

Message from the CEO

A lot was achieved by IVI for vision care in 2018. Thanks to the dedicated team at IVI, implementing partners and financial supporters we were able to deliver on a range of projects in vision screening, Optometry awareness raising and capacity building. Our vision screening program for children from underprivileged backgrounds screened 104,017 children from Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Goa, Rajasthan, Delhi and Mizoram. A total of 12,271 spectacles were distributed to 5,910 boys and 6,361 girls. The community screening programs undertaken in Tamil Nadu, covered 9,506 adults from 85 screenings, which included 5,638 females and 3,868 males, of whom 3,668 females and 2,414 males, respectively received spectacles. A dedicated Vision Centre was also established in Palavakkam (Chennai). This centre along with a new facility for vision screening within the government Urban Primary Health Centre serves as outreach facilities for nearby communities to visit and have their eyes screened.

We are thankful to the many supporters and partners who made this possible. This includes Australian High Commission, Australian Consulate General (Chennai), Australian Consulate General (Mumbai), CooperVision, Allergan International Foundation, One Sight India, Our Children's Vision, Lane Cove Cricket Club, Bharat Somashekarappa, Avichi Alumni Association, Nifty Eye Care, the Club of Alandur, Vision Spring, MCDS and Rajasthan Ophthalmic Association. A big thanks also to the Chennai District Blindness Control Society's Kannoli Kappom Thittam initiative for their generous gesture of providing spectacles in Chennai.

A number of capacity building programs were also delivered across India in 2018 on topics including Diabetic Retinopathy (DR), Non-Strabismus Binocular Vision Anomalies, Progressive Addition Lenses, and also included Eye health sensitization for school teachers, career counseling for optometry students, and sales training for optical staff. A capacity building project for optical sales staff and workshops for ophthalmic personnel in Dharamshala and Bengaluru were also conducted. Thanks to Alcon Foundation, Goa Medical College, Essilor India Private Ltd, Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation, Optometry Giving Sight, Ben Franklin and 2.5 NVG.

Twelve young optometry professionals completed the Young Leaders Program (Batch V) in the 2018 workshop. It was supported and funded by the Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight. We are delighted to have trained 45 young leaders over five years in both leadership and management.

During the year, IVI in partnership with Essilor's 'Think about your Eyes' organized a Walk in the Dark' - in Kolkata (April 29) and Aizawl, Mizoram (23 June). Our supporters included NSHM Knowledge Campus, Kolkata and All Sports Foundation. The support from Essilor-Kolkata and Vision Rx is also acknowledged.

We are thankful to our media supporters for carrying the message to millions across India. Stories about IVI were carried in the Times of India, Deccan Chronicle, DNA, the New Indian Express, Amrit Prabhat among others, as well as on several digital media platforms.

During 2018, IVI awarded six Student Research Grants and conducted a national level quiz. Ms Mehal P Rathore from Sankara Nethralaya won the IVI Essilor Optometry Wizard of the Year. IVI awarded the Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy 2017-18 to Harini of Vasani Institute of Ophthalmology & Research, Chennai for her project 'Evaluation of visual and ocular status in aluminum industry workers'.



We would also like to acknowledge our immense gratitude to LVPEI and Brien Holden Vision Institute for being a pillar of support through the year.

We look forward to your continued support in 2019 to enable us pursue activities across a range of areas and disciplines with a view to contributing to the advancement of Optometry and promotion of vision care and eye health in India.

-Vinod Daniel

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IVI announces the recipients of the IVI Student Research Grants for 2018-2019



• Pooja A, Sri Ramachandra Institute, Chennai



• Chavan Bharathi, University of Hyderabad



• Poojakumari, ITM Institute of Health Science, Mumbai



• Th. Zipporani Chanu, University of Hyderabad



• Pragma Gupta, University of Hyderabad



• Vallapugari Vandana, University of Hyderabad



• S Hari Prasad, Vasan Institute, Chennai



• B Revanth Reddy, Manipal Academy of Higher Education

The awards were granted on a competitive basis from among a pool of 50 applications. A jury comprising Nilesh Thite, Director of Educational Programs, IACLE; Aditya Goyal, Principal, Sankara College of Optometry Bangalore, President - ASCO India; Dr Ramesh S Ve, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Optometry, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal; Jameel Rizwana, Assistant Professor, Elite School of Optometry, Head - Binocular vision clinic, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai and Krithica S, Assistant Professor, Department of Optometry, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, scrutinized the applications against a list of set criteria. The research grant aims to inculcate research interest among optometry students and thereby promote research in Optometry and eye care in India. The selected students will receive a grant of up to INR 6,000 towards their project costs.

IVI Essilor Optometry Wizard of the Year

Ms Mehal P Rathore from Sankara Nethralaya is the recipient of the IVI Essilor Optometry Wizard of the Year award.



The final round of the national quiz was held in Chennai on November 8 at Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry. Ms PVN Suharsha from University of Hyderabad was the first runner-up and Ms Ketakee Jain from Dr. Shroffs Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi the second runner-up. The three finalists were each presented with a certificate and cash prize.

The finalists emerged following two competitive rounds, each comprising a web component and a phone-in component.

IVI has been conducting national level quiz on Optometry every year since 2015 aiming to promote the need for constant skill and knowledge enhancement among Optometry professionals. The quiz is



open to all eye care professionals and students across India.

