



# SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

## Monthly Report

To

**Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation**

<b>Title of the Report</b>	Monthly Progress Report
<b>Name</b>	Mrs. Maya Ranavare
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### 1. Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

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- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with Mr. Govind Swamy Executive Member of APAL participated in a 2-days workshop for strengthening the implementation of LPEP
- the collaborative District Level Capacity Building & Advocacy Meeting at the community hall in S.L. Home Hospital TLM
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with the state committee Chhattisgarh and Mrs. Keroline Executive Member of APAL visited and interacted with all persons affected by leprosy
- In collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra, APAL and Maharashtra Kusht Sanghatana inaugurated a Community hall
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with APAL's state committee Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Takuya Tanabe Photojournalist, Asahi Simbun, Japan visited Navnirman Kushth Aashram
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with APAL's state committee Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Takuya Tanabe Photojournalist, Asahi Simbun, Japan visited Sri Sai Baba Kushth Aashram
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare's letter in Leprosy Bulletin 114 published by Sasakawa Health Foundation
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- APAL's Executive Committee Meeting was held on 25th April 2023 at APAL's Office in Hyderabad in the presence of Mr. Maya Ranavare President of APAL
- APAL's state committee In collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a medical camp

- APAL's state committee Jharkhand and Mr. Madhu Sudan Tiwari met Dr. Salini Tudu DLO Bokaro and Dr. Sajid Alam Physiotherapist

***APAL found out the utmost needy and difficult to reach area tribal people and provided food grains***

On 2nd April 2023, APAL found out the utmost needy and difficult to reach area tribal people and provided food grains to all families at Ganesh Nagar in Rayagada District, Maharashtra, also explained the disease of leprosy and related consequences briefly

On this distribution Mrs. Maya Ranavare President APAL, APAL's State committee Maharashtra, team of Maharashtra Kusht Sanghatana, team of Alert India, corporator advocate Mr. Bhujbal and Mr. Uday Thakar Advisor APAL have contributed



***APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with Mr. Govind Swamy Executive Member of APAL participated in a 2-days workshop for strengthening the implementation of LPEP***

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with Mr. Govind Swamy Executive Member of APAL participated in a 2-days workshop for strengthening the implementation of LPEP and rolling out the implementation of NSP and Nikusht-2. This is part of the Novartis/ NLRIF project.

NLRIF collaboration with CLD organized the workshop at hotel Goldflinch, Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana.



***The collaborative District Level Capacity Building & Advocacy Meeting at the community hall in S.L. Home Hospital TLM***

On 4th April 2023, the collaborative District Level Capacity Building & Advocacy Meeting at the community hall in S.L. Home Hospital TLM, Champa, Chhattisgarh

In this meeting, 70 members representing APAL, TLM, NLEP, SIYF, all state leaders, coordinators, leaders of leprosy colonies participated and discussed the current and future activities for the socio- economic empowerment and welfare of persons affected by leprosy and their families

Also, elected new leaders for serving people affected by leprosy and in the matter of selection gave importance to women and followed the gender equality



***APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with the state committee Chhattisgarh and Mrs. Keroline Executive Member of APAL visited and interacted with all persons affected by leprosy***

On 5th April 2023, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with the state committee Chhattisgarh and Mrs. Keroline Executive Member of APAL visited and interacted with all persons affected by leprosy at Ghoghranala Leprosy Colony in Champa, Chhattisgarh

During this visit, discussed the education support, livelihood of women affected by leprosy, the status of the social entitlements, and the status of the ulcer treatment. APAL found out about the lack of MCR footwear due to low-quality footwear damage within 2 months.



***In collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra, APAL and Maharashtra Kusht Sanghatana inaugurated a Community hall***

On 6th April 2023, in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra, APAL and Maharashtra Kusht Sanghatana inaugurated a Community hall or social welfare center at Sanjay Nagar, in Gaonkari District, Mumbai

At this inauguration, Mr. Ram Naik Former Governor of UP, Mr. Bhopal Fergane - President of Maharashtra Leprosy Association, Mrs. Maya Ranware - President of APAL, BRAND AMBASSADOR GOA, Mr. Rasul Mulla - APAL State Leader Maharashtra, Mr. Uday Thakar - APAL, Consultant, Sachin Kumar Patidar - Zonal Program Coordinator (ZPC), SILF Convenor Shafi Shaikh - President Samast Sanjay Nagar Panch Committee and Gavkari Mandal S.N. Boys have contributed and provided one Almiraah to the center.



***APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with APAL's state committee Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Takuya Tanabe Photojournalist, Asahi Simbun, Japan visited Navnirman Kushth Aashram***

On 17th April 2023, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with APAL's state committee Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Takuya Tanabe Photojournalist, Asahi Simbun, Japan visited Navnirman Kushth Aashram in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh

During this visit interacted with all persons affected by leprosy and their families residing in the colony and discussed the availability of social entitlements, general and ulcer treatment, education support to children, and livelihood support from the Government; observed the infrastructure of the colony and found out the poor living conditions like lack of water and toilet facilities, etc

On this visit Mr. Dayalu Prasad State Coordinator of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Raghu, Mr. Balram, Mr. Bhalu Prasad Mr. Tiwari, and Ms. Aanya have participated and got a grand welcome from the residents



## **APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with APAL's state committee Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Takuya Tanabe Photojournalist, Asahi Simbun, Japan visited Sri Sai Baba Kushth Aashram**

On 18th April 2023, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with APAL's state committee Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Takuya Tanabe Photojournalist, Asahi Simbun, Japan visited Sri Sai Baba Kushth Aashram in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh

During this visit interacted with all persons affected by leprosy and their families residing in the colony and discussed the availability of social entitlements, general and ulcer treatment, education support to children, and livelihood support from the Government; observed the infrastructure of the colony and found out the land issues, poor living conditions like lack of water and toilet facilities, etc

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## **APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare's letter in Leprosy Bulletin 114 published by Sasakawa Health Foundation**

On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare's letter in Leprosy Bulletin 114 published by Sasakawa Health Foundation, Japan

APAL is thankful to SHF for their great support and helps to persons affected by leprosy and their family members

Thank you to the Sasakawa Health Foundation and other well-wishers for supporting and sustaining us always.

