



LV Prasad Eye Institute

Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre (SCEC)

Mavala, Adilabad District, Telangana

(2005-2025)



Gullapalli Pratibha Rao

International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye care

L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad

The Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre, the fourth secondary centre of L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) in Telangana, was inaugurated on June 9, 2005, in Mavala, Adilabad district by Sri Rosaiah K, the then AP State Finance Minister of Planning and Legislative Affairs.

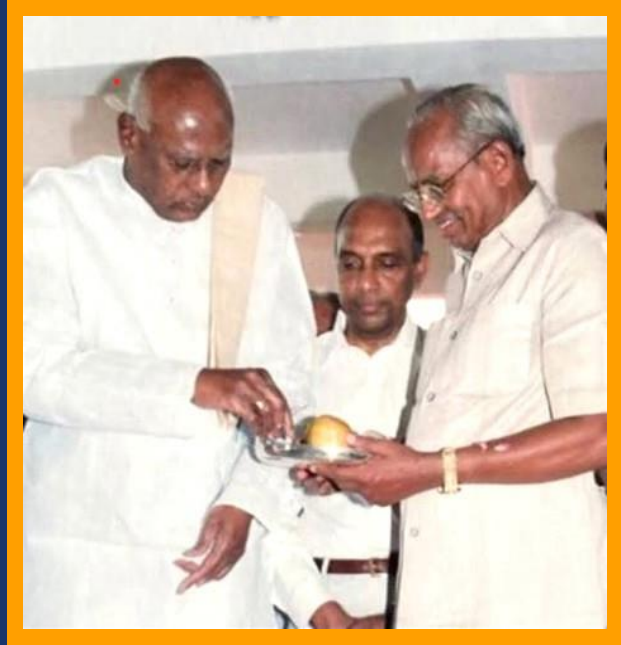
Our vision to take high-quality services to the underserved populations was supported in Adilabad by Seshanna Chennawar, a cloth merchant, who had an inspiring “rags to riches” story.

Seshanna started off as a ‘Mafatlal’ distributor. He happened to visit the Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya in Chitrakoot, sponsored by the Mafatlal group, which inspired him to do some work in eye care. He was later a patient at Sankara Netralaya.

After experiencing the facilities there, he wanted to build a small eye hospital in Adilabad. He completed the construction of the building and came to know of LVPEI’s Mudhole facility and approached us, expressing his interest in gifting the building to us.

