For any Aravind centre, every annual day is a time to reflect on the long journey of serving the people. Since its opening two decades ago, Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry has seen steady growth in patient care, training as well as in the number of camps, surgeries, and OPD consultations.

### Statistics

- **Total OPD Consultations:** 13,789
- **Surgeries:** 5,351
- **FDA Injections:** 249
- **CMOD Injections:** 1
- **Fellowship in Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery:** 1
- **Fellowship in Eye Bank Management:** 3
- **Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology:** 9
- **Fellowship in Adnexa:** 1
- **Fellowship in Retina:** 7
- **Fellowship in Cornea:** 8
- **Fellowship in Ocular Immunology:** 1
- **Fellowship in Amblyopia:** 1
- **Fellowship in Glaucoma:** 5
- **Fellowship in Orbit & Oculoplasty:** 10
- **Fellowship in Keratopathy:** 1
- **Fellowship in Management of ROP:** 1

### Additional Information

- **Training Centre:**
  - **Total:** 25
  - **More Archives:** 1,817
  - **531:** 1,466
  - **4,386:** 226
  - **7,901:** 2,437
  - **20,302:** 929

### International Conference on Consortium of Universal Research Erudition (ICURE)

Hyderabad, February 21-23

The conference featured topics such as:

- United Kingdom Paediatric Glaucoma Society Meeting
- Laico organised a weeklong competition from March 1 to 7 to commemorate International Women's Day
- Aravind Events

### Aravind Events

- Lady staff members divided into four groups named after the rivers of Tamil Nadu. Poetry writing, rangoli, debate, and regular games were held.
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- A special talk delivered by the chief guest, Dr. Rani Chakravarthy, Psychologist, Rakshna Child Care Centre, Madurai. Winners of the competition were awarded certificates and prizes.

### LAICO

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### Aurolab

Aurolab participated in the CME on Practical Tips in Ophthalmic Practice organised by Ankur Super Specialty Eye Hospital, Gadhinglaj on February 4. It also took part in the Aravind Pondicherry Alumni Meet on February 17-18.

### Other Activities

- Suture workshop by Dr. G. Senthilkumar, Coimbatore Medical College, Tirunelveli.
- Symposium on "Surgical tips which I have learnt from my seniors" by Dr. K. Dinesh, Department of Oculoplasty, Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore.
- Symposium on "How to manage the challenging cases" by Dr. M. Sathiamoorthy, Department of Oculoplasty, Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore.

### Thirukailayapuram and Kaikattivellar Camps

This year too, Aravind-Tirunelveli organised an indoor plant competition. Staff members of Aravind-Tirunelveli participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and zeal. The organising team exhibited plants in the patient waiting area. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan, Volunteer, Aravind-Tirunelveli and staff of IT and other departments. A special pooja was performed.

### Improvements in Patient Care and Training

- The event included a symposium on "Management of Retinopathy and Retinal Detachment" by Dr. S. Sathyaseelan, Department of Retina, Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore.
- The importance of "Quality Improvement" framework and kaizen practices.
- A special symposium was conducted on February 18 where a star-studded panel addressed the gathering.

### Awards and Recognition

- Dr. K. G. Prabhu, Consultant, Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry, was felicitated with a special award for his contribution to the field.
- Service awards and certificates were distributed to the staff members.

### Cultural Programmes

Cultural programmes were also conducted.

### Freshers Day

Freshers' day which helps to strengthen the bond between the juniors and seniors and make them acquainted with the hospital.

### Ophthalmology Conference

Dr. R. Madhavi, Glaucoma Consultant, Aravind-Tirunelveli, presented the annual report in a nutshell. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan and Dr. Meenakshi gave an inspiring speech and stressed the importance of training and research.

### Alumni Meet

The Aravind Pondicherry Alumni Meet was held on February 17-18. The event included a symposium on "Surgical tips which I have learnt from my seniors" by Dr. K. Dinesh, Department of Oculoplasty, Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore.

### Symposiums

Symposiums were held on "Quality Improvement" framework and kaizen practices. Overall, the one-day event helped the Aravind team understand the benefits of Lean Six Sigma and how to apply it in their own department/work area and discuss the newer advancements in Management Science and Operations.

### Conclusion

The event was a success, with a large turnout of staff members and visitors. Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry continues to be a leader in the field of ophthalmology with its cutting-edge technology and dedicated staff.

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