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10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Advancement in Comprehensive
Eye Care: Clinical & managerial



Venue:
Institute of Ophthalmology
Little Flower Hospital & Research Centre,
Angamaly, Kerala



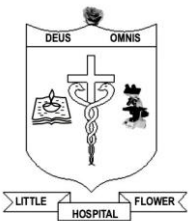
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SUMMARY

The 2014 annual conference of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India titled '**Advancement in Comprehensive Eye Care: Clinical and Managerial**' was a landmark one as it was the 10th, a decadal celebration Held on July 5 & 6, 2014, the conference was convened by VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India and was hosted by our south zone member - Little Flower Eye Hospital and Research Centre, Angamaly, Kerala.

Fr. (Dr.) Paul V. Madan, Director, Little Flower Hospital was the Chairman, Organising Committee and Dr. Elizabeth Joseph, Head of the Department (Ophthalmology), Little Flower Hospital was the Organising Secretary for the conference. Dr. Thomas Cherian was the Chairman, Scientific Committee.

The VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India's annual conference has created a niche for itself as one of its kind of a conference in community ophthalmology. With a large participation of INGOs, NGOs, Trade and community health related experts, the national conference aims at:

- Sharing best practices for enhancement of knowledge and skill in all departments
- Opportunity for networking towards contributing for improving eye care in the country

Led by a stellar roster of renowned speakers, the two-day program included topics that were a balanced mix of both clinical and non clinical. The conference included six tracks that were designed to be highly practical focused on drawing best practices from successful eye care organisations and other institutions across the country.

Over 600 participated in the conference from VISION 2020 – India member organisations from across the country. We saw participation from the Ministry of Health, Government of India; World Health Organisation, India; Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Trivandrum; premier eye institution, Dr RP Centre; Centre of Excellence in eye care in India. International participation from organisations: SEVA Foundation and IAPB.

The conference was designed to include 6 tracks and one common session:

- Inspirational Leadership for Achieving Challenging Goals
- Quality & Excellence in OT, OPD and Allied Departments of an Eye Hospital
- Community Outreach: towards Equitable, Accessible, Affordable Eye Care Delivery
- Comprehensive Approach and Advancement in Eye Care: Practices, Techniques & Technology
- Optometrist: First Line of Eye Care Providers
- Project & Operations Management for Effective Hospital Management

INTRODUCTION

Annual Conference is the flagship event of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India. This is an opportunity for all member organisations to share their best practices. The conference in its present avatar was initiated in 2012 when at Madurai conference a complete makeover was done to incorporate parallel tracks and also invites trade.

Awards: Two awards to recognise the exemplary work by organisations, two awards have been instituted that are announced at the annual conference. One is the **Shri Dharamsey Nansey Oman Award for Outstanding High Quality High Volume Comprehensive Eye Care Service Delivery** instituted in 2012 and another is **Shri SN Shah Award for Equitable Eye Care**. This was initiated in 2013.

To commemorate 10 years of the conference, in 2014 a special award 'Visionary Award' was introduced.

Each year, an effort is made to improve the content of the conference bases on the feedback from the delegates. Based on last year's feedback to have a common session to feature some eminent speakers in eye/ health care, a common session was introduced in this year's conference.

The conference is also a platform for advocacy. To achieve this, for all our conferences we have had influencers: either at policy or pubic level as chief guests. A press meet serves as a tool to address the issue on avoidable blindness.

For the Kerala conference, two curtain raiser press meets were held – one at Angamaly and the other one at Cochin.



INAUGURATION PROGRAMME

The annual conference was formally inaugurated on July 5th, 2014 by Shri K.M. Mani, Honourable Finance Minister, Government of Kerala. The inaugural function was presided by Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam – Angamaly Archdiocese. Dr NK Agarwal, DDG (O), NPCB, MoHFW, Government of India was the Special Guest for the function.

Father Paul Madan, Director, Little Flower Eye Hospital; Dr Elizabeth Joseph, HOD, Department of Ophthalmology, Little Flower Eye Hospital; Col. (Dr.) M. Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – India, Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO, VISION 2020 – India, Dr Tony Fernandez, Senior Ophthalmologist, Kerala were on the dais.

