



Minutes of AHPI State Chapters zoom video call meeting – held on 27th May 2020

Participants:

Dr. Alex Thomas, President, AHPI
Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI
Dr. Harish Pillai, CEO Aster India and Advisor-AHPI
Dr .V. C. Shanmuganandan, Advisor, AHPI
Dr. Voona Murali Krishna, President, Andhra Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Mohan Maharaj, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Chapter
Dr. C M Bhagat, President, Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Secretary, Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Zainab Zaidi, Secretary, UP Chapter
Dr. M I Sahadulla, President, Kerala Chapter
Dr. Anoop Hajela, President, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Rahul Khare, Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Sujit Chatterjee, President, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
Dr. Ashwini Jogade, Secretary, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
Mr. Santosh Kumar, Secretary, Bihar Chapter
Dr. Bharath Gadhavi, President, Gujarat Chapter
Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, President, Jharkhand Chapter
Dr. Naresh Shetty, President, Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Kingsly, Representative from Secretary, Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Vikas Swarnkar, President, Rajasthan chapter
Dr. Raju Sivasamy, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Chapter
Dr. Rajiv Singhal, President, Telangana Chapter
Dr. Vishnu Reddy, Secretary, Telangana Chapter
Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj, President, West Bengal Chapter
Dr. Bishnu Panigrahi, President, Odisha Chapter
Dr. Amandeep Kaur, President, North Zone Chapter
Mr. Joydeep Das Gupta, Secretary, North zone Chapter
Dr. Mahesh Kumar Sinha, President, Chhattisgarh Chapter
Dr. Anil Jain, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Chapter
Dr. Palin Khundongbam, President, Manipur Chapter, Convenor Northeast Chapter
Dr. Sedevi Angami, Member, Northeast Chapter

Meeting Started by welcoming all AHPI State Office bearers and Harish Pillai, CEO-Aster India, Advisor to AHPI by President and DG-AHPI

Dr Alex briefed the bearers about activities done by AHPI is past week, which included;

1. Letter for AMC gone to industry from AHPI
2. Letter to CGHS, ESIS and Railways being prepared and sent for Reimbursement of Cost of PPE's
3. Collection of pending dues of CGHS, ESIS and ECHS is under progress
4. Arbitration notice has gone to UTI for recovery of illegal deductions in CGHS payments
5. FMGCAP prepared by AHPI, ANBAI and RI, State Chapters were requested to promote.
6. Talks are on advance stages with Star Health for Inclusion of Tele medicine and possible exploration of platform governed by AHPI
7. AHPI has formed Senior citizen forum with Law school of India, Former Chief Justice of India Mr. Dipak Misra has agreed to be Patron in Chief.

8. Series of Webinars being conducted every week

Dr. Gyani further briefed about Status of Small Hospitals in MSME and ESI Dues

1. He informed based on his discussion with JS-SME GOI that Govt. may extend all benefits of manufacturing sector to service sector as well which shall cover smaller hospitals, decision to be taken in one or two weeks' time
2. AHPI enquired about data of hospitals dues collected from DG ESIS as instructed by Hon Minister to Secretary at Labour Department GOI on request of AHPI, which is yet to be shared by DH-ESIS
3. AHPI shared some data ESI dues of its member hospitals to trigger the action from ministry

Insurance

1. Dr. V C Shanmuganandan informed Mr Vijayan, Deputy Sec General, GIC has sought some more time for Insurance dues
2. Dr. Naresh Shetty, Head AHPI Insurance Review Committee informed the bearers that Star Health has assured to clear all bills submitted to them for reimbursement within 7 days. Star health is also being told to not to hold the broad payment if some issue arises in any isolated bill.
3. He also stated that total dues in Karnataka is around 250 crores among the major 4 insurance companies (GIPSA).
4. Dr Naresh briefed that Karnataka Hospitals and some major insurance companies signed an agreement some time ago for streamlining of payments and discount on GIPSA rates which is now being not honoured. He stated that in situation of not honouring the signed commitment the Karnataka hospitals may stop the cashless facilities in Karnataka. He emphasised to make it as a national plan as a deterrent to their unfair practices.

