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The real opportunity for success lies within the person and not in the job.
 Zig Ziglar

Editorial

What began as just an intraocular lens manufacturing unit twenty five years ago, over the time went on to manufacture all essential ophthalmic supplies and equipment, thus contributing to Aravind's mission of making quality eye care affordable and accessible to all. Aurolab later diversified to a state of the art facility with five full-fledged divisions exporting products to over 160 countries. With an altruistic perspective and stringent quality standards Aurolab elegantly meets the challenge of manufacturing world class ophthalmic products and yet making them affordable and available to all. A grand function was organized in Aurolab to commemorate the silver jubilee of Aurolab which was attended by Aravind well-wishers, friends and supporters.

Altruism is in the very DNA of the organization and often it indulges in philanthropic initiatives to support the needy. This year too the great charity fest was held at Aravind – Madurai and Pondicherry with immense support from all cadres of staff.

Outreach eye camps play a major role in taking Aravind's eye care services to the village people. As a way of acknowledging the support of sponsors in conducting eye camps, every two year Aravind observes Sponsors Day in its various centres. Sponsors Day held at Tirunelveli and Coimbatore turned out to be memorable moments for all the participants.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Dr.Noel Moniz Memorial Award for Dr.R.Ramakrishnan

Cochin, January 22



Dr.R.Ramakrishnan was bestowed with the 8th Dr.Noel Moniz Memorial Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of Glaucoma by Cochin Ophthalmic Club.

Centre for Sight Lifetime Achievement Award for Dr.P. Namperumalsamy

Hyderabad, January 13

Dr.P.Namperumalsamy was presented with the award for his contribution towards teaching generations of residents and fellows in ophthalmology.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Pongal CME

Aravind – Coimbatore, January 4-7



The CME this time focused on the soft skills required to provide quality patient centred care. This has helped the staff to understand and realise the attitude, skills that are essential for good patient centric care. Dr. Radhkrishnan, Academic Advisor, Palanisamy College of Arts and Science gave a lecture on Self-confidence. Prof Dr. Manivannan, Government Arts College, Ooty spoke on the importance of nursing profession. Ms. Uma Priya, HR Manager spoke on how to help maintain the privacy of patient details. Ms. Sangeetha, Manager – Administration gave a lecture on the importance of women's safety.



Team from Ad-din Foundation Visits Aravind

Madurai, January 22-24



Team from Ad – Din Foundation, Bangladesh visited Aravind to identify and explore areas for future collaboration



Republic Day Celebrations

Aravind centres, January 26



68th Republic Day was celebrated at Aravind centres with great patriotic fervour. National Flag was hoisted and sweets were distributed. Patriotic songs were sung.



Pongal Celebrations

Aravind centres, January 10



The traditional festival of Tamil Nadu was celebrated with great interest and fun at various Aravind centres. Celebrations began with the traditional Pongal making. Several competitions - hitting the pot, eating sugarcane, filling the water bottle and breaking balloons added to the spirit of the celebration.



Sponsors' Day Celebrations

Aravind - Tirunelveli, January 8



Aravind - Tirunelveli celebrated Sponsors' Day to recognize and appreciate the contribution of sponsors towards organizing eye camp. 220 sponsors attended the function from the districts -Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Kanyakumari, Virudhunagar and also from Kerala. The function started with prayer song. Dr.V.Maneksha, welcomed the gathering. Mr.Hariesh Kumar, Manager-Outreach presented the performance of camps for the year 2016. Year wise performance for

the past 15 years and trend in cataract admission were specially explained. He also put forward resented few ideas that will attract more patients to the camp and also presented the plan for the year 2017.

Dr.R.Ramakrishnan, presented and explained the role of Aravind and sponsors in eliminating needless blindness and appreciated the dedicated service of each and every sponsor individually. A few sponsors gave their feedback. Mrs.Radhamony Venugopal, Lions Club - DC - Sight First, Trivandrum, Mr.Manoharan, Rajagopal Naiakar Trust - Chinthamani, Mr.Chidambarapandian, BSSO and Mr.Pandiaraj, SCAD Group shared their feedback.

For the first time, a Quiz Competition was organized for the Sponsors and the winning team was given prize. The day concluded with a special talk by Prof. Ramachandran, which was very much interesting and motivated the audience to further extend their yeomen service. Mr.M.Balakrishnan, Manager - Free Hospital proposed a vote of thanks.

Aravind – Coimbatore, January 8

Aravind Eye Hospital, at Coimbatore celebrated its Sponsors day. The Chief Guest of the function was Mr.Nicholas Francis, who is the director of ROHTALK and the administrator of Hellen Keller Society for the Blind. He is well-known for his motivational lectures. Close to 250 sponsors attended the function. Dr.G.Natchiar presided over the function. Dr.Narendran, Chief Medical Officer, welcomed the gathering and Ms. A.K.Yogeswari, Refraction MLOP conducted the Eye-Q quiz which was well appreciated by everyone.



