



38th National Eye Donation Fortnight Programme 2023

Editorial

While carrying out routine clinical activities, Aravind Eye Hospitals also prioritise awareness campaigns, Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions, and other initiatives that further enhance the overall quality of eye care services. Notably, the 38th Eye Donation Fortnight was observed across all Aravind Centres, with a particular focus on creating public awareness and dispelling misconceptions associated with eye donation. Several programmes, including the角膜 retrieval campaign, awareness rallies, press meetings, and radio talks, were conducted, receiving widespread support from the public.

The expansion of the very first Aravind Eye Hospital occurred 47 years ago, and celebrating this milestone is a significant occasion for Aravind, serving as a reminder of Dr. V's vision and mission.

The celebration of Freshers' day for newly recruited MLOPs is a notable event that fosters a sense of companionship among newcomers and their colleagues. Aravind constantly organises such programmes, which facilitate a healthy working environment.

This series features news on these events and much more.

Note: The events covered in this series took place between 15th August and 16th September.

Accolades

Best Oral Presentation Award at the 17th edition of Vision 2020: The Right to Sight-India National Conference
 Madhya Pradesh, 26-27 August

Revathy Kannadasan,
 Manager-Administration, Aravind-Chennai

Title: Acceptance of cataract surgery from the patients who have systemic conditions at a tertiary eye hospital



Aravind Events

Hospital Day Celebration

Aravind-Madurai, 16th September

Aravind-Madurai celebrated its Hospital Day in commemoration of 47 years of eye care service. Dr. R. Kim, Chief Medical Officer, provided a concise overview of the previous year's highlights and Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye Care System, delivered the key note address.

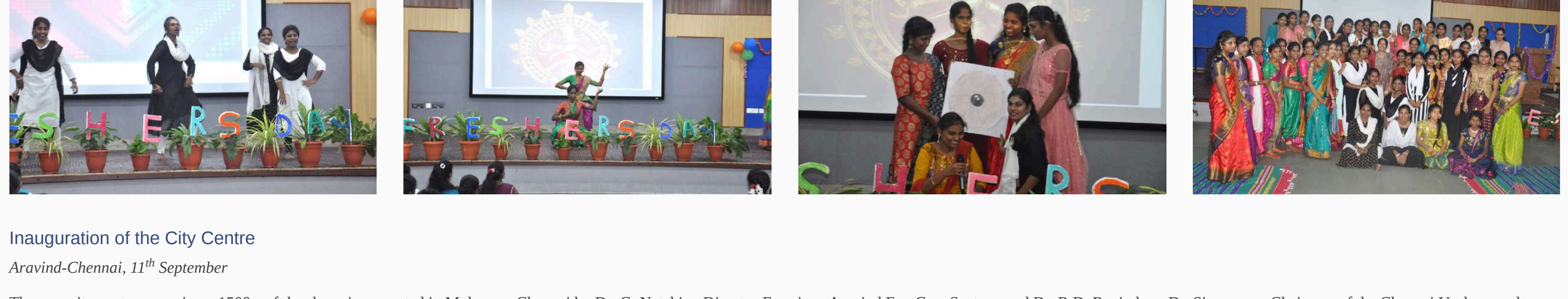
During the event, staff members were honoured with awards and certificates, recognising their outstanding contributions. The celebration featured cultural performances, including dance, yoga, and singing, with a standout solo performance by Dr. Varshith, Madurai. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by R. Meenakshi Sundaram, Senior Manager, Clinical Services, Aravind-Madurai.



