

Message from the CEO

A well-attended 'Walk in the Dark' awareness campaign and launch of a largescale screening program in Mizoram was a major highlight for India Vision Institute in June. Some 10,000 underprivileged children in two remote districts -Serchhip and Lunglei - of this North Eastern state of India will be able to get their vision tested and free glasses will be provided to those who are identified with refractive errors. A pilot study in the state by IVI last year estimated the incidence of refractive error to be over 18% among school children and many of them have never undergone an eye health screening before. This initiative will hopefully be the first step in enabling them to see better, study well and serve their families and community better. This would have not been possible without having a good local partner in Zoram Entu Pawl (ZEP) and support from Essilor India Pvt Ltd and Essilor Vision Foundation.

There are several millions of children all over India who would need similar intervention especially due to lack of awareness or access. I very much look forward to working with more partners to make this possible for them to get access to a pair of spectacles.

We had the opportunity of hosting four interns, M. Rakesh and P. Gouri Pravalitha from the University of Hyderabad; and Sheryl N and Jenifer G from Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, Chennai. Their enthusiasm, positive approach and knowledge speak well for the Optometry student community in looking after India's future eye care needs.

We continue to work closely with 2.5 NVG in assisting with professional development of ophthalmic officers and with LVPEI in delivering on the Alcon-supported Diabetic Retinopathy workshops. I am also delighted that through five years of the Young Leaders Program, we have been able to build a core group of forty four young optometry leaders who are already making a positive difference to Indian Optometry.

We have several new projects to implement and the need in the country is huge. However, to make our vision a reality we need additional partners, especially financial supporters. We look forward to hearing back from you on partnering with us on any of our initiatives.

The presence of the late Prof Brien Holden and Dr G N Rao will continue to guide us and we are grateful for the ongoing base support from L V Prasad Eye Institute and the Brien Holden Vision Institute. Jai Hind.



Vinod Daniel

Mizoram Walks in the Dark

A Walk in the Dark organized in Mizoram's capital Aizawl drew an enthusiastic response from over 300 blind and visually impaired children, as well as school-going children and prominent citizens.



Daniel, Essilor India's Consumer Activation Manager Ridhima Pandey, Essilor Vision Foundation (EVF) India Head Dharmaprasad and ZEP's Secretary & Director, Rev. Fr. S Lawrence Kennedy, were among those who joined the walk.

The walk was flagged off by Mizoram Government's Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Dr Lalnunthara, at the city's Vanapa Hall. Indian professional footballers Jeje Lalpekhlua and Zohmingliana Ralte, IVI CEO Vinod

Co-hosted by Essilor India's 'think about your eyes' campaign with the support of Zoram Entu Pawl (ZEP), a not-for-profit charity working in the social development sector, the Walk is the eighth such event since 2014. It also marked the launch

of a vision screening project for 10,000 children from remote districts of Mizoram - Serchhip and Lunglei - by IVI with support from EVF.



IVI is an initiative of



Workshop on Diabetic Retinopathy at Trivandrum

India Vision Institute and L V Prasad Eye Institute joined hands with Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute to organize a workshop on Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) at Trivandrum on May 6.

Over 400 optometrists, educators and students benefited from the workshop. Participants were drawn from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, and represented optometry institutes and eye hospitals.

The workshop covered a range of

IVI acknowledges the support of Alcon Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight in funding the program.



concepts of Diabetic Retinopathy, including latest optometric investigations and management options in DR.

The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Padmaja Kumari Rani, Vitreo-Retina Consultant, and Ramesh, Consultant Optometrist, L V Prasad Eye Institute, as well as Dr Manoj S, Senior Vitreo-Retinal Consultant, Dr Sreelekha S, Senior Vitreo-Retinal Consultant, and Dr Sandhya Kameshwari, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute.

IVI Young Leaders Program – Batch V concluding workshop

The fifth batch of the IVI Young Leaders Program (YLP 2017-18) concluded with a workshop on May 5 and 6.

