



Association of People Affected by Leprosy

Annual Report- 2021

Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

- APAL's state leaders and their family members participated in Survey of COVID-19
- Food grains distribution, associated with Raipur Mayor and Individuals
- Food grains distribution, daily lunch and money support, associated with Rising Star Outreach, Rotary Club, Lions Club and Street Vision Organization
- Food grains sponsored and distributed by individual 7 women of SKNS Project
- Food grains distributed, associated with the Government of Bihar, SAMUTHAN and Individuals
- Food grains distributed associated with the Government of Delhi
- Food grains distributed associated with The Government, CIA , IIT ISM, Carmel School and Individuals
- Filed a Petition on Ram Nagar Leprosy Colony Issue at Patna High court
- Food grains distributed, associated with the Government of Bihar & Rising Star Outreach
- Food grains distributed, associated with the government, RSOI, Lepra society, individuals & Rising star
- Food grains distributed associated with Lepra Society and NDRF
- Food grains distributed associated with The Leprosy Mission
- Food grains and Medicines& dressing materials distributed associated with the state Government
- APAL President Mr. Narsappa distributed food grains associated with his colony people
- Food grains distributed associated with Damian Foundation and Rotary club
- Conducted trial version online board members meeting
- Participated online meeting on Consultation on EDPAL Bill 2015- 2 meetings
- Participated in online National Disability Network Meeting
- President Leprosy Colony Visit
- Food grains support associated with The Government and The Leprosy Mission, Lepra Society and Rising Star Outreach to the community affected by leprosy
- Monitoring to visit of the Government authorities in the leprosy colony
- Self-care kits distribution, associated with Lepra Society and Rising Star Outreach.
- Participated in the online Brainstorm Meeting
- Associated with the Government Municipal corporation distributed food grains
- Memorandums submitted to the SLOs overall India
- MCR footwear distributed associated with GRETNALTES INSTITUTIONS
- online Zoom meeting on the questionnaire to assess the impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the lives of Leprosy affected persons
- Conducted awareness program on Precaution of COVID-19 and distributed eggs
- Recommendation letter for the Government Job
- Associated with Ward Counselor and Conducted awareness program on Precaution of COVID-19 and distributed eggs
- Masks distribution associated with SMK Jaipur

- Participated in the CORE group meeting on leprosy
- APAL associated with SILF and SAMUTHAN supported financially by given 5000 rupees to each family and distributed house protection plastic cover in Bihar.
- APAL conducted sample version rapid Assessment of Socio-economic Impact of Covid-19
- APAL associated with Local individuals distributed glasses and plates
- APAL associated with Youth with Mission distributed food grains
- APAL associated with The Leprosy Mission distributed food grains
- 20th August APAL associated with Youth with Mission distributed food grains
- The Government authorities Dr. Rajendra Prasad, State Leprosy Officer (SLO), and his medical team visited the leprosy colony
- The Government medical authorities Dr. YS Chakradhar, physiotherapist, DPMO, and medical team visited D Kesavaram leprosy colony
- The District Leprosy Officer (DLO) and his medical team visited Poolbhagh Leprosy Colony
- The President of APAL Mr. Narsappa visited MB Nagar Leprosy Colony
- The Government authorities DPMO Mr. Y. Subramanyam and his medical team visited Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony
- APAL participated in a online meeting conducted by NLR for the discussions about the partnership.
- 27th August APAL associated with SILF supported food grains
- APAL conducted Core Committee Meeting online for the discussions.
- The Government of Andhra Pradesh authority, Dr. C. Chandra Rao District Leprosy Officer with his team visited the Aadarsh Nagar leprosy colony in Kurnool
- APAL is associated with SILF distributed food grains to the people affected by leprosy in the Bhimavaram leprosy colony at Andhra Pradesh.
- The Executive Committee Meeting was held on 6 September 2020.
- APAL associated with Inner Wheel Club of Chennai associated with APAL distributed food grains
- Online Meeting on Media Campaign on Leprosy in India
- The Government authorities Dr. John Babu and his team visited the Khammam Leprosy colony
- On the date of 16th September 2020 APAL conducted online training for volunteers.
- On the date of 17th September, 2020 APAL conducted online training for volunteers.
- APAL and SLAP of Telangana leaders and Shanthi Nagar Leprosy colony leaders submitted a memorandum to the bus transport department for the bus passes with consecution.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting
- APAL, the state leader Mr. Prakasham approached to Rising Star Outreach of India for the water problem
- On the date of 19th September, 2020 APAL conducted online training for volunteers.
- APAL, the treasurer of APAL Mrs. Maya Ranaware associated with the Government of Maharashtra distributed UDID (Unique ID for Persons with Disability) cards
- On the date of 22nd September 2020, V. Narsappa, president of APAL meet with Lepra CEO Mr. Om Prakash in his office

- APAL and the president of APAL associated with The Government authorities Dr. John Babu, State Leprosy Officer (SLO), and his medical team visited the leprosy colony in Adilabad
- APAL submitted a memorandum for the bunch of water bills in one time to Municipal Commissioner.
- APAL associated with TLM distributed food grains
- APAL associated with Inner Wheel Club distributed food grains and blankets to people affected by leprosy in Swadhar Nagar Leprosy Colony Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
- On the date of 6th October 2020, APAL and the volunteer of APAL Ms. Swathi started COVID-19 Awareness Program and health screening tests to people affected by leprosy and their family in Sairam Leprosy Colony at Madhya Pradesh.
- The treasurer of APAL Mrs. Maya Ranware, and Mr. & Mrs. Shila Adhik Lade. volunteer of the APAL project, associated with the Government authority, Corporator and chief guest Mr. PRAKASH BABASAHEB DHANG conducted a COVID-19 Awareness Program
- APAL, started the COVID-19 Awareness Program in Shanthi Nagar leprosy colony-Telangana
- The volunteers of APAL Ms. Meharunnisha and Ms. Suman Started COVID-19 Awareness Program in Gandhi leprosy Sewa Sangh Ahmedabad. Gujrat.
- The volunteers of APAL Mr. Vijay Kumar started COVID-19 Awareness Program in the Mahathma Gandhi Leprosy Colony.
- APAL, Inauguration of COVID-19 Awareness Program at Dhar Leprosy Colony by Dr. Boracia, Civil Hospital, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh
- APAL, the volunteers of APAL Mr. Prashant Virlay started screening work successfully in the Ashagram Leprosy Colony, Barwani at Madhya Pradesh.
- In Telangana state APAL and the volunteers of APAL Mrs. Roja and Mrs. Leela with colony leader, Mr. Pullaiah inaugurated the COVID-19 Awareness Program in the Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony, Hyderabad.
- APAL's volunteer Ms. Rekha started COVID-19 awareness program and health screening tests to people affected by leprosy in Satanand Mahadev Khusthdham Samiti Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- In Madhya Pradesh APAL, the volunteer of APAL Mr. Vijay Patil started the COVID-19 Awareness Program and Health Screening Work in the Lokmata Indira Gandhi Nagar, Amravati
- APAL, the volunteer of APAL Mr. Anil Tirkey started the COVID-19 Awareness Program cum Screening Test in Nirmala Leprosy Colony, Ranchi district of Jharkhand.
- APAL started the COVID-19 Awareness Program in the Mahatma Gandhi Leprosy Seva Sangh, BHAVNAGAR GUJARAT.
- COVID-19 Awareness Program started in Walmik Leprosy Colony in Nashik, Maharashtra. The Volunteers of APAL Mrs. Sneha started a health screening test for the people affected by leprosy and their families in the colony.
- In the state of Jharkhand APAL and the Volunteer of APAL Mr. Navnit started COVID-19 Awareness Program and Screening tests in Durga Mandir Baniahir Leprosy Colony. Jhariadhanbad.
- APAL distributed floods relief food grains to 168 families of people affected by leprosy and their families in the Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony, Pedda Ambarpet, Hyderabad, Telangana.

- In the state of Madhya Pradesh APAL and the Volunteer of APAL Mr. Salman started COVID-19 Awareness Program and Screening tests in Gwalior Leprosy Colony, Madhya Pradesh
- Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) and the volunteer of APAL Mr. Vijay Patil with Varsha started COVID-19 AWARENESS PROGRAM in Lokmata Indira Gandhi Nagar, Amravati, Maharashtra
- APAL associated with SILF distributed food grains to 50 people affected by leprosy those who are infected by COVID-19 in Gandhi Leprosy Sewa Sangh at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- APAL and volunteer of APAL Mr. Dilip Kumar started COVID-19 awareness program and health screening tests for people affected by leprosy in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony Chengiskhan Pet Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh
- Participated in Global consultation with National Leprosy Programme managers, partners and affected persons on Global Leprosy Strategy 2021–2030', which will take place on 27, 28, 29 & 30 October 2020
- Screening tests in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Ranga Reddy district, Telangana
- The core committee meeting held on 3rd November 2020 on Zoom.
- Conducted COVID-19 awareness program, Masks Distribution, and Medical Camp for people affected by leprosy and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony, Hyderabad at Telangana.
- APAL associated with Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation and Maharashtra Kushthapitit Sanghatana take part in this process and they help both the colonies by providing food grains and money.
- APAL associated with SILF and Tech Mahindra Foundation distributed food grains to 260 people affected by leprosy and their families in Ambedkar Leprosy Colony at Nalgonda district, Telangana.
- APAL's member Mr. Ramvarai Sha with leprosy colony leaders met and submitted a memorandum to Bihar SDM in his office for the houses reconstruction in the colony
- Meeting with SLO at Delhi
- Mr. Venu Gopal Naidu, Vice President of APAL, and Mr. Girdhari Lal, President.RWA, Delhi were met and discussed among DLO, Shahdara
- Memorandum submission for Monthly grains
- The 16th Executive Committee Meeting of APAL was held on 2nd December 2020 at Swagath Grand Hotel, Hyderabad.
- APAL and Maharashtra Khush Pidot Sanghatana started a new project for people affected by leprosy and their families for providing economical support, a health awareness program from APAL, education support from the Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation in Valmiki Leprosy Colony at Nashik, Maharashtra under the guidance of Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation
- APAL and Maharashtra Khush Pidot Sanghatana associated with the Government conducted a meeting
- Ms. Deepika volunteer of APAL continues her tireless services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and masks distribution in Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony, Bobbili, Andhra Pradesh.
- Mrs. Maya Ranaware, the treasurer of APAL visited Indira Gandhi Leprosy Colony at Pandhirpur, Kolhapur Maharashtra along with the Program Manager of SILF and local Corporator and explained to people affected by leprosy and their families about the Livelihood project of Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation

- APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains for the relief of COVID-19 to 202 families of people affected by LEPROSY and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad, Telangana
- In association with Muthoot Snehasraya Project, APAL conducted a " Life Style Diseases Identification Camp in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad, Telangana, and tested 117 people affected by leprosy and their families
- APAL's treasurer Mrs. Maya Ranaware associated with Maharashtra Kushtpidit Sanghatna met the District Collector of Mumbai Suburban Mr. Sarjerao Sonavne and submitted a memorandum
- APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh held on 21st & 22nd December 2020 at Hotel SPB 87 Karol Bagh, New Delhi
- APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh
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- In Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony at Bobbili in Andhra Pradesh Ms. Deepika, a volunteer of APAL continuously providing her tireless services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests
- In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh Mr. Ravi Kumar Naik continuously providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests
- APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting in Bihar
- In the Satya Jeevan Leprosy Sewa Sangh, Behrampura, Ahmedabad, Gujrat Ms. Suman, and Ms. Meharunnisha volunteers of APAL, focus on providing health care services
- In the Raja Bhoj Leprosy Colony in Dhar at Madhya Pradesh Mr. Bharat Rawat providing health care services by health screening tests to people affected by leprosy and their families
- APAL's treasurer Mrs. Maya Ranaware and Mr. Rasul Mullah, state leader of Maharashtra visited Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony
- , In the Meghajibhaiwadi Miraj, Maharashtra Mrs & Mr. Shila Adhik volunteers of APAL providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families
- In Sai, Ram Kusht Ashram Indore, Madhya Pradesh Ms. Swathi, and Ms. Pooja continuously providing health care services
- In Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony, people affected by leprosy and their families with volunteers Ms. Sapna & Sneha celebrated Republic Day and distributed masks to participants
- Amaravati at Maharashtra Mr. Vijay Patil & Varsha providing health care services and distributed masks
- In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh Mr Naik . Ravi Kumar providing health care services
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- APAL associated with Social Security Samastipur celebrated Anti Leprosy Day

- Participated in the SHF Webinar “Zero Leprosy for whom in the Post- COVID World?” on 26th, 28th, 29th & 30th January
- In Santhi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony Mrs. Roja & Mrs. Leela volunteers of APAL providing health care services
- APAL's Vice President G. Venu Gopal, & Mr. Girdhari Lal, President Mr. Vijay Secretary, Mr. Pankaj, member of RWA Delhi met with Dr. Baghotia, SLO, Delhi at his office.
- APAL's treasurer Mrs. Maya Ranaware with Maharashtra Kushtpindit Sanghatna met the District Collector of Solapur and submitted a memorandum for the new houses under Prantpradhan Gharkul Yojana
- The Maharashtra State Leader Meeting and Workshop were organized on 4th February 2021 at Hospitality Management Applied Training Centre, Dadar Catering College, Dadar, Mumbai.
- APAL with Maharashtra Kustpandit Sanghatna celebrated fortnight World Leprosy Day and Awareness on Leprosy in Mumbai at Maharashtra
- Mrs. Maya Ranaware, APAL's treasurer visited Pushpvihar Leprosy Colony at Dahisar, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Mr. Venu Gopal, Vice president of APAL, and Mr. Girdhari Lal, President of RWATLC, Delhi visited Dr. Vivek Lal at SILF Office
- APAL's and Sam Uthan's members Mr. Kamalesh Chandra Lal, Mr. Ramvarai Sha, Mr. Brij Kishore, etc met with Dr. Sivaji Kumar, State Commissioner Disability and Director Social Welfare Department
- APAL associated with Society of Leprosy Affected Persons (SLAP) Telangana, Sakshyam Organization, and the Government of Telangana conducted Fortnight World Leprosy Day and Awareness Program on Leprosy
- APAL's Bihar (Sam Uthan) conducted Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) camp
- 2021 In Motipur Leprosy Colony in Bihar Pakhwara World Leprosy Day was well celebrated by APAL's Bihar (SAM UTTHAN).
- APAL associated with SLAP Telangana and the Government of Telangana celebrated World Leprosy Day and conducted an Awareness Program on Leprosy
- APAL's Executive Committee Meeting held on 16th February 2021 at Hotel Kinara Grand, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad
- APAL visit New Jyothi Leprosy Colony at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh
- APAL with SLAP AP visited Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony at Bobbili in Andhra Pradesh
- A two day State Leaders Meeting of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was organized by APAL
- APAL associated with Tamil Nadu State Committee conducted State Leaders Meeting
- Mr. Venu Gopal along with Mr Prakasam! President, State Committee, TN, and Mr. A. Mohan met with Mrs. Padma Venkatraman at her residence in Chennai, TN.
- Mrs. Maya Ranvare Treasurer of APAL approached Government Medical Department by submitted a memorandum for COVID-19 tests to people affected by leprosy.
- APAL conducted an interaction meeting with SILF and MP Colony members
- APAL conducted an online Executive Committee Meeting from the HQ
- A two-day meeting of APAL and SILF was organized on 09th and 10th, March, 21 at SILF Office, New Delhi
- APAL associated with Local donors and APAL Tamil Nadu distributed food grains

- An interaction meeting with SILF
- Online Meeting with SHF
- APAL successfully conducted a workshop on RPWD Act & Pankaj Sinha Supreme Court Judgment
- APAL successfully organized an Interaction Meeting with Andhra Pradesh Leprosy Colonies Leaders
- Monitoring of regular work in the Hyderabad office for Administration of corresponding mails, finance, and social media.

State Leprosy leaders and their family members participated in Survey of COVID-19

In the state of Maharashtra, state leader Mr. Rasul Mulla and his daughter in law Dr. Farzana Mulla participated in COVID-19 survey cheetah camp at Pailipada, Dattanagar, Amarnagar Mankhurd from community association of BMC on 22 Apr20.

She has distributed Sanitizers and masks to leprosy colony people and made them aware on precaution of COVID-19.



Food grains distributed, associated with Raipur Mayor & Individuals

In the state of Chhattisgarh, date of 17th April 2020, the State leader Mr. Ghasiram associated with Raipur Mayor Mr. Ejaz Dhebar distributed food grains to 60 families of people affected by leprosy at India leprosy colony and Ganga leprosy colony. The Food grains are sponsored by Mr. Ejaz Dhebar.

Mr. Pankaj Chopra also sponsored and distributed to 85 families of people affected by leprosy in Ganga Leprosy Colony.



Food grains distribution, daily lunch and money support, associated with Rising Star Outreach, Rotary Club, Lions Club and Street Vision Org & India Mahila Sangam

In the state of Tamil Nadu, state leader Mr. A. Prakasam with his hard efforts received corona relief kits from Rotary club, Lion club Rising Star Outreach and other donors.

- Rising Star Outreach has sponsored food grains and distributed to 200 families in all over Tamil Nadu leprosy colonies and cash Rs.1000/- each families.
- Mrs. Padma Venkataraman from her India Mahila Sangam sponsored Vegetables to Villivakkam Balarampuram colony for 40 families and Rs 1,000/- per families.
- Rotary Club Dr. Renuka sponsored food grains to 40 families at Villivakkam Balarampuram Leprosy Colony.
- Ms.Lalitha –Marvadi sponsored to Rs 11,000 to each 45 colonies in Tamil Nadu. The colony leaders asked to buy all vegetables Rice, Dal Ration Materials and submit the bills to Donor through state leader. This is routine donation to colonies in every quarter.
- Ms.Seetha – Secretary of Street Vision sponsoring daily lunch for 150 families in 90 days up to June 2020.
- Local Individuals Sponsored food grains to 200 families in other leprosy colonies near Chennai.



Food grains sponsored and distributed by individual 7 women of SKNS Project

In the state of Madhya Pradesh SKNS project was received from S-ILF to run their livelihood project by growing and selling vegetables in Champa's third Para Colony, in which these people are still doing their work.

While the lock down of COVID-19 people are needed the most help, but after not getting any help in any way, 7 women of this project thought to help the colony themselves and collected 12 kilo rice and 1000-rupees from their own homes. All of them helped as much as possible by distributing rice, lentils, green vegetables, oil, soap, surf on behalf of the beggars and daily wage laborers.



RSS provide food grains to 6 families at Gareeb Khana Kushtha ashram. The Corona relief kits are distributed by Moyara Saariya to Ram Avtar kushtha ashram Indore. There are 20 families got this benefit as Ration and vegetables.

Food grains distributed, associated with the Government of Bihar, SAMUTHAN & individuals

In the state of Bihar the state leprosy leader, associated with BDO Mr. Chandan Kumar distributed food grains to people affected by leprosy in Kasturba Leprosy Colony and Adhikansh Leprosy Colony. APAL and SAMUTHAN state committee members with their hard efforts the Government of Bihar supported food grains.

- Bihar CM relief fund supported food grains
- MLA relief fund supported food grains to Ghoshana Kusth Aashram, Daka Kusth Aashram, Betiya Kusht Aashram and Dono Leprosy Colonies
- The Government of Bihar supported food grains to Ramgharawa Leprosy Colony. Majholiya leprosy Colony and Sunderpur Raxaul Leprosy Colony
- The high court advocate Mr. Gautam Kejriwal sponsored food grains to Ram Nager Kusht Ashram



Food grains distributed associated with The Government, CIA, IIT ISM, Carmel School and Individuals

In the state of Jharkhand the volunteers of St. Nirankari distributed food grains, associated with CIA and IIT ISM and with the effective coordination of Director SILF Dr. Vineeta to the people affected by leprosy in 9 leprosy colonies of Dhanbad and 2 colonies of Bokaro District. The State Leader Mr. Zainuddin and committee members had approached to the principal of



Carmel school Digwadih and discussed about leprosy colonies people and their pathetic condition during this lock down period. She heard everything and sponsored food grains and distributed in 4 colonies of Ballugadda colony, New Durgapur, Bankati Colony and in Asha Vihar Jharia and also one of religious sisters group has been continuously supporting to Indra Nagar Leprosy colony Ranchi and people of Nirmala colony Ranchi also received dried ration

from local people. The Ramgarh Leprosy Colony people received dried ration from D.C Office.

Received benefits from the Government department

- Government :PDS : resident of colonies received two months ration from PDS mainly rice & wheat
- Pension holder has received two months amount INR1000 each month.
- Few Majdoor Card holders received Rs.2000 /-

Filed a Petition on Ram Nagar Leprosy Colony Issue at Patna court

Mr. Kamlesh –APAL member approached to Mr. Gautam Kejriwal, a lawyer of the High Court and discussed apathy of the Government of Bihar. Mr. Ramesh Prasad is the Deputy Secretary of the upliftment, we made him a litigant and a case was filed in the court, after heard the PIL the judge has ordered the Principal Secretary of the Government of Bihar that all Provide proper amount of food and medicine to the People affected by leprosy and their families in a timely manner.

