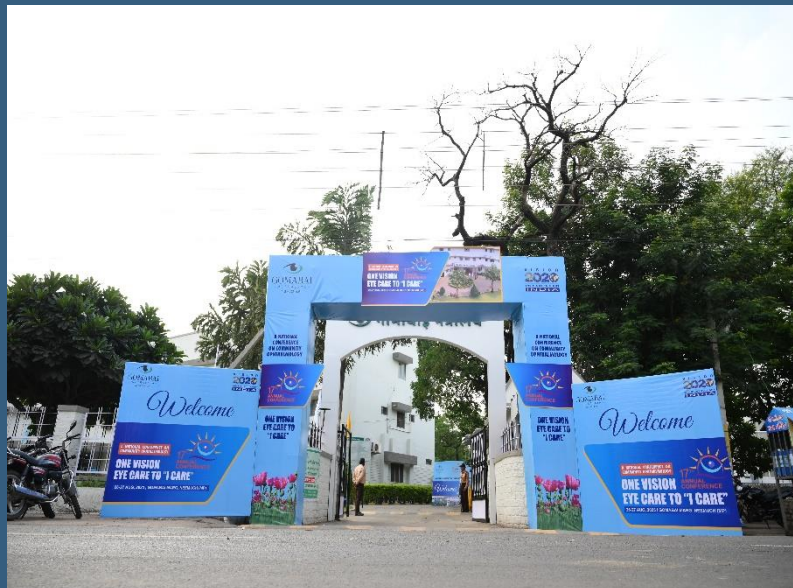




Annual Conference

Gomabai Netralaya, Neemuch



Conference Report

Summary

Vision 2020: The Right to Sight- India successfully organised the 17th Annual Conference on Community Ophthalmology titled 'One Vision: Eye care to 'I Care'' over two days on 26th and 27th August 2023 at Gomabai Netralaya, Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh.

The broad aim of the conference was:

- ❖ To increase the capacity of eye care fraternity towards meeting the goal of reducing visual impairment
- ❖ To create networking opportunities and overall atmosphere of upgrading knowledge and technology use
- ❖ To share experiences and good practices in the area of eye health for better planning and implementation of eye care services

The Conference was a huge success and 444 delegates- head of eye care organizations, program managers, ophthalmologists, optometrists working in the eye health and students from all over country attended the conference.

The conference **featured 41 sessions and under 5 parallel tracks, Poster presentations** and a common session mentioned below:

Track 1: Synergies and strategies for comprehensive inclusive eye health

Track 2: Quality and sustainability in eye care

Track 3: Innovate approaches to reach the unreachable

Track 4: Skill enhancement for Allied Ophthalmic Professionals

Track 5: Sharing Knowledge Repository: Towards organization's sustainability & growth

Common Session

Dr. Mohit Dayal Gupta, Renowned TEDx speaker and interventional cardiologist spoke about the need of human- moment as today it is lost. The speaker's speech aimed at unravelling the mysteries of the mind and also focused on improving one's inner personality.

Dr. Phanindra Babu, CEO, Vision 2020: The Right to Sight- India presented on Cataract Outcome Registry and encouraged the members to sign up in the portal and feed the data into the portal to the organizations who have registered for it.



Scientific Committee

A four-member scientific committee designed the program with the following members



Dr Kaushik Murali
Chair- Scientific Committee
President Medical Administration,
Quality & Education,
Sankara Eye Foundation India



Dr Harpreet Kapoor,
Member Scientific Committee
Regional Inclusive Eye Health
Advisor (Asia), CBM
Director of Ophthalmology Max
Super Specialty Hospital, Mohali



Dr. Padma Paul
Member – Scientific Committee
Professor – Outreach Services
Department of Ophthalmology
Christian Medical College, Vellore



Dr Hema Joshi
Member – Scientific Committee
Cornea and Anterior Segment Consultant
Head Research and Academics
Gomabai Netralaya, Neemuch

Since the VISION 2020 India's conference focusses on community ophthalmology, the scientific committee considered the global guidance coming from WHO and IAPB, and emerging good practices from VISION 2020 India's member hospitals across the country in framing of the scientific programme. The scientific committee brought out issues like Quality and Equity in programme so that eye health stakeholders including the government can take the benefit of the learnings, and improve the eye care programs planning and implementation.

