

Vision Centres #131, #132 and #133

#131 Kamalapur Vision Centre, Jagatsingpur District, Odisha was inaugurated on 25 February 2016. It is supported by the Jaga Mohan Memorial Trust, Jagatsingpur. Dignitaries present included Professor N K Das, Chairman, Jaga Mohan Memorial Trust; Trustees Sri Nikunj Kumar Das, Sri Siddarda Das, Sri Saswat Das and their family members.



#132 Sujatha Nagar Vision Centre, Khammam District, Telangana, and #133 Chebrolu Vision Centre, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh were inaugurated on 1st and 2nd March 2016 respectively. Capital support is by Latter Day Saint Charities, USA, represented by Elder



Newton and Sister Newton at the inauguration.

Glaucoma Awareness Week

A series of activities commemorated Glaucoma Awareness Week, 6-12 March 2016:

@Hyderabad: Glaucoma Awareness Walk on 6th March had Hyderabad Royals (Royal Enfield motorcycle club) flagging off the walk along with fashion designer and model Shilpa Reddy and other celebrities from Tollywood. A press conference and an interactive patient forum were also conducted.



@Bhubaneswar: Awareness Walk, a skit along with dance, and an interactive patient forum comprised the activities.



@Visakhapatnam: The walk was flagged off by Sri N Yuvaraj, District Collector & Magistrate. Also present were Sri U B Reddie, Senior Environmental Engineer, APCCB; Sri Ran Rajendra Kapwurtur, Unit Head, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Parawada.

@Vijayawada: A total of 37 vision technicians from various vision centres were trained on basic identification and evaluation of glaucoma - relative afferent pupillary defect, assessment of anterior chamber depth using slit lamp bio microscope and optic disc evaluation using direct ophthalmoscope.



Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) PLUS



The 35th Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) PLUS, 9-11 March 2016, was in collaboration with the New England College of Optometry (NECO) and New England Eye (NEE), Boston, USA.

Faculty: Dr Nicole Ross and Dr Alexis Malkin from NECO and NEE; Prof Jill Keeffe from University of Melbourne and LVPEI.

Dr Robert DiMartino, Vice-President and Dean - Academic Affairs of NECO gave away the participant certificates.

Topics included Role of technology in low vision rehabilitation, Measuring outcomes in low vision rehabilitation, Global perspectives of low vision rehabilitation, Providing an overview of LVR, Management of a child with cerebral palsy, etc.

Awards & Honours



Mohammad Javed Ali won the Alexander Von Humboldt Fellowship Award for advance research under the Experienced Researcher category. He gets lifelong benefits including complete funding for his lacrimal research proposals, academic honorary positions, travels across Europe and monetary personal benefits.

At the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS) Indian Journal of Ophthalmology (IJO) meeting, 25 February in Kolkata:

- Subhadra Jalali won the Platinum Award for 'Impact of the Day-30 screening strategy on the disease presentation and outcome of Retinopathy of Prematurity: The Indian Twin Cities Retinopathy of Prematurity Report Number 3'.
- Sirisha Senthil won a Silver Award for 'Outcomes of trabeculectomy in Microspherophakia'.
- Nikhil Choudhari also won a Silver Award for his paper.
- Shreyas Ramamurthy, Jagadesh C Reddy and Pravin Krishna V's 'Outcomes of descemetopexy for double anterior chamber after deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty' was adjudged the Best Cornea Paper.



Subhadra Jalali received the Innovation Category award for 'Modification of an Otoscope to a Pediatric Retinal Camera' at the first Women Ophthalmological Society meeting, Noida, 26-27 March 2016.

LVPEI received the Jury Choice Award at Express Public Health Awards 2016 for "Socially responsive healthcare delivery by private institute", 5 March 2016 at Hyderabad.



Visitors & Updates

Elder and Sister Newton, LDS Humanitarian Services; 1 March

Dr Alexis G Malkin, Clinical Assistant Professor and Dr Nicole C Ross, Assistant Professor, New England College of Optometry, USA; Faculty for LAP Plus and exploring research collaboration in low vision; 8-12 March; Guest Lecture: 'Technology and Low Vision Rehabilitation: Is this the way of the future?' on 3 March.

Prof Robert B DiMartino, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, New England College of Optometry, Boston, MA, USA; Potential research collaborations; 10-11 March.

Ms Anastasia Vasilenko and Mr Boris Afinogenov, SkolTech, Russia; Ms Sailashri Parthasarathy, Engineering student, MIT, USA; Regarding development of a low vision device; 14-18 March.

Aurobindo Geriatric Eye Care Centre Inaugurated



The first of its kind Aurobindo Geriatric Eye Care Centre was inaugurated at the GMR Varalakshmi campus, Visakhapatnam, on 22 March 2016 by Sri K Nithyananda Reddy, Vice-Chairman, Aurobindo Pharma Limited. Also present was Dr M Sivakumaran, Director, Aurobindo Pharma Limited.

Pediatric Eye in Systemic Disease

This was a Continuing Medical Education program for Pediatricians and Ophthalmologists organized at Kode Venkatadri Chowdary campus in Vijayawada on 13 March 2016. Dr Sravya Chitturi from NRI Medical College, Mangalgi won the first prize in Essay for Paediatrics post-graduates, given away by Prof Md Rahman, HoD of Paediatrics, Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada.



