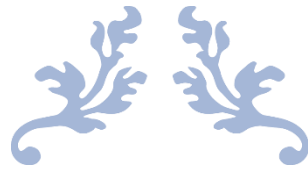


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ANTI LEPROSY DAY

Report



JANUARY 30, 2022

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The commemorative day of **Anti Leprosy Day** was celebrated in the institute on 30th January 2022. An **expert talk session** has been organized for the students. Dr. Preet Kaur, Addl SMO (Dermatologist) was invited to give talk about the about the disease, its causes, cure, precautions, and the misconceptions related to it.

In India, Anti Leprosy Day is observed on 30th January every year. 30th January is Mahatma Gandhi's martyrdom day. He was deeply committed to the cause of leprosy-affected persons. Leprosy is also one of the neglected tropical diseases. Leprosy, or Hansen's disease, is a curable infectious disease caused by the bacillus *M. leprae*. But the disease is difficult to contract, and most people will never develop it even if exposed to leprosy bacilli.

Around 59 students have attended the session.

Objectives

- To impart education about the disease and the misconceptions related to it.
- To create awareness to individuals to treat leprosy patients with dignity.

Theme for this Year

The theme for this year's World Leprosy Day 2022 is 'United for Dignity' and to create an environment for leprosy people to live a dignified life.

"On the occasion of World Leprosy Day, we must join hands to fight against this disease that is a threat to humans."

Salient Points - Session Details

Dr. Preet Kaur told the following in the session

Leprosy was renamed Hansen's disease after Norwegian scientist Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen, who in 1873 discovered the slow-growing bacterium now known as *Mycobacterium leprae* as the cause of the illness. It is difficult to catch, and it can take many years to develop symptoms of the disease following an infection. However, people who catch the disease can easily be cured with antibiotics.

A case of leprosy is defined as an individual who has not completed the course of treatment and has one or more of the three cardinal signs:

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Percentage of Grade II Disability (G2D)/visible deformity among new cases decreased from 3.05% in 2018-19 to 2.39% (2019-20).

- The G2D amongst new cases/ million population decreased from 2.65/million population as on 31st March, 2019 to 1.94/million population as on 31st March 2020.
- Child cases percentage has reduced from 7.67% as on 31st March 2019 to 6.86 % as on 31st March 2020.

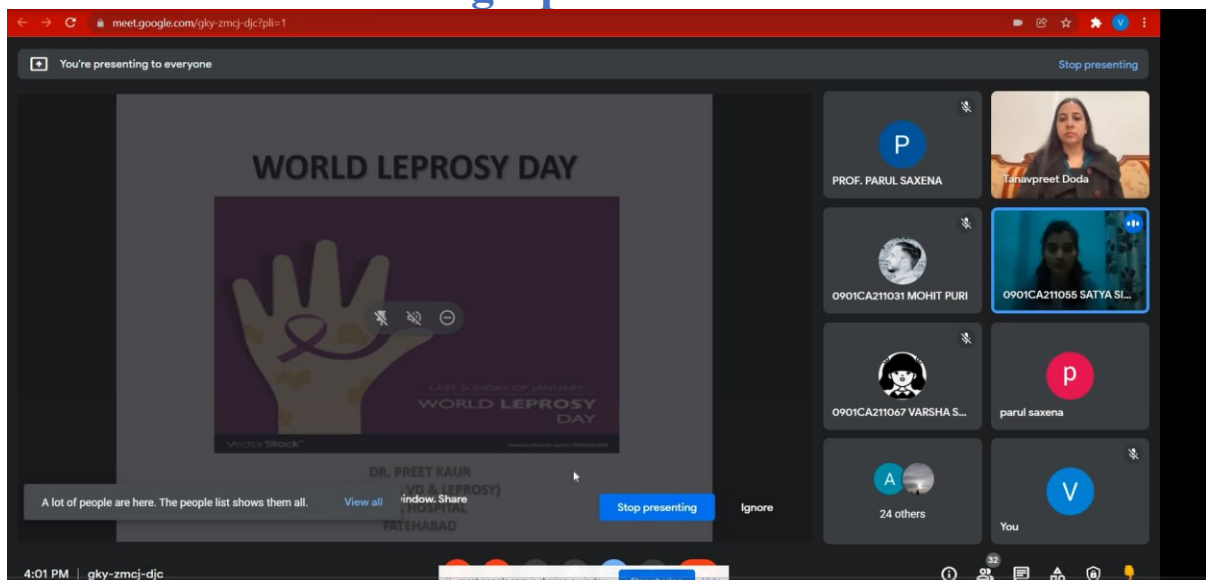
Sapna

- *Sapna*” is a concept (mascot) designed and developed using a common girl living in community, who will help spread awareness in the community, through key IEC messages.
 - *Sapna* can be local school going girl who is willing to be ‘Sapna’. There can be any number of Sapnas in a village.

In India, ILEP is constituted by ten agencies

Leprosy mission, Damian Foundation of India Trust, Netherland Leprosy Relief & German Leprosy Relief Association, Lepra India, ALES, AIFO, Fontilles India, AERF India & Americal Leprosy Mission

Photographs/Screenshots



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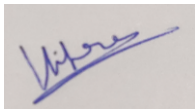
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Outcomes

- Students were aware about the disease and the misconceptions related to it.
- Students were aware about the medication and lifestyle to help cure the disease.

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Dr. Vikram
Coordinator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Parul', is shown on a light-colored background.

Dr. Parul Saxena
Coordinator