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Quote

The only source of knowledge is experience.

Editorial

Over the years, Aravind has built good will and trust amongst patients coming from bordering districts of Andhra Pradesh. A number of patients from southern part of the state have been visiting Aravind Eye Hospitals to avail quality eye treatment and this is increasing year after year. Several years ago, what used to be a small number of patients, has now steadily increased to over a 150 patients every day with about 50 of them getting operated. Most of these patients come to Aravind for speciality eye surgeries which are complex and are provided at reasonable charges or at subsidised cost for those who belong to poor socioeconomic groups. Many of them have to come for several review visits following surgery and the cost involved in the travel makes the entire treatment cycle expensive for many. Recognizing these hardships, Aravind finally established a hospital closer to their homes, in Tirupati with the support of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, who allocated the land at a nominal lease.

Since more than 80% of Aravind's work-force is constituted by women, International Women's Day was celebrated with a wide variety of programmes. It is also important to note several senior lady doctors received awards from various forums on this occasion.

World Glaucoma Week was observed with great fervour. Glaucoma being the silent thief of sight, the need to have regular eye examination and compliance to treatment were stressed during the awareness creation programmes.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Awards at the Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology

Bangkok, Thailand, March 06-09



Dr. R. Venkatesh, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind-Pondicherry, Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Chief, Neuro-ophthalmology Services, Aravind-Madurai and Dr. Naresh Babu, Chief, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Madurai received Achievement Awards.

Dr. Rashmita Ravishankar, DNB Resident, Aravind-Pondicherry received Most Popular e-poster Award for the poster titled, Calibration of Various Tonometers: Shiotz, Goldmann, Perkins, Non-contact, iCare, and Tonopen.

Dr. Pavan Kumar, Medical Consultant, Aravind-Pondicherry won Most Popular Video Award for the video titled, Family Screening: An Effective Way to Combat Glaucoma Blindness.



Heroes of Ophthalmology Award for Dr. Natchiar

Madurai, March 09



Dr. Natchiar, Director-Emeritus received the award from MS Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation, Madurai on the occasion of International Women's Day.



Dr. R.D. Ravindran Delivers Dr. Alim Memorial Lecture

Dhaka Bangladesh, March 20, 2019



Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye Care System delivered Alim Memorial Lecture at the 46th Annual National Conference, conducted by Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka.



Twin Awards for Dr. Usha Kim

Madurai, March 09



Dr. Usha Kim, Chief, Orbit, Oculoplasty and Ocular Oncology Clinic at Aravind-Madurai received two awards on the occasion of International Women's Day

- Vocational Excellence Award for the year 2018-2018 from Rotary Club of Madurai Blossom
- Award of Excellence: Elegance of womanhood from BNI Chanakyaas, Madurai



SPECIAL EVENTS

Sri Venkateswara Aravind Eye Hospital Formally Inaugurated

Tirupati, March 04



Compassionate world-class eye care at an affordable cost, has come to serve at Tirupati with the formal inauguration of Sri Venkateswara Aravind Eye Hospital by Shri Chandrababu Naidu Garu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. The hospital has been providing outpatient services since December 2018. Senior leadership team of Aravind, prominent leaders in the community, officials from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, managers and staff were present during the inauguration. The 2.7 Lakh sq.ft hospital facility has the capacity to handle 4 lakh outpatients and perform about 30,000 eye surgeries per year. Like any other Aravind centre, the hospital will have 50% of the services as paying and 50 % as either free or at deeply subsidised rate.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Orientation workshop on Redcap Software

Aravind-Madurai, March 02



The Department of Biostatistics conducted the one-day workshop for the 27 study coordinators involved in various research projects across Aravind centres. 27 participants attended.



Women's Day Celebrations

Aravind & Aurolab, March 08



Various Aravind centres and Aurolab celebrated International Women's Day with great enthusiasm. At Aurolab, various competitions were organised such as kolam, art from Aurolab waste materials and debate. Mrs. Sangeeth Radha, Professor, Thiagarajar College was invited as judge for debate. Prizes were distributed to all the winners and runners up.

At Aravind-Madurai, a two-week yoga course was conducted for MLOPs through Azhiyar Arivu Thirukovil. 42 MLOPs received certificate.