Ocular Surface Workshop - III



The third edition of the annual Ocular Surface Workshop was held at LVPEI Hyderabad from 17-20 March 2016. Dr James Chodosh, David Glendenning Cogan Professor of Ophthalmology in Cornea and External Disease, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School, Boston; Dr Deborah

Jacobs, MD, Medical Director, Boston Foundation for Sight and Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School, Boston; Dr Guillermo Amescua, Assistant Professor Clinical Ophthalmology, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami; and Dr Virender Sangwan, LVPEI Hyderabad were the chief instructors of the workshop, attended by over 100 participants from 9 countries including India.

First Ever Corneal Transplantation at Secondary Centre

LVPEI created history by conducting a Corneal Transplantation surgery – a complex eye surgery – at its secondary eye care centre, the Edward and Soona Brown Eye Centre, Dhulipalla village, Guntur district, AP on 28 March 2016. Dr Pravin K Vaddavalli led the surgical team from the Tej Kohli Cornea Institute, with follow-up care by the ophthalmologist at Dhulipalla centre.



That time, this day, then....

Over the past 3 months, the renovation work at the Gullapalli Pratibha Rao building at KAR campus has brought mixed feelings. Old, familiar structures are dismantled and new, spacious offices created. The Education department was the first to move in. This department had begun functioning with its CME activity even before we saw our first patient on 1st June 1987, and for the first few years, it was Mrs Pratibha Rao who provided voluntary support. She was instrumental in developing meticulous documentation processes and procedures, and laying the strong foundation for today's Academy of Eye Care Education – a drop in the ocean of support LVP has received from her.

- Vijaya L Ramam

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Visitors & Updates

Prof John Kempen, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, US; Training in Refractive Surgery; 21 March-2 April.

Dr Debbie Jacobs, Boston; Dr Guillermo Amescua, Miami; Dr Arturo Ramirez Miranda, Mexico; Dr James Chodosh, Boston; Dr Oleksiy Buznyk, Sweden; Dr Par Fagerholm, Ukraine; Dr Jose Antonio Magner, Mexico; Dr Eric Hernandez, Costa Rica; Dr Alejandro Lichtinger, Mexico; Dr John Matten, Kuala Lumpur; Dr Sujaya Singh, Kuala Lumpur; Dr Sotiria Palioura, Miami, USA; Dr Karim Mohammed, Mexico; Pham Nguyen Huan, Vietnam; Dr Jatin Ashar, Mumbai, India; Dr Nikhil Gokhale, Mumbai, India; Dr Paras Mehta, Vadodara, India; Dr Vikas Mittal Ambala, India; Dr Nidhi Gupta, Delhi, India; Dr Vinay Pillai, Cochin, India; Dr Geeta Iyer, Chennai, India; Dr Rishi Swarup, Hyderabad, India; Dr Raj Anand, Delhi, India; Dr Namrata Sharma, Delhi, India; Dr Vandana Jain, Mumbai, India; Dr Mayur Morekar, Mumbai, India; Dr Jnanankar Mehdi, Assam, India; Dr Rajesh Fogla, Hyderabad, India; To participate in the Ocular Surface Workshop; 16-20 March.

Mr Ravilla D Thulasiraj, Director - Operations, Aravind Eye Care System & Executive Director, LAICO; Guest Lecture: 'Evidence Based Management'; 29 March.

12th Anniversary - Achampet Vision Centre, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana; 1 March.

5th Anniversary - Manuguru and Ashwapuram Vision Centres, Khammam District, Telangana; 2 March.

5th Anniversary - Dammamet Vision Centre, Khammam District, Telangana; 5 March.

9th Anniversary - Pedanandipadu Vision Centre, Guntur District, AP; 7 March.

4th Anniversary - Bhattiprolu and Amrutaluru Vision Centres, Guntur District, AP; 9 March.

3rd Anniversary - Cumbum Vision Centre, Prakasam District, AP; 11 March.

9th Anniversary - Madanapalle Eye Centre, Chittoor District, AP; 11 March.

24th Anniversary - Ramnagar Vision Centre, Hyderabad (Urban Vision Centre), Telangana; 11 March.

2nd Anniversary - Agiripally, Vissannapeta and Movva Vision Centres, Krishna District, AP; 15 March.

8th Anniversary - Darsi and Kurichedu Vision Centres, Prakasam district, AP; 17 March.

8th Anniversary - Podili Vision Centre, Prakasam district, AP; 18 March.

1st Anniversary - Anandapuram Vision Centre, Visakhapatnam District, AP; 23 March.

9th Anniversary - Vetapalem Vision Centre, Prakasam District, AP; 25 March.

7th Anniversary - Kondapi Vision Centre, Prakasam District, AP; 27 March.

1st Anniversary - Podalakur Vision Centre, Nellore District, AP; 29 March.

World Optometry Day was celebrated on 23 March 2016, with a campaign to promote BS Optometry, ONA, VT and DOT courses, and school screening at Vijayawada.

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