



Optometric Association of Tamil Nanbargal (OATN)
Conference Report



Venue : Hall - B, Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai

The large and diverse gathering assembled at the Chennai Trade Centre the grand venue of the OATN's **OPT - INT 2018 Optometric intelligence conference on 18 & 19th August 2018** was a shining testimony to the great success of the institution's basic endeavour of bringing 'Optometry,' the arithmetic, art and science of light and vision, centre stage and find a glorious place for it in the rarefied realm of academia, the dream of its founding members.

The large gathering comprising students, practitioners of optometry, veteran tutors, the participative agenda, the celebrations planned as a retreat on the lighter side were a sign of the tireless efforts, meticulous planning and enthusiasm of the OATN organizing team consisting of optometrists, lecturers and students of Various Optometry Institutions lead by its vibrant head of optometry.

The inaugural function with a huge participation of between 900 to 1000 delegates from across the world got off to an auspicious start with 'Thamizh Thai Vazthu' and the lighting of the lamp by The Chief Guest Shri Ma Foi K Pandiarajan - Honourable Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology, Govt of Tamilnadu., Guest of Honour Dr T S Surendran. FRCS, Vice Chairman & Director - Dept of Paediatric Ophthalmology, Sankara Nethralaya Eye Hospital, Chennai., Dr R Krishnakumar. Ph D., Principal, Elite School of Optometry, Sankara Nethralaya & Chair - Scientific Committee - OATN and President of OATN, Office Bearers and seniors members in Optometry.

The opening statement by **Senior Optom. M Singaravelu** - the Organizing Chairman, First President for OATN and Founder of Kuvayeam Optical taken the opportunity to brief about the genesis of OATN and extended his greetings to all the delegates and chief Guest and Guest of Honour and other well wishers of this great event.

The Organizing Secretary Cum President of OATN - **Optom. Poongothai Senthikumar** extended a warm welcome to the distinguished Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, optometrists, lecturers and students of Various Optometry Institutions and well wishers of OATN for attending this important occasion.

The genesis and milestones of OATN were detailed by **Optom . Jothi Balaji J** , General Secretary of OATN is taken the journey and milestones of OATN from its inception to till date through an interesting presentation with facts and figures.

The moving force and prime architect of the OPT- INT 2018 conference, **Dr R Krishnakumar. Ph D.**,Principal, Elite School of Optometry, Sankara Nethralaya & Chair - Scientific Committee - OATN briefed on the objectives of this Conference as this decade has seen a tremendous change and exponential growth in the field of Optometry in India. One side, there has been significant contributions by optometric educators to regulate and regularize the profession of Optometry in this country. On the other side , Optometry profession has expended its wings by significant contributions in the arena of academia, research, clinical area, innovations and development and to the community at large. This prestige primary eye care profession has recognized its need to stay upgraded and updated in the profession by conducting and participating in significant forums at large. On such pinnacle moment in this prestigious journey is OPT - INT.

The following are the salient points highlighted by Minister Shri Ma Foi K Pandiarajan in his inaugural Speech.

"In a vast country like India, amidst the various stream of work the total workforce is grossly estimated around 26 crores, but ironically among this group only 8% belong to the organized sector.

While we look at the western countries the statistics is staggering and almost more than 44% of the total workforce in their countries belong to the organized sector. In the past while we look at the choice of professions predominantly people would opt for Doctor or Engineer only. But the scenario has changed drastically today and people are looking at many choices such as Teacher, Pilot, Nurse and even Driver as a apt and full time profession.

The importance and significance of skill set has become more important and prominent compared to the educational qualification alone.

The same point of view was very well echoed and articulated by our Former President Honourable Late Shri APJ Abdul Kalam too. As a matter of fact in the year 2003, the Government of India had allocated 12,000 crores of rupees only for skill development alone. In this context it's noteworthy to mention that it's very essential to differentiate between the terms Craft and Profession.

For any particular or specific craft to be identified or recognized as a Profession, 6 fundamental and basic foundation principles have to be met with, enlisted and enumerated with.

