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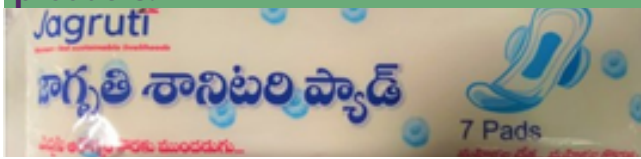
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2 Years 24 Months 24 Highlights

1 The American Leprosy mission partnered with LEPRAs to initiate one of its first pilot projects, 'Jagruti Livelihoods' with Sanitary Napkins being one of their products.



2 January 31st is observed as World Leprosy Day and various awareness programs were conducted from the period of 31st Jan- 14th Feb as part of the Leprosy Fortnight, virtually for the first time.

3 On 22nd February 2021, LEPRAs Society completed 32 years as an organization working for the people affected by NTDs by having multiple events across the states we are working in especially in the disease areas of Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis.

4 On #WorldTBDay (24th March), LEPRAs Society received a certificate of appreciation for proactively contributing towards Tuberculosis free India.

5 The project of COVID-19 VACCINATION SHOTS for vulnerable communities garnered a lot of success.

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6 The COVID-19 Response initiatives we offered ranged from: Nutrition and clinical support to HIV/AIDS-affected people, Active case finding of Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis self-care demonstration, Identifying Rural Medical Practitioners (RMP) in Mahbubnagar, Line listing, self-care kits & customized footwear distribution.

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7 Prof. Radhamohan Ji, Honourable General Body member of LEPRAs and a renowned environmentalist departed for his heavenly abode on 10th June 2021.



8 Our eye hospital - Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC) received the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) certification.

9 We celebrated our 75th Independence Day! Click below for pictures -

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10 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 and NGOs in 5 districts of Telangana.



11 LEPRAs SOCIETY WINS SAT PAUL MITTAL NATIONAL AWARD 2021



We are happy to share that LEPRAs Society has been selected for "SAT PAUL MITTAL APPRECIATION AWARD" for the year 2021 under Institutional Category for rendering outstanding service to the humanity.

12 Ambassadors for LEPRAs 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 is very well known for her contribution to organic farming.



Gorekhnath Sahoo - He is a renowned advocate and senior journalist in Sonapur and is currently engaged in social activities.

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



2. Under the EpiC project (supported by USAID & PEPFAR), our finance team led a 3-day finance immersion program for 18 civil society organizations.



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Our advocacy efforts paid off for the first exclusive disability certificate camp held for people with leprosy at the district hospital, Hyderabad. Out of 21 affected persons, 14 were eligible for getting a certificate. The Honble Collector issued SADAREM (Software for Assessment of Disabled for Access Rehabilitation & Empowerment) certificates to 3 disabled people, and we issued them to the remaining 11 people affected with leprosy.

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On behalf of all of us at LEPR, our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. N.K. Patnaik on his demise. He has been associated with LEPR since 2009 and was a medical consultant at Koraput care center. He was an empathetic and passionate crusader in the fight against Leprosy and we will miss his expertise and guidance.



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Anti-Leprosy Fortnight 2022 - Virtual Series
(30 Jan - 13 Feb)

Due to the imposition of the COVID19 restrictions, we had to scale down our on-ground events to a bare minimum and to overcome this, we focussed most on spreading awareness through virtual events. These events showcase our on-ground interventions & services we offer to our beneficiaries.

First-of-its-Kind

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Radhika Rajmani, our friend and colleague expired on 24th August. She was associated with LEPR since 2007 in various roles and excelled in all of them. She was unassuming, humble, passionate and loyal to LEPR'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.



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We celebrated our 33rd birthday event in an innovative way. Our chief guests were our beneficiaries!!

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Our deepest condolences to Mr. P Janardhan Reddy who was LEPR Society's board member since 1989 and also served as the MLA for the Kamalapur constituency of Karimnagar District. He was also the Executive Committee Chairman of Hind Kust Nivaran Sangh. His passion and dedication will always be an inspiration to us.



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The LEPR staff attended the NNN (NGO Network NTD) conference in Kathmandu, Nepal from 13th-15th Sept 2022, where they presented their work and moderated a few sessions.



