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Quarterly Newsletter

QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Snapshot of Year 2020

New Year Message from President & CEO

Year 2020 came with its set of challenges; albeit different ones. We are glad that as we step into the new year, we are stronger having adapted new ways, developed means to tackle them and also found new opportunities. Read more.... on snapshot of year 2020 <http://www.vision2020india.org/snapshot-of-year-2020/>

We begin the year 2021 on a happy note. Our advocacy with the West Bengal government for Universal Eye Health programme was successful. The Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms Mamata Banerjee announced 'Choker Alo' Eye Health for All scheme in West Bengal on 4 January 2021. We thank our board members Dr Rajesh Saini, National Coordinator and Dr Asim Sil, East zone representative and Sightsavers India for pursuing from concept to programme. Read More.... <http://www.vision2020india.org/category/features/>



Dr Asim Sil, Dr Rajesh Saini and Ms Sampa Paul, Sightsavers (East India Office) at the Planning meeting at ADHS.SPO office Swasthya Bhawan, Kolkata



Guidelines for the
Management of Cataract in India
Revised in August 2020
A VISION 2020: The Right to Sight INDIA Publication

Revised Guidelines on Management of Cataract has been published. We thank Orbis India for supporting the printing and the technical team who gave their valuable time to write it.

We invite you to read some amazing work published in manuscript format uploaded on our conference website. For the 16th annual conference we received nearly 200 abstracts. We decided to publish the abstracts. The manuscripts have been reviewed by senior ophthalmologists. <http://vision2020indiaannualconference.org/free-paper-form/>

ADVOCACY

We have been actively advocating with the government at the Centre for the following.
We submitted the following representations:

- **A representation requesting declassification of spectacles** (Spectacles, Spectacle Frames and Spectacle Lenses) from the Medical Devices, to the Drugs Controller General, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, Director General of Health Services. Currently Spectacles, Spectacle Frames and Spectacle Lenses has been categorised under 'medical devise' and attracts several regulations, hence for a larger reach, we are requesting declassification from medical devices category.
- A representation to Ministry of Finance on **exemption of ophthalmic equipment & devices from custom duty & health cess.**
- VISION 2020 INDIA submitted a representation to the GST Council and Ministry of Finance and GST Council seeking **rationalization of GST Rates on Intraocular lenses.**



VISION 2020 INDIA observed the World Sight Day on 8 October 2020 online due to the COVID – 19 pandemic. Based on the WSD global theme, Hope in Sight, we conducted a two and half hour long programme featuring 8 sessions. Nearly 120 participated.

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. Read More... <http://www.vision2020india.org/resources/world-sight-day/>

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Two webinars conducted

24 October 2020 - "Re-emergence of Tele Ophthalmology during COVID & Medico Legal Challenges". The session was conducted by Dr. R R Sudhir, Sankara Nethralaya and Mr. Amit, Senior Advocate and an expert in Medico Legal Laws. Twenty seven participated.

10 December - "Need for rehabilitation services for persons with Visual impairment". The session was conducted by Dr Dominic Misquith, CBM Adviser, Dr Nandini Rawal, BPA, Dr Suraj Singh Senjam, RP centre and Ms Muthu Selvi, AICB. Sixty-five number of people participated. We are thankful to CBM for conducting this webinar.

ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT

The 68th Board meeting was held on 28 October 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VISION 2020 INDIA
Presents
Knowledge Hub



NABH Accreditation

Date: 29 January 2021 | Time: 1500 - 1600 hrs

CONTEXT: NABH accreditation is a hallmark on quality of services and assures certain standards for infrastructure and processes. For patients it is a reassurance of certain standard care.

The process is still new for several eye hospitals, especially for those working in NGO sector. They lack understanding and proper knowledge of the NABH process and find it difficult to comprehend the pre and main accreditation process.

With specific eye care standards from NABH and entry level certification, providers can choose to start their journey based on current capability and requirement. Several organisations across India have been accredited.

VISION 2020 INDIA is conducting an hour session to enable cooperation and resource sharing among members interested in accreditation.

OBJECTIVES & EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Audience would get an overview regarding NABH from an eye Hospital perspective, understand between the eye care & the entry level standards, NABH benefits, and an insights from the quality journey of Sankara -SanQALP& hurdles that could be expected through the journey.

For Whom

This programme is intended for Trustees, CEOs, Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, Administrators, Nurses and Quality Managers. However, all interested staff can also participate.

RESOURCE PERSONS

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President Medical Administration, Quality & Education, Sankara Eye Foundation India.



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