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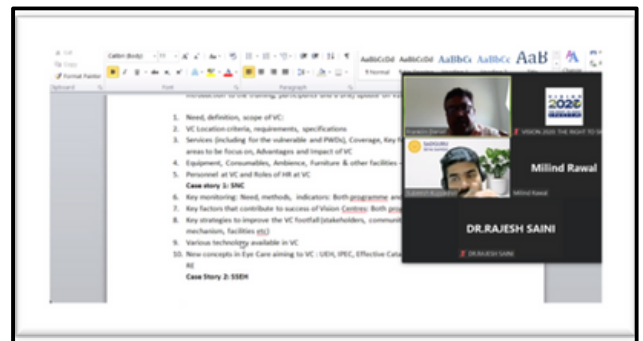


Introduction

This quarter saw a significant progress in several domains with the new Board of Management taking over for next 3 years. In the Jammu and Kashmir region, World Sight Day was observed, emphasizing the commitment to vision health. Notable initiatives included skill building trainings for opticians and Vision Centre staff, a strategic meeting with Niti Aayog, and core committee sessions. Zonal meetings and webinars promoted collaboration and information dissemination. Specialized committees were formed, a scientific committee met to foster scientific program development, and quality reviews were conducted. A board meeting highlighted strategic decision-making for sustainable advancements in line with the strategic plan.

UNIVERSALIZE

- Dr Rajesh Saini, Mr Subeesh, Mr Milind Rawal and Mr Franklin Daniel had a planning meeting about the vision centre staff training scheduled on 3-4 Nov at Anandpur.



World Sight Day 2023 Celebration



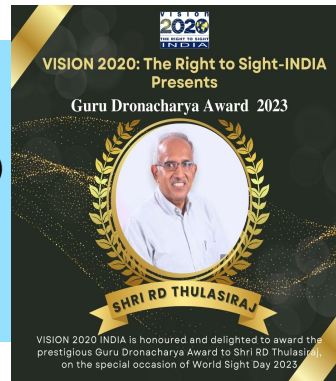
- World Sight Day was celebrated at KLSM Rotary Eye and ENT Hospital, Udhampur. The one-day program included the walkathon and seminar. Around ten days prior to WSD, KLSM Rotary also had conducted few activities like debate competition, essay writing on the WSD theme, Love Your Eyes. The winners were given cash prizes and certificates. The Deputy Director, Udhampur district was the Chief Guest.



Annual Awards

Five new awards were announced:

- Life-Time Achievement Award (2023)
- Guru Dronacharya Award (2023)
- Young Achiever Award (2024)
- Women Lead Eye Care (2024)
- Eye Health Champions (2024)



- Two-day webinar was organised on 'Low Vision' with technical support from Optometry Council of India and CyberSight. The resource persons were Mr. Deepak Bagga and Ms. Devi Udayakumar. 100 people participated excluding the host and the resource person.
- 18 applications have been received for Quality reviews and Program Manager will coordinate and plan for the same.

- CEO and the Program Manager along with Mr. Akbar (Sightsavers India) had a meeting at NITI Aayog with Dr. Muniraju S.B, Deputy Advisor to discuss the eye care scenario in aspirational districts in the country and how to collaborate and discuss the way forward.



- Program Manager had a meeting with Mr. Akbar at the Sightsavers regarding the ToRs for the RBSK and Insurance studies.

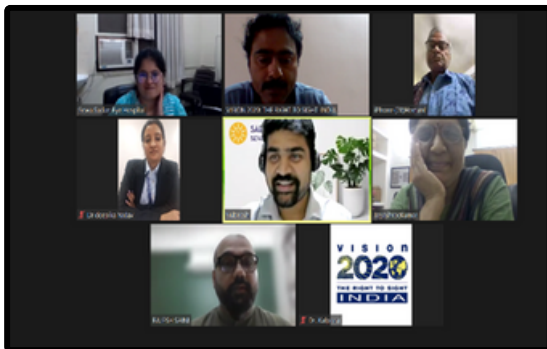
CONSOLIDATE

ODISHA Core Committee Meeting

The 6th core committee meeting of Odisha was held. Important decisions include opening a local bank account, registration of the network under Trust act, 2 capacity building programs in a year for the network members.



