



Patient Care

What's happening at Aravind is that its go-ahead practices, which have evolved from its founding to the present day, continue to drive innovation and the development of practical solutions, catering to the eye care needs of patients. Bearing the torch of Dr. V's vision of eliminating needless blindness, patient care at the centre of focus here has led to the continuous exploration of new approaches to work, the expansion of hospital facilities, the opening of new centres in different locations, and reaching out to meet patients' needs in all aspects, year after year.

EYE HOSPITALS

Infrastructure development

At Aravind Eye Hospital - Coimbatore, the inauguration of a new, larger hospital building on 29th September 2024 marked a significant step forward in accommodating the growing number of patients. Equipped with advanced features and modern infrastructure, the facility enhances the delivery of eye care, making it more accessible to all.

Aravind-Tirupati, opened its first Community Eye Clinic in Puttur, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh on 28th May 2024. This new clinic was set to benefit Puttur and the surrounding villages. As Aravind-Salem prepares to move to a new and bigger facility in 2026, the team participated in a half-day Excellent Goal Setting Workshop on 3rd August 2024, planning strategies and allocating resources to expand services in anticipation of the move. Aravind-Tirunelveli utilises



Thulasiraj Ravilla inaugurating the Puttur Community Eye Clinic

its old building, renovating them for the service of its patients on specialty care inaugurated on 8th February 2025. Aravind-Madurai, the very first hospital of the

Inauguration of the new facility at Aravind - Coimbatore



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network, is planning to relocate to a nearby site in alignment with government requirements for hospital facilities, ensuring the capacity to serve the increasing patient volume while continuing to deliver high-quality eye care.

Initiatives to improve eye care service delivery

At Aravind-Tirunelveli, a Remidio fundus camera was installed at the free outpatient section on 5th April 2024. Further, a Legion Phaco machine was set up at the wet lab on 12th February 2025. Aravind-Salem has opened a vision therapy and low vision clinic for patients with non-strabismic binocular vision anomalies, on 30th November 2024. This centre provides a comprehensive vision assessment for patients with irreversible visual impairment, trials of low vision devices, and vision therapy exercises for paediatric patients with amblyopia. On 1st January 2025, Aravind-Chennai conducted a Goal-Setting Workshop, reviewing 2024 progress and defining 2025 departmental strategies, aligning teams toward shared institutional growth and excellence.

To address technical challenges and drive innovation for the benefit of patients, the Aravind Centre for Eye care Innovation (ACEi) continues to adopt ingenious approaches. Renovation of a dedicated space at LAICO for ACEi's Eyedeas Lab is nearing completion, with a high-precision SLA 3D printer from Aurolab installed in a safe, fume-free environment. ACEi, in collaboration with VIT Vellore, has jointly filed a patent for the EC LINK, an automated riboflavin dispensing system. Additionally, two design patents, for a Conjunctival Retractor and an Anterior Chamber Depth Analyser, are in progress in partnership with VIT Chennai.

Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi inaugurating the Low vision clinic at Aravind-Salem



Projects to enhance eye care service delivery

Spectacles for children

Funded by the Aravind Eye Foundation (AEF), the project was implemented at Aravind Eye Hospitals in Madurai, Theni, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Kovilpatti, Coimbatore, Pondicherry, Salem, and Tirupati. Aiming to enhance the visual health and educational performance of school children, the project ensured the timely provision of quality spectacles through school-based eye screening initiatives. Between April 2024 and March 2025, the initiative covered 392 schools across six tertiary and four secondary hospitals. A total of 304,032 schoolchildren were screened, with 13,281 diagnosed with refractive errors and provided with spectacles.

Vision Aid- Low Vision project

With support from Vision-Aid, Boston, USA, significant progress was made in strengthening infrastructure and enhancing the delivery of vision rehabilitation services across Aravind centres. During the reporting year, the Low Vision clinics at Madurai, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Pondicherry, and Tirupati assessed 8,312 individuals for low vision and functional vision. Those identified with ocular conditions received comprehensive care, including counselling, treatment, and rehabilitation. Among these, 58 children were provided with spectacles, five college students received free computer training, 26 patients underwent vision therapy, and 15 received smartphones. Additionally, 41 patients received non-optical devices, 161 patients were provided with optical aids, and 43 patients received electronic devices. A total of 120 Smart Vision Glasses

Screening of children at a camp





*Beneficiaries experiencing the Smart Vision Glasses
Aravind-Tirunelveli*

(SVG) were distributed to deserving individuals. Low vision evaluation training was also provided to six college students. Furthermore, outreach camps and awareness campaigns were conducted in special schools and paediatric hospitals surrounding the implementing centres to screen children for early detection of low vision and vision impairment.

