

Message from the CEO

The past two months have been very rewarding for us as we expanded our vision care outreach to over 14,630 adults and children across India, opened an outreach centre within the urban primary health centre in Palavakkam (Chennai), and are providing services to some of the remotest communities in Mizoram and Jharkhand. The ground level reality is the desperate need for refractive error services and the lack of trained manpower available in these remote locations. It is important that several parallel streams are developed within the Optometry profession with different classifications and titles and durations so that the immediate needs of the country are met. A very large percentage of those who received glasses have got it for the very first time, which is a clear reflection of the lack of access especially in the rural and tribal areas. I am also mindful of the need to have clear minimum requirements for any cadre.

I am ever thankful to our many supporters and I am delighted that Oil India is our newest supporter as we provide vision care for 9000 school children from Dibrugarh and Tinsukia in Assam, and Aizawl in Mizoram. I am also

very thankful to Essilor Vision Foundation who has been a long-term supporter for our vision screening programs for adult and school children across the country, including Tamil Nadu and Mizoram, and for providing sunglasses to fishing folk to minimize their exposure to UV.

Our educational activities continued over the past two months with workshops on Non Strabismic Binocular Vision Anomalies in Goa and Advancements in Progressive Addition Lenses in Navsari. We are also pilot-testing a comprehensive approach in the Avadi School District in Chennai, training corporation school teachers to undertake initial screening so that we can cover more school kids and ensure better compliance. Again, a majority of kids we have diagnosed with refractive errors seem to have received and are wearing spectacles for the very first time, which is a reflection of the lack of awareness and access for underprivileged children even in larger metros.

We are currently in a phase of evaluating the impact of several of our projects and thanks in advance to all who have participated in this exercise.

I am keen to hear from you on any new ideas or approaches we should be exploring. Finally, a big thank you to our supporters, donors and partners as we complete seven years of work across India. With your support and encouragement we hope to continue with our work to deliver vision care and help the Optometry community.



Vinod Daniel

IVI outreach facility at Palavakkam urban primary health centre

India Vision Institute (IVI) gets a significant recognition for service to community with the government Palavakkam urban primary health centre (UPHC) opening its doors for an IVI-run facility within UPHC's premises.

Screenings at the primary health centre will be conducted Mondays and Fridays in a week, from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm. IVI will staff the primary health centre



outreach facility with an optometrist and a support person.

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Workshop on non-strabismic binocular vision anomalies, Goa Medical College

Commemorating World Sight Day, IVI held a collaborative workshop with Goa Medical College on non-strabismic binocular vision anomalies at Bambolim, Goa, 12-13 October.

Facilitated by Aditya Goyal, Principal, Sankara College of Optometry, Bangalore, the workshop focused on the importance of strabismic and non-strabismic binocular vision anomalies and investigation of the types of strabismic and non-strabismic binocular anomalies. An in-depth hands-on session was also part of the program.



Over 80 students from Goa Medical College attended the workshop.

Navsari workshop covers advancements in progressive addition lenses

A comprehensive workshop on Advancements in Progressive Addition Lenses (PALs) was organized at Hari Jyot College of Optometry, Navsari on 28 October.



Led by Srikanth Masedupalli, Faculty and Optometrist, Brien Holden Institute of Vision Sciences, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad and Ms Khyati Kapadia, Professional Services, West, Essilor India Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, it focused on current

trends and technologies in PALs, digital advancements in PALs, along with a hands-on session on troubleshooting, role plays and product updates by Essilor.

With 36 practitioners from optical outlets in Gujarat and post-graduate students attending, 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.



Neelankarai fishing folk benefit from vision screening campaign

Around 400 people were screened in a campaign for the fishing community at Neelankarai in Chennai.

At an event on September 21 in the presence of M Subramanian, MLA and former Mayor of Chennai, Shozhinganallur MLA Aravindramesh S, DMK's Joint Secretary D Vishwanathan and V E Mathiazhagan, Secretary, East Shollinganallur, and Vinod Daniel, 26 free spectacles were provided to those screened earlier at Palavakkam fishing community, and found to have refractive errors.

Mr Subramanian welcomed IVI's continuing screening programs for the underprivileged in Chennai and elsewhere

in the state. He said "the screenings are providing access to eye care and corrective glasses to the less privileged people of our society."

