

Editorial

Rotary International has identified eye care as one of the top priority needs. Orange is an initiative by the Rotary International District 3232 to create an India free of avoidable blindness. Orange has been collaborating with Aravind Eye Hospital, Chennai and new vision centres were opened in July. With the lockdown restrictions being lifted gradually, Aravind started catering to its usual number of cases, of course with all the COVID protocols in place. When the numbers were low, several centres planned activities to effectively utilise the downtime. These included exhibitions, role play, and healthcare sessions. All Aravind centres including Aurolab observed the 15th memorial day of its dear founder, Dr. G. Venkataswamy, Mr. G. Srinivasan, one of the founding members of Aravind was also remembered during the meeting held virtually. News about these and many more feature in this issue.

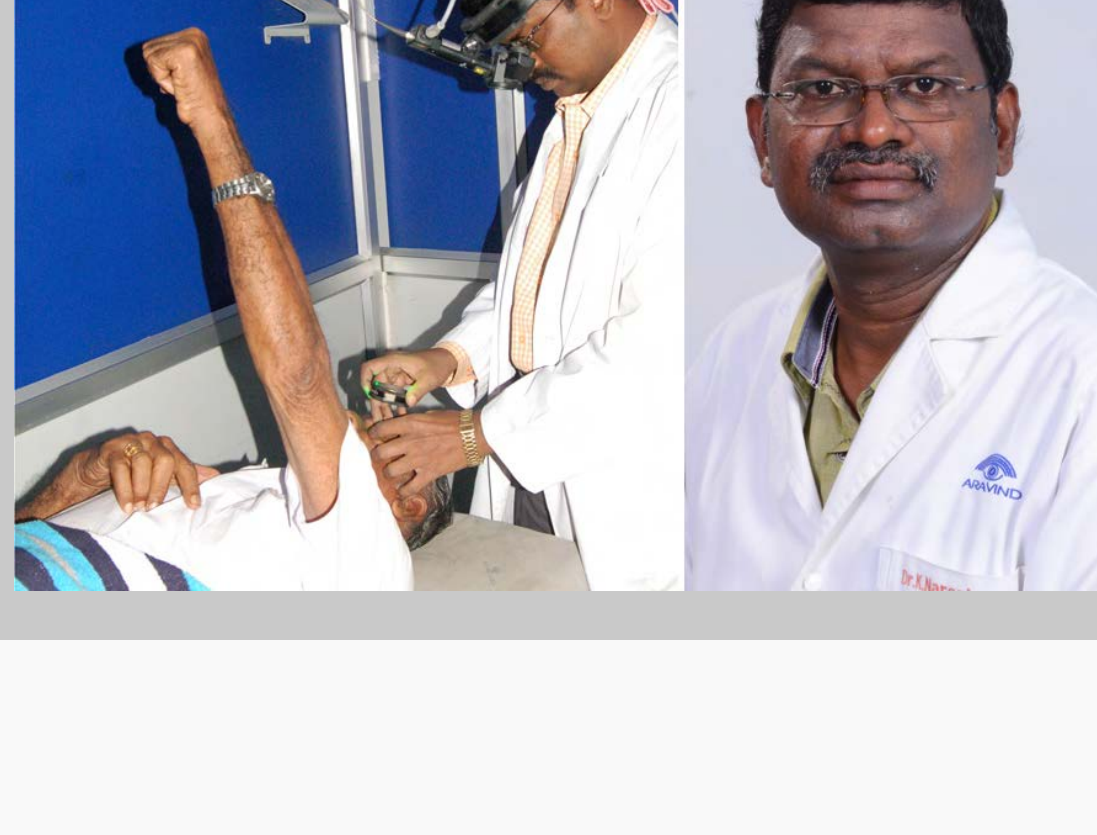
Accolades

Dr. R.H.P. Sinha Oration Award for Dr. Usha Kim
July 25

Dr. Usha Kim delivered the Dr. R.H.P. Sinha Oration on the topic, *Journey of Hope* at the 14th Midterm Conference (virtual) of Bihar Ophthalmological Society.

