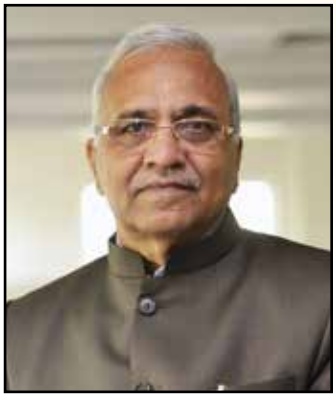
FOREWORD



As we step forward in our collective journey to advance healthcare delivery and achieve goal of universal health coverage, I want to commend each one of our state chapters for their unwavering commitment to contribute and support actions aimed at , patient care, and making healthcare affordable. Your role as private hospitals is not just vital but transformative in shaping the India's healthcare ecosystem.

The challenges we face today—be it meeting the demands of quality care, navigating regulatory landscapes, or ensuring accessibility—require resilience and collaboration. Your dedication to overcoming these hurdles while upholding the highest standards of medical care is truly inspiring.

Let us continue to work together to achieve our shared vision: a healthcare system where every individual has access to compassionate and world-class care. By leveraging partnerships, adopting global best practices, and embracing innovation, we can pave the way for a healthier and more equitable future.

As I look at year 2024, we have been able to achieve some of the remarkable targets. Government appointed committee has submitted report on revision of CGHS tariffs and soon we should be getting final version. Our recommendation to include senior citizens under Ayushman Bharat has come in to existence. We have filed case in Delhi High Court to spare doctors from Consumer Protection ACT. There have been high level deliberations with senior nursing directors and which has culminated in publication on Concept Maps based on case studies. This publication will be one of its kind at global level. Our Gujarat chapter has successfully launched hub & spoke model to train smaller hospitals on NABH entry level certification. Our Leadership Summit held at Chennai proved to be of immense value and we very appropriately bestowed Healthcare Leader of century award to Dr Prathap Reddy, which in a way is privilege for AHPI.

As an association, our members are the strength of unity, and I am confident that together, we will raise the bar of excellence even higher. Thank you for all that you do to make a meaningful impact on countless lives.

Wishing you continued success and a promising year ahead. Hope to meet most of members at AHPI conclave at KOCHI.

From the Editor's Desk



Wishing the members and industry colleagues "A Very Happy New Year – 2025"!!

The final quarter of 2024 marked significant growth and progress for the Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI), driven by impactful advocacy, capacity-building initiatives, and strategic partnerships that are shaping the future of healthcare in India. AHPI's efforts were bolstered by public health education, proactive actions, and key events at both central and state levels, along with impactful publications and media outreach.

In alignment with India's TB elimination goals, AHPI collaborated with The UNION to support the national TB elimination strategy. This partnership aims to improve TB control measures and engage private healthcare providers more effectively. AHPI organized high-level meetings in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi to form regional consortia for TB-Free Haryana, TB-Free Uttar Pradesh, and TB-Free Delhi. These initiatives, supported by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, The UNION, WHO, and USAID, aim to strengthen collaboration between private hospitals and state leaders in the fight against TB. In December 2024, AHPI mobilized its members to support the 100-day intensified TB elimination campaign.

AHPI also strengthened its partnership with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) to tackle the intersection of climate change and public health, an increasingly pressing issue.

Another highlight was AHPI's partnership with ISRO, which focused on joint research in areas like Geotagging of Emergency Services, Blood Banks, Accredited Institutions, Climate Change, Healthcare Technology, and AI in medicine. This collaboration harnesses space-based technologies to address critical public health challenges such as disease forecasting and management.

The Koita Foundation-AHPI Digital Health Masterclass (DHMC), tailored for small and mid-sized hospitals was held in Jaipur, Raipur, and Bhubaneswar, attracting 75 hospitals and 200 healthcare leaders and professionals.

AHPI, in partnership with QCI under the MITRA initiative, conducted NABH Entry Level Certification training in Rajkot, Baroda, and Surat for about 150 hospitals.

AHPI organized several key events, including the National Health Conclave on Lifestyle Medicine in collaboration with CMC Vellore. The event gathered healthcare professionals, experts, and policymakers to discuss the role of lifestyle interventions in managing chronic diseases. AHPI also launched the book Lifestyle as Medicine, underscoring the importance of healthy lifestyle choices for disease prevention. Additionally, AHPI released a comprehensive Hospital Safety and Security Manual to enhance safety protocols in healthcare facilities across the country.

Further contributing to healthcare advancements, AHPI's Scientific Committee released a Stroke Protocol to guide general physicians and the public on the importance of early stroke detection and timely intervention during the "golden hour," significantly improving patient outcomes.

As we look ahead to 2025, AHPI remains focused on driving policy changes, strengthening partnerships, and contributing to a more resilient healthcare system. AHPI's strength lies in its membership, and we are committed to reinforcing its network of private hospitals, with the aim of creating a cohesive, high-quality healthcare ecosystem throughout India. With its extensive reach and influence, AHPI is well-positioned to lead these efforts.

