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DUAL DIAGNOSIS: THE JOURNEY OF REHABILITATION

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Three states of India with an epidemic of drug dependence juxtaposed and in the centre, a dual diagnosis centre. Regulators wielding a machine gun, an impoverished population, lack of trained man power, chameleon policy changes and all the settings of a nightmare. The formulation of Indian SOPs, the mainstreaming of organized mental health care, the iniquitousness of tuberculosis like infective conditions and the challenge of gross medical co morbidity in this population and the newness of process dependence will be fleshed out. The presentation aims at capturing the myriad challenges in area of dual diagnosis and laying bare the academic barrenness, the inadequate resources and the journey after rehabilitation to the community.

BIOGRAPHY

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