

## Message from the CEO

It has been a good and productive four months for us. Our vision screening teams have worked hard and they covered the farthest corners of the country, from Jammu to Kerala, reaching the unreached in 14 states. The teams worked across India. They have been able to make nearly an additional 120,000 people see better and improve livelihoods. Children with vision correction will do well in school and can expect a bright future for themselves. Adults can hope to improve their job opportunities, be more productive and earn more.

We finished vision screening 40,000 children in Chennai's corporation schools. The campaign was launched in October. In Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, we have been able to screen another 50,000 commercial vehicle drivers, contributing to making our roads safer, reduce crashes and fatalities.

In February, IVI collaborated with Sightsavers India, VisionSpring, and Mission for Vision, for the second Vision and Road Safety (VARS2023) conference in Delhi. It built on last year's first-ever vision and road safety conference. The Delhi conference noted that through

the combined efforts, the co-hosts have vision screened 1.35 million commercial drivers. A joint statement at the end of VARS2.0 pledged to screen an additional 1 million commercial driving communities by 2025.

Following on the success of the Studometry conference in 2022, this January we organized its second edition. The in-person conference in Chennai had some 300 participants, and the conference was supported by four leading optical companies and retail chains. We continued to host webinars, lectures and panel discussions. Our eighth Young Leaders Program (YLP 2023) began in January, with 14 participants from across the country. It is encouraging to see YLP grow into a highly popular program, which nurtures young professionals to become leaders besides honing their soft skills.

We opened a new vision centre at Palavakkam in Chennai. A processing centre for spectacles has also been established within the centre which will enhance our capacity to deliver glasses to beneficiaries. Two more vision centres are coming up this month at



Thiruvanimiyur and Choolaimedu with the support of Sightsavers India.

Since our inception in 2012, IVI's vision screenings have made a difference to over 900,000 lives in 22 states. And we continue to march on with the aim of a refractive error free nation. We thank our supporters and well-wishers for their continuing encouragement and support to our initiatives. To our Trustees and Honorary Advisers, a big thank you for the constant guidance and for standing by us. Without the generosity of our sponsors, none of this would have been possible. All credit to our hard-working team.

- Vinod Daniel

## Australian cricket team donates T-shirts to IVI on World Optometry Day

India Vision Institute received a gift of two T-shirts from the Australian cricket team on World Optometry Day, March 23.

The T-shirts were signed by all the players. These will be auctioned and the proceeds will go to fund a vision screening campaign and provide a pair of corrective glasses to the underprivileged.



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## Save the Date

**IVI's 4th International Optometry Conference,  
September 21-23, 2023, Chennai**

## 2nd IVI Studometry Conference – STUDOMETRY'23

India Vision Institute organised the 2nd Students optometry Conference - STUDOMETRY'23 on January 21 in Chennai.

The conference with 18 speakers aimed to prepare students to be work-ready professionals before graduation by providing sessions on building confidence, communication, and entrepreneurship skills. To demonstrate the scope of the optometry profession and provide options for students to choose as their career path, students were presented with various career options, both conventional and unconventional. A few scientific sessions were also held to educate students on the key practical and theoretical skills required before graduation. Over 300 graduating and third-year optometry students, were in attendance.