Aravind-Pondicherry organized several programmes. Nurses participated in the events organised by Suryan FM at Jayaraman Thirumana Nilayam, Pondicherry. Ms. Deepa, Housekeeping supervisor won the Second Prize in Rangoli competition. Mrs. Vaijeyanthi Rajan from Karaikal delivered a motivational speech to MLOP sisters on the topic "Puthiyathore Ulagam Seivom". A boat ride was organised for lady doctors at Chunnambar lake. Food festival was organised for all lady staff members.

At Aravind-Salem, Rangoli and drawing competitions were organised for MLOPs.

At Tirunelveli, Ms Sornalatha, leading lawyer from Tuticorin was invited to deliver a special address on Women Empowerment. She is a social activist and member of many associations for protecting women's rights. Through practical and appropriate examples, she made the talk very interesting and interactive. The participants found the lecture very interesting.



22nd Hospital Day of Aravind Eye Hospital Coimbatore

Aravind – Coimbatore, 09 March 2019



Aravind Eye Hospital - Coimbatore successfully completed twenty two years of service towards restoring sight. The celebrations began with prayer song. Dr. Parag K Shah, Medical Consultant, Retina Services welcomed the gathering. Dr. V.R.Saravanan, Medical Consultant presented the Annual Report for the year 2018. Chief Guest, Dr. P. Namperumalsamy, Chairman Emeritus, Aravind Eye care System gave an inspirational speech about the service rendered by the team. He appreciated the team for their dedication, hard work and commitment in the journey of eliminating needless blindness. Awards were given to employees who have completed 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. P Mangala, Medical Consultant, Cornea Clinic.



Soft Skill Training for MLOPs

Aravind-Tirunelveli, March 13



Mr. R. Ganesh, Founder - Life Improvement through Mind Engineering handled the session for the first and second year MLOPs of Aravind-Tirunelveli.



Tour for MLOPs

Aravind-Tirunelveli, March 17



As a part of employee welfare activity, first year employees, both MLOPs and Admin were taken on a one day tour to Kanyakumari. The team visited Thovalai Murugan temple, Vivekananda Rock, newly inaugurated Ramanaya Darshan & Bharat Mata Mandir and also the recently opened "Lord Venkateswara Temple" called as Twin Tirupathi.

Aravind-Coimbatore, March 17

One day tour for MLOPs was arranged to Ooty. The team enjoyed seeing the botanical garden and Doddabetta and also relished the pleasant ambience. MLOP trainees were taken on tour to Marudhamalai in two batches on March 20 and 22, 2019. 55 MLOPs of Coimbatore & Tirupur were taken to Black thunder, 20 MLOPs of Udumalpet were taken to Kodaikanal on March 24.



World Glaucoma Week Celebration

Aravind, March 10-16



World Glaucoma Week was observed across the Aravind centres with a wide variety of programmes. Awareness programmes included, sessions, exhibitions, rallies and distribution of flyers and pamphlets about the disease. Exclusive camps were conducted to screen people for Glaucoma. Talks were given by glaucoma experts on local FM and television channels.



Tomey Optial Biometer



Rotary Club - Madras EAST funded for Tomy Optical Biometer equipment for Aravind's four secondary centres - Tirupur, Udumalpet, Dindigul and Tuticorin. An official launch was held at Aravind Eye Hospital, Chennai. District Governor Rtn. Babu Peram performed the inauguration and gave a talk on the project. Dr. G. Natchiar spoke about Rotary's effective way of reaching the public and briefed on Aravind's community outreach initiatives. At Aravind-Tirupur and Udumalpet, Mr. Nandhagopal and Rtn. Ganesan performed the inauguration. 75 members from Rotary club - Madras East participated.



