

An India
from free
avoidable
BLINDNESS

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA

A snapshot of our journey 2004 - 2022

Origin

In 2004 VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA (VISION 2020 INDIA) was launched in coordination with the government, International NGOs (CBM, Lions Club International Foundation, Operation Eyesight Universal, Orbis, Seva Foundation, Sightsavers) working in India, Aravind Eye Care System, L V Prasad Eye Institute and Dr R P Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS.

In our remarkable journey of 18 years we have been successful in bringing together diverse stakeholders – **government, eye care service providers, policy makers, international development agencies and the eye care industry** on to a common platform towards achieving the aim of eliminating avoidable blindness.

Today VISION 2020 INDIA is recognised as an important national forum, which directly and through its members, works closely with the government at planning, policy and implementation levels.

approximately **5** million blind in India
80% is avoidable

Vision

- An India free of avoidable blindness
- Where every citizen enjoys the gift of sight
- And the visually challenged have enhanced quality of life as a Right

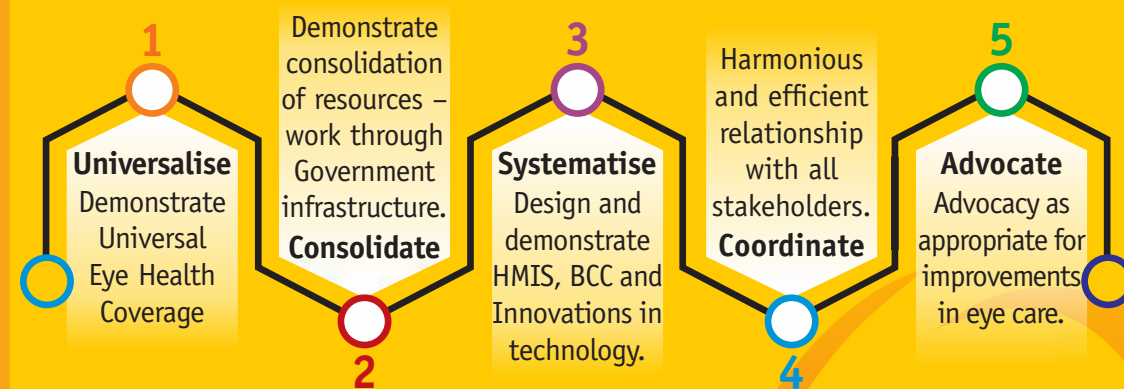
How we work

Mission

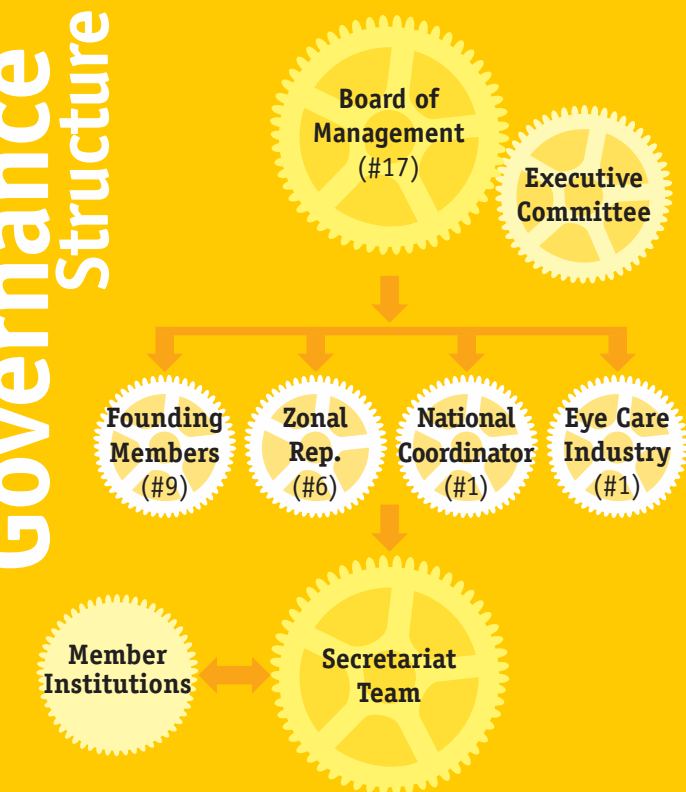
To work with eye care organisations in India for the elimination of avoidable blindness by provision of equitable and affordable services as well as rehabilitation of visually challenged persons through development of:



Objectives: (Strategic Plan 2021-26)



Governance Structure



VISION 2020 - INDIA creates synergy with government and its members.

