



Samiksha

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15,503

Over the last 4 months, we have motivated, educated and successfully mobilised the vaccination drive for people in the neglected, vulnerable and marginalised communities.

This joint team effort of each and everyone in LEPRAs has resulted in busting the myths about COVID19 vaccination and helped many overcome vaccine hesitancy and paved the way for vaccine equity.

We thank all our donors, supporters and especially our partners (Lepra UK, Effect:Hope and American Leprosy Missions) for making this happen!

GLIMPSES OF SOME KEY ACTIVITIES

Digital training of CRPs under Jagruti



Eye health camp



Distribution of bednets



WHO team visit to our referral clinic



Selfcare training to leprosy affected people



Sensitisation programmes to ASHAs on leprosy



AWARD

LEPRA felicitated Dr. Anantha Reddy for receiving the prestigious "Dr. Jal Mehta Oration" award during the 31st biennial Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL) conference 2021.



— HAPPY — Retirement



We thank Mallareddy for being such a valuable and dedicated member of the LEPRAs family for over 25 years.

Some key updates

AP & TS

- Received INR 1,50,000 from the KCP Limited, AP to support children in foster care.
- Organised a training programme to 50 frontline workers on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) under Water Aid supported by United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA).
- Under EpiC project, assessment of 7 Community Based Organisations (CBO) has been completed.

- Digital training for 108 CRPs conducted in Kalyanpur, Bihar by Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad under the ALM funded Jagruti project.
- A distribution camp (customised footwear & appliances) was organised at TATA Sparsh, Dhanbad on the occasion of 117th birth anniversary of respected Shri JRD Tata (founder of TATA group).
- Successfully trained 516 Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHAs) and ASHA facilitators (10 batches) under the Restoring Lives of Forgotten People project supported by the Big Lottery Fund.

Bihar

Odisha

- Successfully completed distribution of dry ration, emergency medicines and PPE kits to the key populations in Bhubaneswar and Koraput with the support of Frontline Aids.
- Education support provided to girl children of leprosy colonies to continue their education.

- Organised leprosy training programme to 225 Community Health Officers (CHO) and 73 members of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK).
- Organised health awareness camps for prisoners and screened for tuberculosis & HIV.

MP

BPHRC

- Integrated leprosy and COVID19 services (awareness programmes, self care camps, etc.)
- COVID19 mobile testing ongoing in leprosy colonies of Nalgonda and Hyderabad.

- Our eye hospital - Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC) received the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) certification.
- 1422 cataract surgeries were performed at our eye care centres - Mahanadi and Junagarh Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC & JNC)

Eyecare

Meet our staff. . Satish



Satish has been associated with us since 2010 and is currently working as a Project Officer in MP.

What do you like the most about working with LEpra?

The priority we give to our beneficiaries, the transparency of the work we maintain, involving the field staff in key discussions and the respect we receive from our beneficiaries.

What makes LEpra an unique organisation?

The equal opportunity to work and the friendly culture of the organisation. I personally feel very proud being part of this organisation which helps me to serve the community and we are treated as assets rather than workers which itself is respectful to everyone.

How is your health and how are you able to manage work given your health condition?

Currently, I am affected with chronic kidney disease and undergoing dialysis twice a week. I am fine now and not facing any issues due to the treatment. I am managing my dialysis schedule based on my work load and I am thankful to my colleagues and management for supporting me and taking very good care of my health.

[Click here](#) to read the unique experiences document of COVID19 in Bihar shared by our colleague Rajni.

[Click here](#) to read Prasant's experience captured of his meetings with two of our beneficiaries.

Prasant's reflections. . .

The delayed Organisational Audit for LEpra is nearing the end and we also completed the submission of FCRA renewal application. Additionally, our eye hospitals - MNC & JNC have successfully received their NABH certification. Happy to share that we have started a partnership with Vision Foundation of India in Odisha and the CEO of Operations Eyesight Universal has committed to a formal partnership with LEpra in the coming months. LEpra and Rotary Delhi had a joint fruitful meeting with Ms. Rekha Sukhla & her team regarding the roll out of the Active Case Finding project in Delhi. With the support of Lepra UK, ALM and Effect:Hope, we completed around 15,503 vaccinations of the most vulnerable people in the states we are working in. One of the personal highlight for me was the opportunity to meet our volunteer Pochamma, 65yrs & an ex-patient supporting the LEpra referral centre at Kagaznagar, Telangana. Though she is with permanent disabilities, she has an amazing drive and motivation to help others to get the treatment. She has referred more than 20 suspected cases to RC (who were all confirmed later as having Leprosy and were treated).

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