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# AHPI

# Newsletter

May – July 2022

## Message:

An honour bestowed to an organization especially for its efforts and contributions in protecting the safety and health of the community during the Covid-19 pandemic is indeed the most overwhelming and satisfying result to its leadership, office bearers, and the whole team. We are extremely indebted to all the AHPI family members who have been a part of this wonderful journey. AHPI organised its 9th Global Conclave 2022 at Mumbai focusing on patient health outcomes in tune with the present times have proved to be a huge success on many accounts. AHPI continues its efforts in liaising with the Government in issues pertaining to the healthcare setup of our Country. AHPI with its strong 19 regional chapters and tenured leadership plays a pivotal role in updating the challenges from their respective states thus helping the central to approach the concerned bodies in resolving the issues. AHPI aims at making healthcare affordable to all the citizens at grass root level and has resulted in planning its next global conclave 2023 to be held at Jaipur. We welcome you all to become our members and make this family more vibrant in the years to come.

Warm Regards,

**Dr. Alexander Thomas**  
President

**Dr. Girdhar Gyani**  
Director General

## AHPI Receives Global Recognition for COVID Work



**Dr. Alexander Thomas receiving the award from senior officials in the UAE Government.**

Dr. Alexander Thomas, National President has received the Honour and awarded the Prestigious Waterfalls Global Award (Healthcare Sector) by the Government of the United Arab Emirates. The Waterfalls Global Award Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 5 July 2022, at the Qasr Al Bahr Majlis (Sea Palace) in Abu Dhabi, where the winners were presented to His Highness Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the United Arab Emirates and the ruler of Abu Dhabi. One among 15 across the Globe.

Link: <https://ahpi.in/ahpi-awards.php>



**Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, with the winners of the Waterfalls Global Awards.**

# Glimpses of AHPI Global Conclave 2022

AHPI held its 9th Annual Global Conclave 2022 on the 22nd & 23rd of April 2022 at Mumbai. The theme of the conclave was "Applying Industry Best Practices in Health sector: Focus on Value Based Patient Health Outcomes". AHPI is truly honoured to receive the message from Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. It was attended by 400+ delegates from all over the Country. We had 6 technical sessions delivered by 20 experts and supported by 12 session chairs and moderators. This year, 240 hospitals had applied and 66 hospitals were awarded at the AHPI Awards for Excellence in Healthcare under various categories. We had also come up with a souvenir with the activities of AHPI for the year 2021.

Link: [https://ahpi.in/conclave\\_2022.php](https://ahpi.in/conclave_2022.php)



Participants at the conclave



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## CGHS WORKING GROUP



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Respected MANSUKH MANDAVIYA Ji

Hon Minister, Government of India

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Subject: Huge Outstanding from CGHS

This has reference to our letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022, as sequel to the meeting called by you on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for the open discussion on PMJAY and seeking greater participation from private sector.

We raised the issue about huge outstanding dues from CGHS. Three hospitals present in meeting alone have outstanding amount close to 400-crores.

Secretary MOHFW and CEO NHA had mentioned that technical issues arising out of PORTAL will get resolved soon. It has been more than a month and we are submitting to you that situation remains unchanged and hospitals are under serious constraint and unable to financially sustain.

In the meeting we were assured by Secretary that he would be there to intervene if problem persists. We have written to the Secretary MOHFW through letter on 1<sup>st</sup> June (copy attached) and requested for meeting. In spite of repeated attempts, there has been no response.

Hospitals are under deep distress. They are unable to carry on. We request your kind intervention. As a fallout, long overdue payment from CGHS is proving to be deterrent for hospitals to come forward for empanelment to PMJAY.