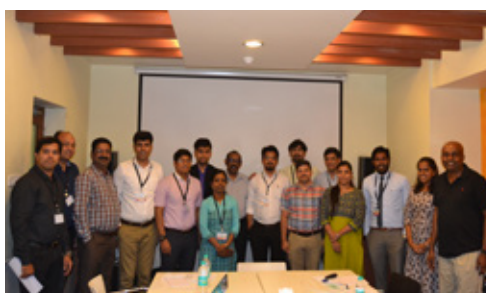
Participants included Salai Dhavamathi, Unnati Vaish, Paras Desai, Mosaib Omaer, Pawan Kumar, Gaurav Dubey, Rahul Roy, Shaik Faheemuddin and Harish Kumar. In addition, Venkatesh, Riswan Rasheed and Ramesh Kumar Shukla (from the YLP IV batch) also completed the program with the bridging opportunity provided.

The workshop dealt with a range of subjects, including entrepreneurship,



strategic leadership, effective leadership and problem-solving, accessible eye care in rural India, a glimpse into the optical market; and updates on OCI and ASCO. Strategic elements involved in event management were also discussed.

Entrepreneurs Steve Borgia and Sanjay Umashankar, as well as eminent facilitators such as Lakshmi Shinde, Aditya



Goyal, Elizabeth Kurian and Dr Santosh Moses interacted with the group.

The batch undertook two group projects in leadership, communication skills and personality development training program among optometry students in India. Participants also took part in individual projects.

The IVI leadership initiative has created a pool of 44 young leaders in Optometry and eye care since its launch in 2013. The program has provided participants an unmatched opportunity for building networks among the Indian Optometry community along with giving them a deeper understanding about their role in eye care in India.

IVI acknowledges the support of the Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight in funding the program.

IVI Vision Centre serves the needy

Since its launch on May 10 this year, India Vision Institute's vision centre in Chennai is providing access to free spectacles to underprivileged communities across the city.

The centre serves as a walk-in facility for people to have their vision screened and receive a pair of spectacles if needed. The centre is also a one-point processing unit for all spectacles that gets distributed as part of its outreach activities.

Our vision centre has so far served 320 walk-in underprivileged adults and children, as well as provided 140 spectacles and assisted 1350 underprivileged individuals via the outreach programs, and processed over 900 free spectacles.

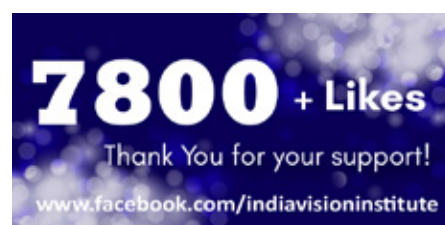


IVI acknowledges the support of the Australian Consulate General, Chennai in funding this program.

IVI Vision Screening Programs

	Children	Community	Total
No of programs	281	76	357
Individuals screened	117706	42979	160685
Spectacles distributed	9509	8718	18227

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IVI Career Counseling 2018 – Session I

Fifth series of IVI Online Career Counseling

Dr Ramesh S Ve, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Optometry, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, conducted the first session of the series on June 29. Dr Ramesh provided a perspective on employability skills in optometry, especially in the areas of academics, clinical practice, research and technology entrepreneurship.

Attended by over 160 students from six Optometry institutions across India, the session wrapped up with a discussion on ideas and concerns about a range of career and educational choices.

The second session of this series is being facilitated by Kunal Shah, CEO & Founder, Eye Savers, on July 13. He will counsel students on the optical industry, private practise and entrepreneurship.



IVI - 2.5 NVG workshop at Dharamshala

A comprehensive capacity building workshop at Dharamshala from June 17-19, organized by IVI jointly with 2.5 New Vision Generation (NVG), benefited 50 vision care professionals. Attended by over 160 students from six Optometry institutions across India, the session wrapped up with a discussion on ideas and concerns about a range of career and educational choices.

