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Recognitions & Awards

Senior Cornea Consultants from SN shine in Keracon-2016 the annual meet for Cornea specialists



Dr. Geetha Krishnan Iyer, Senior Cornea Consultant and specialist in modified osteo-odonto keratoprosthesis (MOOKP) won the 'Best video presentation' for her well researched presentation titled 'Melt Medley'.

Dr Arusha Anil Kumar, Senior Fellow won the 2nd prize for her video presentation 'Boston type 2kpro surgical technique'.

Dr N.Radhika, Deputy Director, Cornea Dept, was a part of the proud 5 member team which produced the film titled 'Microbial Terminator'.



Professor Dr.S.Ramaswamy, Eminent Anatomist and Faculty member Elite School of

Optometry was honoured with the highly prestigious 'AS Star Achiever Award for year 2016'

Fellows from SN's Orbit and Oculoplasty department shine at the 27th Annual Conference of the Oculoplasty Association of India



Dr. Vathsalya Vijay wins the 'Dr. C.Gupta Award' for 'Best Poster' for her presentation 'Prostaglandin Associated Periorbitopathy: The Orbital Angle'. Dr Varsha Backiavathy was awarded the 'Dr M. Subramanyam Award' for the 'Best paper' for her presentation 'Orbital Abscess- A 15 year old review at a tertiary eye care center' and the 1st prize in the quiz titled 'Plasty Pariksha'.

AAO Fellowship conferred on Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan

Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan, Head of the Contact Lens department and Assistant Professor, Elite School of Optometry, Sankara Nethralaya was conferred with a Fellowship by the highly prestigious 'American Academy of Optometry' on the basis of her extensive written work and oral examination at their 95th Annual meeting held at Anaheim, California.



Senior SN consultant wins prestigious award for lifelong and exemplary contributions to his field of specialization



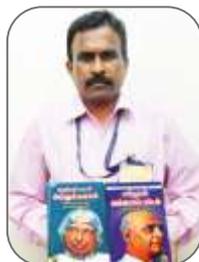
Dr Jyotirmay Biswas, Director, Uvea Department, Sankara Nethralaya was honoured with the 'Dr G.Venkatsamy Memorial Award' for his outstanding contribution to the field of Uveitis and Ophthalmology at the annual meeting of the Uveitis Society of India held at Colombo.

A revolutionary finding on myopia wins high recognition from prestigious University

Dr S.Viswanathan.S HOD, Optometry and Optical Services, Sankara Nethralaya was honoured with a PhD by the Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK for his thesis "Near work induced transient Myopia (NITM) among Indian subjects".



Sankara Nethralaya employee exhibits wide knowledge and extraordinary literary skills with absorbing works on national leaders



Well researched and lucidly presented biographical works on Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam by Shri A.Selvamani from Sankara Nethralaya's house-keeping department win rave reviews from general readers and literary critics.

Research findings of Senior Consultant from the ABSN create major impact at Retina Specialists meet, Europe

A presentation titled "Foveal bulge thickness as an effective prognostic marker in ascertaining macular edema" by Dr Kumar Saurabh, Senior Retina Consultant, Aditya Birla Sankara Nethralaya won rave reviews at the '16th Euroretina' the annual meet of the European Society of Retina Specialists, held at Copenhagen and prominent coverage in the 'Retinal PHYSICIAN' Europe's premier newsletter on this specialty.



The pioneer and veteran in paediatric ophthalmology and his team release yet another great work



Dr TS.Surendran, Head Pediatric Ophthalmology and his team released "Preferred Practices in Pediatric Ophthalmology" a well researched and exhaustive work on this niche area of ophthalmology.

The Dr S Ramakrishnan & Smt. Bhagavathy Endowment Award was awarded to Ms. A. Rashima, Lecturer, ESO for her research paper "Impact of Occupational Optometry Services on the productivity and vision of Small Scale and Cottage Industry workers".



The Dr S. Narasimhan Memorial Award for the Best Research in Optometry for year 2015 – 2016 was awarded to Ms N Anuradha, Lecturer, Elite School of Optometry for her work on "Compliance to Referral among Children in School Eye Screening- A Qualitative study from Southern India".

Ms. Anuradha also won the Dr (Maj) S. Srinivasan Memorial Prize for Best Senior Faculty.

Dr. (Maj) S. Srinivasan Memorial Prize for Best Junior Faculty Award for year 2015-16 was awarded to Ms. A. Vijayalakshmi, Manager - Optometry Department, Sankara Nethralaya and visiting Lecturer at ESO.