Tele Consultation

1. Dr Naresh informed on the basis of his discussion with Star Health that Star health is setting up points for Tele Consultation which shall be circulated to members in another week after receiving

Media Cell- Special Invitee- Dr Harish Pillai

2. Dr Harish Pillai was invited in this meeting to talk on the need of active media engagement of AHPI bearers and AHPI member hospitals
3. Dr Harish shared the practical experiences of engaging with Media while being a president of Kerala chapter during Nursing Min Wages issue
4. He emphasised that AHPI state office bearers should engage in regular media activities
5. He also advised office bearers to identify regional journalists/media persons for healthcare discussions time to time
6. He advised, AHPI Presidents or any other office bearer to engage with media as AHPI spokesperson on various regional and national healthcare issues
7. He advises to Conduct Workshops and educational activities to popularize AHPI activities and involve media
8. He advises State chapter to have blogs and active on social media
9. He advises State bearers to send Press releases on behalf of AHPI regularly on ranging issues

10. He advises State bearers to make use of their own PR agencies/Networks to engage with media
11. AHPI to set up media cell/committee and to choose few champions among the group. A workshop will be accordingly arranged to sensitize

State Chapter Presentations

West Bengal- Presented by Dr. Saumitra Bhardwaj

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet
2. OPD footfalls are still down in Hospitals
3. Tele medicine is getting geared up due to Covid rising up in states, Platform is being worked up and finalised

Uttar Pradesh-Presented by Dr Zainab Zaidi

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet
2. Corona testing is being done at rate of 7000 samples daily in 27 labs
3. Isolation beds are available in pvt. sector in each district
4. Patient footfall has been reduced to 30%
5. Small hospitals are almost closed
6. Apprehensions about the tele consultation, so not being used widely
7. Arranging a workshop to sensitize the members
8. Letters to be sent to state ministry from AHPI state chapter for issuing timely guidelines for smooth COVID treatment and care.

Tamil Nadu- Presented by Dr Raju Sivasamy

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet
2. OPD operations started and entertaining mainly pre-fixed appointment
3. Tele consultation is being used widely
4. Training is needed for TIER 3 hospitals staff for Covid treatment and care
5. 43 lakh test done so far in TN out of which 18000 came positive, 800 cases are active and 129 deaths,
6. ICU admission of COVID patients have increased in past few days

Telangana- Presented by Dr Vishnu Reddy

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet
2. RTPCR testing are still not allowed by pvt hospitals
3. PIL was filed in High Court for permitting pvt hospitals also to conduct the tests
4. Government Committee has been formed to explore the possibility of testing facility at pvt hospitals.
5. Telangana has witnessed approx. 2000 positive cases so far
6. New cases are now coming in non-containment zones also, which is indicating the community transmissions

Rajasthan- Presented by Dr Vikas Swarankar

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet
2. Home quarantine is encouraged by State Govt. for mild symptomatic patients

3. Footfall in Hospitals have been reduced to 30%
4. Tele consultation -Free WhatsApp consultation ranging from 70 to 80 per day are being provided by MGMCH
5. Suspicious cases are being visited at home and samples are collected
6. In Rajasthan there are 7500 positive cases out of which 3000 are active and 172 deaths
7. AHPI State EC Committee expansion is being worked out
8. AHPI Rajasthan office set up in Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Jaipur

Odisha- Presented by Dr Bishnu Panigrahi

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet
2. Corona Patients are being looked after and treated under PPP model, one of its unique kind in Odisha
3. Footfalls in Hospital is slowly increasing,
4. In Odisha total 13600 are being tested for corona out of which 1593 positive
5. Migrants returning back to state may increase the patients
6. Tele consultation is being worked out

North Zone - Presented by Dr. Amandeep Kaur

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet but Notice from Government has been received that Hospitals with 100 beds & more are to be prepared in treating Covid Patients in future
2. Footfall in Hospitals are slowly increasing
3. No of cases are bound to increase due to inclusions of pvt hospital/labs in testing
4. Tele Consultations not very effective hence not being used widely
5. Zoom meeting of AHPI north zone chapter soon
6. New members in State chapter will be added in next 1-2 months