- Communication sent to those participated and not participated in the Bihar and Karnataka state eye health network consultation extending the date to send their Expression of Interest to become part of the Core Committee in the state.



Madhya Pradesh Core Committee Meeting

3rd Core Committee meeting of Madhya Pradesh held. Agreed to develop eye health directory, plan for capacity building activities and advocacy to start bachelor's degree in optometry course in the state.

Jharkhand Core Committee Meeting

1st core committee of Jharkhand was held. It was an introductory meeting and set the role clarity of the core committee. Chair and member convener will be elected in the next meeting.



Training program on “Effective Vision Centre Management”

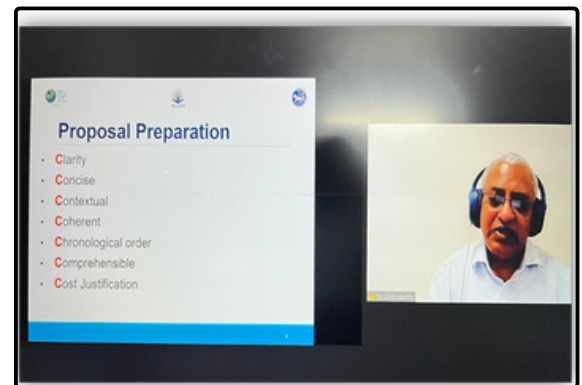
A two-day training program was organized on ‘Effective Vision Centre Management’ at Sadguru Sankalp Netra Chikitsalaya (SSNC), Anandpur on 3rd and 4th November 2023 in technical collaboration with Mission for Vision. It was attended by 65 participants from 30-member hospitals across 12 states. The two-day training program had field visit to the Vision Centre at GUNA to observe and learn, group discussions amongst the participants and presentations from key resource persons from Mission for Vision, Aravind Eye Care Hospital, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya, Chitrakoot and Sadguru Sankalp Netra Chikitsalaya,, Anandpur.



- Webinar on ‘Strengthening School Eye Health Programs in India’ in technical collaboration with India Vision Institute (IVI). 102 number of participants attended the session excluding the panellists and the organizers.
- Nominations were requested from the member hospitals for the training program on ‘Improving the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Optical Outlets’. The one-day training will be conducted at Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Niramay Niketan (Extn.), Chandi, West Bengal in technical collaboration with HOYA Lens on 15th December 2023. A total of 26 nominations were received for the training program from 19-member hospitals.
- CEO wrote email to Dr. Muniraju, Niti Aayog requesting to consider adding one indicator, “number of villages (or blocks) declared Cataract Blindness Backlog Free” to the existing list of monitoring indicators of Aspirational Blocks scheme as it will help in accelerating the CBBF initiative of the Govt. of India.
- Scientific Committee meeting held and discussed about VISION 2020 India session at AIOS @ Kolkata. The theme of the session will be “Uncorrected Refractive Errors”.

Webinar - “Preparing Grant Proposal for Eye Care Projects”

- Webinar was organized by Dr GVS Murthy on “Preparing Grant Proposal for Eye Care Projects”. 138 participants attended the webinar excluding the resource person and the organizers. The session was very enriching and the webinar had a highly active Q & A session.



- ToRs for “Insurance System in India pertaining to Eye Care” and “Study the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram Scheme in India” finalized, posted on V2020 India website and NGO Box requesting proposals from interested agencies/Consultants.



