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Dear Members,

Best wishes for the year and the new decade.

The forthcoming year promises to be an important one for VISION 2020 INDIA. The WHO's Vision Report is out and we, in India, are looking at how the recommendations can be adapted at the country level. We are working with the ministry on this aspect.

At AIOS and our 16th annual conference, we will be discussing the road ahead for the VISION 2020 INDIA programme. We have achieved a lot but there is still a lot to be done. We can see that in the RAAB survey that has been brought out by NPCB.

As for the year that has gone by, we held effective training programme for the mid level cadre of eye hospitals and we hope that the training provided has helped in making some improvement in our collective effort towards eliminating avoidable blindness.

You would have received communication regarding the 16th annual conference—Beyond 2020: Strategies & Synergies for Universal Eye & Healthcare. This is scheduled on 13 & 14 June 2020 at picturesque Siliguri. We have a committed host in Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital. Block your date.

Dr T P Das
President

Phanindra Babu Nukella
CEO

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Beyond 2020
Strategies & Synergies for
Universal Eye & Healthcare



Venue:
Siliguri Greater
Lions Eye Hospital,
Siliguri, West Bengal

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We bring you 4 tracks for the conference

Synergies &
Strategies for
Universal Eye Health
(Leadership & Advocacy)

Leave No One
Behind
(Community Outreach)

Achieving
Excellence &
Quality for Eye
Health

Skill Enhancement For
Optometrists &
Ophthalmic Assistants

Scientific Committee for Conference



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Global Technical Lead
Eye Health (Asia)
Sightsavers India

Dr Rohit Khanna
Director, Gullapalli
Pratibha Rao Interna-
tional Centre for
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*Inviting Abstract Submission
For 16th Annual Conference*

Closing on 10 February 2020

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Lions Eye Hospital



For more information: <http://vision2020indiaannualconference.org/>

Meeting with NPCB&VI : NPCB &VI has agreed to a proposal for a planning meeting with its state level representatives to prepare country/state specific plans for 2021-2030 in the context of WHO's World Report on Vision and recently released RAAB survey report, government of India. This came about as a result of a meeting of Dr TP Das and Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella met Dr Promila Gupta, Consultant, NPCB &VI on 13 November 2019. It is also proposed to hold a second round of meeting prior to AIOS 2020 meeting with key participation from INGOs, AIOS, VISION 2020 INDIA, and other key stakeholders to finalise the country plan.

Vision First: WORLD SIGHT DAY at Jaipur



VISION 2020 INDIA partnered with Sankara Eye Foundation India to observe the 2019 World Sight Day. The venue was Jaipur, Rajasthan where the organisation has a branch hospital .

Several activities were designed by Sankara Eye Foundation a week prior at Jaipur to the WSD to raise awareness on eye health. Poster making competition, Best out of waste, rangoli completion and flash mob dance were some innovative activities that were carried out with message on eye health.

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Nearly 200 students from schools and colleges participated in the events. The winners received their award during the World Sight Day function on 10 October 2019.

On World Sight Day nearly 700 participated in an awareness walk. The walk mainly included school students from the Jaipur. Board members of VISION 2020 INDIA and Secretariat participated in the 2kms walk. The walk was flagged off by Mr Anup Zimba, Vice President, VISION 2020 INDIA and Dr R V Ramani, Founder & Managing Trustee, Sankara Eye Foundation.

IIHMR University students performed - Flash Mob dance at WTP Mall, Jaipur



Board members of VISION 2020 INDIA at the Walkathon flag off.

L—R Mr L C Janiyani, Dr Thomas Cherian, Dr Rajesh Saini, Mr Anup Zimba and Dr Rishi Raj Borah

The 2 kms walkathon being flagged off by Dr RVV Ramani and Mr Anup Zimba supported by other Board Members of VISION 2020 INDIA



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Post the walk, a seminar on the theme of the WSD – Vision First – was held. The chief guest for the occasion was, the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Shri Devendra Bhushan Gupta. The dais was shared by Mr Anup Zimba, Vice President, VISION 2020 INDIA and Dr R V Ramani, Founder & Managing Trustee, Sankara Eye Foundation.



(above) Mr Anup Zimba, Vice President, VISION 2020 INDIA addressing the audience at the seminar.

(left: the Orbis comic book series being launched on the occasion.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Continuing our training programmes for the mid level cadre in an eye hospital, two training programmes were held during this quarter.

Training on Standard Protocol for Operation Theatre Technicians was conducted on 1 & 2 November 2019. L V Prasad Eye Institute, Visakhapatnam hosted the training programme. Forty one delegates from 17 organisations participated in it.

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PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

A two day Optical Dispensing workshop was held on 6 & 7 December 2019 as part of our training programme with a huge participation of 115 largely from east and north east zone. Bansara Eye Care Centre, Shillong hosted the training programme.

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Knowledge Hub

Webinar on Webinar on Inventory Management was held under Knowledge Hub on 16 October 2019. The resource person was Mr V Murthy from LV Prasad Eye Institute. Thirty five participated.

Webinar conducted on 'Hospital Security Systems' on 13 December 2019. Jasklok Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai, conducted it. A total of 45 participated.

<https://vimeo.com/379711255/c76b0b718d>

ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT

The 64th Board meeting was held at Jaipur on 9 October 2019. The minutes of the meeting has been sent to the Board.

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