AHPI NEWSLETTER

APRIL TO JUNE 2024



From the **Desk of Director General**

I am happy to see the April-June quarterly newsletter, which has captured all the key events/ activities held during this period. Such newsletters serve as memoire for what has happened and become reference for action on unfinished tasks. This quarter has truly been very productive. The committees constituted for various domains have begun working with all the enthusiasm with measurable outcomes. These committees came based on decision taken in the last AGM held during AHPI conclave at Ahmedabad.

This quarter saw collaborating with some of important organizations. AHPI signed MOU with KOITA Foundation to promote digital health among our member hospitals. Another important MOU came by way of collaborating with Dementia India Alliance, by which AHPI will work to designate our member hospitals as Dementia Friendly Hospitals. This coincides with our resolve to work in issues affecting senior citizens and mental health being one of them. AHPI is also happy to note that government has accepted our recommendation to cover 70+ population under PMJAY.

AHPI was invited by Ministry of Finance through letter addressed to Dr. Alex to participate in round table discussion with Hon Finance Minister. I made detailed presentation in the meeting and hope that some of our recommendations will find way in the forthcoming annual budget.

AHPI continues to work in some of key issues like TB Stewardship program and impact of climate on human health. Prevention of Fire has assumed importance as we have been witnessing number of fire incidences across country. Realising that most of fire incidences are on account of electric short circuit, AHPI has tied up with 'National Federation of Engineers for Electrical Safety' to promote concept of undertaking regular Electrical Safety Audit in our hospitals.

Our state chapters are doing good work in undertaking advocacy issues with respective state governments. Chapters are also engaging with academic and capacity building activities. AHPI-TN organized AHPICON at Madurai, which was so well attended by 500+ delegates.

All in all AHPI is marching ahead with our motto; Educating & Advocating for Well Being of Common Man.

Best Wishes,

Dr. Girdhar Gyani,
Director General, AHPI



From the **Desk of the Editor**



Dear AHPI Members and industry experts,

Welcome to the latest edition of the AHPI Quarterly Newsletter, where we recapitulate the dynamic activities and achievements of the past quarter - April, May, and June 2024. This period has been marked by significant milestones across various fronts, underscoring AHPI's commitment to advancing healthcare excellence and achieving Universal Healthcare Coverage.

Firstly, I would like to wish all our heroes a Happy National Doctors' Day 2024. AHPI celebrates their achievements, acknowledge their sacrifices, and express our gratitude for their selfless service. On this Doctors Day, AHPI pays heartfelt tribute to Dr. B.C. Roy, a visionary leader and pioneer in Indian medicine.

Advocacy remains a cornerstone of AHPI's mission, and this quarter saw us intensifying efforts to influence policy makers and stakeholders towards sustainable healthcare improvements. We have actively campaigned for patient-centric policies, healthcare infrastructure enhancements, and equitable access to quality care.

Our initiatives and achievements have garnered extensive coverage in national and international media outlets. This visibility not only underscores AHPI's influence in the healthcare sector but also amplifies our advocacy efforts and highlights the impactful work of our members in advancing healthcare standards.

Collaboration has been instrumental in our progress. AHPI forged strategic partnerships with key stakeholders including governmental bodies, healthcare organizations, NGOs and industry leaders. These collaborations have facilitated knowledge exchange, resource sharing, and joint initiatives aimed at addressing pressing healthcare challenges and driving sustainable change.

AHPI's commitment to professional development was reaffirmed through a diverse array of training programs and capacity-building initiatives. The quarter witnessed a series of enriching events and webinars organized by AHPI and industry stakeholders.

AHPI's global footprint expanded with active participation in international events and collaborations. These engagements not only showcased our expertise on a global stage but also fostered cross-border dialogue and partnerships aimed at advancing healthcare innovation and best practices globally.

We take pride in celebrating the outstanding contributions of our Director General to the healthcare industry who was awarded with life time achievement award by ANEI and Dr Sahadullah, President, AHPI Kerala state chapter, who received life time achievement award by CAHO.

AHPI has constituted 6 national committees with representation from different states and external experts to work on the Roadmap of AHPI and address pressing needs and challenges in the healthcare sector and their solutions.

As we look ahead, AHPI remains steadfast in its mission to drive positive change in healthcare through advocacy, collaboration, and continuous learning. Together, we will continue to innovate and elevate healthcare standards for the benefit of all.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to AHPI's vision.

Best regards,



Dr Sunil K Khetarpal
Director, AHPI

Doctors Day 2024

As we celebrated National Doctors Day on 1st July, 2024, AHPI proudly recognizes the unwavering dedication and profound impact of healthcare professionals across the nation. This year, amidst unprecedented challenges, our doctors have exemplified resilience and compassion in delivering exceptional care to patients. Their tireless efforts, expertise, and commitment to advancing medical science inspire us all.



AHPI joins its members in honouring these heroes who continue to navigate complexities in healthcare, innovate for better outcomes, and uphold the highest standards of patient care. Let us celebrate their achievements, acknowledge their sacrifices, and express our gratitude for their selfless service

AHPI commemorates National Doctors Day 2024 with heartfelt appreciation and renewed determination to support our healthcare champions.

This day serves not only to honour the contributions of all Doctors but also to remember and celebrate the legacy of Dr. B. C. Roy.

Advocacy

AHPI – Pre Budget Consultation 2024, Ministry of Finance

AHPI was invited for the Pre Budget consultation 2024 – 2025 meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Finance, GOI . Few suggestions put forth by AHPI for consideration for healthcare were: Improving Health Infrastructure, Healthcare Human Resources, Promotive & Preventive Health, Strengthening of Geriatric Services and Dementia care, Emergency & Trauma Care, Mental Health Service at Taluk level, Restructuring of Insurance Sector, Telemedicine & Digital Health, Research and Innovation, Promoting Medical Tourism, GST and Grant of Industry status to the healthcare sector.



AHPI at the meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Finance, GOI



Antony Cyriac
Adviser

Department of Economic Affairs
Ministry of Finance
Government of India

D. O. No. 10(1)/Ec.Dn./2024

Dated: June 21, 2024

Dear Sir,

Hon'ble Finance Minister will be holding in-person Pre-Budget consultations with different stakeholders to solicit ideas and suggestions for the Union Budget, 2024-25. The meeting with **Social Sector (Education and Health)** is scheduled on **27th June, 2024 (Thursday, 04:00 PM to 06:00 PM)** at Room Number 72, North Block, New Delhi.

2. I shall be grateful if you kindly make it convenient to participate in the meeting, in person, and give your valuable observations and policy suggestions in 4-5 minutes. In case you are unable to participate in person, you may like to send a one-pager of your ideas at pbmeet-doe@nic.in

3. A line in confirmation of participation may be sent to pbmeet-doe@nic.in urgently. We look forward to your participation in the meeting.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Antony Cyriac)

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Invitation from Ministry of Finance to AHPI to attend the Pre Budget Consultation 2024

AHPI – Consumer Protection Act

Based on the recent Supreme Court deliberation regarding exemption of advocates from the purview of Consumer Protection Act for deficiency of services, it was requested to the MOHFW to bracket the doctors in the same category as they deliver services of professionals. Request was to exclude doctors from the ambit of CPA. AHPI also met the Chairman, NMC regarding the same.



Dr Gyani and Dr Alex met Dr Gangadhar, Chairman, NMC to discuss the applicability of CPA for doctors.



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To,
The Secretary
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

20-05-2024

Subject: Regarding Application of Consumer Protection Act for Doctors.

