

Aravind is greatly appreciative of the community sponsors for their sustained assistance in the smooth conduct of outreach eye camps. Every two years, Aravind Eye Hospitals arranges a meet of its eye camp sponsors as a way of acknowledging their support of the hospitals' outreach initiatives. In the last month, Aravind Eye Hospital, Salem organised Sponsors' Day which evoked an overwhelming response. News about these and many more feature in this issue.

Accolades

Amazing Women Award

Madurai, March 8 Dr. Usha Kim, Chief-Orbit and Oculoplasty, Aravind–Madurai, received the Amazing Women Award for her outstanding achievement and success in professional and social life at an event organised by the Women





L.C. Dutta Memorial Oration Award Guwahati, February 25

Empowerment forum of TN Chamber Foundation, Madurai.

Dr. Renu P. Rajan, Medical Consultant, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Madurai received Dr. L.C. Dutta Memorial Oration Award organised by Chandraprabha Eye Hospital, Guwahati. Dr. Renu delivered the oration on the topic, *Retinopathy of prematurity: Preventing a lifetime of needless blindness*.









Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 23 -26 Dr. Prithvi Chandrakanth, Medical Consultant, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Coimbatore received the Best Scientific Paper Award at the 38th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress.

Best Scientific Paper Award

Title of the paper: *Slit Lamp based intraocular lens Microscope:*: A point of care diagnostic tool for fungal hyphae detection. Top 5 Finalists – Surgical Video Competition

Aravind Events

conducted by the American Glaucoma Society.

Title of the video: *Gateway to safe gonioscopy-assisted transluminal trabeculotomy*

A surgical video of Dr. Swati Upadhyaya, Medical consultant, Glaucoma Services, Aravind-Pondicherry, became one among the Top 5 Finalists in the surgical video competition

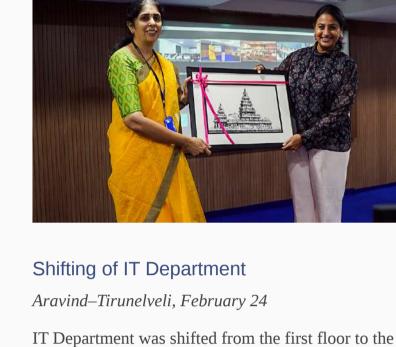


Aravind-Chennai, *March* 10 Aravind Eye Hospital, Chennai hosted a special programme – 'Conversation with Anu' on March 10. Anu Hasan, the well-known television anchor was the chief guest of the event. She gave an excellent talk on mental wellness and

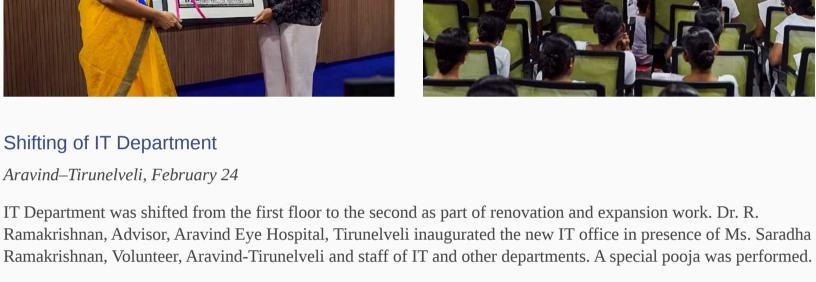
women's empowerment. This was followed by a question and answer session during which Anu effortlessly answered every question with inspiring comments. A special video on Ms. Anu Hasan was screened. Senior staff from various

Women's Day Celebration

departments spoke on their "Journey with Aravind". Staff from other centres too attended the programme via Zoom.



mission of Aravind's Founder Chairman, Dr. V.







