



## Quarterly Report

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### Abstracts for Free Paper

Last date for submitting abstract for Free Paper is

**1 March 2018**

### Topics

Community Outreach

School Screening

DR

Emerging eye diseases

Innovations

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### Seasons Greetings

I am sure you had a good year 2017 and have good plans for 2018.

Our organization VISION 2020 INDIA also had a good record. I am happy to share the salient activities of past 6 months:

1. We represented the ophthalmology community to the Finance Ministry, Government of India for consideration of reduced GST. We had varied success and the effort is continuing.
2. We successfully represented to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India to continue the 2-year Allied Ophthalmology Personnel courses beyond year 2020.
3. We are working with the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment to increase the grant-in-aid for cataract surgery
4. We have planned four skill development workshops- in OT techniques, in Optical Dispensing, in Effective Patient Counseling, and in Essential Ophthalmic Techniques between November 2017 and April 2018.
5. The newly Knowledge Hub is working to creating a knowledge repository for all of us.

One of the closest desires of mine is to collect and analyze Big Data on common eye disorders in the country. We are at the preliminary stage of planning and hopefully will be able to present the final product when we meet for our annual meeting in Guwahati June 8-10, 2018.

So long then

**Wish all of you a very happy and productive year.**

**Dr Taraprasad Das**  
President

**Phanindra Babu Nukella, Ph.D.**  
CEO

### Announcing 14th Annual Conference

**Advocacy & Inclusive Partnership  
For Eye Health**

9 & 10 June 2018

Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya  
Guwhati. Assam





## Advocacy & Updates

### Diploma courses to continue beyond 2020

In a significant decision, the ministry of Health & Family Welfare, India has agreed in principle to extend the diploma course for optometry beyond year 2020.

VISION 2020 INDIA had made several representations to the ministry at various meetings and had also made a detailed written representation to the Economic Advisor, the ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India.

The inprinciple agreement was conveyed by Shri Arun Kumar Jha, Economic Advisor, ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India on a meeting convened on 9 October 2017. Dr T P Das, President and Mr Phanindra Babu, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA attended the meeting.

Representatives of optometry associations, ophthalmic assistance associations, optical associations and others also attended the meeting.

### World Sight Day 2017



WSD' 17 was observed on Bhubaneswar



*Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik, Dr TP Das, Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella at the programme for WSD*

On World Sight Day, in what can be termed as a momentous result of advocacy, the Odisha government, in a first, launched the Universal Eye Health programme in Odisha for an Odisha free of avoidable blindness by 2022.

The WSD programme in Bhubaneswar was organised by government of Odisha with active participation of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA and LVPEI Bhubaneswar and other members.

The Chief Minister of the state, Shri Naveen Patnaik formally launched the programme at Jaydev Bhawan at Bhubaneswar on World Sight Day. The state government committed a whopping Rs 600 crores towards Universal Eye Health programme in the state.

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## Inside Story Headline



(L) Walk being flagged off by Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Odisha government, Dr Pramod Kumar Meherda

*The Odisha government committed a whopping Rs 600 crores towards Universal Eye Health programme in the state.*

Nearly 250 participated in the 'Walk for Vision'

The Ministry of Health, Odisha government was strongly represented at the WSD event by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Law, Mr Pratap Jena; Dr Pramod Meherda, Commissioner cum Secretary, Minister of Health and Family Welfare department; Director, Health Services, Odisha.

Dr TP Das, President, VISION 2020 INDIA and Vice Chair, LVPEI is the Chairman of the Empowered Committee to implement the programme in the state.

The events on the WSD at Bhubaneswar were kicked started by 'Walk for Vision' in the morning. A 2kms walk from Capital Hospital to Jaydev Bhawan in Bhubaneswar through the main part of the city witnessed nearly 250 participating including majority of the board members of VISION 2020 INDIA.

The walk was flagged off by Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Odisha government, Dr Pramod Kumar Meherda.

The walk concluded at Jaydev Bhawan where the next leg of the WSD event was scheduled.



On the occasion of WSD, Shri Naveen Patnaik also launched a comic book brought by Orbis India' titled 'Singing Tree' on refractive error.

