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IACLE reaches out across India at virtual events

IACLE Fellows and staff played a prominent role in a recent India-wide conference, and brought educators and industry together to discuss contact lens practice post-COVID-19

[The India Vision Institute](#) organized an international virtual conference and trade fair themed '[Eye health in a changing world](#)' (2-4 October). As many as 1,200 optometrists, ophthalmologists and other eye care professionals attended the conference that ran five parallel sessions in various meeting rooms. IACLE's involvement was dedicated to Asia Pacific Regional President **Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan**, [who passed away in July](#).

IACLE hosted a pre-conference session titled 'Soft contact lenses: practice vs education', focusing on how educators can apply academic learning to practice. Executive Manager of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** moderated the session and around 150 delegates attended. Nilesh also discussed various IACLE programs and resources, including [The Teach. Learn. Connect. Initiative](#).

FIACLE **Dr Byki Huntjens** from [City University](#), London, UK presented a talk on keratometry and its relevance to soft contact lens practice. Byki's lecture covered the fundamentals of keratometry and corneal topography. A thought-provoking question, 'Is keratometry relevant to soft contact lens fitting?' was asked, which generated an interesting discussion.



How do the IACLE flashcards look

SCL Application: Summary

1: First step

- Clean & dry hands thoroughly, use a lint/fibre-free towel.

2: Removal from the storage

- Using the selected method, Push just beyond the 1st point of contact to expel air from under the CL
- Drop finger away from lens

3: Place CL on your finger tip

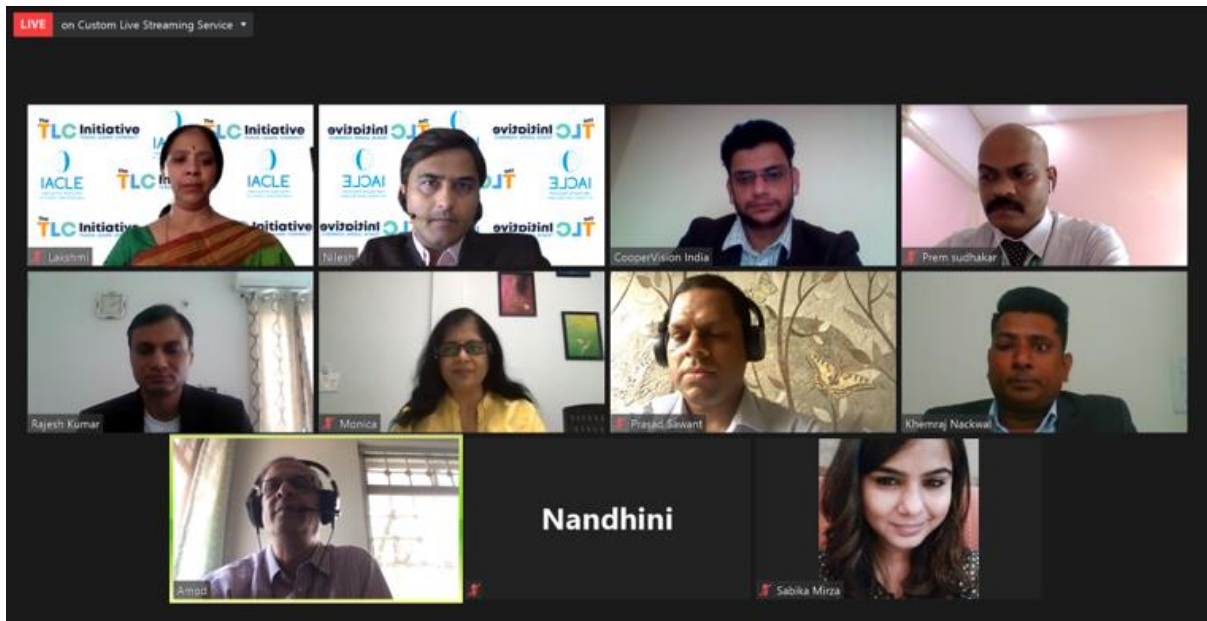
- CL should be on the **very tip** of the finger (clean & dry)
- Inspect for nicks, chips or splits, no debris
- Confirm that the CL is not inside out

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FIACLE **Rajesh Wadhwa** gave a talk on IACLE's Flashcards for teaching practical skills, introduced in August on [IACLETOP](#), and their use in education and practice. Rajesh explained how to use the Flashcards as slide decks and for interactive learning activities.

Executive Manager of Global Education **Lakshmi Shinde** gave a talk on dry eye and discomfort. Lakshmi covered various reasons for dry eye and discussed how tear film assessment is an integral part of the pre-fitting evaluation.

Panel on post-COVID practice



IACLE India also hosted a panel discussion on the topic of 'Contact lens practice post-COVID-19' this month (3 October). Panellists consisted of IACLE members **Rajesh Kumar** from [Alcon](#), **Rupam Sinha** from [CooperVision](#), **Khemraj Nackwal** from [Bausch + Lomb](#), and **Amod Gogate**, a veteran in the contact lens industry. 2015 IACLE Asia Pacific Contact Lens Educator of the Year FIACLE **Professor Monica Chaudhry**, FIACLE **Rajesh Wadhwa** and FIACLE **Prem Sudhakar** were also on the panel.

The discussion focused on the contact lens industry's reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, positive outcomes from the situation, how professionals are adapting to the 'new normal', and their thoughts on the way forward for the contact lens industry in India. Around 145 participants attended the session.