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Quote

Confidence and Hard-work is the best medicine to kill the disease called failure. It will make you a successful person.

- Dr. APJ. Abdul Kalam

Editorial

Aravind's concept of primary eye care centres is gaining significance and many state governments in India have approached the organization seeking assistance in establishing similar set ups in selected areas where availability of eye care services is negligible. Continuing its principle of making eye care easily accessible, Aravind opened its latest vision centre at Pennadam.

Joining hands with Bosch, a new initiative was launched in which with the help of an eye camera, MediBilder software and an automated detection platform, speciality eye conditions like glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy could be identified in vision centres. This innovative platform is aimed to further enhance the effectiveness of vision centres in providing easy access to eye care especially when the patients do not have to travel long distances to reach the main hospital.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Healthcare Service Award for Dr. G. Natchiar

Chennai, June 21



Dr. G. Natchiar was awarded Health Care Service Award by Muthu Pharmacy Charitable Trust, Chennai. Dr. Justice AR. Lakshmanan presented the award which carries a citation, medal and cash prize of Rs.1 lakh.



Recognition at the ASCRS Ophthalmic Photographers' Society

San Diego, California, April

Pictures taken by Mr. John Arumai Selvan and Mr. Rajkumar were displayed at the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society Exhibit as part of the ASCRS symposium held at San Diego, California in April 2015.



Congratulations



NEWS AND EVENTS

Talk on Green Walk

LAICO, June 3



Wanderers, the trekking and photography group of Aravind organised a talk By Mr. Muthukrishnan, a renowned social activist. He shared about how saving heritage spots around Madurai became a people's movement and led to the birth of Green Walk, an initiative where people visit these spots, get to know about its history and get close to nature.



Inauguration of Pennadam Vision Centre

Pennadam, Pondicherry, June 5



52nd Vision Centre of Aravind Eye care System was inaugurated at Pennadam by Mr. S. Ramaraj, Assistant Vice President - Administration, Ramco Cements, Alathiyur and PMJF. Lion N. Rajan, Past District Governor, Dt 324 -A3 inaugurated the teleconsultation unit.

Dr. R. Venkatesh, Chief Medical Officer - Aravind Pondicherry explained about the purpose of vision centre and its functions to the guests and audience. On the first day, the centre handled 69 outpatients.



Staff Children Felicited

Aravind – Madurai, June 9



Children of staff members who successfully completed tenth and plus two were felicitated at a special function organized in the hospital auditorium. Children and their parents shared their experiences. Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj distributed gifts to the children. Dr. V.P. Ravichandran gave a motivating talk.



Employee Welfare Activity – Valedictory Function of Spoken Hindi Training

Aravind – Madurai, June 10

Certificates were distributed for the second batch of employees who successfully completed the Spoken Hindi training.



Equipping Vision Centres to Detect Specialty Diseases: AECS-Bosch Initiative

Aravind – Madurai, June 11



As a rare blend of technology and medicine Bosch and Aravind Eye Care System have joined hands to provide comprehensive eye care through vision centres. The vision centre would be equipped with an eye camera, the MediBilder software and an automated detection platform. The camera operates on a re-chargeable battery, thus making it lightweight and portable. The findings from the eye camera can be shared over tele-medicine using the MediBilder software. The automated detection algorithm can detect and mark conditions like diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. Thus, a patient need not physically travel all the way from his/her place to the hospital as the vision centre serves the purpose. This initiative is expected to enhance quality at primary eye care level especially when it looks for diseases beyond cataract and refractive error.

Diabetic Retinopathy Awareness Camp

Aravind – Madurai



Retina Department at Aravind – Madurai conducted DR awareness at Velippattinam, Ramnad. A total of 171 patients were screened. 83 persons were found to have diabetes. Of this, 6 were identified with diabetic retinopathy.

Senior Officials from Government of India Visit Aravind

Aravind – Madurai, June 19-22



Senior officials from Government of India, Institute of Secretariat Training and Management came on a three-day exposure visit to Aravind in two batches. The teams visited Aravind facilities including vision centre and Aurofarm.

Sarvam Team Visits Aravind – Madurai

Madurai, June 28

A team of about 250 people from Sarvam village visited Aravind – Madurai in three batches and had a tour of various tourist attractions and temples in and around the city. Dr. G. Natchiar organized for their trip which was facilitated by



Ms. Srilakshmi, Ms. Barathy, Ms. Sreeja Ms. Banumathi and Ms. Subbulakshmi.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

World Glaucoma Congress

Hongkong, June 9



Dr. Mohideen Abdul Kader

- *Comparison of outcomes of Mitomycin-C augmented trabeculectomy with releasable suture versus fixed scleral flap suture*



LAICO HAPPENINGS

Follow up Visits: Hilton Cataract Initiative

African continent



Follow up visits were made to hospitals in African continent as part of the Hilton Cataract Initiative Project. At the end of the visit, LAICO team along with the individual hospital groups joined for a review meeting at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Further developmental plans were discussed and the challenges and shortcomings were analysed.



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AUROLAB NEWS

Observing World Day against Child Labour

Aurolab, June 12



Every year World Day against Child Labour is observed to raise awareness on the plight of child laborers world-wide. As per the instructions from Factory Inspector, staff of Aurolab took a pledge to raise awareness against child labour.



MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

June - 2015

Hospitals		Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Tuticorin	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS												
Paying (New & Review)		56,661	7,860	26,232	33,512	26,313	6,162	4,151	10,915	2,780	4,939	1,79,525
Free (Direct walk-in)		16,891	2,133	6,723	11,287	8,873	9	640	467	1,068	683	48,774
OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS												
Regular Eye Camps		6,943	870	3,700	5,039	6,097	-	-	926	-	339	23,914
Diabetic Retinopathy camps		906	75	72	917	557	-	-	-	-	-	2,527
Refraction Camps		357	202	416	746	326	-	-	-	-	-	2,047
Mobile Refraction Unit		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	821	-	-	821
School Screening camps		537	-	-	621	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,158
Paediatric Camps		-	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151

Vision Centres	15,374	5,027	8,138	2,609	4,359	-	912	-	999	-	37,418
Community Eye Clinics	4,028	1,705	2,551	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,284
Total OP Examinations	1,01,697	18,023	47,832	54,731	46,525	6,171	5,703	13,129	4,847	5,961	3,04,619
SURGERIES											
Paying	3,503	446	1,627	1,620	1,304	235	185	546	129	164	9,759
Free (Direct)	4,009	306	1,068	1,841	1,066	73	108	72	193	92	8,828
Camp	2,699	214	1,053	1,633	2,111	-	54	289	42	71	8,166
Total Surgeries	10,211	966	3,748	5,094	4,481	308	347	907	364	327	26,753