Warm regards,

  
Dr. Girdhar Gyani  
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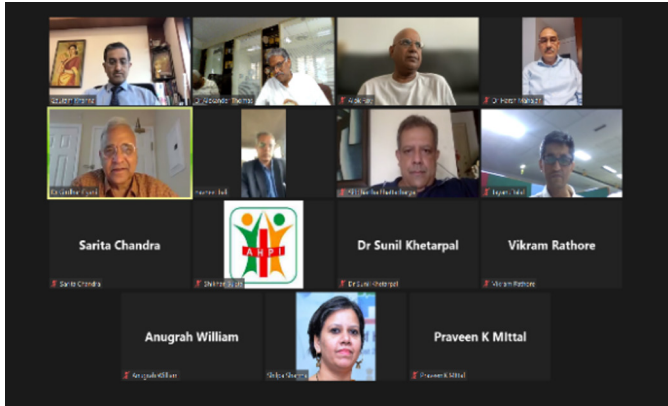
## AHPI & CGHS

AHPI is in constant touch with the Government on behalf of all the hospitals regarding the inordinate delay in reimbursements and also regarding low rates which have not been revised since 2014. A recent letter from CGHS working group [AHPI, IMA, FICCI, ASSOCHAM and NATHEALTH] to the Health Minister regarding the request to clear the dues, it was communicated from MOHFW that instructions have been given to ensure that all dues are paid within a months' time.

Recent letter to Hon'ble Health Minister regarding the outstanding dues

# AHPI & GST

With reference to the recent recommendations by the GST council to levy 5% GST on room rent [excluding ICU] charged for hospitalised patients where the hospital room charges are above Rs.5000 per day, AHPI on behalf of the Healthcare Associations Working Group have written a note to the Government of India. Subsequent to this AHPI had met the Union Health Secretary regarding the same. Also, AHPI was a part of a webinar hosted particularly on this subject.



Meeting with the Hospital Associations Working group



Meeting with the Union Health Secretary, MOHFW

## BSKY Odisha Rates v/s CGHS & PMJAY

With reference to the recent rates published by the BSKY scheme of Odisha, AHPI did a comparison study with the existing PMJAY rates, majority of the reimbursement rates were 93.96% [NABH] higher than PMJAY. NON NABH rates were 49.48% higher. We have written a letter to the CEO, NHA regarding the same with the comparison table for consideration. Also compared with CGHS scheme rates (which have remain unchanged since 2014) and BSKY had better rates.



Letter to CEO, NHA

**ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS - INDIA**  
Educating & Advocating for Well Being of Common Man

To: Shri. Debeshish Panda, Chairman, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), 26/07/2022

Dear Sir:

**Subject: Notification dated 20<sup>th</sup> July to Insurers and TPAs**

It has always been our collective endeavor to provide quality medical care while ensuring patient safety, which is a fundamental requirement in our efforts towards building a healthy India.

In line with this, after extensive discussion with all stakeholders IRDAI had issued guidelines in 2014 which mandates that "providers offering ambulatory services for allopathic treatment shall have with the pre-accreditation entry level standards laid down by National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) with a period of two years from the date of notification of these guidelines."

Please also note that NABH has prepared a guide book to help hospitals prepare for accreditation on their own, without need for expensive consultants. However, if needed, NABH can facilitate hand holding and guidance whenever required through partner organisations at a nominal fee.

Keeping above in view, the recent letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, empowering insurers to set their own standards for empanelled providers will surely have different criteria by insurers and therefore will lack uniformity and thereby it will not have same integrity and focus as patient safety as compared with certification by independent body like NABH. We therefore request you to reiterate the need for ensuring quality and patient safety in the empanelled hospitals, through an official communication from your end to the Insurers and TPAs to adhere to the requirement of NABH entry level pre-accreditation as a requisite for empanelment.

We are appending below the past communications in this regard for your kind perusal:

**Timeline of events leading to recommendation of NABH entry level certification as a prerequisite for empanelment with insurers and TPAs.**

1. Communication from Advisor, NIDP to member IRDAI regarding NABH accreditation as the basis for categorization of hospitals. - 24th September 2012
2. Presentation at IRDAI Forum - by Dr. Alex, on implementation of entry level standards as basic criteria for insurance empanelment. - 20th August 2014
3. Publication of Book on Guide to entry level accreditation by World Bank - 3rd May 2015
4. Meeting of Dr. Alex and Mr. Gopal, CEO, NABH with IRDAI Chairman to discuss regarding entry level certification as a prerequisite for empanelment. - 25th April 2016
5. IRDAI guidelines - Guidelines on Standardization in Health Insurance [Page 23, Chapter IV, b. All such providers offering ambulatory services for allopathic treatment shall meet with the pre-accreditation entry level standards laid down by National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) ] - 29th July 2016
6. Minutes of the 24th NABH Board meeting held on 28th June 2016, approved at the 25th NABH Board meeting held on 3rd November 2016.

