



# Samiksha

...by LEPRA Society



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# A peek into our December . . .



Geoff Prescott who was the CEO of Lepira UK moved on to his next role in December and shared his good bye note. We wish him all the best!

*"People affected by leprosy experience some of the most unfair and discriminatory conditions . .*

[Read the full goodbye note here](#)



We are happy to share that our Telangana Ambassador - **Ms. Sneha Ramchander (Kuchipudi Artist)** won the **"Icon of the Year 2021"** award. This award recognises the amazing talent and journey of Ms. Ramchander.

## Workshops . . .

### Fundraising (FR) Strategy Workshop - 2

The second FR workshop was conducted at our head office in Cherlapally, Hyderabad.



### Finance Management Workshop

Under the EpiC project (supported by USAID & PEPFAR), our finance team led a 3-day finance immersion programme to 18 civil society organisations.



## COVID19 vaccination



Till date, we have successfully facilitated the COVID19 vaccination journeys of . . .

**more than thirty thousand**

beneficiaries and people from the vulnerable and marginalised communities.

As a part of this activity, awareness campaigns were conducted on **'COVID19 Vaccine Equity'** in Kalahandi, Odisha for persons with disabilities.

[Click here to read the journey of one of our beneficiaries](#)

## World AIDS day

On 01 Dec, we observed World AIDS Day across our project locations by way of various awareness campaigns and nutritional support distribution programmes ([click here for more pictures](#)).



## Intl. day of persons with disabilities

On 03 Dec, our teams in various locations provided the much needed aids & appliances to our beneficiaries and other people with disabilities to make their everyday mobility easier ([click here for more pictures](#)).



## Andhra Pradesh (AP) & Telangana (TS)

- Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TSACS) recognised our efforts & success in the EpiC Project which strengthens the civil society organisations on various organisational development aspects.
- Under the integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme; 31 Households in 3 Leprosy colonies in AP were upgraded with better WASH facilities.

## Bihar

- 2nd dose of COVID19 vaccination was facilitated to 1360 beneficiaries.
- Started providing technical support to the government for IDA - MDA (Ivermectin, Diethylcarbamazine and Albendazole - Mass Drug Administration) programme for Lymphatic Filariasis. This has been initiated in 3 districts (Sheikhpura, Sheohar & Aurangabad) of Bihar.

## Madhya Pradesh (MP)

- Capacity building and leprosy technical trainings were given to NLEP officials and general physiotherapists in Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur.
- Counselling 12 beneficiaries for reconstructive surgeries.

## Odisha (OD)

- Provided leprosy training to 188 government health staff.
- 37 reconstructive surgeries for the leprosy affected people were done.
- Carried out special Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities in Boudh with WHO.

## Eyecare

- MoU signed with Seva foundation to implement the project "Punarjanma" which is an eye care intervention of leprosy cured patients residing in designated leprosy colonies of western Odisha.
- 1988 cataract surgeries were done at our eye care hospitals in Sonepur (MNC) & Junagarh (JNC) in Odisha.

## Research (BPHRC)

- 7 new proposals were submitted; of which 6 were submitted to ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) and one to IBSA fellowship for young researchers 2021.
- Clinical services were availed by 452 persons.

THANK  
YOU

Anitha Reddy. . .



. . . for supporting the ulcer dresser activity in 2 leprosy colonies (Shanti Nagar and Santosh Nagar) of Hyderabad since the last 6 months. Your support has ensured that our leprosy affected beneficiaries can walk in to this clinic and their ulcer dressings are attended to which helps in leading to fewer complications.

Kinu Charan is an Outreach Coordinator at Junagarh Netra Chikitsalaya (JNC), Odisha. Below chat gives a small insight about his with LEPRAs.

### Share your experiences & learnings at LEPRAs.

I have been with JNC - LEPRAs Society since 5 years. During my time here, I learned a lot about the issues related to leprosy and eyes and this journey has been truly enriching for me.

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

The best thing is the service we provide to our beneficiaries in the rural and hard-to-reach areas. The satisfaction and smile from the beneficiaries when they can see better motivates me every day.