Dr Sunil K Khetarpal
Director AHPI

ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS INDIA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

October – December 2024

Celebrating 12th Anniversary of AHPI

Association of Healthcare Providers (India) - AHPI was registered as a society on 21st December, 2022. AHPI Governing Body comprising of 8 visionary founders and presidents of 20 state and regional chapters, supported by a robust network of individual members under AHPI Leadership Forum. AHPI has grown in No's.,Recognition and Credibility. The strength of AHPI lies in its State ECs/institutional and individual members. 5 State chapters latest being Rajasthan have already been registered as a society.Today AHPI is the largest representative body of private hospitals in the country which aims to deliver Universal Health Coverage to the community.Over the years, AHPI has immensely contributed to the Indian Healthcare Ecosystem and made remarkable impact through Advocacy, Collaborations, Capacity building & training, Public Health initiatives and numerous impactful publications and white papers Sincere gratitude to our Patron Members, Presidents and Director General under the able Leadership of Dr.Devi Shetty, Dr.Girdhar Gyani, Dr.Alex Thomas and sincere thanks to Executive Committee of State Chapters, Institutional and Individual Members, Associate Members, Industry Partners, Collaborators, Secretariat and all those who have contributed to the growth of the Association.We strive to continue our growth journey with commitment to continually serving the society at large!!

Celebrating 12th Anniversary of AHPI



POLICY AND ADVOCACY

AHPI – CGHS

Since 2014, the Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) has actively engaged with the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) to address the challenges faced by empanelled hospitals. Our ongoing dialogue aims to enhance the healthcare ecosystem for both providers and beneficiaries.



ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (INDIA)

Educating & Advocating for Well Being of Common Man

To,
The Director, CGHS
CGHS Headquarters
RK Puram, New Delhi – 110066

Date: 26th Dec 2024

Subject: Addressing Challenges Faced by CGHS Empanelled Hospitals wrt Your communication **File No. S-36/CGHSHQ/HEC/2024/2612-37 dated 19/12/2024.**

Dear Sir,

We, at the Association of Healthcare Providers (India) (AHPI), represent over 20,000 healthcare institutions across India, including numerous private hospitals empanelled under the CGHS scheme. While we deeply value the opportunity to serve CGHS beneficiaries and are committed to maintaining the highest standards of care, we wish to bring to your attention certain operational challenges to be faced by our member hospitals concerning recent directives, as per communication **File No. S-36/CGHSHQ/HEC/2024/2612-37 dated 19/12/2024.**

In the spirit of collaboration and mutual resolution, we respectfully submit the following points for your consideration:

1. **Denial of Services to CGHS Beneficiaries:** Private hospitals remain steadfast in their commitment to providing timely and comprehensive care to CGHS beneficiaries. However, situations may arise where operational constraints, such as a lack of bed availability, restrict immediate admission. This is not a denial of service but a limitation due to dynamic occupancy levels. Hospitals make every effort to accommodate patients promptly and often go beyond standard protocols to ensure care.
2. **Reporting Requirements:** Hospitals already submit extensive data through the NHA portal at the time of admission, including all relevant details about the patient and their treatment. Requiring the same information separately imposes an unnecessary administrative burden, leading to duplication of efforts.
   i. Hiring additional manpower for this task is resource-intensive and detracts from patient care.
   ii. Denying approvals for cases where data has already been submitted through the NHA portal seems unnecessary and counterproductive.

   We request that the existing data-sharing mechanisms be utilized to avoid redundant processes.
3. **Bed Availability Display:** Hospitals maintain dynamic information on bed occupancy through helpdesks and digital systems, enabling real-time access for CGHS beneficiaries. However, the nature of bed occupancy changes frequently due to emergencies and discharges. Mandating static ward displays could result in outdated information. Instead, beneficiaries can access accurate, real-time updates through hospital helpdesks.
4. **Ward Entitlement:** Hospitals strive to allocate beds as per CGHS entitlements. However, when beds in the eligible category are fully occupied, patients are often accommodated in a higher or lower category to ensure no delay in treatment. This flexibility is critical in emergencies or situations where immediate care is paramount.

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AHPI submitted a memorandum to the Director CGHS regarding addressing challenges faced by Empanelled Hospitals

AHPI – GIC

The Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI) recently participated in a significant meeting hosted by the General Insurance Council, bringing together key stakeholders from the healthcare and insurance sectors. This meeting aimed to foster collaboration and address pressing issues impacting both hospitals and insurance companies.



Detailed Gist: AHPI Representation at the GIC Meeting, Mumbai (23rd November 2024)

Dr. Govind Hari and Dr. Narin Sehgal represented AHPI at a pivotal meeting convened by the General Insurance Council (GIC) in Mumbai on 23rd Nov 2025. The session, chaired by Mr. Tapan Singhel (Chairman, GIC) and Mr. Segar Sampathkumar (Director-Health, GIC), aimed at addressing longstanding issues between insurers and healthcare providers, with representatives from major insurance companies and healthcare associations in attendance.

Key Highlights from the Meeting:

1. Introduction of "Anywhere Cashless" Services

- GIC is working towards enabling cashless facilities for both empanelled and non-empanelled hospitals, promoting ease of access to healthcare for insured individuals.
- Assurance was provided for speedy implementation by GIC leadership.

2. Proposal for a Unified Hospital Registration Portal

- A single-window platform for hospital empanelment was proposed to streamline and standardize the process across insurers and TPAs nationwide.
- This will eliminate repetitive paperwork and reduce administrative delays.
- Hospitals registered under CEA or State CEA should not face denial of empanelment, and the process should conclude within 45 days of application.

