

Press Release

International & National Doctors Highlights New Diagnostic Opportunities For Multiple Sclerosis

- Indian Committee For Treatment And Research In Multiple Sclerosis Hosts A 3-Day Meet 'ICTRIMS 2019' In The City -

Kolkata, 18th August, 2019: Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease characterized initially by several short-lived episodes of blurred vision, weakness of limbs, unsteady gait with remissions in between. After a few years the individual becomes progressively bedbound and ultimately die. Neuromyelitis Optica spectrum disorders have similar course of illness but in general more aggressive than MS. "Auto-immune Encephalitis" comprise several immune-based inflammatory disorders of brain. All these above neuro-immunological disorders usually affect individuals in 20-45 years age group when they are in their most productive years of life. These are all disabling diseases with ultimate fatality, if left untreated.

The Indian Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ICTRIMS), which has been founded to focus on these increasingly prevalent neuroimmunological disorders in India, is hosting their 5th Annual conference **ICTRIMS 2019** in Kolkata from 16th-18th August, 2019. Over 300 leading international and national Doctors dealing with Multiple Sclerosis are participating in this 3 - day conference. The world renowned "European Charcot Foundation" has now joined hand with ICTRIMS. There will be a 5 members of International Faculty, the world's leading experts in this field, who will deliver lectures on the cutting-edge research on Multiple Sclerosis. The President of Pan-Asian Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (PACTRIMS) Prof. Kazuo Fujihara will deliver an Oration at the conference.

The press conference on the various facets of and diagnostic opportunities for Multiple Sclerosis was addressed by **Prof Kazuo Fujihara**, Department of Multiple Sclerosis Therapeutics, Fukushima Medical University, Japan, **Dr Arijit Chattopadhyay**, Consultant Pediatric Neurologist, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Kolkata, **Dr SS Nandi**, Consultant Neurologist, CMRI Hospital, Kolkata, **Dr Amit Haldar**, Consultant Neurologist, Fortis Hospital & Park Clinic, Kolkata, **Dr Tapas Kumar Banerjee**, Medical Director & Chief Consultant Neurologist, NNC, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata, **Dr SK Biswas**, Consultant Neurologist, Bellevue Clinic, **Dr Arabinda Mukherjee**, Professor of Neurology, VIMS, Kolkata, **Dr Pahari Ghosh**, Consultant Neurologist, CMRI, Kolkata & **Dr Arindam Ghosh**, Consultant Neurologist, Narayana Hospital.

The past couple of decades have witnessed a tremendous advancement in Neuro-immunology. New diagnostic opportunities are now available and the therapeutic landscape has expanded with the advent of a wide range of drugs. The past nihilistic attitude in the treatment of these conditions has now been replaced by a sense of optimism. We are now able to cure these diseases.

The knowledge that will be gained from this conference will surely have an invaluable impact in the future treatment of such complicated neurological illnesses.

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