

Reaching out to create awareness

Editorial

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 community outreach. The hospital has handled 72,98,935 million out-patient visits and 6,85,225 surgeries; it is well-known for its green and eco-friendly initiatives. To mark the hospital completing two decades of its journey towards restoring sight, year-long programmes were organised, the culmination of which happened on the grand hospital day celebration held on February 18. Aravind-Tirunelveli too celebrated its annual day in February.

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 hospital's 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-Ophthalmologist, 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 Empowerment forum of TN Chamber of Commerce, Madurai.

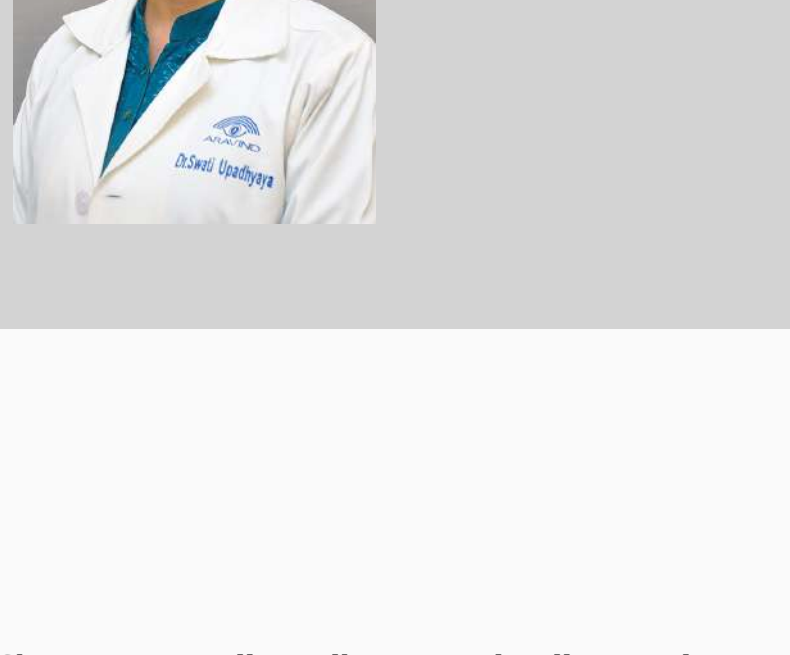