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

IVI partners with Australia India Business Council

On 21 November, the Australia India Business Council (AIBC), the peak body for promotion of bilateral trade relations,



announced an important partnership with India Vision Institute (IVI) to support IVI's Eye See and I Learn initiative for underprivileged children in India. The announcement was made at an event in Sydney, which was attended among others by the President of India, HE Ramnath Kovind, Australia's Foreign Minister the Hon. Senator Marise Payne, NSW Premier the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, AIBC's Immediate Past Chair Sheba Nandkeolyar, AIBC Chair Jim Varghese, and IVI CEO Vinod Daniel. As part of the initiative, AIBC will donate 1 AUD per child for each guest attending an AIBC event, dinners etc. through to 2020. The partnership will help underprivileged children across India to get their eyes screened and be provided with free spectacles to those identified with uncorrected refractive error.

Watch 'In conversation with Vinod Daniel' video series only on www.youtube.com/indivisioninstitute



Aditya Goyal, President, Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, India

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Spectacle distribution in Ranchi

On 17 November, 49 children from Amar Shahid Thakur Vishwanath Sahdev Zilla Vidyalaya, Shahid Chowk, Ranchi received free spectacles following screenings organized by IVI in partnership with Panums Vision, Ranchi. The spectacles distribution was part of 6000 screenings for underprivileged children in Ranchi, Dhanbad and Bokaro under IVI's Eye See & I Learn campaign. So far, 1972 children from poor and underprivileged backgrounds have been screened at Ranchi and 193 spectacles distributed to those found with refractive errors.



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

Eye See & I Learn

Of the 7,283 underprivileged children from government and government-aided schools screened at Palavakkam, Injambakkam, KannagiNagar, OkkiyamThorai-pakkam, Shollinganallur, Neelangarai, and Vettuvangani, 824 children diag-



nosed with refractive error were provided with free spectacles.

IVI acknowledges the support of the 'Chennai District Blindness Control Society – KannoliKappomThittam initiative' for funding the program.

IVI screened 17,594 underprivileged children from government and govern-



ment-aided schools at Royapuram, Nesapakkam, Ponneri, Virugambakkam, Saligramam, Kodambakkam, Mylapore and Puliur and 3,214 children diagnosed with refractive errors will receive free spectacles.

IVI acknowledges the support of Vision Spring for funding the program.

Eye See & I Work

IVI screened 1,077 underprivileged community workers from Kundrathur, Iyyappanthangal, Kothamedu, Saidapet, Tenampet, Bethel Nagar and EzhilNagar and distributed 726 free spectacles to those diagnosed with refractive errors.



IVI acknowledges the support of 'Essilor Vision Foundation' for providing the spectacles.

A total of 792 underprivileged community workers were screened at Avadi, Veetuvangani, Kottivakkam, Urapakkam and 493 workers diagnosed with refractive error will receive free spectacles.



At Pravaham Orphanage, Vellore, on 3 December, 65 underprivileged people were screened and 30 people diagnosed with refractive error will receive free spectacles soon.

IVI assessment on workshops and seminars

We are currently evaluating the impact of our capacity building projects. As a part of this, we are conducting a survey on the assessment of workshops and seminars. The post-event survey will provide meaningful feedback and assist us to determine whether the efforts put into the workshop/ seminars met expectations of participants. Thanks to all who have participated in this exercise so far and request all workshop/seminar participants who have received the link over email to take part in the survey.

Be a volunteer with IVI

We are looking for volunteers (optometrists/Optomety students) who can support us in screening underprivileged children and adults in the community.
Write to us at ivi@indivisioninstitute.org
phone us on 91-44-24515353

OUR CHILDREN'S VISION



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

Upcoming Programs

| Program | Date and Venue | Reg. Deadline |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| Workshop in advancements in Progressive addition lenses | 3 February, 2019 at Nagpur | 28 Jan, 2019 |

IVI Vision Screening Programs

| | Children | Community | Total |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| No of programs | 296 | 126 | 422 |
| Individuals screened | 128,549 | 47,827 | 176,376 |
| Spectacles distributed | 10,829 | 11,984 | 22,813 |

What people say about IVI

“We are very pleased to have collaborated with IVI to raise awareness about prevention of blindness through Walk in the Dark on 29 April at Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata. The walk created a big impact in raising awareness about preventable blindness issues among the general public. It was a successful campaign and we look forward to working with IVI in supporting such initiatives in future.”

– Soumendranath Ghosh, Head of Optometry Department, NSHM Knowledge campus, Kolkata.

“The Walk in the Dark organised in Aizawl on June 23 drew an enthusiastic response from all and I have no doubt that it will have contributed to raising awareness about avoidable blindness. We are also pleased to join IVI in the campaign for vision screening children in Mizoram’s Serchhip and Lunglei districts. These are remote districts where the initiative is most needed.”

– Rev. Fr. S Lawrence Kennedy, Secretary & Director, ZoramEntu Pawl (ZEP).

“The association with IVI in the schools screening campaign in Mizoram is in line with the Essilor Vision Foundation’s commitment to eliminating poor vision and its lifelong consequences, and to providing underprivileged people the opportunity to live a better life through better sight.”

– Dharmaprasada Rai A, Head, Essilor Vision Foundation.

“Apart from the humanitarian aspects, the sheer numbers IVI is reaching is truly impressive”

– Maurice Newman (Australia), vision screening project donor.

“The session by Dr. Ramesh at the IVI online career counseling series was very informative for students, who got to learn new things, including about research prospects, PhD programs etc. We look forward for more such discussions.” – Jasmine Charan, Principal, Susruta School of Optometry & Visual Science, Kochi.

“We are very happy to share the experience of the recently conducted workshop on advancements in PALs at Hari Jyot College of Optometry, Navsari. Srikanth explained both basics and advanced levels of progressive lenses. The hands-on session made it a real experience for practitioners on troubleshooting. Overall, it was a comprehensive workshop on PALs.”

– Nirav N Mehta, In-Charge/Principal, Hari Jyot College of Optometry.

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