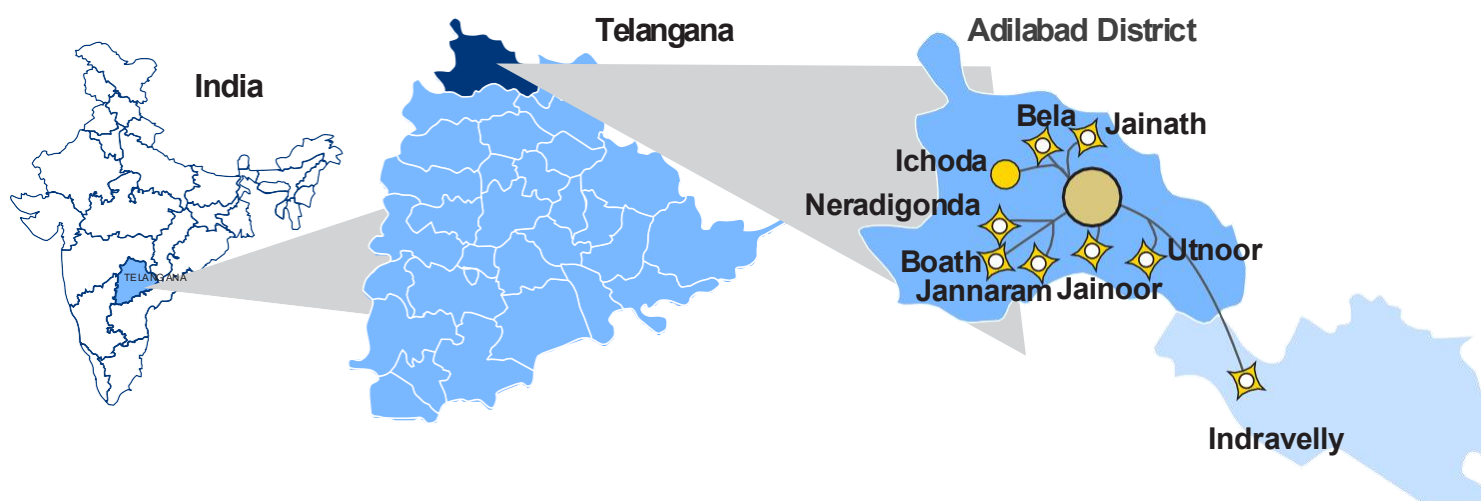


The first ophthalmologist was Dr C Ravi Kumar of Kadapa District, who completed his comprehensive fellowship at LVPEI . Sudhir from Adilabad was the first administrator.



Village Vision Complex – Adilabad

Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre is in Mavala village (6km from the district headquarters of Adilabad town), in the northern part of Telangana. Adilabad district has a significant tribal population (0.5 million). This is the fourth LVPEI secondary centre in Telangana state that caters to the eye health needs of one million population.



- Nine primary eye care vision centres are connected to Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre: Utnoor, Boath, Jainath, Bela, Jainoor, Jannaram, Neradigonda, Ichoda and Indravelly, initiated with the support of Lavelle Fund, Latter-day Saint Charities, USA.
- Siemens and Art Med Health Care Private limited, India provided support for advanced equipment to upgrade the vision centres in Jainath, Jainoor, Jannaram and Neradigonda in March 2025.
- Community eye care programs were initiated in 2005.
- Community Linked Integrated Model Program for Primary Health (CLIP) was carried out during 2011–2015 in the Jainath mandal of Adilabad to prevent blindness in rural areas.
- A comprehensive district model for vision rehabilitation to children was launched in July 2013 in Adilabad district with support from Lions International Foundation for the Sight First Program.
- A program for retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) was initiated at the Rajeev Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Adilabad, by Dr Padmaja Kumari Rani.

Together we meet the community's eye health needs...

I am pleased to share the remarkable journey and impact of Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre, the fourth secondary centre of L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) in Telangana. The establishment of this centre has been made possible through the generous support of Mr Seshanna Chennawar, a cloth merchant from Adilabad.



Our impact so far:

- 400,000+ patients served as outpatients, and 45,000 surgeries performed, with over 50% receiving free treatment
- Specialty services for cornea, glaucoma, retina, oculoplastics, and pediatric eye care
- 450,000+ patients screened through the vision centre network
- 750,000+ individuals screened through community-based activities
- 1000+ clients received low vision and rehabilitation services

The centre is equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical equipment and is connected to 9 vision centres at Ichoda, Indravally, Boath, Utnoor, Bela, Jainath, Jannaram, Jainoor and Neradigonda,. We are thankful to Latter-day Saint Charities, Salt Lake City, USA, and Lavelle Fund for the Blind of New York, USA, for their generous support in setting up these vision centres.

Technology has played a transformative role in bridging the gap between primary, secondary, and tertiary care, reducing patient travel time, delivering doorstep care, and lowering the carbon footprint.

We sincerely thank the Chennawar family, the faculty of LVPEI network, and the dedicated staff of Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre, Adilabad, for their invaluable contribution to nurturing the centre.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission and vision—to ensure quality eye care for all, *so that all may see...*

