

WSD Report



We have traversed a long way but a lot of work still has to be done – was the common refrain from most of the speakers at the VISION 2020 INDIA's WSD programme. The year 2020 holds a special significance for VISION 2020 INDIA with the programme achieving an important milestone. It was an opportune time to talk about the launch of the programme and its impact over the years.

VISION 2020 INDIA conducted a two and half hour long programme featuring 8 sessions. Nearly 120 participated. Dr Promila Gupta, Principal Consultant, NPCB & VI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India was the guest of honour and Dr GN Rao, Founder and Chairman, LVPEI was the chief guest for the day.

The programme included VISION 2020 INDIA's annual award presentation and announcing results of the photo contest.

Mr R N Mohanty, president, VISION 2020 INDIA in his opening address, recalled the significance of WSD. "The day reminds us of the enormity of the problem and that we have a long way to go in that context." VISION 2020 INDIA has made significant contribution but job is not yet over "together we have to continue our fight to eliminate avoidable blindness," he concluded.

Mr R D Thulasiraj, Executive Director, LAICO was the 1st president of VISION 2020 INDIA. He took the audience through the backdrop for launch of VISION 2020 the global program in year 1993. "It was realised for the global program to become a reality had to be tailored at national priority and better for NGOs in India to work in unison rather than individually to achieve synergy in unison." With this thought, VISION 2020 INDIA was launched. "As an organisation, VISION 2020 has achieved a lot but agenda is unfinished yet," he said.

Dr GN Rao, Founder and Chairman, LVPEI, chief guest for the day spoke how VISION 2020 INDIA's strategise had impacted to reduce the causes of avoidable blindness. Going forward, Dr Rao drew a possible landscape for the future resulting from the present COVID. He envisaged a move towards vision centres in the country in every nook and corner. He said in a post COVID scenario, people may not travel far to bigger hospitals; we are looking at development of smaller hospitals. In larger cities, hospitals may struggle to survive. Professionals will also have to migrate to smaller cities and rural areas for their work, financial sustainability will be a challenge.

Dr Promila Gupta, Principal Consultant, NPCB & VI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was the guest of honour. She spoke regarding government's priorities future strategies and focus areas. The first and foremost being the health and wellness centers and cataract, refractive error and other eye diseases low vision clinics and upgrading HMIS. Dr Promila emphasized the need for standardized course in government as yet for donation counselors and technicians and "here again we need the help of VISION 2020

to develop this standardized course so that all over the country.” “We have a lot of work to do as has been said by previous speakers. So we have to tweak our strategies and change focus to a comprehensive and integrated eye care approach”, concluded Dr Gupta.

In the other sessions, Orbis’ ‘Status of child health in India’ report was launched by Dr G N Rao founder & chairman, LVPEI.

Industry Members HOYA Medical India Pvt. Ltd. and Pellucid Healthcare Networks Pvt. Ltd presented how their services, products and innovations are contributing to the national goal of eliminating avoidable blindness in the country.

A special session in the COVID times was on ‘Finance Recovery Model during Pandemic crisis for eye care hospitals’ by the BDO India Team.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Two awards were presented on this occasion -the VISION 2020 INDIA 3 annual awards and the 3 prizes for photo contest.

Photo Contest

The photo contest 2020 had two themes: **Hope for Sight** and **Eye Care for Everyone**. Sightsavers India partnered for this year’s photo contest and supported the three cash prize - 1st prize for Rs 15,000 2nd prize Rs 10,000 and 3rd prize Rs INR 5000. These prizes will be given in the form of vouchers.

1st Prize: India Vision Institute



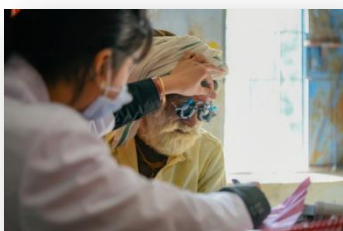
Jury Remark: This is such a happy picture!
It really captures the impact of vision on school children, especially girls.

2nd Prize: Aravind Eye Hospital



Jury Remark: There are many stereotyped ROP pictures available but this one is very appealing. ROP screening images are so hard to find! Extra points for just that, and the fact that it is presentably composed and is a stunning capture.

3rd Prize: Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital



Jury remark: The picture is impressive

VISION 2020 INDIA Annual Award

Three awards given annually, exclusively for VISION 2020 INDIA members, were presented at the programme.



Dr. Jordan Kassalow VisionSpring Award to Tejas Eye Hospital, Gujarat. Receiving the award Dr Uday Gajiwala said “We are happy to receive the inaugural Vision Spring award. This encourages us to work harder to reach out with high quality spectacles, to the rural masses.”

Lotus Award to Little Flower Hospital & Research Centre, Kerala. Reverend Father Sebastian received the award. “I am honoured to receive the award. This is a recognition of our development work and I express my gratitude for work done in the community.”

Shri S N Shah Award to Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital, Bihar. Mr Arnab Sarkar received the award. “This is the second consecutive award we are receiving. This one is very special to us as the award recognises the work done with women in the community.”

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE		
Date : 8 October 2020 Time : 14:00– 16: 30 hrs Mode: Online		
Register using link https://sightsavers.zoom.us/join/register/1jwfk-lqri8vH9KMDf9VktEr_D1txPJ5_mx1		
  	Session 1 : 14:00 - 14: 05 hrs Address by President Mr RN Mohanty President, VISION 2020 INDIA	Session 2 : 14: 05 - 14: 15 hrs Origin of VISION 2020 INDIA Initiative Mr RD Thulsiraj Executive Director, LAICO
	Session 3 : 14: 15 - 14: 35 hrs Industry Members Presentation HOYA Medical India Pvt. Ltd. Pellucid Healthcare Networks Pvt. Ltd	Session 4 : 14: 35 - 14: 45 hrs Awards Presentation (Photo contest, 3 Annual Awards) by Chief Guest, Dr GN Rao Founder, Chairman, LVPEI
	Session 5 : 14: 45 - 14: 55 hrs Release of Orbis India Eye Report & a short-film on Simulation Centre by Chief Guest	Session 6 : 14: 55 - 15: 05 hrs Address by Guest of Honour Dr Promila Gupta, Principal Consultant NPCB&VI, MoHFW, Govt. of India
	Session 7 : 15: 05 - 15: 20 hrs VISION 2020 INDIA Impact Address by Chief Guest Dr GN Rao, Founder, Chairman, LVPEI	Session 8 : 15: 25 - 16: 25 hrs Finance Recovery Model during Pandemic crisis for eye care hospitals BDO India Team
	16: 25 - 16: 30 Vote of Thanks	