Shri K.M. Mani, Honourable Finance Minister, Government of Kerala in his inaugural speech congratulated VISION 2020 – India for holding a first ever such conference in Kerala. The minister appreciated the partnership approach adopted by VISION 2020 at the global and also at the national level. The minister further emphasised that no organisation alone can achieve this task of eliminating avoidable blindness on its own and the success lies in the collaborative effort that should percolate down to all levels.



Finance Minister, Kerala, Mr KM Mani lighting the inaugural lamp

Welcoming the delegates to the scenic Kerala, Father Paul said that the conference was an “opportunity for the participants to enrich their knowledge’ and encouraged the delegates to avail of this opportunity.

In his Key Note address, Col Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – India said that it was a great occasion as it is the 10th year of the conference. “I say great because it is 10th and we are gathered here for a common cause to reduce the burden of avoidable blindness. We have the means and resources but have to develop a mind-set to ensure that the blindness in reduced.”

Talking at the inaugural function, Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam – Angamaly Archdiocese traced the journey and the noble reason behind Little Flower Eye Hospital saying that they established the hospital not for profit and getting prominence but for compassion and serving the community and they have been serving the most marginalised section of the society.

Dr NK Agarwal, DDG(O), NPCB in his speech as the Special Guest spoke about that NPCB has come a long way since it was launched in 1976 and is one of best programmes of the ministry running in all the 642 districts of the country. Talking about the success of the programme he said, “Undoubtedly, the success of the programme is largely due to the NGOs and INGOs working in the country.”



SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

The scientific deliberations were led by stalwarts like Dr. R. Pararajasegaram, Dr. Gullapalli N. Rao (both Past Presidents of the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness). Other experts included Dr. G.V.S. Murthy (Director, PHFI, Hyderabad), Dr. N.K. Agarwal (Dy. Director General, NPCB, MoHFW), Dr. D Bachani (Dy. Commissioner-NCD, MoHFW), Dr. Quresh B. Maskati (President, AIOS), Dr. Rajvardhan Azad, Dr. T.P. Das, Dr. T.S. Surendran, Dr. Chandrasekhar Shetty, Dr. G.V. Rao, Dr. Pradeep Joshi, Country Directors and other senior executives of INGOs – CBM, OEU, Orbis and Sightsavers and representatives from all major eye care institutions in India.

The Scientific Sessions included: One Common Session and six tracks.

COMMON SESSION

Common Session Speakers



Dr. R. Pararajasegaram

Dr G N Rao



Dr G V S Murthy

Dr Pradeep Joshi

The Common Session was a feature introduced from this annual conference. The four talks were dedicated to renowned personalities in global eye arena:

Sir John Wilson Memorial Lecture-Scaling Up Blindness Prevention Efforts: by R Pararajadesgaram

Hellen Keller Memorial Lecture- VISION 2020 goals where India stands and Actions Required for Future: Dr GN Rao

Dr. Venkatswami Memorial Lecture - Preventing Visual loss in Diabetes: The Way Forward: Dr GVS Murthy

Universal Eye Health: a Global Action Plan 2014-2019: Dr Pradeep Joshi

It was held on day-1 (5th July 2014) and was attended by around 450 audience from different organisations throughout the country while day 2 (6th July 2014) saw an additional 150 participation. The speakers of the session do not require any introduction as they are renowned personalities for eye care fraternity. The speakers were Dr R Pararajasegaram, Dr GVS Murthy, Dr GN Rao & Dr Pradeep Joshi. The common session was designed to put light on blindness prevention efforts, current status of eye care India and required future action, universal eye health and road map for DR management.

- **Dr. R. Pararajasegaram** during his presentation on 'Scaling Up Blindness Prevention Efforts' outlined areas that required focus to scale up blindness prevention efforts: by integration of eye health into health systems/primary care; Urban and Rural Community Vision Centres; emphasis on evidence and good research.
- **Dr GN Rao spoke on** VISION 2020 goals where India stands and Actions Required for Future. He outlined the areas where we have achieved some degree of success, the emerging problem areas and how to tackle those.
- **Dr GVS Murthy** spoke on Preventing Visual loss in Diabetes: The Way Forward: Dr GVS Murthy. He gave a global picture of diabetes and its impact on vision and then presented a comprehensive situational analysis of DR services in India.
- **Dr Pradeep Joshi** spoke on 'Universal eye health: a global action plan 2014-2019' and the details of the plan.