Freshers' Day

Aravind-Tirupati, 15th September

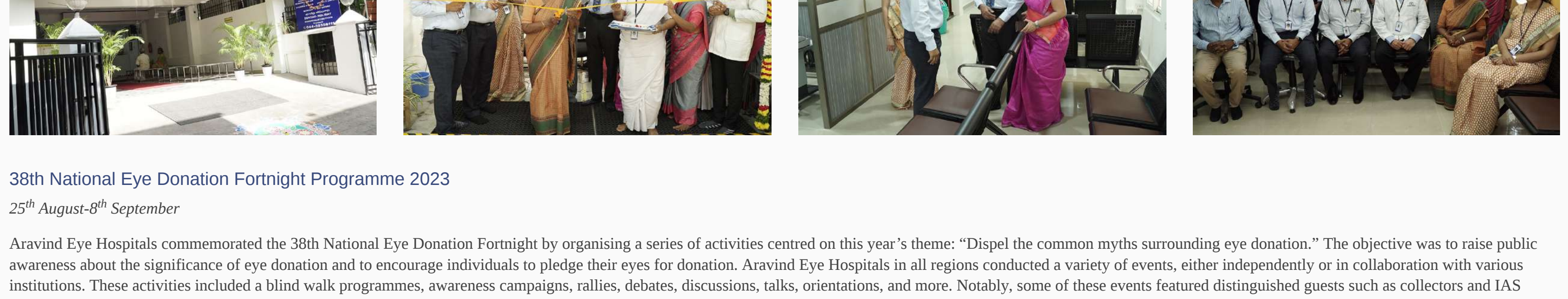
Freshers' day was organised to welcome the newly recruited MLOPs at Aravind-Tirupati. The event showcased various cultural activities, including dance, singing, debates, and drama, allowing the trainees to display their talents. Notably, 15th September coincides with the hospital's 5th anniversary, making it a fitting day to celebrate MLOPs and their contributions to the hospital. To express their gratitude, doctors and administrative staff left personalised messages on a large banner displayed in the hostel.



