

Strengthen the national forum to
influence national policy



**ELIMINATING
AVOIDABLE
VISUAL
IMPAIRMENT**

Partner with VISION 2020—INDIA
to strengthen our collective vision for universal eye health

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA is part of the global initiative of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) for reducing avoidable visual impairment by year 2020.

It is a collaborative effort of INGOs, NGOs, eye care organisations in India and the Government to coordinate and advocate for improved eye care programs; to gain and share knowledge and together develop solutions to achieve quality, comprehensive and equitable eye care.

We are governed by a Board of 16 members with the Joint Secretary, NPCB serving as an Advisor on the Board.

World Sight Day 2015 in Bengaluru with active participation from state and central health ministry



Vision

An India free of avoidable blindness

Where every citizen enjoys the gift of sight

And the visually challenged have enhanced quality of life as a right

“VISION 2020, the elimination of avoidable blindness by 2020, is an initiative that captured the imagination of people and organizations involved in eye care and brought energy and synergy into the eye care sector both in India and globally.

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - INDIA has succeeded in bringing government and NGOs together in a common forum and works closely with the National Programme for Control of Blindness. With the development of the

latest Global Action Plan GAP 2014-2019 for prevention of blindness and visual impairment, it is more important than ever that all stakeholders in India work closely together to achieve the targets for India.

We invite all those keen to support eye care provision in India to be part of this tremendous endeavour and partner with VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA.”

Dr Sara Varughese
President
VISION 2020—INDIA





"The idea of 'Global Elimination of Avoidable Blindness' had its origin in the mid 90's when few likeminded leaders representing INGO community and WHO were concerned about the increasing prevalence of blindness globally. This led to the creation of 'VISION 2020: The Right to Sight' which was launched in February 1999 in Geneva.

Much has happened since this inauguration. Significant progress has been achieved in the control of avoidable blindness in India. Governmental commitment coupled with public private partnerships, vibrant non-governmental sector, good quality training programmes, philanthropic spirit of ophthalmologists and local philanthropy have all contributed to this success.

India has demonstrated its success in the control of cataract blindness. We are now confronted with emerging challenges such as glaucoma, corneal blindness, diabetic retinopathy, childhood blindness and low vision. All these need complex systems of care. Several organisations are working on ways to more effectively address these challenges. In addition, uncorrected refractive error remains a huge problem waiting for serious attention. If the spirit of cooperation and partnership of 'VISION 2020: The Right to Sight' is maintained in the years to come, we can be optimistic that India can be a big success story in the combat against needless blindness by 2020."

Dr GN Rao
Chairman, LVPEI



VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - INDIA when it came into existence over a decade ago, filled an important void in eye care in India. It became the much needed platform for the NGO eye hospitals as well as the INGOs involved in eye care to share, learn and contribute more effectively to the National Program to Control Blindness. Over the years VISION 2020 - INDIA has grown and contributed in many different ways - distilling best practices and sharing them; working with the government in the development of national plans and information system; bringing to

government's attention what is not working well in a responsible manner and helping in its resolution; becoming a resource organization by pooling in the collective experience of its members as publications. In essence, VISION 2020 - INDIA has been able to create synergy with government as well as amongst its members.

R D Thulasiraj
Executive Director,
Lions Aravind Institute of Community
Ophthalmology
Aravind Eye Care System

As a collective, we are an audible voice for a positive change

Towards Advocacy and Collaboration with the Government



Our prime objective is advocating with the government – both at the Centre and State level to influence policy changes for improved and effective eye care delivery programmes.



We have established good coordination with the NPCB. The ministry recognises VISION 2020 - INDIA as a nodal body to make representation on behalf of eye care NGOs across the country to voice their concerns.



We represent a link between our members and the government for understanding policies and their development.



Senior officials from the health ministry have been part of VISION 2020 - INDIA's consultations and guided the Board on future plans.



We collaborate with our members and NPCB for several programmes: conducting national World Sight Day, supporting the development of national policies, developing resources and manuals on eye care issues. The manuals have been acknowledged by the NPCB.



Our conferences and workshops offer members a platform for meeting senior government officials. Our members can benefit from this.

“Vision 2020 India has been an amazing platform that has been promoting eye health advocacy and bringing like-minded peers on a common platform for a common goal of working together to eliminate avoidable blindness. As an organization, we have benefitted from their workshops, meetings, publications that have helped us

identify the best standards in eye health delivery and work towards the same.”

Dr. Jennifer Vaid Basaiawmoit

President - Society for Promotion of Eye Care and Sight / Medical Director Bansara Eye Care Centre



Consultation with Gujarat NPCB for making comprehensive eye care state plan



Meeting with the Health Commissioner Arunachal Pradesh for developing an eye health plan for the state

During the national consultation, SightLife and Punjab SPO met. They mutually benefitted to launch a cornea blindness free programme in the state.



Our Advocacy Efforts

National Eye Health Action Plan

VISION 2020 – INDIA developed an eye health action plan in line with the Global Action Plan 2014-19 for strengthening the blindness control efforts in India. This national consultation was in collaboration with the IAPB, NPCB, and WHO India. Participation of senior NPCB officials made this a major success.

State Plans

We have facilitated the development of state eye health plans for Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and a Diabetic Retinopathy plan for Gujarat in close collaboration with the respective state governments. We are working on developing a state eye health plan for Arunachal Pradesh and district action plan for Assam.

