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MESSAGE

AHPI has been working on advocacy issues for more than 7-years. Equally it focusses on building capacity in Indian health systems. It has now 17-regional chapters through which it has succeeded in galvanizing members to work on addressing local issues and at the same time provides inputs to the central body which may require intervention at level of central government etc. The chapter leadership join WHATSAPP every week and share their concerns as well as learnings. This has created huge opportunity for networking and sharing best practices from each other. This has all the greater relevance when whole nation is struggling with COVID-19 pandemic. Different states are following different approaches including utilizing private hospitals and it is here that our chapters are able to provide inputs to state governments and has proved to be success story. Hospitals are of course facing severe financial hardships as routine OPDs and elective surgeries have been suspended. Here again AHPI has successfully tried to find the strategy to counter the hardship and come out with guidelines along with other industry associations including CII, FICCI and ASSOCHAM which have experience of dealing similar situations in non-healthcare sectors. The NEWSLETTER is effort in putting together what all has happened and learnings from the past. It will provide opportunity for all our members to contribute with the information which could be of wider use for all the members. With the excellent comradeship between government, healthcare industry and community at let us pray that India comes out of COVID pandemic sooner than later.

(Dr Girdhar Gyani)
Director General

(Dr Alexander Thomas)
President

1. COVID-19

Ever since the threat of covid-19 looming large over our country, AHPI has been in the forefront working very closely with the Central and State Government's in preparing and implementing ways and means of tackling the crisis. In this connection many of the suggestions offered by a AHPI have been accepted and implemented. AHPI has also been in close connection with the Prime minister's office and offices of Health Minister, Health Secretary, Finance Ministry, Task force etc.

Few of the implementation suggested

1. Fever clinics for screening and triaging.
2. Involving private players in establishing COVID-19 testing centres.
3. Setting up of dedicated Covid hospitals with ICU beds and Ventilators, city and district wise.
4. Helping to ensure availability of masks, sanitizer and rapid test kits.
5. According permission for online consultation.
6. Release of CGHS & ECHS dues .
7. At the behest of AHPI, IRDA instructed insurance agencies to immediately release all dues within a day

Unified Representation on behalf of Healthcare Sector represented by FICCI, AHPI, ASSOCHAM, INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, and NATHEALTH was also presented to the Government.

AHPI has compiled a list of suppliers producing protective equipments for use in COVID-19 case.

Document on **Protocols to be followed during resumption of hospital activities** after COVID-19 lockdown is lifted, is jointly being prepared by AHPI and PHFI.

2. CGHS

Due to the joint efforts of AHPI the dues from CGHS and ECHS have been promptly released.

3. In order to create authentic database regarding the dues with empanelled hospitals under CGHS / ECHS and other Governmental welfare schemes, state coordinators have been nominated to establish contact with the hospitals and enable data collection.

4. AHPI Global Conclave 2020

AHPI organised its 7th Annual Global Conclave on 7th & 8th February 2020 at Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru with the theme of the conclave "Re-Imagining Healthcare for the Next decade" wherein 450 delegates participated.

Shri Sadananda Gowda, Honble Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers graced the occasion and gave the awards for "Excellence in healthcare" to hospitals across the country under various category. The AHPI & KPMG Healthcare document for next decade was also released during the awards ceremony.

5. Short term observership program for Foreign Medical Graduate's

A 6 months clinical observership programme at leading hospitals has been created by AHPI in association with ANBAI and Ramaiah Institutions for the Foreign Medical Graduates to help them prepare for the FMG examination.

6. Medicolegal Cell

The Medicolegal cell constituted under the Think Tank on "Health" at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) Bangalore, will provide unbiased high quality legal opinion to doctors, hospitals and related institutions on matters having legal implications. The portal was launched during the AHPI Global Conclave 2020.

7. Association of Senior Citizens

AHPI and the Think Tank on health is exploring setting up an Association of Senior citizens of India [ASCI] to ensure their overall welfare for the senior citizens and to develop it into a powerful and influential force to reckon with.

Issues being addressed

a. Healthcare b. Social c. Financial d. Empowerment. e. Legal f. Liasoning with the Govt. & Media

8. AHPI in collaboration with FOGSI and NLSIU has ventured on creating a customised Medico legal module for Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. These modules based on the current PGDMLE (offered by NLSIU) will in addition also deal with subspecialties like infertility, high risk pregnancy and fetal medicine etc. Similar modules can also be prepared for other specialities.

9. AHPI is working on 3 publications:

- a. The 3rd edition of the "Handbook of Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety."
- b. A unique book titled " Heal the World - Climate change and healthcare sector" to sensitise the fraternity on the role of the health system, in contribution and mitigating towards Climate Change and to enhance adaptation and preparedness. Further this book would also be developed as a companion guide for (healthcare) students when climate change is included in their curriculum.
- c. Book on " Health Law & Ethics - Critical Reflections " for deeper insights into the health law jurisprudence of our nation.

10. The 3rd edition of the book Communicate Care Cure by Dr Alexander Thomas has been approved by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences as a reference book and a valuable guide.

11. National Health Conclave 2020

The 3rd edition of the National Health Conclave of AHPI is to be held on 10 Oct 2020 with the theme "Mental Health - From Distress to Wellness" at Delhi.

12. AHPI has signed an MOU with ESSITY for conducting infection control sanitization program pan India.



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