



Minutes of the zoom video call meeting held on the 3rd 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

List of participants

Dr. Alex Thomas, President, AHPI
Dr. Devi Shetty, Patron, AHPI
Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI
Dr. VC Shanmuganandan, Advisor, AHPI
Dr. Anoop Hajela, President, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Rahul Khare, Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Sachin Jawar, Secretary, Rajasthan Chapter
Dr. Vikas Swarnkar, President, Rajasthan Chapter
Dr. Joy Das Gupta, Secretary, North Zone Chapter
Dr. Anant Sinha, President, Jharkhand Chapter
Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj, President, West Bengal Chapter
Ms. Suparna Sengupta, Secretary, West Bengal Chapter
Dr. CM Bhagat, President, Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Zainab Zaidi, Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Chapter
Ms. Nilanjana Mukherjee, Secretary, Odisha Chapter
Mr. Sameer Mehta, Vice President, Tamil Nadu Chapter
Mr. Adel Bennet, Joint Secretary, Tamil Nadu Chapter
Dr. Sujith Chatterjee, President, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
Dr. Kishore Poojari, Vice President, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
Ms. Neha Lal, Secretary, Gujarat Chapter
Dr. Naresh Shetty, President, Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Naveen Thomas, Secretary, Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Prashant Marla, Vice President, Karnataka Chapter
Mr. Santhosh Kumar, Secretary, Bihar Chapter
Dr. Voona Murali, President, Andhra Chapter
Mr. Shadrach, AHPI
Mr. Shikar, AHPI

- Dr. Devi Shetty sought the participants the status of COVID-19 cases in various states across the country and their impressions regarding the same. He also stated that, probably by the end of April there will be surge in cases and suggested that the necessary infrastructure should be created with adequate planning regarding making available of more number of beds with provision for continuous oxygen supply.
- In relating to the insurance coverage for private healthcare workers treating COVID cases, Dr. Bhagat updated, that a basic policy with the cover of Rs 2 lakh is available at rupees 499. Dr. Gyani is requested to connect Dr. Bhagat with the CII group regarding other insurance coverage option.



- Members unanimously felt that the situation as of now is not so alarming, however preparations have to be made to meet the worst of situations.
- Dr.Alex informed that ECHS has cleared some dues and CGHS is also expected to clear some dues probably by the 1st week of May and also that ESI is working on paying up the outstanding dues. It was also requested that the hospitals should provide the Outstanding from ESI to be taken up separately.
- Uniformly all the members felt the availability of PPE and mask is grossly inadequate and there is a shortage all across the Country.
- It was also requested to collect data regarding the number of hospitals that are closed down, due to the difficulties arising as a fall out of COVID 19 [reduced foot fall of regular patients, bank dues, payment to staff etc].
- Dr. Devi invited suggestions on what should be the Government policy after 15th April.

Some of the suggestions regarding ways and means of overcoming the crisis were:

1. Increase testing facility and state of preparedness to be adopted.
2. Grant from state government to hospital to pay their employee
3. Monitor death rate and take a decision
4. Mass gathering to be kept closed and limited travel to be allowed.
5. To be prepared with PPE's 10 times more than the present.
6. Decisions on when to start manufacturing industries.
7. State borders to be locked down.
8. Senior citizens to be given a separate day to come out, while others stay indoor that day.
9. Compulsory use of mask, hand sanitizer at malls and shops. Stagger the opening time of companies and extend timing of malls to avoid rush.
10. Fever clinics to have rapid test kit available.
11. Mass transport should not be allowed.
12. District specific lockdown to continue.
13. Industries such as entertainment and tourism can continue to be locked down.
14. Divide towns into days of week, may be a good way to control movement.
15. Laying down clear terms and conditions for covid hospitals.
16. Dr.Gyani suggested that there is well established procedure in the Defense Research & Development. Dr Gyani to list down how it is done in the defence.
17. Death audit to be conducted to better understand COVID-19
18. District wise strategy to be formulated.
19. Providing rapid test kits at all fever clinics.
20. Towns and cities to be divided into zones to control people.



- Database to be collected state wise of volunteers from all categories who could be called upon at times of need.
- It was also suggested that the terms and conditions of takeover of private hospitals in TOTO for admission of COVID -19 patients, should also be discussed with the respective State Governments.
- Exploring innovative ways of locally manufacturing PPE's from available material such as rain coats and similar materials.
- The discussions were summed up with a request to create awareness on the viability of the hospitals and safety of the health care providers.
- The next call was scheduled for 8th April 2020.