Covering a range of topics including essentials of refraction, ophthalmic dispensing, ocular emergencies, soft skills and entrepreneurship development, the workshop comprised both technical and practical sessions.

IVI's Revanth Reddy and M Chandra Shekher facilitated the workshop, which was the thirteenth in the series organized by IVI following an agreement with 2.5 New Vision Generation India Pvt. Ltd to hold capacity building workshops for members of the National Ophthalmic Association.



IVI acknowledges the support of 2.5 New Vision Generation India Pvt. Ltd. for funding the program.

Eye See & I Learn (May – June 2018)

As part of its Eye See & I Learn initiative, IVI screened 1,103 underprivileged children from Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Manavalankuruchi, Nagercoil in Kanyakumari district. Eighty-one children diagnosed with refractive errors were given free spectacles.



IVI acknowledges the support of Naganathan Muthuramalingam, M.Phil.,

MPH., FASCO (Managing Director at Nifty Eye Care and T Raj Manoj, M.Opt., PhD (Associate Director) for supporting vision screening program logistics at Nagercoil screened. The spectacles were distributed to those found with refractive errors.

IVI also acknowledges the support of the 'Allergan International Foundation' for funding the program.

IVI summer interns

The fifth batch of interns completed internship at IVI's Hyderabad and Chennai offices, from June 6-July 6.

The internship gave M. Rakesh and P. Gouri Pravalitha (both from the University of Hyderabad), and Sheryl N and Jenifer G from Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, Chennai the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of working on IVI projects to promote Optometry in India.

The internship comprised providing support in program planning and implementation, conducting surveys and drafting reports, assisting in community vision screening programs, and research documentation.



Offered yearly, the summer internship program aims to provide students field experience beyond the usual clinics. Initiated in 2014, 16 students have gained working experience so far under the program.

IVI photo wins contest 'Eye Care for All' at Vision 2020 14th annual conference



A picture paints a thousand words

Students of Adi - Dravidar Welfare Govt High School, Palavakkam, Chennai.

Eye See & I Work (May–June 2018)

Under IVI's Eye See & I Work campaign, 2,492 underprivileged community workers were screened at Injambakkam, Veetuvangani, Kundrathur, Iyyapanthangal, Tharapakkam, Kolathur, Thandalam, Palavakkam, Amjickarai, Kotivakkam, Chinna Neelangarai, and 1,592 workers diagnosed with refractive error will receive free spectacles.

IVI screened the vision of 409 underprivileged community workers from Injambakkam, Palkalai Nagar, Palavakkam, and Kundrathur and distributed 267 free spectacles to those diagnosed with refractive errors.

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



What people say about IVI

"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, Zoram Entu 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.

"The online session by Dr. Ramesh was very informative and engaging. A lot of information on career opportunities after graduation was shared. Also, the session covered in detail research opportunities and how to go about it. And I feel it was equally useful for all students, whether in the final or first year. I would like to congratulate and thank IVI and Dr. Ramesh." - Mosaib Omaer, Faculty, CLGEI, Moradabad.

"It was a great learning experience at the YLP. I got the opportunity to interact with and learn from industry leaders. The workshop has helped me to understand the successful traits of a leader and has inspired me to excel in my own profession." - Dr Harish Kumar, Program Manager, Operation Eyesight Universal.

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



Kishor Sarsolkar, Managing Director, Mukta Opticians, Goa



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

Upcoming programs and registration deadlines

S.No	Program	Date and Venue	Registration Deadline
1	IVI Online Career Counseling Session II	13 July, 2018 2.00-3.00pm	12 July, 2018
2	Workshop on "Advanced course in Progressive Addition Lenses"	26 July 2018, BHVIOS, Kismatpur campus, LVPEI, Hyderabad	23 June 2018
3	Workshop on Diabetic Retinopathy for Optometrists	18 August 2018, Jaipur	Will be announced shortly
4	IVI National Quiz 2018	Will be announced shortly	Will be announced shortly

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