



Minutes of the zoom video call meeting held on the 22nd of April 2020 at 03:00 pm between AHPI State Chapters office bearers, to discuss regarding the overall situation of COVID-19 in their respective States.

Participants

1. Dr. Alex Thomas, President, AHPI
2. Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI
3. Dr. Prem Nair, Founder member, AHPI
4. Dr. VC Shanmuganandan, Advisor, AHPI
5. Dr. CM Bhagat, President, Delhi NCR Chapter
6. Dr. Mohan Maharaj, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh
7. Dr. Zainab Zaidi, Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Chapter
8. Dr. Bishnu Panigrahi, President, Odisha Chapter
9. Ms. Nilanjana Mukherjee, Secretary, Odisha Chapter
10. Dr. Anoop Hajela, President, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
11. Dr. Rahul Khare, Secretary, Madhya Pradesh chapter
12. 15. Dr. Sathyajit, President , Bihar Chapter
13. Dr. Santhosh, Secretary, Bihar Chapter
14. Dr. Gurushankar, President, Tamil Nadu Chapter
15. Dr. Rambabu, Advisor, Tamil Nadu Chapter
16. Dr. Raju Sivasamy, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Chapter
17. Dr. Naresh Shetty, President, Karnataka Chapter
18. Dr. Naveen Thomas, Secretary, Karnataka Chapter
19. Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, President, Jharkand Chapter
20. Dr. Saumitra Bharadhwaj, President, West Bengal Chapter
21. Ms. Suparna Sengupta, Secretary, West Bengal Chapter
22. Dr. Amandeep Kaur, President, Northzone Chapter
23. Mr. Joy das Gupta, Secretary, North Zone Chapter
24. Dr. Vikas Swarnkar, President, Rajasthan Chapter
25. Dr. Sujit Chatterjee, President, Maharashtra Chapter
26. Dr. Ashwini Jogade, Secretary, Maharashtra Chapter
27. Dr. Rajesh Pai, Secretary, Kerala Chapter
28. Ms. Neha Lal, Secretary, Gujarat Chapter



Dr. Alex started the meeting stating that AHPI has written to Union Health secretary to issue an advisory not to close non covid hospitals and come up with a guideline. He also mentioned that AHPI has interacted with IRDA and have written to them and requested the funds to be paid immediately. AHPI has also written to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister requesting for Ordinance and Martyr status to healthcare workers. The Orissa government has taken the lead in this regard, and it was requested that the other state chapter also follow up on the same. AHPI supported the IMA protest on attacks on the doctors.

Dr. Alex welcomed Dr. Mohan Maharaj, Dr.Prem Nair and Dr. Ram Babu to the meeting

Update from the States:

Bihar: Number of cases have gone up, but with less number of deaths. PPE's / Mask availability have improved. Will connect for membership drive.

Delhi: There has been marginal increase in cases. Hospitals have started receiving CGHS/ ECHS payment, but whereas not much of the funds from Insurance companies have been released and this needs to be addressed. PPE's are available and membership drive will be taken care off.

Madhya Pradesh: The situation is not good in the state with 80 deaths and 1500 patients being infected. In a meeting the CM promised supply of rapid test kit and HCQ's. CGHS/Insurance payments not much have been received. Dr. Hajela mentioned that Insurance companies should not deduct for disposables during this time of the pandemic.

Maharashtra has seen 5229 cases and the mortality rate has been reduced. Dr. Sujit has been regularly interacting with the CM on how to tackle the COVID issue. Will initiate membership drive.

Andhra Pradesh death rate is less; 3-4 districts have been marked as red zones. PPE's are available and Dr. Mohan will work on the membership drive.

West Bengal is in a little bit of stress and testing is minimal. Some of the areas are in total lockdown. PPE's are available. Problem being faced as of now is that saving the frontline worker is increasing the overall cost. ECHS payment have been released.

Orissa: Rs 50 Lakh insurance has been announced by the Government for private and state government health personal. State funeral and pension if there is a mortality of the healthcare worker.

Rajasthan has seen 27 deaths. The containment measures taken are fruitful. The PPE's are adequate in number. Regarding membership will take it forward. ESIS, CGHS/ECHS has started releasing the payment, whereas the payment from Ayushman Bharath has not been released.

Dr. Gyani mentioned that he has spoken to Dr. Malathi Jaiswal, and that they are compiling the reason for the Ayushman Bharat backlog. Will also upraise Dr.Malathi that 58 crore is with NIA for Rajasthan.

Kerala: 426 cases, around 270 patients have recovered. The Government has been handling the cases in Kerala. The hospital has been taking precaution by giving adequate PPE to the staff. ECHS payment have been received. working on membership drive.

North Zone: 251 cases so far, PPE and Mask are in plenty. Financial hardship is being faced. Dr. Amandeep requested that we come up with central policy where and when to use the PPE's. Dr. Joydas briefed that members have been added from J&K, Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

Tamilnadu: 2000 positive cases and 18 deaths. The Govt hospitals have been lacking PPE's. Dr. Raju mentioned that 350 hospitals have been added as members. Testing kits availability is still lacking in TN. Financial hardship is being faced.

Dr. Alex responded to the following points.

- Dr. Guru's impassioned speech on Dr. Simon was appreciated.
- Dr. Bhagat who is coming up with a kit which would be a little more comfortable during summer. Will be put in contact with one of the PPE manufactures.
- Delhi chapter of AHPI can write to Delhi Government for working under threat.
- Regarding Protocols which needs to followed, as the hospitals are opening up. The testing is not 100 percent reliable and the error is about 30%, so how do we protect the healthcare workers and the patients. Very limited study shows that in covid positive patients who are operated upon there is 20% mortality. Consensus is that every patient who comes in has to be looked at, as being positive and protocol needs to be followed. AHPI has set up a group of experts to come with guidelines on how to protect the staff and will circulate.
- Regarding reimbursements for disposables used during the covid 19 period it was suggested to pressurize local CGHS/ECHS offices to reimburse the same.
- Regarding standardization of salary, AHPI is in the process of coming up with some suggestions.
- Regarding Standardization of PPE's. AHPI/CAHO/ PHFI are coming up with list of manufactures whose items are certified.
- Concerning dues from public sector undertaking if the state provides the list, AHPI will take it forward to get funds released.

Karnataka: situation is not bad with 418 cases and 27 deaths. Dr. Naresh mentioned that the hospitals have been receiving the payments. PPE not sure of the standardization. Need to have standard protocol when elective procedures are started.

Jharkhand has seen 45 cases with 2 hotspots in the state, AHPI has to initiate some work on plasma therapy. Requested for help from Delhi and Kerala regarding the same. ECHS/CGHS payment has come in, but whereas payment from TPA are not that great. PPE's are in demand.

Gujarat has seen 2170 cases and mainly vegetable vendors are found to be the carriers. Small nursing homes are still closed. Membership drive will be accelerated. Payments have been received from CGHS and TPAs, whereas Ayushman Bharat there is a delay. PPE are available.

Dr. Naresh Shetty, Dr. Naveen and Dr. Prem Nair were requested to come up with protocols for all aspects in non COVID hospitals. Dr. Gyani to share the document of Max hospital.

Dr. Jogesh to connect with Dr. Prem Nair for the plasma therapy and take it forward.

Dr. Gyani will share details of the call with the International association who joined from Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea.

