

Velamati Soubhagyavathamma Building Inaugurated



The **Velamati Soubhagyavathamma Building** at LVPEI's Kallam Anji Reddy Campus was formally inaugurated on 9 November 2015. Dignitaries present included the institute's supporters: **Sri V C Janardan Rao**, Chairman, Veljan Hydrair Ltd (the building is named after his mother); **Sri Ramesh Prasad**, Managing Director, Prasad Film Laboratories; **Sri P T Vikram Prasad**, Managing Director, Nava Bharat Ventures Limited; **Sri Ashok Devineni**, Executive Chairman, Board of Nava Bharat Ventures Ltd; **Smt Anju Poddar**, art lover, educationist and author; **Smt Madhu Kilaru**, Managing Director, Prasad Acumeter Pvt Ltd; **Sri Prasad Kilaru**, Technical Director, Prasad Acumeter Pvt Ltd; **Sri Arun Sureka**, Director, Hartex Rubber Pvt Ltd; **Sri Om Prakash Tibrewala**, Chairman, O P Tibrewala Foundation; **Sri Vellanki V Rao**, Managing Director, Neotrax Software Pvt Ltd; and **Smt Anuradha Goparaju**, wife of Mr Varaprasada Rao Goparaju. Also present was the team from Green Gold Animation Pvt Ltd, Producers of Chhota Bheem.



Homage

The LVPEI family deeply mourns the loss of eminent industrialist and philanthropist **Sri B D Sureka**, Chairman, Sureka Group and Hartex Rubber, Kolkata. He was a constant



Shri B D Sureka (1929 - 2015)

well-wisher who had supported some key facilities at Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar.

Awards & Honours

Dr Jay Chhablani invited to join the Editorial Boards of *PLoS One* and *BMC Ophthalmology*.

Dr Ramesh Kekunnaya invited as Editorial Board Member for the 'Pediatrics and Strabismus' section of *BMC Ophthalmology*.

Dr Virender Sachdeva invited as Editorial Board Member for the 'Pediatrics and Strabismus' section of *BMC Ophthalmology*.

Dr Swathi Kaliki invited to join *Eyewiki* as Editor of their Ocular Oncology section.



An image submitted by **Dr Srinivas Marmamula** for the Annual Wellcome Trust/ DBT India Alliance Fellows meet, 5-6 November

2015 at Hotel Novotel, Hyderabad, was selected as the Best Image.

'Anatomical Landmarks in Oculoplasty: A Beginner's Guide', a 6 minute video by **Dr Anuradha Ayyar** and **Dr Milind Naik**, produced by Central Audio-Visual Unit, won the video competition award at the 35th Annual Conference of the Maharashtra State Ophthalmological Society (MOSCON) 2015, organized by the Ahmednagar District Ophthalmic Academy.

Shiva Shankar Talloju won the Professional Runner-up award at the IAPB 2015 Photo Contest for his photograph 'Patients young and old seek eye care: Good vision is indeed life's game changer'.



Vision Centres #126 and #127

The Denkada and Vallampudi Vision Centres were inaugurated on 14th and 15th November 2015 respectively at Denkada Mandal and Vepada Mandal, Vizianagram, Andhra Pradesh. The capital funding for the centres is by the Lavelle Fund for the Blind, USA and the operational support is by local community leaders.



Denkada Vission Centre receives operational support from **Sri Poosapati Ramachandra Raju**, **Sri Poosapati Ramabhadra Raju**, **Sri Ganapathiraju Govinda Raju**, **Smt Ganapathiraju Subba Lakshmi Devi** (Rajula Thamapuram), **Sri DVSSSN Raju** (Pradeep Raju) & **Smt D Atchutha Vani** (Sarpanch, village Denkada) and **Sri Nagesh**.

Vallampudi Vision Centre receives operational support from **Lotus Wireless Technologies**, Visakhapatnam, including the surgeries and spectacles for the poor. Rent-free premises have been provided by the Vallampudi Panchayathi.



Rehabilitation Clients Exhibit Handicrafts



An exhibition and sale of handicrafts such as hand-made paper bags, door hangings and candles was held at the Rehabilitation Centre on 10 November

2015. The products were handcrafted by the Rehabilitation Centre's visually impaired clients who were trained for the skills at a workshop held earlier at LVPEI.

MoU with Medical Center, Liberia

LVPEI entered into an agreement with **John F Kennedy Memorial Medical Center**, Liberia for cross transfer of medical skills, knowledge and expertise. The MOU was signed on 30 October 2015 in Delhi at a meeting attended by the President of Liberia, Her Excellency **Dr Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** and **Dr Gullapalli N Rao**. LVPEI's Eye Health Initiative in Liberia will help develop high quality customized eye care services, besides guidance in human resource planning, recruitment and training to implement a countrywide community eye health program.



