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## Quote

Every day, at each moment, we shall aspire to do the right thing in the right way, always. - the Mother

## Editorial

In the last year, Aravind Eye Hospitals have examined over 45,000 outpatients from Andhra Pradesh, and over 17,000 patients underwent surgeries, with over 70% of them receiving high quality eye care at steeply subsidized rates or free of cost. 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 the hardships that these patients have to face to access the hospital, Aravind was very keen to establish a hospital closer to their homes, in one of the bordering districts of Andhra Pradesh. With support from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, the dream is being materialised now as the foundation stone was laid for Sri Venkateswara Aravind Eye Hospital in Tirupati.

Retinoblastoma is the eye cancer that affects children less than seven years of age. While the disease by itself is serious in nature, timely diagnosis, appropriate treatment and regular follow-up can save vision and lives of children. On the occasion of World Retinoblastoma Awareness week, Aravind centres at Madurai and Coimbatore organized a meet of disease survivors, which turned out to be an emotional and motivating event.

Continuing the mission of making eye care easily accessible even to the rural masses, Aravind opened vision centre at Palladam, thus taking the total number of centres to 63.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### Dr. KTK Lifetime Achievement Award for Dr. R.D. Ravindran

Chennai, May 10



Rotary Club of Chennai – IT City presented Dr.KTK Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr.R.D.Ravindran.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Aravind in Tirupati

Tirupati, May 21



Aravind's seventh tertiary care facility is to be opened in about two years at Tirupati. Foundation stone for this facility was laid by Dr.N.Chandrababu Naidu in the presence of senior management team of Aravind.

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 especially Chittoor, Cuddapah, Nellore, Anantapur, and ongole have been visiting Aravind Eye Hospitals to avail quality eye treatment. This number is increasing year after year. This facility will provide easier access to those already coming and an opportunity to serve eye care needs for the 14 million population of Chittoor, Nellore, Cadapa, Anantapur and neighbouring districts.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Opening of Palladam Vision Centre

Palladam, May 8



Aravind Eye Hospital - Tirupur opened its Vision Centre at Palladam which is about 21 kms from the base hospital. The centre was inaugurated by PMJF Lion A. Ranganathan, in the presence of Dr.Kalpana Narendran, Senior Medical Officer, Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore. Dr.V.R.Vivekanandan and Dr.Rodney J.Morris welcomed the gathering and briefed them about the functions of vision centre. Lions and Rotary club members attended the function.



### Celebrating International Nurses Day

Aravind – Tirunelveli, May 12





Aravind-Tirunelveli for the second time, celebrated Nurses Day in a grand manner. Competitions such as Poetry writing, Pencil Sketching and Quiz were organized in which the nurses participated with great enthusiasm. On May 16, a special programme was arranged for which Ms Usha Raman, Principal, Sri Jayendra Golden Jubilee Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Sankar Nagar was invited as the Chief Guest. Mr.Ganapathy Subramanian, teacher and an excellent orator was also invited. Ms.Usha Raman and Mr.Ganapathy Subramanian gave an inspiring speech and were appreciating the service rendered by the Aravind nurses. Prizes were distributed by Usha Raman to the winners.



## Observing Retinoblastoma Awareness Week

Aravind, May 13- 20



Aravind – Madurai organized awareness exhibition and family meet of the affected children. At the family meet, 18 families participated. Children were entertained with various games and fun programmes. Visit to Aurofarm and Nithyatha was also organized.

At Aravind – Coimbatore, 130 Retinoblastoma survivors along with their immediate families participated. Pedigree charts were prepared by the post graduates. Blood samples were collected from the patients and the family members for genetic testing, to be done free of cost. Games and magic show kept the children engaged.



