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EMPOWERING PEOPLE AGAINST HEPATITIS

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Banquet Hall, 3rd Floor, Ashoka Hotel
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi

Program: Themes and Agenda



AGENDA 2019

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| 4.30 – 5.15 pm | | Living with Hepatitis: The lives of people with Hepatitis B & C |
| 5.15 – 6.00 pm | | People’s Participation in Eliminating Hepatitis B & C: Empowering People Against Hepatitis Campaign |
| 6.00 pm – 6.45 pm | | Viral Hepatitis B and C – ‘A Silent epidemic’ – Challenges and Solutions |
| 6.45 – 8.00 PM | | Hepatitis Elimination by 2030: India’s road map |

Eminent Speakers and Panelists

- Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, GoI
- Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice, GoI
- Dr Vinod Paul, Member, Niti Aayog
- Shri Vijay Kumar Dev, Chief Secretary, GNCTD
- Ms Preeti Sudan, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, GoI
- Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman, Airports Authority of India
- Dr Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India
- Shri Fali S. Nariman, Eminent Jurist
- Ms Lata Krishnamurti, Advocate
- Dr Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU
- Dr Ashok Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Education Group
- Dr S K Sarin, Director, ILBS
- Shri Ram Kripal Singh, Senior Journalist

Session 1.

Living with Hepatitis: The lives of people with Hepatitis B & C

Moderator: Bobby John

- Swami Agniwesh – Social Activist
- Ashok Chauhan, Founder Chancellor, Amity University
- Jagdesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU
- Lata Krishnamurti/Advocate Ram Kripal Singh
- Girish Tyagi, President DMA
- Dr. Ekta Gupta, ILBS

Session 2.

Community Participation in Eliminating Hepatitis B & C

Moderator: Debang

Shri U K Sinha, Former Chairman SEBI

Dr. N K Arora, Director INCLIN

Shesh Kumar, Senior Journalist

Romana Yousuf, Cipla Foundation

Dr Ajay Kumar, President, Indian Society of Gastroenterology

Vibhuti, President Elect Rotary

Ashok Chakradhar: Hepatitis ki Baat, Dil Se

Session 3.

Viral Hepatitis – A Silent Epidemic – Challenges and Solutions

Moderator: Bobby John

Dr Vinod Paul, Member, Niti Aayog

Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament

Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary, MOHFW

Dr Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India

Shekhar Gupta, Senior Journalist

Sanjiv Khirwar, Pr. Secy. Health, GNCTD

Dr. Seema Alam, Prof Pediatric Hepatology, ILBS

Session 4: Concluding Session

Hepatitis Elimination by 2030: India's road map

Moderator: Dr S K Sarin

Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha

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Session Themes

Session 1:

Living with Hepatitis: The lives of people with Hepatitis B & C

Compere: Sh Shekhar Gupta

“The stigma of being infected with Hepatitis B is the worst thing that can happen to women, better to die than live with it” said young woman who was detected Hepatitis B positive few months before child birth. Tens of thousands of such individuals have been rejected by the society, colleges, universities, employers and visa counselors, etc. To understand the real menace of hepatitis B and C, we need to look into the lives of people and understand the challenges faced by them. Often, the discovery of the disease or the beginning of the treatment can lead to significant changes in the lives of people infected and their families. Hepatitis B and C could impact a person’s life in ways that can change their values, beliefs, practices and meanings they give to life. Let us try to ‘live’, for a short while, the life of the people affected by Hepatitis B & C, and look into their fears and challenges.

Panelists: Swami Agnivesh, Prof. Jagadesh Kumar, Dr. Ashok Chauhan, Ms. Lata Krishnamurti, Shri Ram Kripal Singh, Dr. Rakhi Maiwall

Session 2:

People’s Participation in Eliminating Hepatitis B & C: Empowering People Against Hepatitis Campaign

Compere: Sh Dibang

Elimination of infectious diseases is possible, by prevention and timely treatment. Both hepatitis B and C, spread through blood and body fluids, are preventable and treatable. What is needed is awareness. The stigma of being detected with hepatitis B and C and the risk of social dejection is the major cause for not reaching out for testing and treatment. Social stigmas and their impact include, social rejection (rejection by family, friends and neighborhood), economic stigma (jeopardizing getting a job and losing a job), embarrassment (fear of disclosure of being infected), and lack of self-confidence (feeling inferior and isolated). Unless there are massive efforts for increasing the awareness about these infections and community mobilization in voluntary vaccination, screening, testing and early treatment for Hepatitis B & C infections, more and more people will get infected and lives will continue to be lost. For an optimal public health response, it is time for a community action in the form of Talk, Test and Treat. The road to empowerment of people against these infections is through increased general awareness and generation of dialogue on the subject. Together, we need to change the mind set of people by Empowering People against Hepatitis, by joining the EMPATHY campaign and making it a people’s movement.