20th Hospital Day of Aravind Eye Hospital Coimbatore

Aravind – Coimbatore, January 9



Aravind Eye Hospital - Coimbatore successfully completed twenty years of service towards restoring sight. The program began with a prayer song. Dr.Parag K Shah, Medical Consultant, Retina Services welcomed the gathering. Dr.V.Narendran, Chief Medical Officer presented the Annual Report for the year 2016. Dr.R.D.Ravindran, Chairman, gave the felicitation address. Chief Guest Dr.Kezevino Aram, President, Shanti Ashram gave an inspirational speech about service rendered by the team. She appreciated the team for their dedication, hard work, commitment, honesty and teamwork in the journey of eliminating needless blindness for the last two decades. Awards were given to the employees who have rendered 5 years, 10 years, 15 years and 20 years of service in the hospital. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr.Sandra, Medical Consultant, Paediatric Clinic. All the cultural programs had Indian culture as the central theme which was displayed in a very entertaining manner and the whole group enjoyed the performance.



Angaadi

Aravind – Pondicherry, January 9-10



Angadi – the great charity fest was organized by Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry providing a unique shopping experience for staff and their family members. The event was conceived with the notion of reusing things which people don't want to use any more. This included items which are new and not used. For the used goods, the specific mandate was that they are in a good condition that no one would hesitate buying.



Guest lecture

Aravind – Coimbatore, January 31



Dr. Jeyanthasri Balakrishnan, retired Professor and motivational speaker delivered a talk on Seivana Thiruntha Sei, which was very energetic and powerful. She in her talk made each one of the audience realise how passionate we should be in life and feel satisfy that our basic needs have been fulfilled. She made the MLOP nursing staff realise how

important and valuable their work is to the organisation.



Session on Leadership - Inspired Leadership through Personal Mastery

Aravind – Madurai, January 20



The most difficult thing in life is to know oneself and once you now about yourself -you are ready to lead. Inspired Leadership through Personal Mastery which ended on 20th January 2017 was designed for the next line of leaders to develop better understanding of themselves. This program was spread over 6 months and facilitated by Prof. DVR Seshadri (ISB, Hyderabad) and Dr. Thimappa Hegde (Neurosurgeon, Narayana Health, Bengaluru). Doctors, Managers participated in this programme held at LAICO.



Uvea 360 – A Holistic Approach to Uveitis

Aravind – Madurai, January 28-29



On the occasion of Uvea Department completing twenty five years of service, the department conducted the conference at Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai. Welcome address was given by Dr.R.D.Ravindran, Chairman – Aravind Eye Care System. Professor. Narsing A Rao, Professor of Ophthalmology and Pathology University of Southern California, USA, Professor Emmett Cunningham, Director of the Uveitis Service California Pacific Medical Center USA and Dr.Edoardo Bagalivo from Switzerland were the distinguished faculty. Experts from Sankara Nehtralaya, L.V.Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad and Bhubaneshwar, P.G.I.Chandigarh, Vasan Eye Hospital, K.M.C.Manipal and Prabha Eye Clinic shared their valuable experiences. In addition to the 14 Aravind faculty, Dr.Arul Rajamurugan, Rheumatologist from Government Rajaji Hospital, Dr.K.G.Srinivasan from K.G.Scans, Madurai shared their vast knowledge on the subject. A total of 155 delegates attended. During this 2 day scientific program, the various scientific lectures, panel discussions, interesting case presentations, Video sessions, poster exhibition and interactive brainstorming sessions were arranged.



DNB Batch Comes Out in Flying Colours

Aravind – Tirunelveli

For the Fourth consecutive year, all the DNB Students of Aravind Tirunelveli have passed both the Theory and Practical exams.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

Oculi 2017 : Update on Oculoplasty, Orbit and Ocular Oncology

Kottayam, January 29

Dr. Usha Kim

- Different surgical approaches in ptosis
- Retinoblastoma : Overview & recent advances



Annual Conference of the Alliance for Continuing Education for Healthcare Professionals

San Francisco, January 26 - 29

Ms. Dhivya Ramasamy participated.



LAICO HAPPENINGS

Aravind Collaborates with Operation Eyesight Universal (OEU)

Aravind - Madurai, January 2-3



Operation Eyesight Universal was founded in 1963 with an objective to restore the eyesight of the poor and marginalized communities in India and later expanded its scope to include regions of Africa and South Asia. Aravind has entered into collaboration with OEU in organizing training and capacity building programmes for OEU's partners in Africa and South Asia, exploring new areas of intervention in Africa and South Asia as well as provide consultancy support to OEU's partners. Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Mr.R.D.Thulasiraj and Dr.Santhosh Moses.



