

# Samiksha

...by LEpra Society

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## Some of our celebrity influencers/supporters. . .



**Mr. R. Madhavan**

Actor



**Ms. Koneru Humpy**

International Chess Player



**Ms. Deepthi Nallamothu**

Journalist



**Ms. Sneha Ramchander**

Kuchipudi Artist



**Ms. Maithili Thakur**

Singer

**Thank you for using your voice and making a difference!**

([Click here to see their messages.](#))

On the occasion of this festive season (Dussehra & Diwali), we started the FDC campaign (07 Oct - 04 Nov) to spread awareness and also raise support for our beneficiaries.

**Join us in making this campaign a success!**

**FIGHT** Myths & Inequality

**DEFEAT** Stigma & Discrimination

**CELEBRATE** Dignity & Inclusiveness



We request you to follow all our social media handles, especially [Facebook](#) for our day-specific appeal updates and regular posts.

INAUGURATIONS



**Ms. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo, Member of Parliament - Bolangir, Odisha** has kindly inaugurated the first ever **Modular Operation Theatre for Ophthalmology** in Western Odisha at our eye care centre Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya. She also visited the hospital facilities and assured for her continued support.



With the support received from Chola Foundation and an initiative by Sightsavers India, LEPRAs started implementing the mobile van project by providing **eye screening services covering the 23 Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) of Patna.**

We thank **Sudipta Mohanty (Area Director and Suwendu Mitra (State Program Manager) of Sightsavers and Rajni Kant Singh (State coordinator, LEPRAs)** for inaugurating the mobile van at Patna.

Digital training of CRPs under Jagruti



Re-opening of referral clinics in Koraput & Sonepur



Launch of Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB & Malaria with SAATHII



ASHAs training on leprosy and LF



Leprosy contact survey in hard-to-reach areas



Facilitation of second dose of COVID19 vaccination



Resource Mobilisation (RM) Training Workshop

Under the EpiC project (supported by USAID and PEPFAR), the LEPRAs Society team conducted 2 RM training workshops over the span of 4 days covering 12 CBOs & 5 NGOs in 5 districts of Telangana. These workshops were led by Resource Mobilisation & Communications team of LEPRAs and supported by other colleagues.



Prasant's visit to Rajasthan



Our CE, Prasant visited the JEET project review meeting in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

## Some key updates

AP & TS

- Till date, Facilitated COVID19 vaccinations to over 2000 beneficiaries in AP & TS from vulnerable communities.
- Rolled out "Samruddhi" project supported by American Leprosy Missions to improve Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure in 3 leprosy colonies of Vizianagaram.
- Resource mobilisation workshops & capacity building workshops were done in 5 districts for CBOs.

- Facilitation of COVID19 vaccination for over 1500 beneficiaries in vulnerable communities completed till now.
- The Health Minister - Govt. of Bihar inaugurated a dedicated eye operation theatre in Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, Patna under Urban Eye Health - Amrit Drishti project.

Bihar

- Successfully started Mass Drug Administration (MDA) program in 20 districts to support the people affected by LF.

Odisha

- Successfully re-opened our referral clinic/centres in Koraput and Sonepur of Odisha observing the rising needs of the leprosy affected beneficiaries in the areas.
- A total of 63 reconstructive surgeries were done for the leprosy affected people.
- Inclusive eye health camp was organised for leprosy colony and the weavers community.

- Facilitation of COVID19 vaccination for 612 beneficiaries was done in the last month to the people living in vulnerable communities.
- The state launch of GFATM (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) Phase III in partnership with SAATHII (Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India) is successful in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

MP

Research

- Collaborated with BITS Pilani pharmacy department, Hyd for project on management of plantar ulcers in leprosy.
- A total of 1244 leprosy affected beneficiaries were facilitated successfully with COVID19 vaccinations in Hyderabad and Medchal districts.

- 1782 cataract surgeries were performed at our eye care centres - Mahanadi and Junagarh Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC & JNC)
- JNC recorded highest number of 63 cataract surgeries in a single day on 30th of September.

Eyecare

### Meet our staff..

**Gopala**



Gopala is working as a public relations officer at our eye care centre - Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya in Odisha & has been with LEPRAs for 24 years.

#### How and when did you shift to Odisha from Andhra Pradesh?

I started my career with LEPRAs in Adilabad, Telangana and after 2 years, based on my work experience, I was given a chance to shift to Odisha as a non-medical supervisor which I happily agreed.

#### What do you like most about working with LEPRAs?

I have very good memories at LEPRAs as I am here since 24 years and have seen the successful transformation. I got an opportunity to interact with leprosy affected persons and other beneficiaries and understand their side of the story which helped me personally to evolve as a person.

#### What makes LEPRAs an unique organisation?

The transparency in finance, HR, and administration is a strength to LEPRAs. The staff are given importance by way of capacity building which will help to face any situation conveniently.

[Click here](#) to read a case story of our COVID19 vaccinations facilitated by us.



### FAREWELL...

We thank Srinivasa Rao (junior physiotherapist) and Sunitha (lab technician) for their valuable contributions to LEPRAs and all the very best for future.

### Prasant's reflections...

September has been quite an eventful month for us at LEPRAs. Bihar - Urban Eye Health programme received a state of art mobile eye care van from our donor Sightsavers India, which will go a long way in increasing our impact and reach. Two of the Referral Centers for Leprosy (which had been closed due to shortage of funds) restarted in Odisha. We are proud to have Ms. Maithili Thakur (Singer) for Bihar, Ms. Koneru Humpy (International Chess Player) for Andhra Pradesh and Ms. Sneha Ramchander for Telangana programmes as our pro bono ambassadors to spread awareness about leprosy and LEPRAs activities. As a part of ensuring the sustainability and capacity building of Community Based Organisations (CBO), our Resource Mobilisation & Communications unit conducted workshops for 12 CBOs and 5 NGOs in Telangana on proposal development, donor mapping, case story writing and social media. I had an opportunity to participate in our TB programme review in Rajasthan which is going to close in December. I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the visits of Dr. Bitra George, Representative of FHI and Dr. Prakash Boddu, CEO Rising Star to LEPRAs Society, Head Office. One of the highlights of the month was the inauguration of our long-awaited Modular Operation Theatre at MNC by Ms. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo, Member of Parliament - Bolangir, Odisha.

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