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Samiksha

...by LEpra Society



Celebrated

75th Independence **Day**



Key activities and highlights. . .

Thanks to the advocacy efforts of the state coordinator of Bihar - Rajni Singh. A donor has generously donated 1 acre of land for us in Kaimur, Bihar.



[Click here](#) to watch our recently circulated video - be a part of LEPRAs.

Fundraising Strategy Workshop

Meenakshi Batra (Board Member, LEPRAs Society) conducted an informative fundraising strategy workshop for all our state teams.



[Click here](#) to read the feedback of this informative session

Resource Mobilisation (RM) Strategy Workshop

Under the EpiC project (supported by USAID and PEPFAR), the LEPRAs Society team conducted 2 RM strategy workshops over the span of 4 days covering 12 CBOs & 4 NGOs in 5 districts of Telangana. These workshops were led by Kasturi Kilaru (Head - Resource Mobilisation & Communications) and supported by Om (Head - Finance & operations) & Srinivas Y (Communications Officer).



The workshop was a huge success.

[Click here](#) to read some of the feedback

Customised footwear distribution



Leprosy & LF Integrated Prevention of Disability (IPOD) camp



Self-care camp for leprosy and LF affected persons



Board meeting at Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya, Odisha



Inclusive eye health camp



Felicitaton

Regional Leprosy Training & Research Institute (RLTRI), Raipur has felicitated Dr. S.N. Pati for his contributions in the field of Leprosy.



Andhra Pradesh (AP) & Telangana (TS)

- The vaccination drive for people in marginalised and vulnerable communities is successfully ongoing in AP & TS.
- In west godavari - a satellite clinic is now a full time referral clinic by engaging services of physiotherapy and mobile footcare unit.
- Initiated a tailoring training unit in Champapet.

Bihar

- Mass Drug Administration (MDA) will initiate soon in 20 districts and the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) will run to support the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis.
- 65 new leprosy cases are identified and treated 123 affected persons with ulcers.

Madhya Pradesh

- Leprosy - distributed 245 customised footwear and 20 reconstructive surgeries done.
- Organised HIV screening camps in prisons.
- Fixed Dose Combinations (FDC) distributed to 63 TB affected and 407 were linked to the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme.

Odisha

- Footwear unit for Lymphatic Filariasis has been started in Puri. The space for this unit is kindly donated by a medical professional in his own nursing home.
- A 2 day training session for government lab technicians was organised at Boudh for facilitating slit skin smear collection and microscopy.

Research

- NABL accreditation inspection process is completed.
- Received the ICMR grant after a long wait period.



Successfully completed financial audit for the year 2020 - 2021.



The HR team has been busy with the usual tasks and recruitment for the ongoing and new projects.

[Click here](#) to read an appeal note by one of our beneficiaries.

FAREWELL...



We wish Christina who worked as an Immunologist at LEpra - BPHRC all the best and good luck with her future endeavours.

Meet our staff. .Sivamma



My name is Sivamma and I am currently working as an Outreach Worker cum Counsellor at our Nallakunta Referral Clinic in Hyderabad. After my education, I joined in LEpra in May 2011 and still continuing to work here.

Share your experience and learnings at LEpra.

I got an opportunity to work with LEpra after finishing my 12th grade. Even though I belong to a leprosy affected family, I did not know much about the disease. After joining LEpra and participating in various clinical and field activities, I learned a lot about the disease like diagnosis and various stages of treatment.

What do you like most about LEpra? Share a memory.

Working for the same community people to which I belong to makes me happy. I have some great memories and learnings with our field team while we were doing active case finding for leprosy in remote areas.

What makes LEpra an unique organisation?

The fact that we provide services directly to the needy people in the grassroots level and the family like bonding between our staff and beneficiaries is remarkable.

Prasant's reflections. . .

Celebrated our 75th Independence Day at all our project locations and offices. We have come a long way since independence but have a long way to go in terms of tackling Leprosy effectively. I am happy to let you all know that all the legal formalities for the transfer of one acre of land gifted by Mr. Lallan Prasad to LEpra in Kaimur, Bihar has been completed which will be utilised for building a LEpra facility to serve the local people. Attended the Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC) board meeting at Sonapur, Odisha where I also reviewed the ongoing activities of our Rural Eye Health Programme & School Eye Health Programme. After more than a year (since COVID19 started), we had our first in-person Country Management Team meeting at our Head Office in Hyderabad which was followed by a Fundraising Workshop facilitated by Ms. Meenakshi Batra (our board member) for teams from all the states. One of the personal highlights for me this month was meeting Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), Odisha President - Mr. Umesh and many other persons affected by Leprosy at Rourkela. A main takeaway of this interaction was that treatment alone for people affected by Leprosy is not enough, we need to ensure a dignified rehabilitation post treatment.

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