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INTERNATIONAL CME WEBINAR

Leprosy in 2026: Clinical Challenges & Emerging Horizons

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

◆ OPENING & INAUGURATION

3
min

Welcome Note

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min

Presidential Address

Dr Sunil Dogra
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◆ KEYNOTE ADDRESS

15
min

Indian Association of Leprologists: Milestones,
Legacy and the Way Forward

Dr Vishwa Mohan
Katoch
Keynote Speaker · India

◆ SESSION 1 · Chairperson: Dr Bhushan Kumar

15
min

Clinical Aspects of Leprosy Reactions:
Understanding the Driving Forces

Dr Ben Naafs
Netherlands

15
min

The Great Masquerader: Navigating Diagnostic
Dilemmas and Therapeutic Decisions in Leprosy

Dr Chathurarya
Siriwardena
Sri Lanka

◆ SESSION 2 · Chairperson: Dr Vitthal Jadhav

15
min

Optimizing MDT in 2026: New Evidence and
Unanswered Questions

Dr Tarun Narang
India

◆ PANEL DISCUSSION · Chairperson: Dr Manoj Kumar Ram

30
min

Therapeutic Dilemmas in Leprosy: Challenging Cases from Clinical
Practice

Moderators: Dr Swastika Suvirya & Dr Santoshdev Rathod

Panellists: Dr H. K. Kar · Dr Joydeepa Darlong · Dr Swetalina Pradhan · Dr Ranugha PSS ·
Dr Pugazenthana Thangaraju · Dr Pooja Agarwal · Dr Indira Kahawita

5
min

Vote of Thanks

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