

# Samiksha

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# KEY UPDATES



Dr Debendra Sahu, Medical Superintendent received Bhusan Puraskar Award for the outstanding contribution in Medical service



Arun, Head-Programmes presented about LEPRAs Footwear experiences at FDDI Industry Interaction Meet



Rotary club of Aligarh City, Uttar Pradesh State signed MoU with LEPRAs for leprosy initiatives



Left to Right : Jimmy, CEO , lepra UK and Prasant Naik , CEO LEPRAs



Society Meeting with Dr. KS Baghotia, Head Research & Academics, Indira Gandhi hospital, New Delhi for the establishment of New Compressive Leprosy Referral Centre



Visit to Madhya Pradesh- meeting with State Leprosy Forum Members and Meeting Staff and Beneficiaries at Sendhwa Referral Centre



Bihar , Jharkhand, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh State wise Projects Review Meetings with Staff



Jharkhand State wise Projects Review Meetings with Staff



Delhi State wise Projects Review Meetings with Staff



Administrative Staff College(ASCI), Hyderabad facilitated Probationers of Indian Statistical Services (ISS) exposure visit to LEPRAs Society on Programme Data Monitoring and Evaluation systems



LEPRAs Society group photo



Dr Michael, RMO & Kameshwar Rao, PO facilitated Training to NLEP Medical Officers on Leprosy in Telangana State



Inauguration of LEPRAs New Leprosy/LF Referral Centre in Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State by Dr John Babu , State Leprosy Officer and District Health Officials on 12 May, 2023@ Rural Health Center, Narsingi.



LEPRAs team congratulated Mr Devadas, Shoe Technician at LEPRAs for over 20 years, on the occasion of his daughter's marriage. Mr. Devadas has been making protective footwear to Leprosy/LF patients. Team wished a happy married life to newlywed couple.



## KEY PROGRAMMES - STATE WISE

### ANDHRA PRADESH



Mega Eye Health Screening Camp, Gopavaram village, Krishna district



Participation in World Dengue Day Tenali, Krishna district



Foster Care Support to Sreyassu from KCP Limited

### BIHAR



Social entitlements awareness and facilitation of linkages to eligible Leprosy patients



Collaborative efforts meeting of TATA and LEPROA Sparsh team on Vector Control Programmes



Arun, Head - Programmes interaction with ASPIRE Project team

### MADHYA PRADESH



Jimmy, CEO lepra UK and Prasant Naik, CEO LEPROA Society interaction with beneficiaries and Distribution of Certificates to recently trained Shoe Technicians under Rotary Project Initiative



### ODISHA



Self care camps at Samara PHC , Jagdalpur Referral Centre



SHG federation meeting on leprosy and LF @ Ruansi village, Mayurbanj



Plaster and suture removals at Koraput Community Care center

### TELANGANA



Dr. Ezhilarasan, WHO Zonal Medical College Students (Undergraduate) Leprosy Exposure Visit to Coordinator , Telangana visited Referral Centre at Chandrapur, Maharashtra and Nallakunta, Hyderabad Nirmal Referral Centre for Validation



**Please also find the link to access for Update (April 2023) on Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis Major Programme Achievements & Newspaper clippings**

[Leprosy Dashboard](#)

[Lymphatic Filariasis Dashboard](#)



## PROGRAMME UPDATES

**Samarth Project** is a joint initiative of Effect Hope and Lepra UK and being implemented in Chattarpur District , Madhya Pradesh State since May 202. The project aims to build the capacity of the 104 Self Support Groups (SSGs), which are groups of people who have experienced leprosy , LF and its consequences, such as stigma, disability and poverty. The project also focuses on mental health intervention, as many SSG members suffer from depression, anxiety and low self-esteem. In Rajnagar, the project delivers mindfulness yoga sessions by a trained yoga instructor, while in Lavkushnagar, the project conducts peer counselling and mental health assessment of SSG members. The project hopes to empower the over 1100 SSG members to become self-reliant, confident and active agents of change in their communities.



