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ADVOCACY

VISION 2020 INDIA submitted feedback on new Corporate Social Responsibility draft rules 2020 to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. This was in consultation with the Board and members.

VISION 2020 INDIA is working on launching the World Report on Vision in South East Asia region. In this context, Dr T P Das, president and Mr Phanindra Babu, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA held discussions with Dr Mek and Dr Patanjali Nayar of WHO-SEARO.

WHO-SEARO shared its plan of taking eye health agenda forward and involving its member governments at a very senior level like Health Secretaries and Health Ministers. For developing a India specific eye health action plan, Mr Phanindra Babu had a discussion with Dr Promila Gupta, NPCB to launch of World Report on Vision in India and developing India specific decade eye health action plan.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Patient Counsellor Workshop



A two - day workshop for Patient Care Counsellors was held on 17 & 18 January 2020. MGM Eye Institute, Raipur hosted the workshop. Forty - six participants from 18 member organisation across 9 states participated in the training programme.

VISION 2020 at 78th AIOS Conference

At the 78th AIOS conference at Gurugram, VISION 2020 INDIA organized an 85 - minute technical session on World Report on Vision on 14 February 2020. Dr Promila Gupta, Dr Taraprasad Das, Dr Sara Varughese, Dr Praveen Vashist, Dr Rohit Khanna were the panelists. The session was facilitated by Dr Kaushik Murali and Dr Sandeep Buttan. Under the Knowledge Hub, a webinar on "GST in Healthcare settings" was organized on 27 February 2020. It was led by BDO India with 32 participation.



ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT

MEETINGS

Mr Phanindra Babu, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA participated in the following meetings:

- A day-long meeting on “Future Forward 2020: Building Momentum for Inclusion and Elimination” on 30 January 2020. The meeting was organised by The Leprosy Mission Trust India supported by the Global Health Strategies. Along with Neglected Tropical Diseases, disability inclusion, role of legislation and harnessing integrated approach were discussed. CEO interacted with the stakeholders and discussed about the blindness and related rehabilitation scenarios. Around 100 stakeholders participated in the meeting.
- A meeting on Strengthening Refractive Error and Presbyopia Services in India, at RP Centre on 6 March 2020.
- Attended the 5th AIIMS Optometry Explorer in New Delhi 1 February 2020 and presented “Overview of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-INDIA and its Achievements”. The conference was organised by Optometry Students Association.

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