The following are the 6 basic fundamental pre-requisites criterion for any Craft to be recognized and accepted and identified as a Profession,

- 1) The education material, syllabus and the various aspects of the knowledge imparted through that profession should be standardised and the pattern of education and methods of teaching and training should be standardised, regulated and same, uniform and comparable across the world in an international level.
- 2) It's absolutely essential to have a distinct identity, that is separate and unique from the other existing professions across the world.
- 3) It's very essential to have a Council that governs the services rendered via that profession.
- 4) It's mandatory to have the education imparted and delivered through university accreditation.
- 5) Regular periodic conferences, academic meets, continuing education programmes and training should be organized and conducted without hindrance and fail.
- 6) Last but not the least, there should be a self regulatory governing body that ensures the ethics, morals, basic fundamental principles on which the profession is built upon is not diluted and violated.

Optometry as a science would get its due recognition and regard and would be accepted and identified as an independent profession if the above 6 criteria are met with and it's with absolute optimism and confidence that I confess that the role of optometrists in ensuring the health and well being of the eyes of our society and fellow countrymen is very significant and praiseworthy."

Dr T S Surendran. FRCS, Vice Chairman & Director - Dept of Paediatric Ophthalmology, Sankara Nethralaya Eye Hospital, Spoke on this occasion, as how the Optometry education evolved and the role of optometrists. He highly complimented optometrists for the support given to Ophthalmologists and Prevention of Blindness in our country. He also recalled the Elite School of Optometry started at Chennai in 1985.

The untiring efforts and visionary approach of our Chairman Emeritus Dr. S.S. Badrinath, Late Prof. S.R. Govindarajan, Prof. Jay M Enoch and Mr Lakshminarayanan (Vengaluru) is the strong foundation of ESO, which has helped it in achieving its current status. Dr K Ravishankar was our Registrar and he contributed a lot to our ESO. The wholehearted hard work of the erstwhile Principals of ESO has further added to the glory of ESO and stands now as a role model to many upcoming optometry schools in the country. He also distributed the Best Outgoing Optometrist awards for various institutions in India.

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OPT-INT 2018
Optometric Intelligence

Exclusive Conference to
Discuss, Deliberate, Exchange &
Explore the Innovation In Eye Care

18 & 19 AUGUST 2018

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OPT-INT 2018
EXCHANGE AND EXPLORATION OF OPTOMETRIC INTELLIGENCE

This decade has seen a tremendous change and exponential growth in the field of Optometry in India. One side, there has been significant contributions by optometric educators to regulate and regularize the profession of Optometry in this country. On the other side, optometry profession has expanded its wings by significant contributions in the arena of academia, research, clinical care, innovations and development and to the community at large. This prestigious primary eye care profession has recognized its need to stay upgraded and updated in the profession by conducting and participating in scientific forums at large. One such pinnacle moment in this prestigious journey is OPT-INT, a forum to discuss, deliberate, exchange and explore ideas in the field of eye care. The striking statistics of rise in preventable blindness due to uncorrected refractive errors, and ocular morbidities has highlighted the demand for qualified primary eye care professionals. The OPT-INT will be a unique forum bringing together experts with a great mix of excellence in field of clinical care, community optometry, research and development, innovations and recent advancements. OPT-INT is committed in bringing to you care, unique, yet unexplored specialities in Optometry and healthcare. Listening to these experts will be a great opportunity for the eye care fraternity attending the forum, and we look forward to have all of you with us to interact, imbibe knowledge, and to get inspired! Do not miss this exciting event of Optometric- Intelligence!

