

16th Secondary Centre



Kapileswarapuram Vision Centre in East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh has been upgraded and is now renamed as Godavarthi Satyanarayana Murthy Eye Centre, LVPEI's 16th Secondary Centre. The inaugural event on 27 August 2016 had several dignitaries including Dr Kamineni Srinivas, Minister for Health and Medical Education, AP; Dr BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman

NASSCOM & Cyient Ltd; Sri SBPS Krishna Mohan, Jt MD, Sri Sarvaraya Sugars Ltd; Sri P Ravindra Babu, MP, Amalapuram; Sri M Murali Mohan, MP, Rajahmundry and Sri V Jogeswara Rao, MLA, Mandapeta.

5 New Vision Centres Inaugurated

Vision Centres #135 at Rompicherla, #136 at Karempudi and #137 at Bellamkonda were inaugurated on the 1 September 2016. Vision Centres #138 at Atchampet and #139 at Phirangipuram were inaugurated on 2 September 2016. All five centres are in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh and are connected to the Edward and Soona Brown Eye Centre at Dhulipalla village, Sattenapalli mandal, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh. Capital expenses are by OneSight Foundation.



36th Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) PLUS



The 36th Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) PLUS in collaboration with Ocutech Inc, USA, from 15-16 September 2016, saw participation from 39 low vision rehabilitation specialists, including 9 optometrists from Bangladesh and 2 from Nigeria. Dr Henry Greene, Clinical Professor and Director of Low Vision Service (retired), Department of Ophthalmology, University of North Carolina, USA; and Co-founder and President, Ocutech Inc, NC, USA was the invited faculty. Ocutech is the only company in the world to manufacture Bioptic Telescopes meant for distance vision and Dr Greene conducted hands-on session on the devices. *Video link: <https://youtu.be/ndPihvK7weQ>*



Pediatric Workshop for Postgraduates

A workshop was organized on 27 August 2016 at Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus, Vijayawada for pediatric postgraduate students. The workshop included a hands-on session on how to perform a quick torch light examination, red reflex and fundus examination. Participants included postgraduate students from Mangalgi, Chinnoutpalli, Guntur and Vijayawada.



Awards & Honours

The 'All India Lifestyle Hospital and Clinic Ranking Survey 2016' by the Times of India (TOI) ranked LVPEI as the **Best Hospital for Ophthalmology** in three categories - National, Regional (South) and Hyderabad.

S Shivaji will receive the Prof Biswambhar Rajguru Oration award at the upcoming Annual Conference of Odisha State Ophthalmological Society on 10 December 2016 at Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bhubaneswar.

Srujana Center for Innovation's 'Owl' - an ultra low-cost portable retinal imaging camera that uses machine learning algorithms to detect and quantify diabetic retinopathy - is shortlisted as finalist in the global The Hackaday Prize, with the team having won USD 2000 in the "automation" category.

Optometrists from LVPEI Bhubaneswar won the following accolades at the 2016 Primary Care Section at the Annual Academy of Optometry (AAO) Photography Contest:

- **Krushna Gopal Panda:** Grand prize and 2nd runner up in the posterior segment section, and an honorable mention in the anterior segment section.
- **Sujoy Mukherjee:** Two honourable mentions, one each in anterior and posterior segment.

Taraprasad Das delivered the Dr TNC Vedantham Memorial Oration at Chennai on 11 September 2016. He spoke on "Contemporary retinal imaging technology in diabetic retinopathy: Down the innovation lane."

Prashant Garg has been appointed Member, Global Advisors Committee (GAC), American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), for the year 2017.

Goni Neelaveni, Braille Trainer, Vision Rehabilitation services, received 'Best Teacher Award' in the special educator category, by the Lioness Club of Hyderabad; 13 September 2016. Neelaveni has trained over 1500 people, including 300 children with severe visual impairment and their parents, school teachers, volunteers and community workers.

Swathi Kaliki has been invited to the EURBG (European Retinoblastoma Group) proposing a new protocol together with the COG (Children's Oncology Group) to treat high-risk retinoblastoma.

Visitors & Updates

Dr Henry Greene, Faculty, Dept. of Ophthalmology, University of North Carolina; and President, Ocutech Inc, USA; *Guest Lecture:* 'Distance Vision: A key to enhancing quality of life'; 14 September.

Prof Rachel Williams, Professor of Ophthalmic Bioengineering, Department of Eye & Vision Science, Institute of Ageing & Chronic Disease, University of Liverpool; *Guest Lecture:* 'RPE cell transplantation, tamponade agents, cell transplantation for the conjunctiva and cornea, and contact lenses'; 30 September.

