

### 29<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

LVPEI celebrated the completion of 28 years of dedicated service on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 with a string of activities to mark the occasion.

- **Network event:** The entire network connected on video conference to share glimpses of their work through the year. Mr BVR Mohan Reddy, Executive Chairman, Cyient Limited, Hyderabad was the Chief Guest.



- **Blood Donation Drive:** Over 150 participants donated blood at a blood donation drive organized at the Bhubaneswar campus.



- **Technology Transfer from Germany:** Gebauer Medizintechnik GmbH provided the institute with 2 high precision automated corneal tissue processing systems to enable preparation of pre sculpted tissue for endothelial corneal transplant in the eye bank, and two high precision microkeratomes to assist in flap creating during LASIK surgery. This was made possible with the support of the German government in the form of a grant from the Deutsche Investitions and Entwicklungsgesellschaft (DEG).

### Vision Centre #125 at Pedana

The Pedana Vision Centre in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh was inaugurated on 10 October 2015 by Sri K Venkat Rao, Member of Legislative Assembly. Dignitaries present included Sri Abdul Kayyum and Sri Nagaraju, Chairman and Member respectively of the Pedana Municipal Council; Brig (retd) Y Sukumar; and Sri P Ganesham, President, Palle Srujana Sangham. The capital expenses of the Centre are supported by Latter Day Saint Charities, USA and rent free premises provided by Dr Y Ashok.



### CAMTech Innovation Hack-a-thon

The 'CAMTech Diabetes Innovation Clinical Summit: An Innovation Approach' was hosted on 9 October 2015. The summit sought to provide affordable medical technology and was organized by the Consortium for Affordable Medical Technology (CAMTech) at Massachusetts General Hospital's Center for Global Health. Dr Gullapalli N Rao was the keynote speaker.

### World Sight Day 2015



World Sight Day was commemorated, 1-8 October 2015, across the LVPEI network. Rallies, community and school screening programs, and awareness talks were organized with the support of government officials, local leaders and volunteer groups.

### The Alcon ReLOAD meeting

ReLOAD (Review Learnings on Advancement and Development) was conducted in collaboration with Alcon on 4 October 2015. It had 19 Fellows participating.



### Mr Nila Madhab Panda's Public Lecture at Bhubaneswar

The sixth in the series of public lectures being hosted by LVPEI Bhubaneswar was delivered by writer, producer and director Nila Madhab Panda on 29 September 2015. His first feature film, the highly acclaimed "I Am Kalam", has already won 24 International awards, one National award, two Industry awards (Filmfare and Screen) and several nominations at over 60 International film festivals. The interactive discussions were on new India and the impact of westernization on our society.



### Awards & Honours

Subhadra Jalali awarded the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)'s 'Eye Health Leader' award for 2015 - for: "Putting exceptional clinical skills and dedication for the care of pre term infants" in the control of visual loss from Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP).

Indumathi Mariappan awarded the B M Birla Science Prize in Biology for the year 2014. She won it jointly with Dr Jayandharan Giridhar Rao.

At the Silver Jubilee meeting of the Glaucoma Society of India (GSI), 3-5 October 2015, in Mumbai:

- G Chandra Sekhar was honoured for his services by the Glaucoma Society of India
- Harika from LVPEI Bhubaneswar won Best Paper in the free paper category
- Alumnus Paaraj Dave won Second Prize for the free paper category
- Vanita Pathak-Ray won Best Video award



At the Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI) Silver Jubilee, 10-11 October 2015 at New Delhi, LVPEI won the following awards:

- Ramayamma International Eye Bank (RIEB) was awarded the Best Eye Bank in India for the highest number of corneas procured in the year 2014-15
- LVPEI was felicitated for achieving a record 20,000 transplants by a single institute.



Dilip Kumar Mishra was invited Guest Speaker for SAARC Academy of Cytopathologists and Histopathologists (SACH) at Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2-4 October 2015. He spoke on 'Eye and Orbital Disease'.

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

In the early 90s, Dr Rao was once addressing the administrative team, stressing the importance of saving every penny. To elucidate his point, he said if we were to pick up every gem clip (the inexpensive stationery item used to clip sheets of paper together) that we routinely discard, we would save 5 paise for every clip. Assuming we save about 100 good paper clips from hitting the trash can, we would have saved Rs 5/- per head per month. Thus the amount the institute would save per annum only on paper clips would be a sizeable multiple. Every penny does count!