Freshers' Day

Aravind–Tirunelveli, February 23 Newly joined postgraduate doctors and fellows celebrated their Freshers' Day. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan and Dr. R. Meenakshi, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind-Tirunelveli were the chief guests for the function. The postgraduate doctors and fellows performed various programmes like skits and dances. The new joiners introduced themselves to the gathering. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan and Dr. Meenakshi gave an inspiring speech and stressed the importance of freshers' day which helps to strengthen the bond between the juniors and seniors and make them acquainted with other staff of the institution. They both reiterated the responsibilities of postgraduates and fellows in achieving the





Meenakshi, and Dr. R. Ramakrishnan gave an inspiring speech. Service awards and certificates were distributed to

Hospital Day Celebration

Aravind–Tirunelveli, February 22

staff in recognition of their efforts. Ten staff members who had 100% on-time attendance to work in 2022 were given a certificate of appreciation and a gift. Cultural programmes were also conducted. Aravind-Pondicherry, February 18 Aravind-Pondicherry celebrated its 20th annual day in a grand manner. The celebrations in the evening included the activity report presentation by Dr. Josephine Christy, Medical Consultant, Cornea Services, Aravind-Pondicherry. She reflected on the various milestones achieved over the past 20 years. Staff were recognised with service awards. Research awards and Innovation awards were presented to the achievers. The event ended with cultural programmes. The founding members as well as seniors from across the Aravind centres were present on the occasion.

Aravind-Tirunelveli celebrated its 35th Hospital Day in a simple manner. Doctors, allied ophthalmic personnel (AOP), and admin staff joined the celebration. The function started with a prayer song followed by a welcome

address. Dr. R. Madhavi, Glaucoma Consultant, Aravind-Tirunelveli, presented the annual report in a nutshell. Dr. R.





Aravind Pondicherry Alumni Meet (APAM) was conducted at Le Pondy Beach Resort where alumni from across the country participated along with their families, reconnected with old friends and acquaintances, and reminisced old

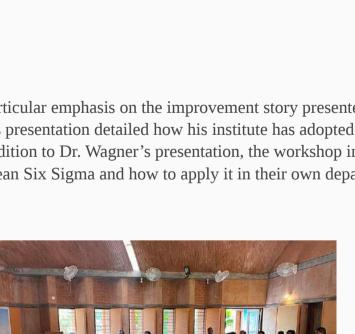
Aravind Pondicherry Alumni Meet

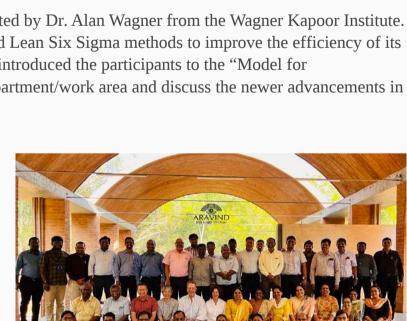
Aravind – Pondicherry, February 17-18

memories. All the residents who published their thesis so far were felicitated during the event. A "Wall of Fame" was created recognising thesis publications. A special symposium was conducted on February 18 where a star-studded panel of speakers including the founding members of Aravind Eye Care System (AECS) and eminent personalities like Dr. Alan Wagner, Wagner Kapoor Institute, Virginia Beach, USA; Dr. Geoff Tabin, Professor of Ophthalmology, Stanford University, and Chairman of the Himalayan Cataract Project; Dr. Suzanne Gilbert, Director, Center for Innovation in Eye Care at Seva Foundation; Prof. Kamalini Ramdas, Deloitte Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Professor of Management Science and Operations, London Business School; Dr. David Green, Social Entrepreneur at David Green Consulting, USA shared their inputs. The topics for these symposiums were carefully handpicked to highlight the global impact of AECS and to discuss the newer advancements in ophthalmology practice and research. The symposium was well appreciated by the participants.









Elumalai Vision Centre conducted an eye care awareness programme in Adhikaripatty, a small village with a population of 630. A total of 86 people participated. After attending the session, six people visited the vision centre to have their eyes examined.