Panelists: Shri U K Sinha, Shri Ashok Chakradhar, Ms. Rumana Hamied, Prof. N K Arora, Shri Shesh Narain Singh, Prof. R K Dhiman, Dr. Ekta Gupta

Session 3:

Viral Hepatitis B and C –‘A Silent epidemic’ – Challenges and Solutions

Compere: Dr Bobby John

Globally, nearly 2 billion people have been learnt to have been infected with the hepatitis B virus (1 out of 3 people in the world) and nearly 292 million people are chronically infected. About a million die each year from it due to cirrhosis and/or liver cancer; Nearly 2 people die every minute due to hepatitis B infection. Nearly 65% of these persons are living in Asia, and after China, maximum in India, close to 40 million. Unfortunately, more than 85% of the infected people do not know about their infected state. Hepatitis C is another blood borne infection with nearly 70 million globally infected. India is inhabited by about 8-10 million of these. Infections of liver remain virtually unknown to the general public, at-risk populations, and policymakers; even healthcare providers often lack awareness and basic information about these infections. The key challenges are to detect the infected and treat them. The National Viral Hepatitis Program launched last year on the World Hepatitis Day, is a testimony to the commitment of the GOI to eliminate these infections from India, however major challenges remain in finding the missing millions, convincing them for testing, getting them to avail treatment and preventing the uninfected. Short- and long-term goals, road maps, time lines and monetary support need to be finalized.

Panelists: Dr Vinod Paul, Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, Shri Manoj Jhalani, Dr Henk Bekedam, Shri Sanjeev Khirwar, Dr. Anoop Saraya, Dr. Girish Tyagi, Dr. Shubnum Singh, Dr. Seema Alam

Session 4:

Hepatitis Elimination by 2030: India’s road map

A joint call for due commitments and time bound actions by all the stake holders, i.e; medical professionals, people’s participation from different sections of the society alongwith the policy makers is the need of the hour.

Speakers:

- Shri Om Birla, Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha,
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OUR SPEAKERS



Shri Om Birla, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha

Shri Om Birla is 17th and current Speaker of the Lok Sabha, he has completed his Masters in Commerce from Govt. Commerce College, Kota and Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer. He serves a Member of Parliament for the Kota-Bundi constituency in Rajasthan. He was elected to the 16th & 17th Lok Sabha from the Kota constituency. In the 16th Lok Sabha, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Energy and Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. He was elected Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha, following a motion for election moved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Prior to parliament, he was elected thrice to the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from the Kota South constituency.



Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology, Earth Sciences - Government of India

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate Change has a long and distinguished record of public service, leaving his indelible mark in all fields of activity undertaken. An ENT surgeon by profession to start with, Dr Vardhan branched out into public life in 1993, when he got elected to the Delhi Assembly from the Krishna Nagar constituency in east Delhi, which saw him getting elected to the Delhi Assembly for four more successive terms (1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013) and to the Lok Sabha in 2014 from the Chandni Chowk constituency in Delhi.

He regularly contributes articles on the environment, health, medical ethics and progressive issues to mainstream media. Dr Vardhan's articles have been published by Hindustan Times, The Indian Express, Punjab Kesri, Organiser, DNA, Business Standard, Panchjanya and other specialised magazines and journals apart from the vernacular press.



Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Communications & Information Technology and Law & Justice, Government of India

Ravi Shankar Prasad is the Union Cabinet Minister for Communications and Information Technology and Law and Justice in the Government of India. He is an eminent Lawyer and a Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India. He is a Member of Parliament since the year 2000 and has been the member of important Parliamentary Committees in the Parliament like Finance, Communication & IT, Petroleum & Chemicals.

