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## Quote

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive".  
 - The Dalai Lama

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### Visveswaraya Eminent Engineer Award for Mr. G. Srinivasan

Madurai, February 8



Mr. G. Srinivasan, President – GOVEL Trust and Director – Finance, AECS was conferred the Visveswaraya Eminent Engineer Award in recognition of his dedicated leadership and services to civil engineering and society by the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India), Madurai centre. The award was presented by Additional Chief Secretary R. Balakrishnan at a function held at Hotel Sangam. This award is instituted in memory of Sir Mokshagundam Visveswaraya who was a notable Indian engineer responsible for the construction of Krishna Raja Sagara dam in Mysore.



### Indian Overseas Bank Felicitates Mr. G. Srinivasan

Chennai, January 6

Recently Mr. Srinivasan was also felicitated and honoured by the Indian Overseas Bank on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the bank held at Chennai on January 6, 2012. Shri. Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister, Govt. of India presented the memento on behalf of Indian Overseas Bank. Indian Overseas Bank has



always extended active support in Aravind's mission of eliminating needless blindness and almost all the Aravind Hospitals have IOB branches right from the very inception of the hospital.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj Inducted into the Board of Governors of IIM, Kolkata

December 2011

Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj has been inducted into the Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata, his alma mater in December 2011.



### Guest Lecture at IIT, Chennai

February 3



Mr. R. D. Thulasiraj delivered a lecture on *Globalizing the Aravind way and Aurolab* at the Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai.



### Instruments Maintenance Course for the Sales Personnel of Aurolab

Aravind - Madurai



A special instruments maintenance course exclusively for the sales personnel of Aurolab was held in Jan 2012. The course was intended to help Aurolab sales personnel in tackling problems they may come across when they meet their customers. A total of four persons from New Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Madurai participated. The valedictory day for the course was held on January 28. Dr. A. Kowsalya handed over the certificates to the participants. The need for sales persons to be aware of maintenance issues was emphasized during the course. Mr. K. Sekar and Ms. M. Dhivya were the chief

instructors of the course.



## CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

### Moorfields International Glaucoma Symposium

London, January 28 - 29

Dr. R.Venkatesh, Chief Medical Officer of Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry attended Moorfields International Glaucoma Symposium held at Royal College of Physicians, London and he presented *The glaucoma conveyor belt - from the masters of process* during the session *Coping with numbers without compromising care*.



### Annual Conference of All India Ophthalmological Society

Cochin, February 2 - 5



Dr. S.R. Rathinam  
 - *Investigation in uveitis*  
 Dr. Rajesh Prabhu  
 - *Vision estimation in children*  
 Dr. Sandra  
 - *Pearls in prescribing glasses for children*  
 Dr. Ramakrishnan  
 - *Latest guidelines and recent advances in the management of amblyopia*

Dr. P. Sundaresan

- *Glaucoma hereditary patterns based on genetic mutations*

Dr. R. Ramakrishnan

- *Mastering trabeculectomy*

- *Principles of heidelberg retina tomography and optical coherence tomography*

- *How to use commonly available instruments to diagnose glaucoma and chart progression in practice*

- *Management of OSD in glaucoma patients (instruction course)*

Dr. V. Narendran

- *Pictures, differential diagnosis and classification of ROP (Instruction course - Current trends and advances in management of ROP )*

- *Chaired the instruction course on Indirect ophthalmoscopy*

- *Convenor for the free paper session on vitreo retinal diseases*

Dr. V. R. Saravanan

- *Interesting cases in vein occlusion*

- *ILM peeling under PFCL*

Dr. Abishek Kothari

- *Indirect ophthalmoscopy*

- *CRVO*

- *Intravitreal injection for macular edema*

Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi

- *Post operative visual rehabilitation*

- *Chaired the paediatric free paper session*

Dr. Vrushali Dhamale

- *Surgical outcome of congenital nystagmus surgery (e- poster)*

Dr. R. Venkatesh

- *Ten Commandments to follow if you have a PCR*

- *Trabeculectomy with express shunt (video symposium)*

- *Institution practice... Never Say "I" (Debate)*

Dr. Biswajit Dey

- *Sibling motivational card – A new initiative for early diagnosis in pediatric ocular defects – Cuttack (best paper award in the category of community ophthalmology)*

Dr. Mikeen Shah

- *Acceptance rate of low vision aids in tertiary eye care hospital – our view*

Dr. Kemal Vinod Kenia

- *A rare case of subretinal abscess with papulo*

- *necrotic tuberculid without pulmonary tuberculosis (e – poster)*

Dr. Vaidee Vikram Ravi

- *Topical Tacrolimus 0.03% skin ointment in refractory vernal keratoconjunctivitis (e- poster)*

