

PRASANT'S MESSAGE

Dear Team,
June has been a month of progress and recognition for LEPRA Society. We celebrated World Yoga Day across all project locations, promoting wellness and unity. We're pleased to share that the Azim Premji Foundation has approved our project in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, and we've received our first CSR grant from Infosys—a milestone in our journey. We held review and planning meetings for the Mankind-supported DISPELL project in Vijayawada and Bhubaneswar, and conducted a Pediatric TB project visit in Chhattisgarh. I also had the opportunity to participate in the Goodbye Leprosy Trust (GBLT) Trustees Meeting, contributing to future strategic directions.

In Odisha, we're grateful for the Koraput Collector's support in renovating the Koraput Care Centre. Finally, I'm proud to announce that our CSR project Jagruti has been selected for the **CSR TIMES AWARD 2025**, to be presented at the 12th National CSR Summit under the theme "Role of CSR in Mission Viksit Bharat by 2047." This recognition is a testament to your dedication and the impact we're making together.

Thank you for your continued commitment.

IMPACT STORY

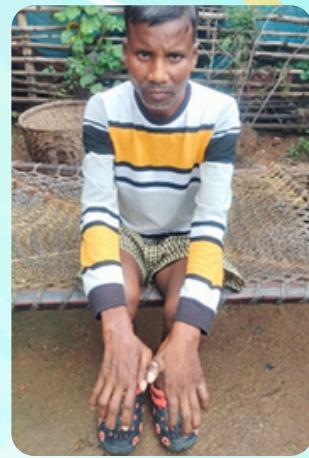
Desua Patra, a 10th pass resident of Gidighaty village, Bahalda Block, was diagnosed with Multibacillary (MB) leprosy and completed MDT treatment in 2021. Though declared Released from Treatment (RFT), a hand deformity continued to affect his daily life due to lack of post-treatment care.

Living in a Below Poverty Line (BPL) household with just his father and young son, Desua is the sole breadwinner, earning around ₹50,000 annually through daily labor. His worsening deformity impacted both his ability to work and his self-esteem.

During LEPRA Society's field visit, he was identified for support. The team provided self-care training, MCR footwear, and regular follow-up. He was referred for Reconstructive Surgery (RCS), which was successfully completed. Today, Desua has regained partial hand function, resumed his work, and feels confident and self-reliant again. He now encourages others in the village to seek timely treatment and not hide their symptoms.

Beneficiary's Words:

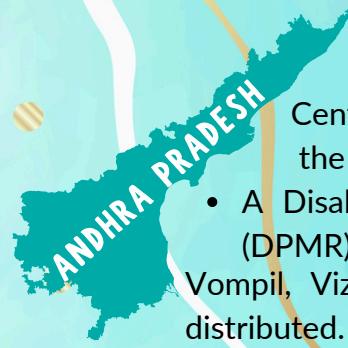
"I am grateful to LEPRA Society for helping me regain my ability and confidence."



Before Photo



After Photo



- The CSR Head of Mankind Pharma, Akhilesh Dimri, visited Vizianagaram Referral Centre, interacted with beneficiaries, witnessed the shoe unit and ulcer care process.
- A Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) camp was held at Brighter Future Trust, Vompil, Vizianagaram, where ulcer-dressing kits were distributed.



- Yoga Day was celebrated at the Jagruti Project site in Samastipur, promoting physical and mental well-being through enthusiastic participation.
- Filaria-Free Panchayat event, led by the State Filaria Office and Piramal Foundation, united key stakeholders and Hon'ble Minister Shri Kedar Prasad Gupta in the fight against Lymphatic Filariasis.



- CEO (Prasant Naik) of LEPRA Society visited the Referral Centre (RC) Jagdalpur, met officials, and reviewed Leprosy and Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) activities.
- Conducted MMDP (Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention) clinic at Belgaon, supporting 1 LF patients with self-care kits.



- LEPRA Society, in collaboration with the Dental Dept. and Microbiology Lab at Indira Gandhi Hospital (IGH) Delhi, conducted leprosy awareness sessions focusing on early signs, prevention, and reducing stigma. Over 225 individuals, including adults and children, participated. Pamphlets were distributed, and community engagement was encouraged to promote early detection and care.



