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## Quote

Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being.

- Kevin Kruse

## Editorial

It was indeed a cherished moment for Mr. Manohar Devadoss, artist-turned-author when Aravind Eye Care System along with Madurai Readers' Club launched his latest book "From an Artist's Perspective". The book unravels the author's road to becoming an artist and the techniques he used while developing the sketches.

Aravind opened its 46th vision centre at Kadayam, in Tirunelveli district. The inaugural ceremony was attended by a wide range of people from various walks of life.

Aravind Eye Hospitals took active steps as part of World Glaucoma Week to sensitize the public about this sight-threatening condition. Importance of screening as well as proper follow up was stressed during all the awareness campaigns.

Aravind's training and consulting arm has been collaborating with Grameen Hospitals in Bangladesh as part of building their capacity. In connection to this a five-member team from Aravind visited three of the Grameen hospitals in the last week of March.

*News about these and many more feature in this issue.*

*Aravind News Team*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### Best Paper Award for Dr. R. Sharmila

Singapore



Dr.R.Sharmila was awarded the Best Paper award for her presentation on *Safety and efficacy of concomitant prophylactic sclerostomy with cataract surgery in Nanophthalmic eyes* at the International congress on glaucoma surgery meeting held in Singapore in February 2014.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## Kadayam Vision Centre Opened

Kadayam, March 26



Aravind- Tirunelveli opened its latest vision centre at Kadayam. Dr.R.Ramakrishnan – Chief medical officer welcomed the gathering and the centre was inaugurated by Dr.R.Kim – Chief medical officer Aravind, Madurai. Lamp lighting ceremony was performed by Ms.Kalyani Paramasivam, Medical Officer, ESI Hospital. Various leaders and key persons in the community gathered for the occasion.



## "From an Artist's Perspective" Launched

Aravind – Madurai, March 30



Aravind Eye Care System and Madurai Readers' Club jointly released Mr.Manohar Devadoss's latest book, "From an Artist's Perspective" amidst a tightly-packed audience in LAICO auditorium. The function was attended by members of Readers' Club, friends, and well-wishers of Manohar Devadoss and AECS. Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj, Executive Director-LAICO; Dr.S.Aravind, Administrator, Aravind – Madurai; Prof.Nedumaran, American College and Mr.Meenakshi Sundaram offered felicitations. Passages from the book were read during the occasion.



## CME HELD AT ARAVIND EYE HOSPITAL

### Neuroophthalmology CME

Aravind – Salem, March 30



Aravind – Salem organized a CME on neuroophthalmology in the last week of March. The CME comprised two sessions handling 11 different topics. Speakers included Dr.Mahesh Kumar, Aravind-Madurai, Dr.Kiruba, AEH Coimbatore, Dr.Padmavathy, Aravind-Tirunelveli, Dr.Venkatesan, Mithra Scans - Salem, Dr.Natarajan – Neurosurgeon, Neuro Foundation Hospital Salem, Dr.Prem prakash – Neurosurgeon, Manipal Hospital Salem, Dr.B.Manohar Babu and Dr.Anuj Ponnappa, from Aravind-Salem. Seventy two-delegates participated in this programme.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Awareness Programme on Eye Donation

Madurai, March 8

Mr. D. Saravanan, Eye Bank Manager took session on eye banking and importance of eye donation to the members of MNEC an NGO, at Gandhi Museum, Madurai.



**Team from Cooper Urban Health Institute Visits Aravind**

Aravind – Madurai, March 9-14



A team of 18 members including Ms. Kathie Stillo, Executive Director from Cooper Urban Health Institute, USA visited Aravind – Madurai in the second week of March. The team was here to get an understanding about Aravind Eye Care System. The team also visited the vision center at Srivilliputhur and Nithyatha. Interaction with senior members of Aravind was also arranged.



**Exposure Visit to Aravind Eye Care System**

Aravind – Madurai, March 10 – 14



A total of 13 government officers visited Aravind to have an overview of the organisation and to have an understanding on how Aravind has overcome the challenges and developed a low cost, high quality and affordable eye care model.



**World Glaucoma Week Celebrations**

March 16



As part of World Glaucoma Week, Aravind Eye Hospitals across the centres organized elaborate programmes. Glaucoma screening camp was conducted in various places through which many were benefitted. Several awareness talks and seminars were arranged for the patients and public in the base hospitals. Banners were displayed in prominent places to create awareness on the disease. Awareness rally was also arranged as part of the celebrations.



**Graduation Day at Janakiamma Child Care Centre**

March 25

Kids of Janakiamma Child Care Centre at Aravind – Madurai and Coimbatore celebrated their graduation day in the



last week of March. Those who would be joining school this academic year were felicitated during the function. The function was marked by various cultural performances by the kids.



### **Glaucoma CME at Lumbini Eye Hospital**

Bhairahawa, Nepal, March 28

Dr. R. Sharmila was invited as a guest faculty for the glaucoma CME organised by Seva USA. She delivered two lectures - Primary angle closure glaucoma - An Indian perspective and AADI - A new beginning and also shared some videos.



### **Eye Opening Experience in India**

Here we share blog written by Dr. Steve Ma from Canada, on his sojourn at Aravind - Pondicherry as a trainee. This blog is written so exhaustively and precisely capturing the multifarious activities at Aravind. [Click here to read the blog](#).