Sankara Nethralaya and its "Chief" receive wide coverage in the US press

Response Feat

"The Temple of the Eye" sets the road map to the future of healthcare dispensing



Beneficiaries of the MESU's on the spot eye surgery



A record for the highest number of children screened in a day



A glorious saga of the 'Eye' taking precedence over the 'I'



In conversation with a 'Visionary'



The world's largest service organization confers its highest honour 'Ambassador of Goodwill'

This write-up in a way is a foray into forbidden territory; a brief on a man who has vehemently opposed to any biographical account of him or his achievements, a vehemence which has stopped many an attempt to chronicle his life and deeds. It was only after repeated entreaties and persuasion that the story of a noble health care institution should be recorded for posterity that the man who envisioned and created one of the most admired healthcare institutions in the world relented to have a book published not on him but on 'Sankara Nethralaya' his institution.

As I make a reluctant start on writing about the man who is none too comfortable on the same I realize that the man and his institution are inseparable and his creation is so much a reflection of him, that I can shed my inhibition and share my observations on the ethos, beliefs and operating model of the institution

to portray him. When a young Dr.SS.Badrinath the idealist doctor on a visit to his homeland from the USA was dismayed by the gap between the availability and demand for eye care, he took a strong stand that the hospital he would create will not be built with private equity or investments as it would be compelled to operate as a profit centre which would defeat its very purpose. This stroke of ingenuity, clear foresight and courage continues to offer world class eye care totally cost free to millions of poor and needy vision impaired.

A man with an intense scientific temperament the pioneer realized that while 'Clinical Care' would have a discernible impact on blindness, it is 'Research' and research alone that held the key to prevailing and emerging eye care challenges, his brainchild the Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology the

research arm of Sankara Nethralaya is among the largest such facilities in the private sector, conducting ground breaking research for the common good, its findings impact treatment at its wards and community eye care camps, another demonstration of keeping the public interest foremost.

Today Sankara Nethralaya treats more than 40% of its patients totally cost free, this includes the large number of indigent patients treated at its centres, outdoor eye screening camps including the 'Mobile Eye Surgical Unit' (MESU). What is noteworthy is that such treatment is not confined to simple cataract surgeries but the most complex vision revival processes.

Acts speak louder than words and this small note on his institution's noble acts communicate the greatness of Dr.Sengamedu Srinivasa Badrinath more than any direct reference to him.

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A warm welcome to the Honourable Chief Minister of the State



Ms Mamta Banerjee felicitates Ms. Minal Bajaj

Sankara Nethralaya launched its second major offensive against vision impairment in the East of India with a sprawling 67,000 Sq ft, 5 storied, State of the art ophthalmic facility at 'Rajarhat' the burgeoning satellite 'New Town' located at the north of 24 Parganas at the north eastern periphery of the city. The facility would offer world class ophthalmic care to both paying and non-paying patients from the State and neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal, it would also engage in India centric ophthalmic research and high level knowledge dissemination in the region by way of teaching and training initiatives.

Named 'Kamalnayan Bajaj Sankara Nethralaya' in honour of the highly principled businessman, visionary and philanthropist in acknowledgement of the large grant made towards the facility by the Bajaj group, the second Sankara Nethralaya unit in the city of Kolkata was dedicated to the people by the Honourable Chief Minister of the State Ms Mamta Banerjee at a grand inaugural function held at the hospital premises on the 27th of February 2017.

Inaugurating the facility to the thunderous applause of the large gathering Ms Mamta Banerjee expressed her pleasure in welcoming a new unit of Sankara Nethralaya, a favourite institution of the people of the State. In a spontaneous expression of her appreciation for the Bajaj group for their contribution and service to healthcare, the Chief guest most magnanimously draped the ornamental shawl meant to honour her, back on Ms Minal Bajaj the Chairperson of the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation who was representing the Bajaj family on the occasion. The Chief Minister took the opportunity to lay down strong guidelines and ethics that should govern the functioning of a healthcare institution, and expressed her hope that the new institution would live up to the expectations that the people had reposed on it.

'Technology' is the 'human' element in Medicare reiterates high power symposium at Sankara Nethralaya!



Dr. SS Badrinath in a discussion with Shri. Ravi Viswanthan President, TCS

As an institution with a firm belief that Information Technology and its various manifestations are as vital to dispensing of quality healthcare as clinical expertise and best practices, Sankara Nethralaya organized a symposium titled 'Transforming Eye Care through Information Technology' (TIET-2016) at the Sri V.D. Swami Auditorium at its main campus on the 19th of November 2016. The seminar was addressed by an array of luminaries and high profile professionals from diverse backgrounds.