Founder Members:



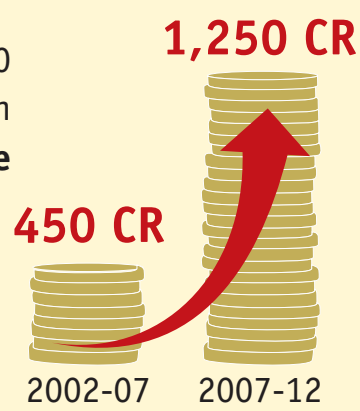
VISION 2020 INDIA

- Distilling & sharing best practices
- Drawing government's attention to problem areas and helping their resolution

1 Advocacy

In 2005-06, GOI included VISION 2020 INDIA in the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) task force to provide inputs for eye care policy development.

Our advocacy helped a nearly 3 fold jump to Rs 1,250 crore.



Declassification of spectacles from Medical Devices

Representation by VISION 2020 INDIA to the Drug Controller General, GOI on 2 October 2020

The DCG, GOI approved the same via its notice dated 9 August 2021

Cataract is retained in Ayushman Bharat scheme (2019)

With continued advocacy by VISION 2020 - INDIA and as supported by NPCB to benefit large section of people in the country.

NPCB
10th Five Year Plan

Futuristic Approach

NPCB
11th Five Year Plan

Diabetic Retinopathy
Glaucoma
Childhood Blindness
Keratoplasty

ESTABLISHED/
STRENGTHENED:
Vision Centres
Network of Eye Banks/
Eye Donation Centres
Voluntary organisations

CATARACT

Continuation of 2 yr Diploma courses in allied ophthalmic personnel beyond 2020.



Definition of blindness changed from <math><6/60</math> to <math><3/60</math> (global) in India

Dr. R P Centre/AIIMS initiated the discussion with NPCB.



Increase in Grant-in-Aid

a recommendation from 'Costing of eye care services workshop'

Rs.1000
2012



2018
Rs.2000

A NABH guideline for eye hospitals published in 2016
A result of an impactful collaborative advocacy effort jointly with AIOS.



A National Eye Health Plan key recommendations 2015

advocated with NPCB:

Launching a **human resource & infrastructure mapping** across the nation in year 2016

Setting up **task forces for each disease condition** in year 2016

Launched **national survey on blindness estimation** in year 2016

Influencing eye health policies as integral member of national committees

Diabetic Retinopathy National Task Force set up by NPCB

Advisory Committee guiding NPCB under 13th five-year plan 2017-2022

Technical Committee to guide NPCB on change of definition of blindness

NPCB

World Sight Day a platform for advocacy & awareness has been jointly observed with NPCB since 2004 with Union and State ministers, and senior health ministry officials participating. Awareness campaigns have been funded by NPCB.