He has also been a human rights activist. As a lawyer, he took the cause of undertrial prisoners and also argued certain important and momentous cases, impinging upon the propriety and fairness in the political life of the country. He has been an activist right from his student days, where he suffered imprisonment. He also fought for human freedom, press freedom and restoration of democratic values, when they were under severe stress.



Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, Member, Governing Body, AIIMS, Patna; and Central Council of Health & Family Welfare

Dr Sanjay Jaiswal is Member of Parliament who represents Paschim Champaran constituency of Bihar since 2009. He did his M.B.B.S from Patna Medical College and M.D from Darbhange Medical College in Patna making him only among a few Indian Parliamentarians having such rich credentials.

While in office, Jaiswal has been a member of Consultative Committee on Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Committee on Health and Family Welfare, Committee on Estimates and a member of the governing body JIPMER, Pondicherry. He is also a member of the Governing Body of AIIMS, Patna and the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare.



Shri Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister, Govt of NCT of Delhi

Shri Manish Sisodia is serving as Deputy Chief Minister in Govt of NCT of Delhi since 2015. He holds profiles of Education, Finance, Planning Land & Building, Vigilance, Services, Women and Child Development, Art, Culture and Languages and all other Departments not specifically allotted to any Minister.

He is a former journalist and has worked with leading news channels, after which he became active in the struggle to pass the Right to Information Act and played a key role in laying the foundation of the Jan Lokpal Movement.

During his tenure as Education Minister, a significant transformation has been seen in the infrastructure and quality of education provided by Delhi government schools. As Finance Minister, Sisodia doubled the budgetary allocation to Education amounting to almost 25% of the entire budget of the state.



Dr Vinod Paul, Member, NITI Aayog

Professor Vinod K. Paul is a full time Member in NITI Aayog (National Institute of Transforming India). Dr Paul has been a member of the faculty at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for over three decades and was head of the Department of Paediatrics for several years. Apart from being an eminent neonatologist, Dr Paul has contributed to India's national programmes including reproductive and child health; and nutrition. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of global Every Newborn Action Plan. He has chaired academic and selection committees of AIIMS, Raipur; chaired Technical Resources Group on Child Health, MoHFW, and co-chaired Himachal Pradesh State Commission on Health. Dr Paul is also a visiting professor at the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)



Ms Preeti Sudan, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Government of India,

Ms. Preeti Sudan is an IAS Officer of 1983 batch from Andhra Pradesh cadre, currently serving as Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Prior to this posting, she was Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. She also served as Special Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development and as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence.

In her Cadre, she has a distinguished track record of serving in Finance & Planning, Disaster Management, Tourism and Agriculture. She is M.Phil. in Economics & Post Graduate in Social Policy and Planning from London School of Economics. She has also served as Consultant in the World Bank at Washington.



Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra

Dr Guruprasad Mohapatra, 1986 Batch IAS Officer of Gujarat Cadre and is currently serving as Chairman, Airports Authority of India.

He has worked extensively in the power sector, urban development and industry, where he was involved in comprehensive reforms in the power sector and restructuring of the erstwhile Gujarat Electricity Board into several commercial entities. He has rich and varied experience in the chemicals & fertilizers sector, as he has worked as the Managing Director of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd. (GACL) and Managing Director of Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Company Limited (GNFC).

He worked as a Municipal Commissioner in Surat from 1999 to 2002, during which he was actively involved in the process of converting Surat into one of the models of urban governance with its thrust on Solid Waste Management, quality infrastructure and sound financial management. He also worked as a Municipal Commissioner in Ahmedabad for more than 3 years, during which he was instrumental in developing such iconic projects such as Sabarmati Riverfront, BRTS, Kankaria Lakefront and Heritage Promotion. Prior to joining AAI, he worked as a Joint Secretary in the Department of Commerce in Government of India.



Shri Manoj Jhalani, Additional Secretary & Mission Director, NHM

Shri Manoj Jhalani, is an IAS officer of 1987 batch Madhya Pradesh cadre and is currently Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family welfare and is also Mission Director of the National Health Mission. He has been conferred with prestigious UN Interagency Task Force Award for his outstanding contribution towards the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases. Prior to his posting in Ministry of Health and Family welfare he has also served as Commissioner & Director, State Education Mission, Madhya Pradesh.