Warm regards,

Dr. Alexander Thomas, President, AHPI | Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI

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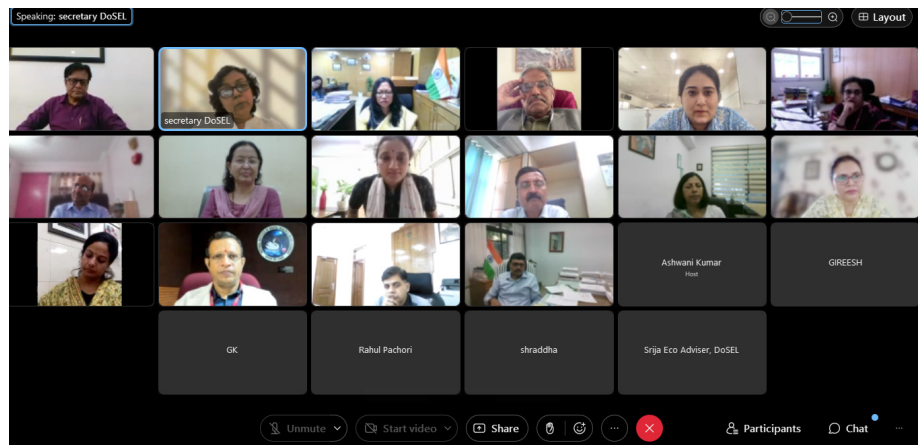
Letter to IRDAI

## AHPI's response to IRDAI regarding the recent notification to Insurers & TPA's

Regarding the recent notice from IRDAI empowering insurers to set their own standards, AHPI wrote a letter to IRDAI informing the existing body ie NABH which is available for empanelled providers and also the repercussions that will be created if this gets implemented. AHPI requested and reiterated the need for ensuring quality and patient safety in hospitals. An official communication was requested from IRDAI to the insurers and TPA's to adhere to the requirement of NABH entry level accreditation as a requisite for empanelment.

# Training Workshop for Teachers on Early Detection of Mental Stress/Illness in School Children with Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India.

AHPI is a member of the committee constituted by MOE in training teachers across the Country. Around 40 lakh teachers to be trained through the Government website Manodarpan. The final presentation of the modular handbook prepared by the members of the committee including AHPI was presented to the Secretary MoE and other Government officials. The launch of the handbook will be in September 2022. A pilot across many schools in India is planned and will be actioned shortly.

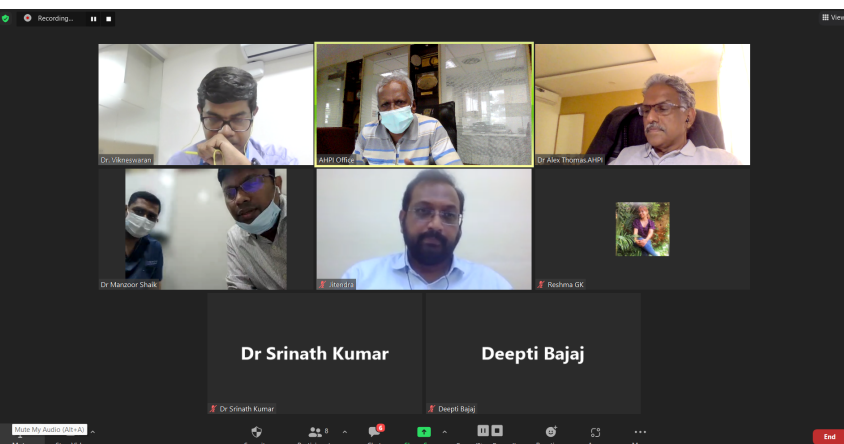


Meeting with the Secretary, MOE and other Government



## Health Quality Upgradation Enabled through Space Technology [QUEST]

### A study with ISRO – SEMI – AHPI



**Weekly Meetings of the Steering Committee including AHPI & ISRO Experts** and Non-NABH accreditation. Post intervention phase of the study has begun and have compiled the data from the hospitals. Experts have given their opinion regarding the same and a meeting with ISRO is being planned for the final presentation.