Eye Care Awareness Programme Madurai / Elumalai, February 13





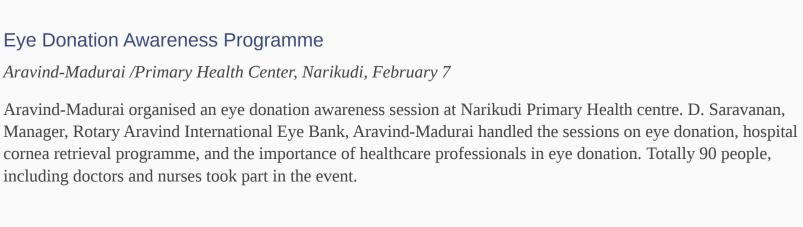




Indoor Plant Competition Aravind–Tirunelveli, February 13 This year too, Aravind-Tirunelveli organised an indoor plant competition. Staff members of Aravind-Tirunelveli participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and zeal. The organising team exhibited plants in the patient waiting area and two ballot boxes were kept for the patients/attenders and staff members to cast their votes. Ms. Chitra T. Ravilla, In-charge, Aravind Communications, and Ms. Saradha were the judges. Prizes were given to staff who secured the first three places.



including doctors and nurses took part in the event.

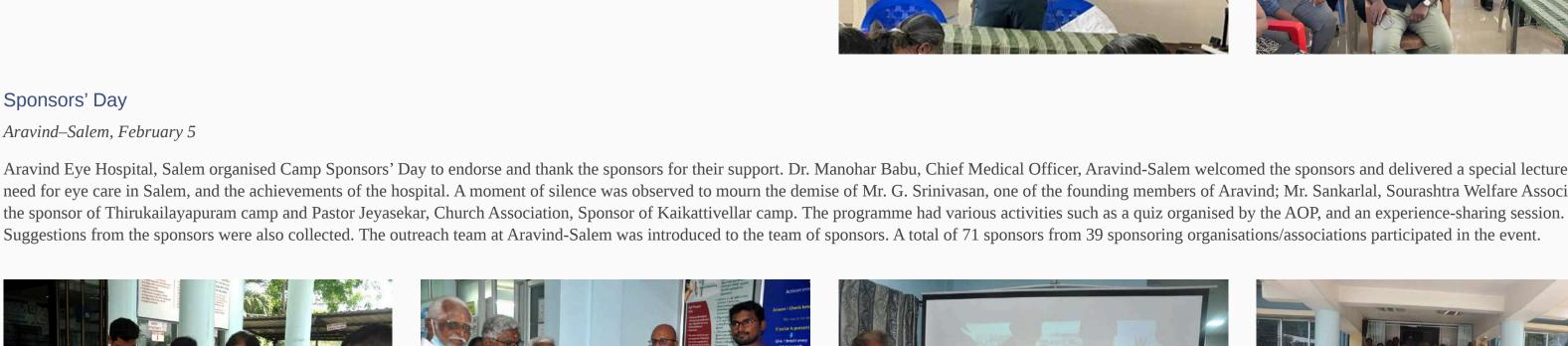


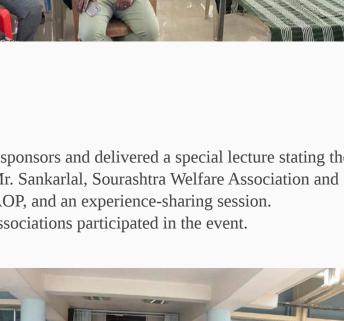


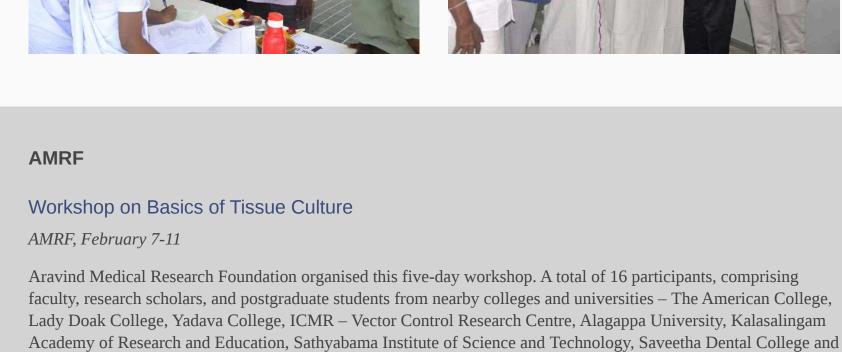


Sponsors' Day

Aravind–Salem, February 5 Aravind Eye Hospital, Salem organised Camp Sponsors' Day to endorse and thank the sponsors for their support. Dr. Manohar Babu, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind-Salem welcomed the sponsors and delivered a special lecture stating the need for eye care in Salem, and the achievements of the hospital. A moment of silence was observed to mourn the demise of Mr. G. Srinivasan, one of the founding members of Aravind; Mr. Sankarlal, Sourashtra Welfare Association and