– Dr Rohit C Khanna
Director
GPR ICARE

Timeline of Services

OPD & Surgical Services

Community Eye Care



July 2005

June 2005



Operating Room

**LF CBP Project
Aug 2015 – Apr 2020**

**Envision Project
Mar 2017 – Sept 2017**

Rehabilitation Services



January 2013

January 2015

Pashyantu



May 2022



Low Vision Services

CLIP Project
Jun 2011 – Mar 2015

Sight First Project
Jul 2013 – Jul 2016

Impact

Community Screening
at the base of the pyramid

SCEC
7,56,399

Screenings at
Primary Eye Care
Vision Centres

100%
services free
of cost

SCEC
4,47,881

Outpatient visits at

SCEC
4,24,922

Surgeries at
SCEC
45,284

50%
services free
of cost

Rehabilitation Services

January 2013 – April 2025

578
Rehabilitation
Services

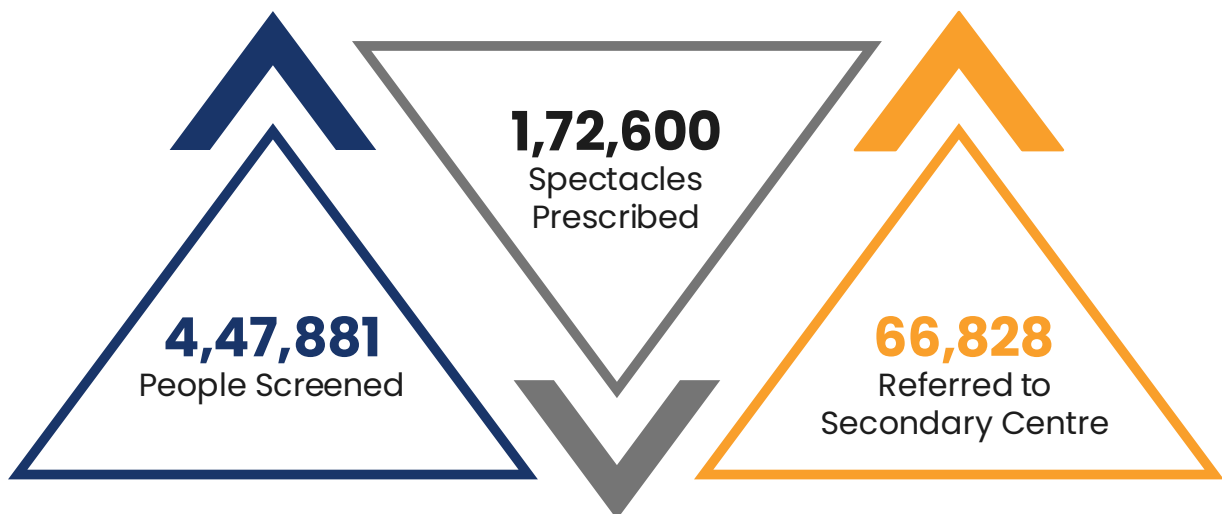


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Low Vision
Services

Community Eye Care

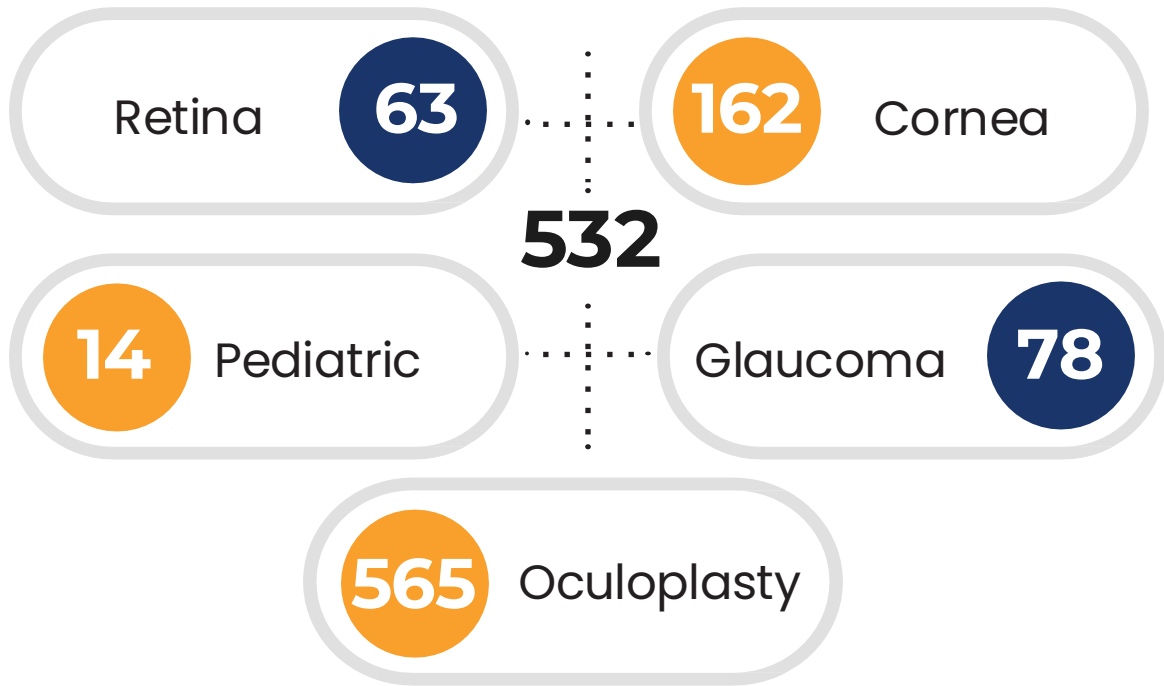
7,56,399
People
benefited

Services of Primary Eye Care Vision Centres



Sub-specialty surgeries performed

June 2005 – April 2025



PASHYANTU - Mobile Eye Diagnostic Van

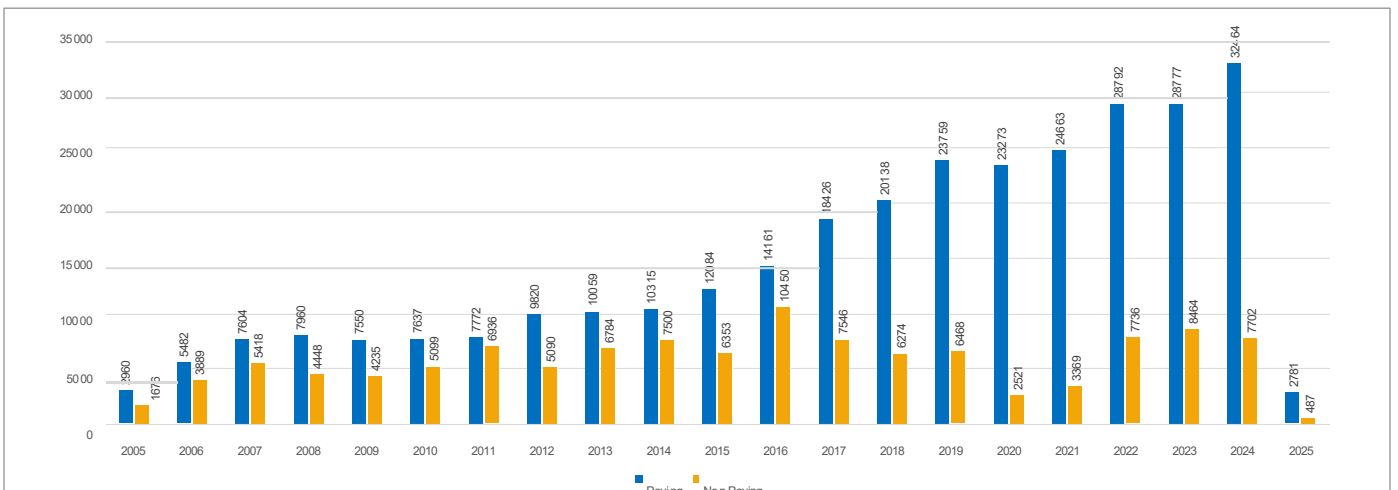
May 2022 – April 2025

Advanced Diagnostic Procedures - **4,050**

(24 % Non-Paying)