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



Optom. Aditya Goyal | Dr. Anuj Kumar Singh | Dr. Anuradha N | Dr. Dharani R | Dr. Jameel Rizwana H | Ms. Jayashree Nazari
Dr. Krishna Kumar R | Dr. Kumaranikavel G | OATN | Dr. Rajeswari M | Dr. Ramesh Siva
Dr. Rashima A | Optom. Rakhi PS | Optom. Saranya AS | Dr. Supriya V | Dr. Viswanathan S

OPT-INT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS - 18 & 19 AUGUST 2018

- Standardization of optometric practice
- Role of Optometrists in Genetic counseling
- Clinical Optometry Potpourri
- Nutrition and eye
- Safety eye wear
- Occupational Optometry
- Geriatric eye care
- Innovations and advancements in Optometry
- Accelerating research from Idea to market

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS - 19 AUGUST 2018

- Customised Frame and Lens Fitting
- Low vision care
- Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma screening
- Binocular vision and vision therapy
- Specialized Contact lens fitting

PANEL DISCUSSION ON

- Myopia
- Community Optometry
- Binocular vision
- Contact lenses
- Amblyopia
- Geriatric eye care

EXCITING EVENTS FOR STUDENTS Entry Submission close by 15 July 2018

- Posters
- Cultural program with Optometry as theme
- Innovative model display

| REGISTRATION DETAILS | CATEGORY | Early Bird Registration (up to 15 July 2018) | Registration Charges (after 15 July 2018) |
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| INDIAN DELEGATE | OATN Lifetime Member | INR 1500 | INR 2600 |
| | Non-Member | INR 1800 | INR 2600 |
| | Student | INR 950 | INR 1450 |
| INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE | All Category | USD 180 | USD 240 |
| Any two workshops (Can choose only one from each series) | Series A | | |
| | Series B | INR 600 | INR 1800 |

Series A: 10:30am to 12:00pm
1. Customized frame and lens fitting
2. Low Vision Care
3. Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma
4. Binocular Vision and Vision Therapy
5. Specialised contact lens fitting

Series B: 12:00pm to 1:30pm
1. Customized frame and lens fitting
2. Low Vision Care
3. Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma
4. Binocular Vision and Vision Therapy
5. Specialised contact lens fitting

(Charges are inclusive of GST. Registration Fees includes Delegate Kit, High Tea & Lunch)

ORGANISATIONAL CHART

Organizing Chairman
SR.OPTOM. M. SINGARAVELU
First President – OATN & Founder – Kuvayam Opticals

Organizing Vice-Chairman
OPTOM. DINESH K SHAH
Past Treasurer – OATN & CEO – Savera Opticians
OPTOM. A. SIRAJUDDIN
MD – Lucky Eye Care Hospital & Past President – ASQA & RIO, GGH

Organizing Secretary
OPTOM. POONGOTHAI SENTHIL KUMAR
President – OATN & ESQAA & Proprietor – Optical Gallery

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OPTOM. KARUNAGARAN R

Organizing Committee

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MESSAGES

The importance of the conference can be gauged by the fact that the heads of all the major ophthalmic institutions and Well wishers like:

1. Padma Bhusan Dr SS Badrinath - Founder of Sankara Nethralaya.
2. Dr T S Surendran, Vice Chairman of Sankara Nethralaya.
3. Dr S Aravind Srinivasan, Director - Aravind Eye Care Systems, Madurai.
4. Dr K Ramnarayan, Chairperson- Manipal University & Vice President-Faculty Development, manipal University, Manipal.
5. Dr Amar Agarwal, Chairman - Agarwal Eye Hospitals.
6. Dr Karl Golnik, Head of the American Association of Optometry have conveyed their good wishes for the success of the conference. Professor and Chairman - Department of Ophthalmology University of Cincinnati & University of Louisville, USA. Director (Education) - International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), Consultant - World Health Organization & American Academy of Ophthalmology.
7. Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India.
8. Shri Ma Foi K Pandiarajan, Honourable Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology, Govt of Tamilnadu.
9. Shri Jagat Prakash Nada, Honorable Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India.



जगत प्रकाश नड्डा
Jagat Prakash Nadda



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भारत सरकार
Minister of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India



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MESSAGE

I am very pleased to learn that the Optometric Association of Tamil Nadu (OATN) is organizing a Conference OPT-INT 2018 – Optometric Intelligence from 18th to 19th August, 2018 at Chennai.

