

Message from the CEO

As I continue meeting other NGOs working at supporting underprivileged communities across India, I am constantly encouraged and amazed at the commitment and dedication of these individuals and groups. Right from encouraging children to wash hands regularly to providing wheel chairs and crutches to physically disadvantaged people, they are making a tangible difference across the country, and IVI salutes their contributions. We are delighted to playing a small part in the collective difference they are making for India.

One of the challenges we have in our vision screening services is the time gap between screening and provision of a pair of glasses. If a substantial percentage of children and adults can receive glasses as soon as their screenings are completed, the process will be more efficient. With this in mind, IVI has been experimenting on a number of new approaches,

including using fitted glasses having standard powers, clip-on glasses through Essilor Vision For Life and DOT Glasses that are assembled on site.

It has been a privilege for IVI to support the Optometry student community and watching them grow professionally is very encouraging, especially for the future of Indian Optometry. We were delighted with the calibre of presentations made at the recent IVI Essilor Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy Symposium 2018-19 and we congratulate Vishal Biswas of Pailan College of Management and Technology, Kolkata for winning the research optometry researcher award. Our online seminar series for students will also continue to add value to their optometry education over the next months.

We wish everyone a pleasant summer holiday. As Indians wait for the election results to be announced on

May 23, IVI wishes the best to all political parties. We will continue to lobby for the Optometry profession and for every Indian, rich or poor, in urban or rural India, to have access to a pair of glasses.



-Vinod Daniel

Workshop on Advancements in Progressive Addition Lenses at Mangaluru

An IVI-organized workshop on Advancements in Progressive Addition Lenses (PALs) at Mangaluru focused on current trends and technologies in PALs, digital advancements in PALs, and troubleshooting.



The workshop, which was held at A. J. Institute of Medical Sciences on 7 April, included a hands-on session, role plays and product updates by Essilor.

Facilitated by Srikanth M, Faculty, L V Prasad Eye Institute, and Sanu Mathew, Professional Services, Essilor India Pvt

Ltd, the program saw participation by 22



Optometry practitioners and students from Mangaluru and nearby areas. It was awarded seven credit points by the Optometry Council of India.

"I enhanced my knowledge from the different cases presented at the workshop; it was one of the most enriching experiences I have ever had."-Athira P V, workshop participant

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor India Pvt.Ltd. in funding the workshop.

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Online Student Seminar Series on Optometry and Public Eye Health

Session II

The second session of the IVI Online Seminar Series on Optometry and Public Eye Health, 'Comprehensive Community Eye Care - A Large Scale Model', was presented by Dr Srinivas Marmamula, Associate Director, GPR ICARE, LV Prasad



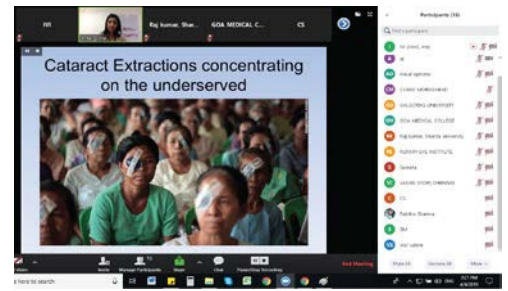
Eye Institute, Hyderabad on 15 March.

Attended by over 1,110 Optometry students from 37 institutes across India, the session focused on the community eye care model of LV Prasad Eye Institute and the contribution of optometrists at secondary and tertiary care units, as also in public health research studies. The session highlighted that optometrists are integral to any eye care system and the country requires more professionals for improving its primary eye care services.

Session III

The third session, 'Principles of Public Health and Optometry', on 4 April, was presented by Dr Sima L Gupta, Associate Professor, Sushant School of Health Sciences, Ansal University, Gurgaon. The session was attended by 480 Optometry students from 16 institutes across the

country. It focused on how to enter the



public health sector with an Optometry background, Optometry services for the community, and the role of Optometry in combating cataract and diabetic retinopathy, which are among the major public health problems in India.

The interactive sessions were appreciated by the participating institutes.

IVI Essilor Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy Symposium 2018-19

The India Vision Institute Essilor Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy for 2018-19 has gone to Pailan College of Management and Technology, Kolkata.

Vishal Biswas won the award for his project 'A comparative analysis to find out the preferred and effective way to identify new Indian currency notes by blind individuals'.



The announcement was made at a symposium at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, Potheri, in Chennai on 22 April. Vishal was selected from among four other shortlisted students who presented their research projects. They include Ms PV Jhansi

Priyanka (Brien Holden Vision Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences, Hyderabad), Ms Shagufa Behlim (Goa Medical College, Goa), Ms SA Farazana



(SRM Medical College, Chennai), and Rajat Bansal (Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, Etawah).

