

Awareness creation on retinoblastoma
Aravind-Madurai

Editorial

With the COVID-19 cases rising up, the state of Tamil Nadu went into another lockdown. Travel restrictions were put in place by the authorities which resulted in a low patient footfall across the Aravind centres. To utilise the downtime caused by lockdown, several centres organised internal CMEs and training sessions for their staff. Aravind-Coimbatore observed International Nurses Day in a grand manner.

As part of employee welfare activity, Aurolab conducted antigen test to identify COVID positive cases amongst the staff. A vaccination camp was also arranged for the benefit of staff.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

Aravind Events

Creating Awareness on Retinoblastoma

Aravind-Madurai

Every year in the month of May, Aravind centres observe retinoblastoma awareness week. Due to COVID situation, many centres could not organise it this time. At Aravind-Madurai, families of select few children affected by the disease were called in for a get together, strictly following the COVID appropriate behaviour. Gifts were distributed to the children.



CME on Situational Analysis

Aravind-Coimbatore, May 7

Trainees from MLOP departments – Medical Records, Refraction, Outpatient, Lab, Counselling, In Patient, Operation Theatre and Opticals – depicted challenging situations in work in the form of role plays and dramas. The analysis of the presentation helped everyone get a better understanding of not just the technical knowledge required, but also soft skills. Senior MLOPs guided the trainees for the presentation and shared their experiences. Learning from the CME included the importance of individual attention to patients, confirming patient identity at every stage of care, importance of listening and proper communication skills. Medical Officers – Dr. Dhanalakshmi, Dr.Srinila, Dr.Bhagavathi Shalini, Dr.Sasikala Elizabeth and Dr.Arnutha were the panelists. Ms.Rajakumari, Counselling Coordinator coordinated the programme.



Commemorating International Nurses Day

Aravind-Coimbatore, May 12

To recognise MLOPs' contribution in eliminating needless blindness, International Nurses' Day was observed at Aravind-Coimbatore with a variety of programmes. Drawing and poetry competitions were conducted for the trainees. A video with wishes by senior doctors and admits was developed and circulated in the whatsapp group. Greeting cards were prepared by admin staff and were given to the MLOPs of each department. Doctors joined hands to acknowledge their selfless service to the hospital. Each department organised cake and other refreshments for their MLOPs.



CME on Patient Safety Goals

Aravind-Tirunelveli, May 27-28

The CME was organised for the staff members of Aravind- Tirunelveli and was conducted in two batches. Dr.R.Ramakrishnan set the context for the CME by explaining patient safety and its significance. He motivated the participants to play their role effectively in attaining excellence in eye care delivery. Senior medical consultants briefed the 10 patient safety goals. By quoting a few incidents happened in the recent past, they made the sessions very informative and also shared tips to avoid such instances in future. All the participants found the CME useful and essential.



