

Did you know?
Globally, around 120 million people are affected with Lymphatic Filariasis of which 30% are disabled by the disease.

It has been a hectic January for us at LEPRO with multiple activities and events, primarily, the World Leprosy Day (WLD) awareness programmes. Prasant, our Chief Executive, who joined us in November 2020 has been travelling extensively with the LEPRO team to understand the programmes and projects closer.



In all the 10 states where we have direct operations, our team works closely with the government officials to ensure that the crucial support that the affected people need is addressed immediately.

- Andhra Pradesh
- Bihar
- Chhattisgarh
- Delhi
- Jharkhand
- Madhya Pradesh
- Odisha
- Rajasthan
- Telangana
- Uttar Pradesh

World Leprosy Day 2021

This year, January 31st was observed as the World Leprosy Day and we conducted awareness programmes from the period of 31st January to 14th February as part of the Leprosy Fortnight. Unfortunately, we could not organise any mega events like we did last year because of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic. So, most of the activities we did were virtual. But, the message that "Leprosy is curable" and LEPRO is in the forefront to help the people affected by leprosy has been disseminated widely. Some of the smaller activities we did take up in the World Leprosy Day can be seen [here](#).

In addition to the World Leprosy Day, some other exciting events/activities which took place are represented below

Jagruti livelihoods - sanitary napkins launch



Appreciation certificate for the AP team of LEPRO



Rotary District 3040 car rally - Madhya Pradesh





Beneficiary Story . . .
Shyamala followed the exercise routine for hands and soon she started playing with her friends. [Read more here](#)

IEC Van flagged off by GM of Tata Steel, Dhanbad



Republic Day celebrations



Some of our supporters in Jan 2021. . .

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We are GRATEFUL for the support received.

We thank Dr. Rukmini for her guidance & support.

AND

We welcome Dr. Katoch as our new Chairman.

Key focus areas
Leprosy & Lymphatic Filariasis

Other disease areas
HIV/AIDS, Eye-care
Tuberculosis, Mental Health

Key Achievements

- Our existing collaboration with **Rotary Clubs** is progressing and we started approaching new clubs in all our operational areas.
- Initiated discussions with Rotary Clubs in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha to explore possible ways of joint partnership.
- Rotary District 3040, Madhya Pradesh organised a car rally where they had key leprosy awareness messages on the cars for the World Leprosy Day 2021.

Bihar

- 235 men with hydrocele were reached with direct services across Munger, Kaimur and Patna and 96 persons underwent **hydrocelectomy**.
- **277 pairs of customised footwear** was provided to the affected in 7 leprosy colonies.
- 45 persons (Men-18, Women-27) underwent cataract surgery in the five District Hospitals.

- Andhra Pradesh team received a **certificate of appreciation** from the district collector for services being provided in the field of leprosy by LEPROA.
- Around **200 COVID19 tests** are done successfully through our research centre at Hyderabad. These tests were offered free of charge in leprosy colonies and other marginalised communities who are economically challenged.

Odisha

- **161 persons** affected with leprosy were provided with **customised footwear**.
- 10 people affected by leprosy successfully underwent reconstructive surgeries.
- 581 contacts were examined out of 172 index cases in 22 villages under leprosy focal survey.

Andhra Pradesh

- A total of 191 customised footwear was provided to the people affected by leprosy and LF.
- In association with **State Blindness Control Society**, vision screening camps were planned in all the 48 leprosy colonies.
- In collaboration with the Municipal Corporation, 65 mosquito bed nets were distributed in the slums and to the people affected by LF.

- Our project with **Raghu Raj and Vimal Foundation** in Kalahandi continues to progress and around 120 customised footwear are distributed in the districts of Kalahandi.
- **American Leprosy Missions** - We are happy to share that **Jagruiti Livelihoods** is initiated which is a women-led project providing sanitary napkins for women in marginalised communities of Mentada block in Andhra Pradesh.

Madhya Pradesh

- With the support of grant received by **Lepra UK from St. Francis Leprosy Guild in UK**, we were able to successfully distribute 1000 ration kits in 5 districts of Madhya Pradesh.
- **193 pairs of customised footwear** was provided to the people affected by leprosy.

Telangana

- **197 pairs of customised footwear** was provided to people affected by leprosy and LF.
- Need assessment for 42 persons' education support was done under CHAHA project supported by ORACLE.

Prasant (Chief Executive) speaks. .

"This year starts with a lot of optimism as the vaccination drive for COVID19 is being rolled out across the country and the number of daily infections is on a downward trend! Dr. Viswamohan Katoch took over as the new chairman from Dr. Rukmini Rao, who stood down for personal reasons. As we welcome Dr. Katoch, we express our gratitude to Dr. Rukmini to have led the organisation in a challenging period. We have formalised our relationship with SRH (Shivananda Rehabilitation Home) and further strengthened this partnership. In spite of the restrictions due to the COVID19, LEPROA and its partners & supporters had been able to celebrate the World Leprosy Day. Let's strive together to take LEPROA to a new level in serving people affected by Leprosy with dignity & humility."

From all of us at LEPROA, thank you so much!

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