The High Court gave very helpful decision in favor to people affected by leprosy who are residing in the state of Bihar for giving strong decision to take care of them; otherwise strong action must be logged to responsible authorities.

Food grains distributed, associated with the Government of Bihar & Rising Star Outreach

In the state of Bihar, the state leaders, associated with Rising star Outreach distributed food grains to the 30 leprosy colonies and all DMs distributed food grains and one month money to 51 leprosy colonies from Chief Minister Disaster Fund.

In Patna the food was served by the government and morning breakfast is provided by the railway Danapur, Dainik Bhaskar has also been requested by Sam Utthan, also gave rice and dal vegetable in some colonies to all the next side of the colony. Sarthak Human Services Center and gave ration materials to the Chakia and Pipra colony, and the distributed to 21 colonies. Arya samaj given Masks and food grains to Leprosy sufferers at Leprosy Mission Hospital , Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

Food grains distributed, associated with the Government, RSOI, Lepra society, Individuals & Rising star

In the state of Madhya Pradesh the state leader Mrs. Parvati Chuvan and state committee and youth committee distributed food grains to 120 families of people affected by leprosy

The Lepra society distributed food grains to 114 families and communications support given by Rising Star Outreach of India and food item were distributed.

Associated with Individuals or local donors distributed food grains to 440 families of people affected by leprosy in Sairam Avtar Kushth Sewa Samitee and Sant Gyaneshwar Kushtha Ashram. Associated with the state Government distributed food grains to 350 families of people affected by leprosy and communications support given by Sasakawa foundation.

Madhya Pradesh Hon'ble Chief Minister donated food grains 200 families of people affected by leprosy in Ujjn colony, Sairam avtar kushtha ashram Colony & Sant Gyaneshwar Kushtha Ashram.



Food grains distributed associated with Lepra Society and NDRF

In the state of Telangana the state leader associated with Lepra society distributed food grains to 110 families of people affected by leprosy in the Santhosh colony and Maulali Balaji leprosy colony

Shanthi Nagar ward counselor organized with NDRF central government distributed food grains to 100 families in Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony and to 69 families of Santhosh Nagar Leprosy Colony.



Food grains and Medicines& dressing materials distributed associated with the state Government

In the state of Andhra Pradesh the state leader associated with the state Government distributed vegetables and medicine, dressing materials to people affected by leprosy in the Srikakulam, Narasannapeta and Amudalavalasa.



APAL President Mr. Narsappa distributed food grains associated with his colony people

President of APAL had a great thought in his mind to help the migrant labor's who have come from other states for their livelihood. He shared this view to Mr. Malakanna, Senior youth, in a morning walk .Mr. Malakanna shared the same things to Mr.Samuel, colony president and his team at Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony. The colony leaders collected 12 quintal rice and biscuits and distributed 10 kg rice bag and biscuits to each migrant labor family nearly 120.



Food grains distributed associated with Damian Foundation and Rotary club

Mr. Prakasam - Tamil Nadu state leader associated with Damian foundation distributed food grains to the people affected by leprosy in Balarampur Leprosy Colony at Villivakam, and distributed to 45 families of people affected by leprosy in Ponneri Leprosy colony and 35 families in Thiruvellur Leprosy Colony.



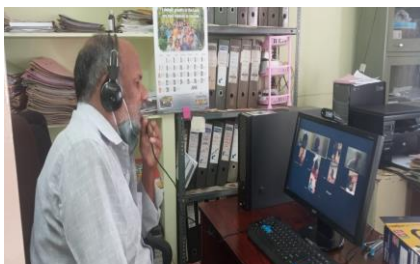
The Kolhthur Rotary club president Mr.Ramakrishnan distributed food grains to 60 families of people affected by leprosy in Balarampuram Leprosy Colony.



Trail Version Online Board Members Meeting

The Online meeting conducted in the date of 12th June 2020 from the APAL head office in Hyderabad

Introduction: The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted the lives of persons affected by the disease. In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) conducted a trial version board members' online meeting on 12th June 2020, 11 am to 12 am to address key challenges during the India health crisis and spearhead the leprosy community's emergency response. This online meeting was very useful to us to better understand the challenges of people affected by leprosy from all states of India.



The president of APAL, Mr. Narsappa asked a question to board members at that particular time that, what is the current COVID-19 situation of people affected by the disease of leprosy in all our states of India?

The board members of APAL have raised so many issues consistently, across India, as major concerns for persons affected during the COVID-19 pandemic: In most states, our APAL leaders represented and supported food aid and other key social protection services are reaching some persons affected, but many are unable to benefit from it because of structural barriers, transportation challenges, or information gaps. Persons affected are relying on the safety net of services from the Governments and NGOs, but it is unclear who is receiving what, and difficult to ensure that everyone's needs are being met.

Fundamental goods: Persons affected are facing difficulty obtaining basic goods, especially food, clean water, and soap, masks which are critical to fighting COVID-19 infection. Lost

livelihoods and travel restrictions have made it difficult to obtain food for many persons affected, and many communities of persons affected have not had access to clean water. The Government and local NGOs are supported by some food grains, soaps, and masks to the people affected by leprosy those who are residing in the leprosy colonies.

Health care: Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients. MDT is largely still available, but reaction treatment is unobtainable for many persons affected. Unfortunately, in states of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, 5 affected people are infected by Coronavirus and 1 person was dead.

Livelihoods: Persons affected often work in the informal economy. They are surviving only depending on begging, working as daily laborers, or running small shops but they lost all their livelihoods. As a result, many persons affected are unable to work and their ability to meet basic needs is in severe jeopardy.

Information about COVID-19: Health promotion information is reaching some person organization and some local NGOs are working to find alternative ways to get messages to those that need them. Most people haven't smart phones and newspapers also banned.

Intersecting vulnerabilities: Persons affected are not only vulnerable because of their status as a person that is affected by leprosy, but are often vulnerable for other reasons as well. These other factors, like age or gender, compound the challenges faced by persons affected during this time and deserve special attention.

Self-Care Kits distribution-APAL associated with Rising Star & Lepra

Self-care kits distributed by in the date of 14th June 2020, Harsh Nagar Leprosy Colony, Sendhwa District- Barwani, Madhya Pradesh



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with Lepra society & Rising Star Outreach distributed self-care kits to 80 persons affected by leprosy in Harsh Nagar leprosy colony, Sendhwa, Dist- Barwani, state of Madhya Pradesh. The Self-care kits sponsored by Rising Star Outreach.

The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to APAL, Lepra society and Rising Star Outreach for support self-care kits in the terrible COVID-19 crisis time.

Consultation on EDPAL Bill 2015 online meeting

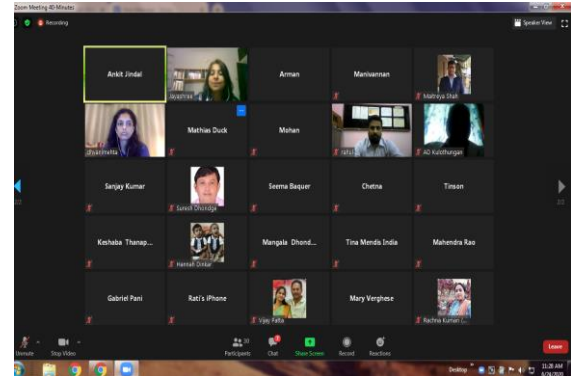
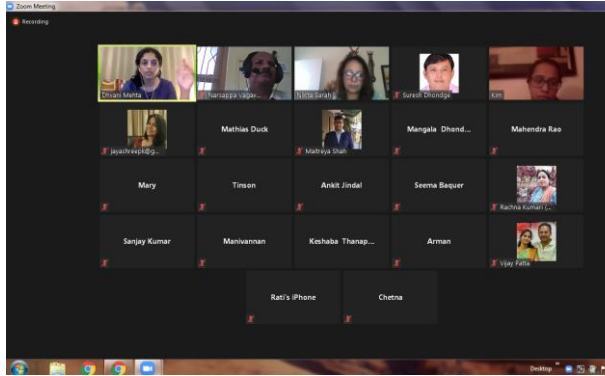
Date: Jun 24, 2020

Time: 11:00 AM to 1 PM

Topic: Stakeholder Consultation

Introduction:

The online meeting conducted for a relook at the previously submitted EDPAL Bill and suggest recommendations for expansion of the scope of the proposed model bill, Elimination of Discrimination Against Persons Affected by Leprosy Bill, 2015 (EDPAL Bill, 2015) Dhvani and Kim from Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy will lead the process of consultation. On behalf of APAL Mr. Narsappa, President of APAL participated and also 40 members are attended from various NGOs and discussions are went on well.



Discussions:

The proposed bill aimed at Elimination Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy and protecting their interests.

This note provides an overview of the points of difference between the draft bill titled 'Eliminating Discrimination Against Persons Affected by Leprosy (EDPAL) Bill, 2015' annexed to the 256th Law Commission Report ("EDPAL Bill"), and the Rights of Persons Affected by Leprosy and Members of their Family (Protection Against Discrimination and Guarantee of Social Welfare) Bill, 2017 ("**2017 Bill**"). It also contains some suggestions for the expansion of the scope of the EDPAL Bill.

Stated objects of the two Bills:

➤ **EDPAL Bill:**

- To enact a comprehensive protection regime for persons affected by Leprosy and members of their families;
- To eliminate any discrimination or denial of equal treatment;
- To repeal and amend existing laws that negatively affect persons affected by Leprosy and promote segregation and discrimination; and
- To enable the State to discharge its positive obligations through affirmative action.

➤ **2017 Bill:**

- To protect the human rights of persons affected by leprosy;
- To eliminate discrimination against them and their families;
- To promote their social welfare;
- To take steps for the prevention and control of leprosy;

The meeting went on well with great discussions about the above things and extended to next Friday.

Online Meeting on EDPAL Bill-2

Date: Jun 26, 2020

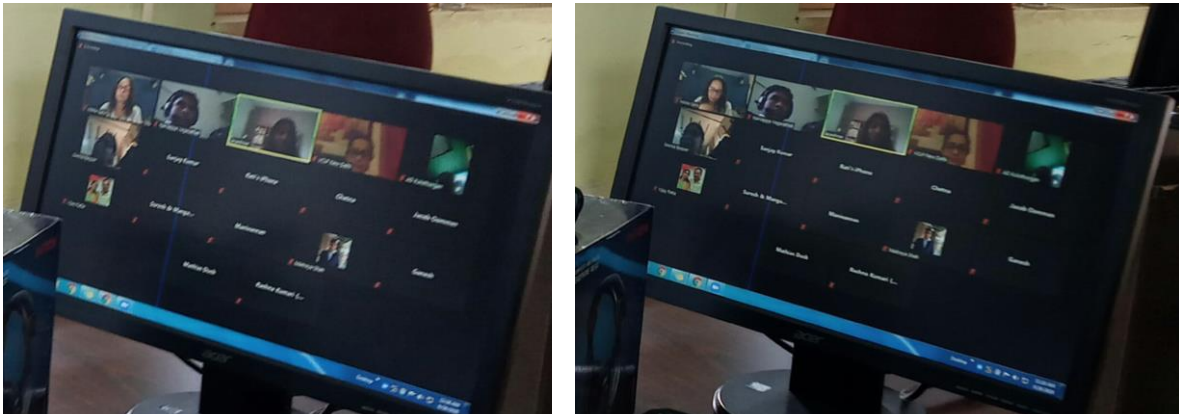
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Discussions:

Comparison of the key provisions between EDPAL bill and 2017 bill

1. Background
2. Key Definitions
3. Right to Equality and Non-Discrimination
4. Health Rights
5. Right to Education
6. Socio-Economic Rights
7. Government Obligations
8. Dedicated Authorities
9. Remedies and Penalties

Suggested additions to the EDPAL Bill based on the prayers by the petitioner in *Pankaj Sinha v Union of India*:

- Revising disability pension amounts fixed by States at a regular interval of three years
- Enforceable obligations on the government to take steps to reduce the incidences of Leprosy – requiring periodic surveys to be conducted and published - to determine the prevalence rate, detection rate, and new cases of leprosy
- Organization of regular health camps by the government
- Government to develop a set of uniform guidelines for the coverage of leprosy related medical care under the various health insurance schemes of the Central Government or any other insurance scheme envisaged under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- Government to frame guidelines for community-based rehabilitation of persons affected by leprosy in terms of the WHO guidelines
- Government to sponsor research and development and distribution of modified tools and daily use items (such as spoons, toothbrush, etc) for use by persons affected by leprosy with disability in consultation with experts and organizations
- Government to Ensure Leprosy colonies have safe drinking water and maintain cleanliness, disinfection, construction and cleaning of toilets, construction and maintenance of adequate drainage
- Prevent banks from discriminating against persons with leprosy and require them to evolve a system immediately that permits them to own and operate an account without any impairment
- Centre to frame separate rules for the evaluation of disabilities for persons affected by leprosy to issue disability certificate under the RPWD Act.
- Amend the RPWD Act to define 'leprosy cured person' according to the definition under the EDPAL Bill, and to amend the criteria for issuance of disability certificates, accordingly

- Formulate and implement a scheme to assist, preferably every month, to all leprosy affected persons for rehabilitation
- Make void all provisions in other laws that discriminate against persons affected by leprosy

Food grains distribution APAL associated with the Government

Date: 24th June 2020

Place: Ram Avatar Leprosy Colony

Location: Alwasa, Bhopal- Madhya Pradesh

Topic: Foodgrains distribution by APAL & Government



In response to this upheaval with the Government distribution in Ram Avatar leprosy colony, Alwasa, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, food grains are sponsored by the Government of Madhya Pradesh distributed by APAL.

L) associated leprosy in Ram Avatar leprosy colony, Alwasa, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, food grains are

The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to APAL and the Government of Madhya Pradesh for support food grains in the terrible COVID-19 crisis time.

President Mr. Narsappa Leprosy Colony Visit

Date: 25th June 2020

Place: Santhi Nagar Leprosy Colony

Location: Mahaboob Nagar District- Telangana

Topic: Awareness on Precaution of COVID-19

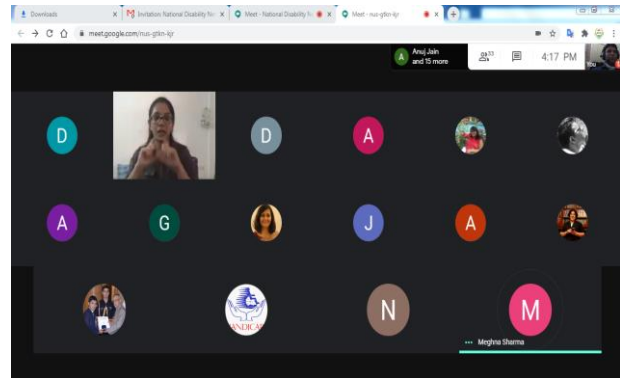
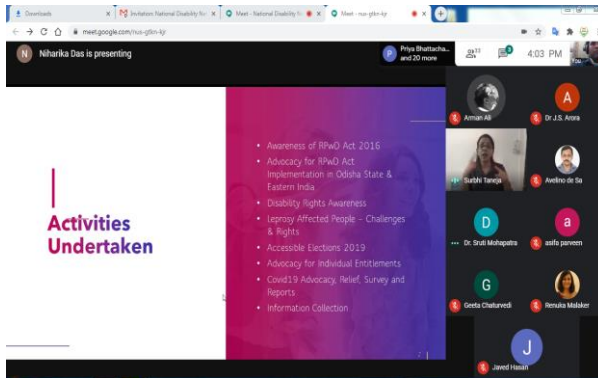


In response to this upheaval, Mr. Narsappa Vagavatnani, the President of Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) visited Santhi Nagar Leprosy Colony in Mahaboob Nagar District, Telangana and made them well aware on precaution of COVID-19. Also, he distributed eggs to them and said "cook well before eat".

NCRPD Online Meeting

NCPEDP as part of its NCRPD meetings held in January and May 2020 had decided to hold a follow-up meeting on 27.06.2020 to identify the thematic areas and form core groups under each of these areas. As a part of the process, each core group would decide on a future advocacy strategy and work towards it and for the same, a meeting has been conducted to take everyone's valuable feedback and input.

Date: 27.06.2020 **Venue:** Google Meet



Based on the discussions on the common and recurring problems faced by people with disabilities, the thematic areas mentioned in the table below have been identified. It may be noted that the members mentioned under the Core Group are not final and are based on the suggestions during the discussion.

1. COVID-19
2. Census
3. Disaster Management
4. Education
5. Accessibility of services
6. Health and Rehabilitation
7. Employment

Members of the NCRPD are requested to add their names to the Core Groups they would like to be involved with.

Monitoring implementation of DEPwD Guidelines of Safety and Protection of Persons with Disabilities in the COVID pandemic:

The DEPwD had issued letters to all Chief Secretaries asking information on a series of questions related to the implementation of the Guidelines and few others. The letter has been mailed to all members with a request to try to access the response from each state for us to prepare and submit a report to the Government on the gaps in implementation. Ms. Nakhro has also offered to write to all State Commissioners to ask for these responses

Concluding Remarks & Way Forward

As a way forward, it has been decided that to avoid confusion the Core Groups under the various thematic areas would be formed and finalized after the meeting via email and shared with all. Following the formation of the groups, separate meetings would be conducted under each of the thematic areas and an advocacy strategy would be formulated for the future course

of action based on a mutually agreed timeline by all the groups and the finds will be shared accordingly

Participated in the online Brainstorm Meeting

An online brainstorming meeting was held on 1st July 2020. The following members were present.

1. Dr. Takahiro Nanri – Sasakawa Health Foundation
2. Dr. Vivek Lal, Executive Director, Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation
3. Mr. V. Narsappa, President, Association of people affected by Leprosy (APAL)
4. Mr. Venu Gopal, Vice President, APAL
5. Mr. Uday Thakar, Advisor, APAL

Mr. V. Narsappa initiated the discussion & welcomed all the participants. He briefly explained the problem faced by APAL while working with SILF for the last 10 years. He pointed out that, so many NGOs look upon affected people as a receiver and do not provide them equal partnership, dignity, and opportunity. He further added that the vision of Mr.

Sasakawa was to provide equal opportunities to affected people and to empower them to lead a dignified life. He pointed out that affected people can work in the field but they are weak in paperwork and reporting. Mr. Narsappa expects that new leadership of SILF will bridge the gap & support APAL with the equal partnership.

Mr. Venu Gopal explained, in brief, the vision of Mr. Sasakawa. He further added that, due to ignorance of past leadership of SILF, with communication and appointment of mentor lead to misunderstanding between APAL & SILF. He then highlighted that, with support and motivation from TNF & Mr. Sasakawa, the state leadership in Bihar, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh have very efficiently worked on advocacy and visit of Mr. Sasakawa to these states has become a real success.

Dr. Vivel Lal explained the 3 aspects on which SILF & APAL will work together.

1. Mutual respect.
2. Mutual trust & transparency in working
3. Strong communication.

He further added that SILF will develop a strong partnership with APAL & will involve APAL Leadership in all stages of decision. He said that leadership of Dr. Nanri will help SILF to develop a strong working partnership with APAL. Dr. Nanri explained the vision of Mr. Yohei Sasakawa to establish these two organizations to work for advocacy and livelihood projects. He shared that, APAL state leadership has a good relationship with the Government. During the Gujarat visit, Mr. Sasakawa expressed his willingness to provide Central place to APAL in decision making with SILF.

In conclusion, he said that APAL & SILF can work together at the operational level and advocacy level. He added that he & foundation is always available to SILF & APAL for any support, advice, guidance. In the end, he informed that NLEP India is going to organize one meeting on Leprosy Elimination Program during COVID-19. He requested APAL and SILF to attend the same when it is finalized.

Associated with the Government Municipal corporation distributed food grains

In the date of the 3rd July, 2020 APAL Associated with the Government Municipal Corporation distributed food grains



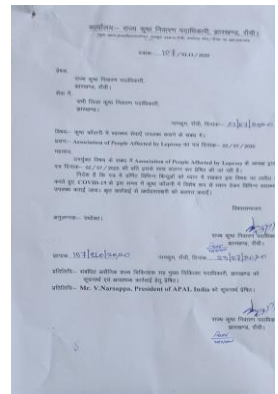
In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with the Government Municipal corporation distributed food grains to 150 families of persons affected by leprosy in Indore leprosy colony, Bhopal District, state of Madhya Pradesh. The food grains are sponsored by the Government Municipal Corporation.

The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to APAL, Lepra society, and Rising Star Outreach for support food grains in the terrible COVID-19 crisis time.