3. Creation of Committees for Disallowance Disputes

- Central and State-level committees will be established to address claim disallowances.
- These committees will include official members as well as authorized representatives from healthcare associations like AHPI, ensuring a fair and collaborative resolution process.

4. Enhanced Claim Processing via Preauthorization Integrity

- A mandated SOP was proposed to ensure that hospitals receive full payment as per the preauthorization approval, removing ambiguity in claim settlements.

5. Rationalization and Revision of Tariffs

- GIC encouraged healthcare associations to propose a uniform and viable tariff structure for hospital services, which could include gradations based on facility types.
- Tariffs will undergo mandatory reviews every two years for alignment with market trends.
- Fixed packages will not be mandatory for hospital empanelment.

Detailed Gist: AHPI Representation at the GIC Meeting, Mumbai (23rd November 2024)

COLLABORATIONS/MOUs

AHPI Signs MoU with The Union: Intensifying Corporate Hospitals' Engagement towards Nation's TB Elimination Efforts



In a significant step toward strengthening the fight against tuberculosis in India, International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) and the Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The partnership aims to intensify engagement with corporate and private hospitals nationwide, advocating for the adoption of systems like STEPS (Systems for TB Elimination by Private Sector) to ensure uniform and high standards of TB care, and formation of consortiums at city/state and national level and other key activities aligned with national TB control strategies to achieve country's TB elimination goals.



Signing of MoU with the Health Environment Leadership Platform (HELP) under the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). This collaboration aims to enhance our collective efforts in promoting sustainable health practices and improving the environmental health landscape.





The Programme Review & Advisory Committee (PRAC) of ISRO-AHPI meeting took place on November 11th at ISRO Headquarters in Bengaluru. The meeting was chaired by Shri. Shantanu B, Scientific Secretary of ISRO, and Dr. Alexander Thomas, Patron of the AHPI. AHPI, ISRO and representatives from partner organizations, including PHFI, SEMI, INSTEM, CMC Vellore, and Echo India, participated alongside experts from ISRO from across the country. Dr. Saravanakumar, Joint Coordinator, and Dr. Sunil K Khetarpal, a member of PRAC, were also in attendance.



AHPI with Government of Karnataka – Initiative to Eliminate Cervical Cancer, with the Honble Health Minister. The Karnataka Movement' in collaboration with key non-governmental organizations and private healthcare institutions. The initiative aims to advance efforts to eliminate cervical cancer in the state.





AHPI, CMC Vellore, Longevity India hosted a **Round Table on Longevity and Lifestyle Medicine** at Indian Institute of Science [IISc],Bengaluru. This was a thought-provoking event exploring the alignment oflifestyle medicine and longevity. This session brought together leading experts, researchers, and practitioners across the Country for an engaging dialogue.



AHPI at Hiriyara Habba an event organised by Vayah Vikas for Older Adults. As founding members of Vayah Vikas, we are proud to support this not-for-profit organization based in Bengaluru, dedicated to the philosophy of "by the seniors, for the seniors, of the seniors."Vayah Vikas focuses on empowering older adults to take charge of their wellness and well-being while providing opportunities for productive engagement. Our shared goal is to brighten the growing years of seniors, making this phase of life more fulfilling and dignified.



AHPI at a meeting of India Global Forum for discussion on "Health Tech Horizons: Expanding Access to Care in India, Middle East and Africa"

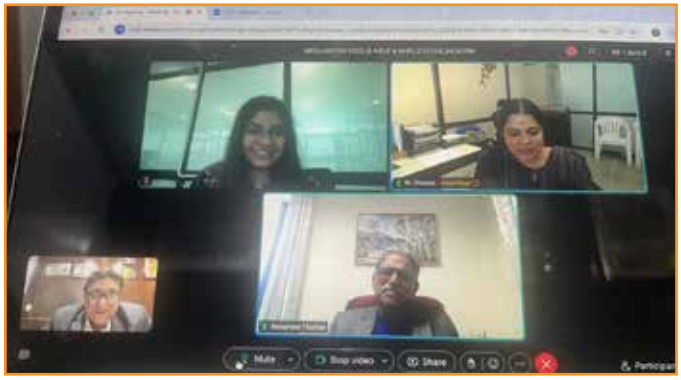


AHPI meeting with Dr Nidhi Bansal, Country Director The Union India and her Team. Discussions were held to strengthen the collaboration for TB elimination efforts in India

AHPI at the first Meeting of Steering Committee on Purple Building Certification Scheme which aims to create a Purple Building Code for Healthcare Infrastructure compliance addressing global and national standards for accessibility. An initiative of AMTZ, the scheme will be co-owned by AMTZ, ICMR and AHPI



AHPI Meeting with Gujarat National Law University to plan the upcoming MEDLAWCON 2025 organized by GNLU with AHPI as knowledge partner



AHPI at the launch of Bangalore School of Law & Justice



AHPI at the Roundtable in Building Climate Resilient Health Systems - A Cross Learning Experience







AHPI at the CME programme at KIMS Health, Nagercoil

AHPI at the Workshop on Advancing Climate Resilient Healthcare Pathways for Private Healthcare Facilities