Dear Sir,

Greetings from Association of Healthcare Providers (India), which represent vast majority of Healthcare Providers and governed through 20-regional chapters covering entire India.

We are writing to draw your kind attention to the Hon Supreme Court deliberations of 14th May 2024, that advocates cannot be held liable under Consumer Protection Act 1986 (as re-enacted in 2019) for deficiency of services. The Court held that professionals have to be treated differently from persons carrying out business & trade.

Taking the same argument, it is our considered request to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, to bracket the doctors in the same category as they also deliver service as professionals like advocates. In face after 2019, there have been increasing number of cases filed against doctors. The end result of this has been exponential increase in treatment costs, mainly because of defensive medicine being practiced by the doctors.

We are enclosing detailed case for your kind perusal and request to exclude doctors from the ambit of consumer protection act, which will also be in larger interest of providing affordable healthcare to citizen at large.

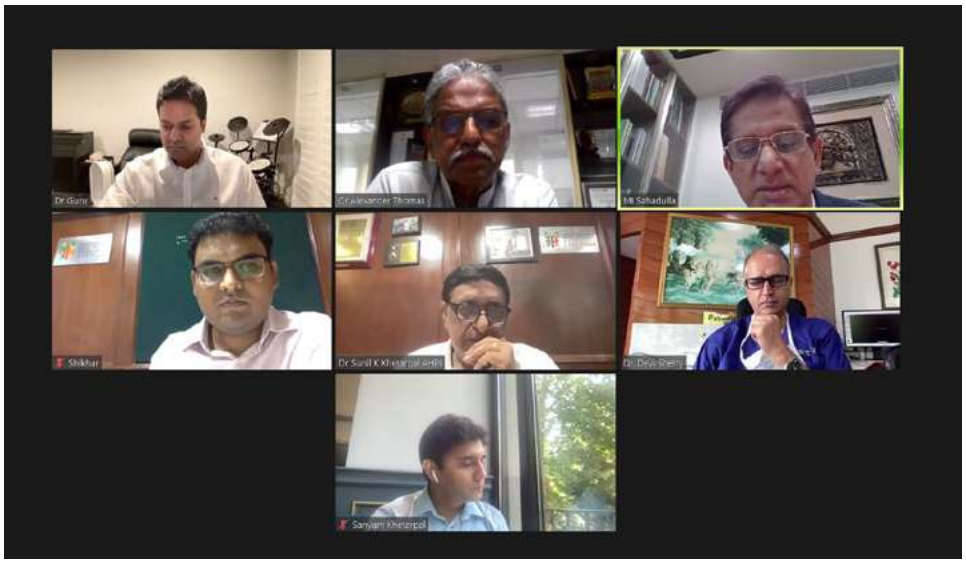
With Regards,

Dr. Girdhar Gyani
Director General – AHPI

CC: Hon'ble Minister, MOHFW: For Kind Consideration as above

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Letter to Secretary, MoHFW



AHPI Legal and Ethics Committee, Patrons, Leadership and Legal team met to discuss the applicability of Consumer Protection Act for doctors and exploring possibilities of Legal action against Hon Supreme Court Judgement on exemption of lawyers from the Act

AHPI – CGHS

AHPI continues its efforts in working with MOHFW regarding the issues with CGHS and latest developments that we could achieve because of our persistent efforts were:

1. Order released by CGHS regarding the pending claims to be processed at the earliest &

2. Extension of validity period of already empanelled hospitals to April 2025.

In the recent pre budget consultation meeting with the Union Finance Minister, AHPI had suggested to allocate budget for the reimbursements to hospitals through the Government Schemes so that it will be viable for hospitals to participate.

F. No./FTS No. 8127278/S-11045/36/2012/CGHS (HEC) / 859-70
Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Directorate of Central Government Health Scheme
CGHS Bhawan, Sector -13, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066
(Hospital Empanelment Cell)

CGHS Bhawan, R. K. Puram
Dated: 25 /04/2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Extension of validity period of already empanelled Health Care Organizations (HCO's) under CGHS w.e.f. 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025.

With reference to the above subject, attention is drawn to Office Memorandum dated 23rd October 2023, whereby empanelment of all existing empanelled Health Care Organizations was extended till 30th April 2024.

2. In this regard, it has now been decided to further extend the validity of empanelment of all those Health Care Organizations empanelled under CGHS, for a period of One year w.e.f. 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025 as per existing terms and conditions or till the finalization of terms and conditions of the next empanelment's whichever is earlier.

3. The Additional Directors, CGHS are advised to bring the contents of this letter to the notice of all empanelled HCOs.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

Signed by
Dr Satheesh Y.H.
Director, CGHS
Date: 25-04-2024 21:59:31

To

1. Addl. Director (HQ) / Addl.DDG (HQ), CGHS /All Additional Directors, CGHS Cities/Zones / MSD/Nodal officer, CGHS (MCTC).
2. All empanelled HCOs through Additional Director of concerned City.

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2. PPS to AS & DG, CGHS, MoHFW
3. PPS to JS, CGHS MoHFW

Copy for information

1. PS to Hon'ble HFM
2. PS to Hon'ble MoS, Health

Office memorandum – Reg pending claims

F. No. G. 28011/1/2010-CGHS-II (Pt.)
Govt. of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate of CGHS

CGHS Bhawan,
RK Puram Sector-13, New Delhi
Dated 26th April 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revised Timelines for submission of Hospital bills by Health Care Organizations under CGHS and processing on NHA Portal.

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of competent Authority for issue of revised Timelines and guidelines for submission bills pertaining to CGHS Pensioner beneficiaries by Health Care Organizations empanelled under CGHS and their processing on NHA Portal as per the details given under:

A: **Revised Timelines** to be followed by HCOs, CGHS and NHA with respect of claim submission on TMS:

Registration on Beneficiary Identification System (BIS)	02 days (48 Hours from actual admission)
Intimation by Health Care Organization (HCO)	02 days (48 hours from registration)
Query by PPD (Pre Auth Processing Doctor) regarding intimation by HCO.	03 hours of intimation by PPD (auto approved if no query within 03 hours
Response by HCO to query raised by PPD.	02 days (48 hours from query)
Discharge and claim initiation by HCO.	15 days (including holidays) from actual date of discharge or last date of completion of OPD procedure as per the duration mentioned in the referral slip or permission letter issued by CGHS/Govt specialist.
Query reply by HCO in the post claim submission period.	Normally 15 days. If no reply is received from HCO even after a period of 90 days from date of query, the bill will be settled/rejected on the basis of available documents. NHA shall ensure that bills are sent to the Sanctioning Authorities for processing.

B: **Condonation of delay** in submission of hospital bills online by the empanelled HCOs:

Office Memorandum – Extension of Validity Period

AHPI – Dementia Care

AHPI has been working in this important area of care since many years and now joining hands with Dementia India Alliance to build awareness, advocate dementia-related policies, and promote training and dementia-friendly practices in hospitals associated with AHPI.

DIA to come up with a standard document on Dementia Care which is proposed to be incorporated in the 6th Edition of NABH Standards.

DIA and AHPI collaborate on dementia-friendly hospitals criteria, training, implementation, and awards.



AHPI with CEO, NABH & Secretary, DIA



Meeting with President, DIA (Dementia India Alliance) & their Team at Delhi Office

AHPI – Grading of Hospitals, Quality Council of India [QCI]

AHPI since inception have been working with QCI and being the Chair of Technical Committee for the Grading of hospitals project we have been able to make significant progress and the final guidebook is scheduled to be released soon. Pilot assessments were conducted across few hospitals across the country and recently the technical committee met at Delhi to evaluate the progress made thus far.





