



**Minutes of AHPI State Chapter Office Bearers Monthly Meeting held at 7:00 pm
on 03.12.2021**

Participants

Dr. Devi Shetty, Patron, AHPI
Dr. Alexander Thomas, President, AHPI
Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI
Dr. Dr. VC Shanmuganandan, Advisor, AHPI
Dr. K Tirumala Prasad, President, AHPI Andhra Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Hari Kumar, Secretary, AHPI Andhra Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Santosh Kumar, Secretary, AHPI Bihar Chapter
Dr. Mahesh Sinha, President, AHPI Chhattisgarh Chapter
Dr. Upasana Arora, President, AHPI Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Narin Sehgal, Secretary, AHPI Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Amit Dolia, Secretary, AHPI Gujarat Chapter
Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, President, AHPI Jharkhand Chapter
Dr. Sushil Jathanna, President, AHPI Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Priya Goutham, Secretary, AHPI Karnataka Chapter
Mr. Pratap Varkey, Secretary, AHPI Kerala Chapter
Dr. Rahul Khare, Secretary, AHPI Madhya Pradesh Chapter
Mr. Joy Chakraborty, President, AHPI Maharashtra Chapter
Mr. Rohit Upadhyay, Secretary, AHPI North East -1 Chapter
Dr. Seema Konwar, Executive Committee Member North East – 1 Chapter
Dr. K H Palin, President, AHPI North East - 2 Chapter
Dr. Amandeep Kaur, President, AHPI North zone Chapter
Mr. Joy Das Gupta, Secretary, AHPI North zone Chapter
Mrs. Nilanjana Mukherjee, Secretary, AHPI Odisha Chapter
Dr. Sameer Mehta, President, AHPI Tamil Nadu Chapter
Dr. A L Basile, President, AHPI Telangana Chapter
Dr. Vishnu Reddy, Secretary, AHPI Telangana Chapter
Dr. Vaibhav Khanna, President, AHPI Uttar Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj, President, AHPI West Bengal Chapter

Dr. Alex presented a brief on the activities of AHPI during the last one month.

Dr. Devi Shetty addressed the participants on the need of the private healthcare setups to be well prepared to handle any future wave of COVID-19, as majority of the patients during wave II were treated in the private hospitals and the same is expected to happen, in case of future waves.

Looking at the current situation he mentioned that the wave - III may not be as severe as wave - II, however, there is a need for the private hospitals to be well prepared.

Dr. Devi also noted that India was able to fare well in terms of mortality and number of infections, when compared to many developed countries because of many indigenous initiatives such as dedicated set-ups to treat COVID-19 patients all across the country etc., besides excellent synergy between private and public sectors.

However we did experience an acute shortage of trained manpower, all across the country, to manage these dedicated centres.

Dr. Devi suggested that in order to be prepared with the required number of trained manpower, we could approach the Government to permit the final year medical and nursing students to be posted in the ICUs of Government and well equipped private hospitals and get them trained in the usage of ventilators, evaluation of blood gas analysis reports, interpretation of ECG etc., whose services could be utilized as and when situations demand.

Regarding oxygen supply and other infrastructure requirements he noted that we are well equipped to meet the demand if need arises.

Concluding his brief presentation Dr. Devi noted that we have adequate time to train the required manpower, and we need to act swiftly on this.

Providing feedback the AHPI state chapter office bearers unanimously agreed with the suggestion put forward by Dr. Devi regarding preparing ourselves with trained manpower. They also emphasized on the need to ensure that legal protection is accorded by the Government of India as we would be utilizing the services of those who are yet to be registered with the respective councils.

It was noted that AHPI should approach the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and the Govt. of India to hasten the process of issuing guidelines regarding COVID vaccination to children.

It was also suggested that AHPI should request the Government of India to issue guidelines regarding administration of booster doses in a phased manner, to begin with for healthcare workers followed by frontline workers, eligible population and all elders.

Also there was a suggestion to reduce the interval between the two doses from 12 to 16 weeks as is being practiced now, to 8 weeks so that the full two doses of vaccination could be completed in two months' time.

It was also suggested that AHPI should intervene in the case relating to the inclusion of the medical profession in the consumer protection act.

Summing up the meeting with the way forward Dr. Gyani noted that with Dr. Devi's suggestion being unanimously agreed upon, each state chapter is requested to represent to the respective state government regarding the urgent need to train the required manpower on the lines as discussed.