## **CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE**

### **Health Summit**

Coimbatore, February

Organised by CII

Ms. Deepa Krishnan

- *Quality Assurance in High Volume Setting*



### **Eye Health Innovation Consortium**

London, UK, March 5

Dr. N. Venkatesh Prajna attended the consortium which has been set up at the request of and funded by Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust to provide a lasting tribute to HM the Queen. This is a five year programme which will provide specialist training and technology advancements in the field of eye health in many countries across the Common wealth. The Consortium was held at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London.



### **Business Ethics Conference "BEACON 2014"**

Chennai, February 21

Organised by Loyola Institute of Business Administration

Ms. Deepa Krishnan shared the Aravind story with special focus on the theme Social Entrepreneurship - A Calling.



### **Symposium on AVRTT@4, Advanced Vitreoretinal Techniques & Technology**

Ahmedabad, March 23-24



Dr. P. Namperumalsamy was felicitated during this symposium along with Dr. SS. Badrinath and he gave lecture on diabetic retinopathy.



### **Retina CME at Bombay Ophthalmologists Association**

Bombay, March 30

Dr. Parag Shah

- *Intravitreal injections and retinopathy of prematurity: Screening and treatment practices*



## **LAICO HAPPENINGS**

### **Patient Compliance Workshop**

New Delhi, March 8-9



Ms. Dhivya Ramasamy was invited as faculty for the patient compliance workshop organized by Dr. Shroff Charity and Eye Hospital along with V2020 for eye hospitals in north India. Ophthalmologists, hospital directors and administrators from various hospitals participated in the workshop.



### **Parameter Evaluation Visit to Grameen Hospitals**

Bangladesh, March 19-28

LAICO has been associated with Grameen Hospitals in Bangladesh since 2006 through a structured capacity building process, mentoring them and providing support whenever needed. In March 2014, a five-member team consisting of Dr. Usha Kim, Mr. Gnanasekhar, Mr. R. Suresh, Ms. Sundari and Ms. Renuka made a visit to Grameen Hospitals at Bogra and Barisal. The main purpose was to evaluate the performance of the hospitals and suggest necessary recommendations.



### **Outreach Management Workshop**

Noida, March 25



Mr. R. Meenakshi Sundaram was the invited faculty for the workshop held at Jaypee Hospital, Noida.



### SEVA Global Team Meeting and Course on Project Management

Berkeley, USA, February 28 - April 1



Mr. V. Vijayakumar visited the US to participate in SEVA Global Team Meeting at Berkeley. In addition, he also attended a short course on "Project Management" at University of California, Berkeley. He got an opportunity to visit reputed organisations and institutions to get exposure in project management.



## TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Course title	Training Centre	Total Number Trained as on March 2014	Enrollments for April 2014
<b>Residency Courses</b>			
<b>Diplomate in National Board</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	65	0
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	62	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	41	2
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	32	0
	<b>Theni</b>	17	0
<b>Long Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology &amp; Strabismus</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	76	1
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	20	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	31	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	7	0
<b>Fellowship in Orbit &amp; Oculoplasty</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	49	1
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	3	0
<b>Fellowship in Cornea</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	80	1
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	2	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	42	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	7	0
<b>Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	122	0
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	160	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	120	0

	<b>Pondicherry</b>	7	0
<b>ECCE IOL Microsurgery</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	719	2
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	281	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	222	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	15	0
<b>Phacomulsification</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	181	2
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	94	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	133	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	34	1
<b>Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	289	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	293	1
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	9	0
<b>Management Courses</b>			
<b>Management Training and System Development for Hospital Administrators/Managers</b>	<b>LAICO</b>	254	16
<b>Instrument Maintenance Courses</b>			
<b>Instrument Maintenance Course</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	469	5



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## AUROLAB NEWS

### Women's Day Celebrations

Aurolab, March 8

Ms. Malarvizhi Magaiyarkarasi, Tamil Lecturer from Thiyagarajar Arts College, delivered a special guest lecture as part of International Women's Day. The participants felt the session very motivating and useful.



### Guest Lecture on Gastro Intestinal Disorders

Aurolab, March 15



A guest Lecture on gastro intestinal disorders was organized in Aurolab for the benefit of staff and employees. Dr. Jaganathan; M.D;D.M; Gastroentrolgist from Madurai Scopy Centre handled the lecture. The participants felt the programme very informative.



### MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

March - 2014										
Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Total
<b>HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS</b>										
Paying (New & Review)	49,187	6,930	25,222	30,572	24,254	5,114	3,713	9,652	2,005	156,962
Free (Direct walk-in)	14,496	2,030	6,729	10,746	7,926	11	436	-	872	43,242
<b>OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS</b>										
Regular Eye Camps	8,669	1,311	2,055	7,003	5,559	-	284	862	-	25,743
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	-	43	-	831	466	-	-	-	-	1,340
Refraction Camps	918	1,100	1,016	891	202	-	-	-	-	4,127
Mobile Refraction Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Screening camps	-	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
Paediatric Camps	-	258	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	258
Vision Centres	12,897	4,672	6,763	2,833	3,546	-	683	-	-	31,394
Community	3,845	1,784	2,157	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,786



Eye Clinics											
<b>Total OP Examinations</b>	90,012	18,128	44,017	52,876	41,953	5,125	5,116	10,514	2,877	270,927	
<b>SURGERIES</b>											
Paying	3,132	418	1,221	1,445	1,257	114	122	476	93	8,373	
Free (Direct)	2,874	299	920	1,709	947	40	84	69	93	7,059	
Camp	2,338	165	557	1,465	1,534	-	16	238	50	6,363	
<b>Total Surgeries</b>	8,344	882	2,698	4,619	3,738	154	222	783	236	21,795	