Integrating school eye health into primary eye care - pilot project

Supported by the AEF, this project addresses visual impairment among school-going and pre-school children within the service areas of Aravind Vision Centres, focusing particularly on uncorrected refractive errors and other treatable eye conditions. During the reporting period, at Aravind Eye Hospitals in Madurai and Tirunelveli, a total of 317 schools were enrolled, reaching 64,594 students. Of these, 21,234 students were screened resulting in the identification of 6,442 children with defective vision who were referred for further evaluation. Among these, 1,684 students

School children screening programme



Distribution of low vision aids through the Vision Aid project at Aravind-Coimbatore

reported to the vision centres. Of those examined, 1,010 were advised to use spectacles, and 951 placed orders for them. Additionally, 306 students were referred to the base hospital for specialised care. A similar project, supported by Trees for Life International, USA, was implemented at Aravind-Pondicherry, targeting five vision centres in the Viluppuram District. Under this initiative, 33 schools were covered, with 19,900 students screened. Of these, 2,709 students were referred to vision centres for detailed examination, and 466 reported for follow-up. Among them, 186 were advised to use spectacles, with 184 having received them. Additionally, 83 students were referred to the base hospital for further care, and 39 have reached the hospital.

Systematic paediatric eye care through sibling screening strategies (SPECSSS)

Supported by Seva Foundation, this project completed in March 2025, aimed to enhance holistic paediatric eye care by implementing sibling screening for children

Paediatric eye care through sibling screening



diagnosed with heritable eye disorders across the tertiary, secondary, and vision centres of Aravind-Tirunelveli. Through early identification and timely intervention, the initiative ensured the provision of spectacles, low vision aids, and surgical care, either free of cost or at subsidised rates, for children in need. In parallel, efforts were made to strengthen the Paediatric Ophthalmology Department at the tertiary level. The project also focused on identifying the predictors and barriers influencing sibling screening to improve uptake and coverage. Notably, 12,434 siblings were screened, 235 surgeries were performed out of 313 advised, 1,075 spectacles were distributed, and 331 children received vision therapy.

Funding to promote innovation

Funded by the Aravind Eye Foundation (AEF), the ACEi drives system-wide innovation across Aravind Eye Hospitals. AEF supported the sixth edition of the Annual ACEi Hackathon held on January 2025, as well as the Aravind Inspiring Innovator Award (AIIA) 2025, which recognises staff-led innovations. With support from the SEVA Foundation, two innovations by Dr. Atul S. Puthalath were being piloted. The first is the Blue Light Unit (BLU) Patch, a low-cost smartphone accessory designed to capture high-quality blue light images of fluorescein-stained corneas. The second is Rapid Evaluation and Diagnosis of External Ocular Lesions (READ), developed to aid tele-ophthalmology services. These projects were in the implementation phase, focusing on training, validation, and integration into routine care.

Research on the impact of a digital registry on management of diabetic retinopathy

With support from the Lions Club International Foundation, the research project aimed to motivate DR patients to undergo regular eye examinations and prevent disease progression. Implemented across 20 vision centres, a study enrolled 3,066 DR patients in the intervention arm, utilising phone calls, field visits, and SMS reminders to improve follow-up adherence. With 46% of patients reached via phone and 19% through field visits, the project successfully educated patients about DR risks and the importance of timely follow-ups. A total of 45,409 SMS were sent to reinforce care continuity. Additionally, a patient registry was developed by integrating data from electronic medical records to streamline follow-up tracking. The project demonstrated an effective, patient-centric approach, and future plans include expanding the DR registry, improving follow-up compliance, and addressing adherence barriers.

Eye care awareness through patient education

To raise awareness about eye care among patients and employees, Aravind employs various innovative strategies to reach wider communities, ultimately benefiting patients.