# Academics & Training

## MoU with Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC):

AHPI signed an MoU with RSLDC to develop and implement various skill-training programs sponsored by Government of Rajasthan and the Govt. of India. These skill development programs are designed to address the challenges of unemployment and ensuring gainful and sustainable employment to the youth of the state. AHPI will be involving all its member hospitals at Rajasthan for this initiative.



Signing of MoU with AHPI & Secretary, RSLDC



## Training of Candidates for the General Duty Assistant Advance Course:

**VISION 2022 SKILL INDIA**  
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You are cordially invited for the event

**Tuesday, September 6 @ 2.00 PM**  
Venue: Lalith Ashok Hotel Bengaluru

A partnership with AHPI Karnataka, ARTIST & HSSC to train and certify maternal care assistants across India and the pilot batch has commenced at Karnataka and 25 students have been certified by HSSC. A graduation ceremony scheduled on the 6th of September at Bengaluru.

## Training Centres – Finishing Schools

AHPI, Quess Corporation Limited and member hospitals have initiated finishing schools for Nurses in 5 States (North East, West Bengal, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu & Karnataka). The first batch has completed its training in Kolkata. This is a welcome initiative for other hospitals also.

# Training Workshops by AHPI



Certified Course for Infection Prevention Nurse Control (IPCN) by AHPI at Sure Tech Nursing College, Nagpur, 2022. Around 150 nurses were certified by AHPI.



Certified Course for Infection Prevention Nurse Control (IPCN) by AHPI at KIMS, Hyderabad

