



Dr. Gullapalli N Rao Endowment Lecture Award

## Editorial

After a gap of two years, All India Ophthalmological Society had its annual national conference conducted in person, at Mumbai in the first week of June. Many Aravind doctors won awards at this conference, including the Chairman, Dr. R.D. Ravindran bestowed with the Dr. Gullapalli N Rao Endowment Lecture Award.

With a view to educate the general public on eye care and eye diseases, Aravind Eye Hospitals regularly observe special days arranging programmes that are of interest to the public. Myopia Awareness Week was observed across the centres with prime focus on educating children and their parents on proper eye care.

Aravind's secondary care centre at Dindigul is all set to move to a new facility in July.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

## Accolades

### Dr. Gullapalli N Rao Endowment Lecture Award



Mumbai, June 2

Dr. R. D. Ravindran delivered the prestigious Dr. Gullapalli N Rao Endowment Lecture at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of All India Ophthalmological Society held at Mumbai. He received the award from the chief guest of the event, Ms. Aishwaria Rai Bachchan. Dr. Ravindran titled his talk, *The science of ophthalmology and my philosophy*.

### DNB Gold Medal



New Delhi, June 20

Dr. V.P. Meera Lakshmi of Aravind Eye Hospital, Theni was conferred Gold Medal in the Ophthalmology speciality of the Diplomate of the National Board (DNB) at the 21<sup>st</sup> convocation ceremony of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences.

### Awards at All India Ophthalmic Conference

Mumbai, June 2-5

Dr. Kirandeep Kaur, Consultant, Paediatric Ophthalmology Department, Aravind-Pondicherry

- Best physical poster in Neuro-ophthalmology

Dr. Kunal Madlik, Cornea Consultant, and Dr. Shivraj Tagare, PG Resident, Aravind-Pondicherry

- Consolation prize, *Think under the apple tree*

Dr. Siddharth Narendran, Consultant, Cataract and IOL Clinic, Aravind-Coimbatore

- Rema Mohan Award for best paper in medical retina

Dr. Prithvi Chandrakanth, Fellow, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Coimbatore

- Second prize and consolation prize, *Think under the apple tree*
- First prize, *Free paper in Glaucoma*
- Best poster prize, *Comprehensive ophthalmology*

He also received the International Ophthalmic Hero Award 2021.

Dr. Hirika Gosalia, PG Resident, Aravind-Coimbatore

- Elected as the Executive Member, Young Ophthalmologists Society of India
- First runner up – *Free paper, Neuro-ophthalmology and also Special category video*
- FIFA video award

Dr. Pinkal, Fellow, Cornea Clinic, Aravind-Coimbatore

- Free paper semi-final contestant

Dr. Maheswari, Fellow, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Coimbatore

- First Prize, *Free paper in Community Ophthalmology*

Dr. Sindhuja Murugesan, Aravind-Coimbatore

- Free paper semi-final contestant
- Fellow of All India Collegium of Ophthalmology

## Aravind Events

### New Facility for Aravind-Dindigul

Aravind-Dindigul, June 10



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Aravind's secondary eye care centre at Dindigul will soon move to new, spacious premises. The building is ready and will be formally inaugurated in July. Boiling the milk ceremony for this new building was held on June 10 in the presence of senior leadership team of Aravind.



## D43 Project: Building Non-Communicable Eye Disease Research Capacity in India

*Aravind-Madurai, May 25-27*

Aravind Eye Care System was awarded with a grant by the US Federal Government to address non-communicable diseases (NCD) across the lifespan, focusing on prevention, early life determinants, risk factors, co-morbid conditions, and control of NCDs. Aravind Eye Hospital will execute this project in collaboration with University of Michigan, USA. The project will provide an interdisciplinary training programme for clinicians:

- to develop knowledge and skills needed to design and conduct clinical research
- to introduce them to life course approaches in clinical-epidemiological research
- to contribute to preventing and reducing the impact of NCDs in India for its rapidly aging population

Towards initiating the project activities, a team from University of Michigan – Joshua Robert Ehrlich; David C. Musch and Dr. Nambi Nallasamy visited Aravind and held discussions with the senior members here. Dr. Shyam Vasudevarao and Dr. Anand Vinekar from Narayana Nethralaya Hospital, Bangalore too joined the discussion.



## Myopia Awareness Week

*Aravind, May 23-28*

Aravind centres observed Myopia awareness week with the theme, *Make your eyes move*. Parents and children actively participated in the various events. Awareness talks on myopia, digital eye strain and importance of outdoor activities for kids were organised. Games and drawing competitions were conducted for the kids and the winners were given attractive prizes.



Aravind-Pondicherry



Aravind-Pondicherry



Aravind-Chennai



Aravind-Chennai

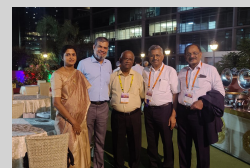
## Aurolab

### Aurolab participates in All India Ophthalmic Conference

*Mumbai, June 2-5*

Aurolab participated in the conference and launched its products – Aurovue VIVID, Smart vision glasses, Aurovue, EV Toric and Ribolink. It also gave a demo of Hawk I with an imaging system, Aurocoat plus, Aurosil 1500, Auromox and Nanocut. First time in AIOC, Aurolab created a vision centre set-up to create an experience for the targeted customer. More than 800 people visited Aurolab stall.