Aravind-Madurai conducted the emergency resuscitation room exhibition on 7-9 November 2024 that served as an eye-opener for staff, enhancing their knowledge of basic life support systems, emergency situation handling, and understanding of normal and upnormal body functions.

Dr. Rathinam and Dr. Banushree visiting the Intensive Care Unit exhibition at Aravind-Madurai



CREATING EYE CARE AWARENESS

World Disability Day

Aravind-Madurai



Myopia Day

Aravind-Dindigul



Aravind-Tirunelveli



World Sight Day

Aravind-Madurai



World Glaucoma Week

Screening camp, Aravind-Madurai



Awareness exhibition, Aravind-Tirunelveli



Screening camp, Aravind-Tirupathi



Awareness exhibition, Aravind-Chennai



World glaucoma week awareness rally at Aravind-Salem



PERFORMANCE APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025

| | Total | Madurai | Dindigul | Theni | Tirunelveli | Tuticorin | Kovilpatti | Coimbatore |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| OUT-PATIENT VISITS | | | | | | | | |
| HOSPITALS | | | | | | | | |
| Paying sections | 3,123,566 | 699,786 | 113,400 | 106,756 | 376,237 | 69,229 | 39,687 | 416,432 |
| Free sections | 1,170,203 | 274,619 | 29,035 | 34,020 | 103,951 | 19,141 | 14,219 | 141,575 |
| OUTREACH | | | | | | | | |
| SCREENING CAMPS | | | | | | | | |
| Comprehensive camps | 389,791 | 97,652 | - | 14,608 | 47,945 | 4,116 | 2,233 | 66,317 |
| Diabetic Retinopathy screening camps | 25,795 | 9,374 | - | 3,378 | 875 | - | - | 9,152 |
| Workplace refraction camps | 61,217 | 8,843 | - | 4,661 | 14,841 | 2,182 | 621 | 14,048 |
| Schoolchildren examined by Aravind staff* | 53,146 | 10,947 | - | 5,020 | 7,762 | - | 229 | 10,633 |
| Paediatric eye screening | 7,920 | - | - | 380 | 124 | - | - | 552 |
| Mobile van refraction camps | 13,310 | - | - | 178 | - | - | - | 595 |
| RoP-No. of babies screened in NICUs | 12,643 | 3,073 | - | 1,436 | 1,822 | - | - | 4,398 |
| TOTAL FROM SCREENING CAMPS* | 563,822 | 129,889 | - | 29,661 | 73,369 | 6,298 | 3,083 | 105,695 |
| VISION CENTRES | 1,019,806 | 340,737 | - | 74,836 | 186,102 | - | - | 74,025 |
| COMMUNITY EYE CLINICS & CITY CENTRES | 222,502 | 108,068 | - | 28,490 | 33,967 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS | 6,099,899 | 1,553,099 | 142,435 | 273,763 | 773,626 | 94,668 | 56,989 | 737,727 |
| SURGERIES, LASER PROCEDURES & INJECTIONS | | | | | | | | |
| Paying sections | 370,500 | 91,736 | 7,643 | 10,712 | 47,480 | 4,446 | 2443 | 58,736 |
| Subsidised (walk-ins to the free hospital) | 257,052 | 58,704 | 5,111 | 5,953 | 23,411 | 3,414 | 2716 | 34,375 |
| Free (through screening camps) | 106,770 | 28,046 | 293 | 2,462 | 12,099 | 499 | 389 | 23,680 |
| TOTAL SURGERIES | 734,322 | 178,486 | 13,047 | 19,127 | 82,990 | 8,359 | 5,548 | 116,791 |

*While the Aravind team screened 53,146 schoolchildren, an additional 455,630 children were screened by teachers/vision screeners and found to be normal.