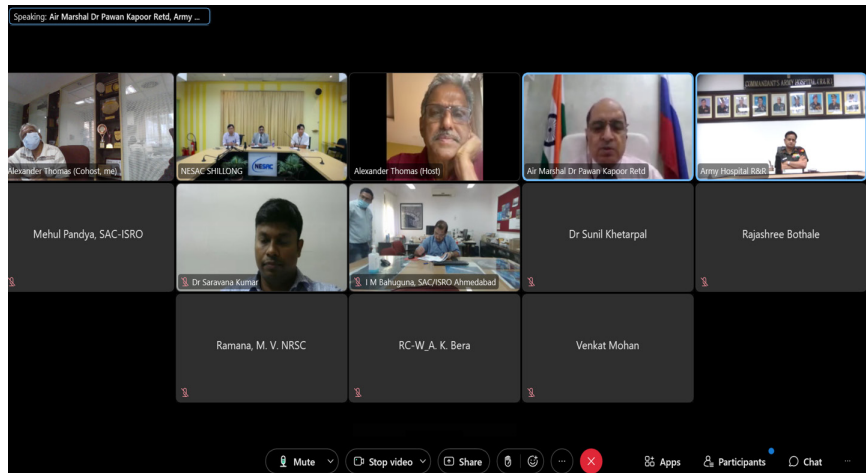


Certified Course for Infection Prevention Nurse Control (IPCN) by AHPI at Pune



## ISRO & AHPI

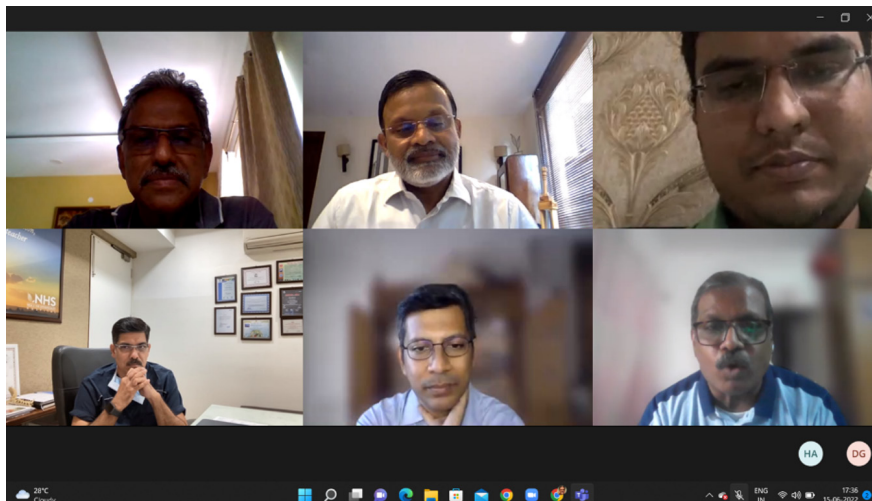
After the meeting with Chairman, ISRO & AHPI, it was decided to carry out 4 projects on various space technology applications that have relevance and will benefit the healthcare domain and the citizens of our Country. The identified projects are **1. National Health Resources Repository Project/ Geotagging applications** **2. Geospatial applications for managing Vector-borne diseases** **3. Air Quality Monitoring using Space inputs** **4. Climate related products under NICES Programme.** Committees have been formed and they have been instructed to come up with broad proposals for implementation over the next few days and then to present to ISRO.



Meeting with ISRO Team & AHPI

## Gates Foundation & AHPI

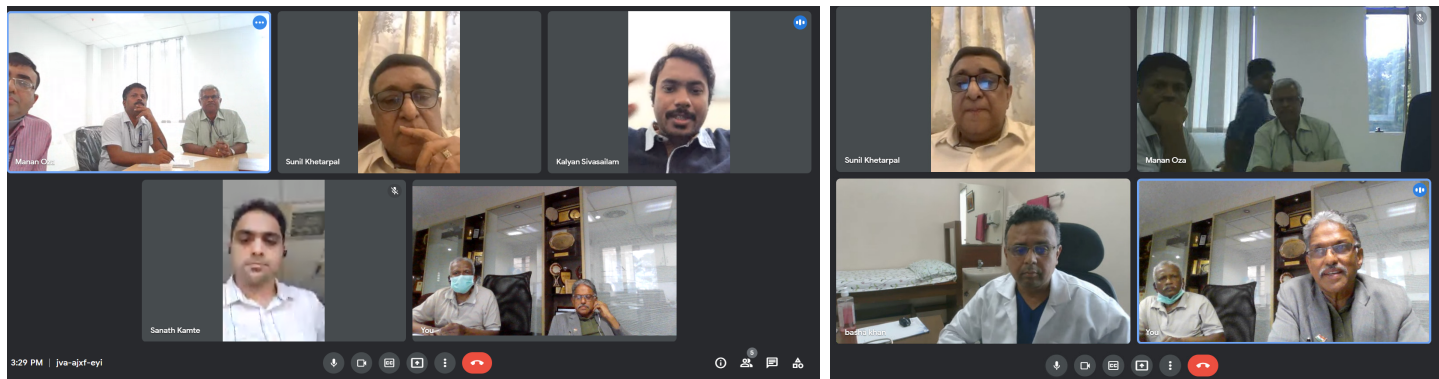
Gates foundation approached AHPI in preparing a new quality framework for healthcare providers. There were few data points requested by them and also to start a pilot across few member hospitals of AHPI. A committee was formed to get this done including Dr. Naveen Chitkara, Chair, Technology Committee of AHPI & Mr. Bernard of IBHAR who AHPI's technical partner. With reference to the discussions AHPI has submitted a proposal and awaiting reply from the foundation.



