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Quote

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.
 - Abraham Lincoln

Editorial

Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai completed 39 years of service in bringing sight to millions of people. Special function was organized to commemorate the anniversary of the hospital which was attended staff and employees from different departments.

Recently, Aravind's Chairman, Dr. R. D. Ravindran recognized by Salt Magazine as one of the compassionate leaders of the world. Salt is a new magazine out of the UK and its theme is compassionate business thinking. The selection was based Sustainability -- both resource conservation and economic sustainability, Innovation, Compassion and thus how many people are benefited. Chairman Emeritus was honoured by Andhra Pradesh Ophthalmic Society.

Aravind - Coimbatore hosted the post graduation education programme organized by All India Ophthalmic Society. It was truly an excellent platform for young ophthalmology students to get to know more about the various blinding diseases.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

Aravind News Team

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

APOS Honours Dr. P. Namperumalsamy

Tirupathi, September 11



Dakshin Netra - Annual Conference of Andhra Pradesh Ophthalmic Society honoured Dr. P. Namperumalsamy for his outstanding contributions to the field of ophthalmology.



Best Paper Award at Andhra Pradesh State Ophthalmic Conference

Tirupathi, September 11 - 13

Dr. Hemalatha Gudiseva, Medical Officer - Cornea, Raghavachar Medal for Best Paper at AP State Ophthalmic

Conference, held at Tirupathi.



Best Vocational Excellence Award

Tirunelveli, September 15



Dr. R. Meenakshi, Chief – Paediatric Ophthalmology Services, Aravind – Tirunelveli received Best Vocational Excellence Award from the Rotary club of Tirunelveli West.



Twin Awards for Dr. R.D Ravindran

Aravind – Madurai



Dr. R.D Ravindran was named among the world's most compassionate leaders by SALT Magazine. He has also been selected for the Swach Bharat Samman by Zee News, India's leading television channel.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Post Graduate Update in Ophthalmology

Aravind – Coimbatore, September 4 - 6



AIOS education committee organized a 3 day South Zone Post Graduate Education Programme at Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore. The Programme was focused to cover sub specialties like Cornea, Paediatric Ophthalmology, Retina and Vitreous, Uvea, Orbit, Glaucoma and Neuro Ophthalmology. The academic sessions featured examination techniques, case presentations and interactive sessions. The faculty comprised of eminent teachers from various leading teaching institutions of South India.



Medi Expo

Tirunelveli, September 6

An exhibition was conducted by Dhinakaran, leading Tamil daily Newspaper. Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli put up two stalls in the exhibition to create awareness on eye diseases and eye care. Around 1000 patients were and most of them were referred to the base hospital for further treatment.



Guest Lecture

Aravind – Madurai, September 9

Mr. R. Ramanathan from Sri Ramachandra Mission delivered a lecture on Heartfulness Meditation for the staff of Aravind – Madurai.



Talk on Aravind

New Delhi, August 31

Dr. Usha Kim delivered a talk at the CEO's panel, organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Federation House.



Employee Welfare Activity

Aravind – Tirunelveli, September 20

As a part of Employee welfare activity, 2nd year MLOP Trainees were taken on a one day tour to Agasthiyar falls.

27 September

Third year staff members were taken on a one day tour to Kuttralam, Paalaruvi, Ariyangavu temple and Thenmala.



AIOS Leadership Development Programme

Aravind – Pondicherry, September 12-13



The world is changing at a bewildering pace, technology is moving ahead, new economies are emerging and at the same time organisations are restructuring with a view to consolidate their core competencies. In other words, today organizations demand on leaders who sharpen their inherent skills and are prepared to face every competition with utmost confidence. Such was the motive behind conducting the Leadership Development Programme jointly by All India Ophthalmic Society (AIOS) and Aravind Eye Care System (AECS) at Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry. The programme was attended by 17 ophthalmologists, mostly healthpreneurs, from all over the country.

The dignitaries involved Padamshree Dr. S. Natrajan (CMD, Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital), Dr. Partha Biswas (Chairman-Academic and Research Committee, AIOS), Mr.R.D.Thulasiraj (Executive Director, LAICO) Dr. R.D Ravindaran (Chairman, AECS), Dr.S.Aravind (Administrator, AECS) and Dr. R. Venkatesh (CMO, AEH, Pondicherry).

The two day event started with an inspiring lecture by Mr. Saikat Sen on "Leadership by Consciousness", followed by hospital tour, lectures, discussions, case-studies, individual and group activities to understand the know-how of successfully leading an organization. The value of vision, goals, quality, systems and control were emphasized to help individuals realize their potential and develop core competency. The outbound activity organized by Col. Bala and team from Pegasus Institute of Excellence highlighted the concept of team-work, trust-building and leading by example.



