

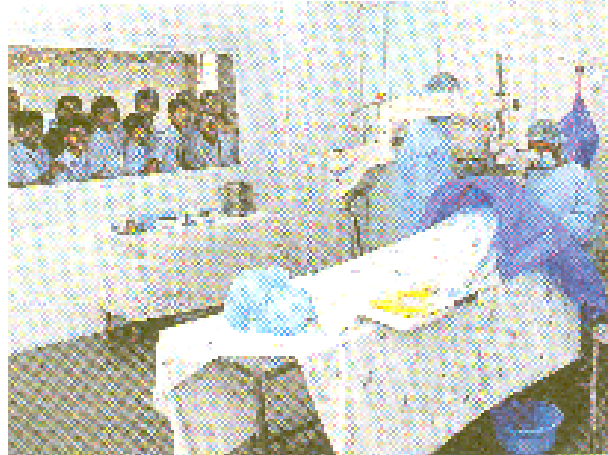
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## **Don't turn a blind eye to this show**

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*Eye care exhibition on in Madurai*

MADURAI: Blindness is avoidable, treatable, and preventable. To put this visionary thought in the minds of people, particularly among schoolchildren, Aravind Eye Hospitals here has organised an eye care awareness exhibition, 'Kannae, Nalamaa?', from January 27 to 30.



After Collector C. Kamaraj inaugurated the exhibition on Thursday, students of various schools thronged the stalls where dos and don'ts of eye care were explained to them.

The exhibition has stalls on vision problems of all age groups, from premature babies to old people. The entry to the exhibition has been kept dark to make visitors understand difficulties faced by visually challenged persons. Inside, there are stalls speaking on squint, cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, corneal ulcer, defective vision, and other eye ailments or complications. "The magnitude of blindness and visual impairments are a matter of concern. Most of the low vision cases / refractive errors can be corrected if diagnosed at the right time. Nearly 75 per cent of blindness is avoidable," according to literature available at the exhibition.

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