AHPI with Mr.Shabd Misra, Managing Director, Renaissance e Services

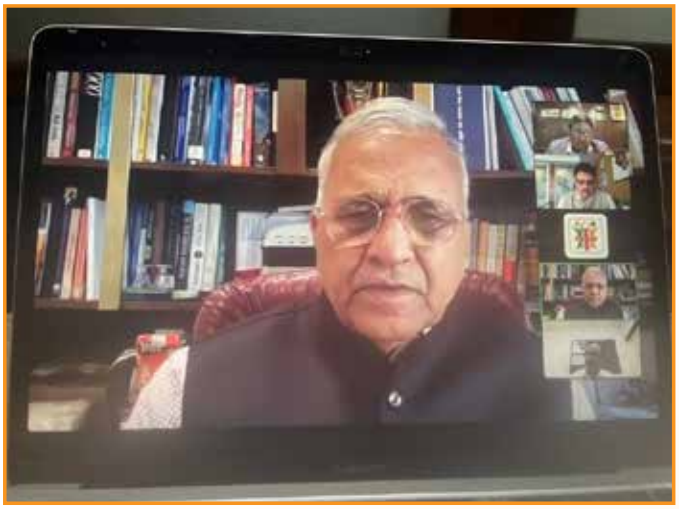


AHPI participated at the Mission Hospitals meeting in Bengaluru!



WHITEPAPER/SOPs

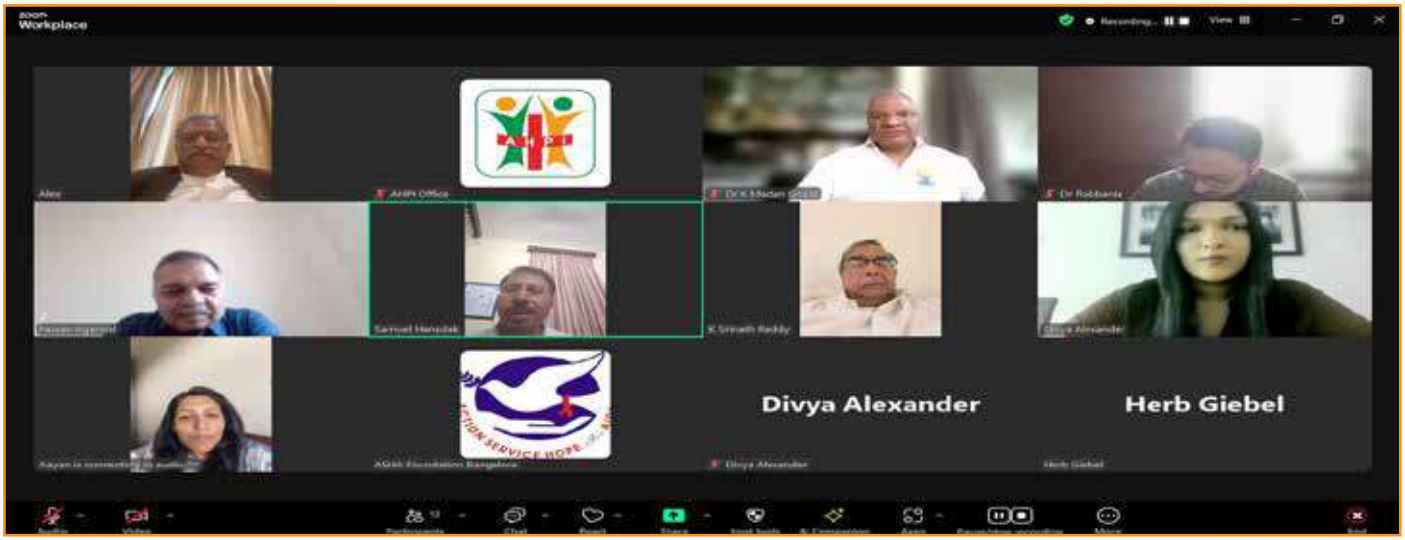
Launch of AHPI Stroke Protocol for Doctors and Public **prepared by AHPI Scientific committee** & Hospital Safety and Security Manual **prepared by AHPI taskforce**– It provides critical guidelines for healthcare facilities to ensure a safe environment for patients, staff, and visitors. This manual covers various aspects of safety, including emergency preparedness, risk management, and security protocols.





AHPI Whitepaper on Lifestyle Medicine

AHPI in collaboration with CMC Vellore, successfully hosted the 5th National Health Conclave 2024 on the theme “Lifestyle Medicine: Empowering Communities, Transforming Lives.” A key outcome of the conclave is the development of a policy and recommendation document, which will encapsulate the proceedings and insights gathered. This document is designed to bridge public-private efforts, providing actionable recommendations to enhance the quality of life for citizens.



First meeting of the committee for the upcoming Whitepaper on Lifestyle Medicine

AWARDS/RECOGNITION



Government of Karnataka recognizes AHPI, ANBAI, CAHO, HELP and Vayah Vikas!

Dr. Alexander Thomas has been awarded the prestigious Suvarna Mahotsav Award by the Government of Karnataka in recognition of his significant contributions through AHPI, ANBAI, CAHO, HELP and Vayah Vikas.



Dr. Alexander Thomas was conferred the title of Professor Emeritus by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).The award is a tribute to Dr. Thomas's outstanding work in improving healthcare quality, enhancing accreditation and advancing medical education in India.