Pilot Assessment at Down Town Hospital, Assam &. CMC, Vellore

AHPI –Grading of Hospitals, Quality Council of India [QCI]



Technical Committee meeting of QCI Hospital Grading Committee at Delhi

An AHPI Effort - Every Indian Citizen above aged 70 to get free healthcare



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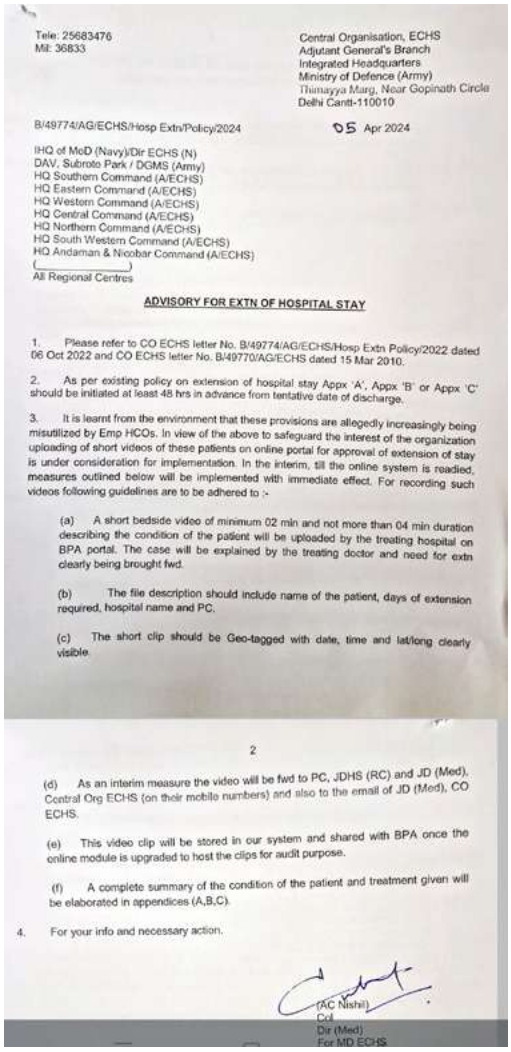
Every Indian aged above 70 to get free healthcare under govt scheme: President Murmu

Every Indian citizen aged above 70 years will be provided free treatment under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme, President Droupadi Murmu said on Thursday. The opening of 25,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country is also progressing at a fast pace, she added. President Murmu was addressing the joint sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in Parliament.

AHPI's recommendations to the GOI to include Older Adults under Ayushman scheme (Recommendations post National Health Conclave 2023 on Care of Older Adults)
AHPI raised concerns regarding senior citizens issues which was included in the election manifesto by the Government

An AHPI Effort – Advisory for Extension of Hospital Stay

With the constant follow up of AHPI, we were able to get and advisory issued for the extension of hospital stay for patients under ECHS empaneled hospitals.



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05 Apr 2024

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ADVISORY FOR EXTN OF HOSPITAL STAY

1. Please refer to CO ECHS letter No. B/49774/AG/ECHS/Hosp Extn Policy/2022 dated 06 Oct 2022 and CO ECHS letter No. B/49770/AG/ECHS dated 15 Mar 2010.

2. As per existing policy on extension of hospital stay Appx 'A', Appx 'B' or Appx 'C' should be initiated at least 48 hrs in advance from tentative date of discharge.

3. It is learnt from the environment that these provisions are allegedly increasingly being misutilized by Emp HCOs. In view of the above to safeguard the interest of the organization uploading of short videos of these patients on online portal for approval of extension of stay is under consideration for implementation. In the interim, till the online system is readied, measures outlined below will be implemented with immediate effect. For recording such videos following guidelines are to be adhered to :-

(a) A short bedside video of minimum 02 min and not more than 04 min duration describing the condition of the patient will be uploaded by the treating hospital on BPA portal. The case will be explained by the treating doctor and need for extn clearly being brought fwd.

(b) The file description should include name of the patient, days of extension required, hospital name and PC.

(c) The short clip should be Geo-tagged with date, time and lat/long clearly visible.

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(d) As an interim measure the video will be fwd to PC, JDHS (RC) and JD (Med), Central Org ECHS (on their mobile numbers) and also to the email of JD (Med), CO ECHS.

(e) This video clip will be stored in our system and shared with BPA once the online module is upgraded to host the clips for audit purpose.

(f) A complete summary of the condition of the patient and treatment given will be elaborated in appendices (A,B,C).

4. For your info and necessary action.

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Dir (Med)
For MD ECHS

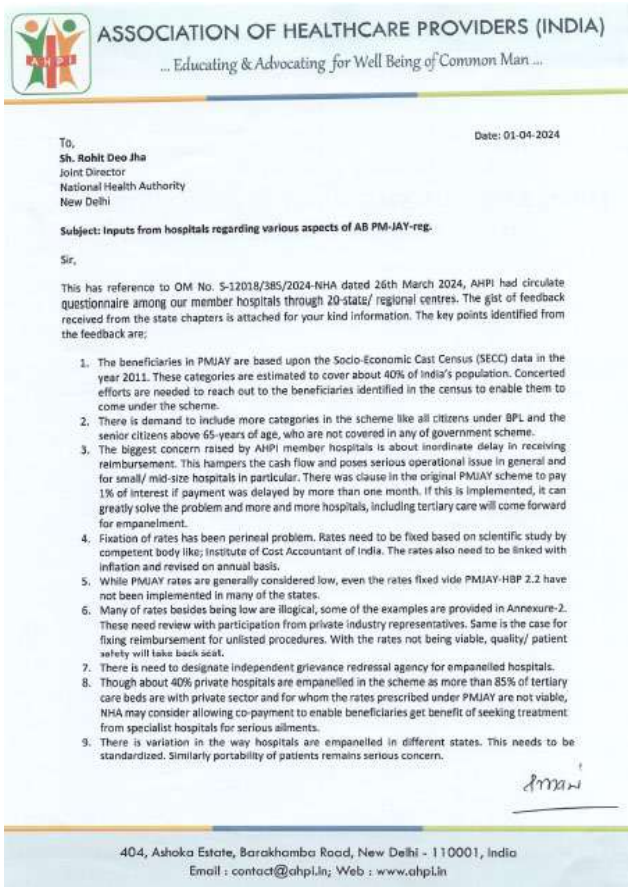




AHPI at World TB Day Celebrations at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon with THE UNION India

AHPI – National Health Authority [NHA]

AHPI's State wise Feedback and Suggestions on various aspects of AB PM JAY to the Committee on AB PMJAY, GOI, Chaired by Dr Vinod Paul, Member, NITI Aayog



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Date: 01-04-2024

To,
Sh. Rohit Deo Jha
Joint Director
National Health Authority
New Delhi

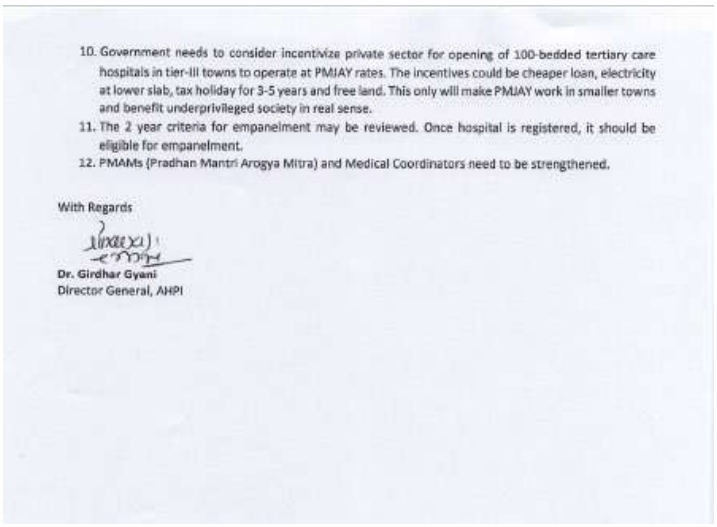
Subject: Inputs from hospitals regarding various aspects of AB PM-JAY-reg.

