

April—June 2020

## New Board elected for year 2020 - 2023

The new Board for VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA was elected at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held online on 13 June, 2020. The term of the Board is for a three years term, from June 2020 – June 2023.

The 17 members Board includes the members of the 9 founding members, 6 zonal representatives, 1 national coordinator and 1 representative from the eye care industry.

Welcoming the new Board, Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA said, "I welcome the new Board. We have a few first timers in the Board this term. It is a well balance of young and the experienced. I am sure that this Board will bring in further momentum and find new pathways for collaboration and coordination towards achieving the mission."

The executive committee elected is:

**President** – Sightsavers India represented by Mr R N Mohanty, CEO.

**Vice-President** – Dr R P Centre of Ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences represented by Dr Praveen Vashist, Officer In-charge Community Ophthalmology.

**Secretary** – CBM India represented by Dr Sara Varughese, Country Director & Managing Trustee.

**Treasurer** – Mission for Vision represented by Ms Elizabeth Kurian, CEO.

For the names of entire board members read: <http://www.vision2020india.org/about-us/governance/>

## A Farewell Note from former President Dr Taraprasad Das

April 17, 2020

*This is a time for science and solidarity  
United Nations*

I am writing this note at a time of global crisis of novel Corona virus, the Covid 19 infection sweeping the world. It has caused enormous damage to the people and economy. At this point of writing, globally over 2.1 million people living in 185 countries are infected and over 140,000 people have died; in India



*I realize, this would be my last communication to all of you as the President of this august organization. I enjoyed your trust, Executive Committee guidance, Office staff cooperation and ophthalmic industry encouragement.*

## A Farewell note.....cont

13,541 people are infected and 449 people have died (Time of India April 17, 2020; I am aware, this figure could change dramatically by the time you read this piece). Indian economy is down by 34.6% and there is a negative trade balance. Covid 19 has caused threat to personal health security too; the eye health personnel and ophthalmologists are at as much risk as an internist or pulmonologist. Recollect the tragic death of 33-year old ophthalmolo-

gist, Dr Li Wenling from the Wuhan Central hospital, mainland China in February this year while treating an infected patient for acute angle closure glaucoma. Hundreds of front-line health workers have been affected while treating patients and this includes also ophthalmologists....

Read entire note: <http://www.vision2020india.org/note-from-dr-taraprasad-das/>

## VISION 2020 INDIA's maiden online annual conference

VISION 2020 INDIA's 16th annual conference was held online on 13 June 2020. Nearly 186 participated in scientific programme.

The two hour programme featured 3 sessions. Two of the sessions—Beyond Cataract and Inclusion: a global approach were from the programme designed for the conference to be held at Siliguri and cancelled due to COVID-19 situation.

The third session was by CEO, Ayushman Bharat, Dr Indu Bhushan on how eye care hospitals can be part of the national initiative.

You can access recordings of the both sessions here

<https://bit.ly/3e9JCHk> & <https://bit.ly/3gBDOrD>



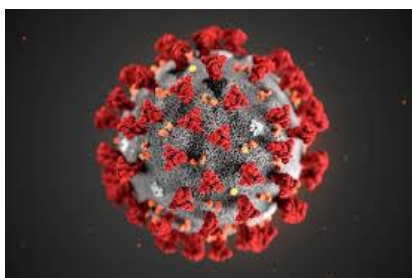
## Knowledge Hub

Two webinars under Knowledge Hub were held during the quarter. One was on 'Setting up of Low Vision Clinic' held on 29 April 2020 where 221 participated. The second one was on 'Crafting effective ground stories' on 15 May, 2020. A total of 69 participated in this webinar. We are sharing the recording link here. <https://vimeo.com/413034559/47af68c2d2>

<https://vimeo.com/419193098/513542e77f>



# Managing the COVID-19 situation



The entire quarter was, in a way, COVID-19 drive. With lockdown in force, all the hospitals were closed except for emer-

gency services. In an unprecedented situation hospitals were seeking the best possible way to work keeping the COVID-19 guidelines and protocols in place.

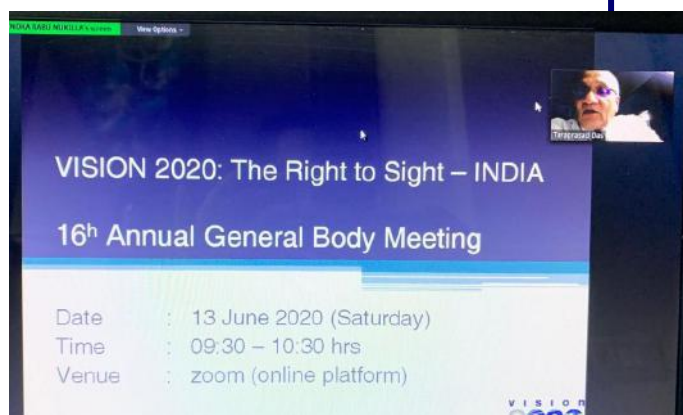
A number of our members hospitals developed guidelines and we shared it for larger dissemination. All such guideline can be accessed on our website

<http://www.vision2020india.org/covid-19-response-from-members/>

## VISION2020 INDIA AGBM

**On 13 June, 2020** the 16 annual general body meeting (AGBM) was held over zoom.

Sixty members participated in AGBM



## News from Members

### *The remarkable hundred years journey of RNC Free Eye Hospital*

RNC Free Eye Hospital completes 100 years. Join us in congratulating the yeoman service they have rendered to the community. RNC Free Eye Hospital, Valsad, Gujarat is completing 100 years of its establishment in June 2020. Red More....

<http://www.vision2020india.org/the-remarkable-hundred-years-journey-of-rnc-free-eye-hospital/>



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