North East and Manipur- Presented by Dr. Palin

1. Manipur Initially had only 2 patients which were discharged and state was declared Green Zone However due to Migrants returning back, the cases have been risen to 42 now
2. Testing capacity is only in 2 medical colleges increased to 1000 tests per day now but still some pendency is there.
3. Footfall is reduced and online appointment for OPD being used.
4. Suspected cases are being sent to Covid hospitals.
5. Tele medicine was useful initially but reduced due to start of OPDs
6. APEX task force formed by Govt. Dr Palin is a member
7. 43 live streams on covid done so far for awareness on fb live
8. Home quarantine awareness program are being planned

Madhya Pradesh - Presented by Dr. Anoop Hajela

1. No Private hospitals has been taken over by Government as COVID Hospital yet other than 4 taken up by Govt. in Indore initially
2. Govt. order received to open OPDs
3. Footfall is expected to be increased
4. Use of Telemedicine is reducing
5. AHPI to pitch for insurance cover for all pvt healthcare staff also

6. Corona Testing to be performed in case of elective surgeries, problems faced by anaesthetics
7. Engineering Colleges Hostels being taken over for making quarantine centre

Maharashtra- Presented by Dr Sujit Chatterjee

1. Govt. has taken 80% of beds in pvt hospitals for Corona treatment and care, charges fixed by Government.
2. Charity beds included
3. Footfall is down substantially
4. Tele medicine is being used widely
5. Currently 2000 positive cases per day are being reported, 52 thousand cases in Maharashtra with mortality rate of 3.22

Jharkhand- Presented by Dr Jogesh Gambhir

1. Pvt hospitals were taken over by Government initially, charges are yet to be fixed
2. Footfall is increasing slowly
3. Free tele consultations being provided
4. Tele Medicine being worked
5. Wish to form district wise chapters to connect smaller players
6. In Jharkhand total 435 positive cases with 4 deaths and 258 active cases.
7. Persistent problem of duplicacy of masks is putting life of healthcare workers at risks in Jharkhand
8. Some Hospitals are conducting antibodies rapid testing which is still not approved by Government

Gujarat- Presented by Dr Bharat Gadhavi

1. In Ahmedabad there are currently 300 cases are being reported each day
2. Government ordered Pvt Hospitals to shell 50% beds, rates are fixed,
3. Case is filed in court, Hospital association has requested to be a party in it
4. Persistent Testing problems in the state

Delhi- Presented by Dr CM Bhagat

1. Government has not taken over any hospital but asked to set aside 20% of their beds for all hospitals which are 50 bedded and above
2. Hospitals with no separate entrances can create a problem during Covid care
3. Rates of testing may reduced as ICMR may de regulate the testing rates
4. Communications from AHPI are being regularly sent to DMA and other forums to create awareness about AHPI activities
5. There is a Shortage of staff due to migrants leaving city

Chattisgarh- Presented by Dr Mahesh Sinha

1. Pvt Hospitals are not yet taken over by Government but asked to be kept ready
2. Numbers of positive corona patients are increasing with migrants

Bihar- Presented by Mr Santosh Kumar

1. No directive for pvt hospitals to be taken over yet
2. Patient footfall is slowly increasing

3. Tele consultation being started only by big hospitals
4. 2 webinars conducted with CII
5. Staff Absentees due to inter district restrictions of transportation

Andhra Pradesh - Presented by Dr Mohan Maharaj

1. No pvt hospitals being taken over yet by the Govt. to treat Covid patients.
2. 20% beds are to be kept ready, rates to be decided
3. Tests are being conducted by only Government labs
4. Tele medicine started by big hospitals
5. PPEs cost reimbursement to be looked after

All State office bearers concurred to the idea of making AHPI more vibrant/visible and agreed to conduct regular state meetings and try to do webinars frequently