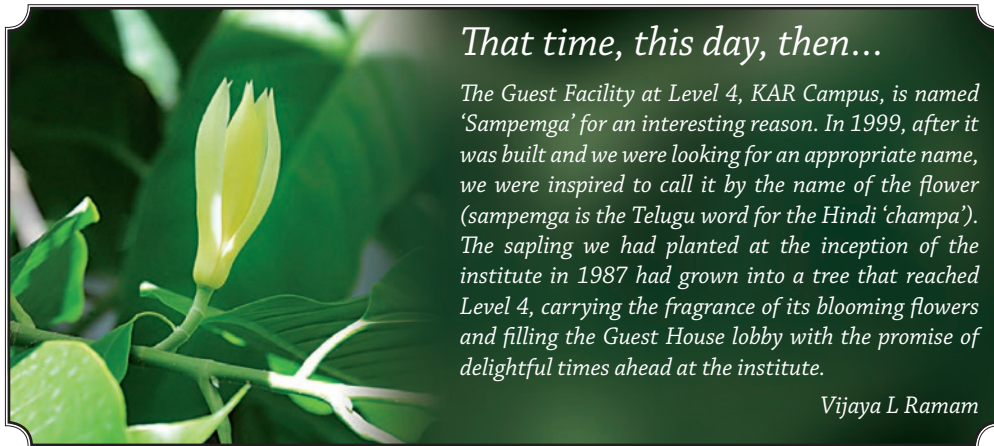
Apurva Vedire  
Medical student

# 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Bhubaneswar Campus



LVPEI Bhubaneswar campus celebrated its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 3 July 2015 with a series of activities:

- The CME on Pediatric ophthalmology, Strabismus and Neuro-ophthalmology 'Eye on the Future' attracted 60 participants (ophthalmologists, residents and pediatric ophthalmologists)
- A Cadaver Workshop on 'Cranial nerve and extra ocular muscle (EOM)' organized by Dr Vivek Warkad had 32 participants
- Dr Meenakshi Swaminathan, Director of Academics and Senior Consultant - Pediatric Ophthalmology, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai delivered the 6<sup>th</sup> C S Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture "Progressive high myopia – are we on the verge of an epidemic?".



## That time, this day, then...

The Guest Facility at Level 4, KAR Campus, is named 'Sampemga' for an interesting reason. In 1999, after it was built and we were looking for an appropriate name, we were inspired to call it by the name of the flower (sampemga is the Telugu word for the Hindi 'champa'). The sapling we had planted at the inception of the institute in 1987 had grown into a tree that reached Level 4, carrying the fragrance of its blooming flowers and filling the Guest House lobby with the promise of delightful times ahead at the institute.

Vijaya L Ramam

## Experience of a lifetime

While pursuing his post graduation from Minto Ophthalmic Institute, Bangalore, Dr Akshay Badakare happened to attend a lecture in Hubli where Dr Ramesh Kekunnaya was a speaker and mentioned about the impressive comprehensive fellowship program at LVPEI. At the same time, Dr Akshay's wife Dr Swathi Badakare attended EyePEP, a program for postgraduate ophthalmology students, hosted by LVPEI. The couple went ahead and applied for the three year comprehensive fellowship program at LVPEI.

"The fellowship program at LVPEI is at par with the international standards and undoubtedly the best in the country. Initially, it took us a couple of weeks to adjust to the rigorous routine but soon things fall in place. I value not only the academic knowledge that I have gained, but also the important lessons that I have learnt in time management and work-life discipline at LVPEI," says Dr Akshay.



Dr Swathi and Dr Akshay standing, left

As part of their fellowship, the couple was posted at the peripheral centre, Y Mahabaleswarappa Memorial Eye Centre in Bellary, Karnataka. "The real challenge at the new centre was to build a rapport with the

community and gain their trust. This also made us aware of the various health issues faced by the communities. When Swathi saved a poor, elderly man's vision by operating him for cataract in his only remaining eye, his entire family turned up to thank us. It was an overwhelming experience that we will cherish for a lifetime," recalls Dr Akshay.

Dr Akshay and Dr Swathi have completed their comprehensive fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology and glaucoma respectively in June 2015. They have decided to continue their journey with LVPEI and will soon be joining the institute as consultants.

## Visitors & Updates

Dr Audrey Talley Rostov, Partner at Northwest Eye Surgeons; Guest Lecture – 'Femto assisted cataract surgery'; 29 July.

Vincent James Patalano II, Cambridge Health Alliance, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA; Dr Cathy Stern, Greater Boston Area, USA; Dr Shizuo Makai, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, USA; Tristan Swedish, Shantanu Sinha, Karin Roesch, Pratik Shah and Prof Ramesh Raskar, all from MIT Media Lab, MIT, Cambridge MA, USA; ReDx Workshop; 5-11 July.

8<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Swarna Bharat Eye Centre, Venkatachalam, Nellore District; 1 July.

9<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Chinnaganjam Vision Centre (attached to Venkata Lakshmi Eye Centre, Karamchedu, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh); 12 July.

9<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Yeddanapudi Vision Centre (attached to Venkata Lakshmi Eye Centre, Karamchedu, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh); 17 July.

2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary; Buttayagudem Vision Centre, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh (attached to Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus, Vijayawada); 21 July.

2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary; Santhanuthalapadu Vision Centre, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh (attached to Sudhakar & Sreekanth Ravi Eye Centre, Kandukuru, Prakasam District, AP); 22 July.

9<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Ballikuruva Vision Centre, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh (attached to Venkata Lakshmi Eye Centre, Karamchedu, Prakasam District, AP); 22 July.

## Our Support in July

<b>Australia</b> Timothy James Kemsley	<b>Indonesia</b> Santy Kusumawaty
<b>Bhubaneswar</b> Bibekananda Mohanta Chhoton De K C Mohanty Kirteemayee Roul Laxminarayan Mohanty M Bhaskar Rao Rudranarayan Behera SS Samantaray	<b>Keonjhar</b> Thriveni Earth Movers Pvt Ltd
<b>Guntur</b> M Gandhi	<b>Rayagada</b> J K Papers Ltd
<b>Gurgaon</b> Priya Mittal	<b>Srikakulam</b> Bonela Indira, D/O Vasudeva Rao Jami Trinadha Rao
<b>Hyderabad</b> Akhilesh Gupta Byri Anusha Garima Ahuja Javed Ali Jaya Surya P K Aruna Megha Parekha P V Bhavana Varma	<b>Visakhapatnam</b> G H Ravi Kumar Harmony Foods Pvt Ltd Rani Kamala Devi Varun Motors Pvt Ltd
	<b>Vizianagaram</b> Gajapathi Raju Venkata Narasamma Mirza Khaleel Baig

## L V Prasad Eye Institute

Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, Hyderabad  
Tel: 91 040 39892020  
City Centre: 91 40 39171600/39171601  
Extension: 91 40 30484669/30484670  
E-mail: info.hyd@lvpei.org

Patia, Bhubaneswar, Orissa  
Tel: 91 0674 3989202  
E-mail: info.bbsr@lvpei.org

GMR Varalakshmi Campus, Visakhapatnam  
Tel: 91 0891 3984555  
E-mail: info.vizag@lvpei.org

Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus  
Tadigadapa, Vijayawada  
Tel: 91 0866 3062020  
E-mail: KVC-appointment@lvpei.org