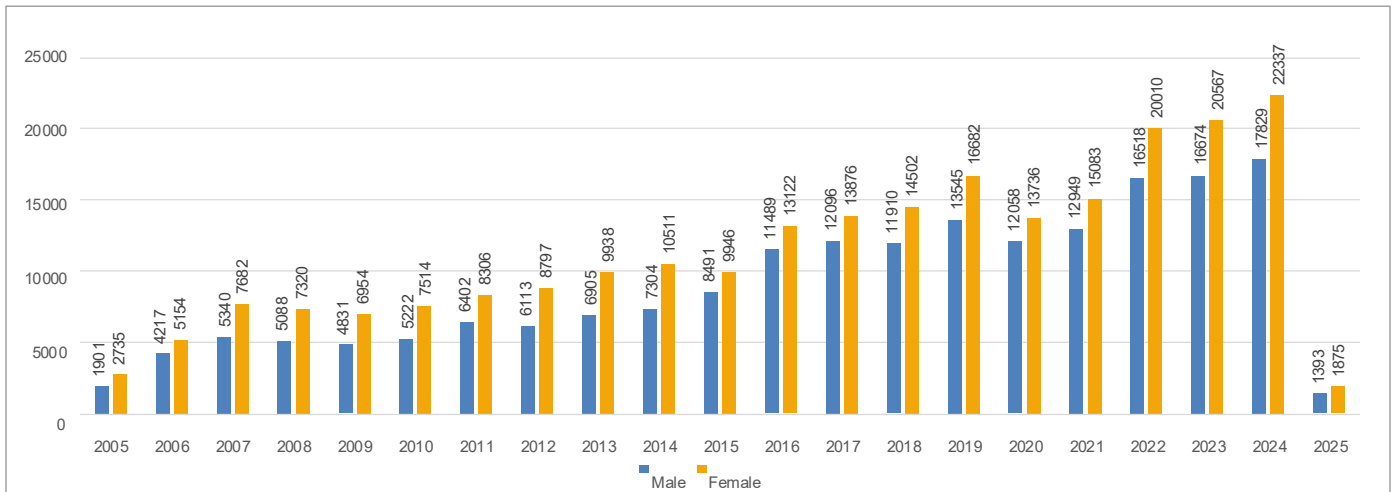
Year-wise OPD - Paying & Non-Paying

(June 2005 to April 2025)