Inauguration of Gingee Vision Centre

Aravind - Pondicherry, March 22, 2019



75th Vision Centre for Aravind Eye care System and 12th Centre for Aravind Pondicherry was inaugurated at Gingee on 22nd March 2019. The centre was inaugurated by Gingee MLA, Mr. K.S. Masathan, Mrs. Malliga Sandhanam and Dr. Renuka Vijayan. Members from Lions and Rotary Merchant Association felicitated the programme. Dr. R. Venkatesh, Chief Medical Officer - Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry explained about the purpose of vision centre and its functions to the guests and audience. On the first day, Gingee Vision Centre handled 93 outpatients. Out of 93 patients, 19 glasses were prescribed and 9 patients ordered glasses. 24 cataract patients and 18 patients with specialty eye problems were referred to base hospital.



Vision Centre at Sithayankottai shifted to Kannivadi

March 20



The centre at Kannivadi was inaugurated by Mr. Ramanathan PRO, Aravind- Madurai. Lions Club members, various community leaders and Aravind's senior staff were present. The VC team screened 111 patients on the inaugural day.



Creche Graduation Day

Aravind, March 22



Tiny tots of Aravind's day care at Madurai and Coimbatore celebrated their graduation day. Five children each from both these centres graduated. Cultural programmes performed by the children were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.



Awareness Talk on Kidney Diseases

Aravind-Madurai, March 23



Dr. Sriramulu Dorairaj, Head, Nephrology Department, Vellamal Medical College & Research gave an awareness talk on kidney diseases to all staff members. He explained the importance of maintaining kidney in good condition and how to protect kidneys from various diseases. The session was very useful and informative.



ESI Medical camp for Aravind Employees

Aravind-Madurai, March 26



HR department arranged ESI Medical Camp for Aravind staff in the hospital premises. About 393 staff were screened. Specialists from Gynaecology, Ortho, Skin, Siddha & Ayurvedha examined the employees. It was an opportunity for the employees to have their complete health checkup done under one roof. Lab & ECG technicians, Pharmacist, Staff Nurses and ANM staff helped screen and provide necessary investigations and medicines at this high volume camp.



Personality Development Course

Aravind-Madurai, March 14-30



Second batch of MLOPs were taken to Aliyar Arivu Thirukkivil for Personality Development Course. Twenty employees participated in this 15 day course. Certificates were issued at the end.



Residents Social Responsibility

Aravind-Madurai, March 21



Post graduate residents of Aravind Eye Hospital Madurai organized the programme at Aakash school for Children with Special Needs, maintained by M.S.Chellamuthu trust-Alagarkoil. Children with special needs and staff of the school were screened and spectacles were provided for those in need, Low Vision Aid Clinic and Orbis team helped arrange this social camp. Dr.Prajna, Director-Academics, and his guests Dr.Baljeon Dhillon (UK), Dr. Maghizh Anandan (UK), Dr. Bertie Surgith Fernando (UK) were also present.



Promoting Eye Donation Awareness

Aravind-Madurai, March 22



Mr. Saravanan, Manager, Eye Bank, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai handed over 13 eye donation awareness boards to Dr. Arjun Kumar, Deputy Director of Health Services, Madurai and Mr. Muthu Vel, District Health Educator, Madurai. These posters will be distributed to 13 block level primary health centres. The posters are expected to create awareness among the community on eye donation and also to bridge the gap between Primary health centres and Eye Banks.



Eye Donation Awareness Programme

Government Hospital, Tirumangalam, March 18



Mr. Saravanan, handled an awareness session on hospital cornea retrieval programme and its importance to the staff of Government Hospital, Tirumangalam. 30 staff including doctors and nurses attended this session.



CME on Uveitis – Common Mistakes in Diagnosis and Management

Aravind- Coimbatore, March 24



Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore in association with Coimbatore Society of Ophthalmic Surgeons, under the aegis of Uveitis Society of India, conducted the CME. Dr. Manohar Babu, Chief - Uvea & Cataract Services, AEH, Salem, welcomed the gathering. External faculty included eminent national faculty and pioneers in the field of uveitis including Dr. Jyothirmay Biswas, Head of Uvea services, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, Dr. Parthoprattim Dutta Majumder, Consultant, Uvea services, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai and Dr. Padmamalini Mahendradas, HOD of Uveitis and Ocular Immunology, Narayana Nethralaya, Bangalore. Dr. Anuradha V K, Head, Uvea Services, AEH, Coimbatore proposed a vote of thanks. The conference received an overwhelming response and had a total of 191 delegates. The sessions were followed by active participation from the audience and elaborate discussions by the faculty. An interactive quiz program conducted by Dr. Parthoprattim D Majumder. The programme was accredited with 3 credit points from Tamil Nadu Medical Council and 5 credit points from Dr MGR Medical University.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

