

### Conferences, Meetings, Seminars & Continuing Medical Education (CME)



LVPEI hosted the **First Think Tank Meet on Making Healthcare Accessible for All** on 6 March 2018 under the aegis of LVPEI, Dhan Foundation and the Indian School of Business. The meeting was an attempt to create an alternate model of healthcare, which is strong at primary and secondary level but still not-for-profit, and

saw participation from doctors and senior representatives from around ten organizations, including Seva, Fernandez Hospital, Nano Health Saksham and Ameya Life among others.



**Uveitis Uncoded** on 11 March 2018 focused on case-based discussions on anterior uveitis, connective tissue disorders, posterior and infectious uveitis, and imaging in uveitis. It had about 150 delegates and over 25 participants on webinar. Besides faculty from LVPEI and others across the country, it had Dr Lisa Rajsekhar, Head of Dept of Rheumatology at NIMS.

**Glaucoma Interactive Workshop** on 17 March 2018 included 3-D viewing of optic discs using, video based discussions and hands-on wet lab trabeculectomy training on surgical techniques. The highlight was an "open house" on prevention and management of complications in glaucoma surgery.



**Workshop on Assistive Technology for Visually Impaired** organized by the Institute for Vision Rehabilitation on 24 March 2018 and supported by Tech Mahindra Foundation, benefited 52 participants.

**Looking Beyond the Eye – VI** on 25 March 2018 at Visakhapatnam campus focused on diagnostic and management issues in ocular diseases that have a systemic component. It had 87 delegates and 22 online participants.



#### Feedback:

*"Was latched on to the webinar the whole day! Good show by the team! The best was SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus) discussion with both ant and post segment related discussions. The allied speciality consultants, especially the Rheumatologist, gave good inputs. Great going!"*

*Dr M P Veenashree, Veenashree Dhanvantri Eye Care, Chennai*

*"Thanks for the invitation to be Guest Faculty. It's always a great pleasure to be associated with LVPEI! Great coordination and wonderful topics."*

*Dr Rakesh Godavarthi, ENT Specialist, Pinnacle Hospitals, Visakhapatnam*

The Brien Holden Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences organized a Refresher course on **Refraction Techniques for Paramedical Ophthalmic Officers (PMOOs)**, an initiative by the Telangana Govt to upgrade skills of ophthalmic personnel for vision screening

### Inaugurations

**18<sup>th</sup> Secondary Eye Care Centre** Bijayananda Patnaik Eye Centre was inaugurated on 1 March 2018 at **Pabitradiha, Keonjhar, Odisha** by Shri Pratap Jena, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Odisha. The Chief Guest was Shri Badri Narayan Patra, Minister for School & Mass Education; Guests of Honour were Smt Sakuntala Laguri, Member of Parliament; Shri Abhiram Naik, Member of Legislative Assembly and Shri Hrushikesh Naik, Chairperson, District Planning Committee of Kendujhar District. The land for the centre has been gifted by late Dr Bijayananda Patnaik and his wife Dr Rajinder Kalsi Patnaik. The Combat Blindness International, USA supported the construction of the centre and equipment through a generous gift from the Jack Deloss Taylor Charitable Trust, USA.



### Awards & Honours

**Dr Ashik Mohamed** has been:

- Chosen to receive the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Alumni Award 2018 in the young alumni category
- Selected to attend the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) Research Leadership Course in Hyderabad, 26-29 March 2018. The course is provided by Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Lebenswissenschaften (GFLW, Society for the Promotion of Life Sciences), Germany; facilitated by Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance and EMBO.

**Dr Gullapalli N Rao** was honoured with the Sadguru Humanitarian Award at the Golden Jubilee of Sadguru Netra Chikatsalaya (Sadguru Eye Hospital) on 9 March 2018.

**Dr Taraprasad Das** delivered two Orations:

- LP Agarwal Oration at the Dr Rajendra Prasad Center for Ophthalmic Sciences, New Delhi on 11 March 2018
- Alim Chaudhury memorial lecture at the Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka on 14 March 2018.

**Dr S Shivaji** has been conferred with E K Janaki Ammal National Award 2017 by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt of India, for his contributions in Microbial Taxonomy. Edavaleth Kakkat Janaki Ammal was a pioneering botanist and cytogeneticist.

The William Gillies Lecture 2018 was presented to **Dr Ramesh Kekunnaya** on 10 March 2018 by the Australian & New Zealand Strabismus Society (ANZSS2018) at Sydney; Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO).

**Dr Subhabrata Chakrabarti** has been invited as a panellist for reviewing applications to the International Glaucoma Association (IGA) award committee of the Royal College of Ophthalmology.

