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**Training programs**

A brief overview of some trainings is given below.

- Training cum planning meeting for LCDDC (Leprosy Case Detection Campaign) campaign for 35 DLOs and 6 Physiotherapist and 5 District Leprosy consultants in MP.
- First orientation session given to members of an Self-Support Group formed under the SAMARTH project in Block Gaurihar , MP.
- Training on WASH and NTDs (Neglected Tropical Diseases) under project Jagruti.
- GHS (General Health Staff) under ASPIRE project in Jamui were trained on signs, symptoms & treatment of Leprosy, LF, Scabies and Cutaneous Leishmaniasis.

**New initiatives**

Initiated MMMP (Morbidity Management & Disability Prevention) camp under private partnership in Guntur district. These camps are conducted in the Primary Health Care Centres, Urban Health Care Centres and Community Health Care Centres in different ten locations benefitting nearly 1500+LF affected persons.

Partnership initiated with Research and Innovative Circle Hyderabad (RICH) , T Hub, Government of Telangana. MOU signed between LEpra BPHRC and RICH.

**Condolences**



Radhika Rajmani , our colleague and friend expired on 24th August. Her passing away was sudden and unexpected. She was associated with LEpra Society since 2007 in various roles and excelled in all of them.

She was unassuming , humble and above all was extremely passionate and loyal to LEpra's cause and the beneficiaries we work for.

She will continue to be a role model for many and will always be with us in spirit.

May her soul RIP. Om Shanti.

**IEC**

Reached around 200 beneficiaries through several awareness generation programs. Some of the programs are listed below

- ASHA awareness programme & POD camps in NTR district and Krishna district.
- In Bihar , Team LEpra & Sightsavers conducted IEC plus eye-care mobile health camps in the slums and leprosy colonies in Patna.
- In Delhi , Physiotherapy and Disability Care camp at Jeevan Deep Kushta Ashram, Lajpat Nagar and in Gandhi Kushta Ashram, Shahdara district. The IEC focus was on health, education and signs and symptoms of Leprosy and importance of preventing the skin from drying & cracking to further prevent from recurrent ulcers.

**Others**

- In collaboration with Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Hyderabad campus , LEpra Society organized a technical workshop on 'Footwear with Orthosis for Deformed Feet'.

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- In Bihar , we were part of a state level meeting with all development partners which was held in the office of the government's LF program officer. Screening for refractive errors and spectacles provision was taken up for commercial drivers under RAHI project in Patna with support of UBER and Sightsavers.

- Global programme meeting took place in UK where teams from India , UK and Bangladesh took part. India team was represented by Prasant , Arun and Rajni.



# State specific key updates

## AP/TS/MH

- 15 of our beneficiaries affected with Leprosy, LF, and HIV were supported with livelihood promotional activities to various local donations and CSR Grants.
- Initiated Leprosy related services in Vizianagaram and Chandrapur districts in the state of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- Achieved 6000 Vaccination targets under ARPA project.

## Odisha

- PMP (Private Medical Practitioner) / RMP (Registered Medical Practitioner) sensitization on Leprosy and LF (Lymphatic Filariasis) was held at Boipariguda CHC.
- As per directions of the DPH (Doctor of Public Health) Odisha, NLEP (National Leprosy Eradication Programme) , our NLEP Consultant supervised the 'Integrated house-to-house survey' activities of Ganjam district and facilitated the activity at district & sub-district levels.
- Flood situation and need assessment of beneficiaries conducted by our LF team in Puri. We ensured that all our beneficiaries were fine and our services continued.

## Research

- New proposal submissions and partnerships
  - BIRAC (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council) - BMGF (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) - LF (Lymphatic Filariasis) diagnostics-shortlisted for final level
  - RICH (Research and Innovation Circle of Hyderabad) - exploration for bio repository grant.
  - Osmania medical college, Microbiology and DVL (Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy) departments.
  - Team from University of Florida, UK and ISB (Indian School Of Business) visited our research facilities to initiate discussions on collaboration on infrared thermography.



## MP

- Under GFATM Phase-III program , finalized Private Medical Associations workshop with MPSACS (Madhya Pradesh State Aids Control Society) to be organised in the month of Sept 2022.
- Project orientation workshop done by SAMARTH team for block Lav-Kuch Nagar District Chhatarpur.

