



SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

Monthly Report

To

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To eliminate child labour and ensure all children in Subhash Ashram and Navjeevan Ashram, Jamshedpur, are enrolled in formal education, creating a child labour-free and educated community.

On 1st March 2026, APAL's State Committee in Jharkhand proudly declares that Subhash Ashram and Navjeevan Ashram in Jamshedpur have been recognized as Child Labour Free Areas under the Balshram Mukta Abhiyan (Child Labour Free Campaign). This important initiative was strongly supported and facilitated by APAL's State Committee in Jharkhand, with the valuable support of TSF.

This milestone was achieved through the committed efforts of the Tata Steel Rural Development Society, Education Department, which played a key role in identifying children who were not attending school. These children were provided accommodation in hostels and enrolled in formal education, ensuring their access to learning and development.

Due to these continuous and dedicated efforts, there are now no children left in these ashrams who are out of school. All children are attending school and have become literate. This declaration marks a significant step towards building a child labour-free, educated, and empowered community, and reflects APAL's ongoing commitment to safeguarding the rights and future of children.



APAL's State Committee in Telangana, in coordination with the local Primary Health Centre (PHC), Abdullapurmet

On 3rd March 2026, to ensure timely wound care and medical support for persons affected by leprosy through coordinated efforts between APAL's State Committee in Telangana and the local PHC, Abdullapurmet.

On Monday, 2nd March 2026, APAL's State Committee in Telangana, in coordination with the local Primary Health Centre (PHC), Abdullapurmet, facilitated a medical visit to Peddamberpet Shantinagar Leprosy Colony.

During the visit, the Government Medical Staff provided dressing and essential wound care services to persons affected by leprosy. The State Committee ensured smooth

coordination and support so that the residents could receive timely and proper medical attention.

This joint effort highlights the strong collaboration between APAL and the local health authorities in promoting the health and dignity of persons affected by leprosy.



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On this special occasion, the women of the colony were honored with shawls as a mark of respect and appreciation. A cake-cutting ceremony was held, and fruits were distributed to all participants to celebrate the strength, dignity, and contributions of women in the community.

The event was attended by Colony Vice President Dominic, General Secretary S.K. Rahimathulla, and Joint Secretary Ch. Mallayya and many colony residents who actively participated, making the celebration meaningful and joyful.



International Women's Day celebration was organized by APAL's State Committee in Karnataka at Mahatma Gandhi Leprosy Colony

On 8th March 2026, the International Women's Day celebration was organized by APAL's State Committee in Karnataka at Mahatma Gandhi Leprosy Colony, Vijayapur, Karnataka, in the presence of Sri ram APAL's State coordinator in Karnataka, bringing together women affected by leprosy, community members, and supporters to recognize the strength, resilience, and contributions of women in the colony. The program created a platform to appreciate their courage and to highlight the importance of equality, respect, and inclusion. During the celebration, participants shared their experiences, encouraged one another, and reaffirmed their collective commitment to overcoming stigma and discrimination faced by women affected by leprosy.

On this meaningful occasion, APAL (Association of People Affected by Leprosy) reaffirmed its responsibility to empower women affected by leprosy by supporting them in accessing their rights and opportunities. APAL continues to work towards strengthening its confidence, promoting social inclusion, and ensuring that women can live with dignity and self-respect. Through awareness, advocacy, and community support, APAL remains committed to uplifting women in leprosy colonies and enabling them to lead dignified and empowered lives.



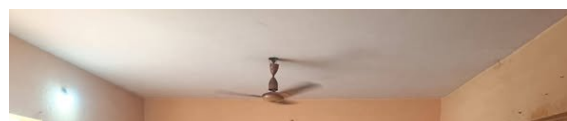
APAL's President. Jawahar Paswan, along with members of APAL's State Committee of Jharkhand

On 15th March 2026, APAL's President. Jawahar Paswan, along with members of APAL's State Committee of Jharkhand, visited Seva Kusthashram, Jamshedpur.

