

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - India – Activities (January – March 2008)

The Board identified six strategic thrust areas (Advocacy, Policy and Program development, Quality in Eye Care, Resource Mobilization, Resource Centre and Organizational Development) and constituted working groups to pursuing this as the main activities of VISION 2020: the Right to Sight - India.

New Executive Director of VISION 2020: the Right to Sight – India



Dr. Rajesh Noah

Dr. Rajesh Noah is the new executive director of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight India. Rajesh took over charge from 1st February, 2008. He is a medical doctor with training in Public Health and has been working in this field for more than 20 years in organizations such as Plan International, Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI), Urban Health Resource Centre (UHRC), Danida and Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS).

His rich experience in the development sector supplemented with program management skills will provide further impetus to the programmatic initiatives and provide the desired momentum to the growth of this national forum.

Strategic Areas	Team Leader	Board Coordinator	Other Team Members
1. Advocacy	Dr GN Rao	Ms. Tanuja Joshi	Dr Bhushan Punani, Dr S Natarajan
2. Policy and Program Development	Dr Chandrashekhar Shetty	Ms. Elizabeth Kurian	Dr Pararajasegaran, Col (Dr) M Deshpande, Dr BR Shamanna
3. Quality in Eye Care	Dr Nelson Jesudason	Dr Sara Varughese	Dr Ashok Rangarajan, Mr. R. Krishna Kumar, Dr M. Srinivas
4. Resource Mobilization	Mr NP Pandya		Mr Veera Rao, Mrs K. Manimala, Smt. Hema Malini
5. Resource Centre	Dr Asim Sil		Dr GVS Murthy, Dr AK Grover, Dr S Ghose, Mr. Kirubanithi, Dr TP Das
6. Organizational Development	Dr GV Rao, Mrs Lalitha Raghuram		Dr Rajesh Noah

The website (www.vision2020india.org) was updated and the membership database currently has 65 founding, institutional, associate and industry members from all states in India

The Annual General Body Meeting and Elections is scheduled for July 10th and 11th at Jodhpur. As per the MOA of our Organization, only active member institutions, i.e., institutions that have paid their annual subscriptions will be eligible to contest elections and vote.

Activities planned for the next quarter:

Vision 2020 India is working with

- the LCIF to have a workshop on May 19th for the NGOS, INGOS and Govt. Officials looking after Blindness Prevention activities in Eastern India.
- the NPCB Team is to conduct a 2 day workshop in June to review the (1) Guidelines for the District Blindness Control Society and (2) The Scheme for Participation of Voluntary Organizations.



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L V Prasad Eye Institute announces learning positions in the short term (one month) hands-on Blumenthal Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery Training Program.

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No. of slots: 2 per month

MSICS training of one month with a fee of Rs 25,000/-.

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Shared accommodation is the part of the package however food and other expenses are separate.

Registration: On a first-come, first-served basis.

Sponsored candidates should submit applications through the organization concerned.

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