Memorandums submitted to the SLOs overall India

The date of the 2nd July 2020 Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) submitted memorandums to all State Leprosy Officers overall India, for their consideration to provide health care services and other social protection services to the people affected by leprosy who reside in the leprosy colonies.

Introduction: The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted by the lockdown to the lives of India's thousands of (760 leprosy Colonies all over India) persons affected by leprosy and irrespective of their disability, gender, caste, age or economic background; they are suffering from disability by the disease of Leprosy like Chronic ulcers, reactions and blindness also. Persons affected by leprosy have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients. MDT is largely still available, but reaction treatment is unobtainable for many persons affected.



their consideration to provide health care services and other key social protection services to the people affected by leprosy who reside in the leprosy colonies in India. After that, APAL got a

positive response from the SLO of Jharkhand; On behalf of the community affected by leprosy and APAL convey our gratitude to Respected Jharkhand's SLO for his great responsibility on us even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

MCR footwear distributed associated with GRETNALTES INSTITUTIONS

On the date of the 7th July 2020 Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) approached and associated with GRETNALTES INSTITUTIONS distributed MCR footwear to the people affected by leprosy.

Introduction: Due to loss of sensation the People Affected by Leprosy get ulcer wounds in their hands and feet. They require daily dressing of the ulcers and Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear for walking to prevent bone infections and amputation of legs and fingers.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with GRETNALTES INSTITUTIONS distributed MCR footwear to 100 members of persons affected by leprosy in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Association, Guggirala Mandal, Guntur District state of Andhra Pradesh. The MCR footwear sponsored by GRETNALTES INSTITUTIONS. On the occasion, the AP leprosy State Leader Mr. Nageswar Rao attended and on behalf of all beneficiaries conveyed gratitude to the sponsors for their great support to this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

Online Zoom meeting on the questionnaire to assess the impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the lives of Leprosy affected persons

In the date of 16th July 2020, Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation conducted an online Zoom meeting on the questionnaire to assess the impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the lives of Leprosy affected persons

Participants

1. Dr. Vivek Lal
2. Prof. Nanri
3. Dr. Gopal
4. V. Narsappa
5. Venu Gopal
6. Uday Thakar
7. **Discussions:**

On the meeting, Dr. Vivek Lal shared points below

I am confident that this kind of communication will positively impact our relationship and future programming.

1. Thank you for sending the revised questionnaire. I have noted that some questions have been changed. However, the length of the questionnaire essentially remains the same. I hope it is fine
2. As decided during the virtual meeting, I will now have this translated into Hindi
3. We will then do a pilot testing on a few colonies and incorporate changes if needed
4. State leaders to be trained to fill up the questionnaire
5. The data collection will be undertaken by SILF & APAL. Five colonies per state could be taken for data collection
6. IEG would be involved in data analysis, for which a TOR will be prepared
7. The data could be utilized for resource mobilization, advocacy and appropriate changes to our programming

Conducted awareness program on Precaution of COVID-19 and distributed eggs

In the date of 22nd July, 2020 APAL conducted an awareness program on Precautions of COVID-19 in Ambedkar Leprosy Colony at Nalgonda district, Telangana

Introduction: People affected by leprosy who residing in leprosy colonies struggling for strengthened food because they are surviving only depending on begging, working as daily laborers, or running small shops but they lost all their livelihoods completely.

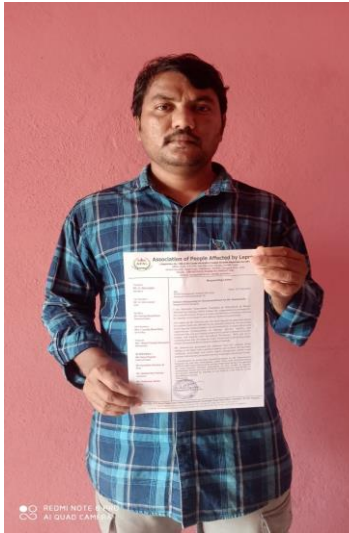


In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) conducted an awareness program on PRECAUTION OF COVID-19 and distributed eggs to 110 families for people affected by leprosy in Ambedkar Leprosy Colony at Nalgonda district-Telangana. On the occasion, the president of APAL Mr. Narsappa Vagavathli explained about the precaution methods of COVID-19 following

Recommendation letter for the Government Job

On the date of the 24th July 2020, APAL has given a recommendation letter to the child of the person affected by leprosy for the Government Job.

Introduction: The Government of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana sub-area released employment notifications for Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS). In this purpose of the Job interview, Mr. Emmanuel approached APAL for a recommendation letter because the applicant Mr. Emmanuel also from leprosy background meant his parents both are affected by the disease of leprosy. He also faced much leprosy related stigma and discrimination at many places and experienced consequences of leprosy, psychosocially and economically; we are closely observed his great overcome from the stigma and studied well, completed Vocational MLT and he is working from last 10 years as a Lab Technician in Good Samaritan Cancer Hospital at Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh.



10:13 AM

EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS)

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

1. ECHS Telangana and Andhra Sub Area invites applications to engage following Staff on contractual basis for ECHS Polyclinics and Regional Centre Hyderabad for a period of 11 months for Civilians and 12 months for Ex-servicemen and Widows of Ex-servicemen :-

Sl. No.	Appointments	No. of vacancies	Location
(A)	DC	02	Secunderabad, Vijayawada & Karmangar
(B)	Gynaecologist	01	Giddalur
(C)	Med Off	07	Secunderabad-I, Giddalur, RCH, Kadapa, Guntur, Godavari & Guburga.
(D)	Dental Off	10	Secunderabad-I, Godavari, Secunderabad-II, Guntur, Karmangar, Kuntur, Kasapa, Mahabubnagar, Eluru & Nellore
(E)	Nur Asst	13	(1) Godavari, (2) Guntur, (3) Secunderabad-I and (7) East for Secunderabad-I, Eluru, Kuntur, Khammam, Nellore, Mahabubnagar & Guburga.
(F)	Pharmacist	03	Secunderabad-I, Kuntur & Mahabubnagar
(G)	Lab Tech	07	Secunderabad-I, Vijayawada, Eluru, Kuntur, Khammam, Karmangar & Mahabubnagar
(H)	Dental Hyg	09	Secunderabad-I, Godavari, Giddalur, Vijayawada, Kadapa, Anantapur, Chittoor, Karmangar & Guburga.
(I)	Physiotherapist	03	Guntur, Giddalur & Chittoor
(J)	Female Attendant	09	Secunderabad-I, Godavari, Guntur, Giddalur, Karmangar, Kuntur, Khammam, Nellore & Mahabubnagar.
(K)	Peon	01	Secunderabad-I
(L)	Driver	05	Secunderabad-I, Guntur, Godavari, Vijayawada & Kuntur
(M)	Clerk	06	RCH, Chittoor, Khammam, Anantapur, Mahabubnagar & Karmangar.
(N)	DEO	04	Guntur, Giddalur, Secunderabad-II & Vijayawada
(O)	IT and Tech	02	Secunderabad-I & RCH
(P)	Chowkidar	03	Giddalur, Khammam & Guburga.
Total Vacancies			86

2. Interview will be held as per the details given below :-

Sl. No.	Appointment	Time	Date of Interview
(A)	DC, Gyane and Medical Officer		21 July 2020
(B)	Dental Officer (for MDS Candidates)		22 July 2020
(C)	Dental Officer (for BDS Candidates)	Candidates	23 July 2020
(D)	Nursing Assistant and Physiotherapist	10:00 AM	24 July 2020
(E)	Lab Tech, Dental Hyg and Physiotherapist	all	25 July 2020
(F)	Female Attendant	all	26 July 2020
(G)	DEO, Clerk and IT and Tech		28 July 2020
(H)	Driver & Chowkidar		29 July 2020

3. Applicants to clearly indicate all polyclinics of their choice (4) No online applications will be accepted. (5) Multi tasking & Computer

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Requesting Letter

Date: 23rd July 2020

To: ECHS Telangana Andhra Sub Area, Hyderabad, Secunderabad-10

Vice President: Mr. G. Venka Gopal, Nellore

Subject: Requesting or recommendation for Mr. Emmamreddy Respected Sir/Madam.

I am Narasaji Vijayashankar, President of Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL, India), the organization is working for the Socio-Economic Empowerment and Welfare of Persons affected by Leprosy who reside in the leprosy colonies overall India.

The applicant Mr. Emmamreddy also from leprosy background recent his parents both are affected by the disease of leprosy. He also faced much leprosy related stigmas and discrimination at every place and experienced consequences of leprosy, psychosocial and eventually he got clearly observed his great emotion from the stigma and studied well completed Treatment, NMT and he is working from last 10 years as a Lab Technician in Good Samaritan General Hospital at Darsi District, Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Emmamreddy possesses the ultimate "Yes Sir" attitude while taking on all tasks with a positive energy and a smile. He has basic computer knowledge and online works (Angelsat) online work process, admission, presentation, discharge and (Claim work).

EC Members : Mr. Suresh Prabhakar, Andhra Pradesh
Mr. Easwar Chandra Lal, Eluru
Mr. Ananth Kumar Ram Prasad, Chittoor
Mr. Prabhakar Sahoo, Nellore

Thank you
Yours Sincerely
Narasaji Vijayashankar
President of APAL

The APAL considered his request and provided a recommendation or requesting letter to the interviewer for their positive reflection. Indeed, this is an example of people who believe in their organization of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL).

Associated with Ward Counselor and Conducted awareness program on Precautions of COVID-19 and distributed eggs

In the date of 28th July, 2020 APAL associated with 4th ward Counselor conducted an awareness program on Precautions of COVID-19 in Santhi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santhosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad, Telangana



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with 4th ward Counselor Respected Mrs. Vidhyavathi Vijayendra Reddy conducted an awareness program on precaution of COVID-19 and distributed eggs to 150 families of people affected by leprosy in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and 40 families in Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad.

On the occasion, the Counselor explained to the people about precaution methods of COVID-19 and said that "Say no to PANIC and say yes to PRECAUTIONS.

Social Protection tool (Masks) distribution associated with SMK Jaipur

On the date of the 29th July 2020 APAL associated with Sardhak Manav Kusht Aashram (SMK) distributed social protection tools (Masks) to people affected by leprosy.

Introduction: Persons affected Leprosy are facing difficulty obtaining basic goods, especially food, clean water, and soap, masks which are critical to fighting COVID-19 infection. The Government and local NGOs are supported by some food grains, soaps, and masks to the people affected by leprosy those who are residing in the leprosy colonies.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with Sardhak Manav Kusht Aashram (SMK) Jaipur distributed social protection tools (masks) to 80 people affected by leprosy in Ram Nagar & Prem Nagar Leprosy colonies in the state of Bihar. The masks are sponsored by the Sardhak Manav Kusht Aashram (SMK) Jaipur.

The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to APAL and Sardhak Manav Kusht Aashram (SMK) Jaipur for their support and help in the terrible COVID-19 crisis also.

Leprosy Core Group Meeting

In the date of 29th July 2020, the Core Group Meeting on Leprosy conducted by NCPEDP

Members and Participants Present:

1. Arman Ali, Executive Director, DPI India(NCPEDP)
2. Rati Misra, Adviser, NCPEDP
3. Nikita Sarah, Head Advocacy and Communication, TLMTI
4. Dr. Vivek Lal, Executive Director, SILF
5. Dr. Dhvani Mehta, Senior Resident Fellow, VIDHI Centre for Legal Policy
6. KanchanPamnani, Advocate and Trustee, NCPEDP
7. Rama Chari, Founder, Diversity and Equal Opportunity Centre
8. Dr. P K Gopal, President, IDEA India
9. Ankit Rajiv Jindal, Founder, Friends for Inclusion
10. MriduGoel, Chairperson, Handicare
11. Tulika Das, Secretary, Sanchar
12. VagavathaliNarsappa, President, APAL
13. Uday Thakkar, Adviser, APAL
14. Venugopal, Vice President, APAL
15. Asifa Parveen, Sr Program Officer, NCPEDP
16. Meghna Sharma, Program Officer- Advocacy, NCPEDP

Agenda for the Meeting:

Update on the Activities thus far, by Ms. Meghna Sharma, Program Officer- Advocacy, NCPEDP.

Ms. Meghna Sharma gave a short update on NCPEDP's previous project activities and achievements so far.

She discussed the nine capacity building training organized in 9 states in partnership with APAL and NCPEDP's state partners. More than 600 people were reached out through this training. Sharing her observations from the Maharashtra training she felt that people affected by leprosy were more aware of their rights. And they were enthusiastic about approaching the judiciary for their property rights. She also discussed the letter sent by Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) to various states in August 2019 to

repeal all discriminatory laws against persons affected by leprosy. NCPEDP wrote to the BJP ruled states, including the Chief Ministers, Health Ministers, Ministers of Social Justice and Empowerment, Chief Justices of the States, and even to Universities clearly defining the discriminatory laws that were being practiced in those states. Positive responses were received from some of the states/ departments

NCPEDP also filed RTIs in 19 States and Union Territories seeking information on food and consumer supplies, awareness on leprosy issues, MCR footwear or healthcare, etc. On the issue of food supplies, there was no specific data for people affected by leprosy. But there were positive responses on awareness-raising efforts. Some states have done well-using tools like nukkadnatak (Street Play) and television advertisements. The Healthcare department had a good record of the number of MCR footwear distribution but the quality of this footwear is compromised.

Update on EDPAL Bill by Nikita Sarah, Head Advocacy and Communication, TLMTI

She started by appreciating the positive steps taken by the Health Minister Dr. HarshVardhan who paid attention to repealing discriminatory laws against people affected by Leprosy. TLMTI also sent letters to different states. Through a concerted effort the year 2019 saw a decline in these 119 discriminatory laws which have now been reduced to 102. She also drew attention to the unavailability of information on repealing of some laws in states as there has not been any notification.

Mentioning the EDPAL bill, she said that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had them asked to rework and add more flesh to the Bill and the reason being they wanted to push it to different ministries. With stakeholders consultations, the new Bill has been drafted and shared with the Ministry. And now the wait is to see how Ministry is going to respond to it.

Giving a background on the old bill she said that it had been in the pipeline since 2015 and had been sent to different ministries. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment had responded that since persons affected by Leprosy have already been covered in RPWD Act and therefore they had no interest in another Bill. She further added that recommendations of the CRPD Committee speak of zero discriminatory laws. There is a lot of pressure on the Government to repeal these laws. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare seems to be in support of this newly drafted Bill and a positive response is expected.

1. Update on PIL by Dr. DhvaniMehta, Senior Resident Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

Updating the Core Group on the PIL filed by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, Dr. Dhvani Mehta said that there has been no progress in the past one year and even now the court is just hearing urgent cases due to the pandemic restrictions. Also because hearings are now virtual there is no clarity on how the litigations would proceed.

She said she would consult with Advocate RajuRamchandran who has been representing the leprosy issue and ask him what the best approach is. Also, advocacy has to be continued. Giving her opinion she said that demands in the petition are not necessarily things that the court gets interested in. She suggested that currently, the sector should pursue the Government to get its attention to the demand rather than keeping all hopes with the court.

Responding to Dr. Mehta's suggestion Mr. Arman Ali opined that the sector needs to keep an eye on how courts work if they start functioning in a digital mode.

Ms. Nikita Sarah also raised a query and asked Dr. Mehta if it was a good idea to continue advocacy to demand the implementation of directives given by the Supreme Court in *Pankaj Sinha v. Union of India* and *Vidhi's petition*. Dr. Mehta suggested two options: Engaging with

authorities responsible for implementing these directions and also going to the court and ask for better enforcement.

Ms. MriduGoel suggested approaching the State Disability Commissioners with demands to implement the judgment.

2. Introduction by Dr. Vivek Lal, Executive Director, SILF

Dr. Vivek Lal is the present Executive Director of Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation. He is a medical doctor and has been working on Leprosy issues for the past 10 years. In his current profile, he is looking at building synergies between the medical and the socio-economic aspect of people affected by leprosy. This was his first interaction with the group as he has recently joined this new role. He offered his support and involvement in future meetings and engagements.

Update on the new NCPEDP- DPI project- seeking feedback and suggestions by Ms. Asifa Parveen, Sr Program Officer, NCPEDP

Ms. Asifa Parveen started the session introducing the new DPI-TNF project which has the following two activities proposed.

Capacity Building and Leadership training for Youth affected by Leprosy and Youth with Disabilities.

a. Advocacy for Policy Change on Leprosy Issue.

The idea behind the project was to create a second line of leadership in the leprosy sector as this has been found missing. Young leadership is crucial for the sector. Thus a group of 100 youth (50 youth with Leprosy/ Family member of people affected by leprosy and 50 youth with disabilities) will be identified by the APAL and State partners and trained. These participants will be from those 9 states (Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana, Odisha, Jharkhand, and Andhra Pradesh) where training was conducted in the previous project and 'Chhattisgarh' would additionally be included. This was originally planned as a two days training program to be conducted during May-July but due to the pandemic situation this had to be postponed and now the training would be provided through series of Webinars on capacity building of these youth.

These youth will be called 'Champions' and will be actively involved in advocacy activities.

The second activity ' Advocacy for Policy Change' would emphasize the need for strong and continued advocacy on different pressing issues like Land Rights, Employment Opportunities, Housing, and the existing discriminatory laws. The focus will be on the 10 identified states and the Central Government.

The champions will be supported to take advocacy initiatives. There will be two review meetings with these champions to take stock of advocacy and monitor progress and also to plan future projects.

Ms. Asifa also sought feedback and suggestions from the core group on engaging these youth in advocacy and ways of making these projects more impactful.

Mr. Thakar suggested that a written communication about the project be circulated and members could respond with their suggestions by email.

Ms. Nikita appreciated the idea of the second line of leadership. She shared that a lot of organizations are working with youth. These organizations can be approached if possible to

identify young people for this project. She informed that there is a Global Champions group from where young people can be identified and involved with the new project of DPI. This was a very active group and Ms. Nikita could support us to contact them.

Mr. Vagavathali Narsappa raised his concerns on behalf of people affected by leprosy. He said that just giving the training is not enough for them. There must be some interaction and monitoring with them after training programs. It was also important to ensure their financial independence. Regular support is needed for them. He suggested that the group members should come together and do something for the long term livelihood options for these youth.

Identifying key advocacy issues - the amendment of Assessment guidelines, lobbying for EDPAL Bill, Sensitization on RPWD Act and any other issues: Key responsibilities by Ms. Rati Misra, Adviser, NCPEDP

Ms. Misra started this session by focusing on key issues to be addressed in the next 6 months and how this group should act upon these issues. A quick discussion happened around that, starting with key advocacy issues. Key ones identified in the previous meeting were a revision of assessment guidelines, creating awareness about the RPWD Act, and lobbying for the enactment of the EDPAL Bill.

Mr. Uday Thakar felt that the land rights of persons affected by leprosy is the major concern in many states, like Gujarat and Bihar. Taking advantage of the pandemic the colony inhabitants are being removed from the colonies they have been living in. People approached the Court in Bihar leading to a stay order being issued but that was not a permanent solution. There is an issue of encroachment as well.

Ms. Kanchan Pamnani felt that we should take up this issue as with the forthcoming elections in Bihar, this is the time to move politically. She emphasized that the group and the sector need to focus only on one state, Bihar because if it gets done in one state, it will be easier to work in other states. She also felt that capacity building could be done anytime.

Ms. Tulika Das also suggested engaging with land rights activists who could support our advocacy.

Ms. Nikita joined in to raise concerns on the Assessment criteria. She said this is an urgent need. She said that the assessment criteria in use are completely incorrect. TLMTI and WHO worked together on the whole Assessment Criteria and this needs to be taken up by the Ministry. The current assessment guidelines do not cater to non-visible symptoms such as lack of sensation in the limbs etc and people are not given disability certificated and therefore are deprived of the many benefits due to them. There is a need to push for the correct assessment guidelines.

Ms. Rama Chari also felt that disability certification is such a crucial issue and comparatively more doable, is the group clear what should be the assessment criteria so that it can be taken up to the ministry. In her opinion, the sector can start sustained advocacy on it and get it solved. Other issues were long-drawn. Dr. Lal felt that given that evictions were currently happening in Bihar, it was imperative to take that issue up urgently.

Way Forward:

1. Capacity building of the second line of leadership, land issue (focus on Bihar), and Assessment Criteria for disability certificate needs to start parallel.
2. Ms. Tulika Das will try to connect with the land rights activist to know the technicalities of such issues.
3. Starting a media campaign around evictions happening and land rights.
4. APAL will research the number of colonies in Bihar and what are the issues they are facing. This research to be completed in 15 days from 29th July 2020.

5. Dr. Dhvani Mehta to handle the legal side.
6. TLMTI, (Ms. Nikita Sarah) will take up the Assessment Guidelines issue and others can join as and when required. She will share the guidelines were prepared with the group and which has already been shared with the concerned ministry.
7. Need to organize such meetings more often.
8. Next meeting scheduled for 12th August 2020.