Inspirational Leadership for Achieving Challenging Goals

The leadership track was well attended by the executives of various eye care institutions and the Government officials. The track was designed to explore the challenges and new opportunities in eye care. The track also explored the initiatives taken by the government to achieve the challenging goals. The sessions under leadership were interactive. Every presentation was followed by discussion on various aspects.

The track discussed about the various issues in achieving the goals. A successful advocacy roadmap for India was presented by Dr R Pararajasegaram. Session on financial control was also discussed to explore the resource mobilisation in a controlled manner to avoid any unwanted burden on the organisation. A session was specially focused on the marketing issues, branding and corporate social responsibilities.

The focus was also on the underserved area and human resource development. The participants got an idea on methods to develop linkages and also on collaborative approaches. The participants appreciated the sessions under leadership track.

Dr. Rahul Ali, India Country Director, Orbis International and Chair at the session concluded, *"Finally role of leadership is to build a strong organizational culture based on common values."*

Dr. T P Das, Vice Chairman, LVPEI, Co Chair at the session concluded, *"Learn from each country's strength. Create region specific knowledge plan."*



Speakers

Dr. Suzanne Gilbert (Seva Foundation)	Dr Rahul Ali (ORBIS)	Dr Damodar Bachani (PHFI)	Dr. T P Das (LVPEI)
Ms Manimala (Sankar Foundation)	Dr PI Mohan (KSOS)	Col (Retd) Dr M Deshpande (HV Desai Hospital)	Dr KV Raju (KSOS)
Dr R Pararajasegaram (Consultant Ophthalmology)	Dr CS Shetty (LCIF)	Mr Franklin Daniel (OEU, India)	Dr Jauhari Lal (Anugrah Drishtidan)
Dr C Sharat Babu (Sharat Laser Eye Hospital)	Fr. Paul Madan (Little Flower Eye Hospital)	Mr RD Sriram (Aurolab)	Mr Shripat Narayan Dixit (Gomabai Netralaya)
Dr GVS Murthy (PHFI)	Dr NK Agarwal (NPCB)	Dr R Azad (Former Chief, RP Centre)	Mr Biju Mathew (HelpAge India)
Dr KGR Nair (Chaithanya Eye Hospital)	Dr Asim Sil (VMANN)	Dr GV Rao (Hans Foundation)	Dr Vinod Daniel (India Vision Institute)
Ms Srimi (Sankara Eye Care)	Ms VL Ramam (LVPEI)	Wg Cdr (Retd) V Shankar (Sankara Eye Hospital)	Dr A Giridhar (S.S.M. Eye Research Foundation)
Dr Rajesh Saini (Sewa Sadan)			

Quality & Excellence in OT, OPD and Allied Departments of an Eye Hospital

Quality is a major component for each and every department of any organisation as all type of services requires a qualitative outcome to sustain. OT, OPD and all other allied departments of any organisation require the quality in services.

Any compromise with quality may lead to less productivity and sustainability of any organisation. Keeping the fact in view, this track was designed to understand the need of quality and how with the help of qualitative services in every department an organisation can increase its productivity and can develop credibility among the various stakeholders. The sessions under this track covered the various aspects of eye care such as Compliance, Counselling, training, EMR & quality in rehabilitation.

The compliance was focused on the underlying causes, importance of counselling where in the other session focused on training covered the different areas of training such as: evaluation of training, retraining, international training and international training. This session was designed specially to make the organisations understand the need of training to ensure the quality services in each and every aspects of service delivery. Quality assurance not only in the eye care was discussed but was also discussed on the rehabilitation services for the person with visual impairment. Participants were intended to attend the sessions and this track also helped out the growing organisations to understand the need and significance of quality assurance within an

organisation. They also gained knowledge on the various issues related to the quality and how they can support their organisations to increase the productivity by improving quality in their organisation.



