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Dear Esteemed Members,

We do hope that you have already blocked 4 & 5 June 2016 - dates on your calendar for VISION 2020 – INDIA 12th Annual Conference. We are fortunate that one of our esteemed partners – HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune is the host for this year's conference. Delegates have already begun registering. Go ahead and register. Don't miss the early bird discount!

On popular demand we have extended the last date to 30 April for submitting abstracts for Free Papers and Posters; nomination for Dharamsey Nansey and SN Shah awards and opportunity for Travel Fellowship. You can visit our website www.vision2020india.org for details on time, accommodation, registration etc.

Our advocacy with the ministry has borne some fruits as the issue of DBSC dues has met with some success in some of the states with partial due clearance. We are still pursuing the matter with the ministry at the central level while most of our member organisations are following the release of the DBSC dues at the state level. We are sure that this collective effort will yield more recourse.

We are moving ahead with the development of state action plan for Arunachal Pradesh and will be holding a day - long meeting on 22 April 2016 at Itanagar with all stakeholders from the state and those working here. This is will be a very positive step towards our commitment towards equitable eye care and the north east region being a challenge in several ways. We have already begun to see some tangible results benefiting the eye care in the state.

March 6–12, 2016 was observed as **World Glaucoma Week** and it was observed by a majority of eye care organisations across the country. The need to create awareness among the general public and among the medical fraternity on this 'sneak thief of vision' cannot be stressed enough as this eye problem is merging to be the third major cause of blindness in the country.

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VISION 2020—INDIA 12th Annual Conference
4 & 5 June 2016
HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune, Maharashtra
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VISION 2020 – INDIA's 12th Annual Conference is scheduled for 4 & 5 June at Pune at H V Desai Eye Hospital, Pune .

The four scientific tracks for the conference are:

Track 1: Leadership and Service Excellence

Track2: Eye Care delivery to the unreached

Track 3: Improving patient outcomes in cataract surgery

Track 4: Skill Enhancement for Optometrist/ Ophthalmic Assistants

The Common Session will be held on the morning of 5 June featuring top level, influential speakers from eye care to share their thoughts.

Do visit our website: www.vision2020india.org for further details.

ADVOCACY & UPDATES



Some success with regard to the DBSC dues

For a majority of our member organisations, DBSC dues had been overdue for a long period. Organisations had been making individual efforts in their respective states to get the reimbursement due to them.

VISION 2020 – INDIA took up the request of its member organisations and approached NPCB to advocate at senior level for resolving the issue. After regular follow-ups and two letters from NPCB to the state governments, some of our members in Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh have received partial DBSC dues which have been pending for the last 4 years and states such as Odisha and Telangana have received a positive response from the state officials.

But we still have miles to go before we rest. And hence the efforts continue so that the dues for the remaining members are also cleared as early as possible.

We would like to thank all our member organisations for their continuous support in providing information and their patience.

Alternate model for DBCS reimbursement

VISION 2020 - INDIA is advocating with NPCB for the need to bring in an alternate model for DBCS reimbursements. Some of the suggestions are:

- Direct reimbursement to the concerned NGO once the DPM has verified the data uploaded on HMIS

- Direct reimbursement can be made at state level/national level and not at district level
- 5-10% of data can be verified by DPM
- Data verification has to be done in a time bound manner, say within 3 months of uploading data into HMIS
- In case no comments are received OR no verification is done by DPM in a specified period (3 months from uploading), consider it as "deemed approval".
- This approach seems reasonable compared to the number of reimbursements that are happening each day for the LPG gas cylinder consumers.

Optometry/ Ophthalmic courses under Allied Health Sciences

We have submitted a representation to the concerned ministry at the Centre for (a) – bringing ophthalmic nurses and assistants and other allied personnel into Allied health sciences/forces and (b) regulate MLOP courses.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Situational Analysis in Arunachal Pradesh

The stage is set for developing a State Action Plan for improvement in eye care in Arunachal Pradesh. The meeting is scheduled on 22 April at Itanagar, capital of Arunachal Pradesh.



Meeting with Arunachal Pradesh Health Commissioner

During November 2015, VISION 2020 - INDIA conducted a situational analysis of two districts in Changlang and Lower Subansiri districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

This was in close collaboration with State NPCB and other stakeholders. This was followed by a meeting of CEO, VISION 2020 – INDIA and Mr Saravanan, Consultant with government officials of Arunachal Pradesh [Commissioner-Health, Joint Secretary-HFW, Joint Director-Medical Education, Nodal Officer-CM Health Insurance Scheme, Director Health Services] to brief the findings of situational analysis in 2 districts and also to plan the State Action Plan Development. But even while these meetings were happening, the state gained from some positive developments for eye care.

Arunachal Pradesh now included in current RAAB survey

- During visit to Arunachal Pradesh for conducting situational analysis, it was found that the State is not included in the RAAB survey currently being conducted by RP Centre, and funded by NPCB aimed at estimating the blindness prevalence in the country and state level.

As per RAAB 2003, Arunachal has the second highest blindness prevalence in the country. However, the state is not included for 2016-17 RAAB by NPCB.

Upon strong recommendation from VISION 2020 – INDIA to the state government, a letter was sent from Commissioner-Health, Govt. of Arunachal to Ministry of Health, GoI, to include Arunachal in the list of RAAB states.

As a result of the recommendation and immediate action by the state government, NPCB-Delhi has requested Dr RP Centre to include Arunachal in RAAB study and submit the budget for 1 district to NPCB.