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision Foundation for supporting with the spectacles for this campaign.



Tamil Nadu Minister Pandiarajan distributes 174 spectacles to Avadi community



A major IVI campaign in association with MaFoi Foundation vision has screened 16,000 children and over 4,500 adults in the Avadi community near Chennai. On 16 October, the Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture, and Archaeology, Tamil Nadu Government, K. Pandiarajan and Founder of MaFoi Foundation, distributed free spectacles to 174 recipients at Senthil Nagar. Those present at the distribution function included Mrs. Latha Pandiarajan, Co-founder, MaFoi group & Managing Trustee, MaFoi Foundation, IVI CEO Vinod Daniel, and community leader M Jabaselvan.

The campaign at Avadi was organized on the basis of identified needs of the community.

The Minister said "IVI's continued support to screening and providing free spectacles to the needy in Avadi is welcome." "It is encouraging to see IVI's tireless work, through its Eye See & I Learn and Eye See & I Work initiatives, making a change to the lives of children and adults," Mr Pandiarajan noted.

IVI is working to deliver vision care services to underprivileged communities across India. Our Eye See & I Learn and Eye See & I Work initiatives have reached out to over 200,000 people and have provided free glasses to those in need.

IVI acknowledges Essilor Vision Foundation for supporting with the spectacles for this campaign.

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Teacher training program at Alandur and Avadi schools

IVI conducted a series of teachers' training program, from 4-11 October, for 61 teachers in 36 government and government-aided schools in Avadi, Ayanambakkam, Koladai, Veeragavapuram, Sundrachelavaram, Pattabiram and Nanganallur, Chennai district, Tamil Nadu.



The teachers were trained in basics

of eye health practices and to identify children with vision problems who might need professional intervention. They will lead vision screening in their respective schools and identify children who need subsequent examinations by an optometrist. The schools were also provided with the necessary screening kit to conduct the initial screening.

This model aims to strengthen the continuum of primary eye care services delivered to children in government-supported schools.

IVI acknowledges Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight for funding the program. IVI also acknowledges MaFoi Foundation for supporting the program.

IVI screens over 10,400 in Rajasthan schools, free spectacles bring cheer to children

Our campaign in Rajasthan has screened over 10,400 underprivileged children in 30 schools mainly in and around Jaipur. IVI has so far distributed 994 spectacles. Around 1,054 children will be provided free spectacles as part of the program.

The campaign, undertaken in association with Sahai Hospital & Research Centre, was organized with the support of OneSight India.

The screening is part of IVI's Eye See & I Learn initiative, which aims to screen the

vision of 10 million children nationally in partnership with eye hospitals over 2016-2020.



IVI acknowledges the support of OneSight India for funding the program.

Sarvodaya - Gift the Sight

To commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary during October, IVI launched **Sarvodaya - Gift the Sight** campaign. It was initiated to motivate the eye care fraternity and individuals to contribute generously and strengthen activities targeting the underprivileged to help deliver vision care for all.



People participated by making donations of spectacles and cash to IVI, and by taking those in need for vision screening.

We thank all who participated in the campaign and made it a success.

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Kishor Sarsolkar,
Managing Director, Mukta Opticians, Goa

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Vision screening for school children in Mizoram

Our vision campaign is screening children in two remote districts of Mizoram. It aims to screen 10,000 school children in Serchhip and Lunglei districts. The project has so far screened 4,254 school



children from five schools in Lunglei and identified 299 children with refractive errors to whom free spectacles will be distributed.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision Foundation and Zoram Entu Pawl.

Occupational eye health and safety program for SIPCOT Industrial Park workers

An orientation seminar on occupational eye health and safety program on 14 October focused on the importance of good vision at workplace and common eye symptoms encountered while working with near objects.



Fifty-three workers of SIPCOT Industrial Park at Sunguvarchatiram, Sriperumbudur, Kanchipuram district, were briefed on the importance of safety eyewear and yearly eye checkup. Following the program, workers were vision screened.

Of the workers covered in the program 18 will receive free spectacles. The program was held in association with Civedep India.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision Foundation and Civedep India.

