

Awards and Honours

Faculty Awards

Mohammad Javed Ali

International

- Alexander Von Humboldt Fellowship Award, March 2016.
- Merrill Reeh Pathology Award, American Society of Ophthalmic Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery, September 2015.

Anuradha Ayyar

National

- Best video, Maharashtra State Ophthalmological Society conference, November 2015.

Kishore Babu

National

- Speaker & Moderator, Transformation of paper to paperless records, Department of Medical Records - Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre, and the Health Information Management Association of India (HIMA), January 2016.
- Organizing Treasurer & Moderator, Health Information Management Association India Info, Hyderabad, December 2015.

Seema Banerjee

National

- Best photography, Elite School of Optometry International Vision Science & Optometry Conference (EIVOC), August 2015.

International

- Travel grant by Silmo Academy, Paris, September 2015.

Soumyava Basu

National

- PR Mondal Memorial oration, Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal, November 2015.

International

- ICMR Short Term Fellowship, University of Cambridge, UK, Feb – March 2016.
- Inaugural Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology (ARVO) Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.

Sayan Basu

International

- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.

Shrikant Bharadwaj

National

- Editorial Board Member, *Scientific Reports*, a journal from Nature Publishing Group, June 2015.
- On the National Taskforce meet for curriculum development in Optometry, May 2015.
- Associate Topical Editor for *Optometry and Vision Science* (OVS) journal, February 2016.

Jay Chhablani

National

- Young scientist grant from Department of Science and Technology, 2015.
- Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Indian chapter travel grant, 2015.

International

- Member, Editorial Board, *Clinical Ophthalmology*, *Plos One*, November 2015
- Associate Editor, *BMC Ophthalmology*, November 2015.
- Rhett Buckler Award, 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Retina Specialists, Austria, July 2015.
- Crossed 100 publications on PubMed, June 2015
- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.
- Member, International Advisory Board, *Hong Kong Journal of Ophthalmology*, 2015.
- Committee member, Global ONE Network by American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2015.

Subhabrata Chakrabarti

National

- S S Sarkar Memorial Lecture, 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Anthropological Society (IAS), Kolkata, May 2015.

International

- Mentor, ARVO Global Mentorship program, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO), February 2016.
- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.
- Member, Professional Development and Education Committee (PDEC) of ARVO [May 2015 onwards]
- Member, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO), Research Training Planning Committee, May 2015.
- Visiting Faculty for Academic Visitor Program, Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 2015.

Nikhil Choudhari

National

- Silver award, *Indian Journal of Ophthalmology*, February 2016.

Anthony Vipin Das

National

- Best paper and best presentation awards, Health Information Management Association India Info, Hyderabad, December 2015.

Sujata Das

International

- Achievement Award, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2015.

Taraprasad Das

National

- Delivered the East India Zonal Ophthalmology Congress Oration, September 2015.

International

- Best poster award, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Las Vegas, November 2015.
- Elected President, Asia Pacific Vitreo Retina Society (APVRS), August 2015.
- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.

Tarjani Dave

National

- Runner-up in the video session, 1st Telangana State Ophthalmological Society, annual conference, Karimnagar, June 2015.

Vivek Dave

National

- Swarup best video award, 1st Telangana State Ophthalmological Society, annual conference, Karimnagar, June 2015.
- Best video award, Delhi Ophthalmological Society, April 2015.

Srikanth Dumpati

International

- Travel award, International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE), April 2015.

Prashant Garg

International

- Centre Partnership Grants, Medical Research Council and Department of Biotechnology for pre-existing research collaborations between UK and India, February 2016.
- Invited to Author, American Academy of Ophthalmology 'Focal Points Module' on Parasitic Keratitis, January 2016.

Vijaya K Gothwal

International

- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.

Marupally Abhilash Goud

National

- Best presentation, 22nd Annual Meeting, Indian Eye Research Group – Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, July 2015.

Subhadra Jalali

National

- Innovation award, 1st national conference 'Lead Women WOS 2016', Women Ophthalmological Society, Noida, March 2016.
- Platinum Award, All India Ophthalmological Society - *Indian Journal of Ophthalmology*, February 2016.
- Nominated as National Patron, Women Ophthalmologists Society (of India), October 2015.
- Vocational Excellence Award for Retinopathy of Prematurity, Rotary club of Hyderabad Megacity and Rotary International District 3150, June 2015.
- Rustam Ranji Oration, 1st Telangana State Ophthalmological Society, annual conference, Karimnagar, June 2015.

