

Awards & Honors

LVPEI video among top 3 entries: The video "Inverted Internal Limiting Membrane (ILM) flap technique for large macular hole" was selected among the winning entries at the 12th European Society of Retina Specialists (EURETINA) Congress to be held at Milan, 6-9 September 2012. The authors are Drs Rajeev Reddy Pappuru, Mudit Tyagi, and Vivek Dave. Pavan Kumar and Swamy of the Central Audio Video Unit produced the video. The top three winners of the video competition will be announced on September 6th.

Optical Glazing Lab Inaugurated

An optical glazing lab was inaugurated at the secondary care Nava Bharat Eye Centre at Paloncha on 13 August 2012 by Ms Emma Kennedy from Optometry Giving Sight and Eye Care Plus. Optometry Giving Sight and Eye Care Plus are supporting the glazing lab. Later, Emma conducted a customer service and sales training program for the optical staff at all the main campuses.



Ms Emma Kennedy unveils the plaque. Also seen Mr Ghanshyam Singh, Head, Opticals

Upcoming Programs

Silver Jubilee Lecture: Prof Spenta R Wadia
"What is this Higgs Boson or the God Particle?"
31 August 2012, 6.30 pm

16th Dr Syamala Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture
Dr Tarun Sharma, MD, FRCSEd, MBA
"Combining Clinical and Research Acumen"
29 September 2012, 6.30 pm

All are Welcome

The Gift of Sight



The Ramayamma International Eye Bank at LVPEI commemorates the 27th National Eye Donation Fortnight from 25 August to 8 September 2012.

A simple generous act of eye donation can transform a life and help a blind person see. Read overleaf how an eye donation, and corneal transplant enabled little Joy to see for the first time in her life!

IERG – India ARVO Chapter Meeting

The first Indian Eye Research Group – India ARVO chapter meeting was organized by Drs D Balasubramanian, Inderjeet Kaur, Subhabrata Chakrabarti, with support from Ms Preeti Tornal and Mr Jai Ganesh, from 28-29 July 2012. The meeting was attended by 230 registered delegates and 133 presentations were made (8 invited talks, 52 free papers and 73 posters).



Dr Ch Mohan Rao presents the Prof D Balasubramanian Oration plaque to Prof Keith R Martin

The Bireswar Chakrabarti Oration was delivered by Prof John McAvoy, Sydney Medical Research Foundation Professor of Experimental Ophthalmology, Clinical Ophthalmology & Eye Health, Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney, Australia. The Prof D Balasubramanian Oration was delivered by Prof Keith R Martin, Professor of Ophthalmology, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK.



Dr G Chandra Sekhar presents the Bireswar Chakrabarti Oration plaque to Prof John McAvoy

Thirteen fellows received travel fellowship awards and 8 young researchers received best presentation awards, 3 of them from LVPEI: Savitri Maddileti – Poster presentation (Basic Sciences); Rebecca Sumalini – Poster presentation (Clinical Sciences); Jennifer Jayaraj – Poster presentation (Clinical Sciences).

A special lecture on Exome sequencing was organized by Spinco India Ltd. The meeting was sponsored by Spinco India Ltd., Perkin Elmer, Thermo Scientific, Life Technologies, and DRDO.

Convocation for Optometry Graduates

The Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry (BLSO) celebrated its 8th Convocation Day on 11 August 2012, with 27 students graduating from the Bachelor of Science (Optometry) program, which is conducted in collaboration with BITS, Pilani. Prof D Balasubramanian, Director of Research, read out a message from Prof T Navaneeth Rao, former Vice Chancellor of Osmania University. The Convocation Address was delivered by Dr Gullapalli N Rao, Chair, LVPEI.



Mr Labishetty Vivek receives the Gold Medal from Dr Gullapalli N Rao

Mr Labishetty Vivek, the best outgoing student, is the first ever to score a perfect 10 out of 10 CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average). Dr Gullapalli N Rao presented him the Prof T Navaneeth Rao Gold Medal, which was instituted by Prof P K Sai Prakash, Principal, BLSO, in honor of his teacher Prof T Navaneeth Rao. The Gold Medal will be presented to the best outgoing student every year.

Dr G Chandra Sekhar, Director, Kallam Anji Reddy campus, Hyderabad, presented the Academic Excellence awards to the top five meritorious students. Pride and excitement prevailed in the auditorium as students, resplendent in their flowing robes, received the certificates from Dr D Balasubramanian, in the presence of their families,



fellow students, staff and faculty of BLSO and LVPEI. The program was hosted by Mr Vijay Kumar, Registrar, BLSO, and the optometry oath was administered by Dr Naveen Challa.

Unique I-Day Program by Rehabilitation Clients



The 66th Independence Day celebrations at LVPEI on August 14, 2012, saw a unique event, organized by families and children with visual impairment and multiple disabilities. It was facilitated by the rehab team and the LVPEI staff were invited as special guests.