training on tissue culture techniques.







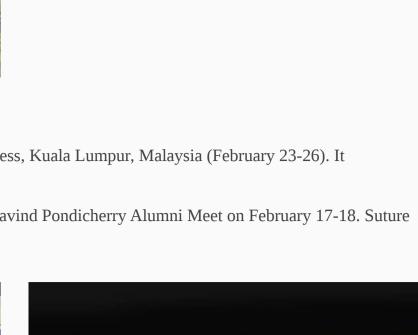
Aurolab Astra – Aurolab Sales Training Aurolab / LAICO, February 13-25

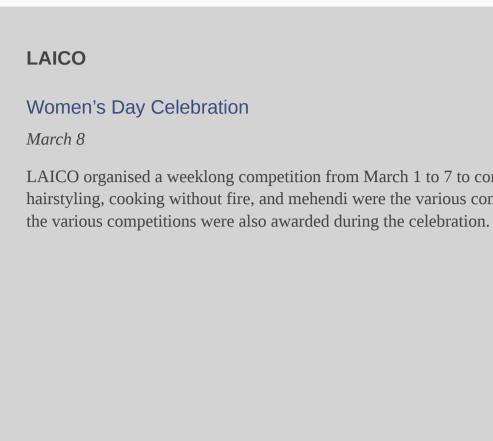
A training workshop for new joiners of Aurolab is held annually under the name Astra. At the Astra held in February, the new joiners were briefed on Aurolab products, marketing, and sales. They were also given a tour of the Aurolab facilities. A total of 26 new joiners took part.

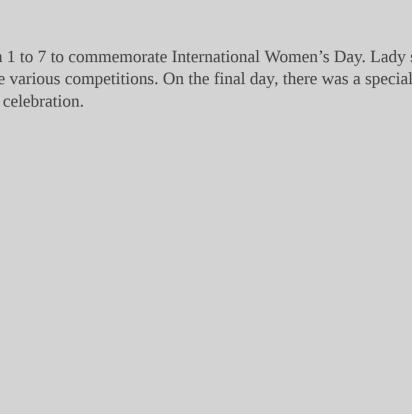
Aurolab Participation in Conferences and CMEs Aurolab participated in the Annual Conference of Intraocular Implant Refractive Society of India, Gwalior (February 11-12), and Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (February 23-26). It highlighted several of its products at these conferences. 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. Suture samples were given to doctors for practicing in the wet lab.

Hospitals, and Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation, Tamil Nadu Forest Department attended the workshop. The workshop included a series of lectures by AMRF faculty followed by laboratory sessions that gave hands-on