Sir,

This has reference to OM No. S-12018/385/2024-NHA dated 26th March 2024, AHPI had circulate questionnaire among our member hospitals through 20-state/ regional centres. The gist of feedback received from the state chapters is attached for your kind information. The key points identified from the feedback are;

1. The beneficiaries in PMJAY are based upon the Socio-Economic Cast Census (SECC) data in the year 2011. These categories are estimated to cover about 40% of India's population. Concerted efforts are needed to reach out to the beneficiaries identified in the census to enable them to come under the scheme.
2. There is demand to include more categories in the scheme like all citizens under BPL and the senior citizens above 65-years of age, who are not covered in any of government scheme.
3. The biggest concern raised by AHPI member hospitals is about inordinate delay in receiving reimbursement. This hampers the cash flow and poses serious operational issue in general and for small/ mid-size hospitals in particular. There was clause in the original PMJAY scheme to pay 1% of interest if payment was delayed by more than one month. If this is implemented, it can greatly solve the problem and more and more hospitals, including tertiary care will come forward for empanelment.
4. Fixation of rates has been perineal problem. Rates need to be fixed based on scientific study by competent body like; Institute of Cost Accountant of India. The rates also need to be linked with inflation and revised on annual basis.
5. While PMJAY rates are generally considered low, even the rates fixed vide PMJAY-HBP 2.2 have not been implemented in many of the states.
6. Many of rates besides being low are illogical, some of the examples are provided in Annexure-2. These need review with participation from private industry representatives. Same is the case for fixing reimbursement for unlisted procedures. With the rates not being viable, quality/ patient safety will take back seat.
7. There is need to designate independent grievance redressal agency for empanelled hospitals.
8. Though about 40% private hospitals are empanelled in the scheme as more than 85% of tertiary care beds are with private sector and for whom the rates prescribed under PMJAY are not viable, NHA may consider allowing co-payment to enable beneficiaries get benefit of seeking treatment from specialist hospitals for serious ailments.
9. There is variation in the way hospitals are empanelled in different states. This needs to be standardized. Similarly portability of patients remains serious concern.

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10. Government needs to consider incentivize private sector for opening of 100-bedded tertiary care hospitals in tier-III towns to operate at PMJAY rates. The incentives could be cheaper loan, electricity at lower slab, tax holiday for 3-5 years and free land. This only will make PMJAY work in smaller towns and benefit underprivileged society in real sense.
11. The 2 year criteria for empanelment may be reviewed. Once hospital is registered, it should be eligible for empanelment.
12. PMAMs (Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitra) and Medical Coordinators need to be strengthened.

With Regards

Dr. Girdhar Gyani
Director General, AHPI

Letter to Joint Director NHA with inputs from Hospitals

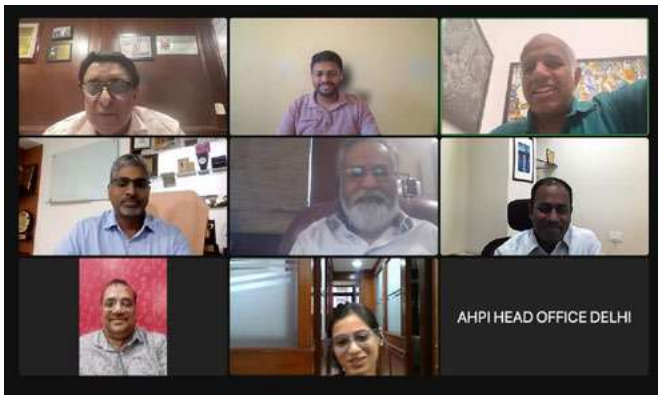
AHPI COMMITTEES

AHPI has constituted 6 committees with representation from different states to address the Roadmap of AHPI and pressing needs and challenges in the healthcare sector and their solutions.

These committees meet regularly to discuss and address various issues in different sectors of healthcare in line with the association's objectives.

AHPI Committees:

1. Policy & Advocacy Committee
2. Legal and Ethics Committee
3. Scientific Committee
4. Training, Education & Skill Committee
5. Health Insurance Committee (Public and Private)
6. Digital Health Committee



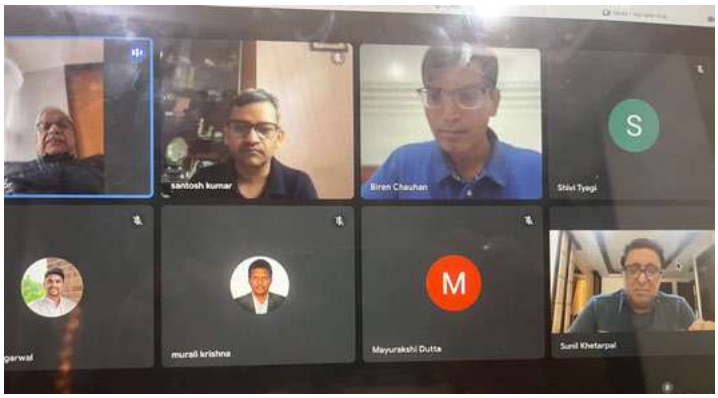
First Meeting of AHPI Digital Health Committee



First Meeting of AHPI Health Insurance Committee (Public and Private)



First Meeting of the AHPI Scientific Committee



First Meeting of the AHPI Policy Advocacy Committee

MOU

Signing of MoU with Koita Foundation & AHPI.

DHMC (Digital Health Master Class) developed by PwC and Koita Foundation in association with AHPI will go a long way in enhancing knowledge and understanding of Digital Health and its business benefits among hospital owners and leaders of AHPI members Pan India.





With Mr. Rizwan Koita, Co Founder & Director of Koita Foundation and Chairperson, NABH with his Team and AHPI Leadership Team

Training



AHPI organized Nursing Directors and Principals Meet from across the country, for preparing Concept Notes - Clinical Pathways in Nursing at Amrita Hospital





IPCN training at Suretech College of Nursing, Nagpur



Clinical Audit Training at Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Jaipur

Award



Dr Girdhar Gyani, DG AHPI received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Association of Nurse Executives India (ANEI) at Chennai during ANEI Conclave 2024.



Dr. Sahadulla President. Kerala Chapter conferred with the CAHO Life Time Achievement Award 2024

International





HKTDC Team at Delhi and AHPI at the Asian Summit on Global Health and Trade Exhibition at Honkong





AHPI at the HKTDC Asian Summit on Global Health and Trade Exhibition – Hongkong

Collaborations



AHPI with Secretary General, QCI, discussion on fortifying the longstanding association.



Meeting with CEO NABH - collaboration for Climate Change through the Healthcare sector. Partners for this initiative would be NABH, AHPI, HELP and PHFI



AHPI founding Members of Vayah Vikas an organisation for the well being of Older Adults at their 3rd Year Anniversary at Bengaluru. Dr. Devi Shetty, Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Dr. Alex and others were present.



