The 14th Annual Conference of VISION 2020 INDIA was conducted magnificently at Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati. We thank Dr Harsha Bhattacharjee and his entire team for their untiring efforts for making the conference a success.

We are glad that the NPCB has decided to not phase out the 2 year diploma courses for Allied Ophthalmic personnel. We have been advocating for this move with the ministry and has resulted in a positive outcome.

This year, the IAPB Council of Members meetings will be in Hyderabad, on 15-16th September 2018. L.V. Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) will be the local host for the meeting. This year, all VISION 2020 India members are invited to attend the event. You can visit the link for more details on programme, schedule and registration: [http://bit.ly/1apbcom2018](http://bit.ly/1apbcom2018)

For the first time, the annual conference of VISION 2020 INDIA travelled to the northeast – to the gateway state of the region - Assam.

The 14th annual conference titled ‘Advocacy & Inclusive Partnership for Eye Health’ was held over two days 9 & 10 June, 2018.

The conference featured 20 sessions under 3 parallel tracks. The 4th track was for skill building of Optometrists & Ophthalmic Assistants with 6 workshops.

On the conclusion of the conference, VISION 2020 INDIA submitted recommendations to the NPCB on improving HMIS. The recommendations were generated from the discussion in the said session. Read detailed report of the conference: [http://bit.ly/2MLlIVl](http://bit.ly/2MLlIVl)
After consistent advocacy for continuation of 2 year diploma courses in Allied Ophthalmic Personnel, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has decided not phase out the course. The ministry has issued a letter to this effect. In a recent meeting, Dr RD Ravindran, Mr AK Arora and Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella met Joint Secretary (HRH) to discuss the issue with positive outcome.

**Representation to NPCB**

A representation has been submitted to Joint Secretary, NPCB, Mr Lav Agarwal regarding West Bengal Governments order to discontinue MoUs with NGOs in the state. The representation requests NPCB to look into the matter and help revoke the order issued by West Bengal government. NPCB is asking comments from West Bengal government.

**Webinar on NABH Accreditation**

A maiden webinar of VISION 2020 INDIA’s Knowledge Hub was conducted in the last quarter.

This was in association with Cybersight/Orbis.

The objective of the webinar was to build member hospitals’ capacity by offering correct and comprehensive knowledge regarding importance of NABH accreditation and its pre accreditation process.

Dr Nirmal T Fredrick from Nirmal Eye Hospital, Chennai, a principal assessor for NABH was the resource person. Report [http://bit.ly/2KMZqSI](http://bit.ly/2KMZqSI)

**‘Inducing Quality Eye Care’ workshops**

VISION 2020 INDIA in association with Quality Resource Centre (QRC) of Dr Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital conducted 3 workshops at Dr JL Rohatagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur, Fatima Hospital, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh and Sri Sai Lions Netralaya, Patna, Bihar. A total of 125 delegates participated and benefitted from this series of workshops. Report [http://bit.ly/2u60qtF](http://bit.ly/2u60qtF)
Organisational Development

Join us in welcoming our new members to the VISION 2020 INDIA national forum

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The 14th Annual General Body Meeting of VISION 2020 INDIA was held at Guwahati on 9 June 2018

The 58th Board Meeting in progress at Guwahati on 8 June 2018

The Corporate Advisory Board meeting was held on 8 June 2018 at Guwahati