

# Quarterly Newsletter



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Dear Members,

Best wishes for a fruitful year.

The past year has been fruitful with some impactful training programmes benefitting member organizations. Its heartening to learn from Dr Karad that he observed a five percent increase in paid surgery acceptance in his hospital after his counsellors' better counselling skills post learning from 'Patient Counselling' workshop. There are more of such feedback and we will be sharing them soon.

On the advocacy front, last year, we are glad that NPCB decided not to phase out the 2 year diploma courses for Allied Ophthalmic personnel. And the GIA was increased.

The 15th Annual Conference 'Achieving Universal Eye Health for Everyone and Everywhere on 8 & 9 June, 2019 is being hosted by Aravind Eye Hospital at their Chennai branch.

In an innovative approach, this year's session topics are based on inputs from our member organisations. The conference courses are designed to provide larger space for in-depth exploration of topics and expansive discussions and interactions.

See you at AIOS, Indore.

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**VISION2020: THE RIGHT TO SIGHT – INDIA**



**Achieving Universal  
EYE HEALTH**

...FOR EVERYONE & EVERYWHERE...

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8-9 | JUNE | 2019

VENUE  
**ARAVIND EYE HOSPITAL  
CHENNAI**

# Advocacy

## World Sight Day

*Voice of youth was projected through a gamut of activities at Bhopal, the venue for World Sight Day, observed by VISION 2020 INDIA in collaboration with its member organisation, Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital.*

A series of activities – painting, slogan writing, poster, photo and wall painting on the theme **'Eye Care Everywhere'** – was a run up to WSD and culminated in 'Vision Walk' on World Sight Day on 11 October, 2018. "Our objective of involving the youngsters in these activities was to generate a thought process among the youngsters on eye health," said Mr L C Janiyani, Trustee, Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital.



And they were successful in their aim. Nearly 300 school and college students from the city's educational institutions participated in the



*DDG, NPCB flagging off the WSD walk*

Deputy Director General, National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), Ministry of Health, Government of India, Dr Sangeeta Abrol, chief guest for the event, flagged off the walk. Nearly 600 participants with placards bearing message promoting eye health walked along the city's lake. Ophthalmologists and students raised slogans on eye care managing to attract the attention of the public.

The Board members of VISION 2020 INDIA and the team from the Secretariat participated in the walk. Our members from Central zone, Vision Academy, Bhopal and Lions Eye Hospital, Parasia also lent their support for the walk



*( L to R) Students being appreciated for their wall paintings; busy painting and winners being felicitated*

# Programme Development

## Training Programmes

*Under our training programme series, aimed towards enhancing the skills of the mid level cadre, two programmes were held in this quarter. One on Standard Protocol for OT Technicians and the second on Standardizing Primary Eye Care Services.*

Training programme on '**Standard Protocols of Operation Theatres**' was held on 10 & 11 November 2018 at CL Gupta Eye Institute, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with Operations EyeSight Universal and LV Prasad Eye Institute.



*The two day training combined both theory and hands-on training sessions. A hands-on session in progress.*

## Outcome

In a positive impact, barely two months post the programme some of the learning from the training programme are being implemented by some participants in their organisations.

At Naujhil Integrated Rural Project for Health and Development ( NIRPHAD), our member from Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, some of the learning from the programme is already being implemented.

As a learning from the training at NIRPHAD, solution used for OT cleaning, hand rub has been replaced by the one suggested by the resource persons at the programme and the sterilization process has also undergone improvement.

Read More <https://bit.ly/2GUgTdW>

**Standardizing Primary Eye Care Services** was the other training programme held in this quarter. The two day training programme on 16 & 17 November 2018 was designed and conducted by Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi at their hospital.

The training was meant for vision technicians/ ophthalmic assistants and primary eye care providers.

“ At the training programme, I learnt about different lenses such as progressive and toric and used my knowledge gained at my organisation” shared Mr.Ashutosh, Optometrist, Jawahar Lal Rohatagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur. Now orders for progressive lense is being received by the hospital.

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*Forty-five delegates from 13 organizations across 5 states participated in the programme. Professionals/personnel involved in primary eye care services, benefitted from the programme.*

## Programme Development

### Knowledge Hub



A webinar on **Medical Documentation** was held on 6 December 2019. This was activity under VISION 2020 INDIA's Knowledge Hub.

Dr Suneeta Dubey, Associate Medical Director, Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital was the resource person for the webinar.

The hour long webinar covered topics on:

- Importance of medical documentation
- Types of documentation,
- Importance and ways of proper documentation and challenges faced.

Access Report <https://bit.ly/2GUgTdW>

### Quality Workshop

Fly mode workshop on '**Inducing Quality Eye Care**' was held at Vivekananda Mission Asram Netra Nirmaya Niketan, Haldia, West Bengal and Sri Aurobindo Netralaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh on 05 and 06 October 2018 respectively. Around 69 delegates benefitted from the workshops.

## Organisation Development

### Board Meeting

**The 59th** Board meeting was held on 11 October 2018 at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Deputy Director General, NPCB, Dr Sangeeta Abrol was present at the meeting.



### New Members

Four organisations joined our forum this quarter. We welcome our new members.

**Varanasi Medical Society**, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The Society runs St Mary's Hospital, a nursing school and a community health services.

**Hyderabad Race Club Eye Centre ( HRC)**, Ramadevrao Hospital, Hyderabad, Telangana. HRC Eye Centre is an integral part of Ramdevrao hospital, a unit of Sivananda Rehabilitation Home.

**Jayapriya Medical Foundation**, Hubli, Karnataka. The Jayapriya Eye Hospital of the Foundation has been working in north Karnataka since 1987.

**Samaritan Social Service Society**, Satna, Madhya Pradesh. Their 60 bedded eye hospital caters to rural areas of 7 districts.

# january–march 2019

## Calendar of Events

	
<b>VISION 2020 INDIA</b> <b>Knowledge Hub</b> Presents <b>Webinar</b>	
Date: 18 January 2019 Time: 16:00 – 17: 00 hrs	
<b>COST MANAGEMENT IN OUTREACH</b>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build member hospitals’ capacity to achieve greater cost-effectiveness in community outreach</li> <li>• Orienting member hospitals on - monitoring of outreach activities from a cost management perspective</li> <li>• Share with member hospitals various strategies to reduce costs in outreach - such as involvement of community as partners and sponsors and sharing of costs; transportation, etc.</li> </ul>	 <b>WHO CAN ATTEND</b>  This programme is intended for Trustees, CEOs, Program Managers, and Outreach coordinators of eye hospitals/ institutions.
<b>Learning and Outcome</b> The organisations will be able to understand the importance of community involvement and effective management practices for cost management in outreach.	 <b>RESOURCE PERSON</b>  R. Meenakshi Sundaram Senior Manager (Outreach) Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai

**VISION 2020 INDIA**  
**Session @ AIOS 2019**

Theme: **Achieving Universal eye health in India: Initiatives under Global action plan 2014-2019**

Venue: **Hall H, Lilac (FF)**  
 Date: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Saturday  
 Time: 1330 to 1425 hrs

Detailed Programme <https://bit.ly/2RF6xTz>

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