Inauguration of the City Centre

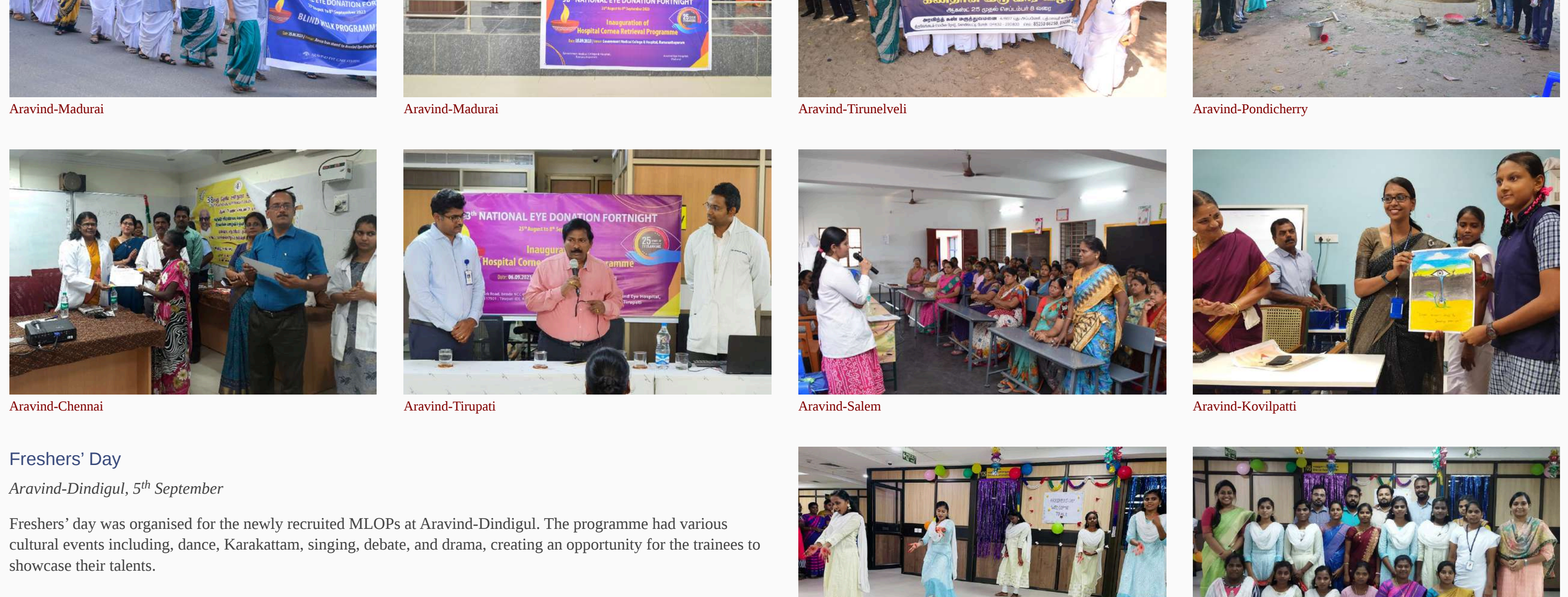
Aravind-Chennai, 11th September

The new city centre, covering a 1500 sq.ft has been inaugurated in Mylapore, Chennai by Dr. G. Natchiar, Director-Emeritus, Aravind Eye Care System, and Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Dr. Sivaraman, Chairman of the Chennai Urology and Robotics Institute, Chennai, graced this momentous occasion as a special guest. This city centre now addresses the eye care needs of the people in and around Mylapore, reducing travel time to the base hospital. On the opening day alone, there were a total of 42 outpatient visits.



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Aravind Eye Hospitals commemorated the 38th National Eye Donation Fortnight by organising a series of activities centred on this year's theme: "Dispel the common myths surrounding eye donation." The objective was to raise public awareness about the significance of eye donation and to encourage individuals to pledge their eyes for donation. Aravind Eye Hospitals in all regions conducted a variety of events, either independently or in collaboration with various institutions. These activities included a blind walk programmes, awareness campaigns, rallies, debates, discussions, talks, orientations, and more. Notably, some of these events featured distinguished guests such as collectors and IAS officers, who offered their support and encouragement.



Freshers' Day

Aravind-Dindigul, 5th September

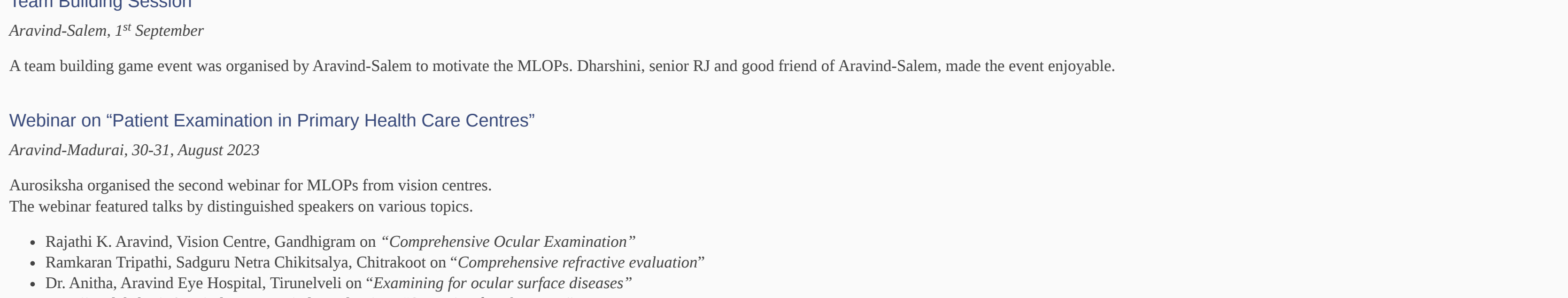
Freshers' day was organised for the newly recruited MLOPs at Aravind-Dindigul. The programme had various cultural events including, dance, Karakattam, singing, debate, and drama, creating an opportunity for the trainees to showcase their talents.



CME on Unlocking the Mysteries of Cerebral Visual Impairment: The Journey to Vision and Brain

Aravind-Madurai, 2nd September

The Department of Paediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus and Vision Rehabilitation Centre, Aravind-Madurai conducted the CME programme under the direction of Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi, Senior Medical Consultant, Paediatric Ophthalmology Services, Aravind-Madurai and Senior Leadership team. The programme was organised with the goal of raising awareness about cerebral visual impairment (CVI) and all its aspects, including setting up a CVI clinic, the importance of rehabilitation strategies, the availability of facilities for children with CVI, and the impact of rehabilitation on the children and their parents. Around 150 to 200 participants including, ophthalmologists, paediatricians, optometrists, and therapists attended the programme. Additionally, there was a pop-up quiz, ensuring better interaction with the delegates.



Team Building Session

Aravind-Salem, 1st September

A team building game event was organised by Aravind-Salem to motivate the MLOPs. Dharshini, senior RJ and good friend of Aravind-Salem, made the event enjoyable.

