



Association of People Affected by Leprosy - APAL

Activity Annual Report January to December 2015

January 2015.

- **Odisha Colony Visit** – President Mr, V.Narsappa and State Leader Mr.Umesh Nayak had visited leprosy colony Jharsiguda, Odisha along with SILF people. They have discussed the problems faced by colony people.
- **Global Appeal Japan** – Mr. V.Narsappa, President, APAL and Mr.Venu Gopal, Vice President, APAL had got opportunity to participate in Global Appeal Release Function in Tokyo, Japan. They also participated in symposium on retreat on Leprosy organized by Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation, Japan.
- **DPI Meeting, Delhi** – Dr.P.K. Gopal, Mr.Uday Thakar and 15 State Leaders from 9 states namely Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal participated in 1 ½ day symposium on ‘Enhancing the Relationship between the Disability Movement and People Affected by Leprosy’. Organized by DPI Delhi



February 2015

- **The meeting of Selection Committee, Delhi**- The meeting of selection committee members of His Holiness Dalai Lama and Sasakawa Scholarship where organized in Delhi. In the meeting eligibility criteria for selection of students under this programme where discussed and finalized Mr. Narsappa, Mr. Venu Gopal, Dr.P.K. Gopal and Mr. Uday Thakar participated in the meeting.
- **Pension Distribution Camp, Raxual, Bihar**- Bihar Government has started giving pension of Rs.1500/- to Leprosy Affected Persons in the state of Bihar. Pension



distribution camp where organize in Raxual colony, Bihar where 201 affected persons received the pension cheques. Mr. Rambarai Sah, Trustee of APAL and Mr.Kamlesh Divyadarshi and other office bearers of Sum Utthan were present.

- **Selection of Youth for Training Programme** - In Managing Committee Meeting , it was decided that Managing Committee Members will select the participants to attend a) Trainers Training Programme b) Youth Training Programme. According such selection meeting was organized at Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Ranchi (Jharkahnd), Hyderabad (Telangana, Andhra Pradesh), Delhi, Patna (Bihar), Pune- (Maharashtra). 70 Youth were present at the time of selection. After detail interview 3 participants for each Training Programme were selected to attend –
A. Trainers Training Programme at Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini at Uttan on 23-25th March 2015.
B. Youth Training Programme at Bhopal on 12-14 June 2015

March 2015

- **National SLO Conference, Delhi** -Mr. Narsappa and Mr.Venu Gopal participated in the meeting. They have presented their views on Rehabilitation of Leprosy Affected Persons in the Society. The problem, of discrimination and stigma was also discussed in the meeting.
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- A photograph showing a man with glasses and a white shirt speaking into a microphone at a podium. Behind him is a banner with the text 'National Conference' and 'Leprosy Office'.

- **Stake Holders Meeting, Delhi** - The meeting was organized by Government of India and other ILEP Agencies in Delhi to discussed recommendations of Mid Tern Evaluation undertaken by Government of India. Mr. V. Narsappa , Mr. Venu Gopal, Dr.P.K. Gopal and Mr. Thakar participated in the meeting and express their views on the subject.

- **5th Executive Managing Committee Meeting, Patna-Bihar** –The meeting of Managing Committee APAL was organized at Patna, Bihar. All the Executive Committee Members, Senior Consultants and Advisor Mr. Uday Thakar were present.



- **Skill Development Training Programme, Patna-Bihar** - SILF has organized Skill Development Training Programme at Patna, Bihar in which 24 participants from 8 state namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana , Andhra Pradesh and Odisha participated.
- **Trainers of training programme, Maharashtra:** Organized by Association of People Affected by Leprosy in Collaboration with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, Maharashtra Date: 23-25 March 2015. Topic on Human Rights & its Implementation with Special Reference to Leprosy Affected People. 24 participants from Eight state namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana attended the workshop.



April 2015

- **NRHC meeting Delhi:** National Conference on Leprosy of Human Rights meeting held Vigyan Bhawan Delhi on 17th April 2015. Dr.P K Gopal, Mr.Narsappa, Mr.Venugopal attended the meeting. Topic of Trends, Current Status, Future Outlook and Initiatives of Gol: by Representative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Disability Affairs of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Gol Discriminatory Laws : Need for Amendment by Representative of Ministry of Law and Justice, Gol Issues of Discrimination Concerning Leprosy Affected Persons and Their Families Relating to Education, Food, Employment, Housing, Health and Sanitation-Dr. P. K. Gopal, President, International Association of Integration Dignity and Economic Advancement (IDEA).
- **2nd TEG review meeting held Guangzhou, China:** ILEP Temporary Experts Group (TEG) invited Mr.V.Narsappa to attended the 2nd TEG review meeting held at Guangzhou, China on 27th & 28th April 2015.