Shri Sanjeev Khirwar

Shri Sanjeev Khirwar IAS, a 1994 batch of AGMU Cadre is presently Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi. He has graduated in B.Tech, computer science and M.A. in Economics. Prior to his appointment as Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi he has served as Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Shipping, Power, Civil Aviation & PWD Revenue, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



Dr Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India

Henk Bekedam is the WHO Representative to India; he took up this role on 27 November 2015. He is a Dutch national and a medical doctor by training. He acquired his MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics in 1996.

Prior to his arrival in India, Dr Bekedam was the WHO Representative to Egypt where he took up his position in 2013. He and the team focused WHO's support on scaling-up treatment and prevention of hepatitis C; strengthening the response to the largest outbreak of avian flu in humans and maintaining Egypt's polio free status. In addition, WHO facilitated a White Paper that outlines a clear path for Egypt to move towards Universal Health Coverage, including steps towards a comprehensive health insurance system for all Egyptians.



Shri U K Sinha, Former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India

Upendra Kumar Sinha is the former chairman of SEBI. His term started in February 2014. He has been appointed for a period of three years. He was the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Unit Trust of India Asset Management Company (UTIAMC), commonly referred to as UTI Mutual Fund. He is a member of the Indian Administrative Services (IAS), belonging to the Bihar Cadre. Shri Sinha, an ex-Indian Administrative Service Officer, has held several responsible positions with distinction in the State and Central Governments. He was Joint Secretary (Banking) and Joint Secretary (Capital Markets), Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Shri Sinha was the Chairman of the Working Group on Foreign Investment in India formed by the Government of India. He was a member of several committees set up by the Government of India including the Committees on Liquidity Management, FIIs, Corporate Bond Market and Investor Protection.



Fali Sam Nariman, Senior Advocate and Jurist

Shri Fali Sam Nariman is a distinguished Indian Constitutional jurist and senior advocate to the Supreme Court of India since 1971 and was the President of the Bar Association of India from 1991 till 2010. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honours, in economics and history from St. Xavier's college in Bombay. He received his Law degree from the Government Law College in Bombay in 1950. He practiced in the Bombay High Court for 22 years, and was appointed a Senior Advocate in the Supreme Court of India in 1961.

Shri Nariman is an internationally recognised authority on international arbitration. He is one of India's most distinguished constitutional lawyers and he has argued several leading cases. He remained Additional Solicitor General of India from May 1972 to June 1975.

He has been awarded the Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2007) and Gruber Prize for Justice (2002). He had been nominated a member of the Rajya Sabha for a term from 1999 to 2005.



Dr. Anoop Saraya, Department of Gastroenterology and Human Nutrition, All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi

Dr Anoop Saraya is Professor of Gastroenterology and Head of the Department of Gastroenterology and Human Nutrition Unit at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Apart from being an excellent clinician, an empathetic physician and an avid medical researcher, Dr Saraya has been a veteran of the progressive doctor's movement and has been taking up several issues directly impacting the interests of the poor patients such as issues regarding drug patents, abolition of user charges, opposing privatization of services at public health institutions and overall privatization of health services. His experience gained over the years has directly fed into enriching the content of this book.



Dr. R K Dhiman , Professor of Hepatology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh

Dr. Radha Krishan Dhiman is presently serving as Professor & Head of the Department of Hepatology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. Dr. Dhiman graduated (MBBS) from the King George's Medical College, Lucknow, India and received his doctorate in gastroenterology (DM) from the Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Medical sciences, Lucknow, India. He is a Fellow of American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (FAASLD), American College of Gastroenterology (FACG) and National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS).

Dr. Dhiman's main contributions include – in starting Liver ICU for sick patients with liver diseases, in starting a new super-speciality course (DM) in Hepatology for the first time in the country and in starting successful Liver Transplantation program at PGIMER Chandigarh; Hepatitis C elimination and Injection Safety project in Punjab and National Guidelines for National Viral hepatitis Control Program. He is the author of more than 300 publications, including original papers, reviews, book chapters and a monograph. His main research work has been in the areas of hepatic encephalopathy, portal hypertension, viral hepatitis and biliary diseases. He is Editor-in-Chief of 'Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hepatology', an official Journal of Indian National Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (INASL).