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Introduction: Persons affected Leprosy were facing difficulty obtaining basic goods, especially food due to the heavy flood in the Bihar. Flood water came into their middle of houses. Luckily no human loss in the colony but their normal life is disrupted. The communication links and infrastructure such as power connections roads are damaged and disrupted and earning activities come to a standstill.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with SILF and SAMUTHAN supported financially by given 5000 rupees to 247 families of people affected by leprosy from 7 leprosy colonies in Bihar and also distributed house protection plastic cover to 90 families of people affected by leprosy in Bihar. The financial support and house protection plastic cover sponsored by Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation.

The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to APAL, SILF, and SAMUTHAN for supported financially in the terrible COVID-19 crisis time.

APAL conducted sample version rapid Assessment of Socio-economic Impact of Covid-19

On the date of 2nd, August APAL conducted a sample version rapid assessment by phone call for analysis during time and system of questioning. APAL assessed to 43 people affected by leprosy from 6 leprosy colonies from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Title: Rapid Assessment of Socio-economic Impact of Covid-19 on Vulnerable Populations in Leprosy Colonies

Collaborative Team- SILF, Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (APAL), SHF/TNF, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG).....

Rationale

1. In terms of health and economic impact, the COVID-19 pandemic is particularly detrimental to those populations in the most vulnerable situations, including people living in poverty, older persons, persons with disabilities, and youth. If not properly addressed the social crisis created thus, may further increase inequality, exclusion, discrimination, and unemployment.

2. People residing in leprosy colonies are highly vulnerable considering the relatively older population, especially those with chronic health conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease; persons with disabilities who face challenges in accessing health-care services, due to lack of availability, accessibility, affordability, as well as stigma and discrimination prevalent in these self-settled colonies.
3. In sync with the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan unveiled by the UN on 23 March 2020, underlining the importance of 'coming to the aid of the ultra-vulnerable- who are least able to protect themselves. This is a matter of basic human solidarity. It is also crucial for combating the virus. This is the moment to step up for the vulnerable.'

Objective

1. To undertake a rapid assessment of the socio-economic impact of the pandemic at the household level for persons affected by leprosy residing in leprosy colonies
2. To evaluate the abilities of households to cope with the situation
3. To provide appropriate recommendations and undertake timely action through the change in programs and advocacy for timely resource mobilization to mitigate the effects

Methodology

Sites- Multi-stage sampling involving states to be decided in consultation with APAL from below

Zone-wise Number of Colonies (Total- 741)			
East	South	North	West
Bihar- 63	Andhra- 71	Delhi- 22	Gujarat- 17
Jharkhand- 57	Telangana- 28	Haryana- 19	Maharashtra- 73
Chhattisgarh- 35	Karnataka- 36	Madhya Pradesh- 32	Rajasthan- 14
Odisha- 94	Tamil Nadu- 59	Punjab- 29	
West Bengal- 35		UP- 57	
Total- 284	Total- 194	Total- 159	Total- 104

Mobile phone survey by trained investigators; each investigator has given 2 states; less than 30 min for interviews; Interviews to be conducted in local language

Respondents- Colony leader and one female respondent from a separate household in the colony

Pilot testing- to ascertain time taken

Tool- Semi-structured questionnaire with open-ended questions

- a. Basic socio-demographic details of respondent & colony residents in general
- b. Impact on their livelihoods- loss of work opportunity/ wage loss/ decline in income for self-employed due to decreased economic activity/ resumption of begging/ borrowing
- c. Impact on health- deaths/ availability of services/ accessibility of health services
- d. Impact on food consumption- increased prices/ unavailability/ hunger
- e. Impact on education- suspension of classes/ drop-out
- f. Impact on social activities- SHG meetings/ colony meetings/ social distancing
- g. Social security- ration card/ pension/ Jan dhan services/ assistance received

- h. WASH status
- i. Awareness about COVID and preventive measures- masks
- j. Societal barriers & stigma- have they increased
- k. Mental health issues
- l. Any other issues/ problems

APAL associated with Local individuals distributed glasses and plates

On the date of 12th August APAL associated with Local individuals distributed glasses and plates to the people affected by leprosy in the MOWA leprosy colony, Chhattisgarh.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with Local donor Mr. Nathani Ji distributed steel glasses and plates to 240 families of people affected by leprosy in the MOWA leprosy colony at the state of Chhattisgarh.

All beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to the APAL and the Local donor Mr. Nathani Ji and the state leader Mr. Ghasiram for their support even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

APAL associated with Youth with Mission distributed food grains

On the date of 16th August APAL associated with Youth with Mission distributed food grains to the people affected by leprosy in the Indore Leprosy Colony at Madhya Pradesh



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with Youth Mission distributed food grains to 175 families of people affected by leprosy in Ujjain Leprosy Colony at Madhya Pradesh.

All beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to the APAL and the Youth Mission and the state leader Mr. Sarang for their support even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

20th August APAL associated with Youth with Mission distributed food grains

On the date of 20th August APAL associated with Youth with Mission distributed food grains to people affected by leprosy in the Indore leprosy colony, Madhya Pradesh.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with Youth with Mission distributed food grains to 40 families of people affected by leprosy in the Indore leprosy colony, Madhya Pradesh.

All beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to the APAL, Youth with Mission, and the state leader Mr. Sarang for their support even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

The Government authorities Dr. Rajendra Prasad, State Leprosy Officer (SLO), and his medical team visited the leprosy colony

On the date of 22nd August the Government authorities Dr. Rajendra Prasad, State Leprosy Officer (SLO), and his medical team visited the leprosy colony in Tirupathi and collected COVID-19 samples for the swab tests; two positive cases are found out and in CCC sofar 70 samples collected.

In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.



In this response, APAL approached the Andhra Pradesh Government and Dr. Rajendra Prasad, State Leprosy Officer(SLO) by the memorandum and providing health care services to the people affected by leprosy.

After that, the SLO Dr. Rajendra Prasad instructed all DLOs and all medical team to visit all leprosy colonies and provide needed health care services and informed to APAL. In this process Dr. Rajendra Prasad, State Leprosy Officer(SLO) to accepts our (APAL) request by the memorandum and providing health care services to the people affected by leprosy in the Akkarampalli leprosy colony, Tirupathi. They collected COVID-19 samples for the swab tests; two positive cases are found out and in CCC sofar 70 samples were collected.

The colony people have conveyed their gratitude to the Andhra Pradesh Government and APAL for the health care services even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

The Government medical authorities Dr. YS Chakradhar, physiotherapist, DPMO, and medical team visited D Kesavaram leprosy colony

On the date of 24th August the Government medical authorities Dr. YS Chakradhar, physiotherapist, DPMO, and medical team visited D Kesavaram leprosy colony in Andhra Pradesh and discussed their health facilities and aware them on precaution of COVID-19

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The District Leprosy Officer (DLO) and his medical team visited Poolbhagh Leprosy Colony

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The colony people have conveyed their gratitude to the Andhra Pradesh Government and APAL for the health care services even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

The President of APAL Mr. Narsappa visited MB Nagar Leprosy Colony

On the date of 24th August, the President of APAL Mr. Narsappa visited MB Nagar Leprosy Colony in Mahaboob Nagar district and aware all people affected by leprosy on precautions of COVID-19



In this response, the President of APAL Mr. Narsappa visited MB Nagar Leprosy Colony in Mahaboob Nagar district and aware all people affected by leprosy on precautions of COVID-19. The colony people have conveyed their gratitude to APAL for the health promotion information even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

The Government authorities DPMO Mr. Y. Subramanyam and his medical team visited Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony

On the date of 26th August the Government authorities DPMO Mr. Y. Subramanyam and his medical team visited Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, and aware all of them on precautions of COVID-19, and conducted COVID-19 tests, screened all, find out 2 positive cases.

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Prasad, to the people affected by leprosy.

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The colony people have conveyed their gratitude to the Andhra Pradesh Government and APAL for the health care services even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

APAL participated in a online meeting conducted by NLR for the discussions about the partnership.

On the date of 27th, August APAL participated in a online meeting conducted by NLR for the discussions about the partnership. NLR request to APAL for the partnership by mail NLR India is working on a proposal for funding from the European Commission for the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. NLR said hat happy to have APAL as our partner in this project for the mitigation of the COVID-19 related suffering of the Leprosy affected communities in the 4 states.

Intervention Logic

- Logical selection of the geographical location: it is based on a large number of Covid-19 infections in six migrant states, demonstrating the fastest doubling rate compared to other Indian states. We selected four based on our existing presence in the states.
- Logical selection of the target groups: PWDs are bearing the double whammy of Covid-19 and being dependent on others for their survival; their family members may or may not have a migrant but are stretched on resources compared to others due to one /more members with special needs; other migrant families have lost their means of livelihood have been put in greater difficulties compared to non-migrant families in the district, with the migrant male member having now returned to the city the female spouse and children are more prone to social exploitation by their extended family members and neighbors.
- Logical selection of key intervention components mental health, livelihood, and educations: in consultation with NLRIF field emergency team and stakeholders.
- Logical selection of partners: NLRIF has experience of working with communities, empowering community structures addressing PWDs and migrants, and established relationship with government departments primarily health and social welfare; APAL has experience of networking and empowering marginalized communities like the Leprosy and PWDs; DISCC has expertise on the mental health of vulnerable populations particularly of children; **write about other partners later**
- Logical selection of intervention channel, the local CSOs: they know their communities best, their needs and resources; the empowered CSOs will bring a sustainable change.
- Logical selection of activities: with an appropriate mix of tools and technology.

27th August APAL associated with SILF supported food grains

On the date of 27th August APAL associated with SILF supported food grains to the people affected by leprosy in Sant Gyaneswar Leprosy Colony at Madhya Pradesh.

Introduction: Persons affected Leprosy are facing difficulty obtaining basic goods, especially food due to the heavy flood in Madhya Pradesh. Flood water came into their middle of houses. Luckily no human loss in the colony but their normal life is disrupted. The communication links and infrastructure such as power connections roads are damaged and disrupted and earning activities come to a standstill.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with SILF supported food grains to the 25 families of people affected by leprosy in Sant Gyaneswar Leprosy Colony at Madhya Pradesh.



The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to APAL, SILF, and SAMUTHAN for supported financially in the terrible COVID-19 crisis time.

APAL conducted Core Committee Meeting online for the discussions.

On the date of 30th, August APAL conducted Core Committee Meeting online for the discussions.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction – Mr. V. Narsappa
2. Modification in Budget – Mr. Uday Thakar
3. Covid-19 pilot project- Mr. Venu Gopal
4. Inputs by – Dr. P. K. Gopal
5. Open discussion
6. Decisions
7. Any other issues with the permission of the Chair
8. Vote of Thanks

The following members were present

1. Mr. V. Narsappa, President of APAL
2. Mr. Venu Gopal, Vice President of APAL
3. Dr. P. K. Gopal, Senior Consultant, APAL
4. Mr. Uday Thakar, Advisor, APAL

Mr. V. Narsappa, President, APAL presided the meeting. He welcomed all the members and explained the situation during the Covid-19 pandemic in different states.

Mr. Uday Thakar briefly explained the modifications made in the budget for the year 2020-2021, to accommodate the pilot project on awareness of COVID-19. With this modification 12,000,00/- are made available for this pilot project which was approved by SHF.

Mr. Venu Gopal explained the background of the pilot project, its object, and methodology, etc. Dr. P.K. Gopal expressed his satisfaction to know that, APAL is undertaking an awareness program on COVID-19.

After the overall discussion following decisions were taken.

1. Pilot projects should be organized in 6 states, Andhra-Pradesh, Jharkhand, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh.
2. A maximum of 5 colonies from each state has to be selected. (As far as possible the maximum population should not exceed 250 per colony)
3. One youth from each colony has to be selected for training. Training will be organized online by 15th September or 1st October 2020.

4. Oximeter and a temperature gun will be purchased from the Wow hood company, Gurugram, Haryana and Hyderabad office will place the order of 25 oximeters and 25 temperature guns.
5. The volunteer who will take the responsibility to undertake the activity in the colony will be paid rs.20 per patient per month.
6. The duration of the project will be 4 months, starting from 15th September 2020.
7. The format of the report will be prepared and will be discussed with the youth during the training.
8. If require posters disseminating information on Covid-19 and precautions to be taken during the COVID-19 pandemic, will be developed and circulated.
9. The volunteer's responsibility, reporting system, and other details will be discussed during training.
10. APAL has taken a unanimous decision that COVID-19 positive patients from colonies will be provided financial assistance. The amount of assistance will be discussed and finalized before initiating the project.
11. It was suggested that the Executive Committee Meeting should be organized on Zoom as early as possible.
12. It was suggested and agreed that APAL will request all state leaders to prepare a budget, for the activities they would like to undertake during the COVID-19 pandemic.
13. APAL will write a letter requesting, concerned SLO to extend the cooperation to selected volunteers for undertaking the COVID-19 project in the colonies.

Mr. Narsappa proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting was concluded

The Government of Andhra Pradesh authority, Dr. C. Chandra Rao District Leprosy Officer with his team visited the Aadarsh Nagar leprosy colony in Kurnool

On the date of 2nd September 2020 the Government of Andhra Pradesh authority, Dr. C. Chandra Rao District Leprosy Officer with his team visited the Aadarsh Nagar leprosy colony in Kurnool and conducted COVID-19 tests to almost all colony people 105 those who are people affected by leprosy.

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APAL is associated with SILF distributed food grains to the people affected by leprosy in the Bhimavaram leprosy colony at Andhra Pradesh.

On the date of 3rd September 2020 APAL associated with SILF distributed food grains to the people affected by leprosy in the Bhimavaram leprosy colony at Andhra Pradesh



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with the SILF distributed food grains to 102 families of people affected by leprosy in the Bhimavaram Leprosy Colony.

On this occasion, people affected by leprosy who reside in that colony and constituency leaders anointing with pure milk to WHO Goodwill Ambassador Mr. Sasakawa for conveyed their gratitude.

The beneficiaries said that never forget the support of APAL& SILF even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis and this type of support helping us to live confidently without perplexity.

The Executive Committee Meeting was held on 6 September 2020.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2020.

The Executive Committee meeting was held on Zoom App on 6 September 2020

The following members were present.

1. Mr. V. Narsappa, President
2. Mr. Venu Gopal, Vice President
3. Mrs. Maya Ranaware, Treasurer
4. Mr. Kamlesh Divyadarshi, Bihar, Member
5. Mr. Jawahar Paswan, Jharkhand, Member
6. Mr. Prahakar Sahu, Odisha, Member
7. Mrs. Nevis Mery, Tamilnadu, Member
8. Mr. Prakash Done, Andhra Pradesh, Member
9. Dr. P.K. Gopal, Senior Consultant
10. Mr. UdayThakar, Advisor

Mr. V. Narsappa presided over the meeting.

The following subjects were discussed and decisions were taken.

Subject no 1. The COVID-19 situation in different states.

- a) Odisha- 9 Covid-19 cases from Ramkrishnapalli colony Bhubaneshwar and 3 cases were reported from the Puri colony. All were hospitalized & after treatment, they got discharged.
- b) Jharkhand- No Case was reported from colonies. Ration and other facilities are provided by the Government.
- c) Delhi- No case was reported from any colony.
- d) Andhra Pradesh- Leprosy colony in Krishna District reported 2 cases, Chittor 2 cases, Bhimawaram colony-23 cases, out of that 13 are leprosy-affected. Other updates will be shared after getting the information.
- e) Bihar- No cases were reported but updated data will be collected and shared shortly.
- f) Maharashtra- Ratnagiri colony-3 cases, Sangali-Miraj colony- 21 cases, Thane Colony-10 cases, Trombay colony 5 cases

- g) Tamil Nadu- No COVID case was reported from colonies, good co-ordination, good Government
- h) Telangana- 3 cases from the Bapthla colony.
During the discussion, it was suggested that,
 - 1. APAL should support COVID leprosy-affected persons.
 - 2. Livelihood project should be initiated with the help of SILF and other organizations.
 - 3. APAL should write to the Government requesting them for the regular supply of medicine, dressing kit, MCR Footwear, etc.

Subject no.2- Pilot Project on COVID -19 Awareness in 6 states.

Mr. Venu Gopal briefly explained the proposal. Salient features of the proposal.

- 1. The pilot project will be initiated in 6 states namely Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand
- 2. 25 colonies will be selected
- 3. The duration of the project will be 4 months,
- 4. One youth from each colony will be selected for training and sharing the responsibility.
- 5. Training will be provided by the end of September 2020.
- 6. After successful completion of the training, the youth will work in colony covering an approximate population of 250
- 7. They will be paid rs.20/- per patient for rendering the services.

After discussion members have approved the pilot project unanimously

Subject no.3- Tentative date for regional state leader meeting

It is observed that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a physical meeting of the state leader may not be possible. During the discussion, it was suggested that

- 1. Regional meeting of 3 to 4 states from South, North, East, West, and Central should be organized in such a place where COVID -19 protocol is not applicable, (Green Zone)
- 2. The option of an Online Meeting should also be considered as it is easy and cost-effective and physical contact can be avoided.
- 3. The meeting of two states should be organized and the executive Committee Members of that state will guide the members on how to prepare the activity plan and budget in the light of COVID-19 pandemic e.g Maya Ranaware will coordinate the meeting of Maharashtra and Gujarat. .Nevis Mery Tamil Nadu, Mr. Narsappa, and Mr. Prakash will coordinate Andhra and Telangana. Traveling of the participants will be less and the cost will be saved. Due to limited participants, the interaction will be much effective. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that a meeting of two states leaders should be organized and Executive Members from the respective states will coordinate the meeting.

Subject no.4- State Activity Proposal

It was suggested that all the state leaders should be informed to submit what activities they can undertake/organized between 1st October 2020 to 31st March 2021 (6 Months) in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. They should submit the proposal by 25th September 2020.

Subject no.5- Report on Mr. Rao's Health

Mr. Rao, Account In-charge, has reported COVID Positive. He was admitted to the hospital. He developed a Sevier lung infection. After expensive treatment, he overcomes the situation and was discharged from the hospital. Due to his illness and also lockdown financial statement and audit work are pending. It was informed that Mr. Rao will join the duties next week after getting advice from the doctor.

Subject No. 6- Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

As there was no other business to be transacted, Mr. Venu Gopal proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting was concluded,

APAL associated with Inner Wheel Club of Chennai associated with APAL distributed food grains

On the date of 9th September 2020 APAL associated with the Inner Wheel Club of Chennai associated with APAL distributed food grains and soaps to 60 families of people affected by leprosy in Villivakam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with the Inner Wheel Club of Chennai is associated with APAL distributed food grains and soaps to 60 families of people affected by leprosy in Villivakam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

APAL and all beneficiaries conveying thanks to the Inner Wheel Club of Chennai for their great humanity in this crisis even and also help of the state leader Mr. Prakasham.

Online Meeting on Media Campaign on Leprosy in India

Concept Note on Media Campaign on Leprosy in India

1. Background

Sasakawa Health Foundation (SHF), National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India, and WHO India have jointly produced a pictorial flipchart on leprosy for ASHAs to promote early detection and early treatment. It is being delivered to ASHAs in 6 leprosy-endemic states: Gujarat and Chhattisgarh by September 2020, Bihar and Odisha by March 2021, and West Bengal and Jharkhand by March 2022. Furthermore, WHO India is developing a short online movie for ASHAs to teach them how to use the flipchart effectively. SHF would like to launch a media campaign in conjunction with India's Anti-Leprosy Day on January 30, 2021, to boost momentum for the elimination of leprosy as a public health problem at the subnational level.

2. Plan

The media campaign will operate at two levels. There will be a nationwide campaign disseminating the messages that: India has the largest number of leprosy patients in the world, there are still many cases of leprosy-related discrimination that affect marriage and employment prospects, and leprosy must not be forgotten amid the coronavirus pandemic. The nationwide campaign will make use of newspapers, magazines, online media, and SNS messaging, and start at the end of January.

There will also be a campaign at the state level targeting Chhattisgarh, where numbers of new cases and rates of G2D are very high. It will focus on specific issues in the state such as high prevalence, late detection and treatment, and the high G2D rate, and will aim to raise awareness among ASHAs and help them build capacity to detect new patients. The campaign will involve prominent citizens and feature interviews with Mr. Sasakawa, webinars, training

workshops for ASHAs, and distribution of pamphlets. Ideally, it will be conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Health in the state.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

- S-ILF shall carry out the above media campaign.
- APAL shall provide necessary guidance and advice to S-ILF.
- WHO India shall share all information with NLEP and assist in communication between S-ILF and the state governments. Also, it shall provide S-ILF with technical guidance.
- SHF shall cover the costs of the campaign in consultation with S-ILF, monitor progress, and provide advice as appropriate.

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terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.

