



## PVRI India Report 2017

Prashant Bobhate & BKS Sastry



In 2017, the Hyderabad PH Club, established in 2016, continued to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss cases of interest.

After many years as the Task Force leader, Dr BKS Sastry stepped down and passed the baton to Dr Prashant Bobhate. The PVRI would like to formally thank BKS for all his hard work spreading awareness about the disease and welcome Dr Bobhate as a Regional Task Force leader.

### Objectives 2018

New Leader Prashant Bobhate has set the 2018 objectives for the Task Force and said:

*'First of all I would like to thank the PVRI and Dr BKS Sastry for giving me the opportunity to head the PVRI India Task Force. We would like to devote 2018 to two main areas: patient education and creating awareness among medical practitioners about PH.'*

*For the patient and general public education, we are in the process of building a website and creating a forum where the patients can*

*interact with each other, as well as with PH specialists. Similarly, we are also in the process to developing an Android based app. This app will have patient education material (videos and written material) in different regional languages.*

*For medical practitioners, and with the help of the Paediatric Cardiac Society of India, we will have a special session of paediatric PAH at the Annual National PCSI Conference, which is going to be held in Ahmedabad in 2018.*

*We are also planning to have a PH conclave in Mumbai in the middle of next year. This will be targeted at cardiologists and other physicians, who treat and care for patients with PH.*

*And last, but not least, we hope to have a day and a half symposium for paediatric PAH in the later part of the year.'*