A refresher training to all MOs from PHC and CHC on eye care

- During the VISION 2020 – INDIA's visit, Medical Officers at PHC and CHC expressed their need of training on eye care. This was also included recommendations to the state government. As a result, recently a refresher training to all MOs from PHC and CHC on eye care has been conducted.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Gujarat State Action Plan Development

It is our constant endeavour to encourage development of state plans so that eye care reaches the farthest corner of the country.



Col (retd) Dr Deshpande, Dr Praveen Vashist in a group discussion during the meeting.

In this endeavour, a day long joint consultation was organised by NPCB-Gujarat, VISION 2020 - INDIA and VISION 2020 Gujarat State Chapter for developing a comprehensive eye health plan for Gujarat on 16 February 2016. SPO, Gujarat; Additional Director, and Ophthalmologists working in the government departments and CMOs participated in the consultation. Through group work, a plan was drafted which will be detailed by the Gujarat SPO.

This meeting was a follow up of an initial meeting by Col Dr M Deshpande, west zone representative, VISION 2020 – INDIA and Dr Uday Gajiwala with the Gujarat health commissioner and a suggestion from there to call a consultative meet of experts to further refine the idea of comprehensive coverage of all types of eye diseases in Gujarat and come up with a plan of action for comprehensive universal coverage.



Participants at the meeting

NEWS AND EVENTS

Central Zone meeting

A one day meeting of the members from Central zone was held on 5 March, 2016 at Ratan Jyoti Netralaya, Gwalior. Seventeen delegates from 12 organisations participated in the meeting. The aim of the meeting was to:

- Build stronger relations with VISION 2020 - INDIA member institutions
- Provide a platform for state level networking and
- Identify opportunities for supporting members



Dr Purendra Bhasin, CEO, Dr Bhartendu Shukla, Senior Consultant, Ratna Jyoti Netralaya and Phanindra Babu, CEO, VISION 2020—INDIA welcoming the participants.



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NEWS AND EVENTS

AIOS Conference

The annual AIOS conference was held in Kolkata in February. VISION 2020 – INDIA held a technical session at the conference **'Towards Universal Eye Health in India'**. The session included six topics. The activities of VISION 2020 – INDIA was promoted through a stall.



VISION 2020—INDIA stall at AIOS Conference

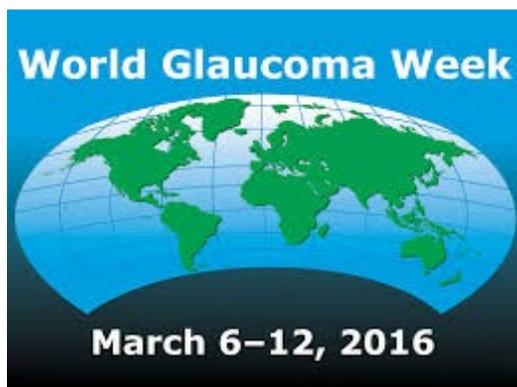


Awareness programme by Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal



A bike rally in the busy streets of Behrampur, Odisha by Shankar Eye Foundation

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS



March 6–12, 2016 was World Glaucoma Week. It was observed world over in several different innovative ways.

VISION 2020—INDIA members also observed the week and some have shared photos of activities in their hospital.



Glaucoma conference at CL Gupta Eye Institute , Moradabad

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

Divya Jyoti Trust and government of Gujarat to work for Queen Elizabeth Trust

Public Health Foundation of India has decided to enter into a partnership with Divyajyoti Trust and government of Gujarat for working on a Diabetic Retinopathy project in one district in Gujarat under the Queen Elizabeth Trust, England project.

Gomabai Netralaya, Neemuch celebrate 'Parivar Mahotsav'

Gomabai Netralaya organised 'Parivar Mahotsav' to celebrated their 24 years of foundation on 10 January 2016. Programme Manager, Mrinal Madhaw and Finance Manager & Admin Officer, Mahaveer Jain participated in the event.



Training at Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital

Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi is offering a short term hands – on 3 months training programme in Keratoplasty.

<http://www.vision2020india.org/index.php?>

Arunodaya Deseret Eye Hospital celebrated their one decade of community work

Our member from north zone, Arunodaya Deseret Eye Hospital (ADEH), Gurgaon (Haryana) celebrated their one decade of community work on 29 February. Congratulations Dr Sethi and his team.



Celebrations Programme at ADEH

NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member to VISION 2020—INDIA - **Pellucid Networks Pvt. Ltd**

Pellucid Networks Pvt. Ltd is a company at the intersection of Medical imaging, Clinical information and Cloud computing. Pellucid's current focus areas are the ophthalmology and radiology space with the main objective to address vision, eye care and associated public health needs and challenges within communities in India to improve access to vision care.

Pellucid's flagship product is a population eye screening product called "OphLIVE TELE", this product is considered to be the gold standard and has been benchmarked against Top global vendors such as IBM-Merge, Topcon, Carl Zeiss etc. It is the world leading product in the space of preventive screening for "avoidable" blindness.

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**Board Meeting**

The 49th Board meeting was held on 27 February 2016 at Science City, Kolkata, the venue of AIOS conference.

New Finance and Admin officer joined at VISION 2020 – INDIA.

Mr Soumen Mukherjee has joined as Finance and Administration Officer. Mr Soumen has 15 years of experience in development sector in handling finance and accounting and also in general administration. He had last worked with Public Health Foundation of India handling FCRA accounting, donor financial reporting and day-day finance and accounting functions. He is a MBA qualified specialised in finance.

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