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Quarterly Newsletter

ADVOCACY

Pending DBCS Dues

VISION 2020 INDIA submitted information regarding amounts payable to our member organisation for cataract and other than cataract cases to NPCB&VI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for necessary action. Data was received from 32 member hospitals. NPCB&VI have sent communication to all the State Programme Officers regarding V2020 India representation and DBCS dues on 14 August 2020 and also a reminder to on 25 August 2020. Karnataka state reviewed the claims and responded to NPCB&VI with a copy to CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, committing the release of pending amounts.

Meeting with Allied Health Unit

CEO held a discussion with Allied Health Unit (AHU) on – (a) Status of Allied Health Bill (b) standardizing the course curricula for 2 years diploma in ophthalmic assistants and vision assistants. CEO also wrote to AHU to include VISION 2020 INDIA in the committee.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Knowledge Hub

Three webinars under the Knowledge Hub was conducted in the quarter.

'Hospital Empanelment and Quality Certification' under Ayushman Bharat PradhanMantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The session was conducted by National Health Authority team. Forty eight participated. [Read More](#)

One hundred fifty seven participated in 'Primary Eye Care in Pandemic Conditions Challenges and Opportunities'. The session was conducted by L.V Prasad Eye Institute. [Read More](#)

'Hospital Infection Control Practice during COVID 19 pandemic'. The session was conducted by Aravind Eye Hospital, Divyajyoti Trust, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital and Sankara Eye Hospital. Eighty nine participated. [Read More](#)

ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT

The 67 Board meeting was held on 29 July 2020. The meeting was online.

MEETINGS

CEO made a presentation about VISION 2020 INDIA in the LCIF SightFirst conclave. The presentation focused on describing VISION 2020 INDIA's work and how the SightFirst partners can join the VISION 2020 INDIA initiative.

CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella presented a talk on "What does COVID19 mean to Visually Impaired?" at the event organised jointly by Novartis and FICCI. Joint Secretary-NPCB&VI, and other stakeholders were also present.

The national conclave on 'What does COVID19 mean to Visually Impaired?' garnered news stories in 37 prominent publications such as - The Indian Express, Punjab Kesari, Andhra Prabha, Surya, The New Indian Express, Aaj Samaj, Prabhat, Lokmat and more.

VISION 2020 INDIA in news

We submitted news on HR Mapping underway in the country. The news was carried in IAPB's news section. This will help in spreading a word about our activities at an international audience.

<https://www.iapb.org/news/mappingof-the-human-resources-and-infrastructure-on-eye-health-in-india-underway/>

IAPB has been carrying a series of write ups on highlights of member national bodies. Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella and Mr RD Thulasiraj penned a piece on VISION 2020 INDIA's achievements Till year 2020.

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