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On this occasion, respected SLO said that

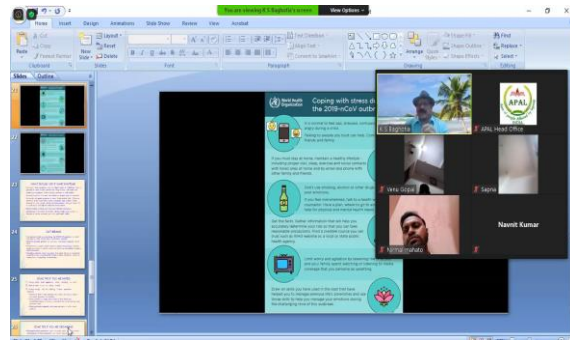
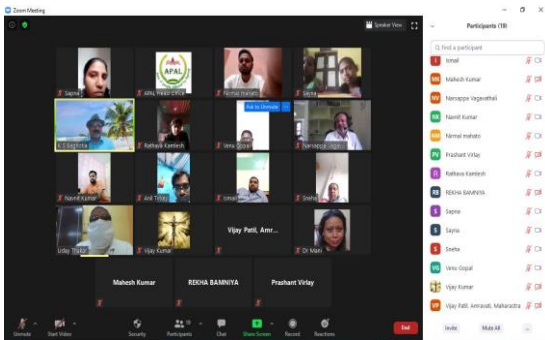
1. The Government provide ITI course to the children of people affected by leprosy after 10th class
2. The Camp will arrange one day in the colony for COVID-19 tests
3. Weekly once the Government officer will visit the colony and check the health issues

4. Provide sufficient dressing materials continuously.

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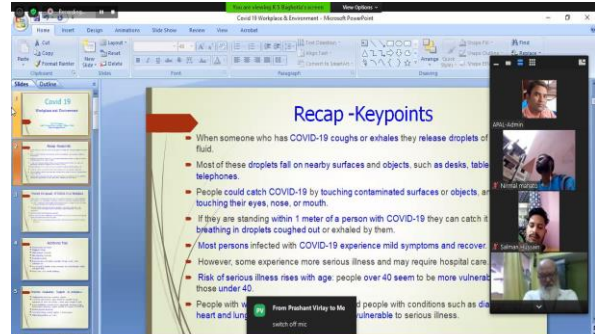
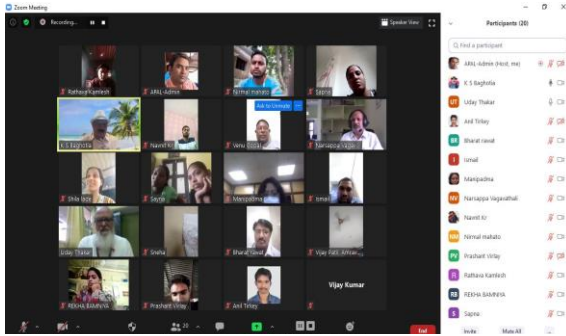
The training summary:

- Epidemiology**
- Symptoms**
- COVID and risk factors**
- Spread of disease**
- Surface and virus**
- What if I have come in contact with a suspected case?**
- Protecting yourself and others**
- Use of sanitizers**
- What should I do if I have symptoms**
- Gatherings**
- Some tips if you are invited**

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- Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 at Workplace**
- Additional Tips**
- Promote respiratory hygiene at the workplace**
- Manage COVID-19 risk during Meetings/ Events**
- Before the Meeting or Event**
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- During the Meeting**
- After the Meeting**
- Work and Travel**
- Get your Workplace Ready**
- Environment and Hygiene**
- Safe use of disinfectants**
- Caution**
- Back to Home**
- Food and Packages**

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The Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting

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H.H Dalai Lama – Sasakawa Scholarship

Date – 18th September 2020

The Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting (SCM) for year VIth of the scholarship program is being organized on September 18th, 2020 virtually for the selection of suitable & deserving candidates from 09 states- Delhi, Bihar, U.P, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra for pursuing professional education in the academic year 2020- 21 sponsored under H.H. The Dalai Lama & Sasakawa scholarship fund.

Members who confirmed participation in the Scholarship Selection Committee:

- I. Dr P.K. Gopal, Senior Consultant APAL
- II. Mr VagavathilNarasappa, President APAL
- III. Mr G Venugopal, Vice- President APAL
- IV. Mr. UdayThakar, Advisor APAL

- V. MsKiyomi Takahashi, SHF
- VI. Ms. Makiko Tanaka, SHF
- VII. Dr. Vivek Lal, CEO –SILF

Selection Criteria

- Data of candidates scored above 55 % will be presented to the Selection Committee Members.
- Shortlisting of the candidates will be done based on Merit.
- Selection of Scholars for Batch VIth (2020-21)-**25 Scholarships.**
- Shortlisting of 50 candidates for virtual interviews to be conducted on 21st September- 25th September 2020 for the final selection of Batch VIth of H.H. Dalai Lama- Sasakawa Scholarships.
- Shortlisting other candidates in case of dropouts.
- In June 2020 there is no activity in Central/ State Government programs.
 - a. To be Concentrated Advocacy on RPWD Act and Supreme Court should be expanded to some more states.
 - b. APAL to organizing more coordinated activities with other disabled sectors like DPI & NCPEDP.
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 - d. To form women empowerment among colony women

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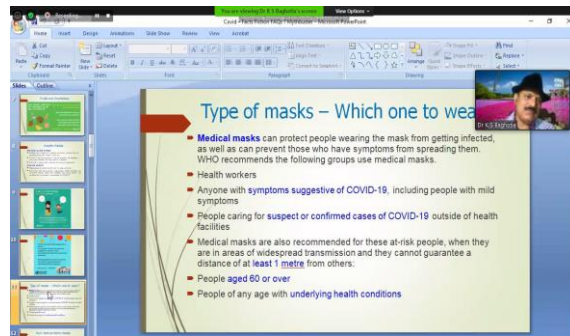
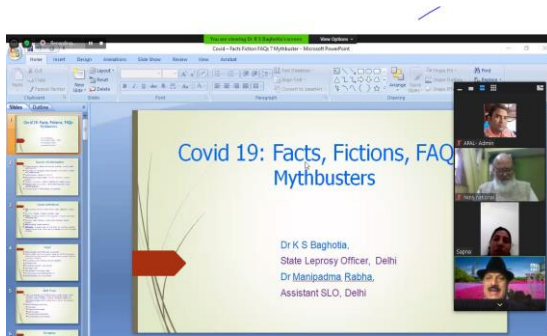
On the date of 18th September 2020 APAL, the state leader Mr. Prakasham approached to Rising Star Outreach of India for the water problem of Puthirankottai Leprosy Colony at Tamil Nadu. The Rising Star has donated for the deepening Project of well in that leprosy colony.



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At this particular time, the LEPRAs CEO invited Mr. Narsappa for discussions about new interventions or projects for the people affected by leprosy who reside in the leprosy colonies. The meeting was conducted in the conference hall at the head office of LEPRAs.



Discussion points:

1. Reason for the meeting
2. What is the present need in the community affected by leprosy
3. Why people affected by leprosy afraid of the COVID-19 tests
4. Importance of sensitization to people
5. Present myths in society
6. Measures of COVID-19 tests in the Government sector
7. Current situation of COVID-19
8. About New Project
9. How to take samples in the leprosy colonies
10. Need to go to the spot or not?
11. Tests only for people affected by leprosy or others also?
12. Need to aware of people before tests
13. Request to APAL should refer the poor people

Finally, they are given a conclusion and conveyed their thanks to Mr. Narsappa for the contribution.

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On behalf of people affected by leprosy, Mr. Narsappa conveyed gratitude to the Government, SLO, and the medical team and said that these types of services help us to live confidently without perplexity.

The colony people have conveyed their gratitude to the Telangana Government and APAL for the health care services even in this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

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On the date of 26th on behalf of people affected by leprosy who reside in the Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad, APAL submitted a memorandum for the bunch of water bills in one time to Municipal Commissioner.

Introduction: In Pedda Amberpet. 550 members from 140 families of people affected by leprosy and their families are living In the Shanthi Nagar Leprosy colony. The main current problem in the Colony that they got the information about water bills is from their Municipality from 2 or 3 years means too much in one time. They approached APAL for the problem that they can't pay a lot of water bills at one time. In this COVID-19 situation, they

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On behalf of people affected by leprosy from Shanthi Nagar Leprosy colony APAL

submitted a memorandum to the Municipal Commissioner in his office from the colony people and leaders.

The Municipal Commissioner was very surprised and said that I never get a memorandum from the people affected by leprosy in the past and its appreciable; The Government always doing as a favor to all of you and we are understand your situation in the past and present; don't worry about the water bills and should pay from now onwards. If get any problem in the future you should come here and complain to me, I will solve it at my best.

APAL associated with TLM distributed food grains

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APAL and all beneficiaries conveying thanks to TLM for their support even in this COVID-19 crisis

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APAL and all beneficiaries conveying thanks to Inner Wheel Club of Chennai for their great humanity in this crisis even and also help of the APAL's treasurer Mrs. Maya Prakash Ranaware.

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The awareness program was inaugurated by colony head Mr. Sarang. The state leader and 2 Para-medical nurses and all colony inmates are attended and test to people affected by leprosy.

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The guest explained about updates of Coronavirus and precautions, he has given assurance to people affected by leprosy that "I reserved hospital beds and ventilators to people affected, so don't worry about treatment and don't feel self-stigma. Mrs. Maya explained the importance of the COVID-19 Awareness Project. The Volunteer Mrs. Shila said that I will use my full strength in my work to test people's health status. 35 people affected by leprosy are attended in this program



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On the date of 8th October 2020, APAL, started the COVID-19 Awareness Program in Shanthi Nagar leprosy colony-Telangana

In this initiation program, the unveiling of the instruments has taken place by our respected councilor Mrs. Vidyavathi Vijender Reddy, APMO Mr. Narsimha Reddy, APAL president Mr. V. Narsappa, and Colony President Mr. Samuel and the Project Volunteers Mrs. Roja & Mrs. Leela. Mr. V. Narsappa explained to the congregation about the COVID-19 Awareness Program and the speech was continued by APMO who has well explained the awareness and the safety measures to be taken against COVID-19. Later our councilor Mrs. Vidyavathi Vijender Reddy congratulated the efforts made by APAL for a good cause and wished us good luck in the implementation of the project. The volunteers said that we are very excited to take part in this project. Hope we make a grand record in the work.

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The president of the Colony inaugurated the program and all inmates are participated and convey their gratitude to the volunteers and also APAL. Ms. Meharunnisha explained the awareness project and the importance of health checkups.

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The volunteers of APAL Mr. Vijay Kumar started COVID-19 Awareness Program in the Mahathma Gandhi Leprosy Colony.

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This program inaugurated by MLA Shri Jagdish Bhai Panchal. The colony leaders and all inmates have participated. Mr. Vijay Kumar pointed out about the importance of health checkups and awareness of precautions of COVID-19. On this occasion, The MLA said that "I always definitely do support to people affected by leprosy, what I can do".

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Mr. Veñu Gopal Vice President, APAL, Mrs. Parvati, President, State Committee, Mr. Sarang, Mrs. Sarita, Mr. Raju, State Leaders
Mr. Bharat, APAL Volunteer, and all inmates have participated



APAL, the volunteers of APAL Mr. Prashant Viralay started screening work successfully in the Ashagram Leprosy Colony, Barwani at Madhya Pradesh.

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The screening work started by the colony nurses respected Ms.Pamu Barde and Ms. Sonu. The colony people convey thanks to the nurses, Vijay Virley, and APAL for their useful service to the people affected by leprosy even in this terrible COVID-19 pandemic.

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In Telangana state APAL and the volunteers of APAL Mrs. Roja and Mrs.Leela with colony leader, Mr. Pullaiah inaugurated the COVID-19 Awareness Program in the Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony, Hyderabad.

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The volunteers explained the importance of health screening tests to the people affected by leprosy.

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The program inaugurated by the head of the colony Mr. Kanchan and all inmates are attended. Ms. Rekha explained about the importance of health screening tests.

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In Madhya Pradesh APAL, the volunteer of APAL Mr. Vijay Patil started the COVID-19 Awareness Program and Health Screening Work in the Lokmata Indira Gandhi Nagar, Amravati

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Chief Guest- Subarav Dhongade (colony Adhyaksh)
Health Department- Shital Khedkar
In the presence c of Colony Animator - Varsha.



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APAL, the volunteer of APAL Mr. Anil Tirkey started the COVID-19 Awareness Program cum Screening Test in Nirmala Leprosy Colony, Ranchi district of Jharkhand.

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Mr. Anil Tirkey explained the importance to know the precaution of COVID-19 and said that I need your cooperation to do the screening test and tests not only for the people affected by leprosy but also for their families who reside in the Nirmala Leprosy Colony.

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On the date of 22nd October 2020, In Andhra Pradesh APAL, the volunteer of APAL Mr. Raju started the COVID-19 Awareness Program and health screening test for the people affected by leprosy in Jyothi Leprosy Colony, Bhimavaram; VRO, Aasha Health Workers, and colony president were contributed.



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APAL distributed floods relief food grains to 168 families of people affected by leprosy and their families in the Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony, Pedda Ambarpet, Hyderabad, Telangana.

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Introduction: Persons affected Leprosy are facing difficulty obtaining basic goods, especially food due to the heavy flood in the Telangana. Flood water came in to their middle of houses. Luckily no human loss in the colony but their normal life is disrupted. The communication links and infrastructure such as power connections roads are damaged and disrupted and earning activities come to a standstill.



In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) associated with SILF supported food grains to the 168 families of people affected by leprosy in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony at Telangana.

APAL and all beneficiaries are conveying thanks to SILF for their great humanity in this crisis even.

In the state of Gujarath APAL's volunteers started the COVID-19 awareness program and found many suspicious cases; approached to local Government. In association with the Government health workers tested all people affected by leprosy and their families in the Mahatma Gandhi Leprosy Colony, Gujarat.

On the date of 24th October 2020, In the state of Gujarath APAL's volunteers started the COVID-19 awareness program and found many suspicious cases; approached to local Government. In association with the Government health workers tested all people affected by leprosy and their families in the Mahatma Gandhi Leprosy Colony, Gujarat. Many people are diagnosed with COVID-19 and started the treatment immediately



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Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) and the volunteer of APAL Mr. Vijay Patil with Varsha started COVID-19 AWARENESS PROGRAM in Lokmata Indira Gandhi Nagar, Amravati, Maharashtra

On the date of 27th October 2020, Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) and the volunteer of APAL Mr. Vijay Patil with Varsha started COVID-19 AWARENESS PROGRAM in Lokmata Indira Gandhi Nagar, Amravati, Maharashtra; from the Health Department, Ms. Panchale attended



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In Andhra Pradesh APAL and APAL's volunteer Mr. Ravi Kumar Naik started the COVID-19 awareness Program in the Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

On the date of 28th October 2020, In Andhra Pradesh APAL and APAL's volunteer Mr. Ravi Kumar Naik started the COVID-19 awareness Program in the Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. The guests are DLO. Mr. Chandra Rao, Physiotherapist Mr. Manohar, DPMO Mr. Subramanyam, Health Secretary Mrs. Sunitha are attended



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APAL associated with SILF distributed food grains to 50 people affected by leprosy those who are infected by COVID-19 in Gandhi Leprosy Sewa Sangh at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

On the date of 30th October 2020, APAL associated with SILF distributed food grains to 50 people affected by leprosy those who are infected by COVID-19 in Gandhi Leprosy Sewa Sangh at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

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APAL and volunteer of APAL Mr. Dilip Kumar started COVID-19 awareness program and health screening tests for people affected by leprosy in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony Chengiskhan Pet Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh

On the date of 31th October 2020, APAL and volunteer of APAL Mr. Dilip Kumar started COVID-19 awareness program and health screening tests for people affected by leprosy in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony Chengiskhan Pet Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh

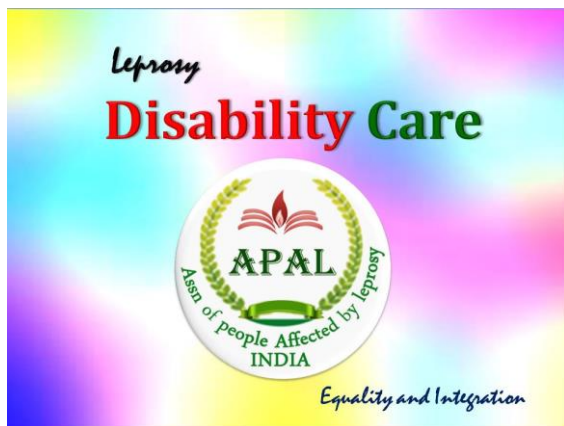
The Program inaugurated by the Government Medical officer. Staff Nurse, Asha workers, colony president, and Colony inmates are attended.



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Participated in Global consultation with National Leprosy Programme managers, partners and affected persons on Global Leprosy Strategy 2021–2030, which will take place on 27, 28, 29 & 30 October 2020

Disability care: The session is on Day 2, 28 October 2020 from 11:20 –11:40hrs APAL to made a presentation on the topic



Presented points

1. Required Services at PHC level
2. Prevention of Disability
3. Re-Constructive Surgery

Stigma and Discrimination: The session is on Day 4, 30 October 2020 from 10:25 – 10:40hrs APAL to made a presentation on the topic



Presented points

1. Terminology
2. Gender
3. Employment
4. Social Discrimination
5. Legal Discrimination
6. Guidelines

Screening tests in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Ranga Reddy district, Telangana

On the date of 1st November 2020, APAL's volunteers continuously providing health-care services by screening tests to people affected by leprosy and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Ranga Reddy district, Telangana



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The core committee meeting held on 3rd November 2020 on Zoom.

Minutes of the core committee meeting held on 3rd November 2020 on Zoom. Following members were present.

1. Dr. P. K. Gopal
2. Mr. V. Narsappa
3. Mr. Venu Gopal
4. Mr. Uday Thakar

Meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. V. Narsappa.

Dr. P. K. Gopal initiated the discussion. He mentioned that due to Covid-19 pandemic physical meeting is not possible, so we should organized zoom meeting at regular interval may be twice in a month. In the meeting, we should have very frank discussion as we are the pillars of APAL. We all should work together for the growth of APAL in right direction. In social service and working together, the difference of opinion bound to be there. We have to overcome this situation and strengthen our partnership with all section of society.

The following points were discussed in the meeting.

1. Resignation of Mr. Sarang Gayadhane

Mr. Uday Thakar brought to the notice of meeting the technical difficulties arrived after resignation of Mr. Sarang Gayadhane. Also the mail sent by Mr. Sarang Gayadhane was discussed in detail and it was suggested that-

- a. Due to lockdown, APAL could not organized physical meeting of Executive Committee members during Covid-19 pandemic period and matter was kept pending.
- b. APAL should act on the advice given by our Auditor V. Ravulapalli & Co
- c. While taking the decision all other points related with FCRA, Income Tax and

12 -A certificate, Registrar of Society of Andhra-Pradesh should be considered.

d. It was suggested that, all members including Mr. Sarang Gayadhane working on National level should address all issues with patience. They should not use lose words and criticized unnecessarily on working of APAL.

e. As discussed in detail it is approved that the final decision of Mr. Sarang Gayadhane 's resignation should be taken in Executive committee Meeting . It is further suggested that the said meeting should be organized on war footing. May be last week of November or first week of December 2020.

2. per diem for zoom meeting

Dr. P. K. Gopal suggested, if APAL budget permits the core committee members should be paid per diem for attending the core committee meeting.

As the extended time of Zoom Meeting expired, the meeting was concluded with a note that, next meeting will be organized in weeks time to discuss remaining points on agenda. It was further suggested that, agenda should be prepared in advance and share with all core committee members.

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.

Conducted COVID-19 awareness program, Masks Distribution, and Medical Camp for people affected by leprosy and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony, Hyderabad at Telangana.

On the date of 6th November 2020 APAL associated with WHO and the Government medical authorities, conducted COVID-19 awareness program, Masks Distribution, and Medical Camp for people affected by leprosy and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony, Hyderabad at Telangana.

In this program, Telangana State Leprosy Officer Dr. John Babu, DM&HO Dr. Swarajya Laksmi, DLO Dr. Subhash Chandra, Ward Counsellor Mrs. Vidhyavathi Vijayender Reddy, DPMO Mrs. Sulochana, APAL president Mr. Narsappa, Medical Officer Dr. Veena, and AASHA workers participated.

On this occasion, the Government authorities explained the current precautions of COVID-19 and measures of treatment. The SLO Dr. John Babu explained the challenges of disability certification of people affected and assured will make sure to provide at least a benchmark percentage and also explained about leprosy related stigma and discrimination. The DM&HO said that doesn't panic for treatment of leprosy and COVID-19 and the Government always available for people affected by leprosy for their treatment and welfare also.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

APAL associated with Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation and Maharashtra Kushthapitit Sanghatana take part in this process and they help both the colonies by providing food grains and money.

