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### **POST EVENT REPORT WORLD LEPROSY DAY 2024**

World Leprosy Day was observed by the Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 with the theme “BEAT LEPROSY”. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Samhith Souri, Junior Resident, Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy, who welcomed the dignitaries, faculty, students, patients and their attenders to the event.

Dr. Rajashekar T.S., Professor and HOD of Dermatology addressed the gathering and gave a speech on the elimination of leprosy and highlighted the measures taken by the Indian Government to eliminate the leprosy resulting in the very low leprosy case statistics in the kolar district (0.28/10,000 population), State of Karnataka (0.38/10,000 population) as well as in country (0.68/10,000 population). The next speaker was Dr. Hanumanthayya K, Senior Professor who created awareness about leprosy and its elimination. This was followed by a speech by Dr. Krishnappa.J, Medical Superintendent, RL Jalappa Hospital who emphasized on the role of counselling in leprosy patients and about the eradication of leprosy. Dr. Mohan Reddy., HOD, Department of Psychiatry, created awareness on mental health problems associated with leprosy and how to counsel them. Educational pamphlets were distributed by the dignitaries to the leprosy patients and their attenders to create awareness regarding Universal Health Coverage for patients with leprosy. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Akshata.

World Leprosy Day was also conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as the Sparsha Leprosy Awareness Campaign, organised by District Health and Family Welfare Department, Kolar District, Government of Karnataka.

Dr. Rajashekar T.S. Dr.Hanumanthayya K were invited as the Chief Guests for World Leprosy Day event, and other dignitaries were present including Dr. Jagadish, District Health Officer, Dr. Vijaykumar, District Surgeon, Dr. Narayanaswamy, District Leprosy Officer. All the dignitaries spoke about the importance of World Leprosy Day observation and creating awareness about leprosy and its elimination, among the participants which included Accredited Social Health Activists, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, Primary Health Centre Medical Officers & Nursing staff. The meeting adjourned with taking the pledge to end the discrimination towards leprosy and distribution of MCR footwear and First Aid Kits among leprosy patients released from treatment.

World Leprosy Day awareness programme was also conducted at RL Jalappa Central School and Gupta International School, Kolar as a part of the awareness campaign.

Dr. K. Hanumanthayya, Senior Professor of Department of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy gave a lecture on the importance and the role of the youth in early diagnosis and prevention of leprosy. He also spoke about the social stigma and myths attached to leprosy. Dr.Hanumanthayya.K, Staff and Post graduate students and students of RL Jalappa Central school and Gupta International school took the pledge to end the discrimination towards leprosy, followed by interactive session with the students.

PROFESSOR AND HOD



Dr. Rajashekar T.S, Prof & HOD addressing the gathering and highlighted the measures taken by the Indian Government to eliminate the leprosy



Dr.Krishnappa.J, Medical Superintendent, RL Jalappa Hospital emphasizing on the role of counselling in leprosy patients and about the eradication of leprosy





Dr. Krishnappa J, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Rajashekar T.S, Prof & HOD, Dr. Hanumanthayya K, Professor, Dr. Suresh Kumar, Associate Professor distributing the educational pamphlets to the patients.



Dr.Hanumanthayya K, Professor, Department of Dermatology and other dignitaries were enlightening the lamp at the Sparsh Leprosy awareness campaign



Dr. Hanumanthayya K, Professor, Department of Dermatology interacting and educating the students at RL Jalappa Central school