The award winner received a certificate and travel grant of INR 5,000 to enable him participate in a conference of his choice. The other shortlisted candidates received certificates of participation.

Presentations at the symposium were evaluated by a panel of experts, including Aditya Goyal, Principal, Sankara College of Optometry, Bangalore and President

ASCO-India, and Dr. Jameel Rizwana Hussaindeen, Assistant Professor, Elite School of Optometry, and Head, Binocular Vision Clinic, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai.

"I would like to thank IVI for the opportunity to present my work. To be a winner in a platform of national level competition of IVI Essilor Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy 2018-19 is a phenomenal achievement in my life. This is completely a result of hard work and the guidance by my mentor Ms. Sirajum Monira. Its privilege to do something for the visually impaired for their betterment in the society and our project exactly is for the benefit of those specially abled persons." **Winner- Vishal Biswas, Pailan College of Management And Technology, Kolkata.**

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor India Pvt. Ltd. in funding the program and SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, Potheri in supporting venue logistics.

Volunteer for IVI

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39th Low Vision Awareness Program

The 39th Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) was conducted on 26 and 27 April at LVPEI's KAR campus in Hyderabad. The program was held in collaboration with India Vision Institute.



The program was attended by 70 delegates from across India. Participants included optometrists, Optometry students, ophthalmologists and low vision practitioners.

Topics of presentations ranged from Burden of Vision Impairment to Assessment and Management of various cases with Low Vision, Early Intervention, Importance of Functional Vision Assessment, Pediatric Low Vision and Assistive Devices.

Hands-on-sessions about basics of assistive devices, multidisciplinary low vision rehabilitation services and daily living skills for people with low vision were also organized. Patients shared their experience of living with vision impairment and how they have benefited from comprehensive low vision rehabilitation intervention. The program also included group discussions and case presentations.

"Attended 39th LAP and had great experience in the two days' workshop, hands on sessions were really good and learning from the patients about their experience and achievements was really inspiring and motivated my interest towards low vision."

Bhuvana Kalyani, Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology and Research, Bangalore



IVI's Eye See & I Learn initiative is a part of the global Our Children's Vision Campaign led by Brien Holden Vision Institute and Vision for Life Foundation

Pilot Project with DOT Glasses - A New Beginning

IVI is working with DOT Glasses, a young startup company, to trial innovative, low-end prescription eyeglasses that can revolutionize vision care delivery.



The startup aims at large-scale production of its patented, one-size-fits-all eyeglass frames. These frames, together with a "transformational lens concept" and proprietary vision testing tools, can revolutionize access to eye glasses in the

remotest corners of the world.

The DOT Glasses vision kit is a patented, snap-together, adjustable frame designed by MBtech, the result of a collaboration between Mercedes Benz and AKKA Technologies, and brings a fresh and functional approach to the product.

"DOT Glasses offers simple solutions. It's a new paradigm in eye care. Our glasses are low-cost and robust in design, yet fashionable enough to make spectacles wearable. This technology will be a win-win for all. With its reach to the far-flung corners and communities of India, IVI is uniquely placed to help with the trial of the project, which when commercialized, will attempt to solve the world's vision problem."-Philip Staehelin, CEO & Founder, DOT Glasses

IVI Thanks Partner Institutes for Primary Eye Care Support

IVI has an agreement with the Institute of Child Health (ICH), Egmore, Chennai to provide free spectacles for underprivileged children who attend the institute for treatment. IVI also has an arrangement with the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology (RIO), Government Ophthalmic Hospital (GOH), Egmore,

other than uncorrected refractive error.



IVI acknowledges and thanks Prof Dr. M. Ananda Babu, Director & Superintendent, RIO-GOH, Egmore, and Dr A. T. Arasar Seeralar, Director, ICH, Egmore, for their support.

to be a referral hospital for IVI referred patients who need care for conditions

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Philip Staehelin, Founder & CEO, DOT GLASSES

Eye See & I Learn

Screening programs in Odisha and Jharkhand:

IVI screened 8,000 underprivileged children from government and government-aided schools in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar districts of Odisha. A total of 545 children diagnosed with refractive errors received free



spectacles. The screening program was conducted in association with LV Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar and JPM Rotary International Eye Hospital, Cuttack.