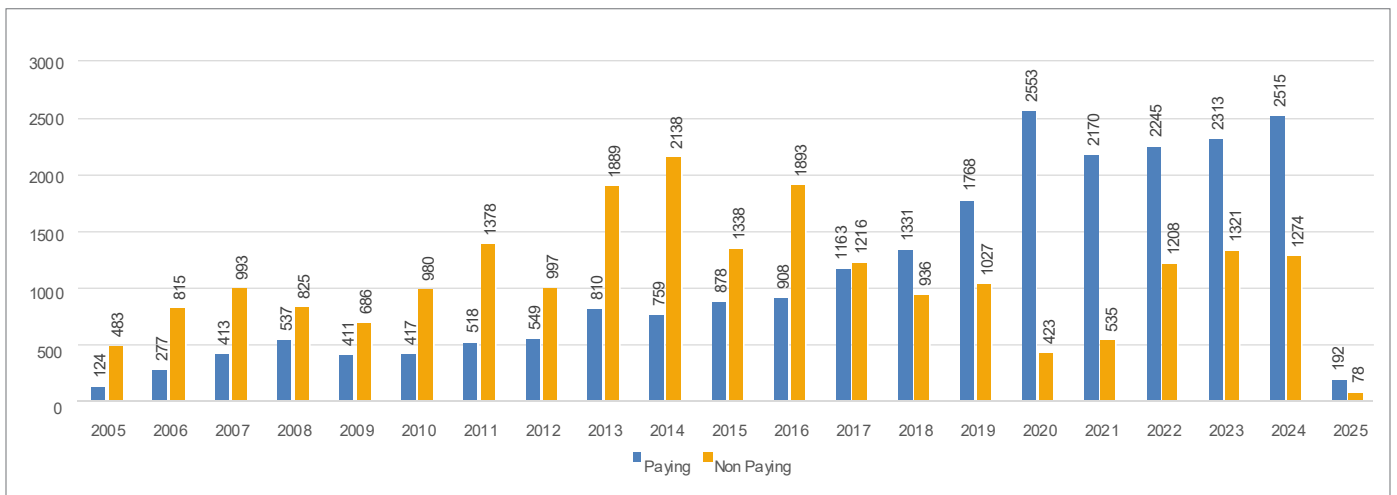
Year-wise OPD - Male & Female

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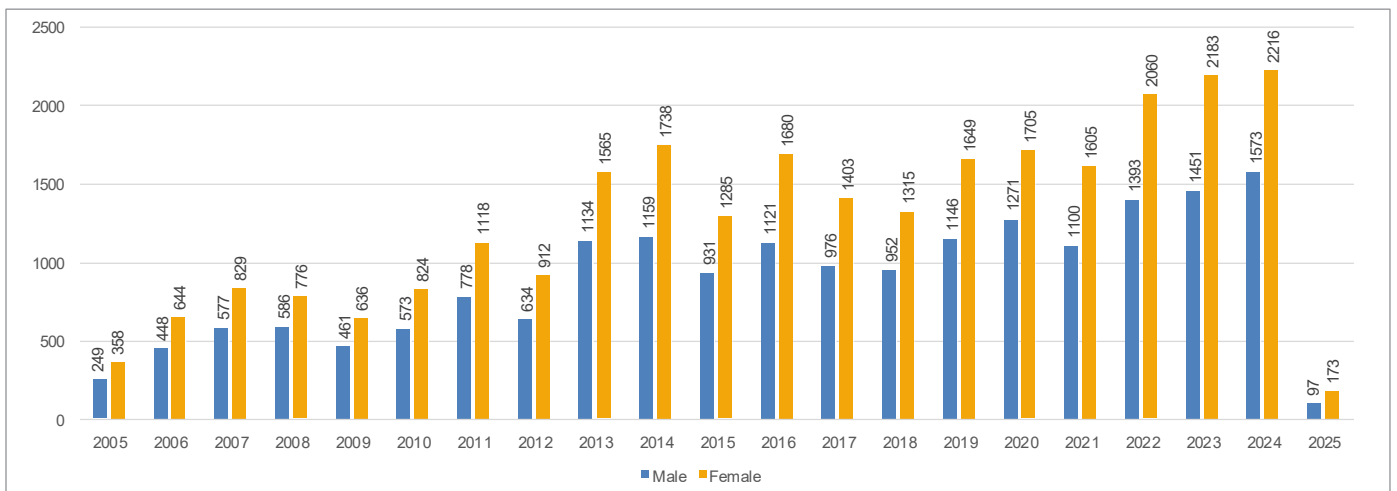
Year-wise Surgeries - Paying & Non-Paying

(June 2005 to April 2025)



Year-wise Surgeries - Male & Female

(June 2005 to April 2025)



Projects

Services have been provided to the community through the following projects:

A) Community Linked Integrated Programme (CLIP) - 2011 to 2015 Funded by Operational Eye Sight, India

Vision & eye problems identified & referred	9,860
Diabetics and people at risk identified & referred	1,060
Teachers and anganwadi staff members trained	258
School screening organized	145
Anganwadi screening organized	106
Community screening programs organized	176
People screened in community screening programs	5,694
People examined at Vision Centre	5,004
People treated at Secondary Centre	2,349
Spectacles prescribed and dispensed	4,918
People operated for sight restoration surgeries	779
Persons with visual impairment rehabilitated (CBR)	30
Awareness meetings organized for eye health	1,597
Vision guardians given training for development	80
Formation of Village Vision Health Committees	47

B) Sight First Project – July 2013 – July 2016

Funded by Lions Club International Foundation, India

Project coverage population	4,01,514
Number of mandals covered	9
Number of villages covered	360
Number of community-based rehabilitation services	867
Distribution of visual aids and appliances	198
Number of screening programs in schools (SSP), and Community (CSP)	343
Number of awareness programmes conducted	115
Number of economic rehabilitation services provided	21

C) Children Blindness Project (LF CBP) – August 2015 – April 2020

Funded by Lavelle Fund, USA

School Screening LF CBP	
Number of schools included for screening	2,098
Total students screened	190,293
Referrals	8,159
Spectacles prescribed	1,550
Medicines distributed	706
Low vision devices issued	13
Rehabilitation services	19

D) Envision Project – March to Sept. 2017

Households screened	5,379
Population screened	20,381
Referral to Vision Centre (VC)	2,521
Attended at Vision Centre (VC)	2,008

Team Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre – on ground to serve



Working with the SCE centre for two decades



Community Involvement

Strengthening Eye Care Services at Adilabad through Government Collaboration

We sought support from the District Blindness Control Society (DBCS) in 2011 and 2013 by approaching the District Collector. Recognizing the challenges faced by the government sector in addressing the growing needs of patients due to limited resources, the Collector proposed a collaborative approach. As a result, all Government Ophthalmic Officers in the Adilabad district began referring patients whose conditions could not be managed at their level to the **Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre** for further evaluation and treatment. This partnership significantly enhanced access to quality eye care services in the region.