Dr. Deparpitha Chaudhury

- *Correlation between ASOCT and gonio in detecting narrow angle, in south Indian population (free paper)*

- *Outcome of treatment of ICE syndrome (poster)*

#### **Free papers:**

Dr. Arijit Mitra

- *To find Correlation between gonioscopy and ASOCT in detecting angle closure in a south Indian population*

- *Sturgewer syndrome - difficult surgical proposition - outcome, complications and management of complications*

Dr. Devendra Maheswari

- Comparative study of MMC augmented trabeculectomy Vs an ologen implant in open angle glaucoma
- Dr. Padmavathy
- Assessment of RNFL thickness in cases of retrobulbar neuritis
- Tracking RNFL changes after IIH-A prospective study using optical coherence tomography



## Fusion 2012

Hyderabad, February 12 – 14

Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi

- Refractive error in children
- Inferior oblique surgeries
- What is new in pediatric allergic eye diseases?



## HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

### Continuing Technical Education for Drivers

Aravind - Madurai, January 14



The HR department of Aravind-Madurai arranged a half day Continuing Technical Education programme for all the Drivers of Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai. The programme started with welcome Address by Mr. Ramanathan, PRO and Transport Manager followed by a motivating and inspiring talk on values and attitude for life by Mrs. Girija Sathyasankar, Life skill Trainer. This session was attended by all the Security staff with the drivers. Dr.R. Kim gave a special address for the participants Dr. Naresh Babu handled some interactive sessions.

Mr.Selvakumar, RTO from Theni oriented the drivers on traffic rules and road safety measures. Mr. Hussain, Service Engineer from Force Motors gave a lecture on general maintenance of vehicles. Both these sessions provided a lot of information to the participants.



### Workshop on Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

Aravind - Madurai, January 23 – 24



Ms. Cindy Harrison, certified trainer of Seven Habits Programme facilitated the Workshop on "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" at LAICO. HR Managers, Fellow Managers, LAICO Faculty and a few of the Medical officers participated in the workshop. The programme helped the participants understand the concepts of personal effectiveness and professional effectiveness.



### Hospital Day Celebrations

#### Aravind – Coimbatore

January 28

Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore celebrated its 15th hospital day on 28th January 2012. The program began with a prayer song. Dr. Parag K Shah, Medical Consultant, Retina Services delivered the welcome address followed by presentation of the annual report for the year 2011 by Dr. V.Narendran, Chief Medical Officer. The function was





presided over by Dr. R.D.Ravindran, Chairman – AECS. In his address, he appreciated the growth of the hospital which was made possible because of the commitment of the staff.

The chief guest of the occasion was Dr. Thavamani Devi Palaniswami, Vice Chairman and Joint Managing Director, Kovai Medical Center and Hospital, Coimbatore. She emphasized the importance of compassionate care with expertise which is the need of the hour. Dr. R.D. Ravindran and Ms. Kannamma Ravindran distributed service awards to the staff in recognition of their invaluable services to the organisation. Dr. Ganesh V Raman, Medical Consultant – Glaucoma Services proposed a vote of thanks which was followed by cultural programmes.



## Aravind – Tirunelveli

February 11



Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli has stepped in to its silver jubilee year of service after celebrating the 24th hospital day celebrations. Dr. G. Natchiar, Director Emeritus, AECS and Mr. G. Srinivasan were the guests of honour. Mr. Nellai Kannan, famous Tamil orator was invited as special guest. The function started with prayer song followed by Dr. Mohideen Abdul Kadar welcoming the gathering. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan, chief medical officer presented the annual report for the year 2011. Dr. G. Natchiar and Mr. G. Srinivasan gave inspiring talks. Mr. Nellai Kannan also spoke during the occasion. Service awards were distributed by Mr. G. Srinivasan and Dr. G. Natchiar. Cultural programmes which followed included Karagattam by Sr. Rajathilagam and Team, Kolattam by Sr. Karthigai Deepa and team, and Group dance by Dr. Pooja and team. There were performances by the children of staff also. Ms. Sarita, daughter of Dr. Meenkashi sang song during the celebrations.



## Annual Parameter Audit

Aravind – Pondicherry, February 7 - 10

Dr. S.R. Krishnadas, Director-HR, Dr. Naresh Babu, Senior Medical Officer, Retina & Vitreous Clinic, Dr. Jeena Mascarenhas, Senior Medical Officer, Cornea and Refractive Surgery from Aravind, Madurai and Sr.Sulochana, NS from Coimbatore were the external auditors. All the clinical and non-clinical departments presented their performance report and achievements of 2011 and the future plans for 2012. On the final day of the audit, Dr. R. Venkatesh, Chief Medical Officer presented mementos to the external auditors as a token of gratitude. The HR department facilitated the entire audit meeting.



