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Quote

Let your faith be bigger than your fear!

Editorial

Dr. V's life and service has been an inspiring lesson to many. That he has made an impact in the society was again reinforced during his birth centenary celebrations at Madurai which was attended by thousands from various walks of life. Tributes continue to pour in, latest in the series being a special postal cover released by the Department of Posts.

The term corporate social responsibility is very familiar amongst most of us. At Aravind there is a similar programme conducted annually. Titled Residents Social Responsibility, this event is to sensitise doctors to the plight of the less fortunate and enable them to heal people in a way beyond mere medicine. As part of this, sales of products manufactured by blind women were organized. The best part is the resident doctors go behind the sales counters, keeping account of the products sold and money earned.

Community outreach activities still remain the corner stone of Aravind's high volume care. And a team of highly dedicated community partners ensure the success of these camps. Special programme was organized at Aravind to acknowledge the noble service rendered by them.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Best Video Award



Dr. Swati Upadhyaya, Glaucoma Consultant, Aravind-Pondicherry won the award in the competition conducted by Glaucoma Today magazine. The video was titled Can GATT be an effective Surgical Option for POAG in Developing Countries?



Dr. R.D. Ravindran Delivers Second Krovvidi Family Endowment Lecture

Hyderabad, January 12

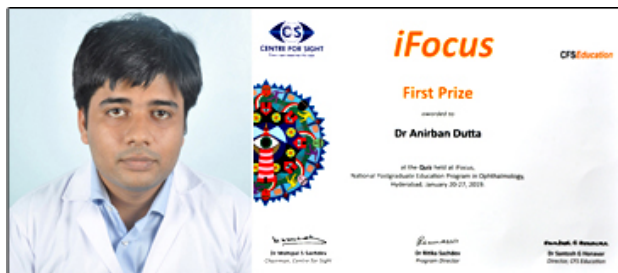


Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye Care System delivered the second Krovvidi Family Endowment Lecture on the topic, "Customer oriented approach critical to building organizations - Aravind Case Study' at L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad.



iFocus Quiz Competition

Hyderabad, January 7



Dr. Anirban Dutta, Senior Resident, Aravind-Tirunelveli participated in the Quiz competition held at iFocus, National Postgraduate Education program in Ophthalmology, Hyderabad and won the First Prize.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Residents Social Responsibility Programme

Aravind-Madurai, January 01



Resident doctors of Post Graduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai welcomed the year 2019 with the splendor of 'Vaanavil', an exhibition-cum-sale of the handicrafts made by the members of Rehabilitation Centre for Women, Mannarpuram, Trichy. The programe was inaugurated by Honourable Justice S.S. Sundar, Judge, Madurai High court. The event started with a welcome song and a touching address in Braille by the Trichy team. An array of items ranging from towels, curtains, bedspreads, candles, incense sticks, bags, wire baskets were kept on sale. An amount of 2.75 lakhs was raised.

At Aravind-Tirunelveli on January 11, the Postgraduates spent a fruitful day at Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudi, shelter home for the differently-abled. They gifted a computer which can be used to get training in simple activities like billing, sales, etc. The team also attended the Pongal Celebrations organized at the ashram and distributed sweets and gifts to the children.



CME on Ascan Biometry

Aravind-Madurai, January 01



Intraocular Lens and Cataract Services at Aravind-Madurai conducted the CME which was attended by all refractionists. Staff from centres other than Madurai was connected through tele conferencing. IOL fellows, Dr. Manasa, Dr. Sujana, Dr. Swati Kumari Singh, Dr. Nikil gave presentations and various topics were discussed in the CME, which includes Biometry protocol, EMR entry, A-scan, Biometry in special cases, Femto, Toric, Multifocal, I-trace, Verion, Biometry errors and issues faced, Biometry meeting protocols and its importance.



Angaadi

Aravind-Pondicherry, January 4-5



Angaadi – the great charity fest organised at Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry was inaugurated by Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Chairman, AECS. The event was conceived with the notion of selling and reusing things which people don't want to use any more. The amount collected through the sales was donated to charity.



Release of Special Postal Cover to Honour Dr.G.Venkataswamy

Aravind-Coimbatore, January 05



Various programmes were organized over the past few months to commemorate Dr. V's birth centenary. Latest in this series was the release of a special postal cover. Department of Posts, Govt. of India released a special postal cover in honour of Dr. V. Shri. V. Ramasamy, IPoS, Director of Postal Services-Western Region released the same by handing over a copy to Dr. P. Namperumalsamy, Chairman-Emeritus, Aravind Eye Care System, by Dr. V. Narendran and Dr. Kalpana Narendran, Aravind Eye Hospital-Coimbatore. Dr. Sudhir Gopal Jakhere, IPoS, Senior Superintendent of Post Office in his address mentioned that it was the first time in Indian history that an Ophthalmologist was featured in a special postal cover.