## Valedictory Function of Kodai Kondattam 2017

Aravind – Madurai, May 20



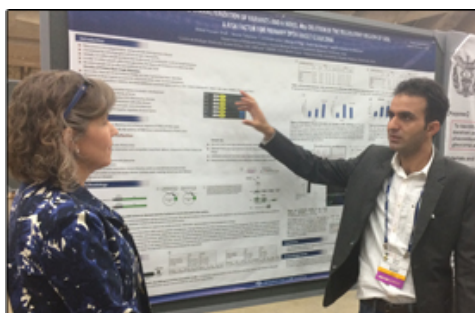
The ten-day summer camp for staff children came to an end on May 20. Close to 60 children attended the camp this time which included treks, crafts, swimming, Yoga, science experiments, and various entertainment activities



## CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

### Annual Conference of US – Association for research in Vision and Ophthalmology

Baltimore, US, May 7-11



Mohammed Hussein

- Identification and characterization of variants and a novel 4bp deletion in the regulatory region of SIX6, a risk factor for Primary Open Angle Glaucoma.

He also visited the research facility at National Eye Institute (NEI), Bethesda and presented his work.



## TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### Enrolments for May 2017 at Aravind Eye Care System

| Course title   | Training Centre    | Enrolments for May 2017 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Residency Programmes</b>                                      |                    |                         |
| <b>Diplomate of National Board</b>                               | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 5                       |
|  | <b>Pondicherry</b> | 6                       |
| <b>Long Term Fellowship Programmes - For Ophthalmologists</b>    |                    |                         |
| <b>Fellowship in Anterior Segment / Intraocular Lens Surgery</b> | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 1                       |
| <b>Cornea</b>  | <b>Madurai</b>     | 1                       |
|  | <b>Pondicherry</b> | 1                       |
| <b>Glaucoma</b>  | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 1                       |
| <b>Paediatric Ophthalmology &amp; Strabismus</b>                 | <b>Tirunelveli</b> | 1                       |
|  | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 1                       |
| <b>Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists</b>                 |                    |                         |
| <b>Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy</b>                            | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 2                       |
|  | <b>Madurai</b>     | 2                       |

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|---|--------------------|---|
|   | <b>Pondicherry</b> | 1 |
| <b>Phacoemulsification</b>                                  | <b>Pondicherry</b> | 1 |
|   | <b>Madurai</b>     | 2 |
| <b>Short term training in vitrectomy</b>                    | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 1 |
| <b>Management of ROP and retinal disorders</b>              | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 1 |
| <b>Small Incision Cataract Surgery</b>                      | <b>Tirunelveli</b> | 2 |
|   | <b>Madurai</b>     | 1 |
|   | <b>Coimbatore</b>  | 2 |
| <b>Short Term Courses - For Paramedicals</b>                |                    |   |
| <b>Fundus Fluorescein Angiography and Ultrasonography</b>   | <b>Madurai</b>     | 1 |
| <b>Training for Ocularist</b>                               | <b>Madurai</b>     | 1 |
| <b>Instrument Maintenance Course - Non Clinical</b>         |                    |   |
| <b>Instrument Maintenance Course - For Ophthalmologists</b> | <b>LAICO</b>       | 1 |



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## AUROLAB NEWS

### Guest Lectures

Aurolab, May 27, 2017





Mrs. Kowsalya Srinivasan, Principal - Akshara School handled a session on effective parenting to all parents with children below the age of 12 years on May 27. The parents felt the session very useful to them.



## Healthcare Awareness Talks



Dr. Arun, Gastroenterologist from Velammal Medical College handled the session on liver disorders on April 28. He touched upon the various liver diseases and ways to prevent the same. Participants felt the session very useful.

Dr. Satish Kumar – Urologist from Velammal Medical College Hospital and Research Institute handled the session on kidney diseases on May 20. He spoke about the causes of kidney stones and possible ways to prevent the disease.



## Orientation Session on Aurolab Products

Aravind – Coimbatore, May 26-27



Aurolab conducted an interactive programme to orient the nurses on the uses and features of its products. The session was truly informative as it gave an in-depth understanding on each product, which enables the staff to do effective counselling to the patients. Use of videos and illustrations made the whole programme interesting. Quiz conducted as part of this evoked great response from the audience.



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