

Message from the CEO

It has been a busy start to the year for IVI. As you will see, 2019 started on a positive and hectic note. The focus in the first couple of months has been on vision screenings in schools before they break for exams and summer holidays. Over the two months 23,469 children and 1976 adults were screened and free glasses were distributed to those who need it. I thank all the sponsors, including Essilor Vision Foundation, Vision Spring, Oil India Ltd, Australian High Commission, New Delhi, and L&T Construction. Overall with crores of Indians still unable to access a pair of glasses and thereby being insufficiently productive at work or school, the challenge to India is doubtlessly daunting. Despite our best efforts, our reach so far has been to less than 0.1% of those with vision impairment. It goes without saying that for us to have the maximum impact and outreach, resources and support need to be forthcoming from all possible directions. IVI has been fortunate to have got the support from several quarters. But again, given the magnitude and

scale of the problem in India, there is obvious scope for more support to our activities, campaigns and initiatives from international and bilateral development agencies, corporates and other donors. We welcome our newest supporters, Oil India Limited (OIL) and L&T Construction for supporting our Eye See & I Learn initiatives in Assam and Mizoram & Dindigul and Thanjavur, respectively.

We continue to deliver on our vision to support education through workshops and online seminars. The Essilor-supported Research Rolling Trophy has always been a popular event and I congratulate the five finalist institutions. IVI will also institute a national-level Vision Care conference focusing on primary eyecare every other year, with the first one to be held later this year.

I also thank our initiators Brien Holden Vision Institute and LV Prasad Eye Institute for their vision and ongoing support and look forward to continue working closely with these two premier

organisations over the coming decade. As India gears up for elections to Lok Sabha, it would be the right time for all of us to continue lobbying all parties on the need



for the new government to do more in both policy development and resource allocation for the primary eyecare sector.

-Vinod Daniel

Workshop on advancements in PALs at Nagpur

A workshop on advancements in progressive addition lenses (PALs) at Nagpur on February 3 focused on current trends and technologies and digital advancements in PALs. It consisted of a hands-on session on troubleshooting, role plays and product updates by Essilor.



India Pvt Ltd, Mumbai. Participants were appreciative of the design and content of the workshop.



"It was a very good initiative to teach practical dispensing and to upgrade knowledge. We look forward to more such activities". Yuvaraj Kalra, Senior Optometrist, Nagpur.

The workshop, which was attended by over 25 optometry practitioners from Nagpur, was facilitated by Yeshwant Saoji, consultant optometrist and educator, Saoji Vision Care, Srikanth M, Faculty, LV Prasad Eye Institute, and Ms. Khyati Kapadia, Professional Services, West, Essilor

The workshop was awarded seven credit points by the Optometry Council of India.

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

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Spectacles distribution at Aizawl, Mizoram

As a part of the Eye See & I Learn campaign in two remote districts of Mizoram, Serchhip and Lunglei, IVI organized a spectacles distribution ceremony at Aizawl on February 5. Free spectacles were distributed to 29 children from Serchhip, who were among those screened earlier by IVI.



The IVI campaign was held in collaboration with Essilor Vision Foundation (EVF)

and Zoram Entu Pawl (ZEP), a not-for-profit charity in the social development sector. It has so far benefited over 9,000 children in the state with over 450 free spectacles distributed.

India's Ambassador to Azerbaijan and former Consul General in Sydney, B Vanlalvawna, the Head of Essilor Vision Foundation, Mahesh K V, and Samuel Zothantluanga, Program Coordinator, ZEP, were present at the event.

"Vision screening was conducted at Ekalavya Model Residential School (EMRS) and we are happy to have received 29 pair of spectacles for children from 4-9th grades. I believe the program should be encouraged in future as well since most of our students cannot afford to buy spectacles. We thank India Vision

Institute for their good work."
Ms. Mawmi, Teacher, EMRS, Serchhip.



IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision foundation in funding the program and Zoram Entu Pawl for on-ground assistance.

Spectacles distribution at Bhubaneswar

Following vision screening by L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) and India Vision Institute, free spectacles were distributed at a ceremony to children from schools around Bhubaneswar.

The chief guest, Odisha Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Pratap Jena, distributed the spectacles along with other guests, who included Bhupendra S



Poonia, Project Director, Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority; Mrs Archana Patnaik, CEO, Sunetra; Mrunal K Das, Additional Mission Director, National Health Mission; Padmashri Dr Taraprasad Das, Vice-Chair, LVPEI and Abhishek Kalbarga, General Manager, IVI. Those diagnosed with other ocular ailments have been referred to LVPEI, Bhubaneswar.