Speakers

Dr Radha Ramanan (KSOS)	Ms Prema (Aravind Eye Care System)	Dr Divya Menon (Al Salamma)	Mr. A K Arora (Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital)
Ms Renu Saxena (VENU Eye Institute)	Dr Monica (Laxmi Eye Institute)	Mr Subramanyam (Sadguru Nethra Chikitslaya)	Dr Uday Gajiwala (Divya Jyoti Trust)
Dr Thomas Cherian (Little Flower Eye Hospital)	Dr Renu Siwas (VENU Eye Institute)	Ms Heidi Chase (SEVA Foundation)	Dr Harpreet Kapoor
Dr Asim Sil (VMANNN)	Mr Jesuraj Ratchagar (CBM)	Dr Tanuja Britto (Joseph Eye Institute)	Ms Sanitha Sathyan (Little Flower Hospital)
Mr Sanjai S (Giridhar Eye Institute)	Dr Kaushik Murali (Sankara Eye Care)	Dr Satanshu Mathur (Disha Foundation)	Sr Arul Divya Mary (Aravind Eye Care)
Dr Shaji Hussain (Al Salamma)	Dr Alok Sen (SNC)	Dr Geeta (Sankara Eye Care)	Sr Arumugaselvi (Aravind Eye Care)
Ms Ushalini (Aravind Eye Care)	Mr Justin James (Giridhar Eye Institute)	Dr RR Sudhir (Sankar Netralaya)	Dr Sandeep Buttan (Sightsavers)
Ms Mary Sebastian (Little Flower Hospital)			

Community Outreach: towards Equitable, Accessible, Affordable Eye Care Delivery

This session explored three cornerstones for effective eye care delivery: equity in gender; children, old people; geographical locations. This track was designed to understand the strategies of successful outreach programmes through presentation on various modes and models of outreach. The sessions covered the importance of need assessment & planning for outreach camps, mass management, local community involvement, vision centres, and equitable eye care in rural community, barriers & way forward. The sessions were interactive. The track explored the approaches in remote regions of India to reduce the burden of visual impairment.

This track had a session on **“National Programme for control of Blindness”**. The session focused on the need for continuing NPCB and also the progress under NPCB in last 4 decades. The Session also covered the contribution of eye care institutes in elimination of avoidable blindness, quality cataract surgery and NPCB support for the institutions.



Speakers

Mr Meenakshi Sundaram (Aravid Eye Care)	Dr Parikshit Gogate (Gogate Eye Hospital)	Dr Suhash Haldipurkar (Laxmi Charitable Trust)	Dr M Srinivas (LVPEI)
Mr. SK Rao (Vittala)	Mr Retty George (OEU)	Mr Manish Kumar (ORBIS)	Dr Santosh Moses (OEU)
Mr Franklin Daniel (OEU)	Mr Madhavan (CBM)	Mr. Prateep Charkraborty (CBM)	Mr. Umesh Baurai (CBM)
Mr Sandeep Banerjee (Mission for Vision)	Mr Meenakshi Sundaram (Aravind Eye Care)	Dr Arun Sethi (ADEH)	Dr Tanaji More (Udaygiri Lions Eye)

			Hospital)
Dr Sandip Buttan (Sightsavers)	Dr BK Jain (SNC)	Mr Subramaniam (SNC)	Dr Hanumant Karad (D.S. Karad Eye Institute)
Mr Nir Ellenbogen (ISCREEN VISION, USA)	Ms Priya (Aravind Eye Care)	Mr Subramania Raju (Alsalama)	Dr Praveen Vashist (RP Center, AIIMS)
Mr Saju.V.Itty (VHAI)	Dr Veerender (Velemegna Good News)	Mr. Keshor Sarsolkar (Mukta Opticians)	Dr Renu Siwas (Venu)
Mr Mohan Hindupur (Laxmi Charitable Trust)			

Comprehensive Approach and Advancement in Eye Care: Practices, Techniques & Technology

The focus of this track was solely on the clinical aspect of an eye care in a hospital. To provide better outcomes and to overcome challenges, there is continuous advancement in techniques, technology and practices by ophthalmologists. This track highlighted such advancements in eye care with an aim to benefit the patients and sharing this with other ophthalmologists.

The areas that the session focussed was on advancements and management in RoP, AMD, Glaucoma, problems in Paediatric, DR, Low Vision, and Refractive Error problems and cataract. There were dedicated sessions on Eye Banking.

The programme started with a talk on "Advancement in diagnosis of eye Care diseases in ROP" by Dr. Anand Vinekar – his innovation of Kid ROP programme using Retcam to screen and diagnose and treat ROP in rural areas of Karnataka and to educate parents regarding ROP, which may be adopted in other states also.

