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Policy, Advocacy & Programme – Leprosy Focus Group –

— Theme —

Leprosy: Reducing Transmission, Preventing Disability & Ending Stigma

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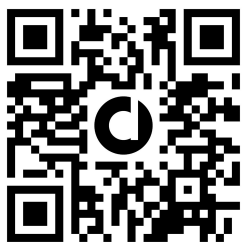
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5 mins

Welcome and
Opening Remarks

Dr Sunil Dogra

President, Indian Association of
Leprologists (IAL)

SESSION 1

Chairperson: **Dr H.K. Kar** · Emeritus Professor, DVL, KIMS, Bhubaneswar

10 mins

Towards Zero Leprosy: Global
Progress and Challenges

Dr Rashmi Shukla

National Programme Officer –
Leprosy, WHO

SESSION 2

Chairperson: **Dr Bhushan Kumar** · Former Professor & Head, Dermatology, Venereology & Leprology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

15 mins

India's NLEP: Current Status
and Emerging Priorities

Dr Sunil Gitte

Deputy Director General – Leprosy
(DDG-L), Central Leprosy Division,
MoH&FW, Govt. of India

SESSION 3

Chairperson: **Dr V.M. Katoch** · Former Director General, ICMR and Secretary, Department of Health Research, MoH&FW, Govt. of India; Editor, Indian Journal of Leprosy

15 mins

Interrupting Transmission:
Evidence and Lessons

Dr Liesbeth Mieras

Senior Medical Advisor &
Researcher, NLR International, The
Netherlands

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Chairperson: Dr Rajyalaxmi Konathan · Professor & Head, Dermatology, Venereology & Leprology, Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad

10 mins

Strengthening State and District Programme Delivery

Mr Antony Samy
ALERT India

SESSION 5

Chairperson: Dr Ashok Agarwal · Chief Executive Officer, NLR India Foundation

10 mins

Partnerships and Advocacy: Priorities for the Next Five Years

Dr Michael Sukumar
LEPRA Society

SESSION 6

Panel Discussion · Chairperson: Dr Bhumesh Kumar Katakam · Professor & HOD of DVL, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, Telangana

20 mins

PANEL DISCUSSION

What Should We Do Differently to Achieve Interruption of Transmission?

Moderator: Dr Vivek Pai

Director, Bombay Leprosy Project

Panellists:

Dr Rashmi Shukla · Dr Sunil Gitte ·

Dr Liesbeth Mieras ·

Mr Antony Samy ·

Dr Michael Sukumar

5 mins

Key Recommendations, Way Forward and Closing

Dr P. Narasimha Rao

Chairperson, IAL Academy

Master of Ceremony – Dr Pravin Kumar



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