Chief Technology Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Sankara Nethralaya Shri Chandramouli welcomed the gathering and gave an interesting genesis of his institution's tryst with technology dating back to two decades. Addressing by remote Dr. John Picconi took the audience on an enchanting trip on how his company IBM Watson Health deployed advanced Cognitive computing for better diagnosis and understanding of ailments. Dr. Sumanth Raman, TCS observed that the role of IT is not any

more confined to storage and retrieval of data but taking healthcare from its role of 'illness management' to 'wellness management'. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Sudhir, Head of Sankara Nethralaya's Electronic Medical Records (EMR) gave a detailed account of his institution's implementation of EMR. Shri. Ravi Viswanthan President, TCS congratulated Dr. Sudhir and his team for their role as pioneers in implementing EMR and hailed TCS and Sankara Nethralaya as partners in progress, he underlined the role of Information Technology in dispensing healthcare in a highly populous nation like India and hailed Dr. SS. Badrinath as a true visionary and EMR as his long term vision. Dr. Vijay Narayanan Head of Algorithm and Data Science at Microsoft gave an interesting account on a rather esoteric and surreal topic titled 'Unreasonable effects of Algorithm' and his organization's interesting engagement in preventive healthcare with L.V. Prasad Eye institute.

The Pioneer in Ophthalmic Anaesthesia conducts key topical meet with great aplomb



An auspicious beginning to WCOA 2016



Dignitaries at the WCOA - 2016 held at Hotel ITC Grand Chola

As an eye care institution which can take justifiable pride in its stellar role in identifying ophthalmic Anaesthesia as a specialized field and developing it as a niche specialty in India, Sankara Nethralaya was honoured to conduct the specialty's key annual meet, the 'World Congress of Ophthalmic Anaesthesia' (WCOA) in collaboration with the apex body for ophthalmic anaesthesia, the 'British ophthalmic Anaesthesia Society' (BOAS) at Chennai. The curtains went up on the 4th WCOA at the Sri V.D. Swami Auditorium at the Sankara Nethralaya main campus on the 2nd of September 2016. The two day scientific session opened on the 3rd of September 2016 to a packed conference hall at the ITC Grand Chola. A total of 10 national and 25 international faculty members and ophthalmologists, optometrists and anaesthetists from across the world attended the meet. It was addressed by eminent professionals from diverse specializations and was of a highly interactive nature and evoked lively debates and discussions. The sub-tenon's workshop using goat's eye and hands on practice simulation won high appreciation as a great learning experience. A riveting audio visual presentation on effective administration of anaesthesia to animals consisting of domestic pets like dogs, cats and birds to large wild animals like the lion, for performing various ophthalmic processes, by Prof Ramani from the Madras Veterinary College held the audience in total fascination. The presenter expressed her thanks to Dr. SS.Badrinath, Chairman Emeritus and Dr. Lingam Gopal, Senior Consultant, Sankara Nethralaya for their invaluable inputs in setting up the operation theatre at the veterinary college. Dr.M.Janani from the Sankara Nethralaya referral laboratory and Mr. Nimal Kumar from the IIT-Madras won the 1st and 2nd prize in the 'Free Paper Presentation', co-authored by Dr.V.V.Jaichandran, Senior Anaesthesiologist, Sankara Nethralaya and Chief Organizing Secretary of the highly successful WCOA-2016.

WSD celebrations by Elite School of Optometry in association with ORBIS



School Students from around Kooram Village, Kanchipuram



Screening in progress for the students

World Sight Day (WSD) is an annual day of awareness to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. As the day began this year, hundreds of eye care professionals across the country stood up to the commitment of "Stronger together", the global theme for this year's WSD. It was a wonderful sight to witness hundreds of Optometry students, and optometrists of the ESO along with the school children rising up to the occasion through various eye care awareness activities. Six schools in and around Kooram village, Kanchipuram district were involved in the WSD initiatives of the Elite school in partnership with ORBIS India, coordinated by the humanitarian minds Mr. Raman from NGO Dassya and Mr. Anbu from NGO Vizguthugal. The 'Refractive Error Among Children' (REACH) Program supported by the Orbis India Country Strategic Plan (CSP) under the umbrella of its India Childhood Blindness Initiative (ICBI) and the South Asia Comprehensive Child Eye Health Initiative (SACCHI) at the regional level, is focused at screening 300,000 children between July 2016 – June 2019 in southern India. Elite School of Optometry & Sankara Nethralaya, partnered up with Orbis in this initiative along with 5 other institutions across India. The team lead by ESO carried with them the theme "Eye Health for ALL" as the mission statement for 2016 World Sight Day initiatives.