Inauguration of the Annual Conference

The conference was formally inaugurated in the evening of 26th August, 2023 at 1800 hrs at Agroha Bhawan, Neemuch by Chief Guest, Shri Sandeep Rajak, Disability Commissioner, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Annual Awards Presentation

Every year VISION 2020 INDIA recognises its member hospitals for their exemplary work in the field of eye care. This year we had five awards, and the following institutions have been recognised with felicitation ceremony. A three-member jury assessed the applications received for these awards. The awards were presented by Dr. Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO, Vision 2020: The Right to Sight- India at the conference inaugural programme.

Shri S N Shah Award for Equity for Providing Comprehensive Primary Eye Care Screening with a Focus on Women & Children for the Year 2023



Jeevan Jyoti Hospital, Madhya Pradesh

Dr. Jordan Kassalow VisionSpring Award for reaching the unreachable through eyeglasses for the Year 2023



Lions Club of Jamalpur Welfare Trust, West Bengal

Lotus Award for Holistic Development of an Organisation to serve Community better for the year 2023



Sankar Foundation Eye Hospital and Institute, Andhra Pradesh

Shri. G D Agrawal Gomabai Netralaya Award for Sustainable community eye health approaches towards integrated people-centred eye care (IPEC)



Shija Eye Care Foundation, Manipur

Shri Sant Hirdaram Sewa Award for Innovative Eye Care Practices for the year 2023



Siliguri Greater Lions Eye hospital, West Bengal

Felicitation

Vision 2020 felicitated

- ❖ **Gomabai Netralaya, MP** for hosting the annual conference/AGBM in the year 2023



- ❖ **Dr.Kaushik Murali** for serving as member of scientific committee during 2019-23