- Pairs of customized MCR footwear were distributed in Angarpathera and Fulwatand Colonies, promoting mobility and self-care for those affected by leprosy.
- Sparsh staff visited Dumari Leprosy Colony in Dhanbad, engaging with residents and understanding the impact of LEPRA Society's support.





- 65 Self-Support Group leaders trained on leadership, communication, and self-care support using interactive methods.
- Leadership trainings under the SMARTH initiative empowered SSG leaders with skills in communication, confidence-building, and community engagement.



- Twelve LF patients underwent hydrocele surgery at Rairangpur, and a screening camp was held at Tiring Community Health Centers.
- A self-care camp in Moranda (Jamda Block) offered health education. Ulcer kits were distributed in Thakurmunda, and footwear in Bijatala.
- Mushroom farming by Puja Phula SSG was followed up in Udaypur. Four students received education support in Kalahandi.



- In Chandrapur, Maharashtra, a PCA conducted leprosy suspect screening at Chunada Sub-Centre, Rajura Block.
- A local newspaper highlighted the Special Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC) supported by LEPRA Society, emphasizing early detection and community awareness.



- In Telangana, LEPRA Society supported leprosy orientation sessions for 154 primary health staff across UPHCs in Hyderabad. A focal survey was conducted in Rangareddy district, focusing on migrant communities.
- In Nalgonda, foot measurements were taken from 40 individuals at Ambedkar Leprosy Colony for MCR footwear.
- In Khamana village, Asifabad, an awareness session, child case follow-up, and contact screening were carried out by referral centre and PHC staff.



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- Leprosy awareness session conducted for ASHAs and paramedical staff at PHC Cherlapalli by LEPRA team.
- Training on slit skin sample collection for leprosy diagnosis held for lab technicians at Sivananda Rehabilitation Home, Hyderabad.
- Supportive supervision visit conducted under the LRI Project in Gampalagudem and Nuzvid regions, Vijayawada.

Key Highlights

LEPRA Society joined the "Filaria-Free Panchayat" workshop in Bihar - Hon'ble PRI Minister Shri Kedar Prasad Gupta appreciated efforts to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis.



LEPRA Society signed a 3-year MoU with CSR Mankind to support Disability Care Centres under the DiSPELL Project across 8 states

LEPRA Society had a fruitful meeting with the District Leprosy Officer (DLO) during the visit of Mr. Akhilesh Dimri, CSR Head - Mankind Pharma, to the Vizianagaram Referral Centre.



LEPRA Society staff and beneficiaries celebrated Yoga Day across all states in India, promoting wellness, unity, and healthy living.



LEPRA Society CEO, Mr. Prasant Naik, and Mr. Arun Kumar Head of Programmes visited the LEPRA State Office in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, to review and strengthen the TB Project supported by the Global Fund.



LEPRA Society CEO Mr. Prasant Naik, visited Kachiguda Grain Bank, Now self-sustained with over 3 lakh kg. The village has reported no cases of Leprosy, TB, or malnutrition in 14 years.

A two-day workshop on Consensus Development physiotherapy was held at LEPRA Society Head Office for Referral Centre staff from AP, TS, and MH. Key participants included State Coordinators and Head Programme staff from the AP region.

Meet Our Staff

How did you join LEPRA Society, and what is your role?

I joined LEPRA Society through the DEVNET JobsIndia portal. I work on developing reporting formats, conducting field visits, collecting data, and supporting the Project Manager in both field and office activities.

How do you engage with local communities?

I connect with communities through regular field visits, sharing key information with the support of our team to raise awareness and promote understanding at the grassroots level.

What challenges do you face, and how do you address them?

Linking affected individuals to social welfare schemes is a major challenge. I address this by advocating with government officials. One success was helping a beneficiary receive ₹93,000 under the Bihar Shatabdi Kusht Kalyan Yojna (BSKKY).

A memory you cherish at LEPRA Society?

Despite having no prior experience in health projects, LEPRA Society trusted me with this role. It's been a rewarding journey, and I'm grateful for the opportunity and support from the organization.



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