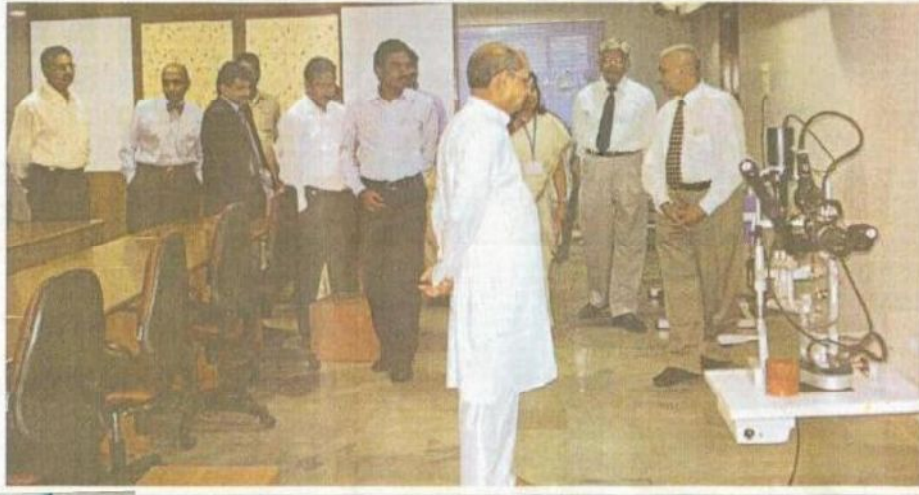


Eye on better ophthalmic education

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WITH an eye over the whole South East Asian region to spread its quality ophthalmic care education in future, the three-year-old city-based LV Prasad Eye Institute is all set to start a training programme for post-graduate medical students to learn error-free operation modalities at its newly-instituted laboratory called wet lab.

As the scopes and field of microsurgery in eye care is expanding with every passing day, the newly launched training programme is going to help the students in an indigenous way of learning where the inhouse experts will train the young hands on the different aspects and as the whole set-up is simulation-based there would be no fear of damaging an eye in reality and a feed-back mechanism in place to know the level of expertise acquired by the participating medicos.

Apart from enhancing the confidence-level of the new surgeons it would also help in correcting future errors.

According to LVPEI Bhubaneswar Director Dr Taraprasad Das "with quality patient care, education and training, research and community services the local LVPEI aspires to be a 'centre of excellence' by 2012 and keen on participating in capacity building of eye care personnel in the State"

Head Cornea and Anterior Segment Service and Education Centre of the hospital Dr Sujata Das said, "The development of human resource in eye care is an important part of LVPEI mission. The education programs at the hospital address all levels of training in key-areas, such as ophthalmology, optometry, community eye care, research, nursing, and hospital administration.

The Learning Center at LVPEI Bhubaneswar was inaugurated by Health Minister Prasanna Acharya recently in presence of Health Secretary Anu Garg recently.

"The current training facilities in the wet-lab include (1) basic slit-lamp examination techniques, (2) retinal laser (3) phacoemulsification (advanced cataract surgery), and (4) posterior vitrectomy. The wet-lab on phacoemulsification will teach techniques of cataract wound construction, capsulorhexis, removal of the cataractous lens, IOL folding and insertion, and

management of complications. The wet-lab on posterior vitrectomy will teach techniques of vitreo-retinal surgery with the help of state-of-the-art vitrectomy simulator," Dr Sujata added.

"While the institute is recognised for providing training in cataract surgery, medical retina and vitreo-retinal surgery by the Government of India, the LVPEI Bhubaneswar is keen on developing skills in postgraduate students of the State and neighboring states in the early phase. A programme named, "Short Course in Ophthalmic Skill Enhancement" (SCOPE) will teach all the skills in a graded manner very soon. The first SCOPE is scheduled for November 13th this year," she said adding "it will be a regular and week-long program from next year onwards".

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