- Appointed Chairperson, Expert group on Capacity building of Ophthalmologists for ROP, under the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust supported ROP program for India, April 2015.
- Appointed Co-Chairperson, Expert group on Advocacy and Communications for Sight threatening ROP, under the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust supported ROP program for India, April 2015.

International

- Listed as a True Health hero by Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust on occasion of World Prematurity Day, November 2015.
- ROP work showcased to Queen Elizabeth, "Time to See Exhibition", London and International dignitaries, CHOGM, Malta, November 2015.
- 'Eye Health Leader' Award 2015, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, October 2015.

Meha Kabra

National

- Young Scientist Award, Indian Society of Human Genetics (ISHG), March 2016.

Swathi Kaliki

National

- Manoj Mathur Best Poster Award, 1st Telangana State Ophthalmological Society, annual conference, Karimnagar, June 2015.
- Best surgical video, Hyderabad Ophthalmologists Association meeting, August 2015.

International

- Editor, *Eyewiki, Ocular Oncology*, November 2015.

Inderjeet Kaur

National

- Treasurer, Executive Council of ISHG (Indian Society of Human Genetics) [2015-2017].

International

- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.
- Visiting scientist, Dept of Ophthalmology, UMass, Boston USA.

Rohit C Khanna

International

- Member, Editorial Board, *Community Eye Health Journal South Asia Edition*, October 2015.
- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.

Ramesh Kekunnaya

National

- Member, Task Force Committee and Technical Resource Group of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, 2015.

International

- Member, Annual Program Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2015.
- International Member, Low Vision and Rehabilitation Committee, American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology, 2015.
- Section Editor, 'Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus' section of *BMC Ophthalmology*, November 2015.

Vinay Kumar

National

- Best presentation award, Elite School of Optometry International Vision Science and Optometry Conference, Sankara Nethralaya, August 2015.

Anil K Mandal

International

- 2nd prize for video presentation, 6th World Glaucoma Congress, Hong Kong, June 2015.

Srinivas Marmamula

National

- Acknowledgement, best image, Annual Wellcome Trust/ DBT India Alliance Fellows meet, Hyderabad, November 2015.

Indumathi Mariappan

National

- BM Birla Science Prize in Biology 2014, January 2016.
- R & D proposal, approved by the Science and Engineering Research Board, Department of Science and Technology for funding for 2015 – 2018.

Dilip Kumar Mishra

International

- Guest Speaker and Co-chaired the session of Oration lecture of president, SAARC Academy of Cytopathologists and Histopathologists, Dhaka, Bangladesh, October 2015.

Ashik Mohamed

National

- Second Prize, iQuest, 22nd Annual Meeting, Indian Eye Research Group – Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Hyderabad, July 2015.

International

- Visiting Scholar, Department of Cell Biology and Physiology, University of North Carolina, USA.

Harika Mudunuri

National

- Best paper award, Silver Jubilee meeting of the Glaucoma Society of India, Mumbai, October 2015.

Milind Naik

International

- Senior Achievement Award, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2015.
- Achievement Award, Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology, 2015.
- Member, American Society of Ophthalmic Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery, 2015.

Tapas Ranjan Padhi

National

- Prof Biswambhar Rajguru Oration lecture and award, Odisha State Ophthalmological Society, 2015.

Krushna Gopal Panda

International

- Honorable mention for photo submission, American Academy of Optometry, August 2015.

Gullapalli N Rao

National

- Delivered Prof L P Agarwal Memorial Oration ,49th Founders Day of Dr R P Centre, All India Institute of

Medical Sciences, New Delhi, March 2016.

- Lifetime Achievement – Citizen of the Year – Australian Alumni Excellence Award 2015, Australian Alumni Association Trust, Hyderabad, June 2015.

Aparna Rao

National

- Intermediate Fellowship, DBT Wellcome India Alliance, June 2016.

Muralidhar Ramappa

- Ranga Reddy Endowment Award, 34th Annual CME, Sarojini Devi Hospital and Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Hyderabad, April 2015.

Padmaja Kumari Rani

National

- Dr Ravi Kumar Reddy endowment lecture award, 34th Dr P Rangareddy Annual CME program, Hyderabad India, September 2015.

Vanita Pathak-Ray

National

- Best Video award, Silver Jubilee meeting of the Glaucoma Society of India, Mumbai, October 2015.

International

- Best poster, 8th International Congress of Glaucoma Surgery (ICGS) meeting at Muscat, Oman, February 2016.

