

About

Aravind Eye Care System (AECS) is recognized worldwide for excellence in ophthalmic care.

Guided by its mission to 'eliminate needless blindness,' AECS provides large-volume, high-quality and affordable services and nearly half of its patients receive eye care free of cost or at a subsidized rate.

The Aravind Medical Research Foundation (AMRF) is the research arm of Aravind, advancing basic and translational research in vision science. By bridging clinical practice and laboratory research, AMRF translates discoveries into meaningful improvements in patient care while fostering innovation in Ophthalmology.

Theme

"The Eye as a Window to Systemic Health"

Many eye disorders are early indicators of systemic diseases such as cardiovascular, neurological, metabolic and stress related conditions. This mini symposium will highlight the link between diabetes and eye disorders, offering insights into current and emerging perspectives.

Programme

Date: 30, March 2026		
Introduction to the Event		09:00 - 09:20 AM.
Lecture 1	Types of Diabetes & their complications - Dr. A. Anand Kumar	09:20 - 09:50 AM.
Lecture 2	Diabetes & Glaucoma: A Nexus most unsweet - Dr. S. R. Krishnadas	09:50 - 10:20 AM.
Tea Break & Photo session		10:20 - 10:45 AM.
Lecture 3	Diabetic Retinopathy: A looming peril - Dr. S. Bhavani	10:45 - 11:15 AM.
Lecture 4	Introduction to Retinal Diseases - Dr. T. P. Vignesh	11:15 - 11:35 AM.
Lecture 5	AI in the diagnosis of Diabetes associated Retinal diseases - Dr. R. Kim	11:35 - 12:05 PM.
Lecture 6	<u>DR Research at AMRF</u> Diabetes & Glaucoma: Connecting the dots - Dr. A. Vanniarajan	12:05 - 12:50 PM.
	Micro RNAs in Diabetic Retinopathy: Mechanistic Roles & Emerging Biomarker evidence - Dr. Bharanidharan	
	EVs on the Road to Biomarker Discovery in Diabetic Retinopathy: Retinal RBP3 in Plasma Small Extracellular Vesicles - Dr. Daipayan Banerjee	
Concluding remarks		12:50 - 01:00 PM.

Mini Symposium on Eye Health and Diabetes

As part of the Jubilee Celebration of Aravind Care System



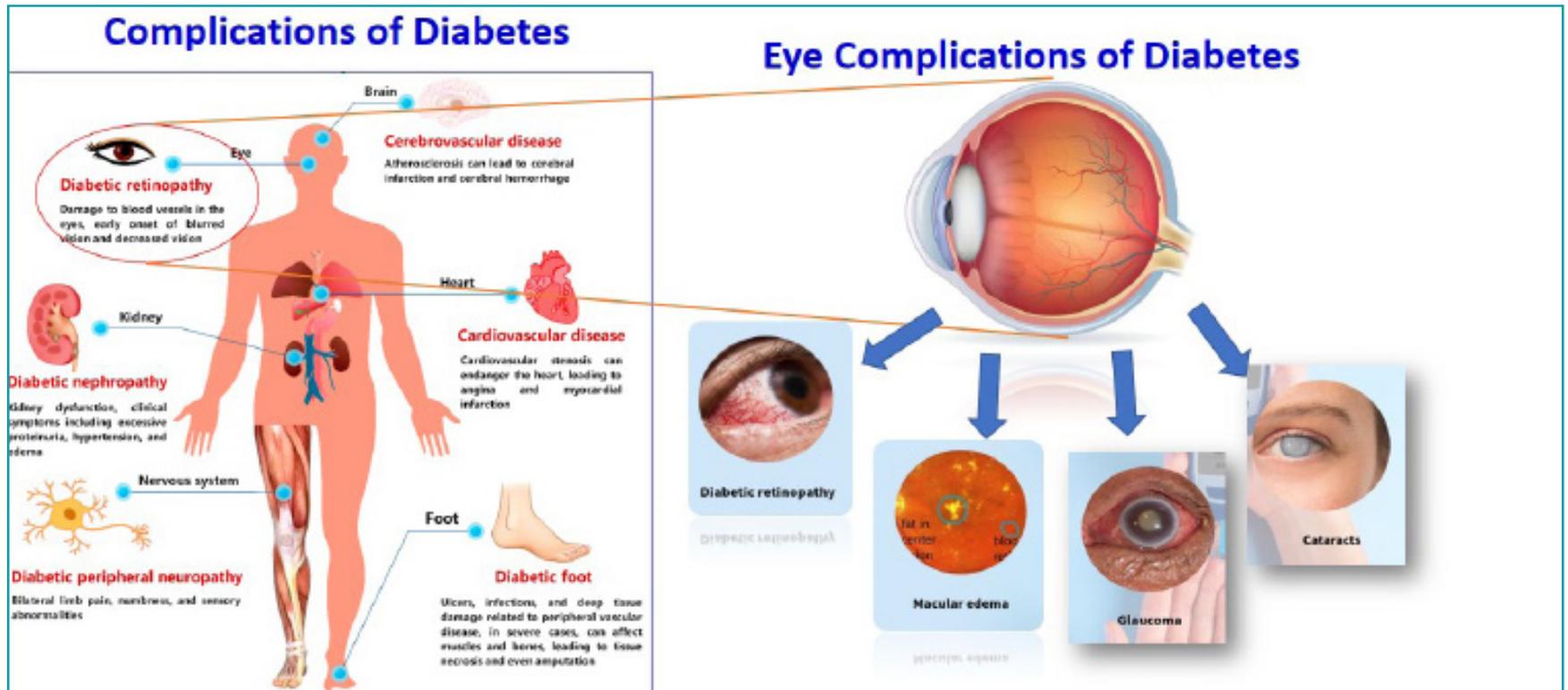
30th March 2026

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Venue: LAICO Classroom 4

AMRF Aravind Medical Research Foundation

Dr. G. Venkataswamy Eye Research Institute



Speakers

Speaker 1 - Dr. A. Anand Kumar
Diabetiologist
Ashwin Speciality Hospital, Madurai

Speaker 2 - Dr S. R. Krishnadas
Senior Medical Consultant
Glaucoma Services,
Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai

Speaker 3 - Dr. S. Bhavani
Medical Consultant
Retina & Vitreous Services,
Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai

Speaker 4 - Dr. T. P. Vignesh
Medical Consultant,
Retina & Vitreous Services,
Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai

Speaker 5 - Dr. R. Kim
Chief Medical Officer
Retina & Vitreous Services,
Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai

Speaker 6 - Dr. A. Vanniarajan
Scientist, Molecular Genetics,
Aravind Medical Research Foundation,
Madurai

Speaker 7 - Dr. D. Bharanidharan
Scientist, Bioinformatics &
Ocular Microbiology,
Aravind Medical Research Foundation,
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Speaker 8 - Dr. Daipayan Banerjee
Scientist, Proteomics,
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