

On 19 September 2023, the [Case Station for Avoidable Snakebite Deaths](#) (CaSA) was launched in Burujhari village of Ganjam district in Odisha, India. The launching event was led by ADN India Hub.

Chaired by the Head of Epidemiology at the Indian Council of Medical Research – Regional Medical Research Centre, Dr. Amarendra Mohapatra, and Programme Officer at the Orissa State Volunteers and Social Workers Association (OSVSWA), Ms. Basanti Sarangi, the event featured five esteemed speakers and was attended by 130 local participants consisting of 49% women and 51% men.



The launching event featured a poster display of information and education (IEC) materials for the prevention of avoidable snakebite deaths in Oriya, as well as festive songs and dances to celebrate the local festival of Ganesh Puja.

The CaSA aims to promote a social learning laboratory at the village level; foster village-level communities of practice (*aka* local level action network (LAN)) to find solutions for local problems; and develop the capacity of primary and secondary health and disaster responders to reduce avoidable snakebite deaths.



Speakers included Executive Director of OSVSWA and ADN India Hub Lead, Mr. Dillip Pattanaik; Ganjam district social worker, Mr. Maheswar Barada; Honourable Member of Legislative Assembly of Kavisuryanagar constituency, Ms. Latika Pradhan; Chairperson of Beguniapada block, Ms. Renu Gauda; and Sarapanch of Burujhari Gram Panchayat, Mr. Binod Chandra Jena.



The purpose of CaSA is to help policymakers, practitioners and communities living with/ at high risk of snakebites make better decisions to save lives and injuries for sustainable development.

The event has been featured by two news outlets [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) and is available to watch on [YouTube](#).



The event was attended virtually by the ADN Founding Presidents, Dr. Nibedita Ray-Bennett and Dr. Hideyuki Shiroshita, Advisors and Technical Experts on snakebites, Dr. Stephen Samuel and Dr. R.K. Soni and 11 Operation Members of ADN.

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