This specialty Conference, I am informed, will have sessions addressed by the stalwarts from the field of ophthalmology and will be attended by delegates from across the country.

I am hopeful that the Conference will provide a platform to exchange the expertise, experience of medical fraternity to update their knowledge and skills improving quality of health service delivery. This will also help in enriching their knowledge regarding the latest and modern technologies of the field and subsequently improve the standards of ophthalmology, for improved healthcare services of the stream.

I congratulate the organizers and the participants of the conference and extend my best wishes for its success.

(Jagat Prakash Nadda)

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Conference Message



Dr Karl C. Golnik, MD, M.Ed

Professor and Chairman - Department of Ophthalmology
University of Cincinnati & University of Louisville, USA

Director (Education) - International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)

Chair - Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology's Resident Education
Committee

Past-President of the Joint Commission on Allied Health in Ophthalmology

Director (Education) - Orbis International, Flying Eye Hospital

Lifetime Achievement Awardee - American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)

Consultant - World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

August 7, 2018

Greetings from Dr Karl C. Golnik the United States !

I apologize, I may not be able to attend your meeting. I am sure it looks very good. I think the OATN Optometry conference is serving crucial role and both the education and standardization of the optometric practice in your region.

The only way to achieve improved eye-care globally is to make sure that we have efficient well-run eye-care teams and of course optometry is the crucial part of the team.

Further more the rehabilitation for blindness and low vision is often neglected and needs to be emphasized.

I congratulate the conference organizers on a very comprehensive content and I urge each of you to take full advantage of this knowledge opportunity and keep up the fight for excellent vision care.

I hope to see you somewhere around the world and have a great conference.

Dr Karl C. Golnik

Conference Message from Shri Ma Foi K Pandiarajan

Honourable Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology
Govt of Tamilnadu

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தமிழ் ஆட்சி செய்தி, தமிழர் பண்பாடு
மற்றும் தொல்வியல்களை அமைச்சர்



GREETINGS

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சென்னை - 600 009.
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"எண்ணெய் எனை எழுந்தென்ப இவ்விரண்டும்
கண்ணென்ப வாயும் உயிர்க்கு"

The great tamil savant Thiruvalluvar, compared eyes for the illumination of the education to the humanity.

I am delighted to learn that the Optometric Association of Tamil Nanbargal (OATN) is organizing the 2 days Conference - Optometric Intelligence - OPTINT 2018 on 18& 19th Aug 2018 at Chennai.

Conferences are ideal opportunities to learn from the experienced and senior professionals while it provides an occasion to confer. Confer means to converse, consult, discuss, communicate, and parley. All this is possible in a conference because every human interaction is always an opportunity to learn or to teach.

Optometrist plays an important role in eliminating avoidable blindness by providing eyeglasses and contact lenses, vision therapy, low vision rehabilitation; school eyescreening programs, pre-operative and post-operative care for cataract patients and management of other visual functions disorders. I am proud to have the world's second eye hospital at Chennai which is at its 200th year Celebration, and is still providing great eye care services to the common man with the help of Optometrists from the same organization. I was overwhelmed to know that the course of Optometry has been running in our state for the past 55 years. As our Epic says, Kannapa Nayanar was the saint who gave his eyes to Lord Shiva, this must be the oldest eye-donation in the history of mankind and is said to have taken place in our state of Tamil Nadu. Let me warmly congratulate the organizing team of the conference for the initiative and interest taken for the upliftment of Optometry and I wish OPTINT 2018 a great success.

