

Samiksha

...by LEPRASociety

All of us at LEPRASociety will miss Mr. Janardhan Reddy ji's support & guidance








Mr. P Janardhan Reddy was LEPRASociety's board member since 1989 when we started our journey. He also served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Kamalapur constituency of Karimnagar District during 1972-1978. He was the Executive Committee Chairman of Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh (HKNS) of Hyderabad till the end.

His passion and dedication towards the leprosy affected people will always be an inspiration to everyone at LEPRASociety.

In reverence and remembrance, LEPRASociety, India.

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International Women's Day (08 Mar)

On the occasion of International Women's Day, our teams across our project locations organised various events - training programmes to ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists), ANMs (Auxiliary Nurse Midwives), signature camp, felicitation ceremonies etc.



We also made a small video tribute to all the women - 'Shades of Women'

[Click here to watch the video](#)

World Glaucoma Week (06 Mar - 12 Mar)

Our eye care hospital - Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC) in Sonapur, Odisha observed the World Glaucoma Week by organising a walkathon to spread awareness and highlight the importance of early detection of Glaucoma.



This was followed by a CME (Continuing Medical Education) programme to all the staff and community volunteers explaining the signs, symptoms and treatment procedures for Glaucoma.

SOME KEY HIGHLIGHTS

World Water Day (22 Mar)

In collaboration with WaterAid, we installed drinking water stations in some educational institutions of Telangana.



World TB Day (24 Mar)

Our research wing - BPHRC conducted a TB awareness programme to students from Hamsa Homeopathy Medical College Hospital & Research Centre.



First training + meeting after re-opening of Sonapur Care Centre (SCC)

Conducted a training session to all the staff, physio technicians followed by a team meeting at SCC after re-opening in Mar 2022.



FEW ACTIVITY UPDATES

ANDHRA PRADESH & TELANGANA

- After COVID19, the schools are back to regular operations and we re-started our leprosy survey programmes at different schools. All the children together helped us raise INR 39,890 by spreading awareness.
- Phase II of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has been granted for 3000 more COVID19 vaccinations.
- Organisational strategy & governance workshop was organised to 17 CSOs (Community Service Organisations) under EpiC project by FHI360.

- Presented our Active Case Finding (ACF) paper at ILEP (International Federation of Leprosy Control Associations)
- Through our mobile health services, 218 pairs of customised protective footwear were provided to the beneficiaries at their door step.

BIHAR

MADHYA PRADESH

- Organised a training session on Disability Prevention & Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) to 32 post graduate students of medicine and skin at AIIMS, Bhopal.
- Technical training provided to 132 prison health care workers at Jail Training Centre, Bhopal to ensure regular HIV & TB screening and other treatment support.

- 21 reconstructive surgeries were done to the people affected by leprosy.
- Livelihood and skill development training to leprosy affected beneficiaries
 - 17 persons were provided with a 2-day training session on how to prepare incense sticks
 - 22 persons were provided with skill development on gardening and poultry farming techniques

ODISHA

EYECARE

- 2116 cataract surgeries were performed at our eyecare hospitals - MNC (Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya) in Sonapur & JNC (Junagarh Netra Chikitsalaya) in Junagarh.
- With the support of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) - Golden Jubilee Foundations, the inauguration function was done to construct a 50-bedded patient dormitory.

- Certificate renewal of SIRO (Scientific & Industrial Research Organisations) recognised by DSIR (Department of Scientific & Industrial Research) has been successfully completed.
- Three new ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) projects have been granted and the initiation process is underway.

RESEARCH

Kishan Rao is with LEPRASociety since 1997 who joined as a non-medical supervisor and currently, he is working as a physio technician.

Meet our staff



Kishan Rao

How long have you been working in the field of leprosy and your observations?

I have been working in the field of leprosy for over 25 years now. Back then, there were no sufficient medical practitioners to diagnose leprosy and it was a big challenge for us to attend to a larger population. And also, the medication provided was very limited and later in 1984, Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) was introduced and it helped many people which is still being continued as an effective medicine regime.

How do you feel when you interact with beneficiaries who were treated years ago?

Some of the beneficiaries have become like my family members and I met very good people who are my friends even now. Even the families of the beneficiary are grateful to us since we help them not only with treatment for leprosy but also support in linking to govt. schemes, provide education support, counselling to family members etc. On an overall, it was a wonderful journey filled with many sweet experiences.

What do you like the most about working with LEPRASociety?

After coming to LEPRASociety, I had the opportunity to complete my Masters in Sociology and helped me grow in my career. I am glad that I work in a disease area leprosy which many of the general public are not aware of. And I get a chance to interact with the beneficiaries and also spread more awareness wherever I go.

Special Article - Women's Day



Sister Nitha

Physiotherapist, St. Joseph Leprosy Centre (SJLC), Madhya Pradesh

"While I was working as a paramedical worker, I used to observe and talk to the beneficiaries about the difficulties and problems they have been facing . . .

To read Nitha's complete journey, [click here](#)

MESSAGE FROM PRASANT

Let me start by expressing my profound grief at the passing away of Mr. Paripati Janardhan Reddy ji. He was the board member of LEPRASociety since its inception in 1989. I pray that his soul rests in peace.

The preparation for the International Leprosy Congress is ongoing internally within LEPRASociety and externally. LEPRASociety has been accepted as the co-chair of the core group by the organising committee. We closed our year-end in March with a successful completion MC (Members of Committee) & GB (General Body) meeting. Apart from observing International Women's Day, our teams at all project locations organised the World TB Day specific activities with a pledge

to scale up our activities to eliminate TB. I participated in the ground-breaking ceremony of constructing a dormitory supported by Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India - Golden Jubilee Foundation, at our eye care hospital - Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC), in Sonepur, Odisha. One of the highlights was attending the Swabhiman review meeting at the recently renovated Sonepur Care Centre (SCC). I also had the opportunity to spend some time with the in-patients (5 male and 2 female) and realised how crucial it was for us to re-start the facility. I want to convey the message of gratitude which a patient shared with me. He said his feet were about to get amputated at a govt. hospital and he was saved this amputation by the ulcer/self care techniques & treatment he received from SCC and he is now well on his way to recovery - [click here to read the story](#).



This is an other example which shows how crucial it is to reach the affected people at the earliest.

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