Webinar - “Peak Performance for Eye Care Professionals–Fitness Amidst the Fray”

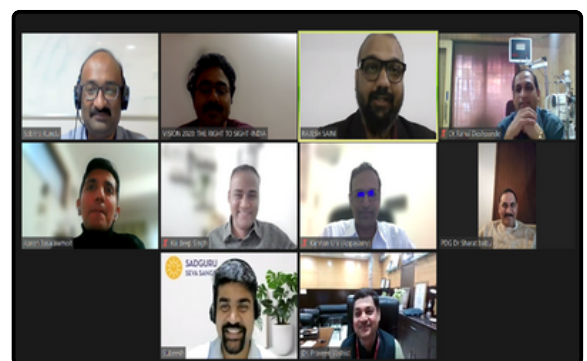
- Webinar by Dr Sandipak Ray on “Peak Performance for Eye Care Professionals–Fitness Amidst the Fray” was held. Only 9 persons participated in the webinar. The webinar shed light on strategies for achieving health and wellness amidst the challenges faced by eye care professionals which will undoubtedly make a positive impact on the health and wellness of the participants of the webinar. The webinar also talked about time management techniques such as time blocking, pomodoro techniques, nutrition, breathing exercises and other aspects critical for the health and wellness of the people.

Coordination

- Program Manager attended two-day workshop on 'Enhancing Research in Eye Care: Advancing Knowledge and Practice' organized at LAICO, Madurai.
- Vice-President, Dr Troy Cunningham visited VISION 2020 India Secretariat, and discussed the current initiatives and invited VISION 2020 India to participate in the launch of IEC material developed by Operation EyeSight Universal at AIIMS, New Delhi, scheduled on 19 October.
- 1st Focus Group discussion held with Ms. Dhivya Ramsamy, Aravind Eye Care System on program enhancement with ExComm. The key roles of the focus group were discussed and the members of the committee to be decided in the subsequent meetings.
- Meeting held with SightLife International was held and discussed the north zone meeting planning and follow-up of Chandigarh consultation. The north zone meeting is planned to be held in the first week of February at Veni Eye Institute, New Delhi.

Zonal/State Meeting

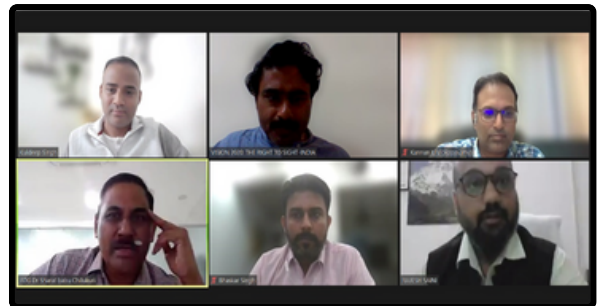
The meeting with Zonal Representatives, National Coordinator, Industry representative and the Executive Committee members was held. The meeting focused on clarifying the role of zonal, national coordinator and industry representative role and seeking ideas on strengthening the zonal structures vis-à-vis their coordination with the state networks. Please refer to Annex 1 for minutes of the meeting.



Coordination

Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) Committee Meeting

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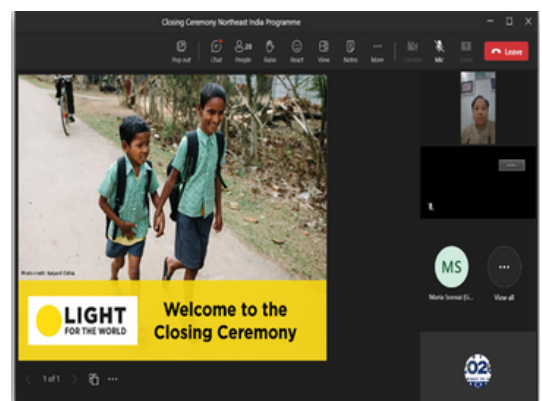


Meeting with Roche Products (India) Pvt. Ltd.

- CEO had discussion with Dr. Samta Mittal, Senior Manager [Patient Advocacy], Roche Products (India) Pvt. Ltd. Roche Ltd. is a category A member of International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB). The discussion focused on understanding each other and exploring the possible collaborations.

