

NABH Accreditation for LVPEI Visakhapatnam

LVPEI's GMR Varalakshmi Campus at Visakhapatnam has been granted accreditation by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) on 3 July 2016.

Visakhapatnam Campus Celebrates Decennial

The GMR Varalakshmi Campus, Visakhapatnam celebrated its tenth anniversary on 7 July 2016. Dr V Raghunathan, CEO, GMR Varalakshmi Foundation was the chief guest and Mr O Naresh, CEO, Symbiosys Technologies was the guest of honour.

As part of the decennial celebrations, two highly interactive scientific meetings were organized:

- **Looking Into The Eye** - Cataract was the core focus of this meeting on 2nd July that had live surgeries and interactive video sessions.
- **Looking Beyond The Eye** - The 5th of this signature meeting on 'Eye and Systemic Diseases' was on 3rd July 2016.



Engineering the Eye Workshop



The 4th edition of Srujana Center for Innovation's 'Engineering the Eye' workshop, 3-9 July 2016, was held in association with MIT Media Lab and Cyient. This year, the introductory Tej Kohli Cornea Institute (TKCI)-Srujana Award went to a portable device for measuring corneal topography. The product will be incubated at Srujana, with support from TKCI. Mr Rajiv Sharma, Chief Secretary, Telangana was the

chief guest. Also present were Mr Chinthakinda Malleshm, a rural innovator and the MIT Media Lab team headed by Prof Ramesh Raskar.

Eye CANcer 2016

Organized by The Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer at LVPEI on 9 July 2016, the meeting had Dr Carol L Karp, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Florida, USA, deliver the keynote 'Ocular surface squamous neoplasia: Novel approaches to diagnosis, imaging and treatment'. It was attended by 125 delegates from across India and its neighbouring countries.



Mid-Term OPAI 2016



The Mid-term meeting of the Oculoplastics Association of India (OPAI) 2016 on 10 July 2016 had Prof Nirmala Subramanian, Professor Emeritus Oculoplastic Surgery, Sankara Nethralaya, and Senior Consultant Plastic Surgery, Apollo Hospitals, Chennai as the guest of honour. It had 125 delegates.

First Corneal Transplant at Nellore Centre



Swarna Bharat Eye Centre, Venkatachalam, Nellore District, AP performed its first corneal transplantation surgery on 1 July 2016. The patient K Venkata Subha Raju, 66, from Marlapudi, Nellore District had a history of failed transplantation surgeries and had given up on hope owing to his limited resources and advancing age. His recent episodes of pain led him to consult the doctors at LVPEI's secondary centre in Nellore. To increase the success rate of the corneal transplantation, a DSEK (Descemet's Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty) surgery was successfully performed by Dr C Jagadesh Reddy.

Awards & Honours



S Shivaji received the National Award 2016 for his outstanding contributions in the field of

'Polar Sciences and Cryosphere' from Dr Harsh Vardhan and Shri Y S Chowdary, Union and State Ministers for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences respectively; and Dr M Rajeevan, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, on 27 July 2016 at New Delhi. Only one scientist is bestowed with this award every year.

Rohit Khanna was among 12 leading international experts to discuss best possible strategies for management of cataract at WHO, Geneva, from 29 June-1 July 2016.

Five photographs by **Gattu Naresh**, accepted by the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society Exhibit, were displayed at the ASCRS-ASOA Annual Symposium & Congress in New Orleans. Three of them won "Honourable Mention" and the other two were awarded the 1st and 3rd prize respectively.

Alumnus **K V Ravi Kumar** was the runner-up for his video in new technique/innovation at the Intraocular Implant & Refractive Society, India (IIRSI), 2-3 July 2016 in Chennai.

Anniversaries

9th Anniversary - **Swarna Bharat Eye Centre**, Venkatachalam, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh; 1 July.

10th Anniversary - **Chinnaganjam Vision Centre**, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh; 12 July.

3rd Anniversary - **Buttayagudem Vision Centre**, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh; 21 July.

3rd Anniversary - **Santhanuthalapadu Vision Centre**, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh; 22 July.

10th Anniversary - **Ballikuruva Vision Centre**, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh; 22 July.

Visitors & Updates

Prof Deepak P Edward, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA; & King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Guest Lecture at Bhubaneswar Campus: 'Pathology of Glaucoma'; 5 July.

Mr Arun Tiwari, Guest Talk 'Tribute to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam' on the occasion of Dr Kalam's first death anniversary; on 27 July.

Dr Gullapalli N Rao, Talk 'Tribute to Prof Brien Holden' on the occasion of Prof Holden's first death anniversary; 27 July.

Mr Arun Chandru, Pandorum Technologies, Bangalore; Guest Lecture '3D Printing in Healthcare'; 28 July.

Simi Garewal Inaugurates Wall of Hope

Actor and Talk Show host Simi Garewal inaugurated the 'Wall of Hope' on 18 July 2016 - a collage of handprints of children who survived eye cancer at LVPEI. Also present was Mr Ramesh Prasad, Managing Director, Prasad Film Laboratories and Board Member, LVPEI.