On the date of 9th November 2020 People affected by leprosy from Indira Kushtha Vasahat and Kushtarog Dharamshala, Pandharpur, Solapur were recently impacted by the floods. The total colony was underwater and all colony members shifted to safe places by the local Government.

APAL and treasurer of APAL Mrs. Maya Prakash Ranaware concerned about their request have gathered some funds to help them.

Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation and Maharashtra Kushthapitit Sanghatana take part in this process and they help both the colonies by providing food grains and money.

All the colony members are thankful to APAL, Maharashtra Kushthapitit Sanghatana,



APAL associated with SILF and Tech Mahindra Foundation distributed food grains to 260 people affected by leprosy and their families in Ambedkar Leprosy Colony at Nalgonda district, Telangana.

On the date of 14th November 2020 APAL associated with SILF and Tech Mahindra Foundation distributed food grains to 260 people affected by leprosy and their families in Ambedkar Leprosy Colony at Nalgonda district, Telangana.

The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to Tech Mahindra, APAL, and SILF for their great support for flood relief.

Foodgrains sponsored by [Tech Mahindra](#)



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SILF for food grains support.

APAL's member Mr. Ramvarai Sha with leprosy colony leaders met and submitted a memorandum to Bihar SDM in his office for the houses reconstruction in the colony

On the date of 16th November 2020 APAL's member Mr. Ramvarai Sha with leprosy colony leaders met and submitted a memorandum to Bihar SDM in his office for the houses reconstruction in the colony, because the houses built 32 years ago, became in disrepair.

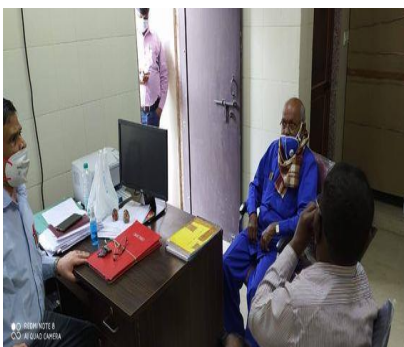
The respected SDM response immediately called the SDO of Areraj and Dhaka to visit those leprosy colonies and their houses.

On behalf of people affected by leprosy and APAL convey our gratitude to SDM and SDOs for their responsibility to us.



Mr. Venu Gopal Naidu, Vice President of APAL, and Mr. Girdhari Lal, President.RWA, Delhi were met and discussed among DLO, Shahdara

On the date of 19th November 2020 Mr. Venu Gopal Naidu, Vice President of APAL, and Mr. Girdhari Lal, President.RWA, Delhi were met and discussed among DLO, Shahdara regarding the organization of the COVID-19 screening camp in Leprosy Complex, Delhi, and



appointment of Dressers. On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we are thankful to the respected DLO sir for responding positively and listening to our voices

Health screening tests and masks distribution in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony at Andhra Pradesh

On the date of 20th November 2020 Mr. Dilip Kumar volunteer of APAL continues his service to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and masks distribution in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony at Andhra Pradesh. The state leader Mr. Nagesawar Rao also contributed



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

Health screening tests in Sri Shriram Sewa Samiti Leprosy Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh

On the date of 22nd November 2020 In the Sri Shriram Sewa Samiti Leprosy Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, APAL's volunteer Ms. Swathi and Ms. Pooja started second-month health screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their family members. The APAL member Mr. Sarang Gayadhane also contributed.



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Memorandum submission for Monthly grains

On the date of 23rd November 2020 The treasurer of APAL, Mrs. Maya Ranaware met and discussed with the District Collector for the monthly grains to people affected by leprosy and people with disabilities; from last month they are not getting the grains because the biometric machine is not accepted the deformity fingerprints.

Finally, the Government removed the fingerprints system from the biometric machine.

For that purpose, she met and requests the district collector to help people affected to get monthly grains



The 16th Executive Committee Meeting of APAL was held on 2nd December 2020 at Swagath Grand Hotel, Hyderabad.

The Minutes of the 16th Executive Committee Meeting

The 16th Executive Committee Meeting of APAL was held on 2nd December 2020 at Swagath Grand Hotel, Hyderabad.

The following members were present.

1. Mr. V. Narsappa
2. Mr. Venu Gopal
3. Mrs. Maya Ranaware
4. Kamalesh
5. Jawahar Paswan
6. Prabhakar Sahoo
7. Prakash
8. Uday Thakar



The meeting was presided over by Mr V. Narsappa, President, APAL.

The following agenda was discussed and resolution to that effect was passed in the meeting.

Agenda1. To discuss the resignation of Mr Sarang Gaydhane.

The subject was discussed in detail. All participants expressed their views. Mr Narsappa & Mr. Venu Gopal explained about the discussion with auditor & change in FCRA rules. They further explained the technical difficulties rose during the renewal of FCRA certificate & IB enquiry. Considering all the facts & technical difficulty the resignation of Mr. Sarang Gaydhane was approved unanimously with heavy hearts. Mr. Narsappa & Mr. Venu Gopal, as well as all other members, appreciated Mr. Sarang’s contribution to the making of APAL.

Agenda 2. To update information on

a) COVID-19 19 Project:

Mr. V. Narsappa & Mr. Venu Gopal informed that 25 colonies from 6 states were selected for this project. 3 days of online training was provided to 25 selected youth. Material required for the project was purchased. The project was started in October 2020.

Mr. Venu Gopal added that colony people are giving full support & cooperation during screening. Government Health staff is also cooperating with the team of volunteers. Members appreciated the efforts of Mr. Venu Gopal & Mr. Narsappa.

b) State Leader Activity Fund & its Position.

1. **Odisha-** It was informed that State Leader Mr. Umesh Nayak, is not cooperating with the SILF project. Lack of teamwork in the state. The budget submitted by the State Leader is not under the suggestion given by APAL. So it was decided that, to

conduct a meeting with state leader team before sanctioning State Leader Activity Fund.

2. **Andhra Pradesh-** Due to lock down, meeting with State Leader, Nageshwar Rao, become difficult. Vouchers & bills are pending at his end. State Leader is not in a position to move from his colony to other places. The situation was discussed in detail & it was suggested that executive Committee Member, Mr. Prakash Done should coordinate the activity & help state leader in preparing expenditure statement & submission of vouchers.
3. **Telangana-** Mr. V. Narsappa, informed that bill & voucher along with expenditure statement is not submitted to Hyderabad office. It was decided that Mr. Prakash Done should help state leader in the preparation of expenditure statement. It was decided that activity fund will be released only after receiving expenditure statement, bills and vouchers from State Leader, Telangana.
4. **Rajasthan-** Mr. Venu Gopal informed that, state Leader, Mr. Prem Narayan, is retired & not keeping good health also till today no new leader is identified to take up the responsibility, hence it is decided to keep Rajasthan case pending.
5. **& 6 Bills & Vouchers-** Mr. V. Narsappa put before the committee that, bills and vouchers of state leader activity fund are not submitted in time to Hyderabad office. Auditor suggested that all vouchers must be received by the Hyderabad office within 5 days of organizing the activity. Mr. Venu Gopal further added that state leader & his team must observe certain discipline in submission of report, vouchers etc. If the statement & vouchers are not submitted within the prescribed time limit. The second installment of the activity fund should not be released. It was suggested by members that this issue must be discussed with all state leaders during the regional physical meeting of the state leaders.

- C. FCRA -** Mr. Uday Thakar informed the changes made by the Home Department in FCRA rules. They have put a limit of 20% on Administration expenses also. The separate bank account should be opened in the State Bank of India, New Delhi, branch & all foreign donations will be received first in the SBI, New Delhi branch account. The government can initiate summary enquiry at any time without prior intimation, as well as the renewal of FCRA certificate will become mandatory withholding IB enquiry of each functionary of the organization. As per the requirement of amended rules of FCRA, the bank account of APAL should be opened in New Delhi.

To open a Bank Account with State Bank of India, New Delhi

As per the circular dated 13 October 2020, (F.No.II/21022(35)/2019-FCRA-III) vide Gazette Notification dated 29th September 2019 from Home Department, it is mandatory to open a FCRA Bank Account in State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch (NDMB), 11, Sansad Marg, New Delhi, 110001.

Resolution

“It is Resolved that FCRA Bank Account be opened in State Bank of India, New Delhi in the name of Association of people affected by leprosy, Hyderabad. The said account be operated jointly by any two of the following three office bearers”

1. Mr. V. Narsappa– President
2. Mrs. Nevis Mery – Joint. Secretary

3. Mrs. Maya Ranavare – Treasurer

Further, it is resolved that, Mr.V. Narsappa, President, APAL, and Mrs.Maya Ranavare, Treasurer, APAL are authorized to sign all the required documents for opening of Bank Account.

D. 80 G & 12 A Renewal – As per the amendment in the Income Tax Act, 80G & 12A registration will be renewed for 5 years. All registered organizations have to submit an online application for the renewal of 80G & 12A certificates from 1st Jan 2021 onwards. Mr. V. Narsappa informed that Auditor, Mr. Ravpalli, will take necessary action in submitting the applications online.

E. Future Programmes for the next 6 months-

Keeping in view the COVID-19 -19 pandemic & restrictions on mobility following programmes can be organized during the next 6 months.

1. RPWD Training Programme on Zoom for 3 states at a time

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar/
Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand/
Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh

2. Regional State Leader Meeting (Physical) for 9 states (3 states at a time)as follows

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar/
Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand/
Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh

3. COVID-19-19 Programme will be continued in 6 states, for 25 colonies up to February end.

4. Executive Committee Meeting (Physical)

Agenda 3. CSR Fundraising & online Fundraising

Mr. Venu Gopal briefly explained the CSR fundraising by the organization, Innovative Financial Advisors Pvt. Ltd. (Innovation). The said company works on the following terms.

- a) A service charge at the rate of 10% of the total FCRA Fund sanctioned.
- b) The minimum proposal should not be less than 25,00,000/-
- c) Advance of Rs.1,08,00,00/-
- d) Fund will be released within 240 days from the date of signing the agreement.

After due discussion, it was suggested that in the beginning under the CSR project, “prevention of deformity” & “Educational support to the children of affected persons” these two projects should be considered.

Further, it was suggested that all committee members will contribute 10,000 to 15,000/- per head, to make payment of 1,08,000/- to the company. The suggestion was welcomed by all the members and it was approved unanimously.

For online fundraising, Mr. Mohan briefly explained the procedure to be followed up with Google & other agencies working for fundraising.

Members suggested that Mr. Mohan should work on some small project as atrial & should share his experience in the next executive committee meeting.

Agenda 4. Any other business with the permission of the chair.

Sub 1: Mr. Rao’s application for salary enhancement.

Mr. V. Narsappa tabled the request received from Mr. Rao for enhancement in the salary. It was discussed in detail & decided that this can be considered in the next budget of 2021-2022.

Further, it was informed that, as per amendment in FCRA Act, all the administrative expenses should limit only up to 20% of the total budget sanctioned.

Sub2: Payment to leaders who worked in COVID-19 Pandemic

It was informed that state leaders, as well as some colony leaders, worked very hard to provide relief to affected persons during COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in the field of medical support, food, nutritional support and coordinated COVID-19 screening with Government medical staff. It was decided to honour their initiatives by providing financial

support to cover the cost of their expenses & incidental charges. APAL Executive Members per head- Rs. 10,000/- and 5000/- to each state leader who took special efforts during COVID-19 pandemic. The suggestion was approved unanimously.

As there was no other business to be transacted the meeting was concluded by proposing the vote of thanks to the chair.

The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

Ms. Sapna Ashok Nirbhavane volunteer of APAL continuously providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and mask distribution in Valmiki Nagar Panchvati, Nashik at Maharashtra

On the date of 7th December 2020 Ms. Sapna Ashok Nirbhavane volunteer of APAL continuously providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and mask distribution in Valmiki Nagar Panchvati, Nashik at Maharashtra



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APAL and Maharashtra Khush Pidit Sanghatana started a new project for people affected by leprosy and their families for providing economical support, a health awareness program from APAL, education support from the Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation in Valmiki Leprosy Colony at Nashik, Maharashtra under the guidance of Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation

On the date of 9th December 2020 APAL and Maharashtra Khush Pidit Sanghatana started a new project for people affected by leprosy and their families for providing economical support, a health awareness program from APAL, education support from the Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation in Valmiki Leprosy Colony at Nashik, Maharashtra under the guidance of Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation



APAL and Maharashtra Khush Pidit Sanghatana associated with the Government conducted a meeting

On the date of 10th December 2020 APAL and Maharashtra Khush Pidit Sanghatana associated with the Government conducted a meeting and discussed an increase Corporation pension to people affected by leprosy at Minumehta Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra; after discussions, the Corporation Commissioner and Mayor responded positively and they are willing to increase the pension INR 1000 to INR 2500.

Mrs. Maya Ranaware, treasurer of APAL discussed with Dr. Sable, Director of YCM hospital about the health care services by providing dressing materials to people affected by leprosy who are struggling with complicated ulcers; Dr. Sable also responded positively and be willing to provide dressing materials.

On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we thankful to the Corporation Commissioner, Mayor, Dr. Sable, and the Government of Maharashtra



Ms. Deepika volunteer of APAL continues her tireless services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and masks distribution in Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony, Bobbili, Andhra Pradesh.

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The Colony leader Mrs. Prabhavathamma and Government authorities also contributed to providing needed medicine and dressing materials who are struggling with ulcers.



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In Ratnagiri, Maharashtra Mrs. Maya Ranaware, treasurer of APAL meet the District Officer and Nagar Parishad Head and submitted a memorandum for properly card(Patta) to people affected by leprosy who reside in the Datt Nagar Leprosy Colony

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Mrs. Maya Ranaware, the treasurer of APAL visited Indira Gandhi Leprosy Colony at Pandhirpur, Kolhapur Maharashtra along with the Program Manager of SILF and local Corporator and explained to people affected by leprosy and their families about the Livelihood project of Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation

On the date of 17th December 2020 Mrs. Maya Ranaware, the treasurer of APAL visited Indira Gandhi Leprosy Colony at Pandhirpur, Kolhapur Maharashtra along with the Program Manager of SILF and local Corporator and explained to people affected by leprosy and their families about the Livelihood project of [Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation](#)



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The following representative members participated in the meeting

Delhi:

1. Mr. Giridhar Lal
2. Mr. Vijay Kumar
3. Mr. Arjun

Haryana:

1. Mr. S. N. Thyagi
2. Mr. Muthu Swamy
3. Mr. P. Sanga Reddy

Uttar Pradesh:

1. Mr. Dayalu Prasad
2. Mr. Budhdev Thakar
3. Md. Ikthiar Khan



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On the date of 29th December 2020 APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains for the relief of COVID-19 to 202 families of people affected by LEPROSY and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad, Telangana

The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to Tech Mahindra, CII, SILF, and APAL for the food grains support in the needy situation.



In association with Muthoot Snehasraya Project, APAL conducted a " Life Style Diseases Identification Camp in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad, Telangana, and tested 117 people affected by leprosy and their families

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" Muthoot Snehasraya" is a Mobile Laboratory intended for the Prevention and early detection of Kidney related diseases, diabetes, and Hypertension ailments. The mobile ambulance is being operated across Telangana and facilitates the following blood & Urine tests and create awareness among people about the dreaded diseases. 1. Cholesterol 2. Creatinine 3. Sugar 4. BP 5. HBsAg



APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh

APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh held on 3rd & 4th January 2021 at Hotel Raipur Inn, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Narsappa, President of APAL

The following representative members participated in the meeting

Jharkhand:

4. Mr. Zainuddin
5. Mr. Jawahar Paswan
6. Mr. Madhu Sudan Tiwari

Madhya Pradesh:

4. Mrs. Parvathi
5. Mr. Sarang Gayadhane
6. Mrs. Sarita

Chhattisgarh:

4. Mr. Ghasiram
5. Mr. Sruthi Mesh Ram
6. Mr. Dev Raj

7. Mr. Dikshan Patel
8. Mrs. Nirmala
9. Mrs. K. K. Savita
10. Mr. Mohan Chowhan
11. Mr. Mahendra

APAL Board Members:

1. Mr. Narsappa
2. Mr. Venu Gopal
3. Uday Thakar

Special Invitee:

1. Mr. Sarwat Naqui



1st Day: 3.1.2021-

Mr. V. Narsappa & Mr. Venugopal welcomed the participants. Discussed the Pandemic situation in different states. Also briefly explained the objectives of the meeting. Requested participants to share the work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jharkhand:

The state leader was in Bihar when the lockdown implemented he stay in Bihar for a long. During the pandemic in Jharkhand

- A. They have organized food and ration distribution.
- B. Ration card distribution
- C. Continuous supply of food organized by Tata Trust.
- D. Help the persons who could not move to their native place due to Lockdown.
- E. Government paid advance pension during the Covid pandemic
- F. Motivated Voluntary organization to support colony people during Covid pandemic.
- G..SILF provided ration support.
- H.Vedant provided ration support, drinking water facility in Chandrapura and Bokara,

Chattisgarh:

- Arrange support to the district collector for the persons who could not be begging during the Covid pandemic.
- SILF supported colonies with ration distribution. In the fieldwork, people have got employment in Chapa. Good support from Social Welfare Department during the Covid pandemic.

Madhya Pradesh:

- NGO organized food distribution, COVID-19 screening camp along with Government agencies in Indore, Ujjain, Dhar, Badwani.
- Seva Bharti NGO has supported colony is Ratlamb and other places food, ration, drinking water support during Covid pandemic
- During the Covid pandemic, the Social Welfare department has initiated Housing schemes for Ratlamb colony people.
- CSR project to provide dressing materials and other facility were organized with the full scheme
- Working jointly with Rashtriya Viklang Manch to call attention to the Government for problems faced by leprosy affected persons and other divyanga during Covid pandemic.

2nd Daty-4.1.2021

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Presesnt Members: Mr.Venugopal ,Mr.UdayThakar, Mr.RambariSah, Mr.Ramesh, Mr.Dubey and Mr. Kamlesh.

Mr.Venugopalwelcomed and explained the purpose of the meeting and ask the participants to share their work during Covid Pandemic.



Day 1-16.1.2020

Mr.RambaraiSah

- Mr.Rambaraihimself suspected from Covid and admitted in hospital. At present keeping good health.
- Rising star supported with ration in all colonies of Bihar.
- In Champanran 20 applications for Parvarish Yojana were submitted
- Two medical camps were orgnaized
- AyushmanCatd in Khogal
- UDI cards application were submitted on line for Ara and Khogol

Mr.Ramesh

- Online application to Civil Surgeon for 20 people for disabilities.
- 20 Labour cards were distributed to labours.
- With the help of NLR Panchayat and Inner Wheel Club. 8 rooms and toilets block were constructed in the colonies,
- Submitted application to High Court for relief work should be for all colonies of Bihar

Mr.Brijkishore

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- 2 application for Pension
- 7 Application for UDI
- coordinated Rising star and other activities of LEPR

Mr.Dubey

- During the Covid Pandemic he organisedParvarishYojana application online.
- Construction of WC in colony
- Coordinated activities to get High Court order.
- Work with SILF to distribute Ration and the support of Rs.5000/- in each colony is affected by flood.

Mr.Kamlesh

- Covered activities with Govt. and SILF and Sumuthan.
- Coordinated the online meeting with Social Welfare Department, in which the problems faced by leprosy affected persons were discussed and addressed.

At the end Mr.Venugopal and Mr.UdayThakar said that Bihar state team should comprehensive report of the work organised at different places. The name of APAL should be included in all activities.

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In the Meghajibhaiwadi Miraj, Maharashtra Mrs& Mr. Shila Adhik volunteers of APAL providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families

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Amaravati at Maharashtra Mr. Vijay Patil & Varsha providing health care services and distributed masks

On the date of 27th January 2021, In Amaravati at Maharashtra Mr. Vijay Patil & Varsha providing health care services and distributed masks to people affected by leprosy and their families and celebrated Republic Day in the colony



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In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh Mr Naik . Ravi Kumar providing health care services

On the date of 29th January 2021, In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh Mr Naik . Ravi Kumar providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests for 3 months



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APAL associated with Social Security Samastipur celebrated Anti Leprosy Day

At Samastipur in Bihar, APAL associated with Social Security Samastipur celebrated Anti Leprosy Day and it was inaugurated and addressed by Mr. Kamalesh Chandra Lal, board member of APAL, distributed 70 tricycles, 36 new Disability Certificates. On this occasion, more than 300 people affected by leprosy participated and got Blankets, Sarees, Dhooties, MCR Footwear, Medical kits, Food grains, Clothes for their children

At District Samaharnalay and Jitwarpul Oath was taken, DM and all others were present. On the occasion, Mr. Kamalesh Chandra Lal was welcomed with Shawl by Mrs. Gayatri Kumari, ADSS

On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we convey gratitude to Respected Mrs. Gayatri Kumari for her great humanity and responsibility to our people



In Santhi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony Mrs. Roja & Mrs. Leela volunteers of APAL providing health care services

On the date of 1st February 2021 in Santhi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony Mrs. Roja & Mrs. Leela volunteers of APAL providing health care services to people affected by leprosy for 4 months by health screening tests and refer to local PHC if suspicious cases



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Have discussions regarding the insufficient supply of ulcer dressing materials, filling of 4 vacant dresser posts, and supply of MCR footwears with proper measurements. Suggested him to set up a production unit of footwears within the complex as all people affected by leprosy living at the same place. Also assured to provide a room to run the unit and to youth to send for cobbler training. SLO agreed with the suggestion and assured them to help to purchase equipment and micro rubber sheets through HKNS and from his pocket & later put an order for the supply of footwear as per Government policy. Also assured to send for training on behalf of the department. Asked to make own arrangements by own resource to meet the payments of leather etc.