During the visit, they interacted with the residents of the colony, including youth, women, and children, to understand their current situation and challenges.

The residents of the colony warmly welcomed Mr. Jawahar Paswan and congratulated him on his recent appointment as the President of the Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy. The interaction provided an opportunity to discuss the existing living conditions of the residents and the issues they are facing.

During the meeting, the participants shared their concerns related to housing, health, and livelihood. The discussion also focused on identifying possible measures and collaborative efforts to improve the living conditions and overall well-being of the residents of the colony.



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On 15th March 2026, the APAL's State Committee in Andhra Pradesh, under the committed leadership of General Secretary of APAL Done Prakash, has been consistently working towards safeguarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of persons affected by leprosy. One of the most significant recent achievements has been the successful resolution of a long-pending land encroachment issue in New Jyothi Colony. For nearly 25–28 years, the land belonging to New Jyothi Colony had been under illegal encroachment. The vacant colony land was unlawfully occupied and converted into a pond for storing wastewater, resulting in severe health hazards and unhygienic living conditions for the residents.

Despite repeated complaints in the past, the issue remained unresolved, and the situation continued to deteriorate. Recognizing the seriousness of the issue, APAL's State Committee took proactive and strategic action. A detailed ground-level assessment was conducted to understand the extent of the problem. The team systematically collected evidence and prepared a comprehensive representation covering six key points. Critical concerns such as land encroachment, sewage stagnation, public health risks, and the urgent need for an official land survey were clearly documented. Demonstrating strong advocacy,

Mr. Done Prakash personally presented the issue to the District Collector, emphasizing its urgency and the prolonged suffering of the colony residents. This direct engagement with the district administration played a crucial role in accelerating the response. Following APAL's intervention, the District Administration acted promptly. The Revenue and Survey Departments carried out an official land survey using modern techniques to accurately demarcate the colony's land.

As a result, the encroached land was successfully reclaimed and restored to the colony. Additionally, the Municipality initiated necessary measures to address the sewage and sanitation issues, and notices were issued to the encroachers.

Current Outcome: The colony land has been successfully reclaimed after nearly 28 years. Concrete steps have been initiated to resolve sewage and sanitation problems.

The living conditions of the residents are expected to improve. This achievement significantly stands as a strong example of effective community leadership, persistent advocacy, and coordinated action.

It reflects APAL's commitment to ensuring justice and improving the quality of life for persons affected by leprosy.

APAL extends its sincere gratitude to the District Administration, concerned departments, and all colony residents for their cooperation and support in achieving this milestone.



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Visit of APAL's State Committee in Bihar to Ara Leprosy Colony

On 16 March 2026, APAL's State Committee in Bihar visited the Ara Leprosy Colony and held a meeting with the residents. The visit focused on two important issues affecting the colony.

First, the meeting was organized to identify and select beneficiaries for the livelihood programme, so that suitable support could be extended to the residents for improving their income and living conditions.

Second, a serious health concern was discussed during the meeting. It was recently found that six people from the colony underwent HIV testing, and all six were reported HIV positive. This has become a matter of great concern for the colony and requires immediate attention.

During the visit, the APAL team interacted with the residents and explained the importance of awareness, early testing, and proper understanding of HIV. To support this effort, a representative from an NGO was also invited to the meeting. The NGO Madam attended the gathering and explained to the residents what HIV is, how it affects health, and why there should be no fear or stigma in getting tested.

She also encouraged all residents of the colony to undergo HIV screening again, so that the health situation in the colony can be properly understood and necessary medical support can be arranged. It is expected that the residents will come forward for testing in the coming days.

The visit was important not only for livelihood planning but also for creating awareness about a serious health issue and motivating the community to take preventive and supportive action.



On 20th March 2026, the APAL State Committee in Madhya Pradesh conducted its Annual General Body Meeting

Annual General Body Meeting – APAL Madhya Pradesh State Committee

On 20th March 2026, the APAL State Committee in Madhya Pradesh conducted its Annual General Body Meeting in the presence of Mr. Sarang Gayadhane, Vice-President of APAL.