Sponsors' Day

Aravind-Coimbatore, January 06



Every two year, Aravind Eye Hospitals organize Sponsors' Day to recognize the valuable contribution of sponsors who work towards achieving the mission of eliminating needless blindness. In January, Aravind Eye Hospitals - Coimbatore and Salem jointly organized the programme which was attended by 347 sponsors from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.

Dr. V. Narendran, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind-Coimbatore welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Namperumalsamy, Chairman-Emeritus offered felicitation. Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Jayanthasri Balakrishnan gave a highly inspiring lecture.

Dr. Vinoth, Glaucoma Consultant conducted quiz programme on Aravind and Dr.V. 120 sponsors participated and the top 4 winners were recognized by small gifts.



Team from Wavelength Visits Aravind

Aravind-Madurai, January 8-9



A twenty-member team from Wavelength was at Aravind-Madurai on an exposure visit. The team visited an eye camp, vision centre and the various hospital facilities. They also held discussions with the senior leadership team of Aravind.



Exhibition on Emergency Resuscitation

Aravind-Madurai, January 09 & 10



The exhibition had models of several instruments and equipment starting from thermometer, sphygmomanometer to defibrillator. There was a demo on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The exhibition was conducted to brief the staff to handle emergency situations. Question-answer session was conducted and chocolates were distributed to the winners.



Inauguration of Vision-Aid National Resource Centre

Aravind-Madurai, January 11



The inauguration of Vision-Aid National Resource Centre for the visually impaired and the renovated Vision Rehabilitation Services was held at Aravind-Madurai. Senior team from Vision-Aid, Mr. Ramakrishna Raju, Founder & Executive Director, Mrs. Revathy Ramakrishna, Co-Founder & Vice-President, Dr. Linda Lawrence, Paediatric ophthalmologist and early interventionist in Vision Rehabilitation, Kansas, USA and the Senior leadership team of Aravind were present. The resource centre provides a range of devices, training and services which aim to enable, educate and empower the visually impaired.



Awareness Programme on Retinopathy of Prematurity

Aravind-Theni, January 10



ROP is one among the leading causes of preventable blindness disease among infants worldwide. The most important determinant in ROP management programme is an effective screening strategy. To create awareness among the parents, an orientation and interactive programme on ROP screening and awareness was conducted at Aravind-Theni. 22 parents with their new born babies and attenders participated in the programme.



Pongal Celebration

Aravind Centres, January 11



Pongal, the harvest festival dedicated to the Sun God is celebrated by the people of Tamil Nadu. The celebrations last over three days. All Aravind centres celebrated the festival in an elaborate manner.



CPE for Drivers

Aravind-Madurai, January 13



Mr. S.G. Ramanathan, Public Relations Officer, Aravind-Madurai welcomed the gathering. Mr. Charles from Cordial Training Centre spoke on how to manage stress and develop ownership. Mr. Narasimma Mani, Road Safety Trainer, Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) delivered a talk on road rules which was well received by the participants. Dr. Krishnadas, Director-HR gave a talk on the attitude and behavior expected from drivers. Over 27 drivers across the Aravind system attended this CME.



Training at Pegasus

Aravind-Pondicherry, January 12, 13



As a part of HR development, doctors, managers and senior staff of Aravind-Pondicherry were taken to Pegasus outbound learning centre to develop communication skills and commitment to work, learn about proper planning, create good working environment, proper delegation of work. It was a great learning experience with lots of activities. personal skills. A few staff from Aravind- Tirunelveli also joined the session.



Republic Day Celebration

Aravind, 26, 2019

All Aravind Centres and Aurolab observed 70th Republic day with great patriotism. The National Flag was hoisted in all centres. Patriotic songs were sung by staff followed by taking oath. The ceremony ended with National Anthem and distribution of chocolates.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

Neuro CME

Aravind – Chennai, December 1-2

Dr. G. Natchiar

- *Importance of neuro ophthalmology in neurological practice*



India in 2047: A Global Leader – The 33rd Annual Programme for Senior Executives

National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, December 08

Dr. Usha Kim

- *Health care: The Aravind Eye Care*



Indian Society of Chemists and Biologists (ISCB)

Lucknow, January 12-14

Dr. O.G. Ramprasad, Scientist, AMRF

- *Exploration of a novel chemical cross-linker for the treatment of keratoconus*



LAICO HAPPENINGS

Management Priorities in Eye Care Delivery

LAICO, January 20-26



LAICO hosted the course intended for the heads of eye hospitals. 31 participants from countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Zambia and India attended.