Dr Girdhar Gyani meeting with Dr Pratap C Reddy at Chennai



AHPI Meeting with Indian Institute of Science [IISc] in advancing knowledge and practices in lifestyle Medicine.



Fire Safety Training conducted by IFE, organized by IMA & facilitated by AHPI at Dr BD Attam Hospital in Delhi.



Dr Girdhar Gyani with world renowned and distinguished Cardiac Surgeon Dr KM Cherian, Professor of Professors, who performed India's first coronary artery bypass surgery and first heart Lung transplant. He is considered a pioneer of pediatric cardiac surgery in the country



AHPI meeting with ISHRAE [Indian Society for Heating, Refrigerating and Air conditioning Engineers]

IFE-AHPI Voluntary Fire Inspection Scheme for Hospitals



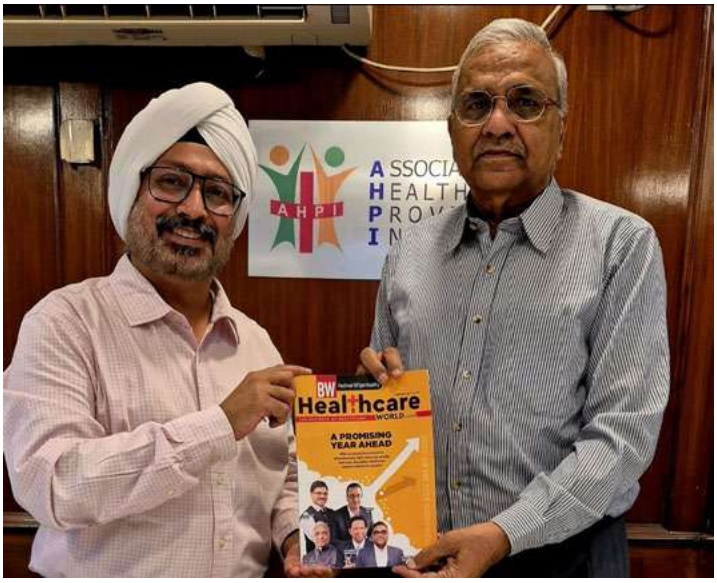
Successful Inspection at CMC Vellore



LGS Assurance Pvt Ltd – Fire Safety Agency

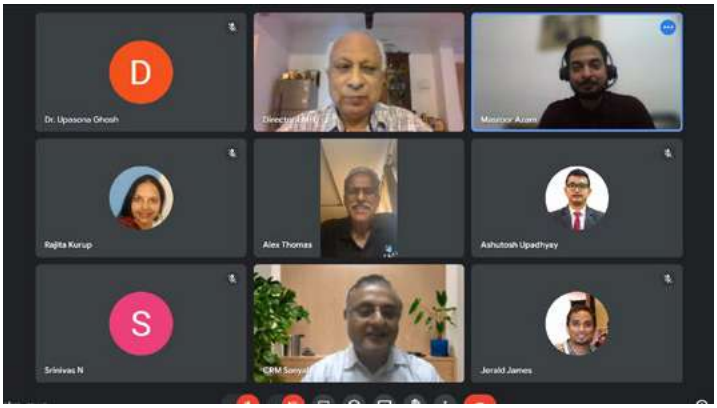


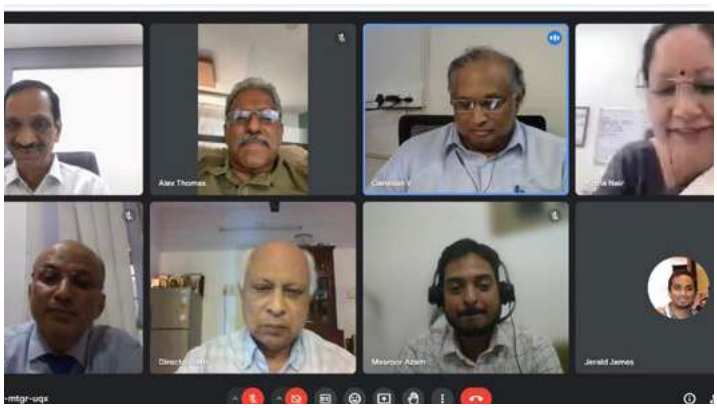
AHPI at the Implementation of the Anti TB Stewardship program community led activity at Amrita Hospital by USAID.





AHPI with the CEO, BW Healthcare





AHPI – Chair, Health Environment Leadership Platform [HELP] an Initiative by PHFI, meeting with Experts and State Coordinators.



AHPI at the launch of Swedish Healthcare Consortium in India



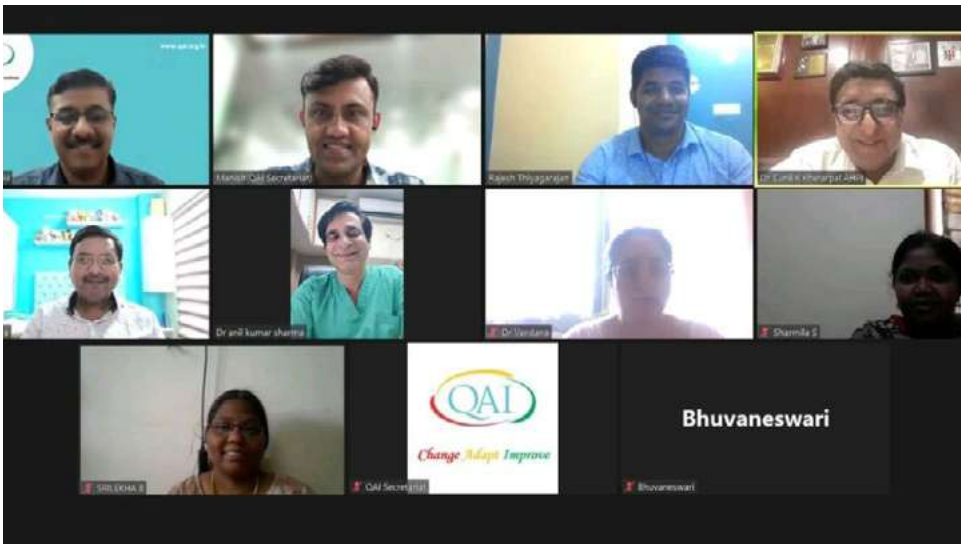
AHPI Leadership at the new Glenegales Hospitals, Bengaluru



AHPI with Vitraya Technologies & Global Spin

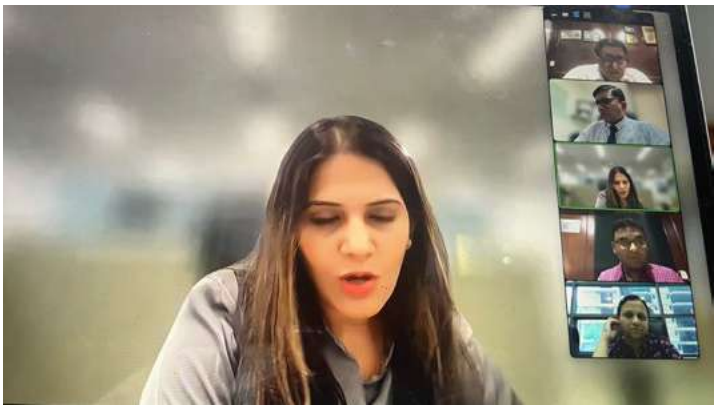


AHPI - Exploring new technology in Ultrasound Examinations



AHPI at Internal Auditor Training on ISO 7101:2023 conducted by QAI





AHPI Central Team and Gujarat chapter Meeting on "AHPI-QCI Pilot project" on sensitization of small hospitals in tier 2 and tier 3 cities on Quality Improvement and NABH Pre entry level standards in Gujarat

