

Decennial Celebrations



The Bhubaneswar Campus celebrated its tenth anniversary on 16 January 2016. Present on the occasion were the Chief Minister of Odisha Shri

Naveen Patnaik and Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Information & Public Relations. Over the last decade, LVPEI Bhubaneswar has notched up more than 7 lakh outpatients (22% free of cost) and 77,000 surgeries (34% free of cost). The various programs scheduled included:

- **Investiture ceremony** of Ophthalmic Nurses, Vision Technicians and diploma programs in community eye health.
- **Display of paintings** of eminent international artists.
- **Alumni meet** of optometrists, retina and pediatric faculty.
- **6th Bijayananda Patnaik Memorial Lecture** delivered on 15th January by Prof Harminder Singh Dua, Chair and Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Nottingham, UK on 'Steering the ship from studentship to leadership'.
- Workshop and CME **The Engima of the 6th Layer**, 15-16 January, conducted by the Cornea and Anterior Segment Service.



Long Term Ophthalmology Fellows Graduate

9 long term ophthalmology fellows from Kallam Anji Reddy Campus and 3 from LVPEI Bhubaneswar graduated on 31 December 2015.



My turning point in life started at the IT room in LVPEI's Vision Rehabilitation Centre where I underwent computer training. Despite being visually challenged, I was able to enhance my skills to the fullest and get the eligibility to work for Cisco Systems, a multinational company. IT training has added colour to my life and made me feel equal to my sighted peers. My IT instructors, Mr Manesh Maheshwari and Mr Mohan trained me so well that I'm able to operate computers independently.

When I lost my vision, I thought working on a computer would remain an unfulfilled dream but LVPEI has made this dream come true for me. In addition to the computer training, I have also learnt many other things from here. I feel that the Vision Rehabilitation Centre is the perfect place for any visually challenged person to overcome their barriers and live an independent life. It is my great pleasure to meet such a wonderful team that has changed my life completely.

Surbhi Mudghal

Awards & Honours

Prashant Garg has been invited by American Academy of Ophthalmology to author an AAO 'Focal Points Module' on Parasitic Keratitis. *Focal Points* is the Academy's flagship monthly publication, with each issue providing a walkthrough on a specific ophthalmic topic.

LVPEI Bhubaneswar won the First Prize for its gardens among 'Teaching and Training Institutes' at the Garden Competition 2016 conducted by the Garden Lovers' Association, Bhubaneswar.



Visitors & Updates

Minister for Civil Aviation **Sri Poosapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju**, MLA **Smt Meesala Geetha** and MLC **Sri Dwarapureddi Jagadeeswara Rao** visited the Denkada Vision Centre, Vizianagaram; 3 January.

Prof Michael A Webster, Director, Center for Integrative Neuroscience (NIH COBRE); Co-Director, Department of Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno, USA; Guest Lecture on 'Neural compensation for the optical aberrations of the eye'; 8 January.



Mrs Soona and Mr Edward Brown, France, donors for the David Brown Children's Eye Care Centre in Vijayawada and the Edward & Soona Brown Eye Centre in Sattenapally; 19 January.

Prof Harminder Singh Dua, Chair and Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Nottingham, UK; Guest Lecture at Bhubaneswar Campus on 'Dua's Layer: Its discovery, characterisation, controversy, clinical implications and surgical applications'; 13 January.

3rd anniversary - Mandasa Vision Centre, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh; 30 December.

8th anniversary - Sudhakar and Sreekanth Ravi Eye Centre, Markapuram, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh; 4 January.

1st anniversary - Edward and Soona Brown Eye Centre, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh; 12 January.

A Slew of Activities by Rehabilitation Services:



GMR Varalakshmi Campus organized a **Yoga Workshop** on 31 December 2015 by Sri Sankar Rao, a leading yoga trainer, for 40 clients of the vision rehabilitation centre at GMR Varalakshmi Campus.



The 18th 'Rehab Volunteers Meet' on 2 January 2016 was a thanksgiving for about 35 volunteers for their time, talent and treasure during the past year, besides seeking their suggestions for the coming year.



The 24th meeting of the **Parents' Association of Visually Impaired (PAVI)** on 9 January 2016 planned activities for 2016 and had an interesting quiz on awareness regarding disability issues for about 40 participants.



A **Vision Screening** program was conducted for 58 students of Spurthi School for Special Children, Gun Bazar, Secunderabad on 8 January 2016.

That time, this day, then....

The soft launch of the **Kothapalli Rama Rao Ophthalmic Surgical Centre** at the VSPC Building on 25th January was an overwhelming moment, considering that the centre is to be upscaled to a capacity of performing a whopping 200 surgeries daily with its fully equipped 15 operating rooms.

What a contrast from 1st October 1987 when we began conducting surgeries with just 4 operating rooms, barely managing to equip just one of them for cataract surgeries! I remember it took a good 4 years to have the other 3 operating rooms made fully operational for subspecialty procedures.

- Vijaya L Ramam

2nd Annual meeting of 165 **Alumni of LVPEI Optometrists (ALO)** held at KAR Campus; 23-24 January.

State-wide 'Rapid Assessment of Visual Impairment' Survey on population aged above 40 years, in collaboration with **Govt of Tripura and Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services**, initiated in January 2016.



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10th anniversary - **Bhubaneswar Campus, Odisha**; 14 January.

30th anniversary - **Hyderabad Eye Institute** (LVPEI registered as Trust with Sri K P Prasad, Prof Ramalingaswami, Dr Narla Tata Rao, Sri K Rama Rao, Sri Ramesh Prasad and Dr G N Rao as founding trustees); 20 January.

9th anniversary - **Telkapally Vision Centre, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana**; 24 January.

5th anniversary - **David Brown Children's Eye Care Centre, Vijayawada**; 29 January.

1st anniversary - **Unguturu Vision Centre, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh**; 30 January.

9th anniversary - **Utnoor Vision Centre, Adilabad District, Telangana**; 31 January.

The **Kothapalli Rama Rao Surgical Centre** at the Velamathi Sowbhagyavathamma building



was inaugurated by Sri Kothapalli Kishore and his wife Meena on 25 January 2016.

More Women Patients Served in 2015 - LVPEI's rural eye care services had 52% female outpatients and 57% surgeries for women in 2015. The focus on women patients is owed not just to gender sensitivity but to the higher prevalence of blindness among women. Altogether, LVPEI's rural eye care services served 18,075 outpatients and performed 2,148 surgeries in 2015.

Looking Beyond the Eye 2016 - a CME on Eye and Systemic Diseases - was organized on 24 January 2016 at the Arjun Waney Eye Centre, Berhampur, Odisha.

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