This collaboration was spearheaded by Lingesh Jadi along with the rest of the team including Ram Reddy, Lakshmikanth, Bhaskar Reddy, Vilas, Vijay and Praveen, who continue their unwavering support. He remains a valuable liaison with the government on all matters concerning eye care services in the Adilabad district. He assisted with the rightful dispensing of DBCS funds and documentation in Adilabad, Mudhole, Siddipet and Thoodukurthy Secondary centres. He was instrumental in establishing the Cornea Collection Centre at Rajeev Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) hospital in Adilabad.



Patient Story



Master Shaik Majid Ali, a 12-year-old boy from Mominpur village, discontinued school because of poor vision. His parents are daily labourers, who could not afford to take him to the hospital. A friend suggested they visit the Utnoor Vision Centre, which they did.

On December 11, 2023, Majid's mother brought him to the Utnoor Vision Centre with the complaint of decreased vision, following an electric shock, ten months previously. He had not attended school for four months.

Upon slit lamp examination, Komal, our vision technician diagnosed cataract in both eyes and referred him to the Seshanna Chennawar Eye Centre in Adilabad for further management. On December 12, 2023, at SCEC our secondary centre, Majid's visual acuity was found to be counting fingers in the right eye and 6/60 in the left eye. Dr Sahiti Puttagunta diagnosed sub-capsular cataract in both eyes and referred him to LVPEI, KAR Campus in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, for surgical management.

On December 20, 2023, the family went to LVPEI-KAR in Hyderabad and was scheduled for pediatric cataract surgery. Dr Sampada Kulkarni performed the surgery and Majid's vision was restored as if by a magic wand.

The family were very grateful for the restoration of their son's vision without being financially burdened. They appreciated LVPEI employees' devoted efforts, which resulted in a big positive transformation in Majid's life, allowing him to restart his schooling. They were thankful to every LVPEI employee who participated in his treatment.