Fiji's High Commissioner distributes spectacles in IVI's Delhi school screening

On October 10, Fiji's High Commissioner to India, HE Yogesh Punja, joined the Australian Labor Party adviser and former NSW Parliament candidate, Aisha Amjad, to participate in an IVI vision screening campaign in Delhi. They distributed spectacles to underprivileged school children.

The campaign, which screened around 600 children in the Government Sarvodaya Co-Ed Senior Secondary School at Kitchener Road, Malcha Marg, was coordinated by S S Tanwar,



President, Rajasthan Ophthalmic Association. It concluded with the distribution of 50 spectacles to needy children with refractive errors.

Eye See & I Work (September - October 2018)

IVI's Eye See & I Work campaign has screened 3,759 underprivileged community workers at Injambakkam, Veetuvangani, Teynampet, Kundrathur, Avadi, Ezhilnagar, Bethel Nagar, Chemmenchery, Adyar, Thiruvanniyur, Perumbakkam, Vadapalani and 2,392 workers diagnosed with refractive error will receive free spectacles.



As many as 686 underprivileged community workers from Perungalathur, Karpaga Vinayaganagar, Mahatma Gandhi Nagar, Srinivasapuram, Kolathur were screened and 397 free spectacles distributed to those diagnosed with refractive errors.

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

On the occasion of World Sight Day, 178 free spectacles were distributed

following vision screening of 256 daily wage labourers in Perumbakkam slum clearance board and Ezhilnagar.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision Foundation in providing free spectacles.

On September 22, daily wage labourers from Thandalam, Manimedu in Kundrathur, Kanchipuram received free spectacles from T M Anbarasu, MLA and former Minister in the Government of Tamil Nadu.



A total of 299 spectacles were distributed. The event organized at Kundrathur followed IVI's vision screening of 413 workers.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision Foundation in providing free spectacles.

Eye See & I Learn (September – October 2018)

As part of the Eye See & I Learn initiative, IVI screened 4,466 underprivileged children from government and government-aided schools in Avadi, Thiruvalluvar district. A total of 467 children diagnosed with refractive errors will receive free spectacles.



IVI has initiated eye-screening camps in identified schools in Avadi, Thiruvallur district, Greater Chennai to screen 15,000 children and provide eyeglasses to 2,100 children.

In yet another campaign in Rajasthan, schools have been identified in 13 districts for screening 50,000 children and provide eyeglasses to 5,000 children.

IVI acknowledges the support of Vision Spring, MCDS and Rajasthan Ophthalmic Association for the vision screening programs in Avadi and Rajasthan respectively.

IVI collaborates with Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children (ICH & HC)

The Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children (ICH&HC), Egmore, Chennai, and IVI are collaborating to assist disadvantaged children visiting the outpatient department of the hospital. IVI will provide free spectacles to the children in need following the examination by the ICH & HC faculty.

The campaign, which began in September, will continue through to January 2019.

IVI has so far distributed 44 free spectacles to the children who have visited ICH's out-patients department.

IVI Vision Screening Programs

	Children	Community	Total
No of programs	284	105	389
Individuals screened	119,995	45,895	165,890
Spectacles distributed	9,786	10,678	20,464

Upcoming Programs

S.No	Program	Date and Venue	Reg. Deadline
1	IVI Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy 2018-19	Will be announced shortly	14 December 2018

What people say about IVI

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

– Maurice Newman (Australia), vision screening project donor

“We thank IVI for organizing the free eye screening camp on 12 August at Santhanathapuram, Perungalathur and also for the 142 free spectacles for the needy. The eye screening by your team was satisfactory. We expect the same support and service in future.”

– K Manikandan, Nizhalgal Social Welfare Trust.

“We found the workshop on non-strabismic binocular vision anomalies interactive and the delivery easy to receive. It has greatly enhanced the students’ knowledge about binocular vision and given them deeper insights into the subject. We got to learn new things, which shall be a treasured gift for our future as optometrists.”

– Dinesh Venugopal, Lecturer, Goa Medical College.

“It was a good learning experience and we got the opportunity to clear doubts about PALs. The workshop provided us soft skills and patient management. I look forward to more such workshops in

future.”

– Gajendra Parmar, Optometrist, Nishant Eye Hospital Retina Care and Laser Center

“Very happy to share the experience of the recently conducted workshop on advancements in PALs at Hari Jyot College of Optometry, Navsari. Mr 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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