Webinar on "Patient Examination in Primary Health Care Centres"

Aravind-Madurai, 30-31, August 2023

Auroslksha organised the second webinar for MLOPs from vision centres. The webinar featured talks by distinguished speakers on various topics.

- Rajathi K. Aravind, Vision Centre, Gandhigram on "Comprehensive Ocular Examination"
- Ramkaran Tripathi, Saigara Netra Chikitsalya, Chitrakoot on "Comprehensive refractive evaluation"
- Dr. Anitha, Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli on "Examining for ocular surface diseases"
- Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai on "Screening for glaucoma"
- Dr. Praneesh Balasubramanian, Moorfields Eye Hospital, UK on "Recognising and managing ocular emergencies"
- Birendra Pratap Singh, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi on "Examining children"
- Dr. Prithi Chandrakanth, Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore on "Screening for retinal pathologies"
- Dr. Subhra NS, Vivekananda Mission Ashram Netra Niramay Niketan, Chaibanyapur on "Evaluation of headache and double vision"
- The webinarhandled Madhukari (Anji), L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad on "Investigating sudden onset of defective vision"

The webinar had 660 registrations and over 250 attendees joined the online programme.

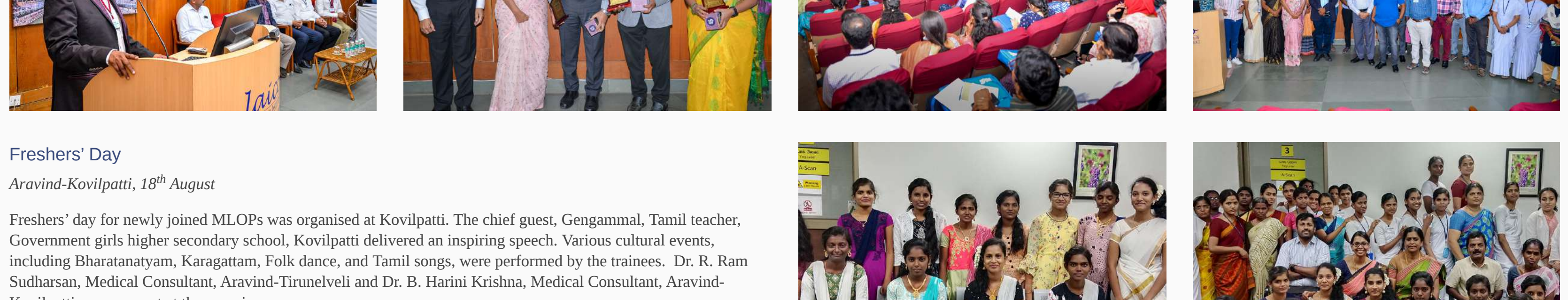
EndoVision 2023: 1st Mid Term Conference of All India Rhinology Society

Aravind-Madurai, August 25-27, 2023

The 1st Mid-Term Conference of the All India Rhinology Society (AIRS) held at the LAICO Auditorium, was jointly hosted by Aravind-Madurai and Aravind Hospital, Madurai. A multidisciplinary team was involved in this endeavour, and a distinguished group of speakers from various subspecialties across India participated as guest faculty.

During the inaugural ceremony, Dr. M.G. Rajniganth, Organising Secretary, EndoVision 2023, welcomed the attendees. Dr. Atul Jain, President, AIRSI, delivered the presidential address, and Dr. A. Rathinavel, Dean of Madurai Medical College, delivered the inaugural address. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Health & Family Welfare Department, Chennai, felicitated the programme through video conference.