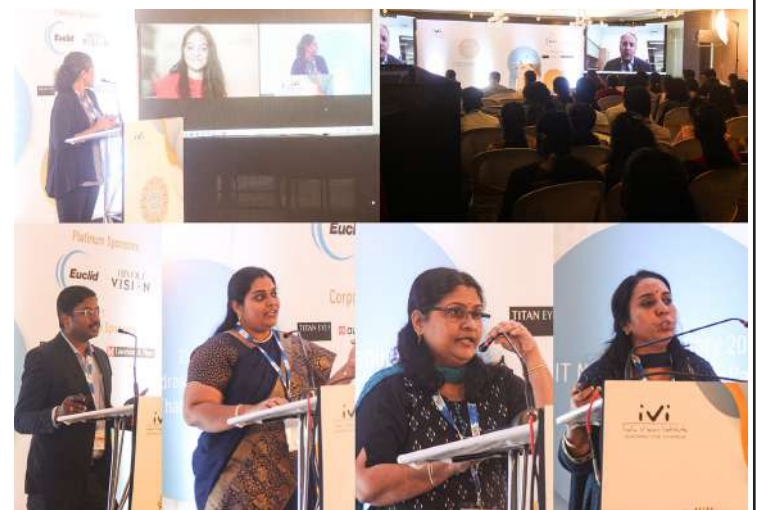
Rivoli Vision and Euclid Systems Corporation were platinum sponsors of the conference, and Titan Eye Plus, Lawrence and Mayo, and Aurolab were corporate sponsors.

The scientific sessions at the conference focused on developing contact lens dispensing skills, the do's and don'ts of binocular vision testing, and the fundamentals of myopia management. Key highlights included sessions on building a high impact career, which taught students the importance of being proactive in order to seize opportunities; a one-hour lecture on entrepreneurship, which highlighted the prerequisites for establishing an independent practice and associated scopes and challenges; and a session on research in eye care, which ignited ideas within research aspirants.

Other sessions covered the variety of postgraduate courses available, Optometrist roles in professional development, knowledge, and advocacy, a step-by-step guide from ap-

proaching universities to working abroad, and the importance of communicating effectively. Sponsors discussed their businesses and the career opportunities available to Optometrists.

The speakers included Dr. Gopinath Madeswaran, Research Associate and Lecturer, Acchutha Eye Care & Institute of Optometry, Paula Mukherjee, Operations Manager, Aloka Vision Programme, ZEISS, Sandhya Shekar, Research Assistant, Schepens Eye Research Institute, Harvard Medical School, Joe Boorady, President and CEO, Euclid Systems Corporation, Dr. Jameel Rizwana Hussaindeen, Head - Rivoli Vision Academy, Ramesh Pillai, Head of Training, Titan Eye Plus, Sundar J, Professional Service, Lawrence and Mayo, Pamela Suresh, Director, IIVM College of Optometry, Vinod Daniel, CEO, India Vision Institute, Varun Ranganathan, Clinical Optometrist, Specsavers, Ramachandran P, Honorary Adviser, India Vision Institute, Jissa James, Knowledge Manager, IAPB, Ralph Coutinho, Director, Spline Gauges and Tools Pvt. Ltd, Ex Marketing Manager Essilor, Shekhar Nambiar, General Manager, Education & Communications, India Vision Institute, Kumudha Thirunavukarasu, Head of Strategic Program & Partnerships, India Vision Institute, Savita B S, Founder & CEO, Eyeful Optometry Clinic & Eyeful Optometric Tutelage, Deepa B M S, Senior Lecturer and Doctoral



Researcher, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research and Dr Dharani Ramamurthy, Associate Professor, SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre.

An inter-college quiz competition saw participation from eight optometry colleges. Acchutha Institute of Optometry emerged as winners.

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## Vision and Road Safety Conference (VARs 2.0) in Delhi

IVI, Sightsavers India, VisionSpring and Mission for Vision partnered for the second vision and road safety conference (VARs2.0) on February 2 in Delhi. The conference discussed strategies for reducing road traffic accidents by half by 2030, and highlighted the critical role of good vision in reducing road crashes and making roads safer. The partnerships have been forged following the recommendations by the Vision and Road Safety Taskforce coordinated by IVI in 2021 that led to organizing VARs 1.0 in February 2022.

Through their combined efforts to date, the four organisations have screened the vision of 1.35 million commercial vehicle drivers, helpers, cleaners, mechanics and other transport workers in India.



Through keynote talks and panel discussions, VARs2.0 discussed visual health status and its relationship with road traffic accidents, impacts and challenges of national vision screening initiatives for drivers, need for advocacy to highlight vision as a critical component in road safety, policy amendments needed to include vision in road safety policies, improving partnerships within eye care organisations, and better fund allocations to cater to the eye health needs.

