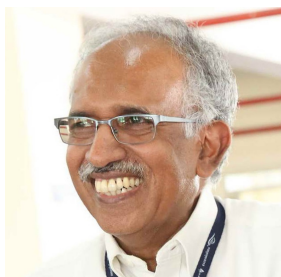


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Leading Cause of Blindness – It's All About Perspectives: Lessons from the Aravind Model

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As with most public health challenges, success or failure is often not with the efficacy of the clinical solution or intervention. Rather, it is with its execution. Close to 80 percent of blindness is due to cataract or refractive errors. Proven clinical interventions have existed for this for decades, and in many settings the essential resources also exist. Yet, millions of people continue to go blind due to these very causes, which has much to do with how the people leading the intervention on the ground perceive the challenges around access, productivity, and quality. Aravind Eye Care System's perspective to the challenges in intervention has helped in coming up with innovative delivery designs which enables it to handle over 4.3 million outpatient visits and close to half a million surgeries annually—making a significant dent in blindness in its service area of 70+ million.

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