Meeting with Gates Foundation & AHPI

## DRDO & AHPI

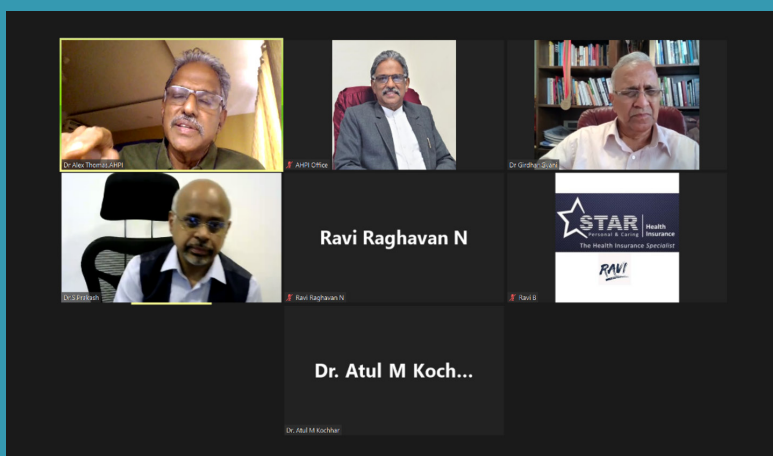
DRDO approached AHPI for two critical projects which they were helping the armed forces which will have a significant impact and requirement for the Indian healthcare setup. The two proposed projects were **Hand Held Ultrasound Machine & Organ transport Containers**. AHPI formed two committee for this to be executed and had an initial call with experts from DEBEL to know more about their projects and how efficiently it can be executed



Meeting with experts from DEBEL and AHPI committee members.

## International Patient Safety Goals [IPSG] - AHPI, Star Insurance & IBHAR

This initiative by AHPI, Star Insurance & IBHAR is aimed towards strengthening quality practices in healthcare settings by creating a measurable method that determines consistency of practice. The complete proposal is being submitted to star insurance and a pilot is being planned at few hundred hospitals who have tied up with star insurance. NABH officials have also being appraised of this initiative and the response is quite supportive.



Meeting with CEO-NABH, Star insurance and AHPI regarding IPSG Standards

## State Chapters of AHPI

AHPI today has 19 functional chapters in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi NCR, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra & Goa, North Zone, Northeast 1, Northeast 2, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal which has succeeded in galvanizing its member hospitals to work towards addressing local issues and providing inputs to the central body which helps them in liaising with the Government etc. The state chapter office bearers of AHPI meet once in a month and share their learnings, concerns and activities from their respective States.

## Andhra Pradesh Chapter



First Meeting of the Andhra Pradesh Chapter in 2022

## Bihar Chapter



Delegation with Deputy CM/Finance Minister of Bihar

## Delhi NCR Chapter



Executive Committee meeting of Delhi NCR

## Kerala Chapter

**ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS OF INDIA** **Conclave**  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 07.00 pm Online Platform

**Seminar on PROPHYLACTIC USE OF ANTIBIOTICS IN ELECTIVE SURGERY**

**Chairperson**  
Dr. M I Sahadulla  
President, AHPI Kerala Chapter  
Chairman, KIMSHEALTH

**Speaker:**  
Dr. A. Rajalakshmi  
DNB, FRCS, FICS, CIC  
Senior Consultant in ID & Group Lead - IHC, KIMSHEALTH

**Moderator:**  
Dr. Anand Marthanda Pillai  
Interventional Cardiologist and Director, Anambaguri Hospitals & Research Institute

**Discussants:**  
Dr. Arunkumar ML  
Gastro Surgeon, GG Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram  
Dr. Simi Haris  
Gynaecologist, Laparoscopic Surgeon & Infertility Specialist, SET Hospital, Pattom

**Dr. Mithun Murugan**  
Consultant in Internal Medicine and Director, PHS Hospital

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID : 947 2561 6254  
Passcode : 450683

Seminar on use of antibiotics in elective surgery organized by Kerala Chapter

## Karnataka Chapter

**A SOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS INDIA**  
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**DATE** SATURDAY 25Th June  
**TIME** 7pm IST

**DR SUSHIL JATHANNA**  
PRESIDENT, AHPI KARNATAKA CHAPTER

**DR PRASHANT KATAKOL**  
MODERATOR

**Karnataka Chapter**

**Capacity Building Program**

**FIRE SAFETY: A BURNING ISSUE FOR SMALL & MEDIUM SIZED HOSPITALS**

**Education**  
Masters Diploma in Offshore, Rig, Oil & Gas.  
Safety Engineering from Green World Group.  
Bachelor of Commerce from Dr. C V Raman University.  
Diploma in Fire & Safety Engineering from NIFE.