A two days review meeting on strengthening participation of persons affected by Leprosy service (SPP) Guangzhou, China. The purpose of the meeting



is to collect the inputs and advices from representatives of people affected by leprosy on their participation in leprosy service as well as other works currently being done by TEG members.

Session of sharing experience in SPP by the persons from China, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Philippines and Ethiopia presented their experiences in the sessions.

Mr.Narsappa attended and Presentation of sharing his experience in SPP on good practice. Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation has organized the programme.

- **Uttar Pradesh Team met UP Governor Mr.Ram Nayak:** Mr.Venugopal-Vice President, Mr.Dayulu Prasad-Uttar Pradesh State Leader, Mr.Murari Sinha and other staff Uttar Pradesh society members met UP State Governor Mr.Ram Nayak at his premises of Rajbhavan – Lucknow on 27th April 2015 and submitted the memorandum of UP state colonies basic requirements.



The State Governor told to our staff, immediately look into this issue to get all benefits from Government as per eligible.

May 2015

- **HHDL & Sasakawa Scholarship Meeting:** His Holiness Dalai Lama -Sasakawa Scholarship Fund meeting held at Patna, Bihar state on 25th & 26th May 2015. Association of People Affected by Leprosy and SILF executives are monitoring the candidate selection. Mr. Narsappa Mr. Kamlesh, Mr.Braj Kishore, Mr. Ram Barai and Sumeshwar Dubey Participated in His Holiness Dalai Lama -Sasakawa Scholarship Fund meeting. The meeting has arranged by SILF and APAL organizations

State level leaders from Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi are participated in the meeting to select the candidate for higher education.

- **ILU-HA meeting Lucknow ,Uttar Pradesh:** International Leprosy Union- Health alliance organized the two days seminar on creating awareness about leprosy and Human Rights with collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Government held at

National Botanical Research Institute , Rana Pratap Marg Lucknow on 27th & 28th May 2015.

Mr.Narsappa, Mr.Suresh Kaul, Mr.Daylu Prasad & Mr.Murari Sinha were attended the meeting. Presentation- Stigma & Discrimination.



- **The Trainers Training Programme:** The Trainers Training Programme was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. V. Narsappa, President, Mr. VenuGopal, Vice President and Mr. Uday Thakar, Advisor, APAL, in a traditional way by lightening the lamp.

In the inaugural speech, all the dignitaries explained the background & objects of the training programme. Participants were also selected with a view to involve them in the future activities of APAL. Dignitaries also highlighted the need for such training programmes. In the end they requested participants to participate whole heartedly and actively.



There are from Andhra Pradesh-Mr.Prakasham, Bihar-Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Chhattisgarh-Mr. Rajkumar Sahu, Jharkhand -Mr. Mithun Soren, Maharashtra - Mr. Yogesh Madhale, Madhya Pradesh -Mr. Vijay Hirve, Odisha-Mr. Rashmi Nayak participated in the training programme. APAL has organized the youth training programme.

June 2015:

- **5th International Symposium on Leprosy and human Rights conference:** 5th International Symposium on Leprosy and human Rights conference on Principles and Guidelines for the elimination of the discrimination against peoples affected by leprosy and their family members held at Ivan Picket Auditorium Geneva on 18th June 2015.

Mr.Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Dr Margaret Chan, Director General, World Health Organization (WHO), HE Mr Yoichi Otabe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Japan to the



United Nations Office in Geneva(tbc), Mr.Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, Dr.P V Ranganadha Rao- WHO, Dr P K Gopal-Senior consultant, Mr.V Narsappa-President APAL, Mr.Venugopal- Vice President APAL and representative of International Bar Association (IBA), Business Leaders (Novartis), World Medical Association , International Council of Nurses, International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP), OHCHR, WHO, ICC, The Nippon Foundation, etc.