New Fellow of the ASRS

Dr. K. Nareesh Babu, Chief, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Madurai was qualified to receive the new Fellow of the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS) designation. The ASRS award recognises members in good standing who have demonstrated consistent commitment to the society, expertise in the management of vitreoretinal disorders, and the highest ethical and professional standards.



Aravind Events

Inauguration of Vision Centres

Aravind - Chennai, July 22

As part of Rotary Club's Orange initiative, Aravind-Chennai inaugurated two more vision centres, in Puzhal and Sholvaram. The centres were inaugurated by Mr. Rm. J. Sridhar, District Governor, Rotary District 3232; Rm. Muthupalamappan, Past District Governor - 3232 and Mr. Srinivasarao, President, Rotary Club Chennai East. Puzhal centre saw 41 patients and Sholvaram centre saw 54 patients on the inaugural day.



Mission Day

Aravind, July 7

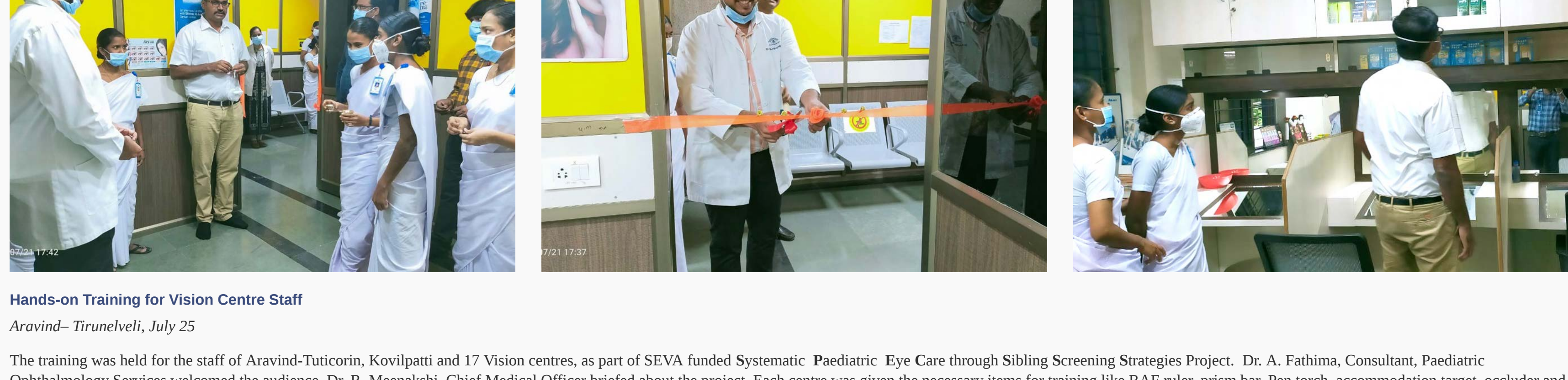
Mission Day was observed across the Aravind centres and Aurolab. Special bhajans and talks reminiscing about Dr. V. were arranged in all locations. A video tribute to Dr.V was screened. Mr. G. Srinivasan, one of the founding members of Aravind who passed away recently was also remembered during the meeting.



Inauguration of Cornea Clinic

Aravind-Tirupati, July 21

The new Cornea Clinic at Aravind-Tirupati was inaugurated by Dr. Ashok Vethan, Chief Medical Officer and Dr. Rajyeshwari, Medical Officer - Cornea Services.