Jagadesh Reddy

National

- Runner-up, poster session, 1st Telangana State Ophthalmological Society (TSOS) Annual conference, Karimnagar, June 2015.

Ashutosh Richhariya

International

- Inaugural ARVO Communicator Ribbon, Denver, Colorado, May 2015.

Praveen Joseph S

National

- Young Scientist Award, K V Rao Scientific society, 2015-2016.
- Best poster presentation award, IERG-ARVO, LVPEI Hyderabad, July 2015.

International

- Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Fellowship, September 2016 - May 2017.

Virender Sachdeva

National

- Editorial Board, *APOS News and View* Journal of AP Ophthalmological Society, 2015.

International

- Editorial Board Member, 'Pediatrics and Strabismus' section of *BMC Ophthalmology*, November 2015.

PremNandhini Satgunam

International

- BioAsia Innovation Award for "Pediatric Perimeter" February 2016.
- Second prize, Innovation in Eye Care Technology Contest, Elite school of Optometry's International Vision science and Optometry Conference, EIVOC 2015, August 2015.

G Chandra Sekhar

National

- Dr Anjana Saikia Memorial Oration lecture, Ophthalmological Society of Assam, November 2015.
- Honoured by Glaucoma Society of India, under the aegis of Bombay Ophthalmologists and Maharashtra Ophthalmological Society, Mumbai, October 2015.

Sirisha Senthil

National

- Awarded, All India Ophthalmological Society - Indian Journal of Ophthalmology Silver Award, February 2015.

International

- 1st prize for video presentation, 6th World Glaucoma Congress, Hong Kong, June 2015.

Savitri Sharma

National

- Second best oral paper presentation, 11th National Conference of Society of Human and Animal Mycologists, Kufri, Shimla, March 2016.
- Executive Committee Member, Association for the Promotion of DNA Finger Printing and other DNA Technologies, India, 2015.
- Member, Bio-Safety Committee of National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad, 2015.

International

- Senior Achievement Award, American Academy of Ophthalmology, June 2015.
- Adjudged as 'Exceptionally Good Manuscript Reviewer', *Investigative Ophthalmology Vision and Science*, August 2015.

S Shivaji

National

- Member, Advisory Committee for Space Sciences of ISRO, under the chairmanship of Dr U R Rao, December 2015.
- Received grant, Project Investigator, Department of Science and Technology, October 2015.
- Member DBT Task Force on Environmental Biotechnology, 2015-2016.

Swati Singh

National

- Gangadhar Sundar free paper award, Odyssey OPAI meet, Bhubaneswar, January 2016
- Runner-up in the video session, 1st Telangana State Ophthalmological Society, annual conference, Karimnagar, June 2015.

Shiva Shankar Talloju

National

- Professional Runner-up award, IAPB Photo Contest, October 2015.

Shyam Sunder Tummanapalli

National

- Best poster award, Elite School of Optometry International Vision Science and Optometry Conference at Sankara Nethralaya, August 2015.

Swapna Shanbhag

National

- Best poster award, Indian Eye Research Group, meeting, Hyderabad, July 2015.

Mudit Tyagi

National

- Travel grant, Uvea Society of India, presented in United Service Institution of India, Pondicherry, September 2015.

Pravin K Vaddavalli

National

- Founder Chairman, Scientific Committee, Telangana Ophthalmology Society, 2015.
- Founder Executive Council member, Cornea Society of India, 2015.

International

- Best paper of session, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, San Diego, April 2015.

L Srinivasa Varadharajan

National

- On the National Taskforce meet for curriculum development in Optometry, May 2015.
- Reviewer, Competency Based Assessment Rubrics for Optometry, ORBIS, India, October 2015.

Awards to Alumni

- **Kopal Mittal** received the Mohan Lal Gold Medal at the 49th Uttar Pradesh State Ophthalmological Society meeting at Allahabad; November 2015.
- **Ravi Bakaraju**, BLSO alumni, won the 2015 Irvin M Beatrice Borish Award at the American Academy of Optometry (AAOpt) meeting at New Orleans, USA; September 2015.
- **K V Ravi Kumar** was recognized by Ministry of Health, Medical and Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, for his innovative sewing machine technique for iris dialysis repair, IOL relocation and coloboma repair; June 2015.