Warm regards

K. Pandiarajan

Message



**Dr Amar Agarwal M.S., FRCS, F.R.C.Ophth
Chairman and Managing Director
Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital and Eye Research Centre**

**Optometrists work hard and wholeheartedly.
Then nothing can stop you from reaching the
pinnacle.**

**Optometrists play a vital role in providing eye care to
the vast population of India.**

**My best wishes to the
Optometric Association of Tamil Nadu and
2 days Conference on
OPT - INT 2018 - Optometric Intelligence on 18 & 19th
of August 2018**

Message



Padma Bhusan Dr S S Badrinath FRCS
Founder and Chairman Emeritus
Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation, Chennai

Dear Ms Poongothai,
Thank you for your letter along with the invitation for Optint 2018 conference scheduled on 18th and 19th August 2018 at Chennai Trade Center.

I wish the function all success. May the future be a bright one!

Warm regards,
Dr SSB

Message



Dr. Aravind Srinivasan
Director- Projects and Administrator
Aravind Eye Care Systems , Madurai
Chief Medical Officer-AEH Chennai

I wish the very best for the event organized by Optometric Association of Tamil Nanbargal (OATN) on 18 & 19th Aug 2018

Our best wishes are always with the fraternity of eye care providers.

Dr Aravind S



Dr T S Surendran, MBBS, DO, M Phil, FRCS
Vice Chairman – Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation
Director - Paediatric Ophthalmology Department, Sankara Nethralaya

August 4, 2018

CONFERENCE MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that the Optometric Association of Tamil Nanbargal (OATN) is organizing the 2 days Conference - Optometric Intelligence - OPTINT 2018 on 18 & 19th 2018 at Chennai and bringing out a souvenir in commemoration.

Optometry has become a specialty in Indian scenario. They help in eradicating visual refractive blindness and play a vital role in screening camps. They also take care of myopia research, Orthotics, low vision and contact lenses

I strongly feel that this conference would be a suitable platform for achieving this goal as all Optometry professionals, educators, researchers in the field are coming together to improve individual knowledge and skills in order to sensitize, equip and empower Optometry. Wish Optometric Intelligence conference a great success.

Dr T S Surendran

Message



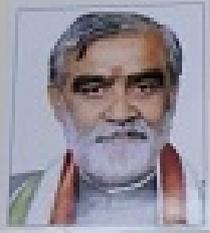
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Wish you all the best for the
Optometry Conference

Dr M Annadurai



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Ashwini Kumar Choubey



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मंत्री, स्वास्थ्य
MINISTER OF STATE FOR
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



Message

I am delighted to learn that the Optometric Association of Tamil Nadu is organising a two days conference on Optometric Intelligence on 18th and 19th August, 2018 under the name and style OPT-INT 2018.

It is notable that the objective of the conference is to strive for the achievement of recognition, regulation and regularisation of the Optometry profession and education. It is a matter of happiness that the Association is alive to the need, and working, for reducing the percentage of blindness, low vision and visual impairment by conducting screening programmes for all ages including the children and the aged. There has been exponential growth in the field of Optometry in India in the last few years. I am sure the conference will deliberate on all substantive and allied issues, there will be mutual knowledge sharing and knowledge updation and the conference will come out with concrete suggestions to enhance Optometric Intelligence.

I congratulate the organisers and wish the Conference a great success.

New Delhi
Aug, 2018

(Ashwini Kumar Choubey)

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Press Coverage

Pre & Post Conference

Neighbourhood Times (12.08.2018)

Arcot Road Times, Chrompet Times, Kotturpuram Times, Pillar Times, T Nagar Times, Adambakkam Times & Alwarpet Times

2 days conference on optometry

The Association of Tamil Nanbarhal (OATN) (Professional body in the forefront of promoting optometry) is organizing a 2-day conference on optometry titled OPT - INT 2018 - Optometric Intelligence on the 18th & 19th of August 2018 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai.

The high power conference will be inaugurated by Shri Ma Foi K Pandiarajan Honourable Minister for Tamil official language and Culture,

Govt of Tamilnadu , Dr T S Surendran , Vice Chairman of Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai

The conference will be an exciting, informative, educational and awareness creation exercise attended by senior professionals and will also enlighten participants on future career prospects and academic choices before them by opening the door to a large array of options. The impact and learning curve of the conference can be gauged by the fact that the attendees

to the conference will be granted 30 credit points by the Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University in addition to which the Optometry Council of India is also granting separate credit points to the attending delegates.