Mindfulness Session to SSG by Instructor



Mental Health Awareness sessions to SSG Members



Peer Counselling Session to Leprosy Patient

**JAGRUTI Projects Annual Review** : Jagruti is a unique, integrated NTDs and WASH project implemented by LEPROA with support of American Leprosy Missions (ALM) in Bihar since February 2021. The three year project covers 130 villages of Kalyanpur block in Samastipur district, Bihar, and aims to reduce risk of transmission of endemic NTDs among at-risk communities and reduce the negative impact of chronic, disabling NTDs like leprosy and lymphatic filariasis among people affected. 4 Pilot Concepts added to project during 2nd Year of Implementation are Health Systems Strengthening, Integrated Footwear Unit, Livelihoods Support and People led Advocacy. The Project Annual Review was carried out during 9-11 May, 2023 lead by ALM Team. The Purpose is to review Year 2 achievements, challenges, lessons learned and to plan Year 3 key activities and deliverables



### Donor Review Feedback

Thank you Jagruti team, for a great visit and review. Your commitment and dedication to the poor and vulnerable, and your hard work, is the reason this project has benefited so many people and is achieving beyond expectations. Good bless you all and all your efforts.

## Social Inclusion and Inclusive Education Project, Mandla district, Madhya Pradesh State

Social Inclusion & Inclusive Education Project supported by Sight Savers India (SSI) and Bajaj, aims to empower children with visual impairments or disabilities with quality education in an inclusive environment, promotes their rights & entitlements, and to facilitate their financial independence through networking. Since Jan to May 2023, project team could facilitate over 200 Girl Children with Visual Impairments / PWDs with Medical Certificates / Bus Pass / Railway Pass / Unique Disability Identification (ID) Card .



Girl Children with Visual Impairments (CVIs) Trained on Self Défense and Provision of Smart Phone



## Case Study

Pakina Sathyanarayana is a daily labourer who lives with his two daughters. He has been suffering from Leprosy for two years and has developed patches all over his body. In April 2022, he visited the Eluru referral centre where he was diagnosed as a multibacillary case and started on multidrug therapy. He also received medicines at Referral Centre and the physiotherapist at the centre assessed his nerve function and performed dressing for his ulcers. He was given microcellular rubber footwear and dressing kits to prevent further damage to his feet. He visited the centre every two weeks for ulcer dressing and follow-up. His ulcer and reactions healed completely and he regained his ability to work and earn income for his family. He expressed his gratitude to the Lepira staff for their continuous support and services.



## An Interview with Staff

Mr. Santosh has been an NTD Disability Coordinator at LEPRO Referral Centre – Sparsh Dhanbad, Jharkhand, for 18 years. He works in the field of Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis (LF). He began his career as a Physiotherapy Technician (PT)

### 1. A memory at LEPRO that you would like to share?

My working experience taught me a lot about making tailored shoes for people with leprosy and lymphatic filariasis. These shoes are vital for their daily activities and well-being. I also learned how to treat and prevent the disability caused by these diseases by preparing different devices.

### 2. What makes LEPRO a unique organization?

Working in this organization is an equal opportunity to contribute to the enabled situation and friendly culture. I am proud to be part of this team that serves the people affected by leprosy/LF. We are valued as assets, not just workers, which is respectful.

### 3. What is the change you observed in the field of leprosy over the years? What do you like the most about working with LEPRO?

LEPRO works to improve lives of Leprosy/LF patients. LEPRO's footwear on wheel is innovative effective way to provide protective customized footwear to patients in different colonies in remote locations. This service offers various designs, colors and models of footwear suitable for different genders and preferences.



## Prasant's Message

I would like to congratulate Dr. Debendra Sahu for receiving the Bhusan Scholar Award for his work on LEPRO Eye Care Services from the Global Scholars Foundation in Hyderabad. The local authorities have praised LEPRO Mayurlep project for resuming its activities, especially the line listing and the facilitating hydrocele surgeries at public health facilities. The Mayurlep area has not seen any hydrocele surgeries for almost 9 years. I participated in the evaluation of the Jagruti project, which is supported by the American Leprosy Mission (ALM), ALM delegates were satisfied with the progress and outcomes of the project and confirmed their ongoing commitment.



Along with State Teams and Head-Programmes, reviewed the achievements and challenges of the projects implemented in Bihar, Jharkhand, Delhi and MP states. We also discussed and decided on the next steps for the projects for the rest of the year. The Bhopal Central Jail was an eye-opening experience for me. I saw how LEPRO is providing effective support and care for prisoners who have HIV. LEPRO started a new leprosy Referral Center at Narsingi, Rangareddy district, Telangana State. The initiative has received appreciation from the State Leprosy Officer and district authorities for reaching out to the needy patients. Naveen represented Lepira at the Eastern India Consultation status of people living with disabilities and the road to inclusive development organized by the civil societies of Odisha. Another noteworthy event was the invitation to the high level industry interaction meet organized by Footwear Design Development Institute (FDDI) of India where Arun represented LEPRO.

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