The program, supported by Australian High Commission, New Delhi through the Direct Aid Program (DAP) aims to screen 14,000 school children from socio-economically disadvantaged communities in Jharkhand and Odisha.

I was not able to read and write properly. With glasses now, I can read and write easily. My goal is to get into the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). Thank you, India Vision Institute." Sushant Kumar Swain, Class 8, Pandit Raghunath UGUP School, Bhubaneswar.

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

Online Student Seminar Series –I on Optometry & Public Eye Health

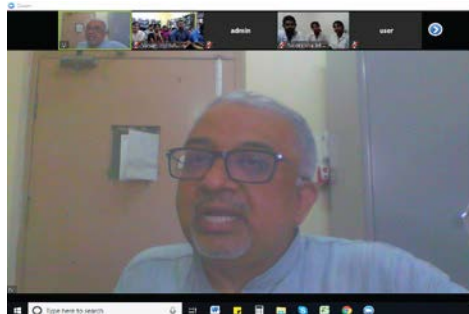
The first session of the IVI Online Seminar Series on Optometry & Public Eye Health was presented by Prof. B.R Shamanna, Professor, School of Medical Sciences, University of Hyderabad, on March 1.

The session, 'Introduction to public eye health and social responsibility of an optometrist towards community', drew 800 Optometry students from 28 institutes across the country.



The session was interactive and focused on the role of Optometry in community

health, the responsibilities of an optometrist in community development, both at the individual and public level, and the scope and opportunities for optometrists in the public health sector.



"It was a very good and informative session, well attended by our teaching faculty and students of B. Optometry. We would like to see more of these sessions. Thank you once again."

Vikas Shrivastava, Head, Department of Optometry, Galgotias University

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Munish Sharma, Australian Trade and Investment Commissioner in Chennai



Rev. Bro. Mathew Kuplicat & Joseph Louis, Montfort Community Development Society

Student seminar on Career Paths in Optometry at Chennai

IVI's interactive session on 'Career Paths in Optometry' for third and final year students at Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology & Research, Chennai, drew 40



students. Participants and faculty were appreciative of the seminar.

The session was facilitated by Abhishek Kalbarga, IVI General Manager-Operations and focused on career opportunities for Optometry students.

Essilor Vision for Life collaborates with IVI on Ready2Clip Eye glasses

An innovative approach to vision screening and provision of eye glasses to children in remote areas is expected to make a revolutionary change in addressing avoidable blindness in India.



In a first for IVI, 5500 children will benefit from Ready2Clip eye glasses across the country following vision screening programs. This initiative is part of the collaboration between IVI and Essilor

Vision for Life.

At the launch by the IVI CEO at CSI's MRC Home Anbu Ilam, Blake High School Road, Thanjavur, around 70 students were screened in the presence of Sanjay Umashankar, CEO, Svatma, Thanjavur. The clip-on glasses will not only ensure



on-the-spot delivery of spectacles but also lead to addressing vision problems faster, thereby contributing to better compliance and comprehension of visual outcomes by beneficiaries.

Candidates for IVI Essilor Optometry Rolling Trophy Symposium 2018-19

1. Ms P V Jahnsi Priyanka - Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences, Hyderabad
2. Ms Shagufa Behlim - Goa Medical College, Goa
3. Vishal Biswas - Pailan College of Management and Technology, Kolkata
4. Ms S. A. Farazana - SRM Medical College, Chennai
5. Rajat Bansal - Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, Etawah

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Glasses for 613 School children of Santhome High School, Mylapore

As part of an IVI initiative, Australia's Trade Commissioner in Chennai, Munish Sharma, distributed free spectacles at the Santhome Higher Secondary School,



Mylapore, along with Principal Rev. Bro. Johnson. Out of 2,315 screened in the school by IVI earlier in December 2018, 613 children were provided glasses.

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

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Saidapet school children get free spectacles

Five hundred children who were found to have refractive errors from over 3,200 vision screened by IVI during February at the Saidapet Government Boys & Girls Higher Secondary School have been provided free spectacles. The spectacles were distributed at the school by M Subramanian, DMK district secretary and MLA, and former Mayor.



Mr. Subramanian complimented IVI for organizing vision screenings for underprivileged communities, adults and children, and providing free spectacles to those found to have refractive errors.

"It makes me happy to distribute the glasses provided by IVI to children. It is a wonderful initiative, one that will go a long way in helping the children learn better and become productive and useful citizens in the future," M. Subramanian, MLA, Saidapet, Chennai.

