

Editorial

The nation is currently undergoing unlocking process, though the threat of COVID-19 infection still looms large over many states. Relaxation in restrictions brought out during the various phases of unlocking has almost brought normalcy to people's lives. Public transport has been resumed and this has resulted in a significant surge in the patient numbers at Aravind. Despite the huge patient load, all Aravind centres insist of following the COVID-19 protocols, in the interest of safety of both staff and patients. Training programmes continue to be online and meetings are mostly conducted online. Though camps are suspended, Aravind continues its outreach services through vision centres. The number of Aravind's eye care facilities hits a century with the opening of a new vision centre at Eral.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

Aravind's 100th facility opened in Eral
Aravind - Tirunelveli

Accolades

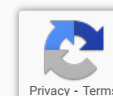
IIRSI Film Festival Awards



Dr. M.G. Pavan Kumar, Glaucoma Consultant, Aravind-Pondicherry, winner, Best New Producer category

Dr. Prithvi Chandrakanth, Retina Fellow, Aravind-Coimbatore, Winner, Best in New Techniques, New Devices and Innovations category

Dr. V.R. Vivekanandan, Chief, Cataract Services, Aravind-Pondicherry, Runner up, Best in New Techniques, New Devices and Innovations category



Aravind Events

Aravind Opens its 100th Eye Care Facility

Eral, September 14

Aravind's 100th eye care facility was opened at Eral by Thiru A R K A Karuthapandiya Nadar, Trustee – Sri Arunachala Swamy Temple in the presence of Dr R.Ramakrishnan, Advisor, and Dr R.Meenakshi, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli. Prominent persons in the community – Mr. Dasaratha Pandian, Head – Merchants Association; Mr Dharmaraj, Assistant Head, Mr Bakkar Ali, Head – Muslim Commerce Association, Mr Alaru Pillai, Businessman, Dr Mortin Thomas, leading medical practitioner, friends and well-wishers were present at the inauguration. On the inaugural day, the centre examined 54 patients.



Observing 35th National Eye Donation Fortnight

August 25 – September 8

Eye banks across the Aravind centres observed National Eye Donation Fortnight with a wide variety of programmes intended to create awareness amongst the public. Most of the programmes were organised virtually given the COVID-19 restrictions. In special cases when the programme had to be conducted in-person, enough care was taken to ensure that social distancing and other safety measures were followed without fail. Eye donation awareness posters were developed and displayed in the prominent areas inside the hospitals. They were also shared through various social media platforms. Endorsements by senior ophthalmologists from government medical college hospitals on eye donation were shared through social media. Several competitions were conducted for the staff on the theme of eye donation and winners were awarded. Eye donation awareness sessions were organised for various target groups including college students. Senior doctors shared their messages on eye donation via radio channels. Notices and pamphlets on eye donation were distributed to the patients and the public. The occasion was also utilised to thank the unconditional support rendered by various NGOs towards promoting eye donation in the community.



Residents Social Responsibility programme

Aravind – Tirunelveli, August 29

As part of Residents Social Responsibility programme, Residents and Senior Medical Officers of Aravind – Tirunelveli distributed kits containing essential grocery items for the families of the hospital's sanitary staff, security personnel and lift operators. The beneficiaries were extremely happy and thanked the doctors for their thoughtful gesture.



Inauguration of new OCT

Aravind – Tirunelveli, August 31

Aravind – Tirunelveli procured Heidelberg Spectralis OCT. Dr R Ramakrishnan, Advisor and Dr. Meenakshi, Chief Medical Officer inaugurated the machine.



Webinars

Aravind-Coimbatore organised two webinars: The first one was conducted on August 6 and focused on the **Role of Management and Managers in Ensuring Safety During COVID-19**. The second one was on August 12 and dealt with **Hospital Infection control practices in COVID 19 times**.

Aravind-Tirunelveli organised a webinar titled, **Orthoptics Decoded** on August 28-29.

LAICO

Eyexcel 2.0: First Learning Session

August 28, 2020

LAICO in association with Seva Foundation organised a webinar titled, *New Ways of Learning: leveraging new technologies*. The webinar focused on best practices in Zoom, use of Google Classroom as a learning tool and various apps for learning.

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Statistics

Patient Monthly Statistics

August - 2020															
Hospitals	Madurai	Tirunelveli	Theni	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Tirupur	Dindigul	Salem	Tuticorin	Udumalpet	CbeCC	Chennai	Tirupati	Kovilpatti	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS															
Paying (New & Review)	19,079	12,420	4,306	10,365	10,435	4,098	4,379	7,741	3,834	3,074	2,316	12,430	5,365	2,368	102,200
Free:Direct walk-in (New & Review)	5,199	2,497	744	3,280	3,489	942	—	948	9	794	—	1,521	1,321	—	20,773
OUTREACH OUT PATIENT															
RoP	61	123	135	495	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	7	—	871
Vision Centres	12,699	7,351	3,879	1,456	6,065	343	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24,383
Community Centres / City Centres	6,807	1,830	1,338	—	1,804	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,749
Total OP Examinations	43,845	24,221	10,402	15,596	21,793	5,383	4,379	9,067	3,843	4,452	2,316	14,029	6,693	2,368	168,308
SURGERIES															
Service Proportion of Cataract Surgeries															
Paying	1,148	623	161	531	669	197	202	441	185	201	89	709	224	141	5,508
Free (Direct)	743	383	83	415	453	123	28	169	5	166	—	140	186	—	2,867
Total Cataract Surgeries	1,891	1,006	244	946	1,122	320	230	610	190	367	89	849	410	141	8,375

**** Owing to COVID-19 restrictions, Aravind has suspended all its outreach eye camps**

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