A leading seat of knowledge and education recognizes its achievers



Proud graduates and their faculty at the 28th annual graduation ceremony

The 28th Annual graduation ceremony of the Elite School of Optometry, the CU Shah institute of ophthalmic sciences and the Vidyasagar institute of bio medical science was held on 29th November at the Sri VD Swamy Auditorium. Speaking on the occasion Shanthi Swaroop Bhatnagar awardee , Institute Chair Professor and Professor of Chemistry at the IIT Dr T.Pradeep gave a simple and absorbing account of various filtering processes that has resulted in the availability of a huge amount of potable water, benefiting 7.5 million people. His talk a mixture of chemistry and poetry enthused the students to learn and practice what they learn. He encouraged the students to create opportunities through innovation as technology can change the world.

The philanthropy of Padmasri Iravatham Mahadevan, founder of VIBS who was chosen for a doctorate by the Tamil University was recalled. The graduating students were cheered with gusto by the audience making it a most memorable day in their life.

Sankara Nethralaya's Eye Donation awareness rally at Marina

Sankara Nethralaya has since its inception consistently championed the noble cause of eye donation and has been making sincere attempts to enhance the volume of eye donations, to bridge the wide gap prevailing between the availability and need for cornea in transplant procedures, by spreading awareness on eye donation.

In continuation of this ongoing effort and as part of the National 'Eye Donation Fortnight', being observed nationwide from August 25 to September 8, 2016, the CU Shah Eye Bank, Sankara Nethralaya undertook a string of activities across the city which included eye donation awareness talks at Ford India, Hyundai Motor Company, Vijaya Hospitals, MMM Hospital and a massive human chain rally sponsored jointly with the Lions Club of Anna Nagar conducted at the DG Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam to create awareness on the importance of eye donation and to sensitize the public on the need to donate eyes by pledging the same.



Dr. T.S Surendran greets Actor Nassar at the Marina Rally

The fortnight long events culminated in a massive awareness rally at the Marina Beach on 08.09.2016 (Thursday) being observed as "National Eye Donation Day". The Walk titled "Sankara Nethralaya's Walk for Vision 2016" commenced at 8.00 am at the Labour Statue. The walk had a large participation of 1,500 members belonging to different age groups comprising students from the NSS, various city colleges, including educational institutions run by Sankara Nethralaya, members of leading corporate houses and senior management and staff members of Sankara Nethralaya. The enthusiastic participants held aloft placards espousing and educating the cause of eye donation and raised their voice drawing attention to the same.

Director General of Police – Civil Supplies CID, Dr Radhakrishnan IPS and Actor Nassar graced the event as the Chief Guests and addressed the audience on the need to donate eyes, flagged off the rally and joined the marchers. This was followed by an awareness talk on eye donation by Dr. T.S. Surendran, Vice-Chairman, Mrs Akila Ganesan Director – Administration, briefed the press on the dismal statistics in terms of availability and need for Cornea for transplant surgeries in the country and the need to overcome the same through increased eye donations.

Sankara Nethralaya's contribution to quality assurance and its head's magnanimity come for high praise



Dignitaries from Sankara Nethralaya and CMC Vellore at the EQAS Transfer Program

Year 2016 marked the transfer of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologist's (IAMM) External Quality Assessment Scheme' (EQAS) back to the CMC Vellore where the initiative began in a small way more than two decades ago. The October issue of the IAMM's newsletter shared an eventful two decades of the EQAS with its readers, tracing the beginning of the initiative under Dr Mary V. Jesudason (co-ordinator), Dr T. Jacob John (President) and Dr SS.Badrinath, Secretary. The national EQAS under the IAMM moved to the L&T Microbilgy research centre, Sankara Nethralaya with Dr HN.Madhavan, Dr Lily Therse and Dr J.Malathi joining the team. The IAMM's EQAS for the North and North East began to function at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

When the need to move the EQAS southern chapter to a more spacious premises was felt the CMC Vellore volunteered to run the same. The handing over ceremony took place at the Sri. VD Swamy Auditorium, the yeoman service rendered to the quality initiative by past presidents, secretaries and executive members were recalled with gratitude and Dr SS.Badrinath's spontaneous acceptance to hand over the process back to CMC was highly praised.

The Divinity and compassion of Mahaperiyava are remembered on his 23rd Aradhana



The Badrinaths offering prayers to Mahaperiyava

and dementia patient with his divine grace and concluded her talks with an example of the astounding memory of the guru who enquired about her father referring to him by his surname 'Bhatta'.

The highly charged event left a deep impact on the audience and filled them with memories of the God who lived during our times amongst our midst.

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“Good Hygiene can control infection far more than an anti-biotic can do”

Nobel Laureate and Structural Biologist Dr. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan at his guest talk at Sankara Nethralaya

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