

## LVPEI centres to become Institutes of Excellence

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L.V. Prasad Eye Institute will develop its centres in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar as Institutes of Excellence (IoE).

The Visakhapatnam campus at the Health City set up exactly 11 years ago will be developed as an Institute of Excellence in geriatric eye care.

LVPEI has 16 rural secondary care centres and three more will be added in AP, Telangana and Odisha in next two years.

At present it has 16 secondary care and 153 primary care centres. Every year 12 to 14 lakh outpatients are visiting the hospitals located in various States with door-to-door screening of another million.

The number of surgeries conducted is estimated 1.2 to 1.3 lakh per year with over 50 per cent done free of cost.

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The team at LVPEI are now combining their technological innovations by involving both engineers and doctors in research to develop various low-cost products for better eye care.