The importance of the conference can be gauged by the fact that the heads of all the major ophthalmic institutions Dr SS.Badrinath, Founder & Chairman Emeritus of Sankara Nethralaya Dr S.Aravind, Director and Chief Ophthalmologists

Aravind Eye Care System, Madurai, Dr Amar Agarwal, Chairman, Agarwal Eye Hospitals, Dr. Ramnarayan Vice President Manipal University and Dr Karl C. Golnik, MD, M.Ed, Professor and Chairman - Department of Ophthalmology, University of Cincinnati & University of Louisville, USA, American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) & Consultant - World Health Organization (WHO) have also conveyed their good wishes for the success of the conference.

தினமலர்
DINAMALAR
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கருத்தரங்கம்
தமிழ்நாடு விழிஒளி ஆய்வாளர்கள்
நண்பர்கள் அமைப்பு நடத்தும்

இரண்டு நாள் 'விழி ஒளி ஆய்வாளர்கள்
தேசிய கருத்தரங்கம்'.

சிறப்புரை: அமைச்சர் கே.பாண்டியராஜன்,
மருத்துவர் டி.எஸ்.சுரேந்திரன்,
ஆர்.கிருஷ்ணகுமார், □
மாலை, 5:00.

இடம்: ஹால் - பி, சென்னை வர்த்தக
மையம், நந்தம்பாக்கம், சென்னை - 89.

நிமிர்ந்த நன்னடை நேர்கொண்ட பார்வை

தினமணி
நிலத்தில் யாக்கும் அஞ்சாத நெறிகள்

இன்றைய நிகழ்ச்சிகள்

பொது மையம், நந்தம்பாக்கம், மாலை 4:30

சென்னை ஐஐடி முன்னாள் மாணவர்கள் சந்திப்பு தொடக்க விழை ஆளுநர் பன்வாரியாப் புரோஹித், ஐஐடி இயக்குநர் பால்கர் ராமமூர்த்தி, அண்ணா பல்கலைக் கழக துணைவேந்தர் கே.குர்ப்பா பங்கேற்பு, ஐசிரால் ஆர் அரங்கம், ஐஐடி வளாகம், தரமணி, மாலை 5.

தமிழ்நாடு வெளிநீடு மற்றும் விற்பனை மேம்பாட்டுக் கழகம்- 4-ஆவது சென்னை பூத் தகத் திருவிழா தொடக்கம் அமைச்சர் க.பாண்டியராஜன், நிதி பதி டி.அரிபரந்தாமன், கோ.வி சயராசுவன், ஆர்.எஸ்.சுமரூ கம், க.நாகராஜன் பங்கேற்பு, ஓசூர்மீது மைதானம், ராஃப்

தமிழ்நாடு விழிஒளி ஆய்வாளர்கள் நண்பர்கள் அமைப்பு நடத்தும் விழிஒளி ஆய்வாளர்கள் தேசியக் கருத்தரங்கு தொடக்க விழை அமைச்சர் க.பாண்டியராஜன், டி.எஸ்.சுரேந்திரன், ஆர். கிருஷ்ணகுமார், பூங்கோதை செந்தில்குமார் பங்கேற்பு, அரசு கம்-19, சென்னை வர்த்தக

ஹம்தவன் - பூத் கிருஷ்ணா இனிப்பகம் - சிறந்த குடிமக னுக்கான விருது-2018 வழங்கும் விழை அமைச்சர் க.பாண்டியராஜன், நலவி குப்புசாமி, பத்மா சுபிரமணியம் பங்கேற்பு, இளைஞர் விடுதி, 2-ஆவது அடென்சு, இந்நிரா நகர், மாலை 6:10.