In a Joint Statement, Vinod Daniel, CEO, India Vision Institute, Elizabeth Kurian, CEO, Mission for Vision, R. N. Mohanty, CEO, Sightsavers India and Anshu Taneja, Managing Director, VisionSpring, pledged to keep the initiative going by screening an additional 1 million commercial driving communities by 2025. The four organisations agreed to work with the government, corporations, civil society groups, corporate and philanthropic foundations to scale it across the length and breadth of Indian roads in order to contribute to the reduction of vision-related road accidents. The initiative will strengthen India's commitment to increasing effective refractive error coverage and its vision of Universal Eye Health Coverage by reaching out to the commercial vehicle driving community.

## IVI – VisionPlus Panel Discussions

### Eye Health and Sustainable Development Goals

IVI and VisionPlus organised a series of panel discussions focusing on eye health as a critical enabler to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The discussions identified key areas that need to be addressed. IVI plans to develop key initiatives to help India progress towards achieving the SDGs.

#### Discussion 1 – Eye Health & SDG 5: Gender Equity

In 2015, all UN member countries endorsed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It established a blueprint for durable peace and prosperity for humanity and the planet. At its heart are the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) and 116 objectives, which are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed and developing – in a global partnership to ensure that all people have access to health, justice, and prosperity. SDGs recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve the environment.

The first session, on 12 January, was on Eye Health and SDG



5: Gender Equity. IVI CEO Vinod Daniel chaired the panel. It comprised Dr Srinivasa Maramula, Associate Director of

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Public Health Research and Training and Scientist, Brien Holden Eye Research Centre, LV Prasad Eye Institute, and Sabitra Kundu, Head, Program Development, Mission for Vision. The panelists discussed how improving access to eye care services for women and girls contribute to achieving SDG 5 and the approaches required to advocate for equal access to eye care services at all levels. [Click to view the session](#)

### Discussion 2 – Eye Health & SDG 4: Quality Education

Eye health is essential to ensure that we attain SDG 4 because good vision is critical for learning and academic performance. Poor eye health can lead to visual impairments such as near-sightedness, far-sightedness, and astigmatism, making it difficult for students to read and see the board in the classroom. This can negatively impact their ability to learn and participate in class, leading to poor academic performance and a lower chance of completing their education. Many children with visual impairments cannot attend school because they do not have access to the necessary eye care and treatment. Addressing and improving eye health can ensure that more children have access to quality education and reach their full academic potential. Eye health's centrality in India's quest to achieve SDG 4 was



the focus of 'Eye Health and SDG4: Quality Education,' an India Vision Institute (IVI)-VisionPlus Magazine panel discussion held on January 29. Moderated by IVI's CEO Vinod Daniel, the panel comprised Dr Priya Morjaria, Head, Global Programme Design, Peek Vision, Dr Uday Gajiwala, Superintendent, Founder & President, Tejas Eye Hospital, Divyajyoti Trust, and Kumudha Thirunavukkarasu, Head, Strategic Programs and Partnerships, IVI.

[Click to view the session](#)

### Discussion 3 – Eye Health & SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities

On February 18, a panel of experts emphasised on how important eye health is to achieving SDG 11, which focuses on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. Vision is one of the key factors to ensuring safer roads. Drivers with uncorrected refractive errors and unoperated cataracts have a higher crash involvement rate than in drivers with good vision.