Dr. Quresh B. Maskati on his talk on 'increasing Diabetic blindness awareness in India – the AIOS initiative' pointed out the increasing number of Diabetic retinopathy even in developing countries and the need for screening and to celebrate the first week of August as Diabetic Retinopathy Screening week along with World Diabetic Day in Joint venture with AIOS.

High end Paediatric cataract surgery by Dr. Meena C.K. revealed how to tackle complicated paediatric cataract as in conditions like Aniridia, Small pupil, Subluxated lens with her excellent video clips.



Speakers

Dr. Anand Vinekar (Narayan Nethralaya)	Dr Sujatha Mohan (Rajan Eye Care Hospital Pvt. Ltd.)	Mr KNK Rajendran (Tri Nethra, Forus)	Dr Quresh Maskati (AIOS)
Dr CK Meena (Little Flower)	Mr Venkatranjan IYER (Care Group)	Dr Rajiv Raman (Sankar Nethralaya)	Dr Gopal Pillai (Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences)
Dr Ashok Nataraj (Little Flower Eye Hospital)	Dr Rajvardhan Azad (Former Chief, RP Centre)	Dr Suhas Haldipurkar (Laxmi Eye Institute)	Dr Rameez N Hussain (Giridhar Eye Institute)
Dr Girija K (Little Flower Hospital)	Dr Elizabeth Joseph (Little Flower Hospital)	Dr T S Surendran (Sankara Nethralaya)	Mr Pradeep (Giridhar Eye Institute)
Mr Jitender Saroya (VENU Eye Institute)	Sr Gomathi (Aravind Eye Care Systems)	Dr P Gogate (Gogate Eye Hospital)	Mr SN Dixit (Gomabai Nethralaya)
Ms Mamta Singh (Mission for Vision)	Mr Abhijit Onkar (SightLife)	Mr Saurabh Biswas (SightLife)	Mr Ranjith (Aravind Eye Care)
Dr. Angshuman Sen Sharma (Alipurduar Lions Eye Hospital)	Dr Radhika Krishnan (Aditya Jyot)	Dr Rishi Raj Borah (ORBIS)	Dr V Sahasranamam (RIO, Trivandram)
Dr Praveen Vashist (Dr RP Centre, AIIMS)	Dr Sudhir Taras	Ms Flora (Aravind Eye Care)	Dr Sucheta Kulkarni (H. V. Desai Eye Hospital)
Dr T S Surendran (Sankara Nethralaya)	Dr Asim Sil (VMANN)		

Optometrist: First Line of Eye Care Providers

The Optometry sessions turned out to be a big success. About 225 Optometrists attended the sessions on both days. The participation from Optometry group was beyond the expectation. The whole session was designed by Indian Optometry Foundation.

The sessions covered the various aspects of optometry services in the country. On first day, the sessions focused on the awareness creation among the public, school screening by optometry institutions, referral system, different models of service, information's about frames and case presentation. Day 2 was moreover focused on Retinal Evaluation, Low Vision Services, Contact Lenses and a workshop on contact lenses and PAL measurement. Speakers from different part of the country shared their knowledge and experience with the participants.



Speakers

Mr. Ajeet Bhardwaj (IOF)	Prof. Sudharsan	Ms Jissa James	Mr. Vinod Daniel (India VISION Institute)
Mr. Harish	Ms Karuna	Ms. Neetu Abraham	Mr John KK
Ms Jayshree	Essilor	Alcon	Mr Hari
Ms Ramya			

Project & Operation Management for Effective Hospital Management

This session combined the best aspects of project and operations management. It aimed at exposing hospital managers to better designed work processes and systems through the aspects of operations management. It also focused on an entire project right from conceptualizing one to managing it and covered a gamut of areas that can influence a project: right from HR to M & E, effective finance management, to branding, PR and fundraising.

The track covered topics on: Research Methodology; under operations management sessions included topics on Marketing in Eye Care, Strategic Benchmarking of Hospitals. CSR, with the new opportunities was discussed as was various nuances of fund raising and one of the crucial topics of human resource. The track also discussed the importance of IEC in eye care.

This track had a special session on NABH Accreditation. This session was designed on the request of member organisations. Dr Yograj Agarwal, Mr A K Arora, Mr. Juju Tom were the panellists and the session was chaired by Dr Kaushik Murali. The session was highly attended and also appreciated by the participants.