SURGERIES

| | Total | Madurai | Dindigul | Theni | Tirunelveli | Tuticorin | Kovilpatti | Coimbatore |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Cataract surgeries | 450,901 | 105,095 | 10,800 | 13,619 | 46,112 | 7,260 | 4,727 | 60,729 |
| Trab and combined procedures | 9,057 | 2,495 | 31 | 32 | 1,546 | 21 | - | 1,510 |
| Retina and vitreous surgeries | 25,303 | 8,048 | - | 3 | 2,930 | - | - | 6,402 |
| Squint correction | 3,234 | 1,045 | - | - | 354 | - | - | 1,014 |
| Keratoplasty (Incl. Graft procedures, Keratotomies, DSAEK) | 2,896 | 743 | - | 5 | 398 | - | - | 591 |
| Pterygium surgery | 11,601 | 2,980 | 473 | 419 | 814 | - | 49 | 1,370 |
| Ocular injuries | 1,268 | 326 | - | 5 | 144 | - | - | 280 |
| Lacrimal surgeries | 6,265 | 2,931 | - | 26 | 460 | - | - | 1,031 |
| Orbit and oculoplasty surgeries | 9,105 | 2,503 | 31 | 80 | 883 | 26 | 25 | 1,997 |
| Refractive laser procedures | 5,984 | 1,384 | - | - | 1,176 | - | - | 859 |
| Retinal laser procedures | 72,391 | 14,786 | - | 2,083 | 7,281 | - | - | 17,466 |
| YAG laser procedures | 64,467 | 16,914 | 1,585 | 1,466 | 12,524 | 1,012 | 734 | 6,625 |
| Intravitreal injections (Anti VEGF & Steroids) | 50,598 | 12,341 | - | 1,293 | 5,872 | - | - | 11,646 |
| Other surgeries, laser procedures & injections | 23,910 | 7,130 | 143 | 118 | 2,715 | 43 | 14 | 6,596 |
| TOTAL SURGERIES | 734,322 | 178,486 | 13,047 | 19,127 | 82,990 | 8,359 | 5,548 | 116,791 |

| Tirupur | Udumalpet | CBE CC | Pondicherry | Salem | Chennai | Tirupati |
|---------|-----------|--------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|
| 59,890 | 54,894 | 57,967 | 321,347 | 152,162 | 486,041 | 169,738 |
| 29,963 | 26,289 | - | 114,994 | 73,237 | 147,569 | 161,591 |
| 7,431 | 3,928 | - | 61,157 | 23,777 | 40,759 | 19,868 |
| - | - | - | 1,920 | 903 | - | 193 |
| 1,346 | 1,534 | - | 6,274 | 2,230 | 2,673 | 1,964 |
| 904 | 1,221 | - | 11,075 | 1,990 | 1,826 | 1,539 |
| 361 | - | - | 6,503 | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | 12,537 | - | - |
| - | - | - | 527 | - | 1,129 | 258 |
| 10,042 | 6,683 | - | 87,456 | 41,437 | 46,387 | 23,822 |
| 23,051 | 27,744 | - | 198,258 | 52,928 | 42,125 | - |
| - | - | - | 32,181 | - | 13,349 | 6,447 |
| 122,946 | 115,610 | 57,967 | 754,236 | 319,764 | 735,471 | 361,598 |
| 3,816 | 5,059 | 5,277 | 41,440 | 17,417 | 59,718 | 14,577 |
| 4,886 | 6,472 | - | 28,772 | 18,028 | 30,968 | 34,242 |
| 1,328 | 749 | - | 17,415 | 6,177 | 8,692 | 4,941 |
| 10,030 | 12,280 | 5,277 | 87,627 | 41,622 | 99,378 | 53,760 |

This takes the total outreach screening to 1,019,452.

| Tirupur | Udumalpet | CBE CC | Pondicherry | Salem | Chennai | Tirupati |
|---------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|---------|----------|
| 8,790 | 11,103 | 3,174 | 54,979 | 31,995 | 57,719 | 34,799 |
| 46 | - | 36 | 1,374 | 161 | 1,266 | 539 |
| - | - | - | 2,973 | 681 | 2,927 | 1,339 |
| - | - | - | 258 | 3 | 382 | 178 |
| - | - | 2 | 477 | 53 | 351 | 276 |
| 153 | 146 | 71 | 1,312 | 738 | 1,633 | 1,443 |
| - | - | - | 174 | 76 | 99 | 164 |
| - | - | - | 780 | 12 | 595 | 430 |
| 35 | 51 | 85 | 1,221 | 75 | 1,561 | 532 |
| - | - | - | 778 | 116 | 1,337 | 334 |
| - | 2 | 880 | 9,842 | 2,947 | 12,273 | 4,831 |
| 942 | 920 | 681 | 5,432 | 2,309 | 9,194 | 4,129 |
| - | 25 | 329 | 6,431 | 1,867 | 7,031 | 3,763 |
| 69 | 40 | 22 | 2,053 | 693 | 3,125 | 1,149 |
| 10,030 | 12,280 | 5,277 | 87,627 | 41,622 | 99,378 | 53,760 |

In the year ending March 2025, over **6 million** outpatient visits were handled and **734,322** surgeries, laser procedures, and injections were performed across all Aravind Eye Hospitals.



