

Corneal Transplant at Mudhole Secondary Centre



A complex corneal transplant surgery, led by Dr Somasheila Murthy, was performed on 14 June 2016 at Bhosle Gopal Rao Patil Eye



Centre, Mudhole, Telangana - the first of LVPEI's 15 secondary centres. Now people of Adilabad need not travel to far off urban centres to undergo this complex eye surgery.

Vision Centre #135

LVPEI's 135th Vision Centre was inaugurated on 6 June 2016 at the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC)'s Pandit Nehru Bus Station in Krishnalanka, Vijayawada. The centre is supported by Latter Day Saint Charities, USA and APSRTC. Sri N Samba Siva Rao, MD, APSRTC, along with other officials, inaugurated the centre.



iFACE 2016

iFACE - a course dedicated to eye and face aesthetics - was organized on 5 June 2016 in conjunction with Skin City, Pune. Attended by dermatologists, maxillo-facial and oculoplastic surgeons, the program focused on scientific deliberations and sharing of tips to promote science in a cosmetically conscious world.



Awards & Honours

Subhabrata Chakrabarti is the Chancellor's nominee of Tamil Nadu's Dr MGR Medical University, for evaluating the PhD program of CMC, Vellore, in the field of genomics.

Swathi Kaliki is Associate Editor for the 'Oncology' section of *BMC Ophthalmology*.

Joveeta Joseph wins Young Scientist Award 2015 by the Telangana Academy of Sciences at a meeting in NGRI, Hyderabad; 23 June.

Savitri Sharma is elected Fellow of the Telangana Academy of Sciences 2015 at a meeting in NGRI, Hyderabad; 23 June.

Alumna **Sushmita Shah** wins video award at EyeAdvance 2016 organized by Indian Academy of Ophthalmology, Intraocular Implant and Refractive Society India, and All India Consortium for the Alleviation of Blindness; 17-19 June 2016 in Mumbai.

Anniversaries

29th Anniversary - **L V Prasad Eye Institute**, KAR Campus, Hyderabad; 1 June.

9th Anniversary - **Jainath Vision Centre**, Adilabad district, Telangana; 5 June.

14th Anniversary - **Venkata Lakshmi Eye Centre**, Karamchedu, Prakasam district, AP; 7 June.

11th Anniversary - **Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre**, Adilabad, Telangana; 9 June.

4th Anniversary - **Peddakothapally Vision Centre**, Mahbubnagar district, Telangana; 22 June.

1st Anniversary - **Kollur, Nagaram and Karlapalem Vision Centres**, Guntur district, AP; 26 June.

Our daughter S Sai Sumedha, born in November 2000, seemed to be perfectly normal with all her milestones reached before time. At 6 months of age, a routine check-up by an ophthalmologist at Bijainagar, Ajmer district in Rajasthan, revealed congenital cataract in her right eye. He suggested surgery at age 3, and said vision may not be restored due to atrophy. We brought her to LVPEI Hyderabad where it was diagnosed as PHPV Cataract, requiring surgery to be done within 2nd month of birth. Our daughter was 7 months then but we took our chance. Lensectomy was conducted and we were assured of 80% vision restoration as the central part of the retina i.e. macula was not damaged. It was happy news for us.

Then began the most difficult part of parenting. We were advised to use contact lens in the right eye and do "patching" for the left eye for 50% of the waking hours of the baby, on a daily basis. Spectacles were prescribed for the left eye for myopia. We complied. At age 2.5, she underwent surgery for squint. We put her in school and continued with the advice on patching and contact lens, later going to LVPEI Visakhapatnam for follow-up under Dr Merle Fernandes and Optometrist Rekha. At age 8.5 years, Dr Virender Sachdeva operated her to implant a lens. She later underwent squint surgery too and is now being treated for secondary glaucoma.

All through, we brought her up like a normal child, but what she has achieved is extraordinary; she has recently scored a perfect 10 CGPA in her 10th Grade! We feel indebted to the doctors and optometrists at LVPEI, especially to Dr Virender Sachdeva for responding to all our queries and worries even after his office hours.

Syam Sundar & Lalitha



@ 7 months



Now

I write with immense gratitude to Dr Milind Naik and his team for firstly giving the right guidance. I was very apprehensive about the timing of surgery as my daughter Yumnaa was merely 9 months and I had my fears of anesthesia. Had Dr Milind not emphasized the need for surgery, and made it sound so simple and safe for my baby, I would have postponed the surgery for 6 months. I am glad I didn't listen to my heart or I would have deprived my baby of clear vision, resulting in lazy eye. My daughter is a completely different person now. She is more active and observant after her ptosis surgery. The oculoplasty team in LVPEI is fantastic. Everyone is so welcoming and makes you feel at ease. My baby never really cried in the 4 visits we made to LVPEI!

Shireein Sirohi

Visitors & Updates

Surendra Munshi, Fellow of Bertelsmann Stiftung and retired Professor of Sociology, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, *Guest Lecture: 'Management of Innovation'*; 8 June.

Prof Udai Bhasker Mishra, HOD - Department of Hospital Administration, King George's Medical University, Lucknow; **Dr Gagan Dudeja**, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Narayana Nethralaya, Bangalore; for NABH Surveillance Assessment of KAR Campus; 20-21 June.

Ramayamma International Eye Bank (RIEB) crossed the 30,000 mark for the distribution of transplantable tissues to eye surgeons across the country in the month of May 2016. **The Tej Kohli Cornea Institute team matched the record breaking spree on 29 June by conducting 19 transplant surgeries in a single day across the network.**

Orientation program organized for Ophthalmologists posted at secondary centres; 20 June.

Mr Y S Chowdary, Minister of State, Science and Technology & Earth Sciences, visited the research facilities at LVPEI Hyderabad Campus on 20 June 2016.



A tactile audio painting "Famous Monuments of India" by 60 employees of Synchrony Financial and their activity partner Anybody Can Paint, was inaugurated at LVPEI's Vision Rehabilitation Department, Hyderabad by **Mr Om Barlinge**, Senior Vice President, Risk Initiatives, Synchrony Financial; 29 June.



29th Anniversary Celebrations

The 29th anniversary celebrations at Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, Hyderabad on 1 June 2016 was a fun filled evening where employees and their family members enthusiastically participated in the celebrations. The highlight was a cultural performance by the employees in the evening. The day is celebrated as Patient Care Day as the Institute saw its first patient on this day in 1987.



Wall of Hope

The "Wall of Hope" on the 3rd floor in the VSPC Building, Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, Hyderabad, showcases the hand prints of children who have been treated for retinoblastoma at The Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer at LVPEI.



That time, this day, then....

My recent cataract surgery for both eyes was an eye opener, literally, to the sea of change in this domain over the years. Back in the early days of LVPEI, the use of IOLs (Intraocular Lens) was unheard of, and we had to counsel patients about the advantages. Today we have options of IOLs, including multifocal lenses that can have us do away with spectacles altogether. What's more, the ease of surgical procedure has us back at work the very next day, as it did in my case! My experience as a patient was overwhelming indeed.

- Vijaya L Ramam

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