Speakers

Mr Mohan Raghavan (Ahalia Eye Hospital)	Dr RR Sudhir (Sankar Netralaya)	Dr Bharat (Sankara Eye Care)	Mr B Subramanian (Mission for Vision)
Father Varghese (Little Flower)	Dr Parikshit Gogate (Gogate Eye Hospital)	Dr Asim Sil (VMANN)	Dr Harish Kumar (OEU, India)
Mr Kalyan Barua (Siliguri Greater Lions)	Dr Ashi Khurana (CL Gupta Eye Institute)	Dr R V Ramani (Sankara Eye Care Institutions)	Ms. Saneetha Satyan (Little Flower Hospital)

Eye Hospital)			
Mr AK Arora (SCEH)	Dr. V. Panneerselvam (Arasan Eye Hospital)	Mr Balakrishna (Globe Eye Foundation)	Mr Retty George (OEU)
Mr Subeesh Kuyyadiyil (SNC)	Dr Madhav Ambedkar	Ms Deepa Krishan (Aravind Eye Care Systems)	Dr Phanindra Babu Nukella (VISION 2020- India)
Ms Naina (Al Salamma)	Mr Abhijit Onkar (SightLife)	Mr Saurabh Biswas (SightLife)	Mr A K Arora (SCEH)
Dr Arun Sethi (ADEH)	Mr Jiju Tom (Giridhar Eye Institute)	Dr Yograj Agarwal (NABH Consultant)	

Gratitude

- VISION 2020 – India expresses its gratitude to Fr. Paul Madan for all of his support to make the event a successful one.
- Our sincere thanks to Ms. Mary Sebastian, Dr Thomas Cherian, Dr Elizabeth Joseph, Dr Ashok Nataraj and the entire team of Little Flower Eye Hospital for their extensive support.
- We are thankful to Govt. Of India and state Governments for their participation.
- Our special thanks to all the speakers for their time, efforts & valuable inputs
- Our special thanks to HelpAge India for supporting VISION 2020 India's Annual Conference, 2014.
- We are highly thankful to all our member organisations for their participation to make the event successful.
- Our special thanks to Indian Optometry Foundation (IOF) for designing the session and making sure that we have large participation from optometry.
- Our sincere thanks to all the medical and optometry students for their participation
- We are grateful to each and every one who contributed their time & effort to make the even a grand success.

PARTICIPANTS' FEEDBACK

We are glad to report that the conference was attended by nearly 600 delegates from across the country. From far north: Rotary Eye Hospital in Jammu, Fathima Eye Hospital, Gorakhpur, Dr Jawahar Rohtagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur, Sitapur Eye Hospital, Venu Eye Hospital and Anugraha Drishiti Daan and Arunodhya Eye Hospital, Delhi and SightLife to Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital and Vivekanand Mission Ashram and Susurat Eye Hospital in West Bengal from the east zone. West zone was also well represented by Laxmi Eye Institute, Divya Jyoti Trust, Udaygiri Eye Hospital, DS Karad Eye Institute, Mukta Optician, Mission for Vision. From the Central zone, CL Gupta Eye Hospital, Sadguru Nethra Chikitsalya, Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Sadguru Nethra Chikitsalaya Anandpur, Gomabai Eye Hospital and from south zone we had a good participation from Ahalia Eye Hospital, Al Salamma, Giridhar Eye Hospital, Aravind, Sankar Nethralya, Sankara Eye Institutions, Sankara Pammal, Arasan Eye Care, Joseph Eye Hospital, Globe Eye Hospital, Vittala Eye Hospital.

A feedback form was circulated among the delegates and were requested to provide their feedback in a structured format. Of 600, 410 participants provided feedback.

Participants rated each parameter on a four point scale - 1.Very Poor 2. Poor 3.Good 4.Very Good.

S. No	Parameter	% of participants rating good/very good (N=410)
1	Knowledge that you gained in technical sessions is	95.9
2	How were the conference facilities?	96.5
3	Knowledge that you gained at the exhibition/stalls is	80.7
4	How well did you like quality of technical content of presentations?	94.4
5	How well do you think the conference would influence your work?	93.9
6	How well do you think your expectations have been met?	88.4
7	Help that you might have sought is attended	93.6
8	Sessions executed/managed are	94.4
9	How do you rate satisfaction regarding overall quality of conference?	97.4

Participation in each track and its quality has also been monitored.

