

SAMIKSHA

.....BY LEPRA SOCIETY



Prasant's Message

As the sweltering heat and record-breaking temperatures of summer gave way to the refreshing pre-monsoon showers, I want to commend all my colleagues for ensuring uninterrupted services despite the challenging weather conditions. We have successfully completed the first quarter with the approval of our comprehensive LEPRA strategy for the next six years, which will be operational in the coming months.

June has been a remarkable month for Resource Mobilisation! We signed an MoU with Mankind to extend their support to two additional centers in Mayurbhanj, Odisha, and Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh. Our heartfelt thanks go to the employees of ADP who visited our Nallakunta Referral Center to distribute footwear to leprosy patients as part of their CSR activities.

We also conducted an interstate coordination meeting under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) with Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, which was highly productive.

Our Delhi team proudly received a memento on behalf of LEPRA from the Rotary Club of South Delhi, recognizing our ongoing efforts.

I am delighted to share that the NTD Disability Forum - Jagruti is now officially registered as a society under the Bihar State Society Act 21, 1860.

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment. Together, we continue to make significant strides in our mission to combat leprosy and related disabilities.

Impact story

Santi Das, a 60-year-old woman from Kateswar, Malatipatapur in Purisadr Block, Puri District, has been grappling with Grade 2 Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) affecting her left leg for the past 20 years. Her condition initially manifested with fever and left-side inguinal adenitis, progressing to severe swelling despite various treatments. Suffering from acute attacks and frequent entry lesions on her leg's middle finger, Santi faced significant challenges, including stigma and lack of hygiene awareness.

LEPRA Society intervened decisively, addressing these challenges comprehensively. Santi, accompanied by an ASHA worker, visited the MMDP center in Chandanpur in December 2022, where she received DEC treatment and training in self-care practices. Dr. Acharya supervised her treatment for entry lesions, and LEPRA facilitated her access to government medical facilities.

Since LEPRA's intervention, Santi's health has significantly improved. Her leg swelling has reduced, acute attacks have ceased, and she now feels happier and more confident. Beyond health benefits, LEPRA's support enabled Santi to engage in terracotta work with other village women, where she has gained skills and earns income by selling her creations.

Santi's life has undergone a positive transformation, thanks to LEPRA's holistic approach, fostering not only physical recovery but also emotional well-being and economic independence through vocational empowerment.



Mankind Pharma Expands Support for LEPRO Society, Enhancing Disability Care Units in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh

LEPRO Society is delighted to announce the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mankind Pharma, extending their invaluable support to two additional Comprehensive Disability Care Centers (CDCCs) in Mayurbhanj, Odisha, and Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh. This partnership builds on an earlier MoU, where Mankind Pharma committed to supporting five LEPRO CDCCs, reaffirming their dedication to improving the quality of life for those affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis.

The newly supported CDCCs in Mayurbhanj and Alirajpur will provide essential medical services, rehabilitation, and community outreach programs, furthering LEPRO Society's mission to eliminate the physical, social, and economic burdens of these diseases.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Shri Sheetal Arora, CEO of Mankind Pharma, whose visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to social responsibility have made this partnership possible. His dedication to healthcare and community welfare continues to inspire and drive meaningful change. We also wish to thank Mr. Akhilesh Dimri, CSR Head of Mankind Pharma, for his instrumental role in this collaboration. His strategic guidance and passionate advocacy for corporate social responsibility have been pivotal in bringing this initiative to fruition.

Mr. Akhilesh Dimri recently visited the Mankind-supported CDCC at Vijayawada, where he oversaw the activities being conducted on the field. This visit provided him with firsthand insight into the impact of Mankind's support on the ground. Additionally, Mr. Dimri visited our Shreyassu office to understand our HIV projects, demonstrating a keen interest in the diverse range of initiatives undertaken by LEPRO Society. During his visit, he met several beneficiaries who are being supported through Mankind's contributions, further solidifying the meaningful connection between the organization and the communities it serves.

The collaboration between Mankind Pharma and LEPRO Society is a testament to the power of public-private partnerships in addressing critical healthcare challenges. With the support of Mankind Pharma, the newly established CDCCs will provide comprehensive medical care and rehabilitation services to individuals affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis, conduct community outreach programs to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with these diseases, and train healthcare professionals to enhance the quality of care and ensure sustainable health outcomes.

This partnership reflects a shared vision of a world free from the debilitating effects of neglected tropical diseases.



ADP visits our Referral Center and distributes Footwear

ADP (Automatic Data Processing) India recently honored us with their presence at a CSR event held at the Nallakunta Referral Center. The company's staff visited as part of their corporate social responsibility activities, distributing the footwear they had generously donated. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the ADP

team. Their support has significantly bolstered our advocacy for leprosy and lymphatic filariasis (LF), raising awareness and providing crucial assistance to affected populations. This collaboration exemplifies the positive impact that corporate partnerships can have in supporting health initiatives and improving community well-being.



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- Received a Fostercare cheque from KCP Limited through the Vice President and CSR Head.
- Footwear distributed by Rotary Club of Vijayawada members in Vijayawada RC.
- TLM Vocational College Principal visited Eluru RC and Vizianagaram RC, interacting with RC staff, shoe technicians, and PHC medical officers.
- DPMR camp conducted in AMG Colony, Narva with DLATO and NLEP staff; footwear distributed by DLO.
- Mankind CSR Head visited Vijayawada RC, Sreyassu, and Tenali, interacting with beneficiaries and issuing IGP cheques.
- IGP support cheques distributed by Dist. Malaria Officer, Machalipatnam to 4 LF patients.