Ballari City Centre Inaugurated

LVPEI's Ballari City Centre, the L V Prasad Eye Institute - Y Mahabaleswarappa Memorial Eye Centre Ballari City Centre, was inaugurated on 26 July 2016. Present on the occasion were the centre's supporters Sri Y Basavaraj and his family members. Sri Chetan R, Superintendent of Police, Ballari District was the chief guest. The City Centre is located at Kolachalam Compound, Opposite Old KSRTC Bus Stand, Ballari, Karnataka.

Teachers' Training Program

As part of the Rayagada Child Sight Program initiated by LVPEI, a Teachers' Training Program was organized on 12 July 2016. It was inaugurated by Sri Muralidhar Swain, Sub Collector of Rayagada.



Training on Good Clinical Practices

A training session on good clinical practices for GMR Varalakshmi campus faculty and members of the Ethics Committee was organized on 24 July 2016. Dr Sauren Das, Executive Director, Excel Life Sciences, Noida, Uttar Pradesh was the session trainer.

C S Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture

Dr Deepak P Edward, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA; & King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia delivered the C S Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture on 'Primary Congenital Glaucoma: Pathophysiology and Surgical Pearls - Lessons Learnt from Ophthalmic Pathology' on 4 July 2016 at the Bhubaneswar Campus.



SBI donates Ophthalmic Equipment

State Bank of India (SBI) donated Rs 115.37 lakhs, through its CSR initiative, for ophthalmic equipment for non-paying patients on 28 July 2016. Ms Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairman, SBI, unveiled a plaque on the occasion. Also present were Mr Ramesh Prasad, Filmmaker and Trustee, LVPEI and Mr Hardayal Prasad, CGM, SBI.

Visitors & Updates

Dr Naheed Wali Khan, University of Michigan, Kellogg Eye Center Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; Guest Lecture at Bhubaneswar Campus: 'Inherited Retinal Degeneration: Essential clinical considerations for establishing therapeutic interventions'; 26 July.

Dr Srinivas K Rao, Darshan Eye Clinic & Surgical Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Chief guest for CME at Visakhapatnam campus - 'Looking Into the Eye'; 2-3 July.

Dr Suresh Adimulam, Consultant Rheumatologist & Immunologist, Adim's Centre for Rheumatology & Pain Management, Visakhapatnam; **Dr Suman Das**, Radiation Oncologist, Queen's NRI Hospital, Visakhapatnam; **Dr M Vamsi Krishna**, Consultant Pulmonologist, Queen's NRI Hospital, Visakhapatnam; **Dr R Madan Mohan**, Consultant & Head, Vizag Hematology Centre, Visakhapatnam; **Dr Ravi Mohan**, Asst Professor of Medicine & Medical Oncology, Andhra Medical College and King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam; **Dr A Mythili**, Consultant & Professor of Endocrinology, Andhra Medical College and King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam; **Dr B Rajsekar**, Consultant, OMNI RK Super Speciality Hospital, Visakhapatnam; **Dr G Rakesh**, Consultant ENT, CARE Hospitals, Visakhapatnam; **Dr G Raghuram Rao**, Retired Professor & HOD, Department of Dermatology and VD, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam; **Dr K Radhakrishna**, Director & Senior Consultant, OMNI RK Super Speciality Hospital, Visakhapatnam; **Dr T Suresh**, Neurosurgeon, Indus Hospitals, Visakhapatnam; **Dr V Satyanarayana**, Neurologist and Chairman, Indus Hospitals, Visakhapatnam; **Dr Vadavalli Srinivas**, Professor General Medicine, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada; Guest Faculty for CME at Visakhapatnam campus - 'Looking Beyond the Eye - V'; 3 July.

Ramesh Raskar, Beth Zonis, Margaret Church, MIT Media Lab, USA; **Srinivas Kollipara**, **Shruti Murugan**, T-Hub, Hyderabad; **Pat Crain**, **Paul Devoe**, **Niki Thomas**, **Craig Hanson**; VSP Global; for 'Engineering the Eye' workshop; 3-9 July.

Dr Sunil K Singh, Consultant Eye Surgeon, Precision Eye Care, Lucknow; **Prof Nirmal K Ganguly**, Distinguished Biotechnology Professor Translational Health Science & Technology Institute, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi; **Dr A V Ramarao**, Chairman & Managing Director, AVRA Laboratories Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad; **Dr Ajit Rangnekar**, Dean, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad; **Mr Ramesh Prasad**, Managing Director, Prasad Film Laboratories Ltd, Hyderabad; **Mr Syamal Gupta**, Director, Tata Sons Limited, Mumbai; **Dr Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath**, Professor & Chair, Centre for Neuro Science, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; **Dr V Raghunathan**, CEO, GMR Varalakshmi Foundation, Bengaluru; for Board Members Meeting at GMRV Campus, Visakhapatnam; 7 July.

Mr M H Dalmia, Orissa Cement Limited (OCL); Visit to KAR Campus; 8 July

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