Dr.Rajasekaran, Founding Member of AHPI in the coveted International Recognition



BOOK

Presentation of the Book on Life Style as Medicine: The Science of Health Living by AHPI & CMC Vellore during the National Health Conclave 2024. To maximize accessibility, we have also planned to make the book available as an open-access resource for anyone to download and read for free. Open access: https://www.ahpi.in/book/





Editorial Advisory Board [EAB] & Experts meeting for the upcoming 4th edition of Communicate Care Cure Book

INTERNATIONAL

Dr.Sunil Khetarpal, Director, AHPI Speaking at World Conference on Lung Health, Bali.

Topic: AHPI Led Corporate Hospitals Engagement in Nation's TB Elimination Efforts ..!!

India accounts for 26% of People with TB in the world and 50% of them are catered by private hospitals. AHPI made itself accountable for ending TB by launching the 'End TB Initiatives' with technical support from Corporate TB initiative Pledge by Union India as part of USAID (India) supported iDEFEAT TB project..

AHPI collaborates and works closely with The Union India in TB elimination efforts by engaging its member hospitals





AHPI at 6th Asia-Pacific Green Healthcare System Conference, on Empowering Healthcare Warriors – Championing Climate & Health Solutions at Vietnam





AHPI with Mr.Ross Curran, Director of Enterprise, Ireland & Ms.Debjani Pal, Vice President, India & Asia to explore possibilities of collaboration with Irish Healthcare.



Meeting with Prof. Rory Shaw a respiratory medicine specialist & curerently Chairman, Feedback Medical UK, along with Dr.Rohit Singh, Managing Director, Feed Back India for quality and patient safety. Discussed about their product “Bleepa” - digital communication and referral platform, which ensures better workflow delivery and enable clinicians to collaborate & take appropriate clinical decisions for better outcomes and patient safety.





AHPI at Dinner Meeting with Andrew Gwatkin, Director of International Division, Wales, UK exploring to enhance trade and investment ties between Wales Government and India

CAPACITY BUILDING/TRAINING

AHPI Gujarat, in partnership with NBQP under Mitra Initiative of Quality Council of India, successfully conducted the second NABH Entry-Level Certification Workshop at Sunshine Hospitals, Surat



The Koita Foundation- AHPI Digital Health Masterclass (DHMC) was successfully conducted at Shree Narayana Hospital in Raipur on 2nd December 2024 attracting 30 Hospitals and 50+ healthcare leaders and professionals from across Chattisgarh. Tailored for hospital owners and leaders of small and mid-sized hospitals, DHMC lays out a clear and practical roadmap for adopting Hospital Management Information Systems (HMIS) and Electronic Medical Records (EMRs). This isn't just about technology—it's about transforming hospital operations, improving clinical performance, enhancing patient satisfaction, and driving financial success





Workshop under the MITRA initiative of QCI and AHPI for NABH ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATION at Synergy Superspeciality Hospital, Rakjot







Koita Foundation- AHPI Digital Health Master Class (DHMC) Workshop at Bhubneswar was super hit. It was attended by nearly 80 Healthcare Leaders from nearly 40 Hospitals from different parts of Orissa. Facilitators Dr Sunil K Khetarpal Ms.Shalini Agarwal kept the audience engaged and highlighted the importance of digital health among patients, healthcare providers and hospitals. They stressed the need for increased adoption of digital technologies to enhance patient care and outcomes through operational efficiency and to improve financial performance





CONCLAVES/WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS

5th National Health Conclave 2024 – by AHPI & CMC Vellore on Life Style Medicine at CMC Vellore 15th & 16th of October 2024

AHPI & CMC Vellore, hosted the National Health Conclave [5th edition] on Lifestylemedicine: Empowering #Communities #Transforming Lives held on the 15th & 16th of October 2024 at Scudder Auditorium, CMC Vellore. Chief Guest Address [virtual] was by Dr. Vinod Paul, Member [Health], NITI Aayog, Address [virtual] by Dr.B.Srinivas, Secretary, National Medical Commission [recorded, Dr. Devi Shetty, Patron, AHPI [Virtual], Address by Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, Address by Dr. Alexander Thomas, Patron, AHPI Dr. Samuel Hansdak, Secretary, NHC 2024 and others.













Dr Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI as Chief Guest at G-Qcon 2024 - 1st National Level Healthcare Quality Conference – Kerala





AHPI at EMCON 2024



AHPI at CAHOTECH 2024





AHPI at the 3rd Assocham Healthcare Summit 2024



AHPI at the International Conference on Trauma and Acute Care , by Marengo Asia Hospitals

AHPI at the North East Patient Safety Workshop







AHPI at Femtech 360 Think Tank Roundtable at IIT Mumbai





AHPI at the 9th Grand Edition – Nutrition & Wellness – Pro Health Convergence 2024 conference and Awards organised by CIMS Medica Ltd.





AHPI at the India-Sweden Healthcare Summit



AHPI at DemCon 2024.