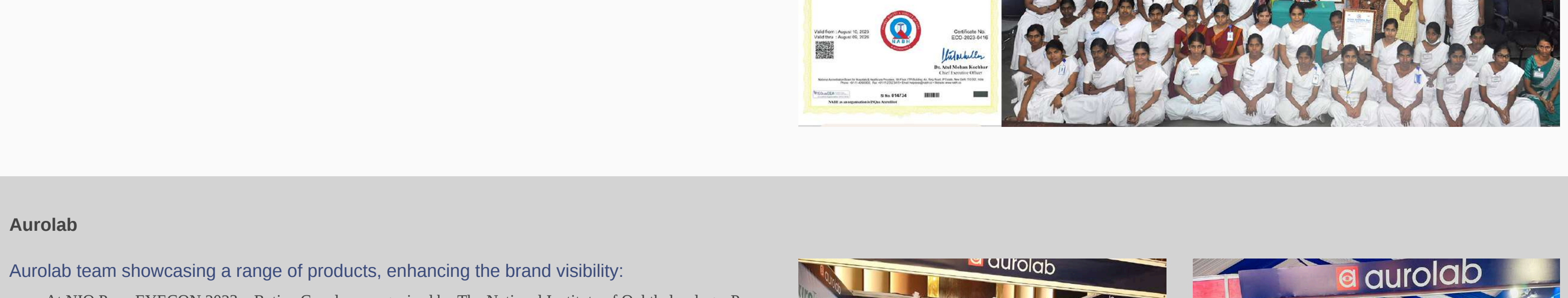
The scientific discussions covered various topics, including advancements in endoscopic orbital surgeries, cutting-edge techniques, technologies, and trends in the field. The conference also featured live surgical demonstrations, an engaging cadaveric dissection pre-conference workshop at Government Rajaji Hospital, and enlightening lectures with interactive sessions. A total of 162 participants attended the conference, including ENT specialists, ophthalmologists, postgraduates, and fellows from both specialties.



Freshers' Day

Aravind-Kovilpatti, 18th August

Freshers' day for newly joined MLOPs was organised at Kovilpatti. The chief guest, Gengammal, Tamil teacher, Government girls higher secondary school, Kovilpatti delivered an inspiring speech. Various cultural events, including Bharatanatyam, Karagattam, Folk dance, and Tamil songs, were performed by the trainees. Dr. R. Ram Subbaran, Medical Consultant, Aravind-Tirunelveli and Dr. B. Harini Krishna, Medical Consultant, Aravind-Kovilpatti were present at the occasion.



NABH Certification

Aravind-Tirupati, 10th August

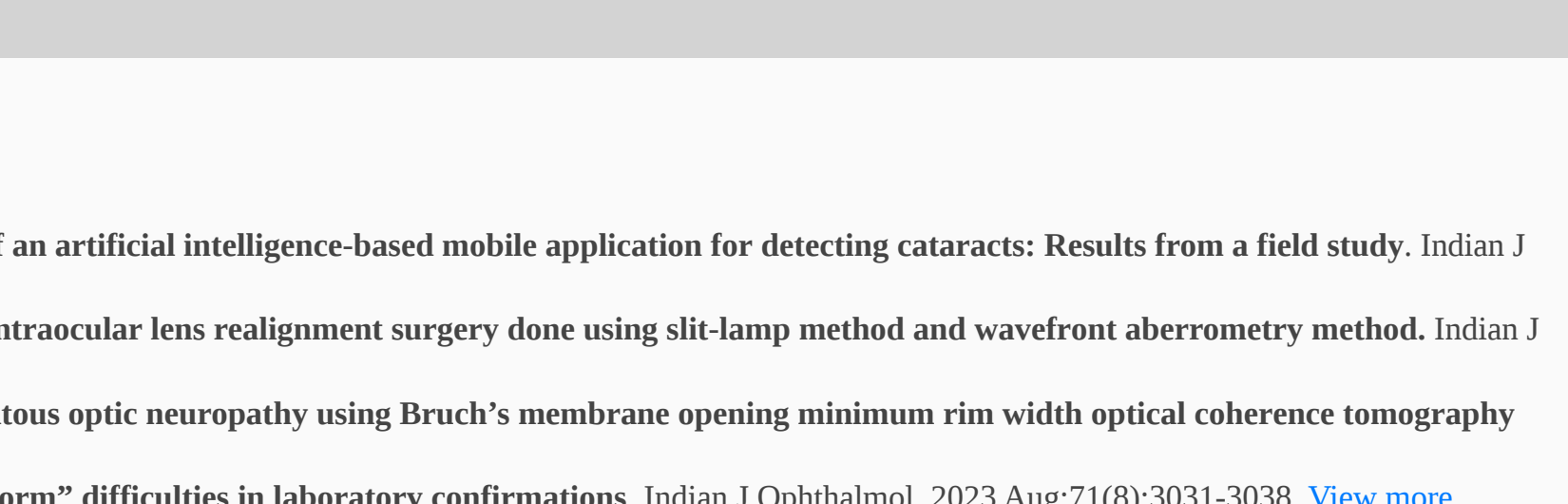
Aravind-Tirupati has achieved National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) certification, demonstrating compliance with the standards outlined by the Eye Care Organisation Certification Programme. The accreditation certificate remains valid until August 2026.