Awareness creation on myopia

Aravind-Tirupati, May 15

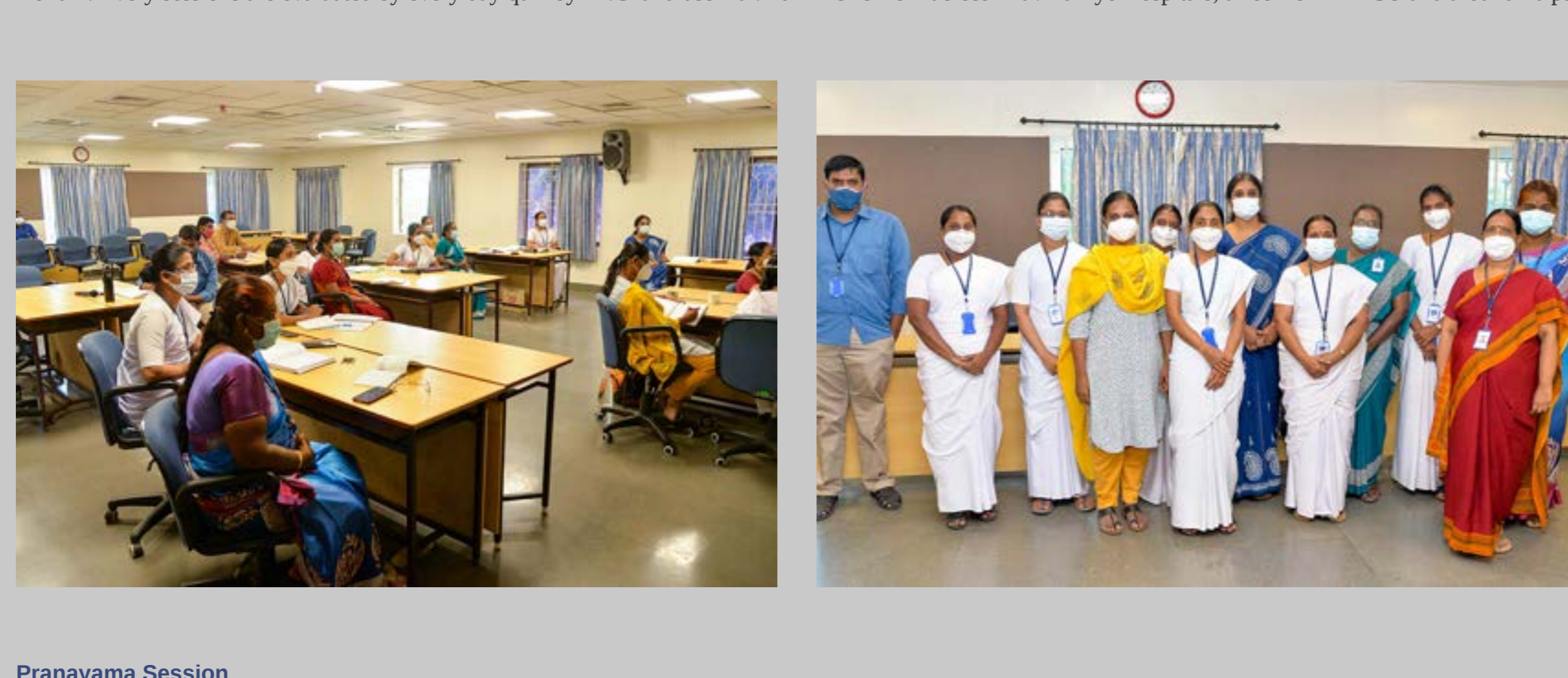
MLOPs did rangoli for creating awareness on myopia especially during the lockdown period. The concept was based on creating awareness for everyone especially in children to reduce their screen time. Rangoli highlighted the importance of spending quality time with friends and family instead.



Online Training on NABH Entry Level Standards

Aravind-Madurai, May 18-21

The training was conducted for the paramedics across the Aravind centres. Sessions were handled by Dr.Chandrasekhar, Aravind-Coimbatore, Dr.Akilan Arunkumar, Joseph Eye Hospital, Trichy and Dr.Rajiv Sukumaran, Priyanka Eye Hospital, Kollam. Every session is evaluated by every day quiz by Dr.Chandrasekhar. 40 MLOPs from across Aravind Eye Hospitals, three from LAICO and around 20 participants from Joseph Eye Hospital participated.



Pranayama Session

Aravind-Tirunelveli, May 29

An online pranayama class was organised for the staff Aravind – Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Kovilpatti. As pranayama is extremely good to regularize breathing, the need for such a class was very much felt. Thiru. A. Ramasamy, Yoga instructor and member of Yazha Valamudan handled the session. Thiru.Ramasamy taught 7 basic pranayama steps with elaborate explanations and demonstrations.

Kolam Competition

Aravind-Chennai, May 29

Aravind Eye Hospital – Chennai conducted several competitions to engage staff especially during lock down. Competitions like kolam, pencil art, cooking without fire, newspaper craft and flower tying were organised. These activities revealed hidden talents of the staff. Staff enthusiastically participated and enjoyed the fun-filled events. Prize winners were also announced.