Community Outreach

Over the past year, Aravind's outreach eye camps screened 563,822 patients, and 106,770 patients underwent surgeries for cataract and other eye conditions.

Sight First seminar

Hosted by Aravind-Madurai, the International Association of Lions Clubs - District 324 B organised the annual Sight First seminar on 10th August 2024 aimed to raise awareness about blindness and visual impairment among its newly elected office bearers for the year 2024-2025 and members. A total of 139 participants from Madurai and Sivagangai districts, including past District Governors, attended the seminar. Notably, this awareness seminar has been conducted for over two decades.

Annual outreach meeting

This annual meeting for camp organisers and the admin team, organised by Aravind-Pondicherry on 7-8 January 2025, reflected on a year of progress and collaboration. The gathering provided an opportunity

Sponsors' day at Aravind-Pondicherry



Dr. Kowsalya presenting on common eye problems and the impact of diabetes on vision at the Sight First Seminar

to share insights and discuss ways to reach even more communities in need of eye care in 2025. From analysing the performance of 2024 to addressing challenges, every conversation focused on continuous improvement and finding new ways to eliminate avoidable blindness.

Sponsors' Day 2025

Aravind Eye Hospital, Salem and Pondicherry organised Sponsors' Day 2025, bringing together camp sponsors to honour their invaluable contributions to eye care. The event felicitated the eye donation sponsors and camp sponsors, honouring their selfless efforts with mementos and encouraging them to continue their support.

Community eye clinics and city centres

During April 2024 to March 2025, four community eye clinics and four city centres together handled 222,502 patient visits.