## Eyecare

- 1418 cataract surgeries at our eye care hospitals MNC and JNC located in Sonepur and Junagarh.
- MNC conducted a screening camp at phulbani in collaboration with Barista Nagarika Mancha of Kandhamal district. More than 150 numbers of senior citizens screened in the camp out of which 26 numbers transported to MNC for surgical intervention.
- MOU signed with Nuapada district to carry out outreach & surgical activities. After Kalahandi & Nabarangpur, JNC has spread its wings to cater the eye care needs of the population residing in remote corners of the district.

## Bihar

- Facilitated the TOT (Training of Trainers) on MMDP (Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention) at Rohtas district and this workshop was organized by WHO.
- Under project Jagurati , the CRPs (Community Resource Persons) detected 33 cases in Kalyanpur Block and registered for treatment.
- Attended sight savers Partners meet in Bhubaneswar and Vision 2020 conference at Siliguri.

## Leprosy and LF numbers

### • Leprosy

- 204 New Leprosy Cases Detected
- 134 (66%) are MB
- 45(22%) are G1& G2 Cases
- 81 (40%) Female and 13 (6%)Children
- 31 Cases impairments corrected.
- 118 Patients Ulcer healed
- 60 Patients Benefitted with SER.

### • LF

- 29 Underwent Hydrocelectomy.
- 1245 LF Cases line-listed.
- 290 acute attacks treated
- 304 entry lesions treated

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Nrusingha Charan Mishra presently working as a Field Coordinator at Swabhiman Project Sonepur, Odisha. He is a trained Para Medical Worker (Leprosy) and Physio technician in Leprosy since 1999. Captured below are some highlights of our conversation with him.

**How many years have you been associated with LEPRAs?**

29 years !! I am with LEPRAs since 30th July 1993 and worked as PMW (Para Medical Worker) for 7 years and promoted as Non-Medical Supervisor in 2000 (NMS) for 4 years. I took a break due to personal reasons and have rejoined back and since 2017 I have been continuing as FC (Field Coordinator) in Sonepur district. I enjoy working here.

**A memory at LEPRAs which you would like to share?**

I really enjoy interacting and working with the people living in remote and neglected communities, especially tribals. More than speaking, I learn more when I look at their eyes and understand how difficult their lives are and yet how strong and brave they are. They motivate me to do more. We did the unforgettable work in the community in the areas of Leprosy, TB, (HIV/AIDS), Sanitation/Hygiene, Malaria and Eye care.

**What makes LEPRAs a unique organization?**

In LEPRAs all staff is devoted to service provider’s attitude. All have well knowledge on Leprosy and also practicing honestly that makes LEPRAs a unique organisation.



**“I was very afraid about my eye problem as I have only one eye vision. Thankfully LEPRAs staff facilitated cataract surgery free of cost. Without their help this surgery wouldn't have been possible as I could not afford it. I convey my sincere thanks to LEPRAs”;** says Mr. Lingala Nagendar Rao.

**[Click here to read how we helped him.](#)**

**Prasant's message**

After almost three years LEPRAs Society (Rajni, Arun and I) participated in the physical global programme meeting along with colleagues from Bangladesh and UK at Colchester. It also provided the opportunity to meet our Lepra UK Chair and Rotary representatives.

LEPRAs Society celebrated the 76th Independence Day of India at all project locations and at our head office together with people we work with. Happy to let you all know that LEPRAs has been selected to be in monitoring group for LCDC in Delhi and M.P. We signed the agreement with Research and Innovations Circle of Hyderabad (RICH) for identifying opportunities and resources for Leprosy/LF research.

We just initiated the establishment of partnership with Lion's clubs and were invited as special guests for the independence day celebrations of Lion's club Secunderabad.

Like to congratulate all colleagues of LEPRAs Society being selected for receiving the Gomabai Award from Vision 2020 for Sustainable Community Eye Health in hard to reach areas. I also had a great 4 day learning visit to LAICO - Lions Aravind Eye Care at Madurai and look forward to incorporate some of the learnings to our eye care programme.



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