State Chapter Activities

Jharkhand



President Jharkhand Chapter met with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand

Karnataka Chapter



Webinar by AMC & AHPI KA chapter on Ethical Legal and Judicial Perceptive in Healthcare

Madhya Pradesh



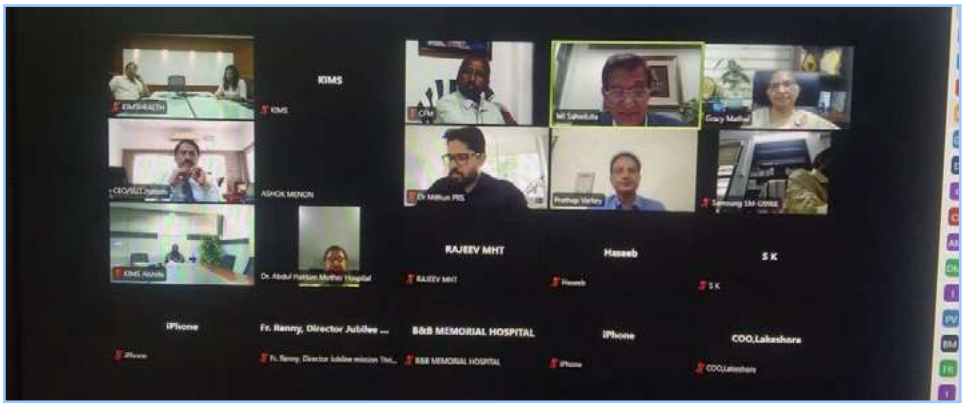


MP Chapter EC Meeting and AHPI MP at Medico-Legal Summit 2024 organized by UPCHAR & MLAG at Jaipur



Dr. Hajela, President, MP Chapter with Dy CM and Health and Medical Education Minister

Kerala



Virtual Executive Committee Meeting

AHPI NE 2 [Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh]



Executive Committee Meeting



5th Monthly Chapter Meeting



AHPI Manipur Chapter raises alarm over increasing violence against healthcare providers

IT News
Imphal, June 13:

The Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI), Manipur chapter, has voiced serious concerns over a recent surge in violence and intimidation targeting healthcare providers and hospital staff in Manipur. The association stressed that patients and their relatives who are dissatisfied with hospital treatment should seek redress through appropriate hospital authorities rather than resorting to aggressive behavior.

In cases involving complications or fatalities during treatment, AHPI Manipur Chapter advised the public to pursue legal action against the healthcare providers or hospitals instead of engaging in acts of violence within hospital premises. They warned that ongoing violence could create an environment of fear among healthcare providers, diminishing their willingness to handle complex cases. This, they cautioned, might lead to a significant number of patients seeking medical treatment outside the state.

The AHPI Manipur Chapter has made an earnest appeal to the Government of Manipur and its law enforcement agencies to address the rising violence against healthcare providers. They also expressed hope that normalcy would return to the state as soon as possible.

News on Violence against Healthcare Providers

Rajasthan







Nursing Gurukul 2024 Programme by Rajasthan Chapter

Tamil Nadu



EC members met with the Hon'ble Health Minister of Tamil Nadu









AHPICON 2024 organized by TN Chapter at Madurai, an event which marked a tremendous success

UP & UK Chapter



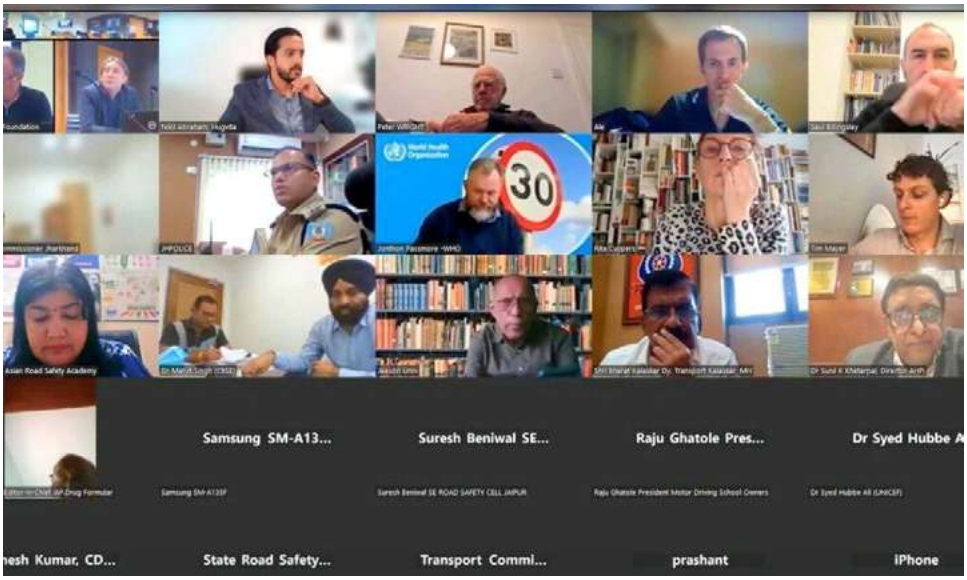
UP & UK Chapter representation at the Advisory Committee of the National IVF Summit Awards 2024

Conclaves/Workshops/Webinars

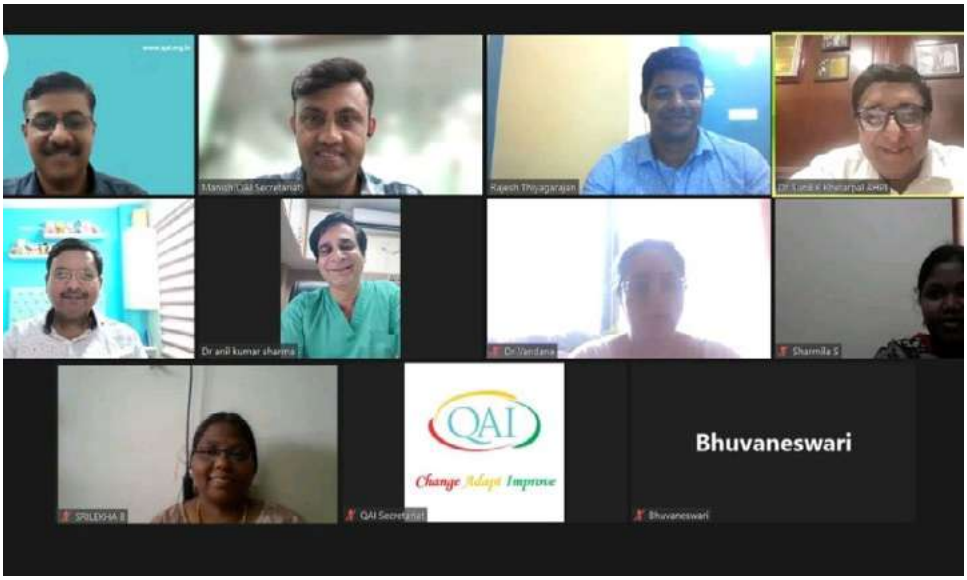




AHPI at the CAHOCON 2024



AHPI at a workshop on Child Occupant Safety in Low and Middle Income Countries organised by Hugvita, Germany



AHPI at the workshop organised by QAI on the topic "ISO Healthcare management systems for quality in healthcare organisations – requirements"



Consultative Workshop on Landscape Analysis of Quality of Care in PM-JAY Hospitals organized by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in partnership with CAHO



Leadership Conclave on Healthcare Sustainability and Climate Action | Hyderabad





AHPI at the Inauguration of the India Health Exhibition and Conference at IICC Dwarka.





