



## AGENDA (beginning at 5:00 pm)

Exploring the present and future role of India in drug research and development, access, and capacity strengthening for neglected diseases, this public symposium brings together world-renowned health experts, researchers, clinicians, and pharmaceutical executives from India and around the world.

<b>KEYNOTE SESSION: EXPERIENCES IN DEVELOPING TREATMENTS AND ADDRESSING PATIENT NEEDS IN INDIA</b>	
<b>Chair: Dr. S.K. Bhattacharya</b> , Additional Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research	
Welcoming remarks	<b>Dr. Bhawna Sharma</b> Head, DNDi India Regional Support Office
DNDi update – 5 years on, progress made and challenges ahead	<b>Dr. Bernard Pécoul</b> , MD, MPH, Executive Director, DNDi
Opening address	<b>Dr. Shiv Lal</b> , Special Director, General Health Services (Public Health) & Director National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Visceral leishmaniasis in India: unmet patient needs and public health priorities	<b>Dr. C.P. Thakur</b> , MD Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Balaji Utthan Sansthan & Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences
The changing R&D landscape in India and its impact on neglected diseases in India and worldwide	<b>Davinder S. Brar</b> , MBA Chairman, GVK Bio

The panel discussion will feature 5-minute interventions from leaders in clinical research and drug development to provide their perspectives on what the future holds for neglected diseases and India.

<b>PANEL SESSION: FUTURE ROLE OF INDIA IN BRINGING INNOVATION THAT WILL ADDRESS NEGLECTED DISEASES</b>	
How do we promote R&D innovation for neglected patients? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the current system? What incentives can be provided? What challenges remain?	
<b>Chair: Prof. Nirmal K. Ganguly</b> , Distinguished Biotechnology Fellow And Advisor, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute	
Visceral leishmaniasis in India: what's ongoing and what remains to be done	<b>Dr. Shyam Sundar</b> , MD Professor of Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University
Malaria in India: what's ongoing and what remains to be done	<b>Dr. A.P. Dash</b> , MD Director, National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR)
Perspectives on R&D sector delivering innovation for neglected diseases in India from an insider point of view	<b>Rashmi Barbhaiya</b> , PhD CEO, Advinus Therapeutics
Opportunities to engage Indian R&D sector in delivering innovation for neglected diseases worldwide	<b>Dr. Shing Chang</b> , PhD R&D Director, DNDi
Q&A session with audience	Chair: <b>Prof. Nirmal K. Ganguly</b>
Concluding remarks	<b>Prof. Nirmal K. Ganguly</b>

**AS OF 6:45 PM: RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF DNDI INDIA OFFICE**