The panel comprising Dr Phanindra Babu, Chief Executive Officer, Vision 2020 India, Jatin Tiwari, Head - Corporate Partnerships and National Truckers Eye Health Program, Sightsavers India and Rajni Gandhi, Founder and Secretary,

TRAX Road Safety NGO highlighted the need for four major components to reduce road crashes by 50% in 2030 – inclusion of vision in road safety policies, rethinking mechanisms to make vision screening and awareness for drivers more effective, better fund allocations to cater to eye health need, and gathering data available on visual health status of drivers to approach decision-makers and the Government. [Click to view the session](#)



### Discussion 4 – Eye Health & SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

Poor vision can have a significant impact on economic productivity and employment, particularly in low-income countries, where access to eye care is limited. A discussion on March 10 spoke about the intersection of eye health for achieving SDG 8, challenges faced by India in providing access to eye care services and the need for increased investment in eye health. The panel comprising Prof Kovin Naidoo, Global Head : Advocacy and Partnerships, OneSight Essilor-Luxottica, Prof Shamanna BR, Professor - School of Medical Sciences, University of Hyderabad, and Prasanna Kumar Narayanan, Director Programme Operations, Sightsavers highlighted the need for comprehensive eye care services, which includes not only treatment but also prevention and promotion of eye health, and urged stakeholders to work together to ensure that everyone has access to comprehensive eye care services and make eye health a priority. [Click to view the session](#)



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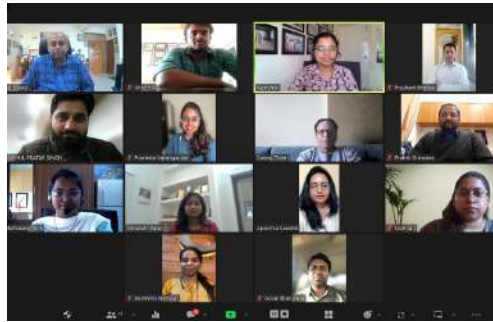
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## IVI Young Leaders Program 2023

IVI's eighth Young Leaders Program commenced on January 13 with a session on 'Introduction to Leadership and Management' by Vinod Daniel. Participants are Mamta Ramachandra Joshi (Bausch & Lomb India), Nethikar Ashwini (Lenskart.com), Prashanth Anil Bhatkar (Gargi Optics), Pracheta Narendra Vayangankar (HOYA Lens India), Minakshi Patel (Sightsavers India), Govardhan Palla (VisionSpring), Jai Prabhat Ranjan (Chitkara University), Nagarajan T (Manipal Academy of Higher Education), Pratih Srivatsav (Nirmal Ashram Eye Institute), Anshul Pratap Singh (Sharp Sight Eye Hospitals), Muthulakshmi, Vinoth Kathir, and Apoorva Kaushik from India Vision Institute.

Sanjay Tiwari, Managing Director, South Asia business at HOYA Lens India, also joined the session to congratulate and

interact with the participants.



Participants will learn the leadership and management skills needed to advance in their careers over the course of six months, through lectures and workshops, preparing them to be future eye care leaders. Six sessions have been organised so far, including Time Management and People Skills Management.

**IVI acknowledges HOYA Lens India for supporting the 2023 program.**

## IVI Essilor Pediatric Optometry Workshops

IVI conducted two workshops on Pediatric Optometry in December 2022. The aim was to train primary eye care practitioners to handle pediatric population and highlight their roles in addressing child eye health issues in India. The sessions at both workshops focussed on teaching the timeline of ocular development from birth, diagnosing and managing pediatric ocular conditions such as amblyopia, accommodative anomalies, non-strabismic binocular vision disorders, art of prescribing spectacle lenses in children and myopia management through spectacle lenses. A practical session also allowed participants to explore various methods to assessment of visual functions in children. A virtual session gave the participants an overview about the status of Childhood Blindness in India.

The first workshop was conducted at



Susruta School of Optometry and Visual Sciences, Cochin, Kerala on Sunday, 11 December 2022. 41 participants in-

cluding clinicians, educators, undergraduate and postgraduate optometry students were present. The speakers were - Greeshma G, Director & Optometrist, Nethravaranam Speciality Contact Lens Clinic and Opticals, Amal Valiakath Mohamed Shareef, Optometrist (BSV Clinic), Giridhar Eye Institute, Juliya Jose, HOD and Assistant Professor, Susruta School of Optometry and Visual Sciences, Lavanya Kalikivayi, Associate Professor, Ahalia School of Optometry, Mary Smitha Wilson, EPS Manager - South, Essilor, and Dr. Parikshit Gogate, Pediatric Ophthalmologist, Dr. Gogate's



Eye Clinic.