Increased allocation in XI Five Year Plan

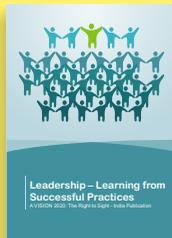
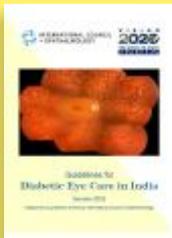
VISION 2020 - INDIA collectively with its members and other stakeholders, advocated with the government for increased financial allocation and revisions in the central government's XI Five Year Plan. In addition, eye diseases other than cataract were also brought under focus.

Developing Manuals

Manuals on eye health developed with participation from members. They include: Cataract, Diabetic Retinopathy, Low Vision, School Screening, Vision Centres, Leadership, Tertiary Level Care and Secondary Eye Hospitals. These manuals are exclusively for our members.

Cataract Manual

The cataract manual developed by VISION 2020 – INDIA is being followed as a guideline for cataract by RSBY (Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna) in West Bengal.



Advantages for Members

Knowledge Sharing | Networking

Broaden partnership potentials through VISION 2020 – INDIA's cross-sector collaborations. Our regional meetings, annual conference and workshops offer scope to showcase member organisation's projects and build linkages.

Our meetings present a unique opportunity to network with peers from organisations and institutions with a potential of emerging into useful partnerships.

Access rich knowledge base through our resource centre: key documents and information, manuals, and reports on a wide range of emerging issues in eye health. Enhance your organisation's visibility

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- Announce, share your organisation's news to a national and global audience through our newsletter, website and social media.
- Access exclusive resources in the log-in section in our website
- Link to our social media platform: FB, WhatsApp group and Twitter.
- Join our vibrant WhatsApp group for instant news sharing .

Organisational Development Programme

Leverage from our tailored programmes (both clinical and non clinical) to take your organisation to the next level.

Hospital Based Skill Transfer Programme:

Voluntary faculty conducts skill up gradation programme

Strategic Planning and Team Building Programme:

Developing a road – map for the organisation

Peer Reviewed Quality Assessment:

To help improve quality standards for hospitals

Other Advantages for Members

Free Medico-Legal Consultation

Contribute for policy level inputs

Benefit from our regular updates on funding

VISION 2020 – INDIA has instituted two awards exclusively for members.

The Dharamsey Nensey Oman Award for Outstanding High Quality High Volume Comprehensive Eye Care Service Delivery carries a cash award of ₹100,000 (One lakh) and a memento.

Shri S.N. Shah award for Equity to provide comprehensive primary eye care screenings with a focus on women and children carries. The award carries a cash award of ₹10,000 (ten thousand) and a memento.

Membership Profile and Categories

Membership Profile - Who can be our member

The membership profile of VISION 2020- INDIA is all inclusive to represent all concerned stakeholders working in eye health or allied area. Our members are NGO eye hospitals, Centres of Excellence in eye care, Societies catering to specialised eye problems, nodal bodies representing ophthalmologists and optometrists, the corporate sector and INGOs. We also welcome organisations working in allied fields to strengthen the forum.

If you belong to any of the above categories, you can apply to be a member.

Membership Categories

We offer three types of membership categories for organisations

1 | Institutional Member

2 | Associate Member

3 | Corporate Member

Membership Opportunities for Individuals

Patron Premium Member | Patron Member

Application Process

For details and more information on membership and application process, visit our website: www.vision2020india.org

On Peer Reviewed Quality Assessment

Most hospitals pursuing NABH accreditation are hiring unaffordable professional experts to interpret the difficult rules and regulations laid down by NABH. The high hiring costs of such professionals are unjustified for hospitals that are not for profit, like ours.

For hospitals chasing quality systems, this

kind of accreditation becomes an insurmountable barrier. We were struggling with this for several years when VISION 2020 - INDIA offered the help by the 'Peer reviewed Quality assessment Program' and we were immensely benefitted.

Dr Ashi Khurana, Vice Chairman
CL Gupta Eye Institute, Moradabad

On Strategic Planning and Team Building Exercise

The VISION 2020 - INDIA's Team Building workshop was a well planned and conducted exercise. We could identify some real leaders among us and organize our work better. This is a useful exercise for the development of any organization. We are thankful for VISION 2020 for helping us to

make it happen at Srikan.

Chandrasekhar Sankurathri
Managing Director
Srikan Institute of Ophthalmology,
Kakinada

What members say

“ Organising VISION 2020 – INDIA's annual conference at Sewa Sadan opened a number of opportunities for us to develop our hospital and programmes. The conference delegates spread our name and work in the entire eye health care fraternity around the world. Since the conference, several INGOs have associated with us and with guidance from stalwarts in eye care, we have improved facilities at our hospital. ”

L.C. Janiyani

Trustee
Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital,
Bhopal

“ We are extremely thankful to VISION 2020 – INDIA for giving information on funding opportunity to reach more needy people with disability and visual impairment. ”

Satish Girija

NBJK & LNJP Eye Hospital-
Hazaribagh/Dumka-Jharkhand
**(On information about funding from
Australian High Commission)**

“ The overall effect of our association with VISION2020 - INDIA is 'CONNECTIVITY' with professionals who care for elimination of blindness; exposure to worldwide work in promoting awareness on eye donations. My organisation is motivated and focused to work better and harder on eye donation. Thanks to the active participation in VISION2020 – INDIA's various seminars, conferences, forums, etc. We now have a new slogan - **Give sight to show light.** ”

Dr.Vijay B.Rathi

Miragi-Kamdar Eye Donation Center
Latur, Maharashtra



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