AuroLab

AuroLab team showcasing a range of products, organised by the brand visibility.

- At NIO Pune EYECON 2023 – Retina Conclave, organised by The National Society of Ophthalmology, Pune, Pune, 9-10 September
- At the National Conference of Vision 2020 Madhya Pradesh, 26-27 August 2023



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Training

Enrolments for September 2023			
Course title	Training Centre	No. of enrolments	
Long Term Fellowship Programmes – For Ophthalmologists			
Fellowship in Anterior Segment / Intraocular Lens Surgery	Coimbatore	1	
	Thiruvallur	1	
Fellowship in General Ophthalmology	Coimbatore	2	
	Madurai	1	
	Tirunelveli	1	
Fellowship in Cornea	Chennai	1	
	Coimbatore	1	
Fellowship in Retina and Vitreous	Chennai	2	
	Chennai	2	
Fellowship in Glaucoma	Coimbatore	1	
	Chennai	1	
Fellowship in Paediatric ophthalmology & Strabismus	Coimbatore	2	
	Coimbatore	2	
Short Term Training Programmes – For Ophthalmologists			
Phacoemulsification	Tirunelveli	2	
	Pondicherry	1	
	Coimbatore	2	
	Madurai	1	
Neuro Ophthalmology	Coimbatore	1	
	Tirunelveli	1	
	Madurai	1	
Small Incision Cataract Surgery	Tirunelveli	1	
	Coimbatore	1	
Short Term Training Program – For Paramedicals			
Refraction Techniques	Madurai	5	
Eye Bank Courses			
Training in Eye Bank Techniques	Madurai	2	

Statistics

Patient Statistics – August 2023															
Hospitals	Total	Madurai	Tirunelveli	Thiruvallur	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Tirupur	Dindigul	Salem	Tuticorin	Uthumalai	Checcchi	Chennai	Tirupatti	Kovilpatti
Hospital Out-patient visits															
Paying (New & Review)	263,994	59,386	31,143	9,224	36,525	28,035	5,389	9,038	12,709	5,384	5,019	4,776	38,818	15,366	3,180
Free/ Direct walk-in (New & Review)	102,574	23,835	8,252	2,903	12,786	11,474	2,263	1,720	5,153	1,655	2,110	-	11,611	17,578	1,234
Outreach Out-patients															
Comprehensive Eye Camps	36,310	9,982	2,382	1,233	8,896	5,888	480	-	1,422	355	245	-	3,255	2,160	-
Diabetic Retinopathy Camps	2,050	689	-	441	409	308	-	-	203	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glaucoma Camps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refraction Camp	4,945	333	1,968	472	957	631	276	-	308	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mobile Refraction Unit	1,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,069	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Screening	10,073	-	478	922	6,106	2,318	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	114	-
Paediatric Eye screening	1,275	-	-	-	320	955	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WFP Screening	1,960	390	339	212	848	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	225	46	-
INOP Screening	87,328	28,227	14,955	6,472	7,795	17,412	2,078	-	4,957	-	2,370	-	3,062	-	-
Community / City Centres	17,856	9,641	3,005	2,476	-	2,734	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total OP Examinations	529,613	132,483	62,522	24,355	74,646	69,834	10,486	10,758	25,821	7,394	9,745	4,776	57,104	35,275	4,414
Total number of camps	178	40	20	8	38	24	2	-	8	4	3	-	17	14	-
Surgeries															
Cataract	40,839	10,375	3,513	1,054	6,058	5,745	539	579	2,438	593	882	216	4,350	4,160	337
*Other Surgeries	23,563	6,626	2,930	518	4,586	2,938	80	118	680	82	78	132	3,102	1,648	45
Total Surgeries	64,402	17,001	6,443	1,572	10,644	8,683	619	697	3,118	675	960	348	7,452	5,808	382

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

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