Aurolab

COVID-19 Initiatives at Aurolab

For the safety and well-being of employees, Aurolab conducted Antigen test to identify COVID positive cases.

Aurolab conducted COVID-19 vaccination camp on May 29 in association with Confederation of Indian Industry for the age group of 18 – 44 years free of cost. Earlier, in April, it had organised vaccination for employees above the age of 45 years.

Antibody test was done for all day scholar staff with support from the Microbiology team at Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai on June 2.



ASTRA

Aurolab, May 27

Aurolab's Marketing department organized Astra VII training programme for the new recruits. Due to lockdown, the programme took place on a virtual platform. Participants were briefed on anatomy of eye, and eye diseases, product training and other applications. Around 42 participants attended the training programme.

Special Observances

May is Healthy Vision Month, a national observance devoted to encouraging people to promote good eye health practices. Aurolab created various social media posts to create awareness about this amongst the public. [Click here to view.](#)

LAICO

LEAP Vision Centre Collaborative

LAICO, May 26

Online CME series is being conducted under the LEAP Vision Centre Collaborative to improve quality of vision technicians and opticians during the pandemic. Participants are from 9 partner hospitals in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Guatemala. On an average, 100 technicians and vision centre staff are being benefited out of this CME programme. Started on May 26, the series will continue till June 23, 2021 and is spread across seven sessions.

The CME focuses on improving general protocols and precautions during pandemic times, understanding cataract, cataract surgery counselling process at vision centres, understanding corneal conditions, improving data management skills, effective use of VCMS etc.

The sessions are being facilitated by Dr. Kausalya, Dr.Vinitha Rashme, Dr.Lakshana, Dr. Krishnan, Mr. Mohammed Gowth and Aravind's vision centre staff.

Training

Enrolments for May 2021

May – 2021			
Course title	Training Centre	No. of enrolments	
LONG TERM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES – FOR OPHTHALMOLOGISTS			
Fellowship in General Ophthalmology	Coimbatore	1	
Fellowship in Cornea	Madurai	1	
Fellowship in Medical Retina	Chennai	1	
Fellowship in Orbital & Oculoplasty	Madurai	1	
CLINICAL COURSES FOR OPHTHALMOLOGISTS			
Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity and Paediatric Retinal Disorders	Coimbatore	1	
MANAGEMENT COURSES			
EyeXcel 2.0 - Online Workshop	LAICO	28	
INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE COURSES			
Online Course on Ophthalmic Instruments Maintenance – Part I	LAICO	12	

Statistics

Patient Monthly Statistics

May – 2021															
Hospitals	Madurai	Tirunelveli	Thenni	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Tirupur	Dindigul	Salem	Tuticorin	Udumalpet	CbeCC	Chennai	Tirupati	Kovilpatti	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS															
Paying (New & Review)	15,772	9,702	3,989	7,764	7,802	2,589	4,094	4,762	2,994	2,171	1,566	8,615	5,505	1,965	79,290
Free/Direct (New & Review)	428	2,135	995	2,887	2,776	839	—	1,823	565	995	—	3,138	2,298	428	19,307
OUTREACH OUT-PATIENT															
ROP Screening	103	197	51	418	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	1	—	824
Vision Centres	13,252	8,943	3,740	1,498	4,548	432	—	573	—	609	—	60	—	—	33,655
Continuity / City Centres	3,743	1,654	1,276	—	1,432	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,105
TOTAL OP Examinations	33,498	22,631	10,051	12,567	16,966	3,860	4,094	7,158	3,559	3,775	1,566	11,889	7,804	2,393	141,181
SURGERIES															
Cataract	877	770	331	665	729	216	269	606	282	231	61	746	294	86	6,163
*Other Surgeries	1,485	933	208	860	1,227	28	60	267	6	38	49	401	296	29	6,947
Total Surgeries	2,362	1,703	539	1,525	1,956	244	329	873	288	269	110	1,147	590	115	12,110

*Other surgeries include major surgeries, minor surgeries, intra-vitreal & other injections and laser procedures

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

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