Eye Donation Fortnight 2016



at GMR Varalakshmi Campus, Visakhapatnam organized a series of talks, campaigns and a rally.

Ramayamma International Eye Bank (RIEB) observed the 31st Eye Donation Fortnight, 25 August - 8 September 2016, with an eye donation awareness program and rally in Nagarkurnool, Mahbubnagar district, Telangana. Mohsin Eye Bank



World Literacy Day 2016

To mark World Literacy Day, a free eye screening program was organized in Nalgonda on 8 September 2016, in association with Vennela Women's Welfare Association, a Hyderabad-based NGO. The screening was for the students of a school run by Development and Welfare Association of Blind (DWAB). The event was attended by Dr Y Chandramohan, District Education Officer.

You Inspire Us, Colleagues!



Edward and Soona Brown Eye Centre, Dhulipalla experienced a sudden surge of flood waters at 9.30 am on 22nd September due to a breach in the nearby rivulet, owing to incessant rains. Within minutes, the entire premises from the highway down and the ground floor of the building were flooded with chest high water. The patients being on the first floor were safe but isolated as staff couldn't reach them from the Guest House.

Displaying exceptional courage and dedication, the team garnered the limited options open to them to ensure 100% patient safety and wellbeing. The following description was narrated by Dr Chaitali Patel:

"Security in-charge Sambasiva Rao at the staircase entrance and Biomedical in-charge Murali at the ramp entrance to the first floor, physically prevented snakes from wading their way to the first floor and harming patients. Realizing that the water was not going to recede, Senior VT Akhil and Ward Sister Priyanka opened the patches of post-op patients around 11am and proceeded to examine all patients on torch light, and start them on topical medications. Housekeeping staff Saidamma gave available food to each patient and kept everyone warm. At 1.00 pm, Administrator Venkat, OT Technician Suresh and Raghava Reddy managed to walk through the water and bring food supplies, which was promptly prepared by the canteen chief Venkat Rao for all the patients. Karamchedu Administrator Vasu Babu, along with his staff, came with more food around 2 pm, after which the entire KVC team along with the rest of the Dhulipalla staff arrived, taking a long detour. They walked long distances and waded through swirling water only to ensure the wellbeing of our patients. As the water started receding, senior administrator Shaheda began to quickly note down the addresses and phone numbers of each post-op patient and arrange for their transportation with one member of the staff accompanying each patient home.

Around 4 pm, the water receded significantly, leaving behind half foot thick mud and debris inside the hospital. Everyone took to the brooms and wipers and started cleaning operations immediately. The ICARE team had left from Hyderabad as soon as they received information and reached Dhulipalla within a few hours despite the roads collapsing. Within just two days the entire hospital was cleaned, new systems installed, all equipment checked, and slit-lamps repaired for resuming outpatient activities at the earliest. This amazing turnaround was surely a tremendous reinforcement of the LVPEI Team's values of "Togetherness" and "Patient First".



Anniversaries

The 1st anniversary of **Nariandas & Morbai Budhrani Eye Centre, Rayagada**, Odisha had Sri Guha Poonam Tapas Kumar, Hon'ble Collector, Rayagada District as chief guest; Sri Bharat Agrawal, Vice President, J K Paper Limited; Dr Anand Padhi, CDMO Rayagada District; and Sri Tushar Yaramal, Naraindas Morbai Budhrani Trust (NMBT) as guests of honor, besides a cultural performance by employees; 31 August.



11th Anniversary: **Kismatpur Vision Centre**, Gullapalli Pratibha Rao Campus, Hyderabad, Telangana; 1 September.

13th Anniversary: **Nagarkurnool Vision Centre**, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana; 7 September.

13th Anniversary: **Kothakota Vision Centre**, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana; 15 September.

13th Anniversary: **Kollapur Vision Centre**, Mahbubnagar District, Telangana; 18 September.

4th Anniversary: **Neradigonda Vision Centre**, Adilabad District, Telangana; 24 September.

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Eye PEP 2016

Eye-PEP 2016, the post graduate education program in ophthalmology was attended by 175 students from across the country. It was held from 19-25 September, and included a Pre Eye PEP session on exam orientation by Dr V R Vijayaraghavan, former Head of Ophthalmology, Coimbatore Medical College; and current visiting faculty at LVPEI.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/RpEpXkbBRLM>



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