Hands-on Training for Vision Centre Staff

Aravind - Tirunelveli, July 25

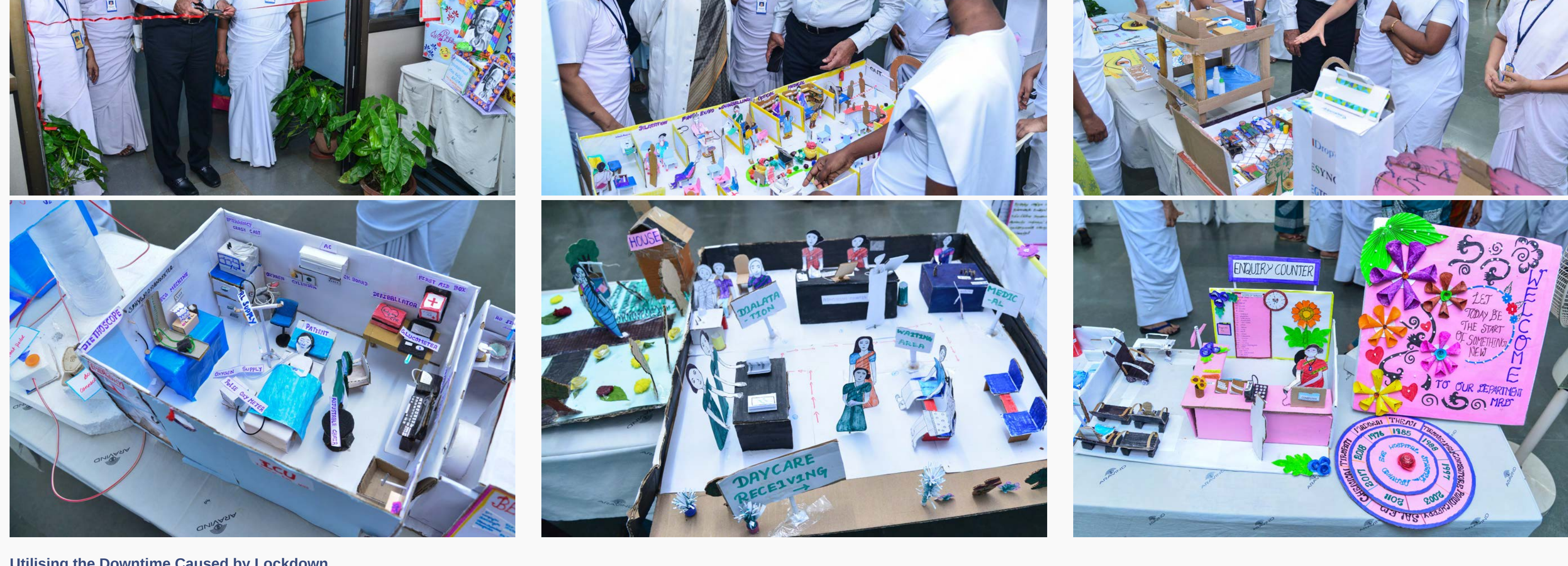
The training was held for the staff of Aravind-Tuticorin, Kovilpatti and 17 Vision centres, as part of SEVA funded Systematic Paediatric Eye Care through Sibling Screening Strategies Project. Dr. A. Fahima, Consultant, Paediatric Ophthalmology Services welcomed the audience. Dr. R. Meenakshi, Chief Medical Officer briefed about the project. Each centre was given the necessary items for training like RAF ruler, prism bar, Pen torch, accommodation target, occluder and accommodation Flipper.



Exhibition by First Year AOPs

Aravind-Madurai, July 10-17

A one week exhibition was organised by the first year allied ophthalmic personnel where working models, 3D models, charts and 3D layouts of different departments were kept on display. There was an active participation from all the departments. The exhibition provided an opportunity for the AOPs to develop their communication skills as well as to learn more about the activities of each department.