The second workshop was conducted at Dr. Agarwals Institute of Optometry, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on Sunday, 18 December 2022. 69 participants including clinicians, undergraduate and postgraduate optometry students registered. Speakers were Dr. Padma Priya G.K, Pediatric Ophthalmologist, Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, Dr. Akshya P, Pediatric Ophthalmologist, Squint Specialist, Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital,

## Excellence in Vision Science Lecture Series

Dr. Amithavikram Hathibelagal, Scientist, Prof. Brien Holden Eye Research Centre, L V Prasad Eye Institute gave a talk on December 9, on visual psychophysics, an area of study that is still developing but has a lot of potential applications in optometry clinics. Dr. Hathibelagal discussed several psychophysical techniques and connected them to how the majority of eye exams carried out in clinics are a clinical application of psychophysics. Participants had a better understanding of how to apply or incorporate visual psychophysics testing into their practice to more accurately assess and manage their patients' visual function and enhance patient care. [Click to view the session](#)



Ramya Lakshmikanth, Associate Professor, Sankara College of Optometry, Valarmathi Arunachalam, Assistant Professor, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Dr. Parikshit Gogate, Pediatric Ophthalmologist, Dr. Gogate's Eye Clinic, Dr. Shruti Nishanth, Strabismologist, Paediatric Ophthalmologist and Neuro-ophthalmologist, M.N. Eye Hospital Pvt. Ltd, and Ananthalakshmi N, Head -Education & Professional Services, Essilor India.

**IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Stellect.**



**Activities listed in this issue are for December 2022 - March 2023.**

## Webinar - Novel Therapeutics for Inherited Ocular Diseases

Dr. Indumathi Mariappan, Senior Scientist, Centre for Ocular Regeneration, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, on December 19, spoke on the latest developments in stem cell and genome editing-based applications in disease modelling studies and in regenerative medicine. Dr. Mariappan's lab has been exploring the applications of pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) and genome editing techniques to develop in vitro disease models to understand various inherited retinal pathologies. The team is also engaged in basic & translational research, with the objective of developing newer therapeutic strategies for certain retinal and corneal disorders. [Click to view the session](#)



## Efforts Continue to Improve Vision of Drivers and Make Roads Safer in Karnataka

The campaign to identify drivers with vision difficulties and improve vision, initiated in November, continues to benefit drivers of Karnataka. As many as 25,350 drivers of Shanthinagar, Hubli, Dharwad, Belgaum in Karnataka were vision screened in December to March; 13,647 drivers diagnosed with refractive errors are being provided a pair of free spectacles. Over 395 drivers were referred to hospitals for comprehensive eye examination and treatment.

**IVI acknowledges the support of Shell India.**



## Webinar: Disability Inclusive Eye Health - Low Vision Services Model and Assistive Technology

A talk on December 3, on 'Disability Inclusive Eye Health - Low Vision Services Model and Assistive Technology', to mark International Day for Persons with Disabilities educated participants on how to set up a disability inclusive model for low vision services in low- and middle-income countries. The speaker was Dr. Suraj Senjam, Professor of Community Ophthalmology, Dr. R. P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS Delhi. He also went into details on the data from rapid assistive technology assessment (rATA).

Dr. Senjam discussed a clinico-social model for low vision services that entails collaboration between eye care facilities and community-based organisations in



order to adapt a person-centered approach: promote health and well-being, respect dignity and choice, create accessible environments and independent living, support education and livelihoods activities, empower for social participation, mobilisation, communication, and enhancement of visual function. He also discussed the country's unmet needs for assistive technology, access restrictions, and future directions. [Click to view the session](#)

## Webinar - Introduction to Evidence Based Practices

Evidence Based Practices (EBP) enables taking well-informed decisions for patients, based on internal and external evidence, clinical expertise, and patient perspectives to achieve a better patient outcome.



