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KEY EVENTS

Ambassadors for LEPRA

We are happy to announce the on-boarding of ambassadors in November for Odisha state who graciously agreed to support our work and interventions. . .



Padma Shri Kamala Pujari

She belongs to a tribal community in Koraput and very well known for her contribution in organic farming.

Gorekhnath Sahoo

He is a renowned advocate and senior journalist in Sonepur and currently engaged in social activities.



Diwali at LEPRA (04 Nov)

We at LEPRA celebrated the 'festival of lights' - Diwali with some of our beneficiaries and staff across our operational with all the safety measures.



Children's Day (14 Nov)

Organised awareness and some fun activities at various locations.



World Toilet Day (19 Nov)

We conducted various hygiene awareness and construction activities at schools to explain the importance of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).



Andhra Pradesh (AP) & Telangana (TS)

- Livelihood support was provided to 5 Leprosy affected persons.
- A training programme on Leprosy was conducted. 56 Urban Social Health Activists (USHAs) and other health staff participated the session.
- KCP Cements Limited provided support for a footcare unit in Jaggayapeta, AP.
- Active case finding activities were re-started in TS and 1,887 school children were examined.

Bihar

- Mobile footwear unit provided 162 pairs of customised protective footwear to leprosy affected persons in 5 colonies.
- 9 reconstructive surgeries were donor after a two year break due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Madhya Pradesh (MP)

- Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) supported 5 leprosy colonies in MP for ulcer-care dressing centres.
- Facilitated the distributed process of 870 dry ration kits to the key population.
- Initiated a satellite referral centre for leprosy in Maharaja Yashwantrao Hospital, Indore to provide Disability Prevention & Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) services.

Odisha

- Held a Reconstructive Surgery (camp) and 3 people underwent surgery along with pre and post operative care.
- Under a special project by WHO – Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities were held in Boudh district.

Eyecare

- Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC) organised first ever DIGI quiz in the Odisha State Ophthalmology Society Conference (OSCON) .
- 2,075 cataract surgeries were performed at our eye care hospitals – Mahanadi & Junagarh Netra Chikitsalaya.

Research

New projects rolled out –

- Assessment of oral health status of people affected by leprosy supported by Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene.
- Phase II of the project supported by Robert Luff Foundation to identify the disability risks of leprosy affected persons after 12-14 years.

All the teams were occupied with the action plans and budget planning for 2022-23



**Some Key
Updates from
States/domains**

PICTURES OF SOME ACTIVITIES

Special comprehensive eye camp



Mobile footwear unit activities



School leprosy screening camp



Training program for medical officers & ANMs



IEC activities on leprosy



Prevention of disability camps



State level CME - Leprosy Elimination



The meet was held on 13 Nov for PG students from 14 medical colleges which is jointly organised by Osmania Medical College, State Leprosy Office and LEPROA Society.

Bhavani is working as a lab technician currently and started her journey with LEPROA in 1999 as an office assistant.

How did you become a Lab Technician

Over the years, I used to assist the field teams during their surveys and observe them very closely. I was interested in the leprosy field and pursued the required education & courses to become a lab technician.

What do you like most about working with LEPROA?

The organisation always encourages the staff to learn more provide opportunities. Everyone are approachable irrespective of their designations which helps us in sharing our ideas. The direct association with the community members and the transparency we maintain is unbelievable.

What makes LEPROA an unique organisation?

The fact that we provide end-to-end services with utmost care and importance. And also helps the staff grow in their careers making us self-dependent.

Meet our staff. .

Bhavani



Prasant's reflections. . .

Let me start by welcoming the new CEO of Leproa UK - Mr. Jimmy Innes, who comes with a substantial experience in the development sector and will take over from Geoff, who has done a wonderful job in running Leproa especially in times of COVID19 pandemic. Two of our physio-technicians have been to Karigiri for nine months (after relaxation of COVID19 restrictions) for enhancing their professional skills to serve better to the people affected by Leprosy. LEPROA jointly with Osmania University successfully conducted a State Level Continuing Medical Education (CME) for post graduate medical students on leprosy in Hyderabad. The Telangana team conducted awareness cum screening of migrants in Hyderabad which is the first one after lifting of COVID19 restrictions. I appreciate the efforts of all our teams in finalising the action plan for the coming year. I would like to conclude by lauding the effort of MNC team, who have managed to convince their donor (Seva Foundation) to conduct an Eye Health Survey of all people affected by leprosy living in different leprosy colonies of Odisha and extend the care services as needed.

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