

June 11, 2010

Dear Guest,

Warm Greetings from VISION 2020 INDIA Secretariat!

We warmly welcome your presence and participation in the **6th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGBM)** of **VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA** Forum, co-hosted by **MM Joshi Eye Institute**, and to be held on **16 – 17 July, 2010** (two days) at **HUBLI, Karnataka**.

Our theme is **“Advocacy for Eye Health”** – which is the key priority area of the VISION 2020 INDIA Strategic Plan. This theme follows the VISION 2020 Workshop held on May 13th and 14th to prepare a Roadmap for Advocacy for Eye Health for India. Report and relevant resource materials are available at <http://www.vision2020.org/main.cfm?Type=NI&objectid=3815>.

The AGBM Agenda & Draft Programme for two days is enclosed and its key highlights include:

(1) Technical Sessions: Two technical sessions on **“Corneal Blindness” & Integrated Services** – designed by Dr Sara Varughese (CBM) and Ms Elizabeth Kurian (Sightsavers International) respectively.

(2) Guests: (to be confirmed): Efforts are on to have the presence of the **Hon’ble Chief Minister & Home Minister of Karnataka** to use this event as a advocacy platform in the State of Karnataka. The presence of our **Brand Ambassador, Smt. Hema Malini** is also being anticipated, subject to her consent.

We look forward to your presence in the AGBM. A confirmation note (by email to rajeshnoah@vision2020india.org / manish@vision2020india.org / Devjeet@vision2020india.org / mmjoshi_hubli@rediffmail.com) would be highly appreciated. Kindly plan to reach Hubli by the evening of 15th July, 2010.

Please see the annexure for more details & get in touch with Dr. Rajesh Noah (9810108752), Mr. Manish Kumar (9811090923) & Mr. Devjeet Goldsmith (9654956293) for any clarifications.

With warm regards,

Dr GV Rao
President

Dr. Rajesh Noah
Executive Director

ANNEXURE: 1

Accommodation

A list of hotels in Hubli with best tariff negotiated by our local host is given below and you can book yourself a room of your choice through them.

SN	Hotel Name & Address	Distance from Venue	Tariff (per day)
1	Hans Hotel Unkal		2,800/- (AC)
2	Hotel Naveen Vidyanagar		3,500/- (AC)
3	Hotel Clarks Inn Gokul Road	3 km	2,200/- (AC)
4	Hotel Swathi Lamington Road		

All accommodation related queries may be addressed to our local host contact person:

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ANNEXURE: 2

Travel

- Flights:** Daily direct flights operate to Hubli from Mumbai (evening) & Bangalore (morning). All these flights operate using ATRs (small aircrafts). Timings can be seen at www.makemytrip.com.
- Trains:** Trains from Bangalore, Mumbai are available. Please see www.indianrail.gov.in for timings.
- Buses:** Luxury buses operate from Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad and other cities of Karnataka. Please see timings at www.redbus.in
- Local Transfers:** Will be taken care of by VISION 2020 INDIA. This would include:
 - Transfers from Hotel to the AGBM venue & back
 - Pick up & drop at the Airport / Railway Station subject to prior intimation of your travel details to the Secretariat.

ANNEXURE: 3

6th Annual General Body Meeting

Dates : 16 – 17 July 2010 (Friday & Saturday)
Venue : Hubli
Local Host : **Shri Guru Mahipatiraj Eye Bank & Research Foundation Trust**
(MM Joshi Eye Institute)

Events included:

1. 27th Board Meeting
2. 6th AGBM
3. Technical Sessions on “Corneal Blindness & Integrated Services”.

AGBM Theme: **Advocacy for Eye Health**

Program Overview (Draft)

Day 1 (Friday – July 16, 2010)

0830 – 1000	27 th Board Meeting
0930 – 1000	Delegates Registration
1000 – 1300	Technical Session: Corneal Blindness (180 min)
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Technical Session: Integrated Services (150 min)
1630 – 1800	Fifth AGBM Statutory Agenda – for members only (90 min)

Day 2 (Saturday – July 17, 2010)

0900 – 1000	Advocacy Roadmap update (60 min)
1000 – 1100	Brand Ambassador Program
1100 – 1300	Inaugural function with Chief Minister, Home Minister, Brand Ambassador & other Dignitaries
1300 – 1400	Valediction
1400 onwards	Lunch & Departure