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

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Eye See & I Learn

Under the Eye See & I Learn initiative, IVI screened 3,032 underprivileged children from government, government-aided and Adhi Dravider Welfare schools in Dindigul and Thanjavur districts. As many as 232 children diagnosed with refractive errors will receive free spectacles.



IVI acknowledges the support of 'L&T Construction' for 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 screened and 1,853 children diagnosed with refractive errors will receive free spectacles.

From 4,466 underprivileged children screened from government and government-aided schools in Avadi, Thiruvallur district, 467 free spectacles were distributed to those diagnosed with refractive errors.

Of 4,000 underprivileged children screened in the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar, Chennai, 771 were provided spectacles on February 11. Dr Shivakumar of Chennai District Blindness Control Society and media/entertainment & actor Jana-

ki Sabesh were present for the spectacles distribution.



On February 12, 160 children were provided free spectacles among over 1,078 vision screened at the PCKG Government Higher Secondary School. The spectacles were distributed at the school by Mr. Simon Rentokil initial - HR operations UK & Head- Better Futures.



IVI on February 14 distributed free spectacles to 633 children who were found to have refractive errors among over 2,985 visions screened earlier at the Jaigopal Garodia Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Virugambakkam, Chennai.

The spectacles were distributed at the school by Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali, Founder Trustee ARCOT Foundation.



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

In Kannankuruchi (Salem district), 546 underprivileged children from panchayat union middle schools were screened, and 39 free spectacles were distributed to those found to have refractive issues.

IVI acknowledges the Australia India Business Council (AIBC) for funding the program.

At Chennai Higher Secondary School, Ayanavaram, 806 underprivileged children got their vision screened, and 49 children diagnosed with refractive errors, will receive free spectacles soon.

IVI acknowledges Lt Col T Sundaram for funding the program.

A total of 761 underprivileged children of Vasavi Higher Secondary and Primary School (government aided), Shevapat, Salem district, were vision screened, and 109 free spectacles were provided to those with refractive errors.

IVI acknowledges the support of 'Maurice Newman' for funding the program.

Eye See & I Work

On February 15, as part of IVI's Eye See & I Work in partnership with Association for Rural and Community Development (ARCOD) initiative screened 475 dai-



ly wagers in and around Krishnagiri. As many as 91 were prescribed spectacles, 56 were referred to the government hospital for further treatment.

A vision screening was organized on February 24 at the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board quarters in Navallur, 50 km from Chennai, for people working under the 100 days National Employment Scheme. A total of 88 individuals were screened,



and 42 were provided with spectacles and 22 referred to the Government Ophthal-

mic Hospital, Chennai for further treatment.

On February 14, vision screenings were conducted at the Tsunami-affected areas of Perumbakkam. Earlier IVI conducted vision screening programs in 13 blocks of Perumbakkam. This program covered the remaining 14th block. Of the 100 screened, 45 were prescribed spectacles and eight were referred to the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Chennai for further treatment.

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

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What people say about IVI

"We are happy to associate with IVI in the screenings and spectacles distribution campaign to children in remote areas of Mizoram. We are working with IVI elsewhere too as we continue the fight for Eradication of Poor Vision through provision of access to screenings and spectacles to the needy." *Mahesh KV, Head, Essilor Vision Foundation*

"The work of vision screening and provision of free spectacles by IVI is noteworthy. I am particularly happy that IVI screenings have touched lives of children in remote parts of Mizoram." *B. Vanlalvawna, India's Ambassador to Azerbaijan*

"It was an eye-opener session for the students on what to do after their Bachelors. Thank you. Abhishek Kalbarga and IVI for conducting the session at our institute." *Preetha Ramprasat, Principal, Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology & Research, Salem*

IVI Vision Screening Programs

	Children	Community	Total
No of programs	348	142	490
Individuals screened	162,467	50,338	212,805
Spectacles distributed	16,273	13,651	29,924

Upcoming Programs

Program	Date and Venue	Deadline for Registration
IVI Online seminar series-II on Optometry and Public Health	March 15, Friday	March 14, 2019
IVI Online seminar series-III on Optometry and Public Health	April 4, Thursday,	April 03, 2019
Workshop on Advancements in Progressive Addition Lenses	April 07, 2019 A J Institute of Medical Sciences, Mangalore	March 31, 2019
Rolling Trophy Seminar	TBD / Chennai	NA
39th Low vision Awareness Program	April 26-27, 2019 L V Prasad Eye Institute, Kallam Anji Reddy Campus	March 31, 2019



IVI's Eye See & I Learn

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