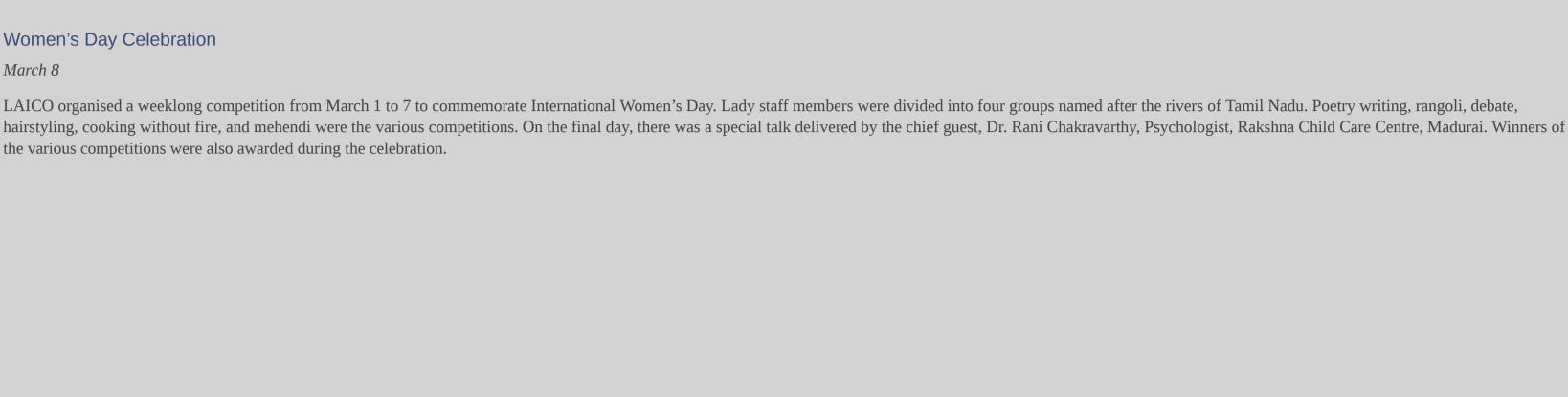








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LAICO in collaboration with Tata Advanced Systems Ltd organised the third and final session of the Kaushalam leadership development programme at *My Village* resort in Anaikatti, Coimbatore. Senior staff from Aravind and Aurolab, and Masood Hussainy, Head, Aerostructures and Aeroengines, Tata Advanced Systems took part. **Conference Attended**

world.

Kaushalam

Anaikatti, March 9-12

London, UK, January 27

Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress

High-level Meeting on Integrated People-centred Eye Care

- Making IPEC a reality - Priorities and knowledge gaps in the region

International Conference on Consortium of Universal Research Erudition (ICURE)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 23 -26

Hyderabad, *February 21-23*

Madurai, *February 3-6*

Immune system and the eye

Thulasiraj Ravilla, Director-Operations, AECS

United Kingdom Paediatric Glaucoma Society Meeting

to meet Dr. Maria Papadopoulos, a paediatric glaucoma consultant as well as a well-wisher of Aravind.

Dr. Naresh Babu, Chief, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Madurai - Anatomical and functional outcomes of retinectomy in recurrent retinal detachment: a detailed analysis (poster) - Role of intravitreal Triamcinolone Acetonide for hypertensive retinopathy-related macular edema (E-Poster) - Subretinal gliosis removal in a chronic retinal detachment – An unorthodox approach (video) Dr. Muthukrishnan, Medical Consultant, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Madurai - Anatomical functional outcomes of retinectomy in recurrent retinal detachment: a detailed analysis (Poster)

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Dr. Manju R. Pillai, Medical Consultant, Glaucoma Services, Aravind-Madurai attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the results of the project titled *Improving Adherence to follow up in Childhood Glaucoma*. She also presented a video documenting one of the beneficiaries of the project. The project was carried out under the USAID Child Blindness Programme and was well appreciated by all the consultants involved in treating childhood glaucoma around the

Dr. Manju also took time to visit paediatric glaucoma facilities at the Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. She also visited the genetic lab associated with it to learn more about genetic studies in childhood glaucoma. Besides, she took time

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Madurai

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Fellowship in Orbit & Oculoplasty

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Hospitals

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

Archives

28

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Training

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Long Term Fellowship Programmes – For Ophthalmologists 2 Madurai Fellowship in Cornea Tirunelveli 1 Tirunelveli 1 Coimbatore 1 Fellowship in Anterior Segment and IOL

No. of enrolments

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Patient Statistics – February 2023		

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