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www.vision2020india.org/
presidential-address-by-dr-
taraprasad-das/](http://www.vision2020india.org/presidential-address-by-dr-taraprasad-das/)

Dear Members,

At the recently concluded 15th annual conference at Chennai, Dr Taraprasad Das, President, VISION 2020 INDIA addressed the delegates at the conference inaugural. Some excerpts from his speech.

Global VISION 2020 is a 2-decade old organization and the VISION 2020 INDIA-a 182- member strong eye care advocacy organization- is a decade and half old. We are the public health arm of ophthalmology- the bridge between the science and the society, a bridge between the Government and non-Government eye care providers.

The world is committed to attain the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the SDG, by year 2030. In order to do so, we need several transformations of the existing health care strategies. I suggest 3 transformational steps: Step One, at least double the health financing from the current 1.2% of GDP; Step Two, ensure that the scarce available resource reach everyone everywhere; and Step Three, provide appropriate and affordable care backed by adequate referral system. We take pride that we are the first country to recognize blindness and visual impairment as a health priority in 1976. But our cataract centric focus now must expand to the universal eye health coverage, UHC.

A comprehensive eye care is the basic tenet of UHC. Probably, we are getting there, but not reached yet. We need to accelerate our pace and all of our actions must also direct to improve people's health seeking behavior. In my personal opinion, one-off mass screening and/or surgery particularly in villages accessible by reasonably good transportation system today only dampen the health-seeking behavior of people. A fixed facility manned by technical personnel trained for this purpose is the solution. This requires a change in administrative policy change and behavior change of care providers.

Government alone cannot do everything. We need a Public Private Partnership for a Purpose. The purpose is both reducing blindness and same time empowering people. The VISION 2020 is building this bridge. Name VISION 2020 would change after year 2020; but not the mission. The WHO would soon disseminate the new World Report on Vision. This report would help redesigning country specific strategic to reach the sustainable development goals by year 2030.

Welcome the possibilities.

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ADVOCACY

Meeting with Principal Consultant, NPCB&VI: At VISION 2020 INDIA, we regularly hold meetings with senior officials at the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment, Government of India, NPCB&VI, to put forth issues our members face, in an effort to resolve them.

Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO and Mr Mrinal Madhaw, Programme Manager, VISION 2020 INDIA met Dr Promila Gupta, NPCB&VI, Government of India to discuss few issues. One was regarding NGOs in Karnataka to hold camps. Very akin to West Bengal happening few months back.

Karnataka state blindness programme in a new order is denying NGOs permission to conduct camps. All cataract surgeries are to be performed in government hospitals. Also NGOs cannot hold camps even in the instance of not claiming NPCB grants in aid.

The other, equally important issue is regarding signing separate MoUs for each district where NGOs hold camps. This is a departure from the earlier one common MoU for all districts. Currently this is effecting Gujarat and Karnataka, and may be other states too. The first round of meeting was held at NPCB&VI. We need more experiences of challenges and difficulties from as many states as possible to be able to take it forward for further advocacy at national level.

HMIS: The HMIS revision has been in the pipelines for some time. We were informed that work is in progress.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT



Annual Conference

The 15th annual conference of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - INDIA 'Achieving Universal Eye Health for Everyone and Everywhere' was successfully conducted on 8 & 9 June 2019 at Aravind Eye Hospital, Chennai.

More than 600 delegates from 18 states and 2 UTs from 115 organisations from India attended the national conference on community ophthalmology.

The two-day programme broadly incorporates the scientific programme, the conference common session, presentation of awards, and trade.



(Above) Tamil Nadu Governor His Excellency Shri Banwarilal Purohit lighting the ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the conference. (Below) Dr Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye System welcoming the conference delegates



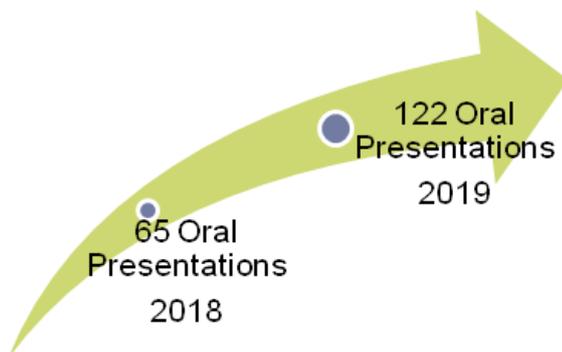
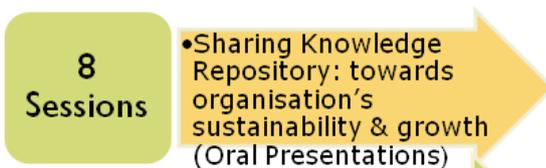
PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

The conference offers a platform where along with the scientific programme, meetings held, network established; experiences shared - a place that exudes an atmosphere of bonhomie where work and pleasure share a mixed platform.

