



SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

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

- Ms. Jayanti, APAL State Committee Member from Odisha, conducted a field visit to remote leprosy colonies in Angul District, Odisha, to understand the living conditions and challenges faced by persons affected by leprosy and their families.
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The first visit was to Bagadhar Leprosy Colony, Balanda, Angul District. During discussions with the residents, it was found that the colony is facing serious land-related issues, creating uncertainty about their long-term settlement. The residents also highlighted the poor condition of the approach road, which affects transportation, access to healthcare, education, and other essential services. The community requested APAL to advocate with the district administration for a permanent solution to the land issue and for the improvement of road infrastructure.

The second visit was to Trinath Leprosy Colony, Talcher, Angul District. Several residents reported difficulties in obtaining or updating their Aadhaar Cards, preventing them from accessing government welfare schemes, pensions, and other social security benefits. The visit also revealed other social and livelihood challenges. It was observed that there is a lack of unity and participation among some members of the colony, leading to disassociation within the community, which weakens collective efforts to address common issues. APAL emphasized the importance of community solidarity and assured the residents that their concerns would be taken up with the relevant authorities.

The field visit provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by the leprosy-affected communities in Angul District. APAL remains committed to supporting these communities through advocacy, community mobilization, and coordination with government departments to ensure that persons affected by leprosy can live with dignity, equality, and access to their rightful entitlements.



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On 21st July 2026, The Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) is delighted to congratulate its Secretary, Mr. Prakash Done, on receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Asian Paints under the Asian Paints Woodtech Applicators (AWA) 2025–2026 programme. This prestigious recognition was presented in appreciation of his outstanding performance, dedication, and exceptional craftsmanship in the field of decorative wood finishing and painting. The award reflects his professional excellence, creativity, and unwavering commitment to quality.

Mr. Prakash Done is not only a skilled painting professional but also a dedicated community leader who has been tirelessly serving persons affected by leprosy through APAL. His achievement demonstrates that talent, determination, and hard work can overcome social barriers and discrimination. As a person who has dedicated his life to empowering others,

this recognition is an inspiration to the entire APAL family and to thousands of persons affected by leprosy across India.

During the Asian Paints AWA Awards programme, Mr. Prakash Done was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation in the presence of industry professionals and fellow applicators. His excellence in wood coating application, attention to detail, technical expertise, and commitment to delivering high-quality work earned him this well-deserved recognition. The award highlights the importance of skill development, professionalism, and continuous learning in creating sustainable livelihoods.

As the Secretary of APAL, Mr. Done has consistently worked to promote the rights, dignity, and socio-economic empowerment of persons affected by leprosy and their families. His leadership, combined with his professional accomplishments, sends a powerful message that persons affected by leprosy possess immense potential and deserve equal opportunities to excel in every field. His success challenges stigma and proves that with opportunity and perseverance, individuals can achieve excellence and earn recognition at the highest levels.

The entire APAL Executive Committee, State Committees, members, and well-wishers extend their heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Prakash Done for this remarkable achievement.

We are proud of his success and wish him continued growth, recognition, and many more accomplishments in both his professional career and his service to the community. His journey is an inspiration to young people, artisans, and persons affected by leprosy, encouraging them to pursue their dreams with confidence, dignity, and determination.

Congratulations, Mr. Prakash Done! Your achievement is a proud moment for APAL and a shining example that skill, dedication, and perseverance always lead to success.



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