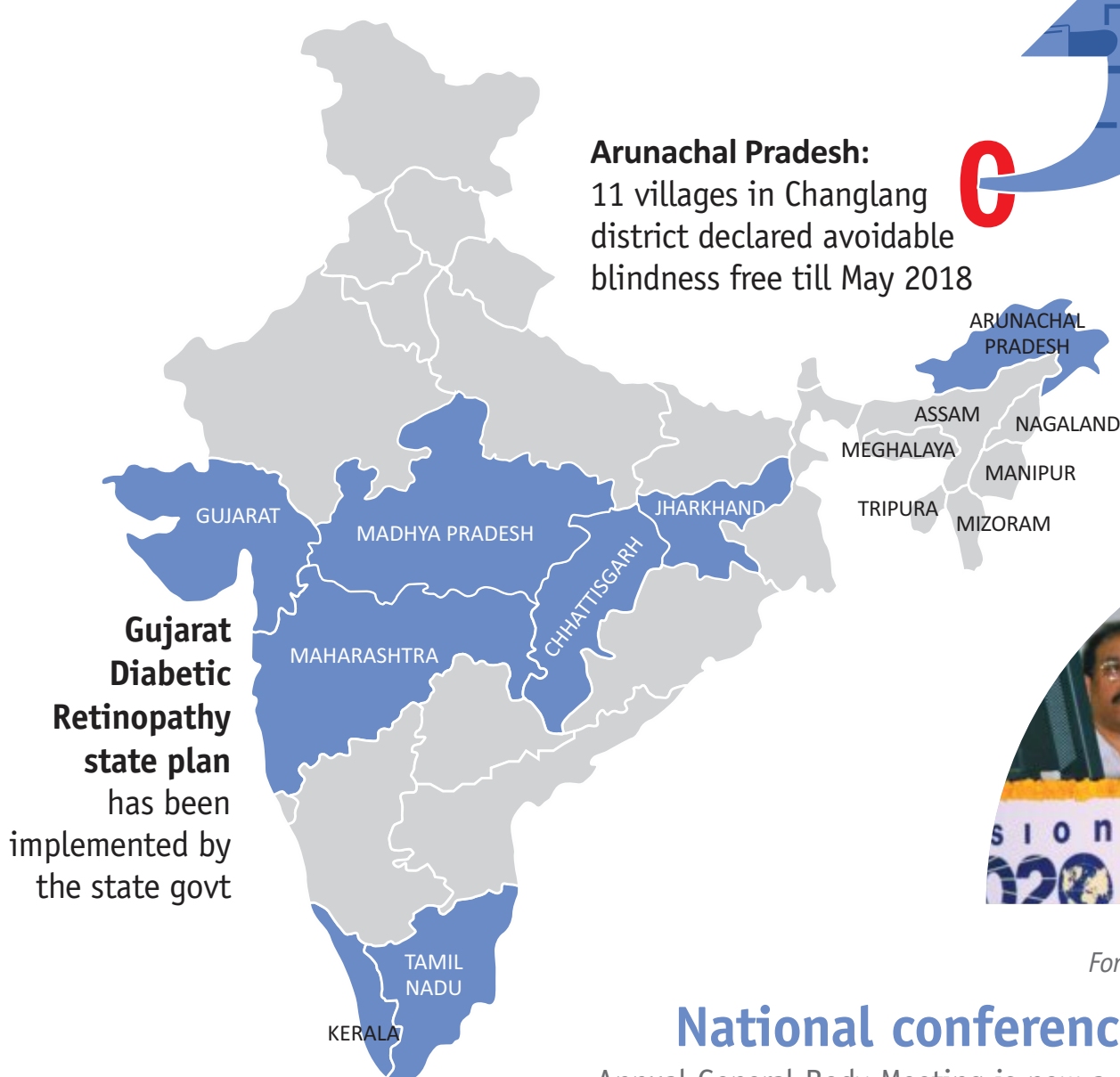
Continued effort for claiming NPCB reimbursement for member NGO hospitals in 2016 and 2020 with pending dues estimated Rs. 32 crore. Members received significant amount, a partial relief.

2 Strengthening Eye Care

Developing State Plans

900 surgeries

Arunachal Pradesh: 11 villages in Changlang district declared avoidable blindness free till May 2018



Gujarat Diabetic Retinopathy state plan has been implemented by the state govt

■ States where eye health plans have been developed



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
Former President of India

National conference: The make-over Annual General Body Meeting is now a skill enhancement, information & knowledge sharing and networking platform. Eminent personalities like the **President of India**, **Union Coal Minister**, **Finance Minister** Govt. of Kerala, **Minister for State, Health & Family Welfare**, have been chief guests



Shri J P Nadda,
Former Union Health Minister at the 13th Annual Conference

Enhancing Members' Capacity



National Consultation on -

- Low Vision & Diabetic Retinopathy
- Eye Health Action Plan Development

Since 2011, these programs have been implemented:

- Team Building Strategic Planning workshops towards a holistic building of organisation.
- Hospital Based Skill transfer programme for clinical skill enhancement.
- Peer Reviewed Quality exercise towards improving quality protocols in hospitals.

VISION 2020 INDIA has been an amazing platform promoting eye health, advocacy and bringing like minded people on the same platform for a common goal to eliminate avoidable blindness. As an organization, we have benefited from their workshops, meetings, publications, helping us identify the best standards in eye health delivery.

Dr. Jennifer V Basaiawmoit, Medical Director, Bansara Eye Care Centre, Meghalaya

3 Organisational Development

Strengthening Members

In this journey, our strength, undoubtedly, have been our members, NGO hospitals, organisations working in eye health and corporate partners. They have made this national forum a vibrant, dynamic platform sharing knowledge, skills and information.

From a 30-member strength, today VISION 2020 INDIA is stronger with 154 members which include corporate, institutional & associate members, and growing every year across the Nation.



2009



15 Corporate members/
Eye Care Industry



2022

Manuals

Eight manuals covering various aspects for delivering eye care have been developed by VISION 2020 INDIA



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