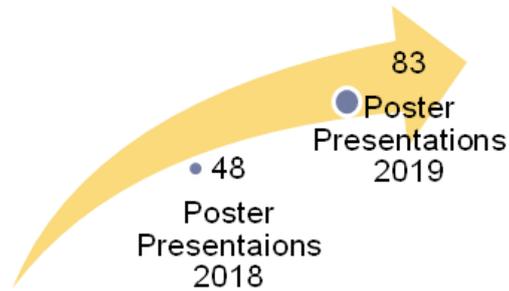
This year's conference featured **20**

DYNAMIC SESSIONS with a balanced mix of talks, panel discussions. In a novel approach a large number of topics were based on suggestions from our member organizations.

The scientific programme had four parallel tracks:



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AWARDS



Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital, Bihar received the Shri Dharamsey Nansey Oman Award



Our member from central zone Sitapur Eye Hospital received the Lotus award



Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai received the Shri SN Shah award.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Knowledge Hub

Webinar on Electronic Medical Records: VISION 2020 INDIA in association with Cyber-sight Orbis and Sankara Nethralaya conducted a webinar on "Electronic Medical Records (EMR)" on 22 May 2019.

We received a total of 78 registrations and 43 participated in the webinar. The one hour webinar, under VISION 2020 INDIA's Knowledge Hub programme was intended for Trustees, CEOs, ophthalmologists, optometrists, administrators, nurses and Quality Managers.



Dr RR Sudhir, Consultant In-charge Electronic Medical Records, Sankara Nethralaya, was the resource person.

[Read detailed report](#)

Quality Workshop

In our bid to initiate and introduce the concept of quality among our member hospitals, we conduct workshop titled 'Inducing Quality in Eye Care'.

VISION 2020 INDIA in association with Orbis India and Quality Resource Centre, Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital conducted this one day workshop at Arunodaya Deseret Eye Hospital, Gurugram on 28 April 2019. A total 37 delegates participated from 12 organisations.



Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella welcoming the delegates at the workshop

ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT

Board Meeting

Board Meeting: the 62nd Board meeting of VISION 2020 INDIA was held at Chennai on 7 June, 2019.



New Members

We welcome Divine Eye Foundation (Paramahansa Yogananda Netralaya), East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, our new member from south zone.

**VISION 2020
INDIA's
membership
now stands at
182**

ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT

15th AGBM held

The 15th Annual General Body Meeting of VISION 2020 INDIA was held at Chennai on 8 July 2019.



*Dr T P Das,
President,
VISION
2020
INDIA
addressing
at the
AGBM*

*Mr Phanindra
Babu Nukella,
Addressing at
the AGBM*



Meetings/ Visitors

Participation in Orbis Partners Meet:

Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO and Mr Mri-nal Madhaw, Programme Manager, VISION 2020 participated in Orbis' annual partners meet from 5 to 6 April 2019 in Delhi.

Visit from Seva: We were glad to welcome Ms Heidi Chase, Director, Innovation & Sight Program and Mr Kuldeep Singh, Programme Manager, India & Bangladesh, Seva Foundation to our office. Our teams had an engaging interaction. Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella detailed our work and progress we were making.



NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Sightsavers Fellowship Programme



Sightsavers India launches India Fellowship Program, as a promising career opportunity for passionate ophthalmologists

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April—June 2019

Calendar of Events

VISION 2020 INDIA's annual training workshops have been finalised. For any further information, Mr Mrinal Madhaw, Programme Manager, VISION 2020 INDIA can be contacted at mrinal@vision2020india.org

Save the Date		
TRAINING WORKSHOP CALENDAR		2019 - 2020
6 & 7 September 2019	Standardising Primary Eye Care Services	Alakh Nayan Mandir Eye Hospital, Udaipur
1 & 2 November 2019	Standard Protocols for Operation Theatre Technicians	LVPEI, Visakhapatnam
6 & 7 December 2019	Optical Dispensing	Bansara Eye Care, Shillong
31 January & 1 February 2020	Patient Care Counselors	MGM Eye Hospital, Raipur

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