

## Timely intervention for Madhuri from Kulla village



Young Ankam Madhuri, 9, was lying down and watching TV at night, when her 2 year old cousin accidentally injured Madhuri's right eye with a pen. The very next day, she was brought to the Kapileswarapuram Vision Centre in East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh where Uday Kiran, the vision technician, noticed her prolapsed iris - a condition that needed immediate medical and surgical intervention - and referred her to LVPEI's advanced care centre. Madhuri had lost her mother a year back and her father was bedridden. Her village Kulla was 10 kilometers away from Kapileswarapuram. Bringing her to Hyderabad for treatment was difficult for her uncle but the project coordinator Madhava Krishna coordinated their visit. The Corneal team at Hyderabad led by Dr Pravin Krishna operated on her cornea to

treat the injury and restore its original shape. Madhuri is now happily going to school. "We are amazed with the results of the surgery and timely treatment given completely free of cost to someone from a remote village like ours," says her uncle Gopati Sundar Rao.

## Arham won't be ridiculed by his friends now

Arham Jain, 7, like any other child of his age, is very active and precocious. He was just 9 months old when his parents noticed that his eyeballs appeared crossed and he would constantly tilt his head to adjust his vision. The local doctors in their hometown Kekri, Rajasthan, were unable to manage the problem and suggested LVPEI Hyderabad where he was diagnosed with squint in both eyes. Within two days of his first consultation at LVPEI, a surgery was performed on 1 July 2016. "Dr Ramesh Kekunnaya explained in detail about the procedure and assured us that post the surgery at least 60% of the squint will be cured. But to our utter delight, under his skilful hands the surgery was 95% successful. Arham has even stopped tilting his head now. Thanks to Dr Kekunnaya, my son won't be ridiculed by his friends now!" says Arham's father Pramod Jain.



*"I am an agricultural labourer from Santhapalem village, Kothavalasa mandal, Vizianagaram district. My son, Malluvalasa Pavan Kumar, had black spots in his eyes since the age of two, and his eyelashes were so small that he could not open his eyes easily. The government hospital we consulted referred us to LVPEI in Visakhapatnam. Initially when we came here in 2007, we paid for the check-up and were advised multiple surgeries. Unable to bear the cost of the surgeries, I explained about my financial condition to my consulting doctor. Our request was considered and my son was provided the complete treatment free of cost. Gradually, my son's vision improved, and he is now able to study well and carry out all his work independently. Initially we thought that he will never be able to see, but thanks to LVPEI and the doctors for making this possible."*

Sanyasi Rao

(Pavan underwent a corneal transplantation, besides surgeries for squint in both eyes and cataract surgery in his right eye)