Dr. Sankaranandhan addressing the gathering on Sponsors' day at Aravind-Salem



Outreach Performance APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025

| | Total | Madurai | Theni | Tirunelveli | Coimbatore | Pondicherry | Tirupur | Salem | Tuticorin | Udumalpet | Chennai | Tirupati | Kovilpatti |
|--|------------------|---------|--------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|------------|
| FREE EYE CAMPS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Comprehensive Eye Camps | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camps | 2,078 | 464 | 75 | 278 | 377 | 268 | 35 | 135 | 26 | 28 | 232 | 141 | 19 |
| Patients examined | 389,791 | 97,652 | 14,608 | 47,945 | 66,317 | 61,157 | 7,431 | 23,777 | 4,116 | 3,928 | 40,759 | 19,868 | 2,233 |
| Glasses prescribed | 91,947 | 18,899 | 4,492 | 11,446 | 13,564 | 14,126 | 2,592 | 5,451 | 1,288 | 906 | 15,038 | 3,689 | 456 |
| Glass delivered | 77,674 | 16,040 | 4,256 | 9,686 | 12,427 | 10,823 | 2,403 | 4,690 | 1,131 | 816 | 11,828 | 3,214 | 360 |
| Glasses dispensed on the spot | 66,213 | 14,879 | 3,498 | 8,265 | 11,905 | 9,831 | 1,878 | 3,446 | 720 | 630 | 8,761 | 2,171 | 229 |
| Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Camps | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camps | 279 | 54 | 74 | 10 | 104 | 23 | - | 10 | - | - | - | 4 | - |
| Patients examined | 25,795 | 9,374 | 3,378 | 875 | 9,152 | 1,920 | - | 903 | - | - | - | 193 | - |
| Diabetics screened | 16,210 | 4,950 | 3,378 | 369 | 6,123 | 896 | - | 379 | - | - | - | 115 | - |
| DR Patients screened | 2,278 | 815 | 121 | 99 | 971 | 152 | - | 93 | - | - | - | 27 | - |
| Refraction Camps | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camps | 269 | 34 | 19 | 60 | 42 | 46 | 9 | 15 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 4 |
| Patient examined | 61,217 | 8,843 | 4,661 | 14,841 | 14,048 | 6,274 | 1,346 | 2,230 | 2,182 | 1,534 | 2,673 | 1,964 | 621 |
| Glasses prescribed | 22,002 | 3,062 | 2,176 | 6,244 | 4,499 | 2,450 | 513 | 686 | 749 | 298 | 650 | 469 | 206 |
| Glasses delivered | 19,452 | 2,831 | 2,139 | 5,970 | 3,868 | 1,629 | 452 | 626 | 629 | 268 | 500 | 339 | 201 |
| On-the-spot deliveries | 15,798 | 2,572 | 1,912 | 4,690 | 3,169 | 1,279 | 365 | 585 | 205 | 159 | 403 | 263 | 196 |
| Refraction Camps by Mobile Unit | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camps | 157 | - | 4 | - | 5 | - | - | 148 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Patients examined | 13,310 | - | 178 | - | 595 | - | - | 12,537 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Glasses prescribed | 3,426 | - | 28 | - | 101 | - | - | 3,297 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Glasses delivered | 2,453 | - | 28 | - | 82 | - | - | 2,343 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eye Screening of School Children-Base Hospital | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schools served | 987 | 333 | 30 | 197 | 194 | 89 | 15 | 22 | - | 11 | 15 | 14 | 67 |
| Camps | 459 | 83 | 30 | 68 | 113 | 63 | 10 | 47 | - | 11 | 15 | 19 | - |
| Teachers trained | 378 | - | - | - | 170 | 144 | - | - | - | 2 | 62 | - | - |
| Total Strength in school | 508,776 | 125,079 | 33,838 | 85,723 | 109,439 | 75,121 | 13,037 | 29,351 | - | 11,610 | 8,255 | 10,926 | 6,397 |
| Children screened by Oph. | 53,146 | 10,947 | 5,020 | 7,762 | 10,633 | 11,075 | 904 | 1,990 | - | 1,221 | 1,826 | 1,539 | 229 |
| Children received glasses | 16,646 | 1,900 | 1,178 | 3,647 | 5,054 | 2,937 | 488 | 416 | - | 322 | 103 | 453 | 148 |
| Children identified with eye defects other than Refractive Error | 6613 | 778 | 524 | 1,043 | 1,908 | 1,287 | 122 | 380 | - | 147 | 155 | 255 | 14 |
| Paediatric Eye Screening Camps | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Camps | 32 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 25 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Children Examined | 7,920 | - | 380 | 124 | 552 | 6,503 | 361 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Refractive Errors | 52 | - | 52 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Glasses prescribed | 11 | - | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Glasses delivered | 11 | - | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Children identified with eye defects other than Refractive Error | 993 | - | 52 | 24 | 1 | 900 | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| RoP Screening | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Screening Visits | 1,734 | 516 | 139 | 311 | 360 | 141 | - | - | - | - | 222 | 45 | - |
| Babies screened | 12,643 | 3,073 | 1,436 | 1,822 | 4,398 | 527 | - | - | - | - | 1,129 | 258 | - |
| Babies with ROP | 1,148 | 317 | 38 | 127 | 307 | 85 | - | - | - | - | 261 | 13 | - |
| ROP Babies treated | 471 | 66 | 20 | 107 | 181 | 22 | - | - | - | - | 69 | 6 | - |
| VISION CENTRES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres | 117 | 39 | 7 | 20 | 8 | 19 | 3 | 9 | - | 4 | 8 | - | - |
| New + Review | 1,019,806 | 340,737 | 74,836 | 186,102 | 74,025 | 198,258 | 23,051 | 52,928 | - | 27,744 | 42,125 | - | - |
| Out-patients / day | 28 | 29 | 34 | 31 | 30 | 34 | 25 | 20 | - | 22 | 17 | - | - |
| COMMUNITY EYE CLINICS AND CITY CENTRES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Centres | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| New + Review | 222,502 | 108,068 | 28,490 | 33,967 | - | 32,181 | - | - | - | - | 13,349 | 6,447 | - |
| Outpatients / day | 90 | 116 | 110 | 92 | - | 104 | - | - | - | - | 43 | 22 | - |

Vision Centres

The total number of vision centres rose to 117 last year, with the addition of five new centres in various locations.