A webinar on March 9, in association with Opto Research Consultancy, Founder - Dr. Gopinath Madheswaran, focused on EBP in optometry. The session included an overview on EBP, how to initiate it in clinical practice, among other aspects.

## Drive Safe India campaign

IVI in association with Shell India Towers, and Mike Muralidharan, Chairman, Ethiraj College for Women, launched the second phase of the Drive Safe campaign in Tamil Nadu on February 9 in the presence of UK's Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai Paul Dryden, IVI's CEO Vinod Daniel, Rtn. Satish Jupiter, President, Rotary Club of Chennai

During December - March, some 25,047 commercial vehicle drivers in Chennai, Salem, Namakkal, Krishnagiri, and Hosur were vision screened, and those with refractive errors were provided corrective glasses. It was launched in Chennai.

**IVI acknowledges the support of Shell India.**



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## Save the Date

**3rd Annual ResMeet, a virtual gathering of global optometry and vision science researchers**

**29 - 30 July 2023**

## Vision Screening for Adults, School Children in Tamil Nadu

In an initiative for 7,300 underserved people in Tamil Nadu, 4,387 adults from Kolathupalayam, Moolanur, Koneripatti, Nattapalayam, Erugampati, Dharapuram, and Tirupur were vision screened; and 1,826 individuals identified with refractive errors were prescribed with free spectacles and 1,019 adults who needed

further treatment.



In another campaign 14,090 children in Salem received access to free vision screening, and 585 children with refractive errors were provided free corrective glasses; 280 children who required further medical intervention were referred to a nearby tertiary eye care facility.

**IVI acknowledges the support of JSW Foundation.**



comprehensive eye examination were referred to a tertiary eye care facility for

## Program for Drivers & School Children in Delhi

Some 730 drivers and 1,740 school children in Ghaziabad, Kaushambi, Noida, Sahibabad, Delhi NCR, were vision screened, of which 485 drivers and 230 children were diagnosed with refractive errors and prescribed free corrective glasses. Over 190 adults and children who required further comprehensive eye examinations have been referred to a tertiary eye care facility.



**IVI acknowledges the support of Onesight EssilorLuxottica Foundation.**

## Campaign for Underprivileged People Across India

In January, a campaign to vision screen 32,850 underprivileged adults of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand was launched. It was supported by ICICI Foundation.



In two months, some 33,562 people were vision screened and 14,313 diagnosed with refractive errors are being provided a pair of subsidised spectacles. Another 9,539 people required further comprehensive eye examinations and have been referred to tertiary eye care facilities for further examination and treatment.

**IVI acknowledges the support of the ICICI Foundation.**

## Screening Underprivileged People

A vision screening campaign that benefited over 11,400 underserved people in Ranipet, Chennai, and Trichy in Tamil Nadu concluded in January. 5,216 individuals identified with refractive errors were provided a pair of free spectacles; 2,773 individuals who required further medical intervention were referred to tertiary eye care facilities.

**IVI acknowledges the support of MRF Foundation.**



## Screening for Equipment Operators

A program to screen customers of Shell Lubricants (L&T Construction Equipment) benefitted 643 equipment operators in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh; 208 individuals diagnosed with refractive errors were given free corrective glasses, and those who needed further comprehensive eye examinations were referred to a tertiary eye care facility.



**IVI acknowledges the support of Shell Lubricants and L&T.**

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## Access to Eye Care for Drivers, Fishermen, Stone Sculptors, Slum Dwellers

With the support of Sightsavers India, several vision screenings campaigns to provide access to a range of underserved population have been undertaken in different states of India.



