

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DEAFNESS (NPPCD)**Proceedings of 2nd meeting of Central Coordination Committee-NPPCD
held on 24th April 2024 (1000-1400 hours), at C.H.E.B., New Delhi**(Ref: No. T-20017/06/2023-SAS-1 (FTS:8226962) dated March 28th, 2024)

Members Present			
S. No.	Name	Affiliation	Designation in CCC-NPPCD
1.	Prof. M. Pushpavathi	The Director, A.I.I.S.H., Mysuru	Chairperson
2.	Dr. Naresh Panchal	Addl. Deputy Director General Dte.GHS, Nirman Bhawan, ND	Member Dte.GHS, GoI
3.	Dr. Naresh Bharadwaj	Sr CMO, Dept. of E.N.T., VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, N Delhi	Member ENT Specialist/Expert
4.	Dr. Gowri N. Sengupta	Director, C.H.E.B. & DDG, Dte. GHS, GoI	Member Public health expert
5.	Ms. Shivani Aggarwal	Audiologist & Speech language pathologist, AIIMS, New Delhi	Member Audiologist
6.	Prof. Sandeep M.	Professor of Audiology, A.I.I.S.H., Mysuru	Member-Secretary Audiologist



The meeting began with a warm welcome to the Chairperson and all the members of CCC-NPPCD by Prof. Sandeep M., Member-Secretary of CCC-NPPCD. He briefly outlined the agenda points to establish the meeting's quorum and then requested the Chairperson, Prof. M. Pushpavathi, to commence the proceedings. The record of the meeting's proceedings, discussions held, and decisions made are detailed below, organized by agenda.

M. Pushpavathi

Agenda 1: Review and discussion on proceedings of the first(1st) meeting of CCC-NPPCD, held on 12th September, 2023 and the actions taken on them

The committee reviewed the proceedings of the first meeting of CCC-NPPCD and the comprehensive actions taken on all the listed agenda items. It was informed by the Member-Secretary that, as per the decision made in the first meeting, review meetings with State Nodal Officers (SNOs) of the NPPCD program were successfully held in two groups: one at A.I.I.S.H. Mysuru in January 2024 and another at N.C.D.C. Delhi in February 2024. These meetings covered 36 States/UTs of the country. During these sessions, numerous suggestions and inputs were received from the participating SNOs (NPPCD), along with information on the current status of NPPCD program activities and progress in each state/UT.

In addition, useful inputs and information were also obtained from various other stakeholders in ear and hearing care, such as experts in E.N.T., Community Medicine, and NGOs, during the 'World Hearing Day 2024' celebration event workshop at C.H.E.B. New Delhi, held on March 4th, 2024.

It was understood that all this information, inputs, and suggestions would be helpful in revising the existing operational guidelines of the NPPCD program, which were established 17 years ago in 2007.

Agenda 2: Review and discussion on the inputs compiled from the review meetings of the SNOs(NPPCD) and planning for the revision of Operational Guidelines of the NPPCD

The compiled list of suggestions was placed before the committee members and were discussed in detail, point-wise. These included the following:

- Change in the name of NPPCD program
- Objectives of the NPPCD program
- Organisational structure of NPPCD program at Centre, State, District & Sub-District level
- Development of updated IEC material, infrastructure, equipment, training modules
- Identifying state level medical colleges and regional training centres under NPPCD
- Activities to be taken up under NPPCD programme, at different levels (new & revised)
- Budget provisions for different program activities under NPPCD
- Salary structure of contractual staff working under NPPCD program
- Conducting of screening camps in community and school level, under NPPCD program
- Standard treatment guidelines, reporting formats
- New activities to be introduced under program such as Universal newborn hearing screening, industrial hearing screening
- Focusing on program reach deep into the community level
- Digitalization and MIS portal development, for NPPCD

Finally, due to the various issues across different subject areas, it was decided to form a subcommittee of experts to comprehensively revise every aspect of the existing




operational guidelines. This subcommittee will include representation from key expert areas such as State Nodal Officers (SNOs), ENT specialists, audiologists, public health professionals, budgeting experts, finance professionals, etc.

The subcommittee will produce a draft document within a set timeline(s) for the revision of the existing guidelines, incorporating the received inputs, information, and suggestions. This draft will then undergo review by the CCC-NPPCD to ensure its appropriateness within the programmatic perspective. Additionally, the subcommittee will update the existing reporting formats.

Following is the list of expert members proposed for the subcommittee. It was decided to first take their consent, and invite them in its next (3rd) meeting of CCC-NPPCD.

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It was also decided to form a subcommittee for revising the training modules, currently available for the program, which shall include - two ENT surgeons, two audiologists, two nurses (deputation to be sought from ADG-Nursing) and two public health experts. The task of preparing training modules of the program would be jointly carried out by C.H.E.B., New Delhi and AIISH, Mysuru. It was decided to prepare four (4) modules, as follows:

- One training module for the Doctors, working under NPPCD
- One training module for the Audiologists, working under NPPCD
- One training module the Nurses working under NPPCD
- One module for sensitizing the community health workers working under NPPCD

These two subcommittees will be tasked with preparing a draft note on their respective subjects, based on a briefing regarding the scope of revision and expectations from the subcommittees. This briefing will be provided during the upcoming third meeting of CCC-NPPCD, scheduled for the third week of May 2024 (specific date, venue, or mode to be determined soon).

The draft notes will be examined and finalized by CCC-NPPCD before being submitted to the Director-General of the Directorate General of Health Services (Dte.GHS) for approval. Following approval, the finalized drafts will be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for further necessary action.

Coordination of the subcommittees' work will be overseen by the NPPCD division of Dte.GHS, with assistance from the Senior Administrative Officer I (SAS-I) of Dte.GHS.

[Action: CCC-NPPCD & NPPCD division, Dte.GHS]

Agenda 3: Planning for the Level-1 training program, as per NPPCD guidelines

After deliberating on this issue, all members decided to prioritize the development of proper training modules under the NPPCD program and to proceed with the revision of the existing operational guidelines of the NPPCD program before CCC-NPPCD undertakes the work of level-I training activities.

[Action: CCC-NPPCD]

Agenda 4: Plan for a nation-wide survey to estimate the current prevalence of hearing loss in the country and to study the impact of NPPCD program in the country after 17 years of its operation

The members were of the opinion that AIISH, Mysuru, being a premier institute in the domain of hearing, should undertake the task of conducting nationwide surveys. The chairperson, who is also the Director of AIISH, expressed her willingness to take up the projects, pending approval from the competent authority. Upon approval of the proceedings, the Senior Administrative Officer I (SAS-1) of DGHS may notify AIISH, Mysuru, to consider taking up these projects.

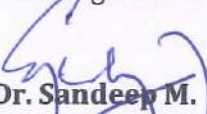
[Action: NPPCD division, Dte.GHS and AIISH, Mysuru]

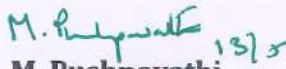
Agenda 5: Nomination of new members to the CCC-NPPCD in place of those who have not been attending the meeting

The quorum observed that two members of CCC-NPPCD, namely Dr. Ashok Kumar (ENT Specialist/Expert, RMLH) and Dr. Sandeep Tambe (Representative, RCI), have not attended any of the meetings conducted to date. In light of this, it was recommended to seek fresh nominations with the approval of the DGHS.

[Action: NPPCD division, Dte.GHS]

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all members.


Dr. Sandeep M.
Member Secretary
CCC-NPPCD


Dr. M. Pushpavathi
Chairperson
CCC-NPPCD