AHPI at the India Health Conference at IICC Dwarka.



AHPI at Ethics and Compliance Workshop organized by AdvaMed & Corporate Law Group







AHPI Chief Guest at the Conclave organised by Grameen Foundation of India in "Driving Vaccination Confidence through Social Media Innovations"



AHPI at the webinar on Prevention of Electrical Fire in Hospitals by NFE





AHPI representing India at a Webinar of Southeast Asian Countries on "Addressing Common Occupational Health Challenges" organised by MIMS Education





AHPI at the Nursing Conclave 2024 organised by Sarvodaya Hospital, Faridabad



AHPI at the GMEC (Global Medical Exhibition and Conference 2024)



AHPI – At the Women's Health India Conference

News and Media



HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Frustrated with PMJAY payment delay, AHPI seeks 1% interest

May 02, 2024

Frustrated with delayed reimbursement of treatment done for the Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries, the countrywide network of private hospitals has reached



AHPI - Interview with Business Today after the Pre Budget Consultation 2024 with Hon'ble Finance Minister



Ensuring excellence: Upskilling and regular assessments for healthcare professionals

ET News Bureau — Apr 19, 2024

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Dr Girdhar Gyani, Director General, Association of Healthcare Providers (AHPI) talks about the role of upskilling and regular assessments for healthcare professionals



SPECIAL INSIGHTS

Transformative trends shaping Pharma logistics in India

Dr. Sunil K. Kheruka, Director, Association of Healthcare Providers (India), reflects on the evolution of pharma logistics in India, highlighting advancements driven by technology, regulatory compliance, and collaborative partnerships.

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DR SUNIL K KHERUKA
Director, Association of Healthcare Providers (India)

PHARMA COMPANIES COLLABORATE WITH LOGISTICS PARTNERS TO STREAMLINE OPERATIONS AND BOOSTER CUSTOMER SATISFACTION



Lok Sabha Result 2024: AHPI को नई सरकार से स्वास्थ्य व्यय में वृद्धि की अपेक्षाएं

Making healthcare inclusive for all ages

ALEX THOMAS

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has taken a significant step towards enhancing healthcare access for all age groups by removing the age cap on purchasing health insurance policies starting April 1, 2024. This move marks a pivotal moment in the insurance sector, making healthcare coverage more inclusive and accessible to individuals of all ages. In a bid to cater to the diverse needs of different age groups, insurers are now mandated to offer customized health insurance products, with a special focus on providing tailored policies for seniors.

Recognizing the unique healthcare requirements of senior citizens, the IRDAI has directed insurers to create demographic-specific policies for this age group and handle their claims separately. In a commendable move towards promoting inclusivity and ensuring financial security for seniors, insurers are now prohibited from denying policies based on severe medical conditions. Furthermore, the regulatory authority has reduced the waiting period for pre-existing conditions from 48 to 36 months, facilitating quicker access to comprehensive health coverage for individuals with existing health concerns. In a shift towards a more beneficial approach, insurers are now required to provide benefit-based policies instead of indemnity-based ones, aligning insurance offerings with the evolving needs of policyholders.

The IRDAI's proactive stance towards reforming the health insurance landscape in India is further evidenced by the establish- demographic to incorporating innovative features such as coverage for homecare treatment and outpatient department (OPD) services and the removal or reduction of GST for these policies.

By implementing these recommendations, the government and IRDAI can significantly enhance the quality of healthcare services available to senior citizens. The introduction of wellness and preventive care benefits can empower seniors to prioritize their health and well-being, leading to improved health outcomes and potentially reducing the need for costly medical interventions. Promoting insurance coverage for recognised alternative forms of medicine such as Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) can offer seniors additional avenues for managing their health conditions and enhancing their overall quality of life.

In addition, leveraging digitisation to control healthcare costs can drive efficiencies in service delivery and lower financial burdens for senior citizens. Another suggestion to the government is to include seniors in the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) programme to ensure that they have access to essential healthcare services and financial protection, especially during medical emergencies. This underscores the government's commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of senior citizens.

As the older adult population in the country commends the IRDAI and the government for their progressive initiatives in the healthcare sector, it is imperative that the remaining recommendations put forth by the Health Insurance Consultative Committee are swiftly implemented. The

Dr Naresh Trehan honoured as one of 'Seven Legends' by International Congress of Cardiac Surgery

Dr Trehan's inclusion among the 'Seven Legends' acknowledges his significant role in pioneering contributions to advancing cardiac surgery. The presentation of this award took place in Athens, Greece, at the Old Parliament of Greece, among the other reputed doctors across the glo

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आधार पर किया जाता है।

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लुधियाना| प्राइवेट हॉस्पिटल व नर्सिंग होम एसोसिएशन(पीएचएएनए) द्वारा दो हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस कंपनियों को इंश्योरेंस रेगुलेटरी व डेवलपमेंट अथॉरिटी(आईआरडीए) दिशानिर्देशों के उल्लंघन का हवाला देते हुए औपचारिक रूप से कानूनी नोटिस जारी किया है। पीएचएएनए के प्रधान डॉ. विकास छाबा और सेक्रेटरी डॉ. दिव्यांशु गुप्ता ने कहा कि बिना उचित कारण के अस्पतालों की मनमानी ब्लैक लिस्टिंग को लेकर यह नोटिस जारी किया गया है। यह निर्णय पीएचएएनए पंजाब की कोर समिति की बैठक में लिया गया। एसोसिएशन के सदस्यों के मुताबिक इंश्योरेंस कंपनियों के अधिकारियों के साथ मीटिंग भी हुई लेकिन सिर्फ आश्वासन दिया गया और वायदे पूरे नहीं किए गए। इसी को देखते हुए कानूनी कार्रवाई का रास्ता अपनाया गया। सदस्यों ने कहा कि यह बीमा कंपनियां नीति बहिष्करण के बारे में मरीजों को गुमराह करती हैं, प्रतिस्पर्धी बने रहने के लिए कम प्रीमियम वाली नीतियां पेश करती हैं। जब इंश्योरेंस के लिए दावे भेजे जाते हैं, तो ये कंपनियां अक्सर उन्हें अस्वीकार करने के कारण ढूंढती हैं। जो अस्पताल इन नियमों का विरोध करते हैं, उन्हें ब्लैक लिस्टिंग की धमकी दी जाती है, जिससे वे पालन करने के लिए मजबूर हो जाते हैं। आईआरडीए दिशानिर्देश अधिकतम संख्या में अस्पतालों को सूचीबद्ध करने का आदेश देते हैं ताकि निवासियों को कैशलेस चिकित्सा सेवाएं मिल सकें। इन निर्देशों के उल्ल कंपनियां इंश्योरेंस दावा भुगतान को कम करने के लिए ब्लैकलिस्ट कर रही हैं। सदस्यों ने कहा कि अगर ये कंपनियां हमारी मांगों का पालन नहीं करती हैं, तो पीएचएएनए पंजाब द्वारा सर्वसम्मति से इन बीमाकर्ताओं का पूरे पंजाब में बहिष्कार किया जाएगा।



NO HURDLES: Youngsters make a U-turn to skip challan by traffic

Record 85% in MP are now 'Ayushman'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh has achieved a remarkable milestone under the Ayushman Yojana by creating Ayushman cards for over four crore eligible citizens, setting a new record in the country, according to a press release here on Thursday.