**SPEAKER**  
**ANTHONY RAJ**

**DR RASHMI SHRIVATSAVA**  
AHPI TRAINING COORDINATOR

**Topics To Be Covered:**  
1. Fire Safety Requirements in hospitals  
2. Main Causes of Fire  
3. Minimum Fire Safety Measures  
4. How to deal with Fire Incidents  
5. Training

Join Webinar on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89580513961?pwd=NG15ZVhxeZJlMm14Z0VmVzRzR2ZGwkdz09>

**Webinar on Fire Safety for Hospitals organized by Karnataka**



# North Zone Chapter

[Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir]



Webinar on

## Role of AHPI in India

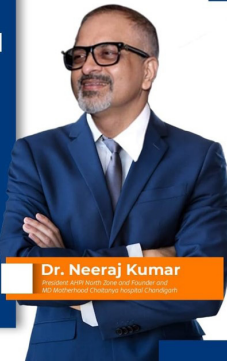
Association of Healthcare Providers (India)

Date: 29/07/2022  
Time: 11:00AM to 11:50AM

**Session details:**

- Live Introduction of webinar and welcoming the speaker by Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Vice-Chancellor, CUU
- Live Address on behalf of AHPI North Zone by Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Secretary North and Founder Director, Palla World, Chandigarh, India. (Specialist in Healthcare Industry)
- 40 min Expert talk on "Role of AHPI in India" by Dr. Neeraj Kumar, President AHPI North Zone
- Q&A Session

Organized by: Department of Physiotherapy, University Institute of Applied Health Sciences, Chandigarh University.



**Dr. Neeraj Kumar**  
President AHPI North Zone and Founder and M. Membership Operations, Palla World

Webinar on role of AHPI in India organized by North Zone Chapter

# Rajasthan Chapter



EC meeting and first organizing committee of the 2023 conclave

## AHPI Committees:

AHPI has constituted few committees with eminent experts of the medical fraternity to deal with certain issues and developments in the healthcare setup of our Country. The subject issues will be referred to the committee by AHPI Governing Body and based on the recommendations by the committee, the AHPI leadership will take up with respective government/ regulatory body etc. All the committees of AHPI meet monthly.

Link: <https://ahpi.in/AHPI-Committees.php>

## Policy Advisory Committee

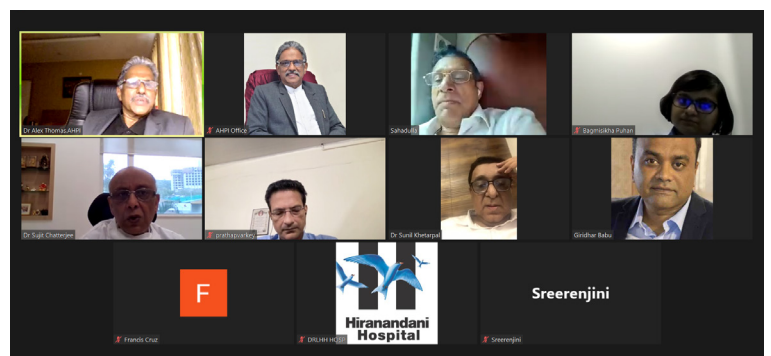
This is a new committee constituted to deal with policy level issues from time to time. Dr. Sujit Chatterjee, is the Convenor of this Committee and the members are Dr. M. I. Sahadulla, Dr. Guru Shankar S, Ms. Bagmishikha Puhan, Dr. Vikas Swarankar, Mr. Joy Chakraborty, Prof. O.V. Nandimath, Dr. Giridhara Babu. The recommendations submitted to the respective bodies till now are on NMC Registered Medical Practitioner [Professional Conduct] notice and regarding the implementation of GST in Healthcare.

