



# SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

## Monthly Report

To

**Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation**

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

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- Mrs. Maya Ranavare, President of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), played a pivotal role in promoting the cause of those impacted by leprosy at the ILEP India stakeholders meeting
- Mrs. Maya Ranavare, the esteemed President of the Association for the Protection of the Afflicted by Leprosy (APAL), graced the inaugural function of the NLR Foundation's Silver Jubilee commemoration
- In a mutually beneficial collaboration, Mrs. Parvathi, a highly regarded figure in the Rural Development sector, partnered with the Association of People Affected by Leprosy to extend a significant gesture of support to the community of individuals.

#### ***In collaboration with the local healthcare center, APIL State Committee in Telangana orchestrated a meaningful Health Camp***

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, In collaboration with the local healthcare center, APIL State Committee in Telangana orchestrated a meaningful Health Camp at the Shanti Nagar Leprosy Colony in Hyderabad. This endeavor aimed to address the healthcare needs of individuals affected by leprosy and their families residing in the colony. Throughout the camp, the health department offered a range of essential healthcare services and provided crucial medicines to those in

need. This initiative underscored the commitment of both governmental and non-governmental entities to extend support to marginalized communities.

The Association of People Affected by Leprosy expresses profound gratitude towards the government healthcare department for their concerted efforts in organizing and executing the health camp. Their dedication to addressing the unique healthcare challenges faced by individuals affected by leprosy reflects a commendable commitment to inclusivity and healthcare equity. Additionally, special recognition is extended to Mr. Ramesh, the State Coordinator of APAL, whose active contributions played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the event. His unwavering dedication to advocating for the rights and well-being of the leprosy community exemplifies the spirit of compassion and solidarity that is essential in fostering a more inclusive society.



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On the 3rd of April in 2024, the Chief Minister Bhiksha Yojana initiative was implemented, prompted by a request from the State Coordinator of APAL, Mr. Someshwar Dubey. The primary objective of this initiative was to furnish essential educational materials to underprivileged children at the Gandhigram Leprosy Ashram. The initiative was spearheaded by Assistant Director Muzaffarpur and his committed team, who equipped 25 children at the ashram with bags, copies, books, and pencil cutters. This step marked a significant stride in enhancing educational opportunities for the children.

The lack of a formal educational institution within the ashram, apart from the Anganwadi, presented challenges to the children's pursuit of education. In response, the assistant director promised to supply tuition arrangements, underscoring their commitment to overcoming educational barriers within the community.

Furthermore, the support group received a check of ₹10,000, which is a laudable gesture. This exemplifies a collective effort towards elevating the marginalized sections of society. The concerted endeavour not only underscores the importance of accessible education but also showcases the spirit of compassion and solidarity in fostering a brighter future for all.



***Maya Ranavare, the esteemed President of APAL, attended a momentous civil felicitation ceremony in Maharashtra alongside APAL's dedicated state committee to honour Sri Ram Naik, a Padma Bhushan recipient***

On 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Maya Ranavare, the esteemed President of APAL, attended a momentous civil felicitation ceremony in Maharashtra alongside APAL's dedicated state committee to honour Sri Ram Naik, a Padma Bhushan recipient, for his remarkable 90 years of unwavering dedication to public service. This event provided a unique opportunity for Maya and her team to engage with government authorities, politicians, and various stakeholders, fostering meaningful dialogue on pressing social issues.

During the ceremony, Maya Ranavare seized the opportunity to present APAL's annual report and manifesto concerning persons affected by leprosy and persons with disabilities, underscoring the organization's commitment to advocating for inclusivity and social justice. She highlighted the staggering challenges faced by individuals with disabilities in India, including the disproportionate financial burden imposed on households, limited access to education and employment opportunities, and growing dependence on welfare assistance.

In her interactions with political leaders and stakeholders, Maya passionately advocated for tangible solutions to address the pressing social security needs of persons with disabilities. She emphasized the urgent need for a national pension standard, proposing a direct benefit transfer model that would provide a minimum of Rs 5000 per month to support individuals with disabilities. Additionally, Maya urged for the prioritization of inclusion in government security schemes such as the PM Awas Yojana and MNREGA, ensuring that persons with disabilities receive equitable access to essential services and opportunities.

With unwavering determination, Maya Ranavare and APAL's Maharashtra state committee sought commitments from all political parties to champion the cause of persons with disabilities. Their advocacy efforts centred on creating a more inclusive and supportive society, where individuals with disabilities can thrive with dignity and independence. Through their proactive engagement and advocacy initiatives, the APAL team continues to drive positive change and advocate for social justice within the legal and financial spheres. On this occasion, APAL met Madam Sumitra Mahajan and Mr. Piyush Goyal, the Central Minister. Mr. Rasul Mullah, State Coordinator of APAL, also attended.