Workshop on HR Issues

Pune, March 02-03



R. Deepa

- Employee Engagement
- Organizational Values and Culture

Lakshmi

- Performance appraisal
- recruitment and selection



All India Ophthalmic Society (AIOS) Conference

Indore, February 14-17

Dr. R. Venkatesh

- Routine fundus photography in Vision centres: Stepped-wedge, cluster-randomized trial in South India (Free Paper)
- Chair Person for the session Eye Care and Environmental Impact
- Co-instructor – IC for Challenging Phacoemulsification Cases: Combining Techniques and Technology
- Co-instructor – IC for Innovative Solutions for Complex Anterior Segment Situations: A Video assisted course
- Co-chairperson in Debates & Controversies (Surgical Glaucoma)

Dr. S. Kavitha

- Moderating Glaucoma (Free paper)
- Session-3- Judging Glaucoma Free Paper Finals.
- IC on "Working towards Success of Trabeculectomy" Talk on " Dealing with a Failing Bleb"

Dr. S. Balamurugan

- Speaker In Debates & Controversies in Both Sides of a Story: Treatment Dilemmas in Uveitis
- Chief Author & Presenting Author in "Ripley believe it or not! Steroids stand alone are not useful in these uveitis entities!"
- Moderator in "Clinical Rounds - Comprehensive Ophthalmology"

Dr. Swati Upadhyaya

- Presented a Video Titled: "Can GATT be an Effective Surgical option for POAG in Developing Countries"

Dr. S. Subashini

- Study in isolation frequency and antibiotic susceptibility patients of nocardia keratitis.
- Catching Diabetic Retinopathy patients at camp site and Dose it really works effectively?
- Clinical profile of Endogenous Endophthalmitis-Case series (E-Poster)
- Mon Mode Misery (Poster Presentation)

Dr. S. Priya

- Diagnostic skill transfer course in Neuro Ophthalmology session

Dr. Balraj

- Neuro-Ophthalmic signs of Intracranial Tumors (Poster Presentation)

Dr. Kokila Priya

- FLACS in Alport's syndrome (Poster Presentation)



APAO Conference

Bangkok, Thailand, March 06-09



Dr. Naresh Babu

- Poster - Comparison of Surgical Performance of Internal Limiting Membrane Peeling Using 3D Visualization System With Conventional Microscope
- Video- Repositioning of Inadvertent Intralenticular Ozurdex: A Vitreoretinal Approach

Dr. Vignesh

- Paper - Eplerenone for CSCR with chronic CME

Dr. Haripriya

- Free Paper – Incidence and outcomes of Toric IOL Repositioning Surgery
- Free Paper – Endophthalmitis reduction with Intracameral Moxifloxacin following posterior capsule rupture

- Speaker – Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MICS)
- Speaker – Reducing Endophthalmitis risk with PCR
- Speaker – Intracameral Moxifloxacin for Endophthalmitis Prophylaxis in cataract surgery (Audio experience)



Workshop on Rights of persons with Disabilities 2016

Madurai, March 13, 2019



Dr. Sahithya

- *Totally blind low vision: Early Detection, symptoms, treatment and prevention*

D. Saravanan, Manager

- *Corneal blindness free Bharat – only solution is eye donation*



LAICO HAPPENINGS

Workshop on Skill Enhancement for Eye care Counsellors (SEEC)