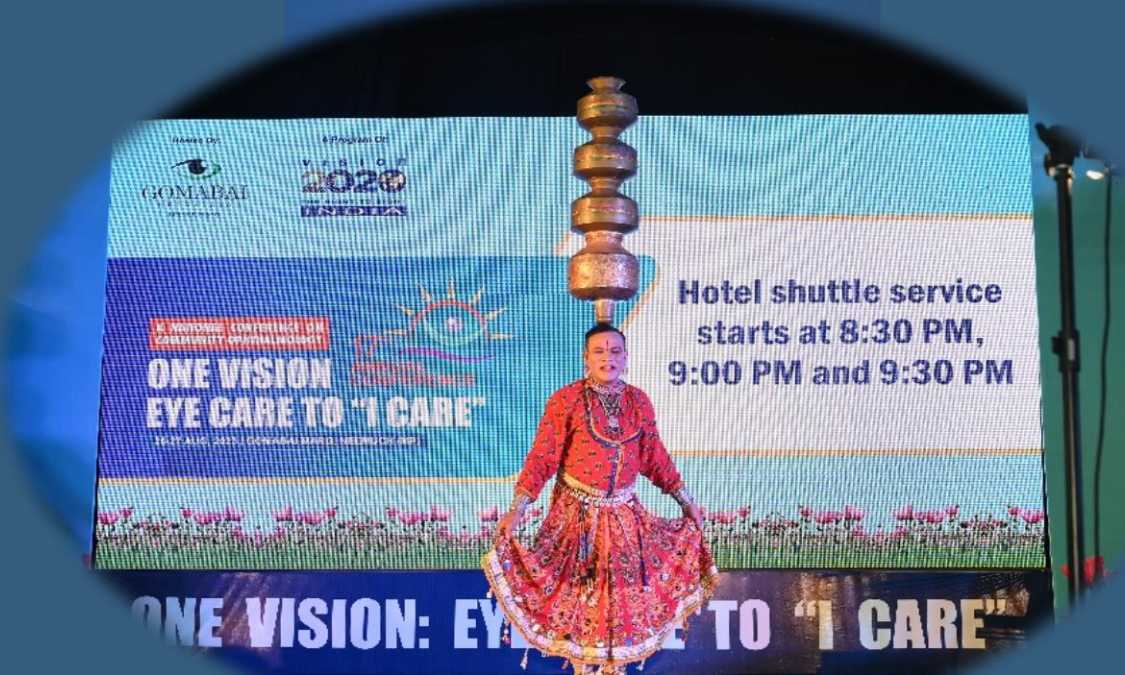


- ❖ **Dr. P.N Solanki** for speaking in plenary session at 16th annual conference
- ❖ **Dr. Mohit Dayal Gupta** for speaking in plenary session at 17th annual conference.

Glimpses of the Inaugural Session



Cultural Event



Scientific Sessions

The Scientific sessions were spread across five parallel running tracks and a common session. All the sessions were designed by the expert scientific committee. The sessions were led by experts in eye care as well as speakers from government sector along with speakers from NGOs who are highly experienced in the field of eye care and community ophthalmology.

Track 1: Synergies and strategies for comprehensive inclusive eye health

Aligned with the 'Right to Sight' the overarching motto of the VISION 2020 program, this track identifies synergies needed and highlights strategies to improve access to high quality comprehensive eye care services for all including the most marginalized populations. Also, it focusses on how each stakeholder has to take the onus on themselves to commit to make the difference and affirm 'I Care'. This track covered the broad themes mentioned below by individual speakers along with panel discussions.

- ❖ Child eye health- Current needs and priorities
- ❖ Excellence & equity in eye care
- ❖ Evidence generation for eye health planning
- ❖ Bridging gaps in community outreach
- ❖ Cross sector partnerships for clear vision
- ❖ Leave no one behind
- ❖ Technology for access
- ❖ Universal eye health coverage

Track 2: Quality and sustainability in eye care

This track gave way for dynamic learning to promote quality as per accreditation and beyond. The session aims at creating triggers among the hospital management for demonstrating 'I Care' towards quality improvement. The track covered the broad themes mentioned below.

- ❖ Medication without harm
- ❖ Patient and family engagement strategies
- ❖ Design in healthcare
- ❖ Make healthcare safer: What will it take?
- ❖ Be prepared- anticipate risk, avoid risk
- ❖ Patient safety and quality improvement
- ❖ In pursuit of excellence
- ❖ Innovations and implementations towards excellence
- ❖ Ensuring basic quality practices in hospitals

Track 3: Innovate approaches to reach the unreached

This track was focused on innovative ways to achieve Universal Eye Health through Integrated People Centred Eye Care (IPEC) and role of technology. The track focused on approaches for 'I Care' towards realizing IPEC emphasizing the role of primary health care physicians, grass root level workers and most importantly the community.

- ❖ Innovations in development of human resources for eye health
- ❖ Awareness regarding eye health: mammoth barrier
- ❖ Challenges and innovations in managing vision centers
- ❖ Financial sustainability- dream to reality
- ❖ Systematic diabetic retinopathy screening: challenges and strategies
- ❖ Current trends and challenges in eye banking
- ❖ ROP, innovations and strategies for blindness prevention
- ❖ Innovations in eye care delivery
- ❖ Capacity building and partnerships

Track 4: Skill enhancement for Allied Ophthalmic Professionals

Optometrists and ophthalmic assistants form the backbone of both community eye care and different levels of eye care delivery in the health system, from primary to tertiary level and can lead public health research. Continuous upgradation on recent advances in eye care and capacity building of these professionals becomes a mandate at different levels to provide quality eye health care. This year's annual conference focused on different skill enhancement workshops.