Consultancy Visits

Ms. Sashipriya made a follow up Visit to Sharda Netralay, Dhule from January 4-7. Following this, she visited Sankara Hospital, Odisha to get a first knowledge about the hospital and its operational practices.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Enrolments for January 2017 at Aravind Eye Care System		
Course title	Training Centre	Enrolments for January 2017
Long Term Fellowship Programmes - For Ophthalmologists		
Anterior Segment & IOL Surgery	Coimbatore	1
	Madurai	1
	Pondicherry	1
Cornea	Madurai	1
	Pondicherry	1
General Ophthalmology	Madurai	2
	Salem	1
	Pondicherry	1
Glaucoma	Madurai	1
	Pondicherry	1
Orbit & Oculoplasty	Madurai	2
Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus	Coimbatore	1
	Tirunelveli	1
Retina - Vitreous	Madurai	4
	Tirunelveli	1
	Pondicherry	3
Short Term Fellowship Program - For Ophthalmologists		
Orbit & Oculoplasty	Madurai	1
Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists		
Clinical Observership Program In Diagnosis and Management Of Glaucoma	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
	Tirunelveli	1
Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy	Madurai	2

	Coimbatore	2
Phacoemulsification	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	2
Small Incision Cataract Surgery	Pondicherry	1
Short Term Courses - For Paramedicals		
FFA & USG	Madurai	1
Optical dispensing	Madurai	2
Training for ocularist	Madurai	1
Management Courses - Non Clinical Courses		
Management Priorities in Eye Care Delivery	LAICO	42



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AUROLAB NEWS

Pongal Celebrations

Aurolab, January 11



The production staff and MLOPs performed a folk dance on Thai Pongal. Traditional art forms like Silambattam and Oyillattam were staged. Pot breaking competition was conducted. Pongal pooja was performed to the cattle in Aurofarm. Holy prasadam was distributed to all.



Vendor Meet

Aurolab, January 7



As part of Silver Jubilee Celebrations, vendor meet was organised. Mr.Venkatesa Kannan, Division Manager-Pharmaceuticals welcomed the audience. Mr.Sivanand, Manager- Marketing gave a talk on Aurolab genesis. Mr.Krishna Kumar-Manager-Regulatory Affairs handled a presentation on regulatory requirements. Tour of the production facility and Nithyatha was organized. Infinite Vision video was screened. Mr.R.D.Sriram-Joint Managing Director gave a presentation on Code of Business, Conduct and Ethics. Trustees, Mr.G.Srinivasan and Mr.R.D.Thulasiraj gave a wonderful speech to the suppliers. Mr.Chandrasekar, Purchase manager gave a vote of thanks.



Aurolab Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Aurolab, January 28



Twenty five years ago what started as just an IOL manufacturing division, now has diversified to manufacture all essential ophthalmic supplies and indigenous equipment. Aurolab brought down the price of IOLs, making them affordable to the common man and revolutionised the field of cataract surgery by introducing a wide variety of lenses. Today Aurolab manufactures over 200 products in its international standard facility and exports to over 160 countries worldwide. The product range includes intraocular lenses, sutures, pharmaceutical products, surgical blades and equipment.

Mr.Karumuttu.T.Kannan Chairman and Managing Director of Thiagarajar Mills Madurai was the Chief Guest for the silver jubilee celebrations. Dr.D.Ramamurthy, President - All India Ophthalmic Society and chairman, The Eye Foundation, Coimbatore, participated in the event Guest of Honor and delivered the felicitation address. Mr.R.D.Sriram, Joint Managing Director, welcomed the audience. Dr.P.Balakrishnan, Managing Director presented the 25th year report which captured the growth of the organization from a humble beginning of 10 people to its present size of 800 employees. He also reiterated the main focus of Aurolab being development of necessary products at affordable rates with the best of quality. The silver jubilee souvenir was released by the chief guest and the first issue was received by Dr.D.Ramamurthy. The event concluded with soulful rendering of songs by Aurolab staff and enthralling dance performance by Mrs.Harsha troupe. Mr.Krishnakumar, Senior Manager, delivered a vote of thanks.



MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

January - 2017

Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Tuticorin	RS Puram	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS												
Paying (New & Review)	47,685	7,548	25,454	31,313	22,648	5,463	3,418	9,921	2,406	4,605	2,426	1,62,887
Free:Direct walk-in (New & Review)	12,071	1,772	5,423	8,881	6,165	NA	574	901	626	606	NA	37,019
OUTREACH OUT PATIENT												
Comprehensive Eye Camps	6,132	1,485	2,989	5,468	4,385	NA	NA	519	NA	353	NA	21,331
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	557	NA	NA	365	357	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,279
Refraction Camps	977	424	1,185	NA	501	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,087
Mobile Refraction Unit	NA	NA	NA	6609	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	6609
School Screening camps	NA	102	439	500	497	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1538
Paediatric Camps	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vision Centres	17,082	5,087	9,216	3,145	5,075	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	39,605
Community Centres / City Centres	8,317	2,005	2,496	2,221	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15,039
Total OP Examinations	92,821	18,423	47,202	56,281	41,849	5,463	3,992	11,341	3,032	5,564	2,426	2,88,394
Total Number of Camps	25	8	19	25	19	NA	NA	5	NA	2	NA	103
SURGERIES												
Service Proportion of Cataract Surgeries												
Paying	5,139	486	2,584	3,181	2,154	361	151	721	103	176	77	15,133
Free (Direct)	2,405	275	850	1,754	1,096	NA	120	196	132	84	NA	6,912
Camp	2,055	272	488	1,190	876	NA	57	173	14	33	NA	5,158
Total Cataract Surgeries	9,599	1,033	3,922	6,125	4,126	361	328	1,090	249	293	77	27,203
Note: NA - Not Applicable												