I had been to L V Prasad institute 15 days back for my LASIK (PhemtoSecond LASIK) surgery. The surgery was performed by Dr Somasheila Murthy. I paid 2 visits to the institute for an opinion and surgery, and found the staff extremely humble, courteous and co-operative which is very rare at big hospitals. The surgery went smoothly thanks to the continuous motivation and the healthy atmosphere maintained in the operation theater. The procedure was painless as promised and in fact it was a magical experience. Even though I tried, I couldn't point out a single flaw in the overall administration and management. The total expenditure is very reasonable as compared to other hospitals. I would, without any doubt, give 5 stars to the institute as I am sure there's none equal to it in India.

Mitali Khanapurkar

10th Anniversary Public Lectures Series at LVPEI Bhubaneswar

• 28 October: **Dr Pratibha Ray**, a renowned Odiya writer, delivered a lecture on "Eyesight Insight" - a different perspective of the world, the need for a barrier less world, the importance of seeing the physical world as well as having insight to understand it.



• 20 November: **Mr Manas Kumar Sahu**, a well-known sand animation artist, delivered a lecture on "Sand Animation - giving an insight about the sand art in Odisha."



• 25 November: **Ms Jagi Mangat Panda**, Founder and Managing Director, Ortel Communication and Oriya language television channel, delivered a lecture on "Women Entrepreneurship" - on how to improve the working conditions for women and understanding their work requirements.



Dr C Syamala Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture



Mr Scot Andrew Muirden, Director of the Charles Bonnet Syndrome Foundation based in Melbourne, Australia, delivered the Dr C Syamala Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture on 3 November 2015. He spoke on 'Charles Bonnet Syndrome: A blind spot in eye health care'.

Children's Eye Care Week

On the occasion of Children's Day on November 14th, World Prematurity Day on November 17th, and as a part of Children's Eye Care Week (Nov 14 - 20), several activities were organized to raise awareness on children's eye health. 'Good Eye Sight - Every Child's Right' was the theme.

- **Awareness Walk** - Involving staff, volunteers and others.
- **Eyes Baby Eyes** - An interactive session with children and parents.
- **Poetry Writing and Painting Contest** - At the Children's Eye Care Centre waiting lounges.
- **Become an Eye Doctor** - For school teachers and students to discuss basic anatomy of the eye, common eye diseases in children, identifying and treating lazy eye.
- **ROP Awareness Workshop** - An interactive session with parents and teachers.



18th Integrated Fun Camp



The Dr PRK Prasad Centre for Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired held its 18th Annual Integrated Fun Camp on 21 November 2015 at Prasad Labs gardens, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Over 380

participants indulged in the fun and games including the visually impaired and their family.

That time, this day, then....



This picture was shared on the LVPEI Executives WhatsApp group on Sunday, November 8th at 8 pm, the eve of the inaugural of the new Velamati Sowbhagyavatamma Patient Care Building. The immense team work, toil, excitement, joy, relief at completing the project and eagerness to serve patients with renewed vigour - all captured in that candid picture; all so reminiscent of 31st May 1987 when some 20 of us were balancing an assortment of jobs, preparing for the Institute's launch. Times change but LVPEI's indomitable team spirit surely does not!

- Vijaya L Ramam

Visitors & Updates

Mr Scot Andrew Muirden, Director, Charles Bonnet Syndrome Foundation, Melbourne, Australia; Guest Lecture - 'Charles Bonnet Syndrome: A sleeper issue in eye health care'; 4 November.

Dr Narsing A Rao, Professor of Ophthalmology; Director, Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory and Uveitis Service, Keck School of Medicine, USC, Los Angeles, USA; Guest Lecture - 'Demystify Clinically the Retinal Vasculitis'; 3 November.

Steffen Gebauer, Managing Director; Peter Klopotek, Chief Scientific officer, Gebauer Medizintechnik GmbH, Neuhausen, Germany; 8-9 November.

Mr C Rajashekar, Area Director, Special Olympics Bharat; **Mr Kambhampati Haribabu**, Member of Parliament; **Mr GSN Raju**, Vice Chancellor, Andhra University; **Mr Pavan Kumar**, IAS, Joint Collector; Special Olympics screening; GMRV Campus; 16 November.

A **Trainers Training in Optical Dispensing** for Optometrists from South East Asia was conducted with support from WHO and IAPB at the Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry; 2-9 November.

10th anniversary - **Bijnapally Vision Centre** attached to Kuchukulla Ramachandra Reddy Eye Centre, Toodukurthy, Mahbubnagar District; 9 November.

8th anniversary - **Bela Vision Centre** attached to Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre, Adilabad, Telangana; 14 November.

10th anniversary - **Indravelly Vision Centre** attached to Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre, Adilabad, Telangana; 15 November.

4th anniversary - **Kapileswarapuram Vision Centre**, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, attached to Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus, Vijayawada; 20 November.

10th anniversary - **Tanur Vision Centre** attached to Bhosle Gopal Rao Patil Eye Centre, Mudhole, Adilabad; 22 November.

10th anniversary - **Boath Vision Centre** attached to Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre, Adilabad, Telangana; 30 November.

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