



Monthly Report

To

Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

Title of the Report	Monthly Progress Report
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1. Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

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- The occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti, APAL's State Committee in Karnataka carried out a meaningful social service activity in the Leprosy Colony in the presence of Mr. Sri Ram APAL'S State Coordinator.
- APAL successfully conducted APAL's State Committee in Telangana's (SLAP-TS) Annual General Body Meeting along with a Leprosy Leaders Capacity Building Workshop
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During the meeting, both teams engaged in meaningful discussions regarding potential future collaborations. The focus was on identifying and implementing joint initiatives to address the challenges faced by persons affected by leprosy and their families residing in leprosy colonies across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The discussions were highly productive, with a shared commitment to work in close coordination and partnership. Both parties expressed their willingness to develop sustainable solutions aimed at improving healthcare, livelihood opportunities, and overall quality of life for the affected communities.

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The meeting provided a valuable platform for both organizations to engage in meaningful dialogue and explore avenues for joint collaboration. Discussions primarily focused on identifying and implementing coordinated initiatives aimed at addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by persons affected by leprosy and their families, particularly those residing in leprosy colonies.

Both teams emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach in developing sustainable and inclusive solutions. Key areas of interest included improving access to healthcare services, strengthening livelihood opportunities, and enhancing the overall quality of life and dignity of affected communities.

The discussions were highly constructive, with both parties expressing strong commitment to working together in close partnership. There was mutual agreement to move forward with joint planning and implementation of impactful interventions. This meeting marks a significant step toward building a strong and strategic collaboration between APAL and Lepira Society, with a shared vision of empowering persons affected by leprosy and fostering inclusive community development.



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APAL's State Committee in Haryana – Update

APAL's State Committee in Haryana, in collaboration with HEB Department, is pleased to share progress from Gandhi Kusht Ashram, Rohtak, Haryana.

Earlier, 4 rooms had already been completed. As of 09.04.2026, construction of 6 additional rooms has been initiated by the HEB Department. Officials have informed that the work is expected to be fully completed by June–July 2026.

This initiative will significantly improve the living conditions of persons affected by leprosy residing in the ashram.



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On 14th April 2026, the occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti, APAL's State Committee in Karnataka carried out a meaningful social service activity in the Leprosy Colony in the presence of Mr. Sri Ram APAL'S State Coordinator. Marking this important day, efforts were made to support people affected by leprosy and improve their access to essential resources.

During this initiative, ration cards were facilitated for the residents of the colony, helping them gain access to government welfare schemes. In addition, with the support of Manikanta Foundation, a total of 60 people were provided with ration kits. This distribution ensured that families received essential food supplies, bringing relief and support to their daily lives.

This activity reflects APAL's continued commitment to the welfare, dignity, and empowerment of people affected by leprosy, and highlights the importance of collaboration with local organizations to create a positive impact in the community



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APAL successfully conducted APAL's State Committee in Telangana's (SLAP-TS) Annual General Body Meeting along with a Leprosy Leaders Capacity Building Workshop on 18th April 2026 at APAL's Head Office in Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad, Telangana, supported by Brighter Future Development Trust & Lepra. The event brought together 22 leaders from leprosy colonies along with their representatives, members of the SLAP Telangana Board, and the APAL Leadership Committee. The gathering created a strong platform for discussion, learning, and collective planning to strengthen the movement for the rights and welfare of persons affected by leprosy.

During the workshop, the resource person, Mr. Swamy Reddy from Lepra, delivered insightful sessions on local fundraising methods, rights-based approaches, self-help sustainability, and income-generation strategies. His practical guidance helped participants understand how to mobilize resources within their communities and build long-term sustainability. The sessions encouraged leaders to adopt a more structured, empowered approach to community development and advocacy.

As part of the meeting, the SLAP Telangana Committee presented its achievements and challenges. This presentation highlighted the progress made in empowering persons affected by leprosy, while also openly discussing the gaps and difficulties faced at the

grassroots level. The discussion enabled participants to reflect collectively and identify areas that require stronger action and collaboration.

A key highlight of the meeting was the formation of the Election Commission by the APAL Leadership Committee to ensure a fair and transparent selection process. Through an interview-based method, new board members and management were elected. This democratic process strengthened leadership accountability and encouraged capable individuals to take up responsibility.

Following the elections, the newly formed management announced its strategies and action plan for the next three years. Their vision focuses on the socio-economic empowerment and welfare of persons affected by leprosy and their families. The plan emphasizes improving livelihoods, strengthening community institutions, promoting rights-based advocacy, and ensuring inclusive development. The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of commitment and unity among all participants to work collectively toward a dignified and empowered future for the leprosy-affected community.



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APAL's State Committee in Telangana and Mr. M. Ramesh, EC Member of APAL & working President of SLAP Telangana, have been continuously approaching local donors and support organizations to help persons affected by leprosy living in vulnerable Leprosy colonies. As part of these efforts, on 23rd April 2026 (Thursday), special attention was given to the leprosy-affected families living in Santhosh Nagar Leprosy Colony, located under Pedda Amberpet, GHMC Division-52, Pasumamula area. The main request was for the sanction of ration and essential daily living materials for residents facing severe financial and social difficulties.

Earlier, in January 2026, Mr. Ramesh personally approached Ms. Shara Madam from the HOPE organization and requested support for the leprosy-affected persons in the Leprosy colony. He explained the residents' difficult living conditions and emphasized the urgent need for monthly ration support for the elderly, single individuals, and families struggling to survive. With sincere follow-up and continuous communication, the request was positively considered by the HOPE organization.

As a result of the kind cooperation and humanitarian support of Ms. Shara Madam and the HOPE Foundation, monthly essential ration supplies were sanctioned for 16 persons affected by leprosy starting from March 2026 onwards. This support has become a great relief for the beneficiaries and has brought hope and dignity to their daily lives. APAL expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the representatives of HOPE, especially to Ms. Shara Madam, for their valuable support and compassion towards the leprosy community.



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On 30th April 2026, APAL's authorities, Mr. Prakash Done, General Secretary of APAL, Executive Member Mr. Ramesh, along with APAL's Secretariat, met G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Coal and Mines, and submitted a requesting memorandum to request his support to improve the living conditions of persons affected by leprosy and their families.

The request memorandum highlighted the need for access to social entitlements from the Government, livelihood opportunities, participation opportunities, inclusion into mainstream society, and the right to live with dignity.

APAL sincerely thanked G. Kishan Reddy for his positive response, assurance of continued support, and for his respectful hospitality.



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