



**Minutes of AHPI State Chapter bearers zoom video call meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 3 PM.**

**Participants:**

Dr. Alexander Thomas | President, AHPI  
Dr. Girdhar Gyani | Director General, AHPI  
Dr. V. C. Shanmuganandan | Advisor, AHPI  
Cdr. Navneet Bali | Director, Northern Region, Narayana Health  
Dr. Voona Murali Krishna | President, Andhra Pradesh Chapter  
Dr. Mohan Maharaj | Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Chapter  
Dr. Santhosh Kumar | Secretary, Bihar Chapter  
Dr. C M Bhagat | President, Delhi NCR, Chapter  
Dr. Sanjeev Singh | Secretary, Delhi NCR Chapter  
Mr. Jogesh Gambhir | President, Jharkhand Chapter  
Dr. Naresh Shetty | President, Karnataka Chapter  
Dr. Naveen Thomas | Secretary, Karnataka Chapter  
Dr. M I Sahadulla | President, Kerala Chapter  
Dr. Anup 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  
Dr. Palin Khundongbham | President, Manipur Chapter & Convenor, Northeast Chapter  
Dr. Siama | Member, Northeast Chapter  
Dr. Amandeep Kaur | President, North Zone Chapter  
Mr. Joydeep Gupta | Secretary, North zone Chapter  
Dr. Bishnu Panigrahi | President, Odisha Chapter  
Ms. Nilanjana Mukherjee | Secretary, Odisha Chapter  
Dr. Vikas Swarnkar | President, Rajasthan Chapter  
Dr. Raju Sivaswamy | Secretary, Tamil Nadu Chapter  
Mr. Ram Babu | Advisor AHPI Tamil Nadu Chapter  
Dr. Vishnu Reddy | Secretary, Telangana Chapter  
Dr. Zainab Zaidi | Secretary, Uttar Pradesh  
Dr. Suparna Sengupta | Secretary, West Bengal Chapter

**Meeting started with welcoming all State Office bearers by President and DG-AHPI**

Dr Alex briefed about activities carried out by AHPI in the past week.

1. Letter written to IRDAI chairman to involve the stake holders in the discussions to decide upon finalization of rates towards treatment of COVID 19.
2. Manipur and North Zone chapter meetings were conducted in past week.
3. CGHS and ECHS dues. AHPI state chapters were instructed to nominate the CGHS coordinators on the AHPI state executive committee and to submit reports on the dues on a monthly basis including details of payment received from director CGHS.

Dr. Gyani added;

1. AHPI should be prepared to present various states model or AHPI/FICCI combined model for COVID 19 treatment.
2. Gr Gyani emphasized on Media engagements and minimizing media perception of Pvt. Hospitals.
3. Media cell formed with Cdr. Navneet Bali as Convenor, Dr. Rajeev Singhal, Ms. Nilanjana, Dr. Keyur Parikh, Dr. Palin, and Dr. Prasanjit Ghosh as members to guide us on policy issues and PR,
4. State chapters to appoint 1 convenor to liaison with central committee on media engagements and PR
5. Due to AHPI efforts, hospitals fulfilling the criteria can now register under MSME.

#### **Insurance- Presented by Dr. Naresh Shetty, Head AHPI Insurance Committee**

1. AHPI along with other state associations communicated to insurance players giving them the deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> June. As the deadline has passed and internal meeting is to be conducted soon by the Bangalore hospitals to discuss the way forward.
2. Dr. Naresh emphasized on Uniformity on rates and insurance terms

#### **Covid – 19 update by Dr. Sanjeev Singh**

1. Guidelines same as previous week
2. He informed the group that Asymptomatic patients do also transmit the disease.

#### **West Bengal - Presented by Ms. Suparna**

1. 18 new hospitals roped in for Covid Treatment
2. State health scheme-not paying for PPE and Covid testing
3. Insurance companies started paying for Covid tests and PPEs
4. Uniform rate across the hospitals in West Bengal for PPEs
5. OPDs are open including dental clinics

#### **Tamil Nadu - Presented by Dr. Raju and Dr. Rambabu**

1. Reimbursement rates being discussed with Govt. for Covid hospitals
2. Rates in Tamil Nadu Pvt. hospitals varies from Five thousand to thirty thousand for treating Covid patients

#### **Rajasthan - Presented by Dr. Vikas Swarnkar**

1. Pvt. Hospitals should avoid public display of exorbitant rates, this results in media scrutiny for all.
2. Staff becoming positive during course of providing care to patients is adding up to cost
3. ANMs can be roped in to tackle shortfall of staff but to be trained properly.

#### **North Zone - Presented by Dr. Amandeep**

1. Man power is issue because of higher salaries during Corona care and 14 days quarantine period.
2. Providing Insurance to staff is adding up to cost
3. HR cost to be looked upon in costing exercise

**Manipur, Northeast - Presented by Dr. Palin**

1. Rapid rise in Positive cases with Migrants returning back
2. Insurance for Pvt. Sector frontline hospital staff has been announced by Manipur Govt.

**Maharashtra - Presented by Dr. Sujit Chatterjee**

1. Hospitals facing financial hardships- Govt. has appointed IAS officers to check the rates across all Pvt. Hospitals of state.
2. Looking for Alternative methods of finance like ODs etc.
3. Ayushman Bharat rates if applied will be catastrophic for Mumbai Hospitals
4. Doctors and Nurses are coming back to jobs after legal action threat and Covid allowance
5. Letter sent to AOH by Dr. Sujit can be circulated for Supreme Court PIL
6. Testing is relaxed, anybody can get tested, Positives will be directed to CC1 or CC2 Centres of Maharashtra

**Andhra Pradesh - Presented by Dr. Murali Voona**

1. To overcome financial hardships, State Govt. is helpful to hospitals by paying dues in time.
2. Govt. prefer for 5000 beds in view of any possible surge of cases in near future

**Madhya Pradesh - Presented by Dr. Anup Hajela**

1. In Costing exercise, additional 50 to 100% should be added as Covid charges because of various factors

**Karnataka - Presented by Dr. Naresh Shetty and Dr. Naveen Thomas**

1. Cases are slightly climbing up due to migrants

**Jharkhand - Presented by Mr. Jogesh Gambhir**

1. 10 Pvt. Hospitals providing care but not money has been paid by the state
2. Govt. issued orders to earmark 10 isolation beds in each hospitals

**Delhi - Presented by Dr. Bhagat**

1. Earmarking 20% beds for Covid in Pvt. Hospitals will have an effect on other patients resulting low patient footfall increasing financial implications
2. No payments being received from Govt. schemes

**Telangana - Presented by Dr. Vishnu Reddy**

1. Impress upon the authorities to reduce Govt. taxes and release dues to overcome financial hardships

**All agreed to provide inputs on Costing exercise for PIL**

Dr. Gyani ended the meeting with emphasizing work to be done on;  
Media Perception and Costing activities in next week  
Appointment of Media Convenor from each state to be part of AHPI media cell.