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### POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Members of the Committee

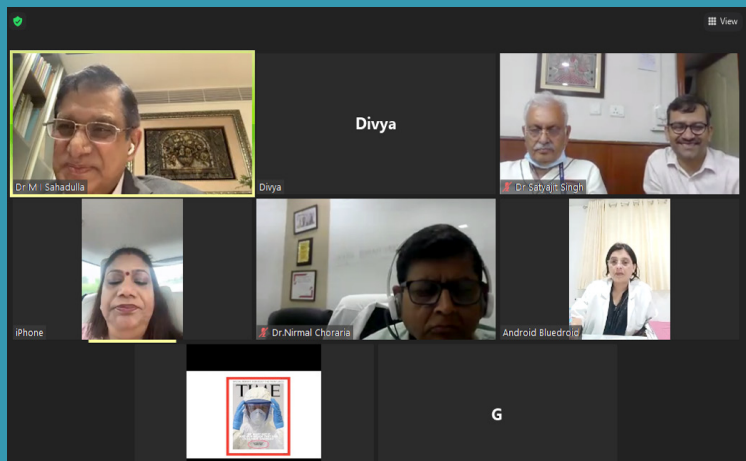


Meeting of the Committee members

## Ethics Committee

This committee chaired by Dr. M. I Sahadulla and other eminent members is the most progressive and impactful committee which meets every month diligently and helps our member hospitals with guidelines to be adopted etc. This committee is a destination to ethical principles in healthcare in our Country.

Link: <https://ahpi.in/Ethics-Committee.php>



## Publications

Along with other initiatives of AHPI for the community, we have several publications contributed by experts in the field which have been tailor made for medical professionals who contribute to the welfare of the medical industry. Also, we have new upcoming books which will be published this year.

Link : <https://ahpi.in/books.php>

## Upcoming Books:

### PERILS IN PRACTICE

**The Prevention of Violence  
Against Healthcare Professionals**



- Book in Perils of Practice: Preventing Violence against Healthcare Professionals
- In Sound Health – A Hand book on Sound, Music and Health
- Book on Technology in Healthcare
- Book on Elder care

## Upcoming Event

# AHPI GLOBAL CONCLAVE 2023

AHPI is hosting its 10th Global Conclave in February 2023 at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The theme of the conclave is "Integrative Model for Healthcare Delivery Focusing on Technology & Patient Wellbeing" which is in perfect synchronization with the objectives of AHPI of ensuring accessible quality healthcare to the Country. We are confident that the participants would immensely benefit from the deliberations. Welcome you all to Jaipur!

Link: <https://ahpi.in/AHPI-Global-Conclave-2023/>



## Other News and Involvements of AHPI

AHPI as an organization works with many stakeholders to ensure that its vision and mission are met, especially to support our society, community and common man, who needs healthcare at the most. AHPI also facilitates its members and partnering bodies to improve and to serve the community effectively and efficiently.



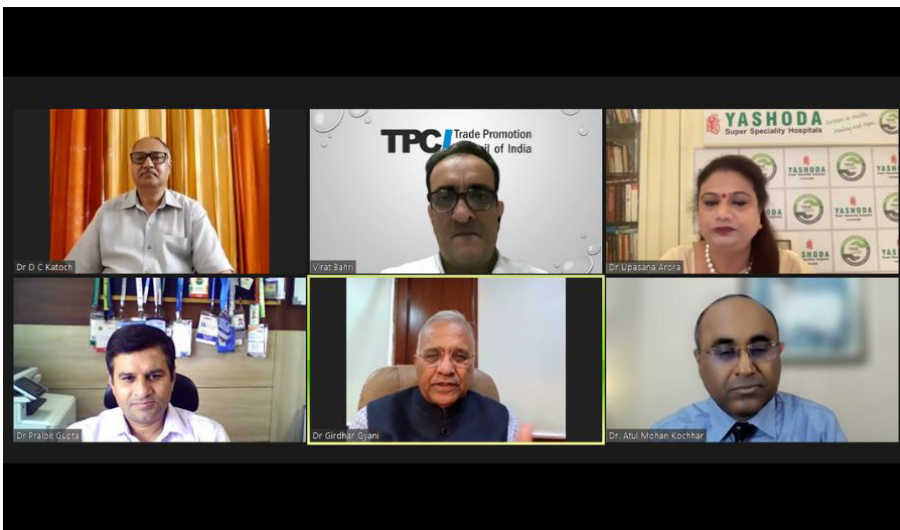
**AHPI at the NABH Strategy Meeting 2022**



**AHPI with President, National Board of Examinations [NBE]**



**AHPI with the President, IMA**



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