Utilising the Downtime Caused by Lockdown

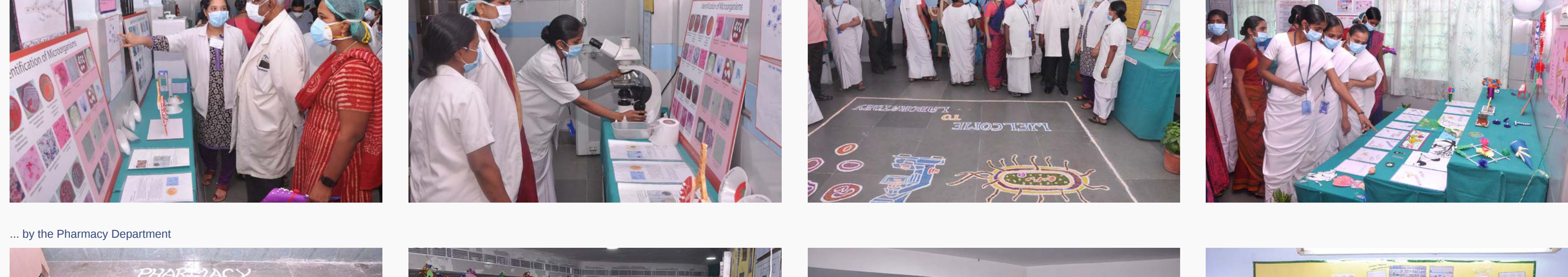
Aravind-Tirunelveli

COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown restrictions paved the way for low patient footfall in many Aravind centres. To utilise the downtime, Aravind-Tirunelveli organised a variety of programmes, mainly awareness exhibitions. The exhibitions were organised by departments such as Pharmacy, Out-patient services, Instruments Maintenance, Microbiology and Biochemistry labs and were intended to make staff aware of the functions of each department.

Exhibition by Instrument Maintenance Department



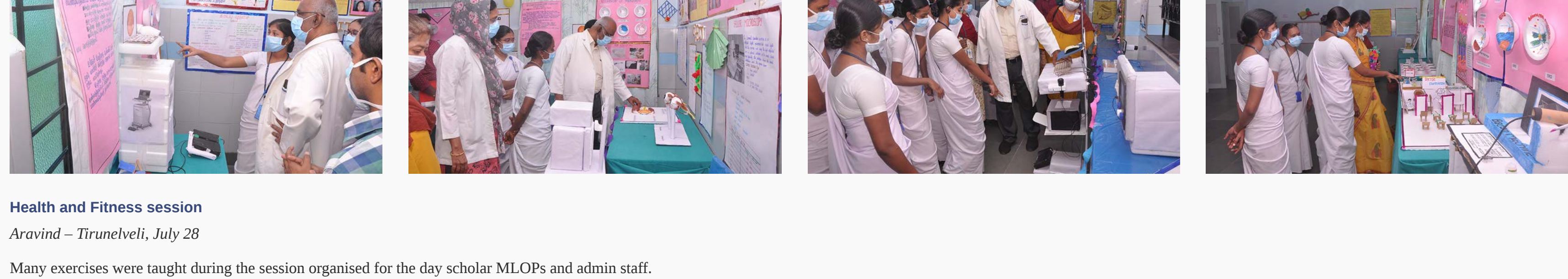
Exhibition by the Microbiology and Biochemistry Labs



Exhibition by the Pharmacy Department



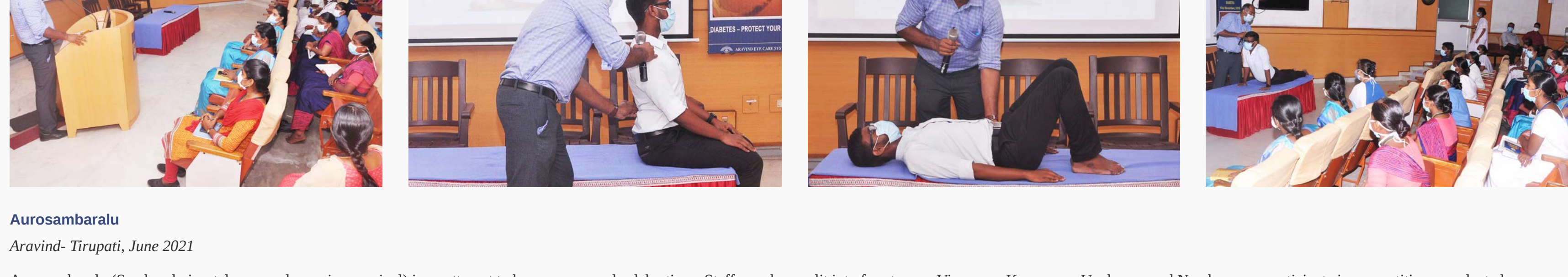
Exhibition by Staff of Out-patient Department



Health and Fitness session

Aravind - Tirunelveli, July 28

Many exercises were taught during the session organised for the day scholar MLOPs and admin staff.



Aurosamaralu

Aravind - Tirupati, June 2021

Aurosamaralu (Samaralu is a telugu word meaning carnival) is an attempt to have year-ound celebrations. Staff members split into four teams- Visvam, Karunyam, Upakaram and Nambagam - participate in competitions conducted every month. As part of the Aurosamaralu event, miniature gardens were created by the mid level ophthalmic personnel using waste materials from the lab and operation theatre and old bulbs.