Track 5: Sharing Knowledge Repository: Towards organization's sustainability & growth

Under this track there were free oral presentations based on abstracts reviewed and selected by the Scientific Committee. The speakers were a mixture of presenters from various organisations as well as students. There was a total of

79 paper presentations over two days with broader themes mentioned below. There was an extensive response in Oral and Poster Presentation. Seventy-nine abstracts were presented under oral presentation spread over 9 sessions in Day 1 and Day 2 of the conference. The Best of the Best winner was selected from best paper from each session and 29 selected for poster presentation.

The best paper presentation in each session was given memento as well as certificate. The BEST OF THE BEST was announced: **Ms. Swetha Saravanan** for her paper ***"Near vision impairment and effective near vision coverage among adults: Report from Tamil Nadu rural eye examination study"***.

The 'best of the best' awardee will enjoy:

- a. Certificate be presented in next annual conference inaugural program by Chief Guest.
- b. Waive off registration fee for next annual conference.
- c. Get sponsored for full travel support to participate next annual conference.

- ❖ Session 1: Various eye care conditions
- ❖ Session 2: Research- 1
- ❖ Session 3: Research- 2
- ❖ Session 4: School eye health and service utilization
- ❖ Session 5: Data audit and impact
- ❖ Session 6: Follow-up, QoL, vision centers
- ❖ Session 7: Convergence, PPP, outreach and technology
- ❖ Session 8: Inclusion and reaching marginalized
- ❖ Session 9: Refractive error and optometry practice
- ❖ BEST OF THE BEST

There were poster presentations as well which were displayed and each participant presented the same in the presence of the judges. The judges of the poster presentation were Dr. Anshul Upadhyay, Dr. Arun Sethi and Dr. Promila Gupta. The first runner up and 2nd runner up was recognized for the poster presentation and certificate was provided.



Dr. Promila Gupta, Dr. Arun Sethi and Dr. Anshul Upadhyay judging poster competition