Track	Title	% of participants attended (N=410)	% of participants rating good/very good
1	Inspirational Leadership	75.6	90.3
2	Optometry & Optical Dispensing	69.5	92.9
3	Quality & excellence in OT, OPD	74.0	88.5
4	Comprehensive approach and advancements	74.5	87.2
5	Community outreach	65.0	94.0
6	Project & Operation Management	71.1	91.9

Participants who attended the conference for both the days – 75%

ANNEXURE

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**VISION 2020 AT LITTLE FLOWER HOSPITAL
WHO sees 9 million in India suffer from avoidable blindness**

DC CORRESPONDENT, KCHM, JULY 4

There are 22 million blind people in India and close to 100 million are suffering from avoidable blindness, according to Dr C.M. Madan, Delegates, president of WHO-supported programme, 'Vision 2020: The Right To Sight'. As per this estimate, one per cent of the population in India is blind and the programme aimed to bring down this to 1% percent in 2020 by eliminating the occurrence of avoidable blindness.

Dr Deekshank, who is here in connection with the international conference of Vision 2020 on July 4 and 5 at Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly said the programme was being implemented in the country by the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness with the support of 180 leading eye care hospitals. Little Flower Hospital is the social agency for the

The major problem in the country is the failure to detect cases of avoidable blindness in time. Under this programme, 1.5 lakh people will be trained as optometrists who will mainly screen the people in rural areas for eye defects

— DR COL. MADAN DESHPANDE, president of WHO-supported programme, 'Vision 2020: The Right To Sight'

Programme in Kerala. He said of the cases of avoidable blindness, 40 percent is due to cataract and around 27 percent caused by refractive errors (due to near-sight or glasses). "The major problem in the country is the failure to detect cases of avoidable blindness in time. Under this programme, 1.5 lakh people will be trained as optometrists who will mainly screen the people in rural areas for eye defects," he said.

Primary health centres will also be equipped to meet diabetic retinopathy which constitutes two per-



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Vision 2020 meet opens

Staff Reporter

KOCHI: A two-day national conference, 'Vision 2020: The Right to Sight - India', on comprehensive eye care will begin at Angamaly near here from Saturday. Part of a national initiative, the conference is the tenth in the series. The meet titled 'Advancement in Comprehensive Eye Care: Clinical and Managerial' aims to increase awareness on comprehensive eye care. It also intends to motivate eye care providers to reach out to the population with quality services.

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Dance performance

Kochi: How will a man perceive the world after he gains sight?



Ammu Ousephchan

How will he react to the nature around him? How will he feel the omnipotent? Ammu Pappachan, a native of Kalady Mattur, have raised these questions through her performance organised as part of Vision 2020, a national seminar held in connection with WHO's project to eliminate treatable blindness by 2020, at Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly.

The performance titled 'Nayanamohanam' won the appreciation of several foreigners who assembled at the venue. The performance lasted for about 30 minutes. Ammu is the artistic director of Sadir - Academy for Natya and Raga and has a PG in Bharatanatyam from Madras University. Apart from her performance, the drama by doctors and optametrists also won appreciation.

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Photo: Minister K. M. Mani inaugurating the national conference of Vision 2020 project at Angamaly Little Flower Hospital on Sunday

Vision 2020 Meet Concludes

Express News Service

Kochi: A national conference-organised for the first time in the state as part of the World Health Organisation's Vision 2020, which aims to eliminate treatable blindness within six years, concluded at the Little Flower Hospital in Angamaly on Sunday. Inaugurating the conference, Finance Minister K. M. Mani said Vision 2020 was a sacred worth emulating in the rest of the world. With modern eye care treatments becoming

costly, the WHO project is of immense relief to the poor sections of society, he said.

Around 800 people, including representatives of WHO, National Programme for Control of Blindness, National Programme for Control of Blindness and International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, took part in the conference.

Bishop Mar Sebastian, Archbishop, National Programme for Control of Blindness deputy director N. K. Aggarwal, Joint Director, MIA Municipal chairman C. K. Vignesh, Vision 2020 India president Madan Deshpande, Vision 2020 CEO Parasurama Reddy and NPEM programme manager E. V. Bhatia among others were present at the event.



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സിറാജ്

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ചന്ദ്രിക

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