The program was inaugurated by Ms Padmini, rehab client, who impressed the audience with her rendition of "Vande Mataram".

Master Raju and Ms Gayathri, both visually challenged since birth, recaptured the history of India's independence struggle in their talks. Master Saikiran, blind since birth, spoke on the significance of the Indian tricolor flag. A skit by rehab clients and nursing students portrayed the nation's freedom struggle, subsequent achievements and India's progress, and the continuing responsibility of every citizen to raise India's pride.

The most moving part of the program was a fancy dress parade by multiple handicapped children, dressed up to reflect our history and patriotism, such as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and the national flag. The young children, assisted by family members and volunteers, received resounding applause from the gathering,

who appreciated the special program that captured the spirit of the occasion. All the participating children received gifts from the Vision Rehabilitation Centres, LVPEI.



City Centre celebrates 2 years of service

LVPEI's first City Centre at Madhapur, Hyderabad, completed two years of service on 16 August 2012. In two years, the centre has seen 32,087 patients — 18,973 new and 13,114 follow-up cases. The team has performed 2686 surgeries. The center enables people to access LVPEI's expertise and 25 years' experience in eye care without traveling to the main Kallam Anji Reddy, Banjara Hills campus.

The City Centre team is led by Dr Bhupesh Bagga, Mrs K Durga Rani, and Mr C Dinesh Kumar

Optometrists: Mr Krishnendu Mandal, Mr Anjul Kumar, Ms Sana Quadri, Ms T Dharani, Ms Sobia Taureen, Ms G Sushma, Ms Ch Kiranmayee

OR staff: Ms V Mahalakshmi, Mr Anjaneyulu Naik, Mr N V Naik



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Patient Story

Game Change for Baby Joy

Baby Joy is using her new vision to happily run around the corridor, looking at everyone and everything around her. A three year old, she had not seen the world until three weeks ago. Her mother, Caroline, is thrilled!



Caroline and Joy with Dr Sirisha Senthil

She came with great hope from Nairobi, Kenya, and has been in Hyderabad for a month, while Joy had a combined surgery for corneal transplantation and glaucoma pressure control.

Caroline says, "We are from Nairobi, Kenya. My husband is a banker. We both came here for my elder daughter Joy's treatment; she was born with an eye problem which made her blind in both her eyes. Joy was treated in Nairobi and underwent surgery twice. Finally, doctors at the Aga Khan Hospital there referred her to LV Prasad Eye Institute, India.

"Here, Dr Sirisha Senthil performed the surgery for congenital glaucoma (glaucoma valve implant), teaming up with Dr Prashant Garg for the corneal transplantation. Her doctors are very happy with Joy's progress, saying that she is improving after surgery. We can see how she is running around because now she can see! My husband and I are indeed really very happy. We had lost hope when doctors in Nairobi told us that she would not see, despite their best efforts. Here, instead of discouraging us, the doctors promised to try. That gave us hope, though we had to wait for a few days for the most suitable cornea.

"The day we came here, Joy could not move about. She would sit in one place and crawl on her hands and knees, as she could only perceive light. Now, after surgery, she can walk on her own, she is not using her hands to guide her movements and is picking up things from the table. When she caught sight of Dr Sirisha Senthil in the Art Gallery, Joy said, 'I am fine, bye bye!' She is so happy and excited wandering around the corridors of the hospital!"

Promising to return when Joy's vision stabilizes from the first eye surgery, Caroline says, "My heartfelt thanks to all of you at LV Prasad Eye Institute for all that you and the doctors have done. I thank the Lord for everything. Joy is doing so much more now! We hope to come back for the second eye surgery."

Joy will now be able to see and play with her younger sister back home in Nairobi.

Dr Sirisha Senthil's comments

Joy Njeri Ngigi was first seen at the institute on 26 June 2012. The child had undergone trabeculotomy and trabeculectomy in both the eyes on 13 August 2009, following which she was given an intraocular antibiotic injection for post-operative endophthalmitis in the left eye locally. Repeat glaucoma filtering surgery was done in both the eyes in 2010 and her intraocular pressure (IOP) was under control till March 2012. She was diagnosed with congenital glaucoma, S/p glaucoma filtering surgery and corneal opacity in both eyes with nystagmus. At LVPEI, she underwent a combined penetrating keratoplasty and Ahmed Glaucoma Valve implantation in the right eye on 28 June 2012. On 12 July 2012, she underwent transcleral cyclophotocoagulation in the left eye. On discharge, she was asked to follow up with a local doctor in Nairobi.

Little Joy was a very happy child and it was rewarding to see how she improved after surgery. She was so careful about not letting anyone touch her eye! She gave us a lot of joy and we thank them for the opportunity to let us help their little child.

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