## Programme Development

### Skill Enhancement Workshop Series

#### Workshop on Standard Protocol for Operation Theatre ( SPOT)

*"I will be disseminating to the OT staff in my hospital what I have learnt at the workshop," Dr Abhishek Payal, Research Consultant, Mahatma Eye Hospital. "The protocol discussed during an infection break is also very useful."*



*(Above) Dr Savitri Shrama, Lead Faculty at her session*

*( Right) demonstration on OT protocols on day 2 of the workshop*



Two workshops on skill enhancement were held in this quarter. This is in a series of totally 4 workshops to be held in the financial year 2017-18.

The first in this series was on Standard Protocol for Operation Theatre (SPOT) conducted on 3 & 4 November, 2017 at LVPEI, Bhubaneswar.

The workshop was designed by LVPEI, Bhubaneswar and supported by Operation Eyesight Universal. Forty five participants, largely OT nurse and OT in - charge from 23 hospitals across 12 states participated in the workshop.

Dr Savitri Sharma, Director, Laboratory Services-LVPEI network and Dr Varsha Rathi, Director, Secondary Centres, LVPEI Network were the lead faculty for the workshop. They were supported by the LVPEI team from Indian Oil-(LVPEI) Center for Rural Eye Health (CREH), Bhubaneswar.

Full report can be accessed at <http://www.vision2020india.org/>

### Workshop on Optical Dispensing

Dr Subhra Sil from Vivekananda Mission Ashram appreciated the workshop. She said that this workshop further added skills of optometrists and should be conducted across the country.



With the rapid trend changes in eyewear technology and an ageing population, well-trained optical dispensers are needed to meet the demands of this growing & demanding sector. With an aim of building capacities of technicians and optical personnel in dispensing spectacles in different settings (Base hospital,

(Above) Dr Krishna R Murthy, Medical Director And Managing Trustee, Vittala International Institute of Ophthalmology welcoming the workshop participants.



Vision Center, Screening Programme etc.), a two day workshop on **Optical Dispensing** was held on 08 & 09 December 2017 at Vittala International Institute of Ophthalmology, Bengaluru, Karnataka. The workshop was designed by Essilor India.

Encouraging participation was observed in the workshop with 43 delegates from 20 organizations from 11 states participated in the workshop. Professionals/personnels involved in optical dispensing benefited from the workshop.

Participants at the workshop

## Organisational Development

### Board Meetings

Two board meetings were held in this quarter. The 55th board meeting was held 12 October 2017 at LVPEI, Bhubaneswar (below) and the 56th board meeting was conducted on 15 December 2017 at Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati (right).



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## News from Members

### The Future is Inclusive: CBM celebrates its golden jubilee



CBM celebrated 50 years of work in India at New Delhi on 31, October, 2017. While a number of programmes were held during the year, the event on 31st October included a partners meeting, thematic discussions and a celebration with partners, government and other associates.

The first session introduced the participants to some aspects of CBM's perspective on inclusion. While the afternoon session featured talks by representatives from the government and intergovernmental organisations.



CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella attended the inauguration of Sankara Eye Foundation India eye hospital in Jaipur. The hospital is the 10th hospital for the group across India was inaugurated on 7 December 2017. The 255 bedded hospital aims at delivering affordable super-specialty eye care services under one roof for benefitting the rural and urban sections of the society. INGO-Mission for Vision supported the hospital for the outreach wing of the hospital.

Siliguri Greater Lions hospital opened another eye hospital in Siliguri, West Bengal. A 100 bedded eye hospital—Shri VidyaSagar Oswal Eye Hospital was inaugurated by Lion Dr. Naresh Agarrwal, international President Lions on 14 December 2017. The new hospital also has a training centre.



## World Sight Day 2017 by Member Organisations

A large number of our member organizations across the country observed World Sight Day in a number of ways. We bring you a glimpse of it in pictures.



Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital, Mumbai



Alipurduar Lions Eye Hospital, West Bengal



Shankar Eye Foundation, Odhisha



Gomabai Netralaya, Neemuch



Little Flower Eye Hospital, Angamalli



Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal

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Sitapur Eye Hospital, Uttar Pradesh



Sri Lions Eye Hospital, Patna



Vittala International Institute of Ophthalmology,





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## World Diabetes Day

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November is observed as day for raise awareness on diabetes, its prevention and organs that can effected if the dieases is left unchecked. Eye is one o f the organs that can be effected with Dia-betic Retinopathy. A number of member organisations observed the day organising number of events to raise awareness on the issue. We bring you the pictures from a few of the events.



All branch hospitals of Aravind Eye Hospital across TamilNadu observed the day with various events.



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital observed the day with a walkathon.

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