Around 1,655 drivers of Coimbatore and Vellore were screened, and 759 drivers diagnosed with refractive errors were provided with free corrective glasses. Another 89 drivers who needed further comprehensive eye examinations have been referred to a nearby tertiary eye care facility.

The Vision Centre in Salem that was launched in November has screened 2,080 drivers till March and 884 drivers who had vision difficulties were provided corrective glasses.



In an initiative to vision screen residents of Chennai's fishing community,

1,324 fishermen were screened till February and 674 diagnosed with refractive error were provided with a pair of free spectacles.

During December-March, around 283 stone sculptors of Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu were screened and 172 individuals diagnosed with refractive errors provided free corrective glasses. 34 sculptors who needed further comprehensive eye examinations have been referred to a tertiary eye care facility.

IVI has been able to reach out to people at the Urban Primary Health Care (UPHC) centres in Chennai. IVI has been undertaking regular vision screenings at four UPHCs - Palavakkam, Adayar, Madipakkam, and Perungudi. The initiative has so far helped 2,557 underprivileged people get access to free vision screenings. Among them, 1,414 were diagnosed with refractive errors and were prescribed corrective glasses. Another 649 who needed further comprehensive eye examinations were referred to a tertiary eye care facility for further treatment.



As part of the Urban Eye Health (UEH) Program, in association with Sightsavers India and SBI Capital, we have been providing services through a Mobile Eye Unit that travels to urban slums and government health centres in Chennai. In December and March, Of the 4,338 underprivileged people from Palavakkam, Adayar, Madipakkam and Perungudi vision screened, refractive errors were found in 2,171 individuals; 612 who required further medical intervention were referred to nearest hospital.



**IVI acknowledges the support of Sightsavers and UPHCs.**

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### Government Schools Vision Screenings



Between December 2022 and March 2023, 4,030 government school students in Thirupurur, Chennai, and Thiruvallur participated in a vision screening campaign; 186 children who had refractive errors received free corrective spectacles; 179 children who needed further comprehensive eye examinations were referred to a tertiary eye care facility.

**IVI acknowledges the support of Amrutanjan.**

At Vayalur, Chennai, 263 government school students were subjected to a free vision screening program; 12 children found to have refractive errors were given free corrective spectacles, and 8 kids were referred to a tertiary eye care clinic for more thorough eye examinations.



**IVI acknowledges the support of Riverstone Infotech.**

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## Chennai Underprivileged People Benefit

A vision screening campaign with support of Onesight Essilor Luxottica



Foundation is benefiting underserved communities of Chennai's Old Washermanpet, Kannaginagar, Chindadripet, Neelangerai, Thiruvottiyur, Palavakkam,

Nainarkuppam During December-March, 3,624 people were vision screened, of which 2,017 diagnosed with refractive errors are being provided a pair of free spectacles. Another 311 of them required further comprehensive eye examinations and have been referred to a tertiary eye care facility.

A vision screening program for prison inmates in Chennai was conducted with the support of Onesight Essilor Luxottica Foundation. Ninety male prison inmates were screened, 63 diagnosed with refractive errors were provided a pair of free spectacles.

**IVI acknowledges the support of Onesight Essilor Luxottica Foundation.**

## IVI Vision and Processing Centre Launched in Chennai

IVI has opened a new vision centre at Palkalai Nagar, Palavakkam. Launched in January, it will service neighbouring communities. A processing centre for spectacles also functions within the centre that has enhanced our capacity to deliver glasses to beneficiaries.