At the 17<sup>th</sup> Dr E Vaithilingam memorial scientific session organized by the Elite School of Optometry, Sankara Nethralaya, 24-25 February 2018:

- **Dr Pavan Verkicharla** - Best scientific paper presentation in regular category
- **Rohit Dhakal** - Best scientific poster presentation in regular category
- **Y Sai Shashank** - Best poster in social accountability section
- **Aswani Unnikrishnan** - Best scientific paper presentation in student category

**LVPEI received the Bajaj Service Excellence Award** on 15 March 2018 for quality, efficient services, client feedback and utilization.



#170 **Pileru Vision Centre**, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh was inaugurated on 1 March 2018 with the capital support from RayBan Sun Optics India Private Limited. Dignitaries included Sri K Sundara Rajula Chetty, Businessmen and landlord; Sri K Venu Gopal, Circle Inspector of Police; and Sri AS Humayun, Sarpanch, Pileru.



#171 **Shivaam Vision Centre** was inaugurated on 31 March 2018 at Shabad Ranga Reddy District, Telangana with the support received from Mrs Henna and Mr Arun Sharma. The centre was inaugurated by Sri Patnam Narender Reddy, MLC, RR Dist.; Mr Srinivasa Reddy, MRO, Shabad; Mr Venkataiah, Shabad Sarpanch; Mrs Lakshmi Rajender, Shabad ZPTC; and Mrs Jyothi Ravi Kumar, Shabad MPP. Also present were friends and family of Mr & Mrs Arun Sharma, local administrative authorities and local community members. The centre is connected to LVPEI's Secondary Centre in Kothur, Ranga Reddy District – Natco Eye Centre.

## Events, Visitors & Updates

LVPEI signed an MoU with Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA), on 26 February 2018 at the Partnership Summit 2018 in Visakhapatnam to support the eye health facilities in the State Capital. The MoU was signed between Dr Sreedhar Cherukuri, Commissioner APCRDA and Mr Ramam Atmakuri, Executive Vice-Chair, LVPEI.



Glaucoma awareness week, 11-17 March 2018, was observed across the LVPEI network. The key activities were: awareness walks, awareness talks, eye screening programs, patient education forums and training programs.

Bhubaneswar



Hyderabad



Visakhapatnam



Vijayawada



## Rural Eye Care Network



Ms Sruthi Sivaraman, Geriatric Psychologist, Core Manager, Nightingales Care for Ageing and Alzheimers, Bengaluru; Guest lecture on 'Filling the treatment gap for dementia'; 14 March.

Dr Somasheila Murthy performed four corneal transplant surgeries at the Liberia Eye Centre at John F Kennedy Memorial Medical Center in Monrovia, Liberia on 27 March 2018. The corneas for the surgery were provided by SightLife, Seattle, USA - an international organization involved in procuring and providing corneas worldwide. This is part of LVPEI's ongoing mission to provide quality eye care at the centre in Monrovia. In the month of March of 2018, 752 outpatients were treated, of whom 250 were non-paying and 76 surgeries were performed.



## Anniversaries

1 March - 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Ramnagar Vision Centre**, Hyderabad; 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary **Sujatha Nagar Vision Centre**, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt, Telangana; 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Achampet Vision Centre**, Nagarkurnool Dt, Telangana

2 March - 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Aswapuram Vision Centre**, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt, Telangana; 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Manuguru Vision Centre**, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt, Telangana; 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary **Chebrolu Vision Centre**, Guntur Dt, AP

3 March - 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Dammamapeta Vision Centre**, Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Telangana

7 March - 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Pedanandipadu Vision Centre**, Guntur Dt, AP

9 March - 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Amartaluru & Bhattiprolu Vision Centres**, Guntur Dt, AP

11 March - 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Madanapalle Eye Centre**, Chittoor Dt, AP (secondary centre) and 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, **Cumbum Vision Centre**, Prakasam Dist, AP



13 March - 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary **Alluru & Venkatagiri Vision Centres**, Nellore district, AP

17 March - 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Kurichedu Vision Centre**, Prakasam Dt, AP

18 March - 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, **Podili Vision Centre**, Prakasam Dist, AP

22 March - 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary **Anandapuram Vision Centre**, Visakhapatnam Dt, AP

25 March - 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Vetapalem Vision Centre**, Prakasam Dt, AP

27 March - 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Kondapi Vision Centre**, Prakasam Dt, AP

29 March - 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary **Podalakuru Vision Centre**, SPSR Nellore Dt, AP

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