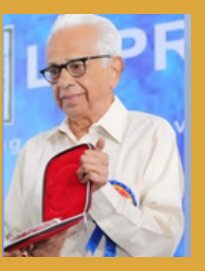
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With the support of EdCIL Limited, cataract surgeries were provided to 300 patients of the Mahanadi Netra Chikitsalaya (MNC) in Sonapur, Odisha. We also provided customized protective footwear to 600 beneficiaries across our operational areas in Bihar.



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We at LEPR are deeply saddened by the demise of Dr. K.V. Desikan. He was the Founder Chairman of LEPR, a renowned Leprologist, Pathologist and Researcher. He was a very humble and affectionate person and was an amazing mentor to many. His work and dedication will always be cherished and acknowledged. May his soul RIP.



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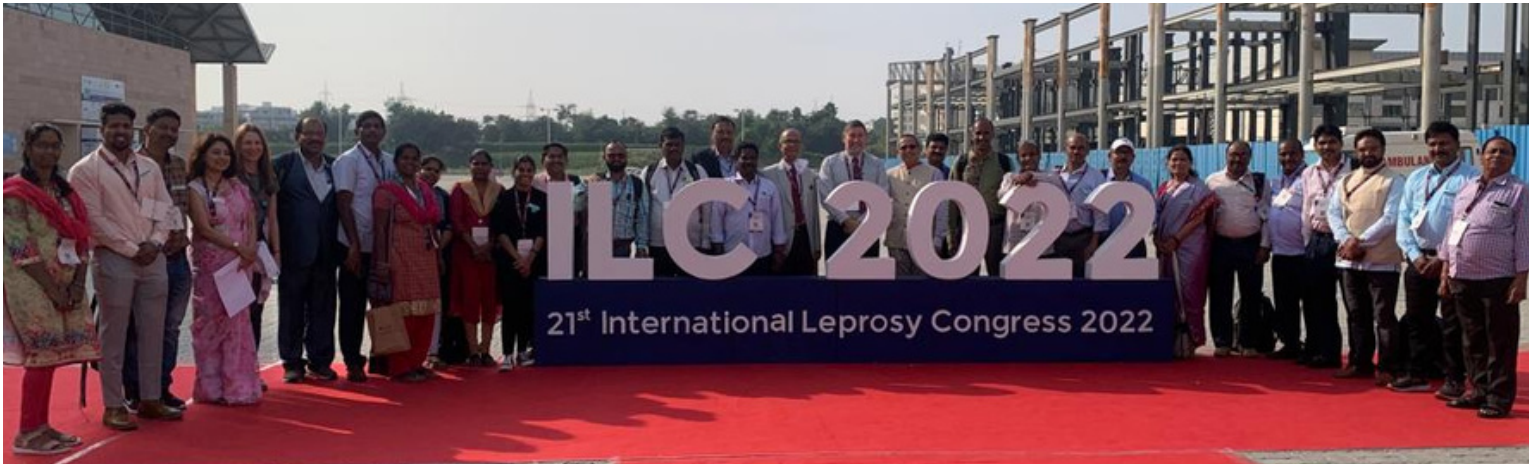
Rotary
Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills (RCJH), in collaboration with LEPR, has initiated a training program on Women Empowerment and Skill Development in Leprosy treatment with the Global grants funded by the Rotary Foundation, RCJH and Rotary Club of Stratford, UK.



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International Leprosy Conference 2022.
Scroll down for more information.

At the International Leprosy Congress 2022



Our exhibition stall at the ILC



We also launched the ASPIRE project on 16th November 2022

We recently celebrated the launch of the ASPIRE (Alleviating the burden of Skin diseases of affected People to improve Inclusion, Restoration, and Empowerment) project in the Jamui district of Bihar which was held on 16th November 2022. This project is a joint collaboration of LEpra Society India and Lepra UK and is supported by Effect Hope Canada. This project caters to provide awareness on NTDs and other diseases. Shri Sumit Kumar Singh Ji, the honorable minister of Science and Technology, Bihar Government, was the chief guest for the event.