Vision centre CMEs

A total of five Continuing Medical Education (CME) programmes were conducted for vision centre teams across the base hospitals in Madurai, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Chennai, and Salem. Held at various locations and dates, the CMEs focused primarily on strategic planning for 2025, reinforcing care Aravind's core values such as adherence to protocol, frugality, and integrity. Special emphasis was placed on strengthening outreach efforts, increasing the frequency of community eye camps, promoting best practices among AOPs, and updating them on the latest advancements in eye care. As part of the events, Aurowell check-ups were also conducted. Notably, at Aravind-Tirunelveli, the CME was held alongside a programme for Aravind Staff Support (PASS), an initiative to recognise the contributions of staff families and deepen their understanding of hospital operations.

Sight First seminar

Held at Aravind-Theni on 22nd December 2024, the Seminar for Lion's Club members featured a comprehensive review of Vision Centre monitoring processes, with an in-depth presentation of data from January to November 2024, and centre-wise performance metrics.

Vision centre CME programme at Aravind - Tirunelveli



Vision centres inaugurated in 2024 - 2025



Thiru. Subburaman inaugurating the VC at Thalaivasal, Salem on 5th April



Dr. Jayaraman inaugurating the VC at Harur, Salem on 10th April



Dr. Ramakrishnan inaugurating the VC at Kayathar, Tirunelveli on 31st July



MJF Ln. Dr. G. Narasimhan inaugurating the VC at Kilpennathur, Pondicherry on 17th July



Dr. Sharmila inaugurating the VC at Aranthangi, Madurai on 16th September

Aravind Integrated Eye Bank Service

With the vision of providing solution to corneal blindness, Aravind Integrated Eye Bank services (AIEBS) has been working since 1998 with various stakeholders to promote awareness on eye donation, identify and train volunteers, create a platform for timely death notification from the community, and efficiently respond to eye donation calls.

Along with various community volunteers, and clubs like Lions, Rotary, and educational institutions, AIEBS works towards creating a supportive environment for eye donation by reaching out to the deceased's family member and collecting eyes. Notably, 55% of the cornea have been collected through the community cornea retrieval programme.

Currently, AIEBS is collaborating with 15 government medical college hospitals for implementing Hospital Cornea Retrieval Programme (HCRP). Further, the collaboration has been extended to include private hospitals as well. Notably, 45 % of the corneas are collected through HCRProgramme. Last year, the Rotary Aravind International Eye Bank (RAIEB), Aravind-Madurai formally launched the HCRP at the Government Medical College and Hospital, Ariyalur.

A new Aravind Eye Collection Centre was inaugurated by Aravind Eye Bank Association of Pondicherry (AEBAP), at Chinna Salem on 10th March 2025, with the active participation from the community. This centre now enables prompt response to all

Training programme on eyebank technician at Aravind-Madurai



During the inauguration of Aravind Eye Collection Centre at Aravind-Pondicherry

community eye donation calls in and around Chinna Salem.

RAIEB, Aravind-Madurai, renewed quality certification issued by the Cure Blindness Project, USA, which is valid for three years. This is the first time, the eye bank has received a quality certificate for a three-year period. Further, Aravind Eye Banks have distributed corneas, sclera, and Amniotic Membrane Graff to 46 institutions.

Training

Last year RAIEB provided training to 10 eye bank technicians and 2 eye donation counsellors.

Awareness creation

AIEBS continuously organise awareness programmes with the support of volunteers, educational institutions, clubs and hospitals. The 39th National Eye Donation Fortnight was observed from 25th August 2024 to 8th September 2024 with a variety of programmes intended to sensitise the public to the importance of eye donation and seek their support.

Statistics

| Centre | Eyes collected | Eyes utilised for corneal transplantation | Sent to other institutions |
|-------------|----------------|---|----------------------------|
| Madurai | 3,312 | 778 | 259 |
| Coimbatore | 1,145 | 488 | 11 |
| Tirunelveli | 1,174 | 451 | 13 |
| Pondicherry | 811 | 377 | 25 |
| Chennai | 374 | 238 | 26 |
| Total | 6816 | 2332 | 334 |

Eye donation Fortnight

Aravind-Tirunelveli



Aravind-Salem



Aravind-Pondicherry



Aravind-Chennai



Aravind - Madurai