## What they Say About IVI

"It's wonderful to see organizations provide free eye camps to people in need. Such initiatives play a crucial role in improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities. These can help identify and address vision problems in people who lack access to regular eye care, helping prevent diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma and refractive errors. Eye camps also raise awareness about eye health and the importance of regular eye checkups, empowering people to take better care of their eyes and seek treatment early if they experience vision problems" - **Vivek S, HR & Operations, TVS Mobility Private Limited, Sankagiri**

"I had both poor distance vision and near vision problems for two years. My work commitments prevented me from going to hospital for a check-up. With IVI's eye camps in our bus depot. I got my eyes checked and received a pair of corrective glasses" - **Shivalingam, Indra Nagar Bus Depot, Bangalore**

"I had a near vision problem and found

it difficult to read small letters and to see things close to me clearly. Thanks to ICICI Foundation and Team IVI, my vision has been corrected and with the new pair of spectacles, I can read books and see things clearly" - **Kamaljeet Kaur, Bantalab, Jammu**

"Our gratitude to India Vision Institute for the free eye examinations and providing free spectacles to our bus drivers, cleaners and teachers. A big thanks and appreciation to the staff for the eye checks and advice" - **Principal, Sri Sakthikailash Women's College**

"A big thank you to IVI for the free vision screening and corrective glasses. I had been suffering from poor near vision since the last three years" - **Velmurgan, TNSTC Bus Driver, Virudhachalam**

"I had a history of headache and blurry distance vision. I was informed about the free eye screening camp in the locality, so I registered myself for the eye test and received a pair of glasses. Now I can see clearly." - **Ram Devi, Homemaker, Rexi, Uttar Pradesh**

Our sincere thanks to India Vision In-

## Tamil Nadu, Bihar Screenings

A vision screening campaign, is benefiting underserved communities of Thiruvannamalai, Tanjore, Tirunelveli, Thiruvarur, Krishnagiri, Tirupur in Tamil Nadu, and in Purnia and Darbhanga (in Bihar) with the support of IIFL Samasta Finance Limited. As many as 2224 people were vision screened, of which 1109 diagnosed with refractive errors are being provided a pair of free spectacles. Another 563 required further comprehensive eye examinations and have been referred to tertiary eye care facilities.



**IVI acknowledges the support of IIFL Samasta Finance Limited.**

stitute for their tremendous work during the year in undertaking vision screenings for our Drivers and Helpers at Sankari depot. The IVI initiative will help us and our Tank Truck crews to maintain the highest standards of Road Safety. Also, thanks to Gokul for his efforts and follow up during the year to make this possible. The beneficiary drivers and helpers at Salem Terminal (Sankari) have expressed their gratitude for the vision screening and free spectacles" - **Jadeja Rajdeepsinh Ashubha, AM (Ops-Safety), Indian Oil Corporation, Sankari**

"Promoting road safety practices and implementing safety for drivers has always been a priority for us at Shell. We work closely with local communities and global partners to prevent road fatalities around the countries of our operation. Our community initiative, Drive Safe India, in partnership with India Vision Institute and other NGOs, is committed to bringing down the traffic accidents attributed to impaired vision and creating an ecosystem that encourages safe behavior on India's roads." - **Latika Taneja, Head of Corporate Relations, Shell India**

## IVI's CEO Wins IABCA 2023 Australia India Impact Award

IVI's CEO Vinod Daniel has won the IABCA 2023 AUSTRALIA INDIA IMPACT AWARD, in recognition for work in heritage preservation and the gift of sight to tens of thousands of Indians. The Award is instituted by the India Australia Business Community Alliance (IABCA), a platform to strengthen India-Australia relations and its development through people-to-people links. He received the Award from Australia's High Commis-



sioner to India, Barry O'Farrell, at a Gala event in Delhi on 15 February as part of IABCA's India Immersion Week celebrations - the first time IABCA has brought the annual Awards event to India. He won the Award in the 'Social Impact' category from among several finalists.

### IVI Vision Screening Programs

	Children	Community	Total
No of programs	930	3401	4331
Individuals screened	365855	540760	906615
Spectacles distributed	32537	265126	297663

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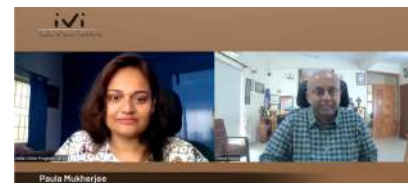
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