Dr M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

M. Jagadesh Kumar is the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi & a Professor (on lien) in Dept of Electrical Engg at IIT Delhi. He works in the area of Nanoelectronic Devices, Nanoscale Device modeling and simulation, Innovative Device Design and Power semiconductor devices. He has published extensively in the above areas with four book chapters and more than 200 publications in refereed journals and conferences. He considers teaching as his pride and joy and has been rated as outstanding by the Faculty Appraisal Committee, IIT Delhi. He has received the 2013 Award for Excellence in Teaching (in large class category) from IIT Delhi.. He is a member of University Grants Commission (UGC). He is also the Chairman of the Governing Body of National Council of Science Museums.



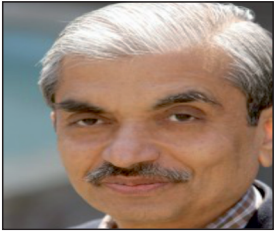
Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, President of the Amity Education Group

Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, a renowned educationist, industrialist and philanthropist, is the Founder President of Amity Education Group, India's leading Global Education Group comprising of 5 Universities, 150 institutions, 6 Global Campuses, 17 Schools & Play Schools with 95,000 students and 3500 faculty, researchers and scientists. He is also the Chairman of MC Group of Companies, a leading conglomerate with diverse business interests in plastics, pharmaceuticals, finance, construction and IT. Amity Universities, under the vision and guidance of Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, are known worldwide for their innovative pedagogy, state of the art Infrastructure, globally benchmarked curriculum, erudite faculty members. Dr. Chauhan, has a mission and vision to contribute to make India a "Super Power by 2030" by education and beyond.



Dr Girish Tyagi, President Delhi Medical Association

Dr Girish Tyagi is President, Delhi Medical Association (DMA) along with serving as registrar of Delhi Medical Council (DMC) Dr Tyagi has also served the association in past as senior vice-president, finance secretary and honorary state secretary. As a DMC registrar, he regularly monitored there was no illegal functioning of quacks in the city.



Dr. N K Arora, Executive Director of The INCLEN Trust International

Prof Narendra Kumar Arora MD, MMSc, from India is the current Executive Director of The INCLEN Trust International since 2005. He holds MD in Pediatrics from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and has received MMSc in Clinical Epidemiology and Bio-Statistics from the University of Newcastle, Australia under the INCLEN training Program

Narendra Arora was a faculty member of AIIMS since 1983 and retired as a Professor of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition in 2007.

Professor Arora is a known public health expert in India and is extensively involved in policy-making, program planning, implementation and evaluation of public health programs at both national and international level. He was a Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator in over 60 major research projects and have published over 150 original research in national and international peer-reviewed journals. Narendra Arora has been honored with numerous prestigious distinctions for his excellence



Dr Shubnum Singh, Director-Medical Education, Medical Research & Advisor-Healthcare Framework

Dr. Shubnum is an alumna of Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi and has 38 years of experience in the medical profession ranging from core medical practice as a Pathologist, Allergist, Administrator to Strategy and policy advisory.

A founder member of Max Healthcare Institute Ltd. She has been actively involved in strategizing and developing different verticals of the business. In her role as CEO of Max Institute of Health Education & Research, she was actively engaged in developing the educational and skilling vertical for the group. Currently as Advisor Healthcare Framework she provides strategic guidance to the group in various projects. She also serves as a Board member of Antara Senior Living & Crosslay Remedies Limited.

She has been the Convener of CII - NITI Aayog Government of India Central Planning board Working Group project on 'Public Private Partnerships (PPP) for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) for defining the levels of services and specialties of critical services' and worked closely with The World Bank, IFC and WHO in this capacity.



Ms. Rumana Hamied, CEO, Cipla Foundation. Board Member, Cipla Palliative Care & Training Centre

Rumana Hamied is the CEO of Cipla Foundation. Rumana also serves on the Board of the Cipla Palliative Care & Training Centre, Pune, India. She is leading Cipla's 20 year plus commitment in palliative care, growing the focus beyond cancer care to support patients living with other serious illnesses across India. Prior to her role at Cipla Foundation, Rumana has done extensive work in film production. She mainstreamed issues of gaps in access and affordability in healthcare through her internationally acclaimed documentary film, "Fire in the Blood".