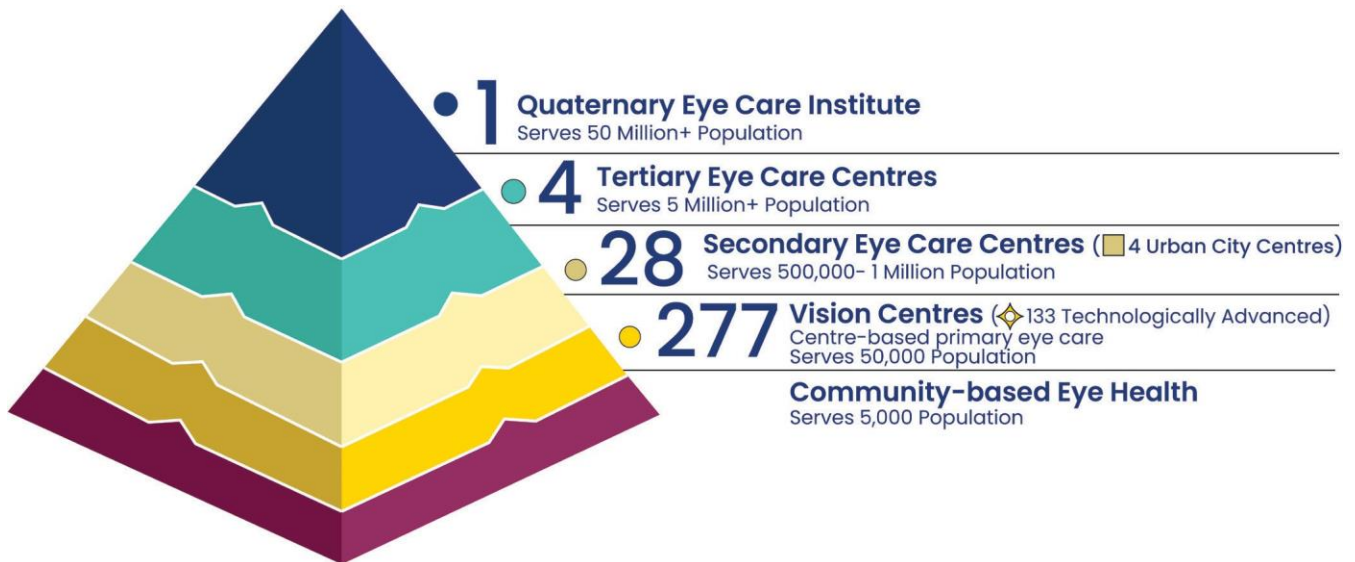
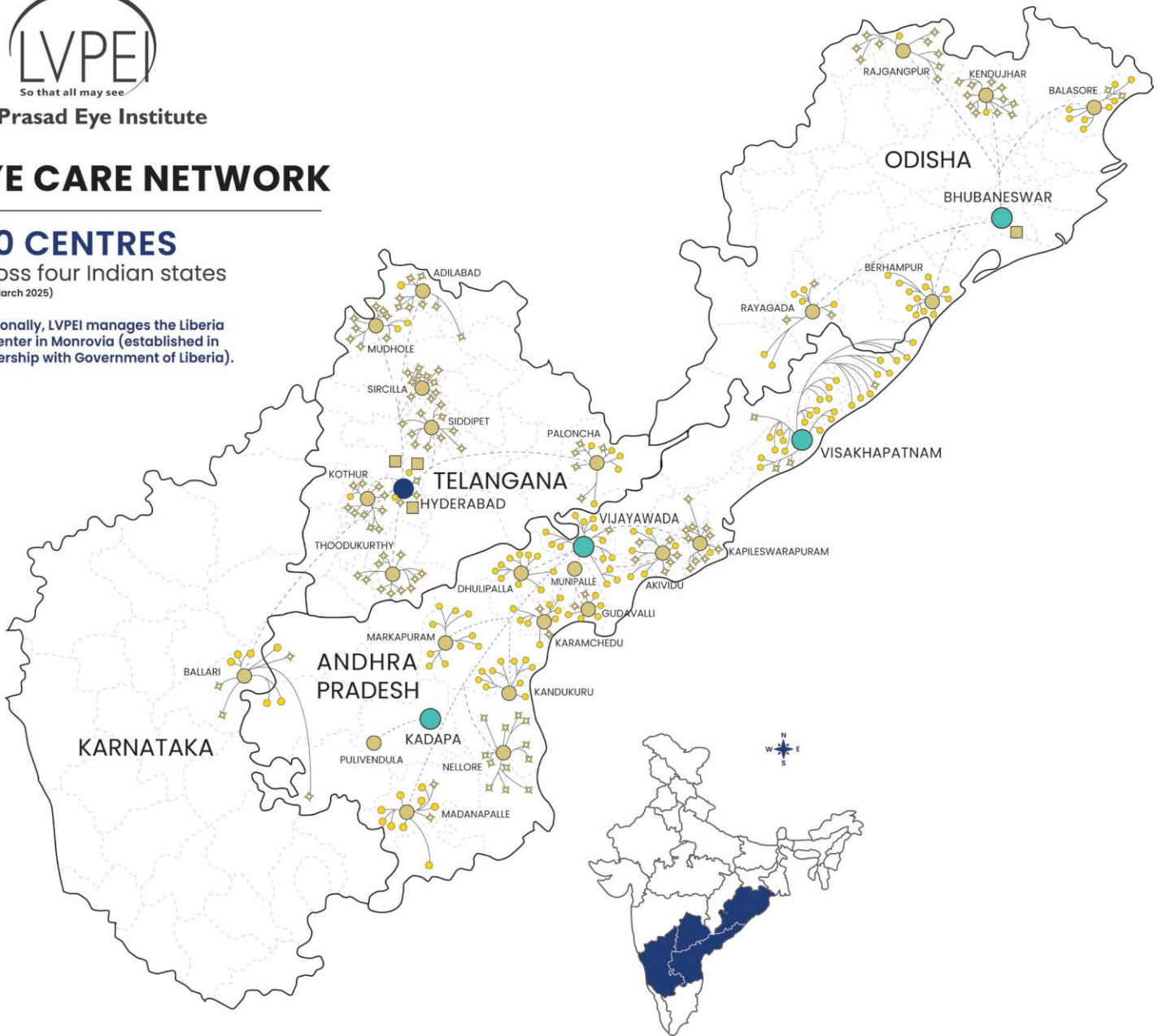
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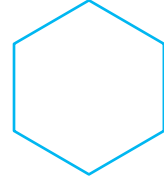
EYE CARE NETWORK

310 CENTRES

Across four Indian states
(as on March 2025)

Additionally, LVPEI manages the Liberia Eye Center in Monrovia (established in partnership with Government of Liberia).





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