BIHAR



- NTDs workshop organized by IGIMS and WHO in Bihar discussed prevention, diagnosis, and treatment strategies, with IGIMS PG students, faculty, and state representatives; SPO (Filaria) praised the efforts in eliminating filariasis in Bihar.
- Constant efforts empowered 90 Self Support Groups in Samastipur, Bihar, on disability management and social schemes by Jaguti team.
- A preparatory meeting for the Mass Drug Administration campaign in 14 districts of Bihar was organized by PCI, with LEPRO team attending as guest orators.
- LEPRO provided 196 pairs of footwear to leprosy-affected individuals in 4 Bihar colonies with support from Samutthan leaders and inmates.

- 16 new cases detected at Jagdalpur RC.
- 58 OPD cases attended, 35 nerve function assessments done, 7 new NFIs identified, 5 improved NFIs, and 7 ulcer cases treated; 4 cases linked with social security schemes.
- NLEP coordination meeting held at Maharani Hospital, Jagdalpur, involving teams from Koraput (Odisha) and Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh) discussing defaulter retrievals.

CHHATTISGARH



- WDRC team in Sagarpur, West Delhi listed LF cases and demonstrated home care practices, reducing swelling and acute attacks.
- Indra Gandhi Hospital's camp at Ekta Vihar Kusth Samiti provided footwear and self-care kits to leprosy-affected individuals.
- Fifty individuals were examined and educated about leprosy at Tahirpur; no new cases found.

DELHI



- Nirmala Leprosy Hospital in Govindpur, Dhanbad, and RC Sparsh Dhanbad provided 25 customized footwear to leprosy-affected individuals.
- Dr. Shekhar Sheshadri from NIMHANS visited RC Sparsh and appreciated the comprehensive disability care services for NTDs in partnership with TATA-LEPRO.

JHARKHAND



ODISHA



- Participated in block-level coordination meetings, NLEP review, and conducted ASHA worker training across Bahalada, Rairangpur, Pandupani, and other locations in Mayurbhanj.
- Organized Self-Care Camps, formed Self-Support Groups, and conducted demonstrations and talks on leprosy and LF at multiple sites including Tiring CHC and Jagannathpur Village. Held 2 self-care camps for 52 leprosy beneficiaries and formed a leprosy forum in Jharbandh with 14 members.
- Detected cases through active case detection and provided self-care camps at Junagarh and Kasagumunda, benefiting leprosy-affected individuals.
- Established a Leprosy forum in Kasagumunda Block, conducted a Focus Leprosy Campaign covering 16 villages, and held International Yoga Day at KCC.

- Conducted self-care demonstration camp in Malasahu Purisadar Block, educating people on health conditions and promoting self-care practices.
- Our eye care team in Odisha recently conducted an Eyecare strategy meeting at MNC, Pandapali, BNpur. The meeting focused on enhancing eye care services and developing effective strategies to reach more beneficiaries in the region.

TELANGANA



- Conducted meetings with health officials to sensitize about disability certificates for persons affected by leprosy.
- Hosted IMT - Institute of Management & Technology students for interactive sessions and practical demonstrations on leprosy and its effects.
- Initiated a collaborative weekly clinic at Bhaskar Medical College with dermatology experts and district NLEP team.
- Organized a primary school student screening program in collaboration with local ASHAs and NLEP team in Hyderabad district.
- Conducted MMDP camps, including practical demonstrations on self-care practices and distribution of self-care kits to patients in Nirmal district.

BPHRC

- Dr. Michael Sukumar Pallapati and Ms. Sushree Nibedita Panda conducted a mentoring visit to Koraput, Odisha for the LRI project.
- Organized training for LEPRAs Ethics committee members on ICMR Ethical guidelines and Good Clinical practices.
- Visited Chinnayenkicherla, Shadnagar, Telangana to raise awareness on nerve-affecting diseases like leprosy.
- Provided counselling and support to a lepromatous leprosy patient and family members, facilitating acceptance and recovery.
- Distributed dry ration and groceries to the patient during counselling sessions.



MEET OUR STAFF



Myself Dr. Vishal Namdev. I am working on the post of Physiotherapist in Lepra. I joined Lepra in July 2022

A memory at LEPRAs which you would like to share?

I get a lot of support from my team and seniors and the informative sessions of the annual meeting organized by Lepra are memorable.

How do you plan to engage with local communities to raise awareness about leprosy, reduce stigma, and encourage early detection and treatment?

We organize awareness programs in collaboration with local NMA, Asha workers and health care workers of NHM and support the patient or his family in whatever way we can.

In your opinion, what are the most significant challenges in leprosy control, and how would you address them in your role as a Physiotherapist ?

The most important challenge for me as a physio is to overcome the pathology of the patient or some patients may not be able to follow up regularly or the patient may be a migrant to another state.

Share a beneficiary story that is close to your heart?

I found an elderly leprosy patient in the campus area of Maharaja Yashwant Rao hospital's referral center in Indore. Who had 2nd grad deformity (claw hand) and wounds in bilateral foot, he had no one in his family and no house to live in. We together with the team and the department head of the hospital arranged for us a shelter home in which we will have free accommodation, food and necessary medical facilities.

Thank you to LEPRAs Society team for your unending support
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