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**LETTER**

**Maya Ranavare**  
President, Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), India  
(Born and raised in a leprosy colony, and a person affected by leprosy herself, Maya Ranavare has been working for the empowerment, welfare, and rights of persons affected by leprosy and their families for over 20 years. She became APAL's president in July 2022.)  
<https://www.apalindia.org>

### Update from APAL's new president, Maya Ranavare

Since taking on the role of president of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), I have visited many leprosy colonies in various states and met related government authorities in their offices. Being able to observe situations first-hand has been good for me and has facilitated my analysis of what is necessary. Many women of all ages came forward and explained their important requirements like never before, and I was pleased to note their high level of confidence and self-belief.

**Extra effort needed to reach tribal populations**  
Regarding health care and social services, some areas require improvement. In particular, program implementation tends to be weak in difficult-to-reach and tribal areas. Control of leprosy in tribal populations requires extra effort. Accurate and timely detection of leprosy in these underprivileged communities is an important step toward achieving the goal of zero discrimination. Increased awareness among the tribal population about the signs and symptoms of the disease is important for achieving the target of a "leprosy-free India".

**Lowering barriers to participation**  
At APAL, we face challenges that are shared by many people's organizations and persons affected by leprosy: literacy, low education, lack of digital skills, and inability to communicate in English. These factors make many persons affected by leprosy feel hesitant about participating in meetings, conferences, and workshops where standards for presentations are high and discussions proceed at a quick pace. For the world to understand the diversity of the leprosy community, our participation is necessary, but many of us need some accommodations for our participation to be meaningful. I urge organizations, foundations, and trusts to imagine going for a walk with a friend. When you care about that friend and want to listen to them, you adjust your speed as necessary to continue walking side-by-side. You pay attention to your friend's stamina and choose a path for the day that both of you can complete. You notice the level of your friend's speech and try to match it. These are the kinds of accommodations that we need for participation in international events.

**Awards and honors**  
Lately, executive members of APAL have been receiving recognition for their services to the leprosy community. Awards and honors are useful to persons affected by leprosy for overcoming self-stigma and developing an identity as champions and role models for the leprosy community. I want to encourage this trend toward public recognition, and so I will list some recent awards and honors here, starting today with my own:

- Ms. Maya Ranavare, President of APAL, received a Durga Rishi award for 23 years of tireless valuable service. Also, she was selected to speak as a representative of all people's organizations at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Leprosy Congress and the International Symposium at the Vatican on Hansen's Disease.
- Ms. Kavalee Bhangra, Executive Member of APAL, was honored at a regional press conference in Chennai.
- Mr. Ramarawal Sah, Joint-Secretary of APAL, was honored as a Special International Guest at the grand celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> International Day of Dignity and Respect organized by IDIA Nepal.
- Mr. Prakash Dore, Treasurer of APAL, was honored with a memento for being a best social worker in Andhra Pradesh for 12 years at an International BC Association celebration.

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APAL's president, Mrs. Maya Ranavare, received the Durga Rishi award in India, an award that includes the name "Durga" and given to women who have worked for the welfare of the leprosy colony. She is shown at an award ceremony in the photo above.

***APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare along with APAL's state committee Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Takuya Tanabe Photojournalist, Asahi Simbun, Japan visited Ganga Kushth Aashram***

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On this occasion, Mrs. Maya Ranavare President of APAL, Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan Vice President, Mr. Sarang Gayadhane General Secretary of APAL, Mr. Ramvarai Sha Joint Secretary, Mr. Prakash Done Treasurer of APAL, Mrs. Keroline, Mr. Prabhakar Sahoo, Mr. Govind Swamy have participated



***APAL's state committee In collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a medical camp***

On 29th April 2023, APAL's state committee In collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a medical camp and provided health care services at New Jyothi and Krupa Leprosy Colony in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh

APAL is thankful to the health department of Andhra Pradesh for their valuable support to persons affected by leprosy and their families and special thanks to Mr. Prakash Done Treasurer of APAL for his contribution to the leprosy fields



***APAL's state committee Jharkhand and Mr. Madhu Sudan Tiwari met Dr. Salini Tudu DLO Bokaro and Dr. Sajid Alam Physiotherapist***

On 29th April 2023, APAL's state committee Jharkhand and Mr. Madhu Sudan Tiwari met Dr. Salini Tudu DLO Bokaro and Dr. Sajid Alam Physiotherapist at her office and discussed the current situations and solutions of persons affected by leprosy and their families

APAL is thankful to Dr. Salini Tudu for her positive response and comfortable hospitality and special thanks to Mr. Madhu Sudan for his active services to persons affected by leprosy; he submitted APAL's annual book to them



**Mrs. Maya Ranavare  
President, APAL**