Aurolab

Certificate Course in Gandhian Thoughts

July 18

Aurolab facilitated a one-year certified course in Gandhian Thoughts for its staff. In collaboration with Gandhi Museum. The final exam was conducted on July 18. Along with that, a session on Gandhian thoughts by Mr. Natarajan from Gandhi Museum was also arranged.

Aurovive Campaign

June 29

Aurovive, India's first indigenously developed hydrophobic intraocular lens (IOL) crossed one million implants worldwide in January 2021. To mark the occasion, Aurovive conducted a nation-wide campaign titled, "Towards a million happy eyes" to thank its customers. Since hydrophobic IOL is getting prominent especially in the international markets, Aurovive has launched a campaign with focus on overseas ophthalmologists. A website was launched, www.Aurovive.com in this regard. 829 high volume surgeons are chosen from 25 countries for this campaign. Of these, 650 have registered for the campaign.

Special Observances

July 1 is celebrated as 'National Doctor's Day' by the Indian Medical Association (IMA). Aurovive shared special posts on social media to mark the occasion. Click [here](#) to view...

July is Eye Injury prevention month and UV safety awareness month. Aurovive created various posts in social media to create awareness amongst the public. Click [here](#) to view...

LAICO

Stapur Eye Hospital joining hands with Aravind to reach new heights

July 30-August 5

A 13 member team consisting of Aravind and LAICO staff and headed by Dr. S. Aravind, Director - Projects visited Stapur Eye Hospital, Stapur for an in-depth assessment of the current process and systems in place. This is the first step in the partnership to enhance eye care in Uttar Pradesh over the next five years by working together to make Stapur the major provider of eye care in that region.



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Training

Enrolments for July 2021

Course title	July - 2021	
	Training Centre	No. of enrolments
Long Term Fellowship Programmes - For Ophthalmologists		
Fellowship in Anterior Segment & IOL Surgery	Chennai	1
Fellowship in Glaucoma	Chennai	1
Fellowship in Retina Vitreous	Chennai	1
Clinical Courses For Ophthalmologists		
Phacemulsification	Coimbatore	1

Statistics

Patient Monthly Statistics

	July - 2021														
	Hospitals	Total	Madurai	Tirunelveli	Thiruv	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Tirupur	Dindigul	Salem	Tuticorin	CbeCC	Chennai	Tirupati	Kovilpatti
Physing Out-Patient Visits															
Physing (New & Review)	237,189	55,905	29,938	8,933	24,639	27,112	4,627	7,909	11,290	5,292	4,508	3,711	27,820	12,200	3,295
Free Direct Walk-in (New & Review)	74,295	21,349	6,904	2,224	8,693	9,947	1,531	-	2,789	1,956	1,529	-	8,819	6,633	802
Outreach Out Patient															
Comprehensive Eye Camps	1,113	-	327	-	-	-	85	-	-	-	98	-	603	-	-
Diabetic Retinopathy Camps	378	-	-	-	95	-	-	-	83	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mobile Refraction Unit	704	-	-	-	182	-	-	-	522	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Screening Camps	26	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physing	1,561	217	370	139	657	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	147	5	-
Refraction	87,135	23,705	14,741	6,255	4,778	12,949	1,145	-	1,594	-	1,527	-	401	-	-
Community / City Centres	17,116	9,485	2,844	2,071	-	2,730	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total OP Examinations	389,281	110,641	55,124	19,722	39,070	52,864	7,588	16,279	16,278	6,348	7,682	3,711	37,569	20,838	4,097
Total number of camps	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-
Surgeries															
Cataract	29,646	8,692	3,303	1,004	2,770	4,593	567	605	1,197	493	700	174	3,131	2,095	322
Other Surgeries	18,130	5,854	2,490	418	2,720	2,496	87	138	451	64	88	107	2,227	891	99
Total Surgeries	47,776	14,546	5,793	1,422	5,490	7,089	654	742	1,648	557	788	281	5,358	2,986	421

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