AHPI at the Patient First Summit Awards 2024



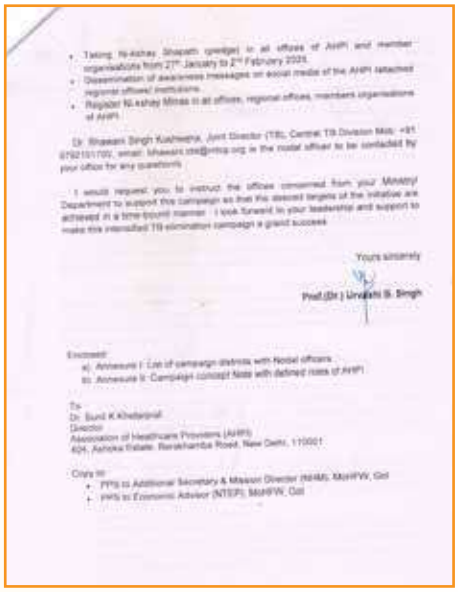
Healthcare & Wellness Conference & Expo organised by Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with BW Healthcare World as Conference Partner



PUBLIC HEALTH

CTD, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare officially communicated to AHPI for seeking support for mobilising and engaging Member Hospitals towards the 100 Days Campaign. AHPI responded by assuring its commitment and support in this mission.







UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF AHPI, FIRST MEETING OF HEALTHCARE LEADERS TO FORM CONSORTIUM OF CORPORATE HOSPITALS FOR TB FREE HARYANA ORGANIZED on 02 Dec 2024 AT AMRITA HOSPITALS, FARIDABAD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL TB DIVISION, MoHFW and with the Technical support of the UNION as a part of the USAID/India-supported iDEFEAT TB project. The meeting saw participation from major corporate hospitals in Haryana. Amrita Hospitals, Fridabad was designated chair of the Haryana consortium, and Yashoda Superspecialty Hospital declared chair of UP Consortium. The consortium is designed to strengthen the commitment of private hospitals towards a TB-Free Haryana and advocating for systems such as STEPS. The consortium also underscores the importance of public-private collaboration in the fight against TB.





CONSORTIUM OF CORPORATE HOSPITALS FOR A TB-FREE UTTAR PRADESH LAUNCHED on DECEMBER 11, 2024, with technical support from the Corporate TB Pledge initiative by The Union, as part of the USAID/India-supported iDEFEAT TB project in collaboration with Yashoda Super Speciality Hospitals, Ghaziabad & Regency Hospitals Lucknow under the leadership of Central TB Division, National TB Elimination Program, MoFHW, Govt of India. Distinguished stakeholders from major corporate hospitals, including hospital administrators, public health experts, and government representatives, participated in the discussion to effectively engage private healthcare sector to support NTEP Uttar Pradesh in TB elimination effort.





100 Days Intensified Campaign on TB Elimination at Sehgal Neo Hospital, under the patronage of AHPI

The launch marks a significant milestone in the collective effort to eliminate TB and reinforces the hospital's role as a proactive healthcare leader in addressing critical public health challenges.

This landmark initiative positions the hospital as a pioneer in driving awareness and action for TB elimination, in alignment with India's mission to become TB-free by 2025. The experts speakers from Sehgal Neo Hospital, AHPI, Delhi State TB Cell, The Union, WHO highlighted the role and importance of 100 days intensified campaign and need for a united front across public and private sectors to achieve TB elimination.

In a symbolic gesture of commitment, all attendees including the hospital staff took the Nikshay Pledge, vowing to use knowledge, awareness, and unwavering resolve to make India TB-free.





Dr Sunil K Khetarpal, Director AHPI, speaking on the Role of Private Hospitals/Practitioners in Elimination of TB and participation in 100 days intensified Campaign on TB by CTD, MoHFW **at 'TB Care' – End TB Initiative organised by Sarvodaya Hospital Hyderabad for General Physicians and Specialists.**

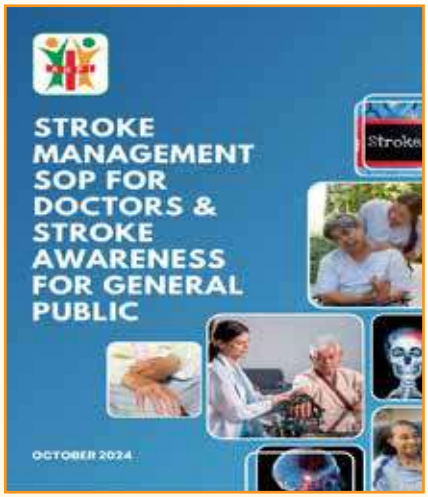


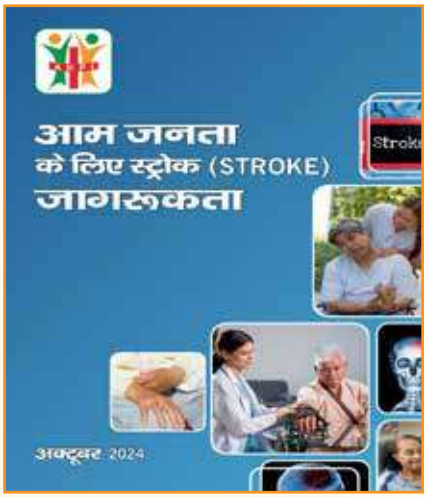




PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

AHPI launched a stroke protocol for the public and healthcare providers prepared by AHPI Scientific Committee. It provides clear guidelines on stroke detection, prevention, and timely intervention (especially emphasizing the "golden hour"), it helps raise awareness, educate the healthcare providers and public, and promote early action to reduce stroke-related morbidity and mortality. This initiative empowers individuals to respond quickly in case of a stroke, ultimately improving health outcomes at a population level.





STATE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Jharkhand Chapter



Meeting with Director NRHM and Executive Director, Ayushman Bharat for hospitals at Jhakhand.