விஜய கல்வி திருவணம் - பட்ட மணிப்பு விழை நிதிபதி கே.ஜான பிரகாசம், ராஜா உகிம், ஜி.விக் வந்தான் பங்கேற்பு, விஜய வளாகம், கோம்பாக்கம்-வண்டலூர் சாலை, மாலை 10.

சேவலன் கலைமன்றம் - நடைபயன் ஆட்டல் சாடில் மறைந்த திமுக தலைவர் முக குணாநிதியின் பட்ட திறப்பு மற்றும் திணவேந்தல் திகழ்ச்சி டி.கே.எம்.இளங்கோவன், பி.கே.சேகர்பாபு, சா.கிரேஜ், பதாயகம் கவி, கே.எஸ்.ரவிசுந்திரன், எம்.ஜி.செல்வம் பங்கேற்பு, ராஜா அண்ணாமலை மன்றம், மாலை 7.

தி திசு இத்தியன் எக்ஸ்பிரஸ்,



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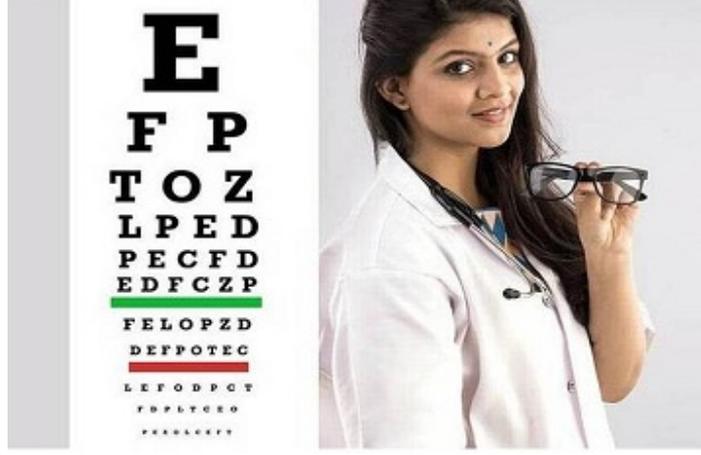
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Meet stresses need for optometrists



Minister inaugurates - optometry conference

A two-day conference on optometry, "Optometric Intelligence-OPTINT 2018" was inaugurated by Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology Ma Foi K. Pandiarajan here on Saturday. The conference was organised to discuss the need to address the demand for optometrists. Over 1,000 optometry professionals, teachers and students are taking part in the conference and an exhibition of advancements in optometric technology and equipment was presented.

Vice-Chairman and director, department of Paediatric Ophthalmology, Sankara Nethralaya Eye Hospital, Chennai, T. S. Surendran, distributed distributing the Best Outgoing Optometrist awards for various institutions.

Principal, Elite School of Optometry, Sankara Nethralaya, and chairperson of scientific committee-OATN R. Krishnakumar, spoke.

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Guest of Honour Dr T. S. Surendran, FRCS, Vice Chairman & Director - Dept of Paediatric Ophthalmology, Sankara Nethralaya Eye Hospital, Chennai and Dr R. Krishnakumar, Ph.D., Principal, Elite School of Optometry, Sankara

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Welcome Address by The Organizing Secretary Cum President of OATN - Optom. Poongothai Senthikumar



Senior Optom. M Singaravelu - The Organizing Chairman,
First President for OATN - Addressing the delegates.



Mr Jothi Balaji J - OATN General Secretary is Presenting on OATN



Dr R Krishnakumar. Ph D.,Principal, Elite School of Optometry, Sankara Nethralaya & Chair - Scientific Committee - OATN is addressing the delegates.



Optom R Kumaran is Addressing the Delegates and Introducing the Guest of Honour - Dr T S Surendran



Optom. Dinesh K Shah - Past Treasurer - OATN is addressing the delegates and Introducing the Chief Guest.



Optom Vivekanandan G is addressing the delegates and delivering vote of thanks

Presentation of Awards by the Chief Guest Shri Ma Foi K Pandiarajan - Honourable Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology ,Govt of Tamilnadu.





















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