During the meeting, elections were held for the position of President of the Madhya Pradesh State Committee under the Sahyog Kusht Nivaran Sangh. The election process was conducted in the presence of the APAL Vice-President and all State Committee members.

By unanimous decision, the following members were elected:

President: Mr. Raju Rathore

Vice-President: Mr. Rajaram Malviya

Youth Leader: Mr. Bharat Rawat

The meeting concluded successfully, reflecting unity and a shared commitment towards strengthening leadership and advancing the welfare of persons affected by leprosy in Madhya Pradesh.



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The camp aimed to nurture leadership qualities, build confidence, and empower youth from leprosy-affected communities through experiential learning and team-building activities. APAL President Mr. Jawahar Paswan and Mr. Partho Chatterjee, Secretary of

Tata Motors (NJMS), ceremonially flagged off the bus carrying the 45 students along with 4 staff members to the training venue.

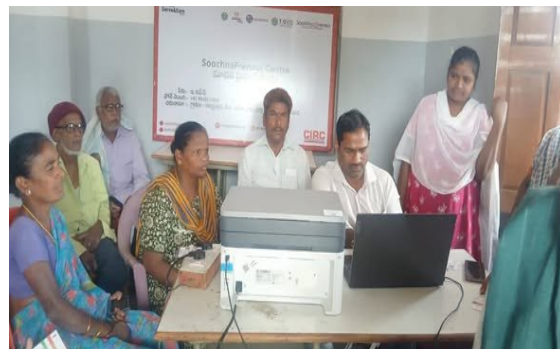
Following the completion of the training program, all participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their active participation and successful completion of the camp. The certificates were distributed by the Tata Steel Adventure Foundation, marking the culmination of a meaningful and impactful initiative.



APAL's State Committee in Telangana organized an Ayushman Bharat Card Distribution Camp at Shanthinagar Leprosy Colony

On 23-03-2026 (Monday), APAL's State Committee in Telangana organized an Ayushman Bharat Card Distribution Camp at Shanthinagar Leprosy Colony, Peddamberpet, GHMC Division-52. The camp was conducted in coordination with Soochana Preneur Centre (NGO) with the support of Mr. E. Ramesh, Mr. N. Malkanna, and Mrs. E. Padmavathi. The programme was held in the presence of Mr. M. Ramesh, President (SLAP-TS) and APAL India EC Member, along with Colony Vice-President Mr. Dominic, General Secretary Mr. S.K. Rahemathulla, and Joint Secretary Mr. C.H. Mallaiah.

During the camp, Ayushman Bharat cards were distributed to 45 members of the leprosy-affected community, enabling them to access essential healthcare services. The camp was successfully conducted with the active coordination and support of APAL Telangana leaders, community representatives, and partner organization, reflecting their continued commitment towards the welfare and inclusion of persons affected by leprosy.



APAL's State Committee in Telangana, in collaboration with Lions Club Krishna Nagar, Hyderabad, organized a distribution program in Shanthinagar Leprosy Colony

On 27-03-2026 (Friday), APAL's State Committee in Telangana, in collaboration with Lions Club Krishna Nagar, Hyderabad, organized a distribution program in Shanthinagar Leprosy Colony and Pasumamula Leprosy Colony, located under Peddamberpet, GHMC Division-52.

During this program, new clothes (lungis and sarees) were distributed to 116 families affected by leprosy, benefiting both men and women. The distribution was carried out with the support of former Councillor Smt. Vidhyavathi Vijender Reddy.

The program was successfully conducted with the active involvement and support of Mr. M. Ramesh (President, SLAP-TS & APAL India EC Member) and Mr. Sk. Rahimathulla (General Secretary).

We sincerely expressed our gratitude to the officials of Lions Club Krishna Nagar, Hyderabad, for their generous support and contribution towards the welfare of persons affected by leprosy.



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President APAL