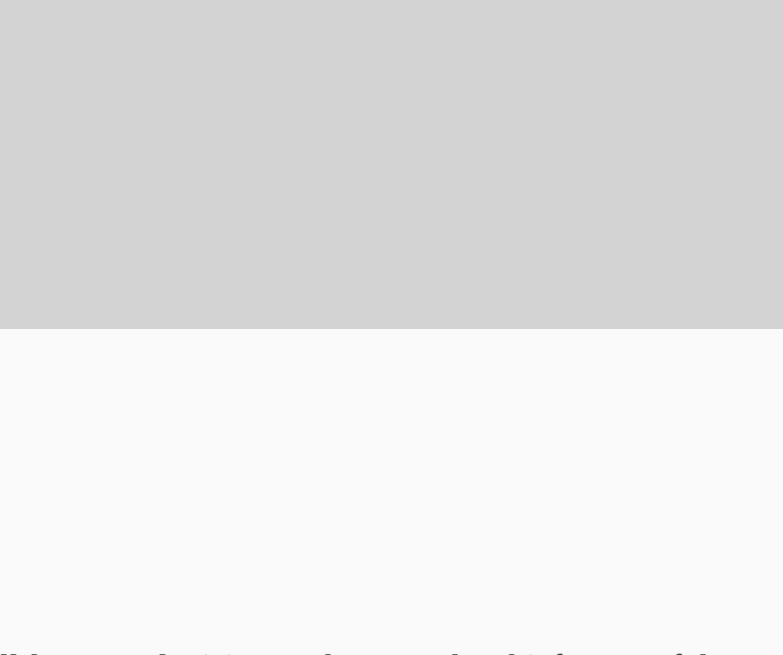
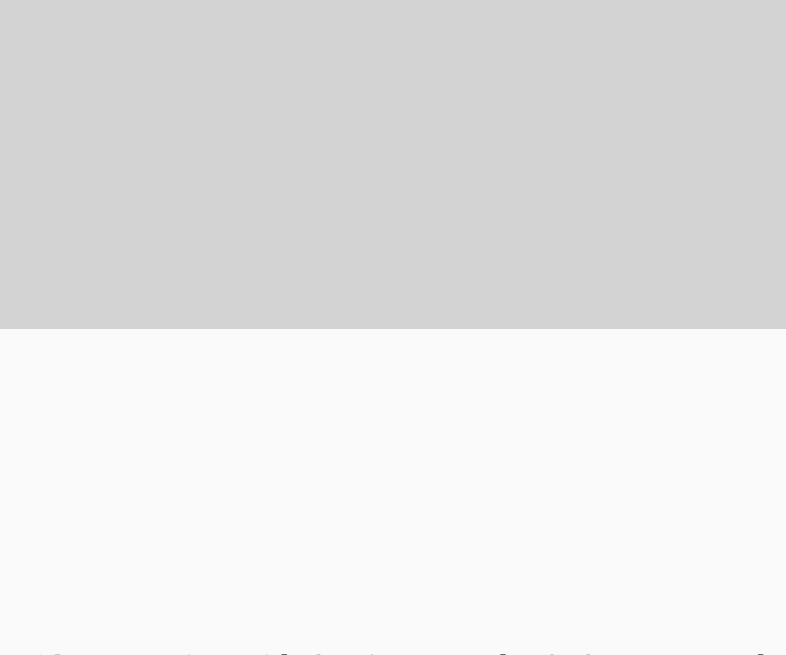
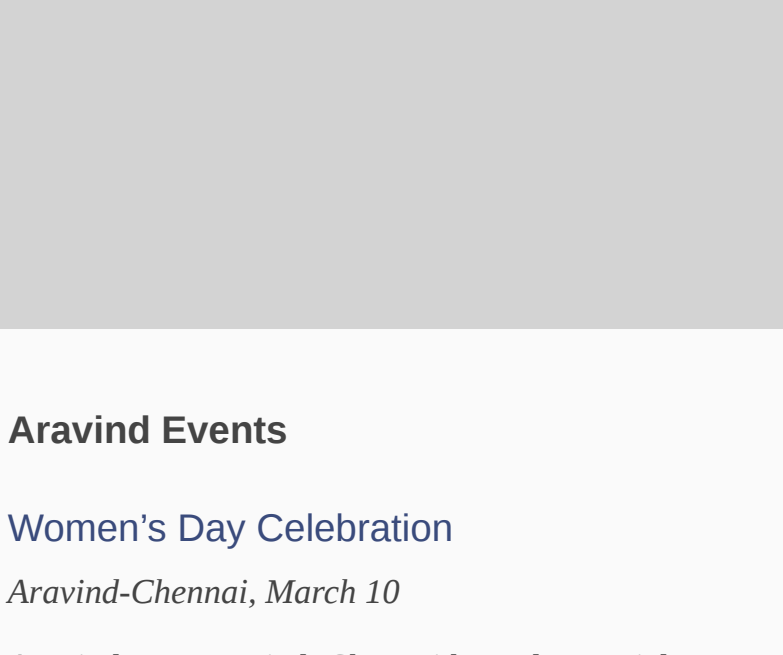


L.C. Dutta Memorial Oration Award

Guntur, February 25

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, Guntur.

The award is bestowed on the person of the year, *Retinopathy of prematurity: Preventing a lifetime of needless blindness*.



Best Scientific Paper Award

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 23-26

Dr. Priti Chandrakshi, Medical Consultant, Retina and Vitreous Services, Aravind-Coimbatore received the Best Scientific Paper Award at the 38th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress.

Title of the paper: *Slit Lamp based Intracocular Lens Microscopy: A point of care diagnostic tool for fungal hyphae detection*.