Shri Ashok Chakradhar, Author, Poet and former head of the department of Hindi at Jamia Millia Islamia.

Ashok Chakradhar is an author, poet and former head of the department of Hindi at Jamia Millia Islamia (Central University). He has been actively associated with radio and television as a script writer for multiple genres - dramas, comedy, satires and poems for children. For his contribution to Hindi literature, he was awarded Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award, in 2014 for script writing. He is working towards the propagation and development of the Hindi (Hindustani) language. In 2007 he became the Hindi coordinator at the Institute of Life Long Learning (ILL) at the University of Delhi and in 2009 was appointed as the Vice Chairman of Hindi Academy, Government of Delhi and as the Vice Chairman of the Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal, Ministry of HRD, Government of India.



Swami Agnivesh, Social Activist

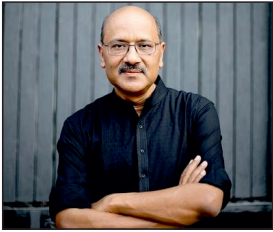
Agnivesh (born 21 September 1939), is an Indian politician and a former Member of Legislative Assembly from the Indian state of Haryana, an Arya Samaj scholar, and a social activist. He is the winner of the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize (the Right Livelihood Award), 2004. At the young age of 28, he abandoned a promising career as a professor of law and management in Calcutta for a life of activism. He has worked on a number of social issues, including child and bonded labour, inclusion of “untouchables” in Indian religious society, women’s rights, and religious tolerance and reconciliation.



Lata Krishnamurti

Lata Krishnamurti is a senior advocate in Supreme court of India. She has briefed and appeared with almost all the eminent lawyers of Supreme Court. She has long experience in both conducting and assisting public interest litigation. She has co-authored 2 papers which were presented in international seminars. She has authored a hand book on minimum wages act for the India Institute of Social Sciences.

She has been closely associated with right based groups and had the opportunity to work with various NGOs on social issues. She has appeared and represented the most excluded sections of society.



Shekhar Gupta, Editor-in-Chief and Chairman, ThePrint

Shekhar Gupta is the editor-in-chief of The Print. He is also a columnist for the Business Standard and pens a weekly column which appears every Saturday. He was earlier the vice chairman of the India Today Group. Until June 2014, he served 19 years as editor-in-chief of the Indian Express. Shekhar Gupta writes a weekly column called "National Interest" for India Today magazine. His "National Interest" columns for the Indian Express were collected in his 2014 book Anticipating India. He also hosts an interview-based television show Walk the Talk on NDTV 24x7. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2009 by the Government of India for his contribution to journalism.



Shri Shesh Narain Singh, Senior Journalist

Shesh Narain Singh is a senior journalist with over thirty years of extensive experience covering Indian politics, governance, social conflict, community relations and rural development. He is a commentator on policy and development issues for newspapers, radio and television news. He is currently the political editor of the Hindi newspaper 'Deshbandhu'; a regular political commentator on the news network 'TV18' (which includes channels such as News18, CNBC-Awaz and ETV); and is also a columnist with many newspapers and online portals. He is also regularly invited as a political analyst on many popular news channels in India including Lok Sabha TV, Rajya Sabha TV and DD News. In the past, he has been associated with several leading news organizations like NDTV, Star News, BBC, ABP News and Times Now. Starting his career as an academic at the University of Gorakhpur, he moved to Delhi in the 1970s and dedicated his career to journalism.



Shri Ram Kripal Singh – Senior Journalist

Shri Ram Kripal Singh is a senior Journalist. He has done his graduation in LLB and BSc along with Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism. In his 40 years of illustrious career in Media, he has been associated with major media groups like Times Group, TV Today Group. He retired as the Editor, Nav Bharat Times (NBT) in 2014. He is a commentator on policy and development issues for newspapers, radio and television news.



Dibang, Senior News Anchor

Dibang is a news anchor and a famous journalist in India. He is known for his shows like Jan Man and Press Conference on ABP News. His debate shows are really popular because of the points that he raises in the show.