Meeting with the Honble Health Minister

Karnataka Chapter



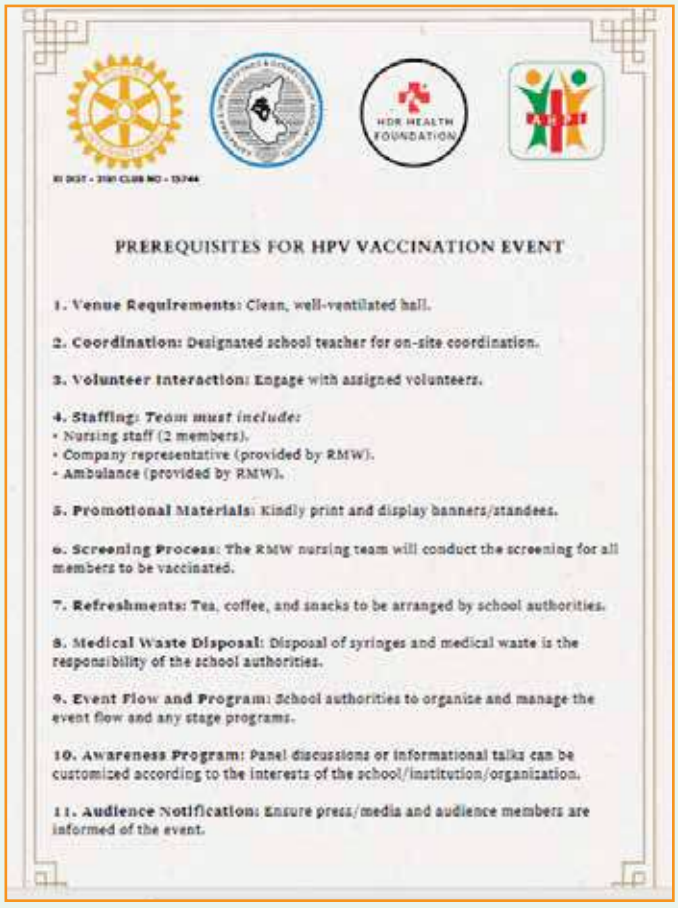
Dr.Hema Divakar with Dr.C.N.Mannjunath, MP, Loksabha and Cardiologist



Webinar by AHPI Karnataka Chapter and Association of Medical Consultants Bengaluru



Webinar on Empanelment and Dis empanelment of Hospitals – Recent Regulations by Government Agencies



Vaccination drive programme by AHPI Karnataka Chapter with Rotary Club

North East 2 [Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh] Chapter



Interactive session on the History of Medical Sciences in Manipur with the AHPI Medical Media Fellows at Shija Hospitals

2 months AHPI Medical Media Fellowship (Manipur) launched from 2nd December 2024.



Rajasthan Chapter

Congratulations! – AHPI Rajasthan Chapter Registered as a Society



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Glimpses of AHPI Rajasthan CxO Meet and announcement of official registration of AHPI Rajasthan as a registered society. The event coincided with 12th Anniversary of AHPI on 21st December 2024

Congratulations! - Rajasthan Chapter Registered as a Society



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Tamil Nadu Chapter







Workshop on Empowering the Mind Heart Connection: Fostering Communication, Resilience and Emotional Intelligence in Nurses





Comprehensive Nursing Skill Development Programme organised by AHPI TN at SIMS

Roadshow at Kanyakumari

UP & UK Chapter



ASP AHPI Initiative. A seminar organised at Hyatt Regency hotel Lucknow on 9th November to Improve Patient Safety in presence of Dr Girdhar J Gyani Director General AHPI who chaired the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

AHPI Global Conclave 2025 @ Kochi, Kerala





NEWS

An article by AHPI on future of health insurance: Trends, challenges and innovation in Express Healthcare

https://www.expresshealthcare.in



Article by AHPI on Combatting Chronic Diseases in Deccan Herald

Link - https://www.deccanherald.com/specials/combatting-chronic-diseases





https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/policy/ahpi-launches-hospital-security-manual-sops-for-stroke-management/115356331



A year of progress – Reflecting on MedTech and IVD in 2024

As 2024 draws to a close, we reflect on the achievements in MedTech and IVD, recognize the remaining challenges, and anticipate promising advancements in 2025. Shikhar Sankalp Gupta, Deputy Director & Convenor, AHPI Committee of Education & Training, Association of Healthcare Providers (India)

As we bid farewell to 2024, the healthcare sector, particularly the MedTech and in vitro diagnostics (IVD) industries, stands on the cusp of transformation. This year has been marked by innovation, adaptability, and challenges that have reshaped the landscape. As we reflect on the achievements and setbacks of this year, it is crucial to look forward to the opportunities and challenges that await us in 2025.

2024 achievements

One of the most notable developments this year has been the enhanced role of monitoring systems, and advanced imaging techniques has redefined patient care. Innovations in minimally invasive surgeries and robotic systems have expanded treatment capabilities, offering improved precision and patient outcomes.

For the IVD sector, 2024 has been a year of growth and consolidation. Although the pandemic may be behind us, the focus on rapid, accurate diagnostics continues to thrive. Point of care testing technologies have surged. Notably, AHPI's advocacy efforts have significantly reinforced the importance of accessible diagnostics and treatment in India's healthcare ecosystem.