***Mrs. Maya Ranavare, President of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), played a pivotal role in promoting the cause of those impacted by leprosy at the ILEP India stakeholders meeting***

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, Mrs. Maya Ranavare, President of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), played a pivotal role in promoting the cause of those impacted by leprosy at the ILEP India stakeholders meeting held at The Metropolitan, New Delhi.

Mrs. Ranavare's extensive experience advocating for the rights and well-being of those affected by leprosy allowed her to contribute valuable insights and perspectives to the meeting. Her emphasis on addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by this community, ranging from social stigmatization to limited access to healthcare and opportunities for socio-economic integration, highlights the importance of comprehensive solutions that go beyond mere medical treatment. Her impassioned advocacy underscored the significance of holistic empowerment initiatives.

Mrs. Ranavare's discussions focused on practical activity plans aimed at fostering the empowerment of individuals affected by leprosy. These plans centered around the need to strengthen partnerships with external stakeholders, including governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. Her vision of a collaborative approach, leveraging the collective expertise and resources of diverse stakeholders, is capable of producing tangible change in the lives of those affected by leprosy. Her strategic vision and proactive engagement set the stage for concerted action towards dismantling barriers and promoting inclusivity.

Mrs. Maya Ranavare's participation in the ILEP India stakeholders meeting epitomizes her unwavering dedication to advancing the rights and dignity of individuals affected by leprosy. Under her leadership, APAL continues to serve as a beacon of hope and empowerment, fostering partnerships and driving initiatives that seek to transform the lives of the marginalized and underserved. As Mrs. Ranavare and her fellow stakeholders forge ahead with their collective endeavours, they demonstrate the power of collaboration in effecting positive change and building a more inclusive society for all.



***Mrs. Maya Ranavere, the esteemed President of the Association for the Protection of the Afflicted by Leprosy (APAL), graced the inaugural function of the NLR Foundation's Silver Jubilee commemoration***

On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Mrs. Maya Ranavere, the esteemed President of the Association for the Protection of the Afflicted by Leprosy (APAL), graced the inaugural function of the NLR Foundation's Silver Jubilee commemoration in Delhi as the esteemed Chief Guest. Her attendance at the event served to emphasize her unwavering commitment to eradicating leprosy and providing support for those affected by the affliction. In her address, Mrs. Ranavere eloquently articulated the importance of collective action and solidarity in addressing the challenges faced by individuals living with leprosy. With sincerity and conviction, she called upon all stakeholders to unite and work towards a future in which every person affected by this age-old affliction is treated with compassion and respect.

Mrs. Ranavere's words resonated profoundly as she emphasized the significance of empowerment and dignity for those grappling with leprosy. Her appeal to action was a rallying cry for unity and cooperation, envisioning a society where prejudices are replaced with understanding and discrimination with inclusivity. Her impassioned plea was well-received, stirring hearts and minds alike.

Following her address, Mrs. Ranavere actively engaged in the discussion session focused on the Needs Assessment of leprosy colonies. Her participation underscored her commitment to understanding the ground realities and identifying practical solutions to address the pressing needs of those living in leprosy colonies. With her insightful perspective and compassionate approach, she contributed invaluable viewpoints to the discourse, further cementing her reputation as a staunch advocate for the rights and well-being of individuals affected by leprosy.

Mrs. Maya Ranavere's presence at the event served as a beacon of hope and inspiration, igniting a renewed sense of purpose and determination among attendees. Her unwavering dedication to the cause of leprosy eradication and her steadfast belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every individual left an indelible mark on all those present at the event. Through her leadership and advocacy, she continues to be a driving force in the ongoing fight against leprosy, reminding us all of the power of compassion, unity, and collective action in effecting positive change.



***In a mutually beneficial collaboration, Mrs. Parvathi, a highly regarded figure in the Rural Development sector, partnered with the Association of People Affected by Leprosy to extend a significant gesture of support to the community of individuals***

On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024, In a mutually beneficial collaboration, Mrs. Parvathi, a highly regarded figure in the Rural Development sector, partnered with the Association of People Affected by Leprosy to extend a significant gesture of support to the community of individuals afflicted by leprosy in Shanthi Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana. This philanthropic endeavour entailed the distribution of essential food grains to 20 families, providing much-needed sustenance and relief to those grappling with the challenges of leprosy and its effects on their families. Mrs. Parvathi's involvement underscores a spirit of empathy and solidarity, highlighting the efficacy of collective action in addressing the needs of marginalized communities.

The Association of People Affected by Leprosy extends heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Parvathi for her invaluable contribution and unwavering support towards those affected by leprosy and their families. Her benevolent actions have engendered a tangible difference in the lives of individuals facing adversity, providing not only sustenance but also a sense of dignity and belonging. Furthermore, special recognition is bestowed upon Mr. Ramesh, the State Coordinator of APAL, whose active participation and unflinching efforts facilitated the seamless execution of the distribution initiative. Through such collaborative endeavours, communities unite to uplift and empower the most vulnerable among them, fostering a culture of compassion, inclusivity, and mutual support.



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