## LAICO HAPPENINGS

### An Evening with a Perfect Blend of Different Cultures

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LAICO, February 04

LAICO was literally vibrant hosting an exciting multi-cultural exchange programme staged by the participants of the Programme Managers' Course on the evening of February 3, 2012. The participants included a mixed ethnic group, hailing from 18 different countries and each group presented their country's unique tradition. The Nepali participants kick started the gala evening with their traditional folk song. It was a novel interactive session for the audience when the Australian team introduced their indigenous slang, for which the audience were asked to guess the meaning. The Chinese made use of the opportunity to share their traditional song and also the secret of Chinese tea. The Vietnamese, in their traditional attire soothed the ears of the audience with a song. A live demo of Vietnamese tea preparation and its distribution was the highlight of their programme. They did not forget to

promote their tea by presenting a sachet of tea powder to each one among the audience. The native Ethiopian dance conducted as part of the epiphany celebrations performed by a participant was really mind – blowing. Participants from other countries like Bangladesh, Indonesia, South Africa, Cambodia, Cameroon and Switzerland shared the rich tradition of their country through videos and some cultural performances. The India group sang the popular national integration song "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara" with the music track while playing the original video on the screen. The performances ended up with a Zambian song for which the entire audience danced along. Altogether, the whole evening was a perfect blend of different cultures and it gave one the feeling that all world was brought under one roof.

The Programme Managers Course which got over on February 12 registered a record participation of 53 participants from 18 countries across the globe. The two week course provides insights to different aspects of eye care management and its effective delivery. A cultural performance by the participants is arranged at the end of the first week of the course to add flavor to the whole programme.

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## TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Course title	Training Centre	Total Number Trained as on December 2011	Enrollments for January 2012
<b>Long Term Fellowship Courses</b>			
<b>Fellowship in Retina Vitreous</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	96	3
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	2	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	25	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	6	0
<b>Short Term Fellowship Courses</b>			
<b>Fellowship in Orbit &amp; Oculoplasty</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	7	1
<b>Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	110	2
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	143	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	101	1
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	2	0
<b>IOL Microsurgery</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	709	1
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	276	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	212	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	11	0
<b>Small Incision Cataract Surgery</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	167	0
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	112	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	127	1
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	22	1
<b>Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	258	2
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	253	1
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	4	0
<b>Ocularist</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	23	1
<b>Optical dispensing</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	158	3
<b>Management Courses</b>			

<b>Management Priorities in Eye Care Delivery</b>	<b>LAICO</b>	238	22
<b>Management Training for Eye Care Programme Managers</b>	<b>LAICO</b>	268	58
<b>Instrument Maintenance Courses</b>			
<b>Instrument Maintenance</b>	<b>LAICO</b>	490	4

[Click here to view Training Programme full statistics](#)



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## AUROLAB NEWS

### Bhajan at Aurolab

February 4



A special bhajan was organized for the production staff of Aurolab. Mr. Raja from Coimbatore led the bhajan. He also shared some moral stories to the audience. The audience actively participated in the bhajan. At the end of the programme, prasatham was offered to all the staff members.



## MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

January - 2011										
Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Thirupur	Salem	Total	
<b>HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS</b>										
Paying (New & Review)	36,613	5,351	18,347	24,373	15,175	4,345	2,888	4,192	111,284	
Free (Direct walk-in)	10,091	1,523	4,393	7,371	4,649	-	-	-	28,027	
<b>OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS</b>										
Regular Eye	8,289	1,850	3,914	5,242	3,499	-	110	-	22,904	

Camps										
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	325	378	-	1,403	541	-	50	-	2,697	
Refraction Camps	1,691	417	252	754	500	-	-	-	3,614	
Mobile Refraction Unit	-	501	-	-	-	-	-	-	501	
School Screening camps	-	-	4,481	8,619	1,873	-	-	-	14,973	
ICDS Children	-	-	2,317	-	115	-	-	-	2,432	
Paediatric Camps	118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118	
Vision Centres	6,964	3,404	3,863	2,149	1,791	-	433	-	18,604	
Community Eye Clinics	3,172	1,483	3,967	-	-	-	-	-	8,622	
<b>Total OP Examinations</b>	<b>67,263</b>	<b>14,907</b>	<b>41,534</b>	<b>49,911</b>	<b>26,352</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>4,192</b>	<b>213,776</b>	
<b>SURGERIES</b>										
Paying	1,841	240	801	954	520	108	78	205	4,747	
Free (Direct)	1,421	172	482	924	340	29	45	27	3,440	
Camp	2,414	208	762	1,178	813	-	-	-	5,375	
<b>Total Surgeries</b>	<b>5,676</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>13,562</b>	