Vijaya L Ramam

# Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer

The Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer, a world-class facility for ocular oncology offering critically required services to India and the developing countries through research, capacity-building and education programs, was inaugurated by Mr Brian Foster, Executive Director of Operation Eyesight Universal on 30 September 2015.



## Glaucoma Implant Workshop

The Glaucoma Implant workshop 29-30 September 2015 was a focused group meeting that attracted participants from 7 countries - 62 delegates for the Wet Lab training and 66 delegates in the other sessions. The external faculty included:

- Paul Palmberg, Professor, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami
- Robert Stamper, Director, Glaucoma Clinic, UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco
- George Varghese Puthuran, Chief, Glaucoma Services, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai
- Lingam Vijaya, Senior Clinician, Singapore National Eye Center, Singapore

## First Floor at GPR-ICARE

The foundation stone laying for the first floor at the Gullapalli Pratibha Rao International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye care (GPR-ICARE) was done by Mr Brian Foster, Executive Director, Operation Eyesight Universal, Canada, on 28 September 2015.



## Vision Rehabilitation Workshop at GMRV Campus



A workshop was organized on 27 October 2015 at the GMR Varalakshmi Campus, for clients of the Vision Rehabilitation Centre and their caregivers, on the welfare benefits available for special needs persons.

Mr Venkateswara Rao, Assistant Director, Welfare of Disabled & Senior Citizens Department was the key speaker. The workshop saw 42 participants.

### Visitors & Updates

**Mr Arun Khara**, Deputy Manager, The State Trading Corporation of India Ltd (STC); 1 October.

**Dr Ramachandra Pararajasegaram**, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Switzerland; 6-10 October.

**Dr Matt J Dunn**, Teacher, Research Associate & Optometrist, Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK; Guest Lecture - "Visual Perception in Infantile Nystagmus"; 21 October.

**Ms Heidi Chase**, Associate Director, Seva Foundation, USA; 8-10 October.

**Ms Shira**, CEO, TOMS, USA; 8-10 October.

**Steffen Gebauer**, MD, and **Peter Klopotek**, Chief Scientist of Gebauer GMBH, Neuhausen, Germany; 8-10 October.

**Amy Wachler**, **Elizabeth Bailey**, **Kristian Olson**, **Alexis Steel**, **Smitha Gudapakkam** and **Katharine Hutchins**, Consortium for Affordable Medical Technology (CAMTech), Boston, USA; 9<sup>th</sup> October.

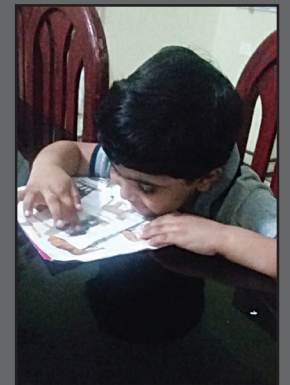
17<sup>th</sup> anniversary, **Kuchakulla Ramachandra Reddy Eye Centre**, Thoodukurthy, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana; 24 October.

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, **Lokeshwaram Eye Centre**, Adilabad District, Telangana (connected to **Bhosle Gopal Rao Patil Eye Centre**, Mudhole, Adilabad District); 27 October.

When my son Faaz was born I was overwhelmed with joy like any mother. Within hours I realized there was a problem with his vision and my world crashed. When I came to know about LVPEI in Hyderabad, the hospitality I got from here made me feel that they could read my mind! I was at a loss for words when Dr Muralidhar expressed full faith in my son's ability to see. He first did a corneal transplant and then did cataract surgery. He kept updating on the prognosis without fail. On the last day, my son pointed out an ant moving on the floor and could recognize and identify pictures from a book. I thanked God a million times for making me hand over my kid to the safe hands of Dr Muralidhar.

When I shared my joy with him, he was equally overwhelmed and found time to talk to me even in his busy schedule. That's the kind of generosity we can hardly find these days. It is my immense pleasure knowing a great doctor and beyond that, meeting a wonderful human being. Thanks for all your support and your faith in my son and your positive vibes will keep us moving with positivity in life.

Naima Rajnas  
(Mother of Md Faaz Bin Rajnas)



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