Mr.Narsappa has delivered on Principles and Guidelines. To make the people aware about Principles and Guidelines, it was translated in 7 local languages and conducted 7 Regional Training Programme for affected persons regarding Human Rights. Follow up of recommendations made by parliamentary petition committee

- **Society of Leprosy Affected Person- Andhra Pradesh Inauguration:** After bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, SLAP (Society of Leprosy Affected Persons) also was bifurcated in to SLAP-AP & SLAP-Telangana. On 25th June 2015 SLAP-AP inaugurated new Office (Supported by LEpra) at Ganavaram, Vijayawada.



Mr.Venkateswara Rao Founder of Gretnaltes, Tenali, Mr.Narsappa-President of APAL, Mr.Venugopal-Vice President, Mrs.Radhika Mamidi-Project coordinator LEpra Society, Sis.Leuisa- Nirmala Congregation, Dr.Manjusha, Mr.Nageswara Rao -NGO & Mr.Srinivasa Rao-DPMO are participated in the SLAP-AP inauguration programme.

July 2015:

- **HHDL & Sasakawa Edu. fund meeting:** HHDL & Sasakawa Student scholarship selection meeting held on 6th July 2015. APAL and SILF had healthy discussion on His Holiness Dalai Lama scholarship to selection of the students form Bihar, Delhi, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. Vineeta Shanker greeted all the members of the selection committee and thanked HH Dalai Lama Trust and TNF for supporting this program. Dr. P.K Gopal

was requested to chair the meeting. The chairperson welcomed all committee members.

SILF received from APAL a list of total 559 children from 04 states collated from the survey done in these States by it. Based on suggested guidelines SILF identified appropriate candidates and invited them for State level workshops. In each state 04 workshops were organized; these were attended by 161 candidates. The workshops were also attended by both State and National leaders.



- **Rath Yatra at Puri Lord Jagannath:** Ratha Yatra or Chariot Festival) is a Hindu festival associated with the god Jagannath held at Puri in the state of Odisha, India from 18th to 25th July 2015.

This annual festival is celebrated on Ashadha Shukla Dwitiya



We are glad to inform you that we have arranged leprosy awareness program at Puri Jagannath in the occasion of Rath Yatra from 18th July to 25th July 2015 with collaboration of APAL, NLEP, LEPRAS Society and District Leprosy Unit Puri.

During this event Mr.Umesh Chandra Nayak state leader of Odisha created awareness program without stall. Odisha NLEP not allotted any stall for APAL Odisha team from 18th to 22nd July 2015.

Mr.Umesh Chandra Nayak and Mr.Ghasiram state leader of Chhattisgarh created awareness on Leprosy and other activities like display our National Appeal, Distributing the pamphlets to the Pilgrims.



August 2015

- **Discussion 3rd draft survey format:** Discussion 3rd draft survey format –WHO: Mr.V Narsappa went to LEPRAS Society for discussion of 3rd draft survey format with Chief Executive Mr.Ashim Chowla of 3 question answer asked by

Dr.Ranganadha Rao WHO GP on 12th August 2015. 3rd draft survey format filled with help of Mr.Ashim Chowla has written the answer as per questions.

Mr.V Narsappa has explained the Association of people Affected by leprosy activities and Vision and Mission of objectives to Mr.Ashim Chowla.

September 2015

- **Perimela Society land issue:** Mr.Ramesh- President of SLAP TS, Approached Mr.Etala .Rajendhar, Honorable Finance and Civil supply minister of Telangana state on 2nd September 2015, along with Mr.Narsappa, APAL President and colony inmates from Tanugula, (Parimala Society colony) of Jammikunta, Karimnagar district regarding Agricultural land (Survey No.308) nearly of about 84 acres.



During 30 years back the concerned government has allotted this land to the colony inmates of Parimala Society, but the land was not register on their individual names till now. Nearly 32 families of the colony are completely dependent on this Agricultural land and feeding their families since 30 years.

Regarding this issue to get individual registration papers on name of colony inmates, submitted a supplication to the honorable minister on behalf of SLAP Telangana and colony association. Minister had responded in an encouraging way and received our correspondence and said that he will discuss about this in cabinet meeting & will do justice to the affected people.

- **NCPEDP Meeting:** Mr.V. Narsappa our senior consultant Dr.P K Gopal, Mr.Venugopal and Mr Uday Thakar attended the workshop of "National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" at USI New Delhi held on 5th & 6th September 2015.