Pune, March 16-17, 2019



LAICO conducted 6th SEEC workshop at PBMA's H.V. Desai Eye Hospital, Pune. 55 participants from 31 hospitals in and around Pune were participated in this event, organised by Aurolab. The programme started with welcome speech by Dr. Kuldeep Dole, Director, PBMA's HV Desai Eye Hospital. Major topics covered included IOL - types & designs, dealing with unwilling patients, Post-Operative counseling and role play session. Dr. Rajesh Nair, Soft Skills Trainer, Pune handled a session on The art of communication. Dr. Kavitha, Psychologist, Pearl Women's hospital, Pune handled a session on "How to be an effective counsellor". Dr. Rahul Deshpande, Medical Director, PBMA's H. V. Desai Eye Hospital distributed certificate to participants and delivered valedictory address. The participants found the workshop was very useful and informative.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Enrolments for March 2019 at Aravind Eye Care System		
Course title	Training Centre	Enrolments for March 2019
Long Term Fellowship Programs - For Ophthalmologists		
Fellowship in IOL & Anterior Segment	Pondicherry	1
Fellowship in Cornea	Madurai	2
	Tirunelveli	2
Fellowship in Glaucoma	Pondicherry	1

	Madurai	1
Fellowship in General Ophthalmology	Madurai	1
Fellowship in Paediatric ophthalmology	Tirunelveli	1
Fellowship in Retina Vitreous	Madurai	1
Short Term Clinical courses - For Ophthalmologists		
Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	2
Phacoemulsification	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Clinical observership in glaucoma	Tirunelveli	1
Short term training in vitrectomy	Madurai	1
Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity and Paediatric Retinal Disorders	Madurai	1
Small incision cataract surgery	Madurai	1
	Tirunelveli	1
	Coimbatore	1
Paramedical Courses		
Fundus fluorescein angiography & ultrasonography	Madurai	1
Eye Bank courses		
Training in eye bank techniques	LAICO	1



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AUROLAB NEWS

Awareness Session on Electro Static Discharge

Aurolab, March 18



Mr. Selvaganapathi, trainer from ESD Techcon Pvt. Ltd handled the session for the staff members. Training was provided as per ANSI/ESD S20.20-2014 & IEC 61340-5-1 for the advancement of workplace, so that the employees are better prepared to handle electro static discharge sensitive devices.



Guest Lecture in Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai

Aurolab, March 11



Mr. Sundaraganesh, Division Manager, IOL was invited as guest speaker for a short term course on Design, Manufacturing, Analysis of implants with bio materials and its characterization at Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai. He delivered a lecture on the topic, Biomaterials and its uses. Faculty from various engineering colleges attended the workshop.



MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

March - 2019

Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondi cherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumal pet	Tuti corin	CBE CC	Chennai	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS													
Paying (New & Review)	56,304	8,213	28,151	30,014	24,361	6,614	4,230	11,542	3,425	5,396	3,168	16,132	1,97,550
Free:Direct walk-in (New & Review)	16,773	2,197	6,985	10,515	10,322	NA	1,254	2,096	2,198	989	NA	4,012	57,341
OUTREACH OUT PATIENT													
Comprehensive Eye Camps	6,630	1,701	4,092	6,408	4,919	NA	302	2,012	228	224	NA	1,361	27,877
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	957	266	NA	1,230	661	NA	105	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,219
Glaucoma Camps	NA	613	386	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	999
Refraction Camps	1,874	520	840	1,603	983	NA	428	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6,248
Mobile Refraction Unit	NA	NA	NA	398	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	398
School Screening camps	757	NA	49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	806
Paediatric Camps	NA	NA	520	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	520
Vision Centres	24,514	6,342	12,840	4,679	8,070	NA	1,126	NA	1,510	NA	NA	NA	59,081
Community Centres / City Centres	9,007	1,906	2,629	NA	2,879	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16,421
Total OP Examinations	1,16,816	21,758	56,492	54,847	52,195	6,614	7,445	15,650	7,361	6,609	3,168	21,505	3,70,460
Total Number of Camps	28	9	25	32	21	NA	1	11	2	2	NA	6	137

SURGERIES

Service Proportion of Cataract Surgeries

8/9/2019	Newsletter												
Paying	3,513	390	1,251	1,450	1,623	323	275	691	242	205	147	938	11,048
Free (Direct)	2,966	302	755	1,645	1,384	157	228	316	427	139	NA	324	8,643
Camp	2,270	145	572	1,471	1,148	NA	64	248	25	15	225	NA	6,183
Total													
Cataract Surgeries	8,749	837	2,578	4,566	4,155	480	567	1,255	694	359	147	1,487	25,874
Note: NA - Not Applicable													