He started his career as a correspondent for The Sunday Times and he later moved to The Illustrated Weekly of India. After some time, he joined TV news and he started working with Aaj Tak. In later years, Dibang he joined NDTV as an Executive Editor of the channel and became the launching face of the channel. During his tenure with NDTV, he hosted a debate show called Muqabla and the show gained a lot of popularity among Indian audience. He also received Indian Television Academy Award in 2006.



Dr. (Prof.) Shiv Kumar Sarin

Prof Shiv Kumar Sarin is the Senior Professor, Hepatology and Director, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi. He was instrumental in setting up the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, under the auspices of the Govt of Delhi. He has more than 560 publications to his credit, edited 13 books on liver diseases and contributed 85 chapters in various medical text books. He has helped develop 18 major guidelines; including six major Asian Pacific Treatment Guidelines in Liver diseases.

He is credited with several new treatment protocols for liver diseases, especially variceal bleeding, liver regeneration, hepatitis B and acute-on-chronic liver failure. Prof. Sarin has shown leadership roles in being the President of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology, Indian Association for the Study of the Liver, Asian Pacific Association of Liver (APASL), and Chairman Steering Committee of the APASL. He has been awarded the prestigious Henry L. Bockus Medal -2017 by World Gastroenterology Organization. He has been bestowed with Padma Bhushan by the Govt of India.

He is also a recipient of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, The World Academy of Medical Sciences (TWAS) International Prize, EASL International Recognition Award, Om Prakash Bhasin Award, Dhanvantri Medical Award, Ranbaxy Medical Sciences Award, and the 'Best Teacher' Award, besides being a founding Editor of Hepatology International. He developed with other Board of Governors the 'Vision 2015' document for Medical Education in India during his tenure as Chairman of Medical Council of India.



Dr Seema Alam, Professor, ILBS

Dr Seema Alam established the first ever department of Paediatric Hepatology in the country. The department has achieved various milestones since then: starting the Paediatric Liver Transplantation program in September 2011 where we have transplanted 35 children, initiation of Post-doctoral Certificate Course in Paediatric Hepatology in January 2013 and we have finally trained 6 PDCC fellows successfully. The DM program in the specialty from September 2013 – nationally the first ever and only training in this super-speciality is in its fourth year. Number of children attending out-patient clinic as well as those admitted in the wards have been increasing steadily. She is keenly interested in metabolic liver disease and her earnest enthusiasm has helped create widespread awareness about such disorders among paediatricians and adult gastroenterologists. She attended the APASL 2014 & 2015 conference at Brisbane & Istanbul respectively, where the organizers were persuaded to add a more organized Paediatric Hepatology session. Clinical Scenarios in Paediatric Liver disease was an idea introduced by her and it is successfully running in its fourth year.

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Dr. Ekta Gupta, Additional Professor, Virology, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences.

Dr. Ekta Gupta did her MD Microbiology from KGMC Lucknow, Senior Residency from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) as well as Senior Research Associateship in Clinical Virology from AIIMS. She was granted gold medal for her MD. Did post MD research work in Dengue viruses for which "The best Scientist award for outstanding contribution in clinical research by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)" was given. Major research interests are in Hepatitis Viruses (HBV, HCV, and HEV), Transplant viruses and Dengue virus. Have more than 40 scientific publications in indexed National & International Journals and author of 7 chapters in books. She is the Nodal officer for Integrated counselling and testing centre for HIV at the Institute through Delhi State AIDS control society.

She is also an active member of various institutional committees but also an executive member of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologist association and various other committees outside the Institute.



Dr. Rakhi Maiwall, Additional Professor, ILBS

Dr Rakhi Maiwall is currently working at Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi, India as an Additional Professor in the Department of Hepatology. She has completed her MBBS in 2003 with 3 gold medals and finished her MD Internal Medicine from Lucknow University in 2007 with gold medal. She has done her DM in gastroenterology from Christian Medical College, Vellore in 2011. She is hard working, efficient and compassionate in patient care. She has the capability and skills of performing both upper and lower GI diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. She also has experience in hepatic hemodynamics (Hepatic Venous Pressure Gradient measurement). She has also been associated with ILBS-ECHO project of telemedicine for training general physicians in rural and semi-urban areas of India in the management chronic liver related disorders particularly Hepatitis C and B virus related.



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