At AHPI, where I have had the privilege of serving for over a decade, we have continued to play a vital role in shaping healthcare policy and strengthening healthcare infrastructure. Our initiatives have contributed to the MedTech sector's growth while advocating for policy improvements and the adoption of globally recognized quality standards within India's healthcare landscape.

Gaps to bridge

While we celebrate the strides made in 2024, certain areas need continued focus to ensure sustained progress. Regulatory pathways need to be streamlined. The government has already made significant efforts in this direction through initiatives like the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme. Building on these initiatives, further acceleration of regulatory processes will help

Moreover, expanding their reach across Tier II and Tier III cities remains a priority. The government's push for the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is a step in the right direction. However, additional efforts to promote inclusive policies can ensure that the benefits of cutting-edge diagnostic tools and medical devices are available to all, regardless of geographical location.

Lastly, while technological advancements have improved healthcare capabilities, affordability remains critical.

Expectations for 2025 – A new horizon

Looking ahead to 2025, we expect deeper collaborations among the MedTech industry, regulators, and healthcare providers. With AHPI's continued advocacy for better healthcare infrastructure, the momentum generated this year should carry forward. Strengthening public-private partnerships (PPPs) will drive MedTech and IVD integration into mainstream healthcare delivery.

Additionally, the rise of digital health ecosystems should be a key area of focus. Integrating these technologies across public health programs can revolutionize healthcare access in rural areas. 2025 should also see more cohesive strategies in addressing regulatory bottlenecks, enabling faster and smoother market entry for innovative devices.

As we close this chapter, let us take pride in our progress while remaining aware of the road ahead. With a collaborative, patient-centric

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AHPI organises State-level Digital Health Master Class

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ASSOCIATION of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI) organised a State-level Digital Health Master Class collaboration with Koyta Foundation in Raipur.

Director of AHPI Dr Sunil Kheterpal, Dr Anuja Sankhe from Koyta Foundation, President of AHPI Chhattisgarh Dr Rakesh Gupta, General Secretary Atul Singhania and many renowned people from the health sector were present in the programme.

Director of AHPI Dr Sunil Kheterpal welcomed all the delegates and elaborated on the importance of the workshop. He also thanked the Managing Director of Shri Narayana Hospital for volunteering himself and proposing to organise this workshop.

President of AHPI Chhattisgarh Dr Rakesh Gupta said that AHPI represents the health provider organisations of the country, which has more than 27,000 member hospitals.



Dignitaries present at the State-level Digital Health Master Class.

Dr Anuja Sankhe said that the course content of this Digital Health Master Class has been prepared in collaboration with AHPI so that digital technology can be adopted in small and medium hospitals. AHPI General Secretary Atul Singhania conducted the stage and expressed his gratitude.

Atul Singhania said that more than 100 delegates from 57 hospitals of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh registered for this workshop, which included people from Chhattisgarh as well as Madhya Pradesh.

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Health care sector seeks viable rates for govt schemes, hike in allocation

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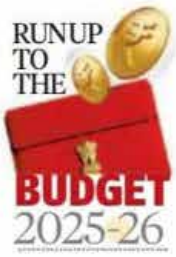
The health care sector has rolled out a robust wish-list for the upcoming Budget.

Leading the agenda are increased health spending, vertical expansion of hospitals, and viable reimbursement rates under government-led insurance schemes such as Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).

According to the Nathealth-Healthcare Federation of India, the sector is pushing for an increase in healthcare spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP, with focus on reducing cancer care costs and TB eradication.

The body states that the number of cancer cases in India is on a sharp rise, with projections showing an increase from 1.3 million cases in 2020 to 1.5 million cases in 2025.

"India's current population of around 1.35 billion requires around 7,500 cancer saving high-end medical equipment to ensure adequate coverage for treatment. However, India currently has only around 750 to 800 such equipment," it added.



Health care associations claim that removal of Customs duties and reduction of goods and services tax (GST) to 5 per cent on oncology radiation equipment, such as linear accelerators (LINACs), can expand cancer treatment capacity in underserved regions.

The sector is also expecting a revision in reimbursement rates for government health insurance schemes with rates being linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to ensure financial viability, given that many rates have remained unchanged for nearly a decade.

This comes as hospitals have previously complained of delays in reimbursement related to the scheme.

Highlighting the issues, Giridhar Gyani, director general, Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI), said that there needs to be timely and adequate reimbursements under Ayushman Bharat. This should include implementation of interest for delayed payments and a comprehensive review of rates linked to inflation.

Industry bodies have also pushed for encouraging vertical expansion of hospitals by permitting hospital heights up to 60 metres nationwide.

The current limit is 45 metres or lower in the building code, allowing build-up of critical health care infrastructure for high-rise vertical expansion.

"This can be supported by funding fire safety upgrades to ensure compliance in high-rise healthcare facilities," Nathealth said.

Among other demands is strengthening health infrastructure by adding 2.5-3 million hospital beds nationwide through viability gap funding (VGF) and long-term, low-interest capital investments. This would result in participation by mid-sized and smaller health care providers.

"To stimulate private sector participation, we recommend exploring options such as tax breaks, streamlined regulatory processes, and targeted funding for infrastructure development in Tier II and III cities," Gyani said.

Abhay Soi, president Nathealth and chairman and managing director, Max Healthcare added that escalating cancer care costs, and inadequate hospital infrastructure will ensure a more sustainable future for all.

ENHANCED MEASURES

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