### What makes LEPRAs an unique organisation?

I have been encouraged to explore opportunities to upgrade in terms of the work I do and also to upskill myself in this area. One of the key things which sets us apart is the transparency we maintain with our beneficiaries, staff and all the internal and external stakeholders.

Meet our staff  
Kinu Charan



## Partner glimpse. . .

### Sivananda Rehabilitation Home (SRH)



SRH was established as a charitable institution in 1958 by Rani Kumudini Devi in Kukatpally, Hyderabad, India. Today, SRH has grown into a large well known institute dedicated to the treatment, care and rehabilitation of patients affected by leprosy and tuberculosis (TB). In 2018, a new 25 bedded SRH Palliative Care and Support for HIV/AIDS & TB was formally inaugurated by Smt. Nandita Sen, President of SRH, dedicated to the memory of Smt. Pingle Pramila Jagan Mohan Reddy.

LEPRA Society and SRH have been long term partners in providing impactful selfless services to the people who are often discriminated, disadvantaged and marginalised. We hope that this partnership continues to reach more of the unreached.

## Some pictures of our regular activities. . .

Awareness and survey prog. in schools



Village level forum meetings



Training programmes for ASHAs



Training prog to govt. health staff



Distribution of self-care/ulcer kits



Eye screening camps



## Prasant's reflections. . .

Warm greetings for the New Year! 2021 has been an extraordinary year for all of us with the COVID19 pandemic throughout the year. The team has inspiringly risen over all the challenges to manage and ensured the vaccinations for about 30,000 of our beneficiaries and vulnerable people we work with (people affected by leprosy, PLHIV and differently abled persons amongst others). It was a shocking moment for all of us at LEPRA Society to lose Ashim (ex - Chief Executive) due to heart attack on 04 Dec. He will forever be a part of LEPRA.



Lepra UK bid adieu to Geoff Prescott and welcomed his successor Jimmy Ines last month. We had our Managing Committee meeting in December where in we welcomed our new board member from Odisha, Mr. Jagadish Pradhan. Personally, it was heartening to visit and see the inpatient ward at our Koraput care centre functioning again. To conclude, I request all of you not to let your guard down as we prepare to face the new wave of COVID19 pandemic with Omicron variant.

Join us in adding more smiles by donating at

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# Our new initiative - thought of the day

“With a positive attitude, it is possible to turn situations of failure into success.”

by Dan Miller

Suggested by  
Kavitha  
Team - RM & C

Date  
15 Dec 2021

“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.”

by Dalai Lama

Suggested by  
Kalpana K  
Team AP

Date  
16 Dec 2021

“After every dark night, there is a brighter day waiting for you.”

Suggested by  
Mahender Paswan  
Security - Head Office

Date  
14 Dec 2021

Since December, we started a new initiative to start our day on a positive note by way of sharing "Thought of the Day (ToD)".

The ToD features a favourite quote/saying of our colleagues and we share them across all our social media channels. Some of the ToD's shared are here. . .

“If you fail, never give up. . .”

by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Suggested by  
Sudhakar  
Support Staff - HO

Date  
28 Dec 2021

“Living with integrity means: speaking your truth, even though it might create conflict or tension.”

by Barbara De Angelis

Suggested by  
Vaheed Basha  
Team - AP

Date  
20 Dec 2021

“If you want to shine like a sun, first burn like a sun.”

by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Suggested by  
Amar Singh  
Team - Bihar

Date  
04 Jan 2022

“If you want to walk fast, walk alone. But if you want to walk far, walk together.”

by Ratan Tata

Suggested by  
Srinivas Y  
Team - RM & C

Date  
29 Dec 2021

“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.”

by Eleanor Roosevelt

Suggested by  
Kamesh  
Team - Telangana

Date  
05 Jan 2022

“Don't compare yourself with anyone in this world. If you do so, you're insulting yourself.”






by Bill Gates

Suggested by  
Koteswara Rao  
Team AP

Date  
11 Jan 2022

We request all our readers also to share the thoughts/quotes which motivate them. Email your favourite quotes to [rmu@leprahealthinaction.in](mailto:rmu@leprahealthinaction.in) along with your name. We will feature it across our social media channels.

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