Advised to meet with DLO and DHS, Delhi for a sufficient supply of ulcer dressing materials. He will also write to concerned officials and also do follow up.



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On behalf of people affected by leprosy convey our gratitude to the respected Collector for his positive response by given assurance to make sure after the survey.



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1. Mrs. Maya Ranavare

2. Mr. Rasul Mulla
3. Mr. Bhupal Firgane
4. Ms. Sapana Nirbhavane
5. Ms. Sonali Nirbhavane
6. Mr. Adhik Lade
7. Mr. Sabi Shaikh
8. Mr. Uday Thakar
9. Mrs. Pratibha Kathe

The meeting was conducted as per the attached program copy (Annexure1) under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Maya Ranavare, Treasurer, APAL.

Mrs. Maya Ranavare welcomed all the members and explained the day's program. Mr. Uday Thakar, Advisor, APAL, briefly explained the object of the meeting and requested the state leadership team and youth to share their activities in detail and participate actively in the discussion.

Maharashtra State Activities presented by Mr. Rasul Mulla, Mr. Bhupal Firgane, and Mrs. Maya Ranavare.

Maharashtra State Leader team shared the difficulties faced, during the Covid-19 pandemic & lockdown. Physical meetings were not possible in this period, but they established good communication through zoom meetings and phone calls. This helped to maintain the morale of the colony leaders & affected persons. During the pandemic Food distribution, Nutritional support, Government Ration schemes were implemented in all colonies with the help of local NGOs and Government authority.

In the initial period, medical services were not available to leprosy-affected persons, as all the staff was deputed for Covid-19 pandemic control. But with the help of local administration & medical service providers, the medical support service like a supply of dressing kit, medicines & other services were restored.

After relaxation in Lockdown, the state team started their work and organized the following activities up to January 2021.

- Maharashtra State Activity-

1. The team visited Miraj, Amaravati, Kolhapur, Nashik & Ratnagiri colonies for follow-up work & had a meeting with District Magistrate & Municipal Commissioners.
2. In Ratnagiri kitchen utensils and gas distribution under the 'Ujwala' Government scheme was organized. 35 families received the benefit.
3. Ration & Food was provided regularly to laborers, who were stuck-up and could not go to their original place. This was done with the support from Government & Municipal Corporations.
4. Meeting with Mayor of Solapur & Pune to discuss the enhancement of maintenance allowance provided by Municipal corporations.
5. Due to the flood, 18 families from Pandharpur colony, District Solapur, were badly affected. Leprosy-affected persons, Maharashtra Kushtapidit Sanghatana & APAL collectively raised the funds of 45,000/- & distributed them to 18 families of Pandharpur colony. This is a very unique example, where leprosy-affected persons took initiatives & contributed from their sources & helped colony people.
6. In Kolhapur, 21 affected persons had a problem with biometric thumb impression & could not get ration under the Government scheme. This issue was discussed in the district Planning Committee Meeting. Collector has passed an order to supply ration to these affected persons regularly.
7. In collaboration with SILF & Bajaj Foundation rehabilitation program was initiated in 9 colonies. In the first stage, 108 people were selected. Financial assistance up to rs.40,000/- was provided to selected persons to start their small livelihood project.

8. SILF & Bajaj Foundation were running a joint project to rehabilitate leprosy-affected persons in the colonies. The regional office of the project was inaugurated online at Nashik in December 2020
9. 10 bedded referral hospital was constructed in Kalyan Leprosy Colony, which was inaugurated by Dr. Suryavanshi, Commissioner, Kalyan- Dombiwali Municipal Corporation.

- [Maharashtra State Leader Team has now started working on the following issues.](#)
 1. To regularize the unauthorized slums in the Pushpavihar Colony, Borivali, Mumbai.
 2. To get an allotment of newly constructed houses in the colony of Pandharpur.
 3. In Mumbai affected persons were getting the support of Rs.800/- under “Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana” instead of 1000/- declared & approved by the Government. A meeting with the divisional commissioner to discuss this issue was organized.
- [Covid-19 Activity presented by Covid Warriors Ms. Sapna, Ms. Snehal and Mr. Adhik.](#)

Covid-19 warriors from Miraj, Sangali, Nashik were present in the meeting and shared their activities & experiences while organizing the Covid-19 project of APAL in the colonies. They reported the following points.

1. They have conducted screening camps in the colonies, as per the guidelines, regularly.
2. Awareness meetings on Covid-19 were organized in the colonies with support from the local medical team of the corporation. They explained, sign & symptoms of Covid-19, the importance of face mask, washing hands regularly and safe distancing. Covid-19 warriors also highlighted the importance of environment conservation and cleanliness in & around the colony.
3. Distributed face mask to colony inmates.
4. Local NGOs supported the screening camp activity in the colonies.
5. In the Miraj colony, 60 Covid-19 patients were detected. They were sent to Government Civil Hospital. With proper treatment & care, all were discharged from the hospital and came back safely to the colony. These 60 patients were supported with the nutritional diet for 45 days by the local NGO “Sadguru Seva Sanstha”.
6. In Nashik, local corporator, coordinated with Municipal Health services, and screening activity was conducted twice a month.
7. All the colonies are now getting dressing material to treat chronic ulcer patients.
8. All colony leaders, people & the Government system wholeheartedly supported these activities & it has helped the Covid-19 warriors to reach out to colony members as well as the other population in & around the colony.

- [FCRA Amendment](#)

Mr. Uday Thakar presented the amendments made in the FCRA Act for the understanding of the state leader team & Covid warriors.

The key amendments to the 2010 Act are as follows

- a. Prohibition to accept foreign contribution
- b. Transfer of foreign contribution is disallowed.
- c. Reduction on use of foreign contribution for administrative purpose limit 20%
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- j. Foreign Contribution received exciding 1,00,000 per annum should be informed to FCRA Division by individuals.

As a foreign contribution to Indian non-profits, how will this Act impact my contributions?

a. Foreign contributors (FCs) will have to ensure, either by diligence or by obtaining adequate warranties from the recipient entities that such non-profit partners do not have any 'public servant' on their governing board, which would make them ineligible to receive foreign contribution.

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d. FCs will need to be cognizant of the validity of the FCRA certificate of their recipient organizations.

e. FCs, in case of a collaboration, will need to enter into separate grant agreements with each of their non-profits partners rather than through one anchor FCRA – registered non-profit which would further sub-grant it to other non-profits.

• **RPWD Act**

Mr. Uday Thakar explained briefly the provisions of the RPWD Act with power point presentation. He focused on the following points.

- ◆ Definition
- ◆ Rights
- ◆ Duties
- ◆ Disability Commissioner-Central / State
- ◆ Central / State Committee
- ◆ District Committee
- ◆ Designated Districts Courts
 - ◆ Reservation in-employment, Land, Allotment, Housing
 - ◆ Central / State Grant Fund
- ◆ Special / Separate employment exchange
 - ◆ Compliant –redressal cell

In conclusion, he said that" the Government has amended this Act to suit the UN CRPD provisions. The effective implementation of this Act is necessary to get positive results. So we must make aware disable persons about these provisions & support Government in its effective implementation. He added that now leprosy is included in the total disability Act. We have to work along with all other disabled organizations to get the benefits of this Act.

During the question-answer session, a question was raised. Are children of leprosy-affected persons covered under this Act? Mr.Uday Thakar replied that no such special provision is available for the children of affected persons. This Act will support only disable persons of all categories where children or spouse (normal)0 are not included.

In the end, Mr. Rasul Mulla proposed the vote of thanks & the meeting was concluded.

Glimpses of Maharashtra State Leader meeting

&
Workshop on RPWD Act & FCRA Amendment Act



APAL with Maharashtra Kustpandit Sanghatna celebrated fortnight World Leprosy Day and Awareness on Leprosy in Mumbai at Maharashtra

On the date of 7th February, 2021 APAL with Maharashtra Kustpandit Sanghatna celebrated fortnight World Leprosy Day and Awareness on Leprosy in Mumbai at Maharashtra. 70 people affected by leprosy and their families participate

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Mrs. Maya Ranaware, APAL's treasurer visited Pushpvihar Leprosy Colony at Dahisar, Mumbai, Maharashtra

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Mr. Venu Gopal, Vice president of APAL, and Mr. Girdhari Lal, President of RWATLC, Delhi visited Dr. Vivek Lal at SILF Office

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Many thanks to Dr. Sivaji Kumar for his positive response and assurance, also, his great humanity and responsibility to people affected by leprosy and their families



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On the date of 9th February 2021 APAL associated with the Society of Leprosy Affected Persons (SLAP) Telangana, Sakshyam Organization, and the Government of Telangana conducted Fortnight World Leprosy Day and Awareness Program on Leprosy in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony at Hyderabad, Telangana. On this occasion, Mr. Ramesh President of SLAP Telangana, Mr& Mrs. Vijayendra Reddy Ward Counselor, Dr. Srnivas Reddy DPMO, Mr. Narsimha Reddy APMO, Dr. Nirmala PHC Supervisor Abdullahpurmet PHC, Dr. Sri Vedha Prakash President of Saksham Organization, Mr. Karunakar State Secretary, Mr. Moola Ramulu, State Sanghatana Karyadarshi, Mr. Samuel President of the Colony and inmates of the colony have participated and distributed blankets, fruits, and biscuits to people affected by leprosy and their families





APAL's Bihar (Sam Uthan) conducted Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) camp

On the date of 11th February, 2021 APAL's Bihar (Sam Uthan) conducted Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) camp for the people affected by leprosy in Chauradano Block East Chamnaran at Bihar



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On the occasion district Leprosy staff Mr. Arun Kumar, Mr. Mukund Kumar, Mr. Ramnarayan Kunwar, and from Motipur block Mr. Prawin Kumar, Mr. Ram Kishor Rai participated. Mr. Kamalesh Chandra Lal Board member of APAL addressed the participants and advise people affected by leprosy to overcome the inferiority complex and have faith within that nothing is impossible. Also, he said that many people with disabilities like Mr. Astawakra, Amjad Khan, Mr. RavindraJain, Mrs. Sudhachandran have done wonders in their lives even if physically they were weaker but mentally they made themselves stronger and got great success. So, we must make up our minds stronger to have great and grand glory and success. APAL BIHAR President Mr. Someshwar Dube said that should follow respected Mr. Yohei Sasakawa's words that "Not to be a bigger rather try to be a giver". After that, Medical Department distributed Self-Care kits, MCR footwear to all needy. From the BDO side, Mrs. Punam Gupta Motipur Pramukh participated and distributed 40 blankets.



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APAL's Executive Committee Meeting held on 16th February 2021 at Hotel Kinara Grand, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad

On the date of 16th February, 2021 APAL's Executive Committee Meeting held on 16th February 2021 at Hotel Kinara Grand, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad, and discussed future activities

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The Following members were present.

2. Mr. V. Narsappa 2. Mr. Venu Gopal 3. Mrs. Maya Ranaware 4. Mrs. Nevis Mary 5. Mr. Jawahar Paswan 6. Mr. Prabhakar Sahoo 7. Mr. Prakash

The meeting was presided over by Mr. V. Narsappa, President, APAL.

The following agenda was discussed.

Agenda 1. To approve the minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read out by Mr. Venu Gopal . It was discussed in detail & approved unanimously.

Agenda 2. To give update on FCRA rules

Mr. Uday Thakar briefly explained the amendments introduced by Central Government in FCRA rules. He added that, the changes will have direct impact on working of APAL. He highlighted following amendments to the FCRA Act .

The Key amendments to the 2010 Act are as follows

- k. If any public servant is on the managing committee or Board of trustee of the organization, such organizations will be Prohibited to accept foreign contribution
- l. Transfer of foreign contribution is disallowed.
- m. Reduction on use of foreign contribution for administrative purpose limit 20%
- n. Adhaar for registration is mandatory
- o. Designated FCRA account in State Bank of India, New Delhi
- p. Restriction in utilization of foreign contribution
- q. Suspension of registration
- r. Renewal of registration
- s. Surrender of certificate
- t. Foreign Contribution received exciding 1,00,000 per annum should be informed to FCRA Division by individuals.

As a foreign contribution to Indian non-profits, how will this Act impact my contributions?

a. Foreign contributors (FCs) will have to ensure, either by diligence or by obtaining adequate warranties from the recipient entities that such non-profit partners do not have any 'public servant' on their governing board, which would make them ineligible to receive foreign contribution.

b. FCs will have to ensure their funds are not further distributed by the recipient entity by incorporating necessary restrictions in the terms of grant.

c. FCs will have to ensure that the 20% cap on administrative expenses is clearly marked in the budget/purpose of utilization shared by the recipients.

d. FCs will need to be cognizant of validity of FCRA certificate of their recipient organisations.

e. FCs, in case of a collaboration, will need to enter into separate grant agreements with each of their non-profits partners rather than through one anchor FCRA – registered non-profit which would further sub-grant it to other non-profits.

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Agenda 3. To open Bank Account in SBI, New Delhi Branch, as per Home Department notification

The subject was discussed in detail. It is decided to open saving bank account in State Bank of India, New Delhi Branch. The following resolutions were approved unanimously.

Please add Bank resolutions below

Agenda 4. To give up dates on

1. **FCRA** : The subject was discussed & covered in agenda no 2.
2. **12 A & 80G** }
3. **80G** } Mr. Uday Thakar informed that, Government of India has extended the time upto 30 June 2021 to submit all documents online for renewal of 12A & 80G certificate under Income Tax Act.
4. **Project Extension:** Mr. Venu Gopal and Mr. Uday Thakar informed that, the Sasakawa Health Foundation has extended the project period by 4 months & now it will be completed by 31st July 2021.

During this period APAL has to complete all the commitments as per budget provisions. It is further informed that, all the bills & vouchers for expenses should reach Hyderabad office by 15th April 2021. Accounts will be completed & get audited as soon as possible. Budget for the period 1 Aug 2021 to 31 March 2022 must be submitted to SHF by 31 May 2021.

During the discussion it was suggested by members that, responsibility should be assigned to interested committee members, who will take the initiative and complete the project before 31st July 2021

5. **To update on CSR fundraising agreement.**

Mr. V. Narsappa and Mr. Venu Gopal informed to the meeting that, APAL has entered into an agreement with fiinovation. The company has promised to raise funds up to Rs.25, 00,000/- under CSR project. The team is working on POD proposal to be initiated in selected states. APAL is waiting for final proposal from fiinovation.

Agenda 5. Any other business with permission of the Chair.

Aatmasanman Project: Sasakawa Health Foundation has supported this project from Jharkhand . It was learned that, during Covid period SHF has supported *Aatmasanman* project from Jharkhand. They have provided financial assistance to for the students and to affected persons to start income generation activities & POD programme. The subject was discussed in detail. All committee members were of the opinion that,

1. It would have been better if SHF has discussed the project with APAL before sanctioning.
2. The programmes which were supported by SHF in Jharkhand were proposed earlier by APAL but denied by SHF.
3. If such activities were supported by SHF in different states, the working of APAL will have direct set back & it will be difficult to coordinate state activities. It was decided that, a simple mail should be written to SHF to express the concern of APAL on the said issue.

As there was no other business to be transacted the meeting was concluded by proposing vote of thanks to the chair.

APAL visit New Jyothi Leprosy Colony at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh

On the date of 18th February 2021 APAL visit New Jyothi Leprosy Colony at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh, interacted with colony leaders and inmates who are affected by leprosy and their families who reside in the colony



APAL with SLAP AP visited Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony at Bobbili in Andhra Pradesh

On the date of 18th February, 2021 APAL with SLAP AP visited Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony at Bobbili in Andhra Pradesh, interacted with people affected by leprosy and their families, and discussed present issues and sufficient needs of inmates



A two day State Leaders Meeting of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was organized by APAL

A two-day State Leaders Meeting of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was organized by APAL on 19th and 20th, February, 21 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Narsappa at Hotel Dwaraka Inn, Visakhapatnam.

12 members of both states participated.

Telangana:

1. Mr. Ramesh- Hyderabad
2. Mr. Rajaiah - Tanugula, Tammigunta

Andhra Pradesh:

1. Mr. Nageswar Rao - Bunni Nagar, Guntur
2. Mr. Sailu - Done, Kurnool
3. Mr. Krishna Reddy - Ananthpuram
4. Mr. Prakash - Bhimavaram
5. Mrs. Prabhavathamma- Bobbili
6. Ms. Deepika - Bobbili
7. Mrs. Suguna - Bobbili
8. Mr. Papaiah - Gopalapuam
9. Mr. Tata Rao - Gopalapuam
10. Mr. Duryodhana - Gopalapuam
11. Mr. Suryanarayana - Gopalapuam

APAL Members:

1. Mr. Narsappa - Hyderabad
2. Mr. Venu Gopal - Delhi



19th, February, 21

The Participant State Leaders of Andhra Pradesh explained in detail the problems faced by the people of all colonies during the Covid-19 pandemic and how they tried to manage to arrange food grains. During a pandemic, they stayed at home. They approached different donors and NGOs for support. Due to the non-comparison of thumb impression, the people unable to obtain pension and food grains from the government. The leaders approached by

communicating on phone in different districts and succeeded to get special orders for the release of pension and supply of food grains. Also succeeded in the supply of MCR footwear in 15 colonies. During the Covid-19 pandemic, local donors and NGOs helped with daily food after an appeal on TV. The local donors also provided clothes and blankets in some Colonies. Told that they were unable to continue the ongoing programs due to travel restrictions. Some people were affected with Corona and they took care of treatment. Rising Star, SILF, and Brighter Future also helped them with food grains and cash. They faced problems with ulcer dressing materials APAL helped to arrange the materials by telephonic contacting SLO and DLOs. The Covid-19 Awareness Program run by APAL going well and helping to aware people.

The Telangana State Leaders explained the problems the colony people faced during the Covid-19 pandemic. They talked with Health Minister for support. He helped to get the Government's support regularly during the pandemic. They were unable to go out due to restrictions during the pandemic period. Local donors helped by giving dry ration and prepared food. The Government also provided additional ration during the pandemic. The Government provided financial support to the flood-affected colonies. We also organized Covid-19 Awareness Programs in collaboration with the Health department and APAL. Facing problems to get Handicapped certificates to apply for UDID cards and pension.

During the interaction, the following issues were identified.

- 1 Land - Bobbili Colony, Jammi Gunta colony, Munninagar, Macherla
- 2 Irregular supply of ulcer dressing materials
- 3 H C Certificates 4 UDID Cards 5 MCR footwears with proper measurements 6 Loans for work 7 Children education

20th, February, 21

APAL members Mr. Narsappa and Mr. Venu Gopal explained in detail the revised provisions of the FCRA Act and 80G. Mr. Venu Gopal informed that as per the rules there is no possibility to give advances. The administrative expenses are reduced from 50% to 20% & office expenses, travel expenses, food, per diem, salaries, meeting expenses, stationery, printing, postage, Communication, audit fee, etc included as administrative costs. The new rules imposed strict directives on auditors also.

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So, it becomes very necessary to follow the changes by changing working methodology and to choose limited visible outcome-oriented programs to maintain the registration of FCRA to get funds from Sasakawa Health Foundation and to continue the work for the empowerment of our people.

It also informed about 80G which requires visible outcome-oriented programs.

APAL associated with Tamil Nadu State Committee conducted State Leaders Meeting

On the date of 21st&22rd February, 2021 APAL associated with Tamil Nadu State Committee conducted State Leaders Meeting at Balaramapuram Leprosy Colony, Villivakam in Tamil Nadu.