Aurolab also organised an Aravind Alumni Meet at MCA Recreation Centre, Mumbai on June 4. More than 100 Alumni took part.



## LAICO

### Management Priorities in Eye Care Delivery for Heads of Eye Hospital

*May 22 – 28*

The twentieth batch of this week-long course for Heads of Eye Hospitals had 33 participants from 5 countries (India, Nepal, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia). The course covered various aspects of strategic management and leadership. The faculty comprised of mid and senior level leaders of Aravind: Dr. R. D. Ravindran, Dr. Kim, R.D. Thulasiraj, R. Meenakshi Sundaram, Dr Krishnadas, Dr. S. Aravind, Dr. Haripriya, Dr. Datta, Ganesh Babu, Suresh Kumar, Ushalini, Deepa, Dhivya, Dr. Siddharth.

Guest Faculty included: Prof Balasubramaniam, former dean of Institute for Financial Management and Research & Prof Chandrasekhar Sripada of Indian School of Business. Also, Mritunjay Tiwary and Dr. Ajit Poddar of Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital and Dr. Nikhil Gandhi of Anupam Eye Centre were invited to share their experience.

#### Participant feedback:

"It reoriented me to the purpose of why I'm running a healthcare organization. The vision and mission which were merely phrases became more relatable and purpose driven. The feeling that change can be brought about in a scientific way, which earlier seemed very impossible, is something I'm taking away"

"I found this course very useful for me. Having worked in clinical field I had very little knowledge in the field of management. As a newly appointed chief of hospital services, this course helped me understand various aspects of leadership and management skills."

"It was an eye opening experience, so many things that we may have felt were correct are all substantiated by data. Highly recommend for anyone who wants to take their hospital to the next level in terms of not only volumes but also quality, efficiency and compassion."



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#### Training

Enrolments for May 2022		
Course title	Training Centre	No. of enrolments
<b>Long Term Fellowship Programmes – For Ophthalmologists</b>		
Fellowship in Anterior Segment & IOL Surgery	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Fellowship in Cornea	Madurai	2
	Coimbatore	1
	Pondicherry	1
Fellowship in Paediatric ophthalmology	Coimbatore	1
Fellowship in Retina	Coimbatore	1
<b>Short Term Training Programmes – For Ophthalmologists</b>		
Clinical Observership Program In Diagnosis and Management Of Glaucoma	Madurai	1
	Tirunelveli	1
	Pondicherry	1

	Coimbatore	1
Phacoemulsification	Pondicherry	2
	Madurai	2
	Tirunelveli	2
	Coimbatore	1
	Coimbatore	3
Small Incision Cataract Surgery	Tirunelveli	1
	Pondicherry	2
	Madurai	2
Management Courses		
Management Priorities in Eye Care Delivery	LAICO	33
Instrument Maintenance – for Technicians		
Online Course on Ophthalmic Instruments Maintenance – Part I	LAICO	1
Eye Bank Techniques		
Training in Eye Bank Management	LAICO	1

## Statistics

Patient Statistics – May 2022															
Hospitals	Total	Madurai	Tirunelveli	Theni	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Tirupur	Dindigul	Salem	Tuticorin	Udumalpet	CbeCC	Chennai	Tirupati	Kovilpatti
Hospital Out-Patient Visits															
Paying (New & Review)	258,899	61,771	30,609	9,025	35,898	29,615	4,904	8,477	12,389	5,759	4,500	4,196	34,233	14,931	2,592
Free:Direct walk-in (New & Review)	100,567	27,465	8,453	2,911	11,245	13,290	1,188	–	4,979	1,667	2,207	–	11,930	14,221	1,011
Outreach Out Patient															
Comprehensive Eye Camps	34,482	7,992	3,837	999	7,178	6,800	311	–	1,853	303	260	–	3,414	1,535	–
Diabetic Retinopathy Camps	1,931	929	–	154	693	155	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Refraction Camp	4,485	238	931	973	1,499	119	–	–	317	–	–	–	408	–	–
Mobile Refraction Unit	1,675	–	–	–	968	–	–	–	707	–	–	–	–	–	–
School Screening	290	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	290	–
RoP Screening	1,938	321	421	203	767	40	–	–	–	–	–	–	172	14	–
Vision Centres	68,051	24,175	14,019	5,731	3,584	13,573	1,296	–	2,377	–	1,937	–	1,359	–	–
Community / City Centres	16,657	9,177	2,291	2,520	–	2,669	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total OP Examinations</b>	<b>489,199</b>	<b>132,068</b>	<b>60,790</b>	<b>22,287</b>	<b>61,832</b>	<b>66,261</b>	<b>7,699</b>	<b>8,477</b>	<b>22,622</b>	<b>7,729</b>	<b>8,904</b>	<b>4,196</b>	<b>51,516</b>	<b>31,215</b>	<b>3,603</b>
<b>Total number of camps</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>–</b>
Surgeries															
Cataract	45,361	11,810	4,398	1,161	7,118	6,315	708	787	2,560	673	846	269	4,784	3,633	299
*Other Surgeries	21,915	6,433	2,570	416	4,109	2,785	149	139	735	95	85	56	3,005	1,297	41
<b>Total Surgeries</b>	<b>67,276</b>	<b>18,243</b>	<b>6,968</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>11,227</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>7,789</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>340</b>

\*Other surgeries include major surgeries, minor surgeries, intra-vitreous & other injections and laser procedures.

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