Meeting - Light-for-the-World

- CEO participated in the closing ceremony of Northeast program organized by Light-for-the-World. And CEO presented the collaboration between LFW and VISION 2020 India had during year 2015-17.



Systematize

Workshop

- CEO and Program Manager participated in the dissemination and brainstorming workshop that focussed on strategies that enhance women and girls access eye health, at Dr RP Centre, AIIMS. The workshop also provided IEC material prepared by Operation EyeSight International (India).



Quality Review

- Quality reviews was conducted by at MNC-LEPRA Society, Odisha, by Ms. Rekha Gunturu, LVPEI, Visakhapatnam. The audit report was shared with the hospital.

Quality Review

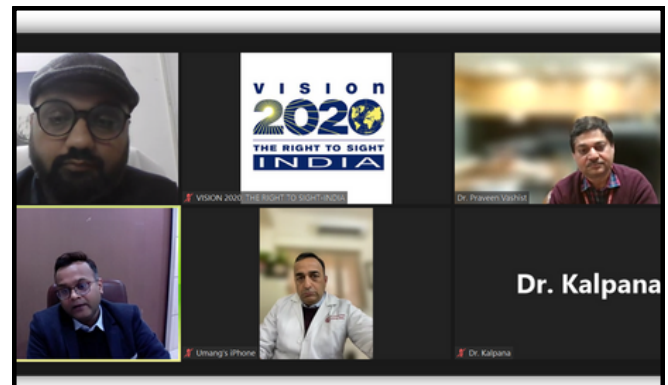
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Advocate

Policy engagement group meeting

- Policy engagement group meeting was held with Dr. Rajesh Saini, Dr. Elesh Jain, Dr. Umang Mathur and Dr. Praveen Vashist to form a policy engagement group to take up key policy level issues in eye care. The tentative composition of the group was discussed and it was suggested to have about 11 members in the focus group. It was suggested that the members from AIOS, WHO representatives to be included in the core group and other members can be added based on the agenda points finalized. The key agenda of the group will be finalized tentatively with meeting of the members in virtual or offline meeting.



Others

- Email received from FCRA.
***“Your application 1700034532019 has been refused due to following reasons:
Despite several opportunities the Association has not submitted the required documents/clarifications. Application is being refused.”***
- SMS received on CEO’s phone
‘The registration certificate (Regn No. 231661060) under the FCRA, 2010 is expiring on 31-03-2024. You are advised to submit online application for renewal of your certificate. Until the certificate is renewed, any foreign contribution received / utilized after the expiry of the registration certificate shall be a violation under the FCRA, 2010 -FCRA’.
- CEO communicated to the Board that the FCRA renewal application has not been refused. It is still under consideration. The communication received is pertinent to the FC 6E filed in year 2019 informing the change of board members.
- Cash Flow statements and Admin ratios under FC was reviewed by President and Treasurer.
- Executive Committee meeting held on 4th Dec 2023

ExComm members visited the VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India Secretariat office

- Three ExComm members visited the VISION 2020: The Right to Sight- India Secretariat office. The members met the entire team of the Secretariat which proceeded with key discussions including developing an understanding on how the office function, office systems and follow-up of the tasks assigned by the President. CEO also had a discussion on the agenda for upcoming board meeting, guidelines for new awards being developed, CAB support issues and new membership.

On Day 2 of the meeting, Dr. Rajesh Saini, President, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India discussed with the Program Manager the possibility of restarting the Hospital Based Skill Transfer Program. Key documents were shared and the President envisages to take the program to start the program and take it to the next level.



80th Board Meeting - LVPEI

- 80th Board meeting was held at LVPEI, Kismatpur, Hyderabad. The progress from September- December 2023 and plans of January to March 2024 were presented to the board by the CEO. Key discussions were held regarding criteria of the new awards, history and key accomplishments of VISION 2020 India, ideas to celebrate 20 years of VISION 2020 and 2030- VISION 2020 India road map.

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