39th Hospital Day Celebrations

Aravind – Madurai, September 26



Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai celebrated its 39th annual day with a variety of programmes. DR. R. Kim presented a report on the last year's activities. Dr. R.D Ravindran gave a brief update on Aravind Eye Care System. Dr. P. Namperumalsamy offered felicitations. Cultural programmes were staged by the different teams. Service awards were distributed to the staff members. Proficiency Medals were distributed to the MS and DO graduates. Dr. G. Venkataswamy Endowment Award was also announced and distributed.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

Dakshin Nethra - Andhra Pradesh Ophthalmic Society (APOS) Conference

Tirupati, September 11 - 13

Dr. Usha Kim

- *Eyelid reconstruction - Tips and tricks*
- *Current understanding of aponeuritic Ptosis*

Dr. R. Ramakrishnan

- *Surgical management of narrow angle glaucoma, clear corneal extraction Vs combined procedures*

- Can we avoid Iatrogenic angle closure glaucoma in a busy large volume OPD and the role of Gonioscopy
- Epidemiology of glaucoma in India (keynote address)
- Surgical management of open angle Glaucoma-Trab Vs non penetrating filtering procedures and tissue expanders
- When and how to investigate to confirm glaucoma



Euretina-2015

Nice, France, September 15 - 22



Dr. Kim

- *Diabetic vitrectomies: Current practices*

Dr. Naresh Babu

- 2cc 100% sulfur hexafluoride as tamponading agent following primary vitrectomy for retinal detachment surgery



TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Enrollments for September 2015 at Aravind Eye Care System		
Course title	Training Centre	Enrollments for September 2015
Residency Programmes		
Diplomate of National Board	Tirunelveli	4
	Theni	1
Long Term Fellowship Programmes - For Ophthalmologists		
Cornea	Coimbatore	1
Anterior Segment & Intraocular Lens Surgery	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
General Ophthalmology	Madurai	1
Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus	Madurai	1
Glaucoma	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists		
Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma	Tirunelveli	1
Phacoemulsification	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
	Tirunelveli	1
	Pondicherry	1
Small Incision Cataract Surgery	Madurai	1

Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity	Coimbatore	2
Short Term Courses - For Paramedicals		
Optical Dispensing	Madurai	5
Fundus Fluorescein Angiography & Ultrasonography	Madurai	1
Management Courses - Non Clinical Courses		
Project Management for Eye Care	Madurai	9



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AUROLAB NEWS

Krishna Jayanthi Celebrations

Aurolab, September 4



Cultural programmes were staged by production staff and children. Ms.Vedavathi from Chinmaya Mission narrated the Krishna Leela stories. Finally pooja was performed and holy prasadam was distributed.



Tour for Production Staff

Aurolab, September 5 - 6, 12 - 13



As a part of welfare activity, HR department organized a tour for production staff in two batches. They were taken to Coutrallam, Thenmala and Papanasam.



MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

September - 2015

Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Tuticorin	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS											
Paying (New & Review)	50,394	7,088	24,886	33,349	25,015	5,759	3,845	10,318	2,514	4,693	1,67,861
Free (Direct walk-in)	15,316	1,835	7,343	10,928	8,822	12	599	647	896	768	47,166
OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS											
Regular Eye Camps	10,347	1,337	3,581	7,186	8,948	NA	NA	1,734	NA	660	33,793
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	1,119	70	251	1,319	1,070	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,829
Refraction Camps	3,270	NA	1,715	732	273	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5,990
Mobile Refraction Unit	NA	NA	NA	3379	NA	NA	NA	655	NA	NA	4,034
School Screening camps	826	426	169	300	NA	NA	NA	3950	NA	NA	5,671
Paediatric Camps	NA	249	NA	96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	345
Vision Centres	14,223	4,468	7,757	3,134	4,448	NA	869	NA	905	NA	35,804
Community Eye Clinics	3,773	1,711	2,401	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7,885
Total OP Examinations	99,268	17,184	48,103	60,423	48,576	5,771	5,313	17,304	4,315	6,121	3,12,378
SURGERIES											
Paying	3,178	364	1,530	1,577	1,255	141	90	613	68	135	8,951
Free (Direct)	2,795	248	1,158	1,796	981	87	77	98	146	74	7,460
Camp	3,051	219	767	1,921	2,097	NA	38	434	20	109	8,656
Total Surgeries	9,024	831	3,455	5,294	4,333	228	205	1,145	234	318	25,067

Note: NA - Not Applicable