State specific key updates

Odisha

1. G1/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 68
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 6
2. G2/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 68
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 3
3. New Leprosy cases/MB cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 68
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 47
4. Ulcer Management
 - i. Patients identified - 76
 - ii. Patients treated and healed - 22
5. Footwear
 - i. Patients provided with protective footwear (G1 Case) - 78
 - ii. Patients provided with protective footwear (G2 Case) - 214
6. RCS
 - i. Patients referred - 26
 - ii. Patients treated - 23

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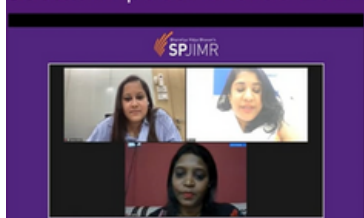
1. G1/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 23
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 8
2. G2/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 23
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 2
3. New Leprosy cases/MB cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 23
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 20
4. Ulcer Management
 - i. Patients identified - 104
 - ii. Patients treated and healed - 16
5. Footwear
 - i. Patients provided with protective footwear (G1 Case) - 13
 - ii. Patients provided with protective footwear (G2 Case) - 132
6. RCS
 - i. Patients referred - 2
 - ii. Patients treated - 2

Other Activities

LEPRA's win in the Social Impact Awards

On 1st Nov 2022, LEPRA Society won the Social Impact Award in the category of "Education and Skill Development". The award includes a cash prize of INR 1,00,000/- The entire event was led by the delegated members of the SPJIMR (S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research) team and the jury members. The entire process of participation was led by the Resource Mobilisation and Communications Unit led by Kasturi along with the support of Radhika (State Lead - AP/TS) and Omprakash (Head - Finance and operations). This award is dedicated to all our beneficiaries and patients who teach us every day the lessons of courage, hope and trust.

Social Impact Awards 2022



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Telangana

1. G1/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 34
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 10
2. G2/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 34
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 7
3. New Leprosy cases/MB cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 34
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 29
4. Ulcer Management
 - i. Patients identified - 43
 - ii. Patients treated and healed - 5
5. Footwear
 - i. Patients provided with protective footwear (G1 Case) - 123
 - ii. Patients provided with protective footwear (G2 Case) - 20
6. RCS
 - i. Patients referred - 1
 - ii. Patients treated - 1

Bihar

1. G1/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 71
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 3
2. G2/New Leprosy cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 71
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 2
3. New Leprosy cases/MB cases
 - i. New cases - Clinical and SSS + put on MDT - 71
 - ii. Among total - Disability (G1) cases - 22
4. Ulcer Management
 - i. Patients identified - 48
 - ii. Patients treated and healed - 15
5. Footwear
 - i. Patients provided with protective footwear (G1 Case) - 126
 - ii. Patients provided with protective footwear (G2 Case) - 238

Anju Sadanand is presently working as a Finance Manager at our Head Office. She has completed her MBA with a specialization in Finance Management from ISBM University. Below is a brief conversation with her.

How many years have you been associated with LEPRA?

I have been working with LEPRA since 32 years. I joined the organization on 02 July, 1990.

Share your experience and learning's at LEPRA?

I thoroughly enjoy working with my co-workers. The best part about working here is, it has a committed staff and that all of them are dedicated towards the work they do. I really admire the organization's work ethic and collaborative spirit.

What do you like the most about working with LEPRA?

My overall experience at the company has been fantastic. Although it has been challenging over the years, I have had good learning experiences. It has been a great roller-coaster ride.



"I am Jagabathula Bhadra, 48 years old and a resident of Andhra Pradesh. I work at handloom factory on daily wages.

I was affected by Filaria and suffer from Lymphedema Grade III on my right leg. I used to suffer from acute attacks and entry lesions. After attending a Self-care camp organized by LEPRA, I was taught about the Self-care practices on a daily basis and also received customized protective footwear.

My condition is a lot better now and my entry lesions have healed. From the past 5 years I never had any acute attacks and my foot swelling has also healed. I generously thank LEPRA for their support and encouragement."

Click below to read the rest of the story.

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Prasant's message

November has been a very eventful month for LEPRA. The International Leprosy Congress was held in Hyderabad, and LEPRA was represented by more than 60 participants from India, the United Kingdom, and Bangladesh, who contributed approximately 50 abstracts. LEPRA's stall was also judged the best at the ILC. LEPRA became one of the top ten health NGOs in India, according to the latest rankings. LEPRA also received the Social Impact Award from SPJIMR. Trustees and colleagues from the UK and Bangladesh visited program activities in TS, MP, Delhi and Bihar. There were also a series of high-level interactions with Rotary representatives in Hyderabad and Delhi. The innovative five-year ASPIRE project was launched in Bihar with the participation of the CEO, Effect Hope and the Bihar Government's Minister. I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate and thank all my colleagues across LEPRA for the great work toward a successful ILC.



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