In Ranchi, Dhanbad and Bokaro, 6,000 underprivileged children from government and government-aided schools were vision screened, and 586 children diagnosed with refractive errors received free spectacles

IVI acknowledges the support of the Australian High Commission in New Delhi for funding both programs.

As many as 3,032 underprivileged children from government, government-aided and Adhi Dravider Welfare schools in Dindigul and Thanjavur districts

were screened during March, with 232 free spectacles distributed to children



diagnosed with refractive errors.

IVI acknowledges the support of L&T Construction in funding the program.

A total of 11,241 underprivileged children from Chennai primary, middle and higher secondary schools in Perambur, Choolaimedu, and Pulianthope in Greater Chennai were vision screened, and 1,853 children received free spectacles.

IVI acknowledges the support of Vision Spring for providing free spectacles.

IVI screened the vision of 806 underprivileged children from Chennai Higher Secondary School, Ayanavaram and distributed 49 free spectacles to those diagnosed with refractive errors

IVI acknowledges the support of Lt Col T Sundaram for funding the program.

In Tenkasi 397 underprivileged children from St. Antony's Government-aided Higher Secondary School were screened and 21 children were diagnosed with refractive error. Of these, 14 children were provided free spectacles on the spot with ready-to-clip glasses.

Of 691 underprivileged children screened from YRG Care Center for Aids Research & Education, as well as from Government High School and Municipal Middle Schools at Kilpauk, Kativakkam and Ennore, 59 children were diagnosed with refractive errors. A total of 39 children received free



ready-to-clip glasses on the spot.

On the day of World Optometry day celebration, IVI screened the vision of 194 underprivileged school children in Panchayat Union Middle School, Valarpuram, Thirutani district and 1 child diagnosed with refractive error will receive free spectacle shortly.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision for Life for providing free spectacles.

Eye See & I Work

As many as 2,184 underprivileged daily wagers at Selaiyur, Pallikaranai, Guduvancherry, Ezhil Nagar, Koovathur, Villivakkam, Kalpakkam, Sriprumbudur, Padapai, Navallur in Greater Chennai and Thiruvallur districts in Tamil Nadu state were vision screened. Of these, 974 workers diagnosed with refractive



errors were provided free glasses.

IVI screened the vision of 211 underprivileged community workers from the

Slum Housing Board at Padapai and 144 of them, diagnosed with refractive errors, will receive free spectacles.



IVI celebrated World optometry day on 23rd March 2019 by conducting Community vision screening program for Weavers community at Vallarpuram village vellore district, 213 members were screened and 161 received free spectacles.

In Tirunelveli district, 287 underprivileged beedi workers were screened, of which

154 were provided free spectacles.

IVI screened 257 underprivileged daily wages workers at Nochikuppam, Teynampet, Chetpet, Porur and Perumbakkam and 139 workers diagnosed with refractive errors will receive free spectacles.

Over 313 underprivileged Sri Lankan refugee community workers from Pappanthangal and Thavasi in Cheyyar, Thiruvananthamalai district were vision screened and 129 from these diagnosed with refractive errors will receive free spectacles.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision foundation for providing the spectacles.

IVI also acknowledges Optometry students of SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, Potheri in volunteering the vision screening programs in Chennai.

What people say about IVI

"I would like to extend my thanks to IVI for offering this platform to present our research project and to help our Optometry community in the research field. Our experience with IVI really touched my heart. We look forward to a continued relationship with your institution."

-Mrs.Chaudhury Sirajum Monira, HOD, Optometry, Pailan College of Management and Technology, Kolkata

"The online session was informative and useful to our students. We look forward to more similar online seminars in other subjects as well. The students found it really insightful and worthwhile to attend."

- Suchismita Rout, Asst Professor, ITM University, Raipur

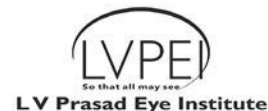
"MCDS thanks the IVI team who have collaborated with us for the last three years, and also to DOT Glasses who gave on the spot glasses during the camp."

Br Mathew Alexander - Project Director MCDS

"We are very privileged to work with IVI in implementing their screening programs at Ranchi, Bokaro and Dhanbad in Jharkhand. It's been an inspiring experience to make a difference in improving vision of underprivileged school children through vision screening and providing them a pair of free spectacles. It is a good initiative by IVI to serve the needy children who are the future of India."

-Vivekanand & Dinesh Kumar- Panums Vision, Ramgarh

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IVI Vision Screening Programs

	Children	Community	Total
No of programs	379	160	539
Individuals screened	176,623	52,970	229,293
Spectacles distributed	18,641	14,891	33,532

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