

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight—INDIA

Quarterly Report

July - September 2017

Greetings from VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA.

It is my pleasure to address you all through this forum. The newly elected Board for VISION 2020 INDIA is in place for the next three years. During this tenure, we hope to continue the good work that VISION 2020 INDIA has been doing and take it forward by strengthening its activities to improve delivery of eye health in the country.

For the current financial year we have planned four workshops to focus on building the capacity of the supporting staff at eye hospitals – vital link for delivery of quality eye services.

We are glad to share that the 14th annual conference of VISION 2020 INDIA will be held on 9 & 10 June 2018. Sankardeva Nethralaya, Guwahati will be hosting the two day conference. We request all you to block your dates.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the IAPB Eye Health Heroes. From amongst our member organisations: Dr Harsha Bhattacharya, Sankardeva Netralaya; Dr Reena Sethi, Arunodya Deseret Eye Hospital; Mr Bhakta Purkait, Sunderban Social Development Centre; Mr Meenakshi Sundaram, Aravaind Eye Care System and Dr Rishi Raj Borah, Orbis India have been awarded. All well deserved.

They all have contributed immensely in their roles towards making a difference in the community for restoring sight. We wish them all the best for their future.



Dr T P Das
 President
 VISION 2020 INDIA



Phanindra Babu Nukella
 CEO
 VISION 2020 INDIA

IAPB Eye Health Heroes 2017 from our member organisation receiving the award at IAPB held regional meet in Kathmandu



Mr Bhakta Purkait



Dr Reena Sethi



Dr Rishi Raj Borah



Mr Meenakshi Sundaram

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ADVOCACY & UPDATES



With the GST tax regime IOL attracts 12% tax along with a number of diagnostic kits

Request a roll back on GST on IOLs

The eye care fraternity in India is concerned regarding the GST imposed on IOLs. It stands at 12% from zero pre GST. This of course would reflect on the cost of IOLs and an increase may have impact on patients to opt for surgical services.

VISION 2020 INDIA and AIOS jointly have written to the Joint Secretary, Finance (Tax Research Unit), requesting a roll back in the increased tax of 12% on IOL or at least an exemption for India made IOLs which are used in schemes and programmes.

Mr Govind Hari, Secretary on the Board of VISION 2020 INDIA represented our interests in the GST Council meeting held in Delhi on 30 July, 2017.

MEETING WITH NPCB

Meeting the Joint Secretary, NPCB

Mr R Govind Hari, Secretary and Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA met Joint Secretary, NPCB, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Mr Luv Agarwal and discussed several vital issues.

A request not to phase out diploma courses after the year 2020 was reiterated.

Grant-In-Aid (GIA) for DBCS: the request to enhance the GIA at Rs 2000 per cataract surgery was submitted to the Joint Secretary. For a seamless disbursement of the Grant-in-Aid to NGOs, it was suggested that the release through JDs/SPOs at State level can be considered instead of the present practice of issuing cheques by DPMs.

It was also discussed to do-away with physical sample survey presently in practice. The entire process could be faster and transparent through online and by linking with Aadhar card etc.

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PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

VISION 2020 INDIA plans to conduct 4 workshops towards skill enhancement. These workshops have been designed with the objective to enhance skills of support staff at our member organisations. Details regarding agenda etc will be shared closer to the date of the workshop. Mrinal Madhaw, Programme Manager, VISION 2020 INDIA can be contacted for details.

	Training Title	Objective	Dates	Venue
1	Standard Protocols for Operation Theatre Technicians (SPOT)	Develop knowledge and skills of OT technicians and nurses to enhance delivery of quality eye care	3 and 4 November 2017	L V Prasad Eye Institute, Bhubaneswar
2	Optical Dispensing Workshop	Build capacities of technicians and optical personnel in dispensing spectacles in different settings (Base hospital, Vision Center, Screening Programme etc.)	8 and 9 December 2017	Vittala International Institute of Ophthalmology, Bengaluru
3	Training Workshop for Patient Care Counselors	Build capacities of patient care counselors to effectively counsel both paying and non-paying patients to undergo surgical treatment	5 and 6 January 2018	Aravind Eye Care System, Coimbatore or Madurai
4	Vision Technician/ Optometrist Refresher Training Workshops	Refresher training for front-line ophthalmic personnel to perform comprehensive eye examinations for all patients	10 and 11 March 2018	Pushpagiri Eye Institute, Secunderabad

KNOWLEDGE HUB

VISION 2020 India is in the process of developing a knowledge hub. The objective of the hub is:

- Develop India vision atlas similar to IAPB global one.
- Make repository of methodologies and results from surveys done by INGOs/key partners, and depict them on atlas, and make it a routine system of making it part of hub
- Collect published articles under the ambit of our strategic plan - gender, equity, quality, and make it a routine system of making it part of hub
- Collect national and international on good practices related to gender, quality, geographical equity etc. and make it a routine system of making it part of hub
- Develop database of member experiences & international experiences, and innovations in addressing geographical inequity, and make it a routine system of making it part of hub.
- The Knowledge Hub will be online on VISION 2020 INDIA website.

Knowledge Hub Working Group

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Strengthening Quality Eye Care in eye hospital

A series of three one - day workshops on 'Strengthening Quality Eye Care' was held across three member organisations.

The workshops in a fly - mode design was organised in collaboration with Quality Resource Centre (QRC) established at Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, New Delhi. The objective of the workshops was on quality sensitisation focussing more on smaller and mid level organisations working in eye care.

The day long workshops at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal and



National Association for the Blind, Ahmadabad were conducted by faculty from QRC who spoke about inculcating awareness on quality in healthcare and its importance in current healthcare scenario. The workshop also focussed on the significance of documentation, strategic quality planning, quality indicators, tools, and audits etc.

The third workshop was held at H V Desai Eye Hospital, Pune. The faculty for the workshop were experts from hospitals in Pune.



ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The flagship event of VISION 2020 INDIA, Annual Conference will be held at Sankardeva Netralaya, Guwahati on 9 & 10 June 2018.

The work for the conference has already kicked off with the formation of the scientific committee comprising of:

Dr Umang Mathur (Chair for 2018)
 Dr Sandeep Buttan
 Dr Praveen Vashist
 Dr Rohit Khanna
 Dr. Kasturi Bhattacharjee

We will keep you posted on the development.

Executive Committee Meeting

Three Executive Committee meetings were held in this quarter. The Committee discussed the activities in line with the strategic plan and took steps to accelerate it.

Renewed Initiative – Corporate Advisory Board

The Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) has been organized with an objective of exploring opportunities and discussing way forward for mutual participation and support towards achieving VISION 2020 INDIA's goals as per its strategic plan for 2017-2021.



The Executive Committee met with present and prospect industry members in Bengaluru and discussed the activities of VISION 2020 India. The Committee sought the support of the industry to support the activities as per the strategic plan. Happy to inform you all that industry members have agreed to extend their support in all possible ways. The CAB will meet twice a year.

CAB meeting in progress



NEWS FROM MEMBERS

The 32nd Eye Donation fortnight was observed all over the country from August 25 to September 8. We share below the activities by some of our member organisations to raise awareness regarding eye donation during this fortnight.



Awareness walk at Behrampur, Odisha by Shankar Eye Foundation



Screening at MGM Eye Institute, Raipur



Screening and memento distribution at ICARE Eye Hospital, & Post Graduate Institute, Noida



Paintings on eye donation at Sitapur Eye Hospital



Awareness walk by Pushpagiri Eye Hospital, Secundrabad