Attendees list:

1. Mr. Praksham - Villivakam Chennai
2. Mr. Perumal - Venkatapuram, Chengalpattu
3. Mr. Krishna Murthy- Kumaramangalam-Ulunderpet
4. Mr. Rajendiran - Vadathorasalur, Kallakurchi
5. Mrs. Gomathy - Chengalpattu
6. Mr. Chandran - Tiruvettor- Chennai
7. Mr. Rajee - Pudu Nagar- Kanchipuram
8. Mr. Yoga Rajan - Venkatapuram- Chengalpattu
9. Mrs. Saroja - Villivakam
10. Mrs. Meena - Tiruvathyur

APAL Members:

1. Mr. Narsappa - President
2. Mr. Venu Gopal - Vice President

Interpreter:

1. Mr. Mohan

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1. Need higher education support to youth students
2. Travel support to submit a memorandum to the Government authorities
3. Support for local fundraising

22nd, February, 21

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We had discussions about the issues and problems faced by our Colony people in all states during the Covid-19 pandemic and support extended by NGOs, local donors for survival. Also had discussions about the impact of a pandemic on our IGP Programs and children's education. I thanked her and Raising Star for their generous support to our people at National Level.



Later discussed FCRA Act amendments and their impact upon the NGOs programs implementation. She told that Rising Star is also facing problems to work. It can't do any constructions or development activities. Maintaining only educational support.

I also explained to her about the problems due to the restrictions imposed in the revised rules of the FCRA Act. APAL can't pay advances for traveling and perdiem etc to state Committees to work as before. Government stress is for direct benefit to people but not allowing to pay to the field workers except the involvement during the particular direct benefit. I proposed for joint ventures of APAL and Rising Star so that

away may be created for payments to go to the field.

She replied that an MoU is already existing among both but hadn't got much from APAL. We are working together with some leaders.

Anyway, let us wait till the end of March to know the final amendments to think. I told her we will also try to draft some proposals in this direction.

Mrs. Maya Ranvare Treasurer of APAL approached Government Medical Department by submitted a memorandum for COVID-19 tests to people affected by leprosy.

On the date of 24th February 2021, Mrs. Maya Ranvare Treasurer of APAL approached Government Medical Department by submitted a memorandum for COVID-19 tests to people affected by leprosy.

After that, The Government accepted and doing Swab tests every month at Swadhar Nagar, Shendapark, Kolhapur in Maharashtra

On behalf of people affected by leprosy we thanks the Government of Maharashtra Medical Department for its great responsibility



On the date of 5th March, 2021 APAL conducted an interaction meeting with SILF and MP Colony members.in SKNS in Indore. Mr. Venu Gopal Vice President of APAL, Mr. Sachin, SILF, Mr. Satish, Lepra, and 17 colony leaders participated.



Visited Indore, M P on 2-3-21 for fundraising purpose for the maintenance of M P State Committee. Drafted a proposal and met with the President of Rotary Club along with Mr. Sarang Gaydhane. Explained the need for support and applied.

He assured me to consider positively.

On 5-3-21 attended the interaction meeting of APAL, SILF, Lepra, and representatives of 17 colonies organized by State committee, M P.

Mr. Sarang explained in detail the ongoing programs and the colony representatives explained their problems and needs.

Found need of immediate action regarding the enforcement of beggary act in Indore district and save the Ujjain colony from demolishing. Later Mr. Sachin, Project officer, SILF explained in detail about SILF's livelihood and education programs. I explained about FCRA Act

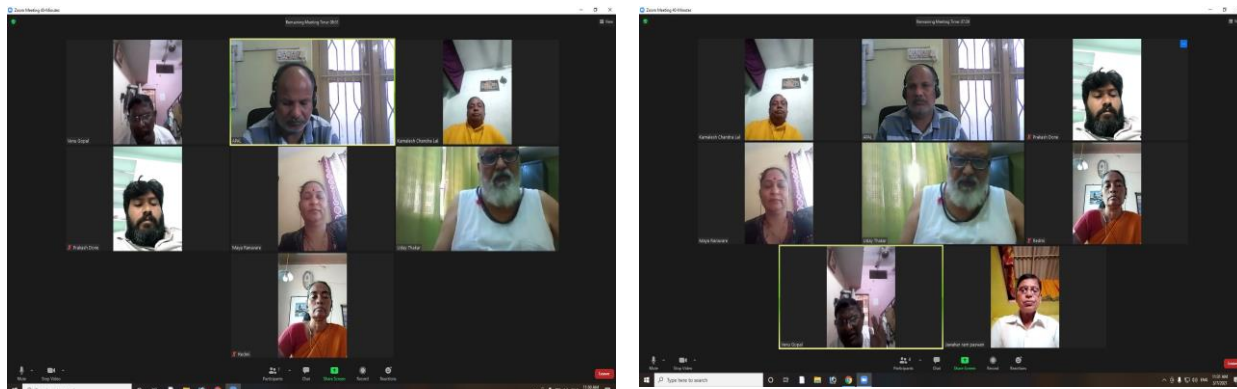
amendments and the impact on the function of APAL & the need to change the working methodology by state Committees.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Parvati, President of State Committee, M P.

APAL conducted an online Executive Committee Meeting from the HQ

On the date of 7th March 2021 APAL conducted an online Executive Committee Meeting from the HQ of APAL and discussed future activities of APAL and extension of the project

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A two-day meeting of APAL and SILF was organized on 09th and 10th, March,21 at SILF Office, New Delhi. On behalf of SILF Dr. Vivek Lal Ji and Mr. Saurabh Sen & on behalf of APAL Mr. Narsappa and Mr. Venu Gopal attended the meeting. Unfortunately due to restrictions of Covid-19, Mr. Uday Thakar couldn't be joined.

Discussions took place regarding working together in the field with cooperation and understanding to strengthen more the relationship for effective execution and the following points were prioritized as a first step.



Working Road Map:

- * Thorough discussions among CEO, Projects head, SILF, and President Vice President, APAL by communication and on phone.
- * sharing information of the programs while conducting field visits by having prior communication.
- * joint ventures and joint visits wherever possible.
- * Modification in responsibilities of State and colony leaders and

revised payments to them.

- * Attachment of State and colony leaders with the zonal offices of SILF.
- * Increased amount for IGPs.
- * keen prior assessment of beneficiary and market-based activity
- * Payment of 50% as repayment in colony development fund by the beneficiary.

Education:

- * Inclusion of two board members in the selection committee of HHDLS scholarships.
- * Inclusion of financial status of students in selection parameters.
- * Adding a few leprosy-affected children from the community for Scholarships.
- * Setting up of after learning centers.
- * webinar English speaking course

Structural Changes in APAL Organization:

As SHF asked to find other options from next FY for Honorarium to Mr. Narsappa and Mr. Venu Gopal, a request was made to SILF but CEO expressed his inability to pay from SILF due to restrictions. Had further discussions about the effective Working methodology of APAL. The suggestion came up to bring changes in the functional structure of APAL by creating CEO or Executive Director and Head of Project posts to bring efficiency by separating Board from administrative functions.

The changed system will strengthen APAL in the future and as well as salary payments for both.

Later had a webinar conference meeting with Dr. Nanri in this regard.

He expressed his happiness by the progressive development in the relationship between SILF and APAL. He also told me that one and a half years back, he presented a presentation before the APAL board and suggested bringing changes by creating the posts. At that time, APAL was not ready and said that after one or two years the suggestion will be considered.

SHF will appreciate it if APAL brings structural changes. He also felt the changes will be good for APAL and Mr. Narsappa and Mr. Venu Gopal may work as usual on any post and can draw salaries. SHF is ready to add the salaries to the budget to pay directly instead of indirectly. It's informed by us that it will take at least 3 months to bring changes as a resolution has to bring by calling board and general body meetings. Also requested to Dr. Nanri to attend the meetings. Dr. Nanri advised consulting with auditors or any lawyer and assured to extend SHF cooperation in all spheres. He expressed his inability to visit India at present but certainly will address both meetings by webinar conference. We assured him that he will be keep informed with further p

APAL associated with Local donors and APAL Tamil Nadu distributed food grains

On the date of 15th March 2021 APAL associated with Local donors and APAL Tamil Nadu distributed food grains hair Oil, Bathing Soap, Antiseptic lotion, Toothpaste, Brush, and Biscuits to 70 people affected by leprosy in the Thiruvullur district.



An interaction meeting with SILF

On the date of 15th March 2021, An interaction meeting of SILF, APAL, and Delhi State committee was organized at Tahirpur Leprosy Complex, Delhi. Dr. Vivek Lal CEO of SILF and office employees Mr. Tanzeel, Ms. Tehseen, and others & Mr. Venu Gopal Vice president of APAL, Mr. Girdhari Lal President of RWA, TLC, and committee members attended. Discussion took place about the issues of complex I.e children's education, IGP, Medical, etc. CEO SILF assured to consider extending support from SILF. Before the meeting CEO SILF visited the huge complex to know the conditions.

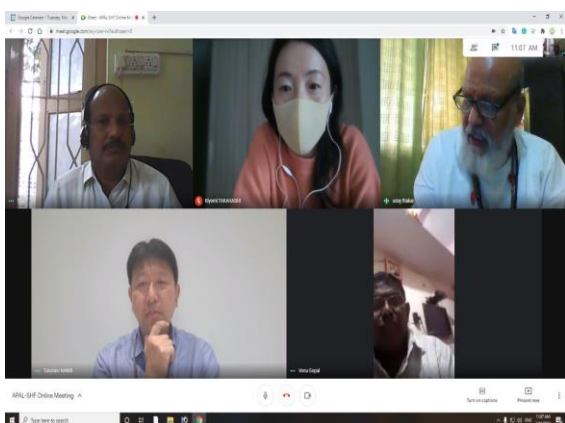


Online Meeting with SHF

Minutes of the web meeting held on 16 March 2021

Following members were present for the meeting.

1. Dr. Nanri Takahiro, Japan
2. Ms. Kiyomi, Japan
3. Mr. V. Narsappa, President, APAL
4. Mr. Venu Gopal, Vice President
5. Mr. Uday Thakar, Advisor, APAL



During the meeting, the following points were discussed.

- a. The government of India has amended FCRA rules from 30th September 2020 and put up many restrictions on accepting the foreign contribution & its utilization. The same was explained in detail.

b. It was suggested by Dr. Nanri that, APAL should modify the working of the organization & it should be more professional to achieve this object APAL can appoint a CEO who will be responsible to organize the activities of APAL. All members agreed to this suggestion & it was decided that following procedure should be adopted to achieve this goal.

1. To organize a physical board meeting to discuss this issue and get approval. General Body meeting should be called to approve the modifications suggested by Board Members.
2. In a general Body meeting, new board members will be appointed. Newly constituted Board Members will decide the appointment of the CEO.
3. The budget to be submitted to Sasakawa Health Foundation will be prepared and submitted before May 2021 for their inputs.
4. It was suggested that some administrative expenses can be reduced in consultation with Board Members.

APAL successfully conducted a workshop on RPWD Act & Pankaj Sinha Supreme Court Judgment

On the date of 24th March 2021 APAL successfully conducted a workshop on RPWD Act & Pankaj Sinha Supreme Court Judgement at Murampudi, Tenali, Andhra Pradesh. Youth of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana participated

Attendees:

1. M. Ramesh - Hyderabad
2. D. Prakash - Bhimavaram
3. D. Naresh - Nalgonda
4. R. Lakshmi Kumari - Bobbili
5. G. Suguna - Bobbili
6. P. Ravi Kumar - Kurnool
7. S. Jhonson - Bhimavaram
8. K. Sunitha - Bobbili
9. S. Sujatha - Vizianagaram
10. D. Nageswara Rao - Guntur
11. Mr. Narsimhulu - Kurnool

APAL Board Members:

12. V. Narsappa - Hyderabad
13. G. Venu Gopal - Delhi

Resource Person:

14. A. Mohan - Hyderabad



Discussions:

Schedule of Disabilities

- *14 New disabilities added and include;*
- *dwarfism, acid attack, muscular dystrophy and speech and language disability;*
- *Specific learning disabilities;*
- *Autism spectrum disorders;*
- *Hemophilia, thalassemia and sickle cell disease;*
- *Multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease;*
- *Multiple disabilities including deafblindness*

Important definitions

- *Barrier*
- *Communication*
- *Discrimination*
- *High support*
- *Reasonable accommodation*

Rights and Entitlements

- *An improvement over the PWD Act of 95 ;*
- *Reiteration of C P rights and procedures for the realization of some rights have been prescribed*
- *Recognizes legal capacity of all persons with disabilities*
- *Sec 3.1. Right to equality, life with dignity, and respect for integrity equally with others.*
- *Sec 3.3. No discrimination on grounds of disability unless it is shown that the impugned act or omission is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim;*
- *Sec 3.4. Disability cannot be grounds for denying liberty.*
- *Sec 3.5 Provision of reasonable accommodation. Denial of reasonable accommodation is discrimination.*
- *Sec 4 1; Women and children with disabilities enjoy their rights equally with others.*
- *Sec 4.2; Children with disabilities have the right to freely express their views and will be provided age and disability appropriate support for this.*
- *Sec 5; Persons with disabilities are not obliged to live in any particular arrangement and provision of in-house, residential, and other community support services, including personal assistance.*
- *Sec 6.1. Protection from torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment;*
- *Sec 6.2. Prior permission of committee on research and informed consent before being subject of research;*
- *Sec 7. Protection from all forms of abuse, violence, and exploitation.*
- *Sec 8. Protection in situations of risk, armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies, and natural disasters.*
- *Sec 9. No child with a disability shall be separated from his or her parents except on an order of the competent court, in the best interest of the child.*
- *Where parents are unable to take care of a child with a disability, the competent court shall place such child with near relations, within the community or in exceptional cases in the shelter home.*

Other rights and entitlements

- *Sec 10. access to appropriate information regarding reproductive and family planning.*

- *No medical procedure leads to infertility without free and informed consent.*
- *Sec 11. Election Commission of India and the State Election Commissions shall ensure that all polling stations are accessible to persons with disabilities and all materials related to the electoral process are easily understandable by and accessible to them.*
- *Sec 12. Access to Justice*
- *Sec 13. Legal capacity*

Education

- *Focus on inclusive education;*
- *Sec 16. The appropriate Government and the local authorities shall endeavor that all educational institutions funded or recognized by them provide inclusive education—*
- *(i) admit them without discrimination and provide education and opportunities for sports and recreation activities;*
- *(ii) make building, campus, and various facilities accessible;*
- *(iii) provide reasonable accommodation according to the individual's requirements;*
- *(iv) provide necessary support individualized or otherwise in environments that maximize academic and social development;*
- *(v) ensure that the education to persons who are blind or deaf or both is imparted in the most appropriate languages and modes and means of communication;*
- *(vi) detect specific learning disabilities in children at the earliest and take suitable pedagogical and measures to overcome them;*
- *(vii) monitor participation, progress in terms of attainment levels and completion of education;*
- *(viii) provide transportation facilities to a person with high support needs and also to the attendant;*
- *Sec 17.*
- *survey school-going children every five years and first survey within two years;*
- *to establish an adequate number of teacher training institutions;*
- *train and employ teachers, including teachers with a disability who are qualified in sign language and Braille and also teachers who are trained in teaching children with intellectual disability;*
- *train professionals and staff to support inclusive education at all levels of school education*
- *establish adequate number of resource centers to support educational institutions at all levels of school education;*
- *provide books, other learning materials, and appropriate assistive devices to students with benchmark disabilities free of cost up to the age of eighteen years;*
- *make suitable modifications in the curriculum and examination system to meet the needs of students with disabilities such as extra time for completion of the examination paper, facility of scribe or amanuensis, exemption from second and third language courses;*
- *Sec 18. promote, protect and ensure participation of persons with disabilities in adult education and continuing education programs equally with others.*

Skill development and employment

- *Sec 19;*
- *Inclusion in all mainstream formal and non-formal vocational and skill training schemes and programs.*
- *Provide support and facilities to avail specific training.*
- *Exclusive skill training programmers with active links with the market for those with developmental, intellectual, multiple disabilities, and autism.*
- *Loans at concessional rates including that of microcredit.*
- *Sec 20;*
- *No discrimination in any matter related to employment.*
- *Provision of reasonable accommodation and appropriate barrier-free and conducive environment.*
- *No denial of promotion on the ground of disability.*
- *No establishment shall dispense with or reduce in rank, an employee who acquires a disability during service.*
- *Policies for posting and transfer of employees with disabilities.*
- *Sec 21; Equal opportunity policy and its registration.*
- *Sec 22; Duties of employment exchanges*
- *Sec 23; G.R.O. and Grievance Redresses.*

Special provisions for benchmark disabilities

- *Sec 31; Children with benchmark disability between six to eighteen years-- free education in a neighborhood school or special school of his choice.*
- *Sec 32; All institutions of higher education receiving aid from to reserve 5% seats for persons with disabilities and to provide age relaxation;*
- *Sec 33; Government to reserve five %seats and provide upper age relaxation of five years.*
- *Identification of jobs in govt. establishments and constitution of committee with benchmark disabled persons for identification of jobs.*
- *Sec 34; Appoint not less than 4% against vacancies in the cadre strength in each group of posts identified for disabled persons of which*
 - *1% for blind and low vision;*
 - *1% for deaf and hard of hearing;*
 - *1% for locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims, and muscular dystrophy*
 - *1% for autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability, and mental illness; Multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness;*
- *Sec 35; Within limits of economic capacity and development, provide incentives to employers in the private sector to ensure that 5%. The workforce is composed of persons with benchmark disabilities.*
- *Sec 37; Make schemes in favor of persons with benchmark disabilities, to provide:*
 - (a) five percent. reservation in allotment of agricultural land and housing in all relevant schemes and development programs, with appropriate priority to women with benchmark disabilities;*
 - (b) five percent. reservation in all poverty alleviation and various developmental schemes with priority to women with benchmark disabilities;*
 - (c) five percent. reservation in allotment of land on a concessional rate, where such land is to be used to promote housing, shelter, setting up of occupation, business, enterprise, recreation centers, and production centers.*

Social Security, Health, Rehabilitation, and Recreation

- *Sec 24; Subject to economic capacity and development formulate schemes and programs to promote an adequate standard of living for living independently or in the community:*
- *25% more than that for other marginalized groups.*
- *Sec 25; Health; Free and priority treatment and barrier-free access in hospitals.*
- *Sec 29; Measures to promote the rights of all persons with disabilities to have a cultural life and to participate in recreational activities*
- *Sec 30; Measures to ensure effective participation in sporting activities.*

Duties and Responsibilities of Governments

- *Sec 39;*
- *Awareness campaigns;*
- *Ensure inclusion of the rights of persons with disabilities in the curriculum in Universities, colleges, and schools.*
- *Sec 39. f; Induct disability as a component for all education courses for schools, colleges, and University teachers, doctors and other staff, Government officials Asha workers, Anganwadi workers, engineers, architects, other professionals, and community workers;*
- *Sec 40; Formulate rules laying down the standards of accessibility for the physical environment, transportation, information, and communications, including appropriate technologies and systems.*
- *Sec 41.2; Promote personal mobility*
- *Sec 42; Make all contents in audio, print, and electronic media in an accessible format;*
- *Audio description, sign language interpretation and close captioning to ensure access to electronic media;*
- *Sec 43; Universally designed goods and products.*
- *Govt. or private Service providers shall provide services by the rules on accessibility*
- *Sec 45; Make existing public buildings accessible within five years from the date of notification of rules;*
- *Sec 44; No permission to be granted if accessibility standards not adhered to;*

- **Sec 47.2; All Universities shall promote teaching and research in disability studies including the establishment of study centers for such studies.**

Grievance Redressal

- **Chief Commissioner and Two commissioners of which one shall be a person with a disability;**
- **CCPD Advisory committee comprising of eleven members drawn from the experts from different disabilities.**
- **State Commissioner.**
- **An advisory committee comprising of five members drawn from the experts in the disability sector.**
- **Special Court.**

Appoint an advocate practicing for seven years as Special Public Prosecutor to conduct cases in that Court

Advisory Boards

- **Central Advisory board: Ten Members being persons with disabilities, to represent Disability NGO's or DPO's and five Members shall be women with a representation of SC/ ST;**
- **State Advisory boards: Ten persons being persons with disabilities, to represent NGO's or associations which are concerned with disabilities and five shall be women and one person each from SC/ ST;**
- **District Level Committee: State Government shall constitute District-level Committee on disability whose functions are to be prescribed.**

Offenses and Penalties

- **Sec 89; Any contravention of provisions or rule, fine up to ten thousand rupees for the first contravention and any subsequent contravention fine of fifty thousand to five lakh rupees.**
- **Sec 90; If the offense is committed by a company, every person who at the time the offense was committed, was in charge and shall be proceeded against and punished accordingly:**
- **Sec 91; Whoever fraudulently avails any benefit for persons with benchmark disabilities shall be punished with imprisonment up to two years or with a fine which up to one lakh rupees or both.**
- **Sec 92; Whoever intentionally insults or intimidates, humiliates a person with a disability in any public place, assaults or uses force, denies food or fluids, sexually exploits, damages aids and appliances, and forcefully terminates pregnancy will be liable for fine and five years imprisonment.**
- **Sec 93; Failure to produce any book, account, other documents, statement, information, or any order or direction made or given shall be punishable with a fine of Rs 25000 and Rs one thousand for each delayed day of contravention.**

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