Indian Association of Leprologists

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INTERNATIONAL CME WEBINAR

Leprosy Focus Group 3

— Disability Prevention & Rehabilitation —

Theme

Current Concepts in Disability Prevention, Correction and Care

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6:00 PM

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KEYNOTE & SPECIAL ADDRESSES

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Dr Takahiro Nanri
President, Sasakawa Leprosy Initiative, Tokyo, Japan

Dr Atul Shah
Coordinator – LFG3, IAL Academy & Former Hon. Professor, Tata Department of Plastic Surgery, Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai

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TIME	TOPIC	FACULTY / SPEAKER
3 mins	Welcome Note	**Prof P Narasimha Rao** Chairperson – IAL Academy; Professor of Dermatology, Bhaskar Medical College, Telangana State
3 mins	Opening Remarks	**Prof Sunil Dogra** President, IAL; Professor, Department of Dermatology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, India
3 mins	Plastic Surgeons and IAL Collaboration: A New Initiative!	**Dr Vinita Puri** Head, Department of Plastic Surgery and Burns, Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai & President, The Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI)
SESSION 1		
Chairperson: Dr Atul Shah, Coordinator – LFG3, IAL Academy & Former Hon. Professor, Tata Department of Plastic Surgery, Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai		
12 mins	SPECIAL ADDRESS Leprosy Reconstructive Surgery: Evolution, Changing Perspectives and Unmet Needs	**Dr Atul Shah** Coordinator – LFG3, IAL Academy; Former Hon. Professor, Tata Department of Plastic Surgery, Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai
15 mins	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Current geographical distribution of new cases with Grade 2 disability and availability of DPMR services under NLEP	**Dr Sunil V Gitte** Deputy Director General (Leprosy), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi
15 mins	KEYNOTE ADDRESS International contribution of the Sasakawa Foundation towards acceptance of persons affected by leprosy into society	**Dr Takahiro Nanri** President, Sasakawa Leprosy Initiative, Tokyo, Japan

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SESSION 2		
Chairperson: Dr Jerry Joshua, Director & Chief Surgeon, Schieffelin Institute of Health Research & Leprosy Centre, Karigiri, Vellore, Tamil Nadu		
12 mins	Disability in Leprosy – Global burden and prospects for a successful rehabilitation	**Dr R R Pemmaraju Venkata** Former Technical Officer, Global Leprosy Program, WHO SEARO; Programme Advisor (Medical Issues), Sasakawa Health Foundation, New Delhi
12 mins	Epidemiology and burden of leprosy disabilities in India as of 2025 – an explorative analysis by IAL and IADVL	**Dr Santoshdev Rathod** Expert Advisor – IAL Academy; Head, Department of Dermatology, Smt. NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
SESSION 3		
Chairperson: Dr Helen Roberts, Medical Superintendent, The Leprosy Mission Community Hospital, Vadathorasalur, Kallakurichi District, Tamil Nadu		
10 mins	Current concepts and recent advances in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Disability Care in Leprosy	**Dr Amit Mhambre** Professor & Head, Department of PMR, All India Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AIIPMR), Mumbai
10 mins	Diabetic foot care as applicable to anaesthetic feet – lessons from 25 years' experience	**Dr Sanjay Vaidya** Consultant Plastic & Diabetic Foot Surgeon, Mumbai
10 mins	Recent advances in specialized footwear and orthoses for preventing sole wounds in leprosy patients with a "risk" foot	**Dr Sathish K Paul** Head – Research, Schieffelin Institute of Health Research & Leprosy Centre, Karigiri, Tamil Nadu

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PANEL DISCUSSION		
Moderator: Dr Kiran Katoch, Former Director, National JALMA Institute for Leprosy and Other Mycobacterial Diseases (NJILOMD), ICMR, Agra		
Panellists: Dr Sunil V Gitte · Dr Takahiro Nanri · Dr R R Pemmaraju Venkata · Dr Santoshdev Rathod · Dr Amit Mhambre · Dr Sanjay Vaidya · Dr Sathish K Paul		
20 mins	Current Concepts in Disability Prevention, Correction and Care – Challenges, Innovations and the Way Forward	**Dr Kiran Katoch & Panellists** As listed above
5 mins	Disability Prevention, Correction and Care: Lessons learned & way forward for National Program	**Dr V M Katoch** Former Director General, ICMR and Secretary, Department of Health Research, MoH & FW, Govt. of India; Editor, Indian Journal of Leprosy
5 mins	Key Recommendations and Closing	**Dr Sujai Suneetha** Convener – IAL Academy; Director, R & D, Nireekshana ACET; Director, Institute for Specialized Services in Leprosy (INSSIL), Hyderabad
5 mins	Vote of Thanks	**Mr Stanley Kingsley** Convener – LFG3, IAL Academy & Research Executive, Bombay Leprosy Project, Mumbai

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