This achievement solidifies Madhya Pradesh's position as the leading state, with 85% of eligible citizens now possessing Ayushman cards. The state's dedication to the scheme's implementation has ensured that at least one Ayushman card has been issued to 99.8% of eligible families, official said.

The success of the Ayushman Yojana in Madhya Pradesh can be attributed to the tireless efforts of Asha, ANM, Rojgar Sahayak and other frontline health workers who have played a vital role in reaching this milestone. Their dedication has resulted in more than 99% of Ayushman cards being verified through Aadhaar eKYC, ensuring the authenticity and accuracy of the beneficiary data.

Ayushman Bharat Yojana, a flagship healthcare scheme launched by the union government, has been successfully implemented in Madhya Pradesh. As a result, more than 19 lakh eligible citizens have benefited from over 40 lakh quality treatments provided under the scheme.

This has significantly improved access to healthcare services for the underprivileged sections of society, ensuring that no one is left behind in receiving necessary medical care.

The achievement of creating Ayushman cards for 4 crore citizens in Madhya Pradesh is a testament to the state government's commitment to the well-being of its people, he added.

By prioritizing the implementation, MP has taken a step towards ensuring universal health coverage and reducing the financial burden on families seeking medical treatment.

CARDS CREATED

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MP	4,00,11,302
Bihar	2,91,35,831
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Guj	2,54,24,947
CG	2,18,71,414
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Shortage of nurses in India, their emigration for jobs abroad cause of worry: Experts

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India already faces a poor nurse-population ratio and the situation is set to worsen with nurses emigrating to other countries in large numbers, doctors and medical experts have observed, noting this creates a big gap in addressing the country's healthcare needs.

The experts issued a joint statement here, expressing concerns over the shortage of nurses in the country.

Citing figures from the regulatory body Indian Nursing Council, Association of Healthcare Providers (India) director general Dr Girdhar Gyani said there are more than 33 lakh nursing personnel registered in the country but this figure is dismal given India's 1.3 billion population.

With 1.96 nurses per 1,000 population, India falls short of the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended rate of three nurses per 1,000 population, he said.

Director of the Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals, Dr Shuchin Bajaj said, "While the shortage of nurses and their massive emigration to foreign countries is a cause for worry, there is a need to train them at home, especially amid the advent of health tech and other technologies."

"The challenges are more persistent in Tier-2 and 3 cities, where there is a lack of a trained healthcare force despite the establishment of state-of-the-art hospitals or health facilities. Apart from that, the nursing community also looks forward to greater support from the government," he added.

While it is the need of the hour to focus on increasing the skilled workforce, it is equally important to invest in upskilling the existing workforce, Dr Gyani added.

"By arming our nurses with advanced training and specialised knowledge, we don't just fill staffing gaps, we unlock a cascade of benefits: better patient care, reduced healthcare costs and happier and motivated nurses," he added.

Speaking on the role of nurses in educating communities about eye health and disease prevention, Dr Rishi Raj Borah, country director at Orbis (India), said nurses work closely with patients and connect with them based on their knowledge of things beyond medical records.

By organising educational workshops, school screenings and community awareness campaigns, nurses can effectively disseminate essential information on eye health, he added.

Membership

Individual Membership Link

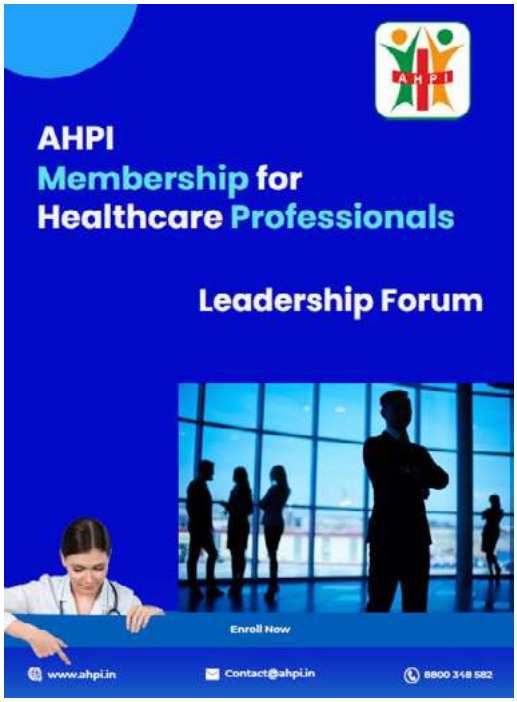
https://www.ahpi.in/join-ahpi/

AHPI Opens Up Membership for Individuals

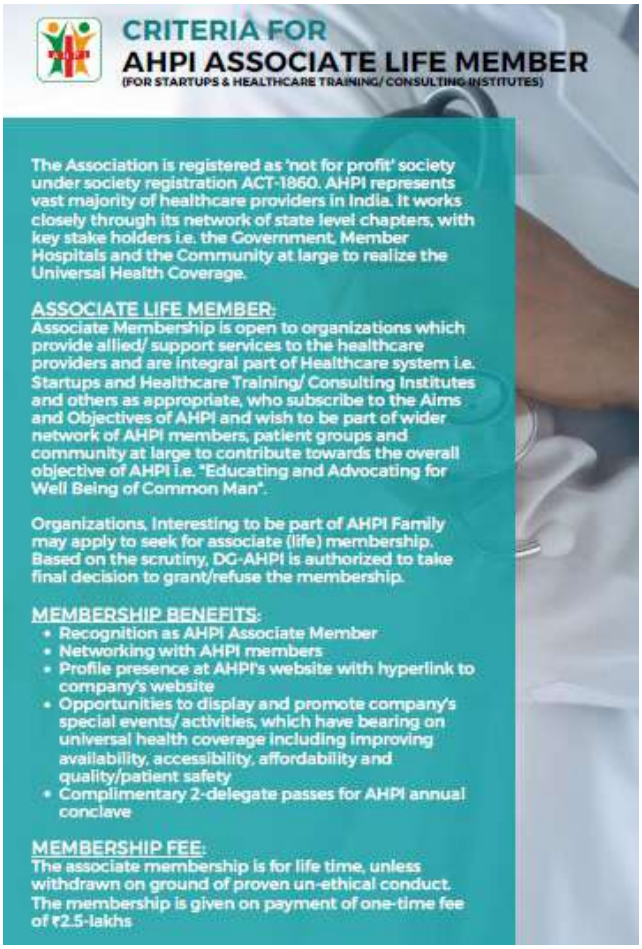
There has been persistent demand that we should have AHPI membership for individuals, which can enable them to network with larger segment of professionals spread across entire membership of AHPI hospitals. Keeping that in view, AHPI launched Leadership Forum, whose membership is opened for all categories of healthcare professionals including but not limited to doctors, nursing staff, administration, HR, finance, purchase, information technology, facility etc.

Keeping above in view and to begin with I request all state EC members to take membership of the FORUM and also promote same among all member hospitals. **We have decided to provide 50% rebate for those taking Life Membership before 30th September 2024.** It will also enable them to have complimentary registration for 2nd Leadership Summit, scheduled for 28th September 2024 at Hotel Hilton CHENNAI.

Dr Girdhar Gyani, DG-AHPI



Associate Life Membership



Upcoming Events

Leadership Summit



NHC 2024


ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS INDIA
National Health Conclave 2024
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Scudder Auditorium
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Vellore [CMC Vellore]
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• Healthcare professionals
• Nutritionists
• NGOs engaged in healthcare
• Students from medicine, management & allied health
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