Mr.Javed Abidi- Honorary Director of NCPEDP welcomes the participants and given brief note on Making India Accessible.



Mr.Mukesh Jain-Joint Secretary Department of Disability Affairs Ministry Social Justice Empowerment discussed about Accessible India Campaign (AIC) NCRPD has decided to support the AIC and to work on accessibility at districts level in the country.



Mrs.Ramachari Founder of Diversity and Equal Opportunity Centre (DEOC) and Mr.Narsappa, Dr.Vineetha Shanker and Dr.P K Gopal expressed their views in integrating issues related to leprosy into larger disability movement.

October 2015

- **Dharna:** Mr.Sarang Gaidhane has arranged dharna at Collector office, Bhoopal, Madhya Pradesh for enhancement of their pension on 8th October 2015

Nearly 300 affected persons were participated their demand rights and pension enhancement. Chief Social Justice received the letter and he assured an will take necessary action.



Mr.V.Narsappa, Mr.Sarang Gaidhane, Mr.Dayulu Prasad-Uttar Pradesh, Mr.Ramesh –Telangana state, Mr.Umesh Nayak- Odisha Mr.Kamlesh – Bihar and others state leaders and local leaders were participated in Dharna at Bhoopal Madhya Pradesh.



- **National workshop on Integration and Inclusion in NLEP**

Alert India organized two days national workshop on Integration and Inclusion in NLEP: Challenges and Opportunities for leprosy free India”, School of Health Systems Studies, at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)& ALERT-INDIA, Mumbai on 14 & 15 October 2015 at Mumbai on 14th & 15th October 2015.

Mr.Narsappa participated and delivered on leprosy and their community facing stigma, discrimination & integration of people affected.



Mr. Anthony Swamy, Chief Executive and Dr. T. Sundararaman, Professor & Dean, School of Health System Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Dr. Nilesh Gawde & Mr. Stanley Kingsley- Organizing Secretaries, National Workshop organized very well.

November 2015

- **Two days training programme** : Two days training programme conducted by The Hans Foundation, Delhi with associated of NCPEDP for the staff of The Hans Foundation on 17th November 2015.

The aim of this session is to break the myths; understand the issues of persons affected by Leprosy, your personal journey, like what helped/what didn't, the issues of people living in colonies, current scenario, discriminating laws etc. and how one could make services inclusive.

Since the participants of the training are working in the field of development, we are assuming that they have some basic awareness. The idea therefore would be to take their learning forward, leaving them with concrete ideas in order for them to apply it in their work.

Mr. Narsappa has given Speech on topic 'understanding disability' He has explained the different in disability. Lov Verma, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Government of India, Mr. Zorin Singha, President, National Association of the Deaf, Ms. Shanti Auluck, Honorary Director and President of Muskaan (Parents Association for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disability) participated in the training programme.

- **Advancing the Human Rights of All Persons with Disabilities** : Open Society Foundations (OSF) hosted "Advancing the Human Rights of All Persons with Disabilities" on 21st & 22nd November 2015.

The Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant societies whose governments are accountable and open to criticism, whose laws and policies are open to debate and correction, and whose political institutions are open to the participation of all people.



Mr.Narsappa has given speech on a consultation on Disability Rights.

- **Global National Leprosy Managers Programme meeting** : Global National Leprosy Managers Programme meeting at WHO/SEARO HO Regional Office for South East Asia, New Delhi from 23-25 November 2015. .



Topics:

1. To Finalize the Global strategy 2016-20
2. Identified tools needed facilitate implementation Global strategy at country level.

Mr.Takahiro Nanri, Dr,P K Gopal , Dr.Ranganadha Rao WHO-GLP , Mr.Narsappa and South East Asia participated in the Global Leprosy Programme managers meeting held at New Delhi

December 2015

- **2015 Annual meeting of the Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP)** : 2015 Annual meeting of the Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) program held at Bangkok, Thailand on December 8 - 9, 2015 organized by Novartis Foundation.

The objectives of the meeting was reviewed and discussed the steps taken to-date in the different LPEP implementing countries, as well as look at the strategy moving forward to 2016, with the different stakeholders involved. More specifically they shared and discussed achievements & lessons learned from the first year of LPEP implementation, highlight the importance of evidence generation in LPEP and define the way forward for the coming years.



Dr.P K Gopal, Senior Consultant and Mr.V.Narsappa, President of APAL participate in the meeting