

## SPECIAL SESSION



### International Snakebite Awareness Day: Challenges and Opportunities to Reduce Avoidable Snakebite Deaths in Odisha, India

In Odisha, India, snakebite-related health issues transcend traditional and the urban-rural divide. However, awareness of snakebite as an "avoidable" snakebite awareness day. The presenters will discuss the challenges and opportunities to reduce snakebite deaths in Odisha, India, and explore the role of community-based approaches.

The Avoidable Snakebite Awareness (ASA) initiative is to reduce avoidable snakebite deaths in India by 50% by 2030. This is achieved through community-based approaches and health system strengthening. The major causes of death include bites from venomous snakes and scorpions, and the lack of access to health services. The ASA initiative aims to reduce snakebite deaths in India.

To date, awareness of the "avoidable" nature of snakebite-related health issues has been limited. This session will explore the challenges and opportunities to reduce snakebite deaths in

Odisha, India, and to explore the role of community-based approaches.

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