Among the list of high achievers at the Institute this year, Javed Ali has been grabbing particular attention; firstly, for winning the Alexander von Humboldt fellowship and lately, for publishing his first article in German, his “first baby steps in a language that has been the mode of expression of major medical breakthroughs and innovations of 20th and 21st century.” We share more of the earnest tête-à-tête with the man.

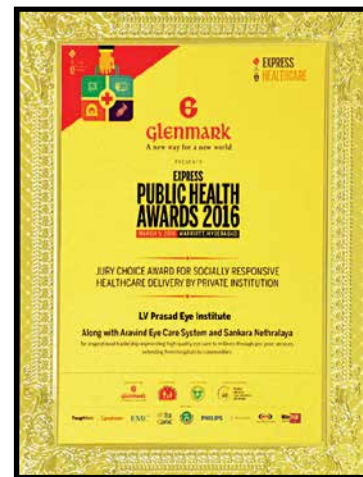


- Q. On the Alexander von Humboldt award - what inspired you to work for it, given the lack of precedence of that award among ophthalmologists?**
- A. I first heard of AvH fellowship from Subho (Subhabrata Chakrabarti) and that it is one of the most prestigious research fellowships in the world. I did not expect I would ever get it but as my pet phrase says, "I can live with failures but I cannot live without trying." Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would go on to win the much coveted Senior Fellowship among the AvH awards!
- Q. How difficult was it to acquire new competencies, like learning German for instance? It is no mean achievement to learn an alien language well enough to publish a scientific paper in it - how did you manage that?**
- A. Learning German is not easy. I realized early that quite a bit of the lacrimal literature, like many other branches of medicine, is in German, and I needed to know that well enough to have an overall perspective of the world literature. In addition, My friend Sayan Basu explained how this is connected to Sanskrit, so I thought that I might learn the root language of my country, and the future keeps encouraging me.
- Q. Any other adjustments you had to make, or new skills you had to pick up?**
- A. I learnt German through nursery rhymes and kid games and I loved every bit of being back in the Kindergarten.
- Q. How has life changed for you post the award? Any specific instances you would like to share?**
- A. Life has changed quite a bit post the award. Probably, I have gained a little more respect from peers across the globe, more so among researchers. The Senior AvH has opened up a multiple of newer avenues for my career progression and I hope to utilize each and every one.
- Q. What is the next goal you want to achieve?**
- A. With regards to the future, I firmly believe in the dictum "The Future belongs to the Unreasonable." So I have quite a bit of unreasonable and audacious goals for the future!

Institute Awards



LVPEI won the best product award for 'EyeSmart EMR - Rural App' under the social impact category at the **HYSEA Annual Summit & Awards**; March 2016.



LVPEI Receives the **Jury Choice - Express Public Health Award**, at the Express Public Health Awards 2016 held at Hyderabad; March 2016.

- LVPEI's Hyderabad campus awarded the **second prize at the 2nd garden festival** organized by the Government of Telangana, Horticulture Department; February 2016.
- LVPEI Bhubaneswar awarded the **First Prize for its gardens** among 'Teaching and Training Institutes' at the Garden Competition conducted by the Garden Lovers' Association, Bhubaneswar; January 2016.



At the SightLife Annual Meeting RIEB received an award for - **Excellence in Eye Banking** and a special award for reaching the milestone of **2000+ transplants** in 2015; January 2016.

- Received **i-COOP 2015** (Scientific Collaboration Development program), a collaborative grant award with Visual Optics and Biophotonics Lab, Institute of Optics, Consejo Superior Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC, Spanish National Research Council). The investigators included Prof Susana Marcos (PI - CSIC), Virender S Sangwan (PI - LVPEI), Mukesh Taneja and Ashik Mohamed; December 2015.
- GMR Varalaskshmi Campus won the '**Vruksha Mitra Kannam Srinivasa Rao Memorial Award**'; 31 August 2015.



Ramayamma International Eye Bank was awarded the **Best Eye Bank in India**, for the highest number of corneas procured in the year 2014-15 by Eye Bank Association of India. LVPEI was felicitated for achieving a record **20,000 transplants** by a single institute; October 2015.



LVPEI won the **India Healthcare Award**, jointly instituted by CNBC TV18 and ICICI Lombard, in the category Best Single Specialty Hospital – Ophthalmology; June 2015.

LVPEI received the "**Best Management Award**" given by the Labour Employment Training and Factories Department, Government of Telangana; May 2015.



- LVPEI's Central Audio Visual Unit won the **first prize in the Infographics** category awarded by Sight and Life, the Geneva based micronutrient initiative; 2015.



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