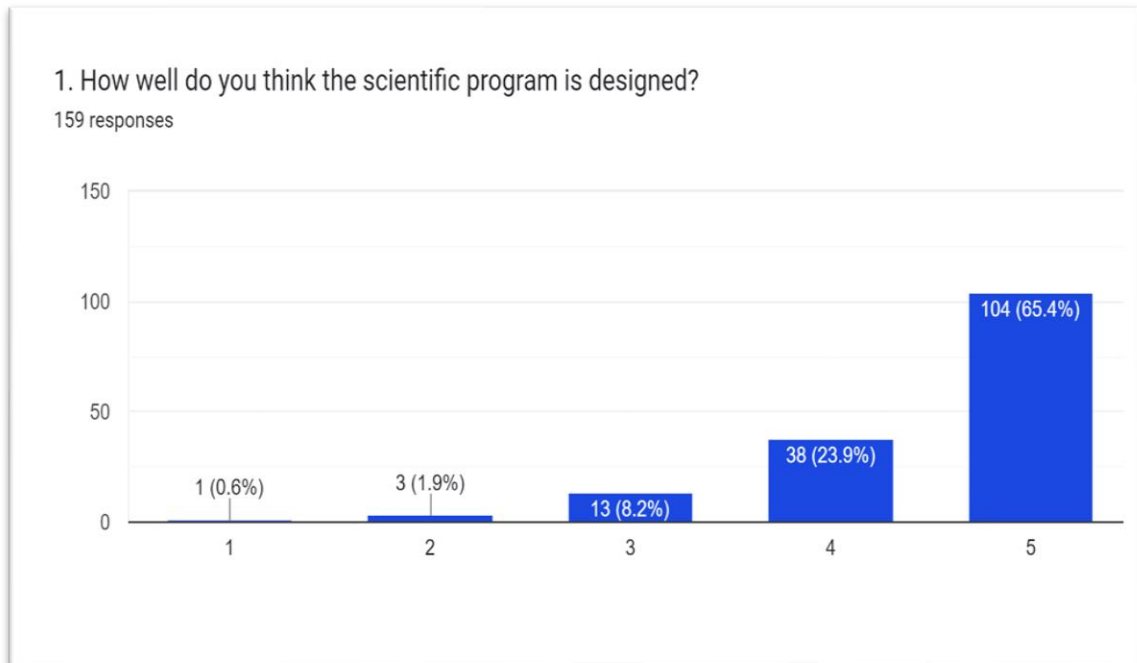
Testimonials

'Dear Gomabai Netralaya Team, on behalf of Sadguru family let me convey all the congratulations on successfully hosting the conference! Your gratitude towards the delegates, resource persons, and the entire participants is heart-warming. Neemuch's spirit and enthusiasm despite its location show your dedication. Your hospitality was indeed enjoyed, and was beyond all our imaginations and expectations'. Subeesh

'Team Gomabai, you deserve a big hand. Every minute detail was looked into, right from the pick up at the Udaipur airport to accommodation, food, transport and everything. The round the clock tea stall was superb. The scientific committee did a wonderful job and put up a great programme. Altogether, you feel that the effort to travel up and down to Neemuch was worth it.' – THOMAS CHERIAN

Participant's Feedback Report

About 94 per cent of the participants attended both days of the annual conference. About 72 per cent of the participants in the conference were female and 28 per cent were male. The participants were requested to share their responses on a scale of 1-5 where scale was defined as (1- Very Poor, 2- Poor, 3- Good, 4- Very Good and 5- Excellent). The responses shared by the participants are mentioned below:

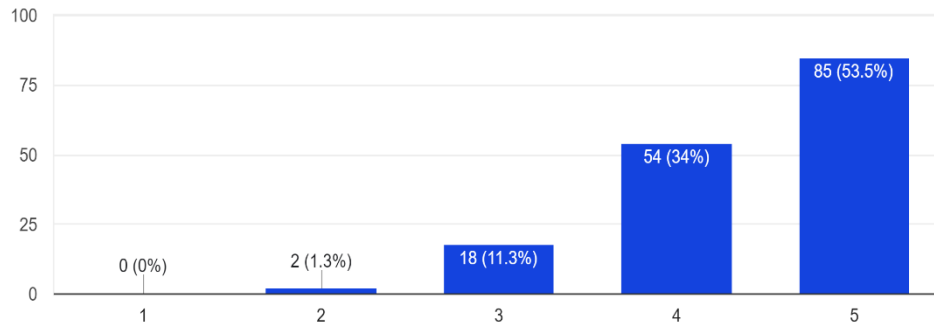


Conference related- Tracks specific rating by the participants

Track 1

1. How will you rate the track titled 'Synergies and Strategies for Comprehensive Inclusive Eye Health'?

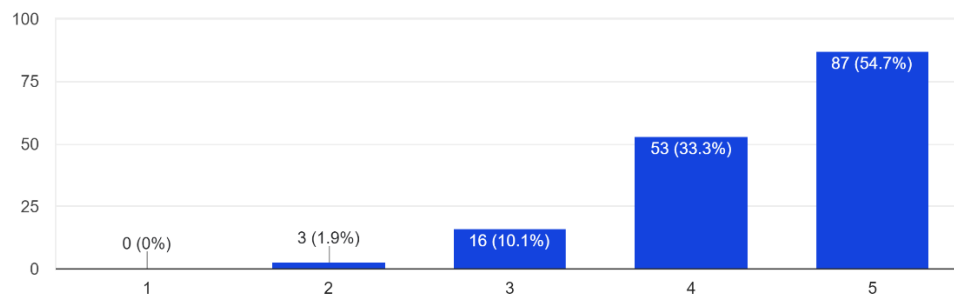
159 responses



Track 2:

2. How will you rate the track titled 'Quality and Sustainability in Eye Care'?

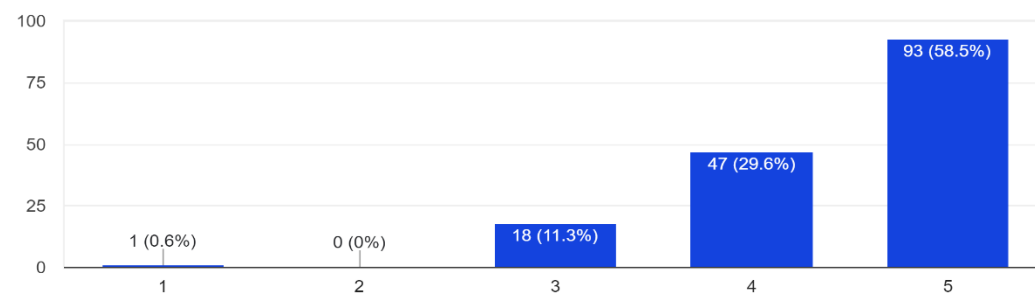
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Track 3:

3. How will you rate the track titled 'Innovative Approaches to Reach the Unreached'?

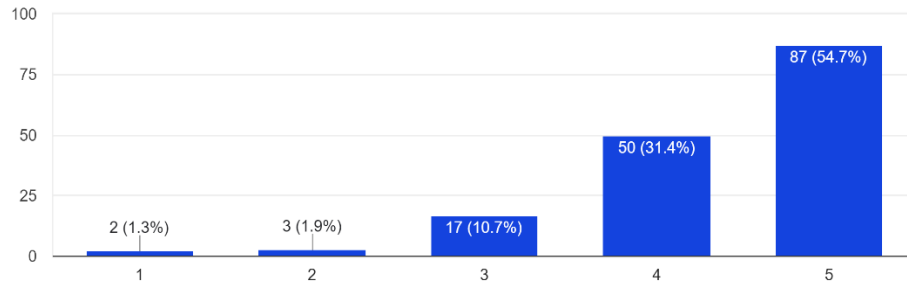
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Track 4:

4. How will you rate the track titled 'Skill Enhancement for Optometrists & Ophthalmic Assistants'?

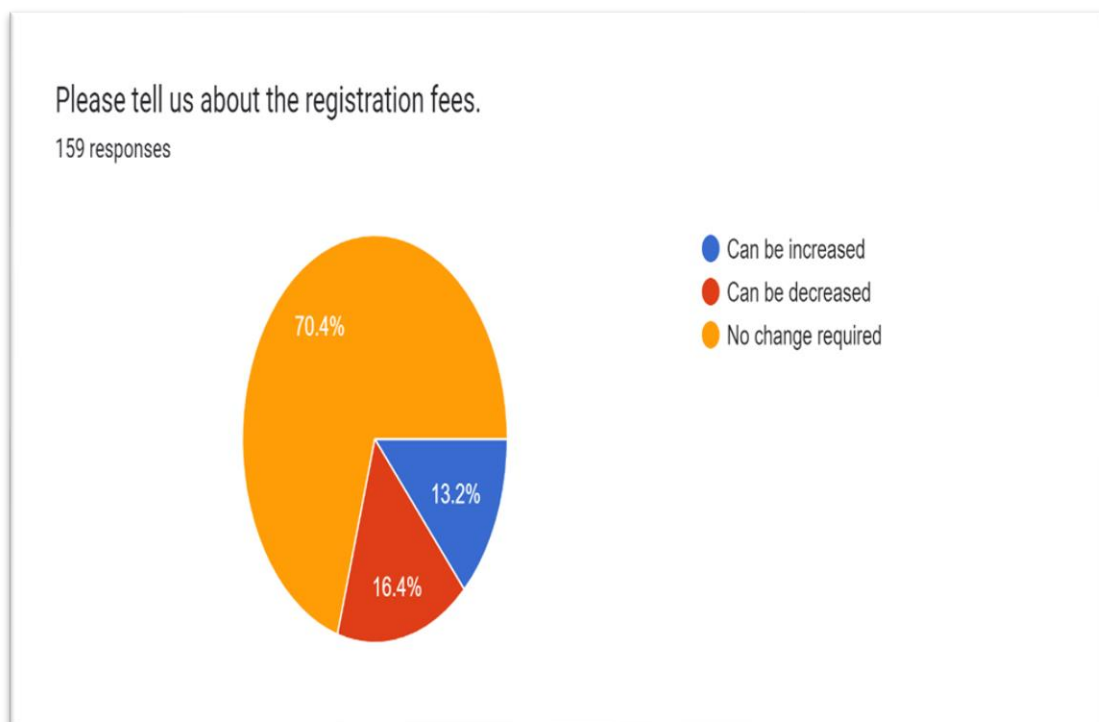
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Registration fee:

About 70 per cent of the participants responded that there is no need to change the registration fee of the conference.

About 16 per cent suggested that it can be decreased while about 13 per cent reported that the registration fees can be increased.



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नीमच, 27 अगस्त (नप्र)। मध्यप्रदेश के आयुक्त निःशक्तजन संदीप रजक ने रविवार को गोमाबाई नेत्रालय नीमच में आयोजित विजन 2020 नेशनल कॉन्फ्रेंस का दीप प्रज्ज्वलित कर शुभारंभ किया। आयुक्त श्री रजक द्वारा अपने उद्बोधन में दिव्यांगता के 21 प्रकार के बारे में विस्तार से बताया गया। उन्होंने दिव्यांगजनों की मदद करने के लिए विभिन्न राज्यों से आए चिकित्सकगणों से भी अपील की। उन्होंने कहा कि एक दिव्यांग व्यक्ति की मदद से उसके पूरे परिवार को हौसला मिलता है। श्री रजक द्वारा विजन 2020 राइट टू साईट इंडिया पर भी अपने विचार रखे। उन्होंने विभिन्न राज्यों से आए डॉक्टरों को बधाई दी। इस कॉन्फ्रेंस को विभिन्न राज्यों से आए चिकित्सकों एवं प्रबुद्धजनों ने भी संबोधित किया।

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फिजियो थेरेपी सेंटर का निरीक्षण किया - संदीप रजक आयुक्त निःशक्त जन मध्यप्रदेश द्वारा आज अपने नीमच प्रवास के दूसरे दिन 27 अगस्त को भादवा माता मंदिर में मां भादवा के दर्शन किए तथा मास्टर प्लान के तहत चल रहे निर्माण कार्यों का अवलोकन किया साथ ही श्रद्धा भवन में संचालित फिजियोथैरेपी सेंटर में दिव्यांगजनों से मुलाकात की तथा अधिकारियों को भादवा माता में दिव्यांग जनों के लिए स्थाई रूप से सेवा केंद्र संचालित करने तथा दिव्यांग जनों के लिए सहायक उपकरण रखवाने के निर्देश दिए बाद में संस्कृत वेद पाठशाला में आयोजित संस्कृत सप्ताह कार्यक्रम में सम्मिलित हुए इस दौरान आयुक्त महोदय के साथ विनीत दुने सामाजिक सूक्षा विस्तार अधिकारी सरपंच सांचव उपस्थित थे।

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The conference would not have been possible without the able support of: The scientific committee: to give their precious time for meetings and coordination and brainstorming to design the programme.

Gomabai Netralaya: Mr. Pradeep G Agrawal, Mr. Mahesh Garg and Mr. Anil B Goyal, Mr. Subramanyam Devarakonda and team in Neemuch and the dedicated team of volunteers who worked round the clock to ensure that all went without a hitch.

We thank our Corporate Advisory Board for supporting us for this skill transfer initiative.

We thank our Chief Guest, the eminent Speakers, Chair/Co-Chair and Moderators and all other participants who made the conference vibrant place for learning and sharing of ideas.

We would also like to thank the Jury for selecting the awards.

Thank you all!