

## Editorial

Recently, a Stanford University study published the names of researchers who are in the top 2% in their field. Aravind is proud to note that one of its founders, Dr.M. Srinivasan was included in the list in the Ophthalmology category.

The annual conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association was held virtually owing to COVID-19 restrictions. Doctors from various Aravind centres bagged awards in various competitions held as part of the conference.

Though the pandemic has shaken our lives and changed most of our routines, Aravind continued its philanthropic activities. As part of residents social responsibility programme, residents at Aravind-Madurai distributed essential items to the most needy people in the community.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

Boomi Pooja  
Aravind-Tirunelveli

## Accolades

### Special mention – FICCI Annual Healthcare Excellence Awards

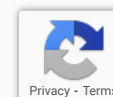
Aravind-Pondicherry, October 24

Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry won special mention at the under the Category, *Excellence in Telemedicine / Digital Health* at the annual FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards.



### Awards at the Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association

November



At the annual conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association held virtually, the following doctors won awards:

Dr. Pavitra R

*Winner – Oral presentation, Category – (Cataract/Cornea/Comprehensive Ophthalmology)*

Dr. Deepa Chitra D

*Runner-up, Oral presentation, Category – Paediatric Ophthalmology*

Dr. Priyanka S

*Winner – Eposter, Category – Uvea*

Dr. Sreeramyaa P

*Runner up – Eposter, Category – Comprehensive ophthalmology*

Dr. Sangavi Samirtha Selvi

*Runner up – Eposter, Category – Vitreoretinal diseases*

Dr. Saranya Settu, Aravind-Chennai

*Best paper Award, Category – Paediatric Ophthalmology and Squint*

**Dr. M. Srinivasan Named in the Top 2% Scientists**



Dr. Pavitra R  
Aravind- Madurai



Dr. Deepa Chitra D  
Aravind- Madurai



Dr. Priyanka S  
Aravind- Madurai





Dr. Sreeramyaa P  
Aravind- Madurai



Dr. Sangavi  
Samirtha Selvi P  
Aravind- Madurai




Dr. Saranya S  
Aravind- Chennai



Stanford University study names  
Dr. M. Srinivasan  
among Top 2% Scientists of the World

Dr. M. Srinivasan  
Director Emeritus  
Aravind Eye Care System



## Aravind Events

### Boomi Pooja

*Aravind-Tirunelveli, October 16*

Aravind-Tirunelveli is undergoing significant changes in terms of expansion of physical buildings. Construction of the new outpatient building is underway. Boomipooja, the ceremony to invoke blessings of the Almighty for a smooth and hassle-free was performed by an experienced priest. Staying true to the principle of go green, extreme care and efforts were taken to preserve and relocate the trees that came in the way of expansion, to an appropriate place.





### Relocation of Patthamadaï Vision Centre

*Aravind-Tirunelveli, October 26*

Vision centre at Pathamadaï was shifted to Cheranmahadevi and the new centre was inaugurated by Ms Saradha Ramakrishnan, in presence of Dr R Ramakrishnan, Advisor and Dr R Meenakshi, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind-Tirunelveli. The centre examined 51 patients on the inaugural day.



### Relocation of Community eye clinic

#### Cumbum

Aravind Community Eye Centre at Cumbum was relocated to a spacious building in the same premises.



### Residents Social Responsibility

Residents Social Responsibility programme at Aravind-Madurai remains active even in the era of Corona pandemic. The execution has been modified due to the circumstances, but the spirit continues. Two months back, the RSR programme supported the Annavaasal programme conducted by Mr.S.Venkatesan, Madurai MP. He was impressed and came Aravind to personally thank and congratulate the PGs. Continuing with this, RSR programme has done two activities this month to celebrate



Deepavali. In collaboration with an NGO partner, Enlight, with whom Aravind has been working for the past 5 years bedsheets were provided to destitute living by the road side. For the third consecutive year, Diwali dresses were distributed to the HIV infected orphans in Anbagam Home, Dindigul.



#### **Inauguration of new operation theatre**

*Aravind-Theni, October 24*

Aravind-Theni opened an additional operating room for cataract to meet the growing demands. Special prayers were performed on the Ayuthapooja day, one of the auspicious days in the Navratri season.

#### **LAICO**

##### **October Summit –Online Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop**

*LAICO, October 29-30*

The workshop was arranged for the trainers of allied ophthalmic personnel (AOP). It discussed good teaching practices and explored solutions for common challenges faced by AOP trainers. Over 100 participants attended each day's sessions.

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## Statistics

### Patient Monthly Statistics

October – 2020															
Hospitals	Madurai	Tirunelveli	Theni	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Tirupur	Dindigul	Salem	Tuticorin	Udumalpet	CbeCC	Chennai	Tirupati	Kovilpatti	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS															
Paying (New & Review)	43,191	25,288	7,591	18,021	19,275	4,611	6,466	9,870	4,136	4,004	2,979	17,547	8,679	2,547	174,2
Free:Direct walk-in (New & Review)	14,102	6,647	1,789	6,924	8,244	1,385	—	1,491	88	1,941	—	5,126	3,712	335	51,7
OUTREACH OUT PATIENT															
Refraction Camps	190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
RoP	165	154	177	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	127	—	—	6
Vision Centres	21,273	13,155	5,343	4,108	9,139	1,081	—	422	—	1,414	—	—	—	—	55,9
Community Centres / City Centres	7,943	2,403	1,572	—	2,258	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,1
<b>Total OP Examinations</b>	86,864	47,647	16,472	29,053	38,916	7,077	6,466	11,783	4,224	7,359	2,979	22,800	12,391	2,882	296,9
SURGERIES															
Service Proportion of Cataract Surgeries															
Paying	3,023	1,577	513	980	1,430	299	352	663	304	296	144	1,135	418	122	11,2
Free (Direct)	2,869	1,266	330	1,051	1,328	176	155	346	64	435	—	709	581	67	9,3

Total Cataract Surgeries	5,892	2,843	843	2,031	2,758	475	507	1,009	368	731	144	1,844	999	189	20,6
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*Owing to COVID-19 restrictions, Aravind has suspended all its outreach eye camps*

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