7th Onsite Review Meeting

Kakinada, January 8-9



Review meeting was organised for LAICO's partnering hospitals under Lavelle and So-hum projects. Srikiran Institute of Ophthalmology, Kakinada hosted the same. Ten hospital teams from India, Bangladesh and Nepal attended. The meeting provided an opportunity to assess the current status, progress made and challenges faced. The meeting also provided a platform for cross-learning. At the end of the meeting, participant hospital developed action plans and strategies for the next twelve months. A ten-member team from LAICO facilitated the review meeting.



Consultancy Visits

Dr. Dhivya Karthik and Mr. Sanil Joseph went on a follow up visit to Nirphad Eye Hospital, Mathura from January 2-5, 2019.

Mr. Venkatesh, IT and Systems visited Bangladesh for IHMS implementation and review.

Mr. Sriharinath visited Midnapore Rotary Eye Hospital, West Bengal for IHMS implementation and review.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Enrolments for January 2019 at Aravind Eye Care System

Course title	Training Centre	Enrolments for January 2019
Long Term Fellowship Programs - For Ophthalmologists		
Fellowship in IOL & Anterior Segment	Chennai	1
Fellowship in Cornea	Madurai	4
Fellowship in Glaucoma	Coimbatore	1
	Madurai	1
Fellowship in General Ophthalmology	Madurai	2
	Coimbatore	2
Fellowship in Orbit & Oculoplasty	Madurai	1
Fellowship in Retina Vitreous	Madurai	4
	Tirunelveli	2
	Coimbatore	1
Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus	Pondicherry	1
Short Term Fellowship - For Ophthalmologists		
Short term fellowship in orbit and oculoplasty	Madurai	1
Short Term Clinical courses - For Ophthalmologists		
Clinical Observership Program In Diagnosis and Management Of Glaucoma	Coimbatore	2
	Madurai	1
Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	2
Phacoemulsification	Madurai	1
Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity and Paediatric Retinal Disorders	Madurai	1
Small incision cataract surgery	Pondicherry	2
	Madurai	1
Paramedical Courses		
Optical Dispensing	Madurai	1
Orthoptist	Madurai	1
Ocularist	Madurai	1
Non-Clinical courses		
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AUROLAB NEWS

27th Aurolab Day

Aurolab, January 19



Dr. R. Meenakshi – Chief Medical Officer of Aravind, Tirunelveli was the chief guest for the function. The programme began with prayer song followed by Mr. Venkatesh, QA Manager, Pharmaceutical Division welcoming the gathering. Dr. Meenakshi gave an inspiring speech. Service awards were presented to employees who completed 5,10,15,20 years of service.

Mr. R.D. Sriram, Managing Director presented a report of the activities. Mr. Krishna Kumar, Sr. Manager, Regulatory Affairs shared about the growth of Aurolab and its plans for development. Cultural programmes added colour to the event. Mr. Chandrasekar, Manager, Purchase Stores delivered the vote of thanks.



MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

January - 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)	51,504	7,770	26,343	29,465	19,246	5,619	3,967	9,750	2,826	5,095	2,986	12,510	1,77,081
Free:Direct walk-in (New & Review)	13,343	1,998	6,336	8,940	6,676	NA	1,014	1,791	1,179	847	NA	2,627	44,751
OUTREACH OUT PATIENT													
Comprehensive	5,595	1,591	3,642	4,738	3,612	NA	NA	1,045	NA	226	NA	1,381	21,830

Eye Camps

Diabetic Retinopathy camps	395	228	NA	329	402	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,354
Glaucoma Camps	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Refraction Camps	150	NA	277	881	NA	NA	NA	184	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,492
Mobile Refraction Unit	NA	NA	NA	1,592	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,592
School Screening camps	1,029	NA	NA	24	939	NA	NA	561	NA	NA	NA	744	3,297
Paediatric Camps	NA	800	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	800
Vision Centres	22,471	5,588	11,864	3,952	5,731	NA	963		1,303	NA	NA	NA	51,872
Community Centres / City Centres	8,690	1,841	2,618	NA	2,377	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15,526

Total OP Examinations 1,03,177 19,816 51,080 49,921 38,983 5,619 5,944 13,331 5,308 6,168 2,986 17,262 3,19,595

Total Number of Camps 26 6 22 27 16 NA NA 5 NA 2 NA 6 110

SURGERIES

Service Proportion of Cataract Surgeries

Paying	2,607	324	1,066	1,245	850	232	170	552	150	152	99	519	7,966
Free (Direct)	1,737	190	564	1,179	592	126	192	202	207	95	NA	157	5,241
Camp	1,426	216	648	1,342	730	NA	43	203	25	22	NA	238	4,893
Total Cataract Surgeries	5,770	730	2,278	3,766	2,172	358	405	957	382	269	99	914	18,100

Note: NA - Not Applicable



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