

## NEWS

### *The theme of the month "Eliminate Hepatitis"*

World Hepatitis Day is an essential global observance held annually on July 28th to raise awareness about hepatitis and promote actions to combat the disease. The theme for this year's World Hepatitis Day is "Eliminate Hepatitis."

The day plays a role in increasing awareness about hepatitis, modes of transmission, and preventive measures. Spreading awareness amongst people helps break the taboos associated with the disease and encourages early detection and treatment. It also provides a platform to discuss and address the burden of the disease, its impact on healthcare systems, and the need for sustainable strategies to combat it. World Hepatitis Day promotes vaccination as a primary preventive measure for hepatitis A and B. It also emphasizes adopting safe practices, such as using clean needles and avoiding contaminated food and water, to reduce the risk of infection. The day also serves to show support and solidarity with those living with hepatitis, advocating for their rights and ensuring they receive appropriate care and support. World Hepatitis Day is an essential event that brings together individuals, communities, healthcare professionals, and policymakers to work collectively towards preventing, diagnosing, and treating hepatitis, ultimately aiming for a hepatitis-free world.

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### Successful Review Meeting Advances Leprosy Eradication in Northeastern States



IILEP India and Central Leprosy Division jointly conducted a review meeting of the National Leprosy Eradication Program in Kohima, Nagaland on May 29th and 30th. Esteemed dignitaries and stakeholders attended the event, which launched a national framework for mental health integration for people affected by leprosy, along with awareness posters, ASHA's flipbook, and Nikusth 2.0 animation video. The progress of Northeastern states was reviewed, and training on the National Strategic Plan for Leprosy and Nikusth 2.0 was provided. The collaborative efforts are expected to accelerate leprosy eradication in the region.

### Empowering for Social Inclusion: Disability Certification Camp

The BRC Centre in Pansemal, Barwani, Madhya Pradesh hosted a transformative Disability Certification Camp empowering for the social inclusion of people with disabilities. The event was organized as part of a project "Inclusive Communities Paving the Way for gender equality" implemented by our partner SASSS, the success owes to the dedication of the SASSS GBV project team, medical experts, and the enthusiastic participation of the community. The distribution of disability certificates will ensure improved access to essential services. As we cherish this milestone, we look forward to a lasting impact, bringing positive change to the lives of people with disabilities in Pansemal Block.



### FIGHtbACK TB Campaign



GLRA India, in partnership with Artemis Hospital, Gurugram has launched the FIGHtbACK campaign aimed at eliminating tuberculosis (TB) by 2025. Recognizing the significance of early detection in breaking the transmission chain, the campaign focuses on vulnerable groups in the urban slums of Gurugram: Kasan, Khoh, and Nawad under Bhag-

ola TU in Haryana. Through Active Case Finding (ACF) and PMTPT initiatives, the project adopts a hybrid model targeting the early detection of active TB and Latent TB. The comprehensive intervention includes door-to-door household screening, identification of presumptive cases, referral, testing, diagnosis, treatment enrollment, and follow-up.

Participation in health camps, alongside District NTEP officials, bolsters screening efforts. By reaching out to the community and promptly initiating treatment, the campaign aims to reduce tuberculosis prevalence in the region. With the collaborative efforts of GLRA India and Artemis Hospital, this endeavour brings hope in achieving a TB-free future by ensuring early diagnosis and proper lung health monitoring.



# CAMPS

## Skin & Disability Screening: Transforming Healthcare

As part of project NIRMAYA II - strengthening leprosy referral services, our partner, Dayanand Hospital, Palghar, Maharashtra organized a Skin and Disability Camp in Udhawa village, making healthcare accessible to the community. The camp provided essential services to 51 people affected by leprosy, including five new cases. Home-based self-care was demonstrated for all participants including 18 patients on treatment. The camp played a crucial role in diagnosing and treating various skin and disability conditions, improving health-seeking behaviour and demonstrating the commitment to improve the health and well-being of the local tribal population.



## Empowering Health and Community Care



Project, BMZ Wash My Eyes conducted an impactful MMDP/DPMR Camp, in the district Kaimur, Bihar focusing on raising awareness about Lymphatic Filariasis and Leprosy, its prevention, treatment, and associated eye complications. The camp's mission also encompassed promoting essential WASH practices and empowering participants with self-care methods to manage these conditions effectively. Besides, the distribution of self-care kits to 15 Lymphatic Filariasis patients, sensitisation was organized for ASHA's, Anganwadi Workers (AWW), PRI's and their active participation was a heartening event. Together, we continue to make a meaningful impact in raising awareness and enhancing the well-being of our community.

# TRANSFORMATION HIGHLIGHT

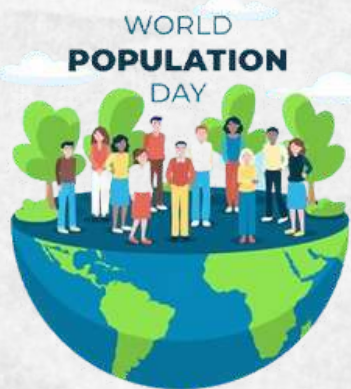
## From Struggle to Success

### Ryan's Inspiring Journey of Hope, Healing, and a Brighter Future

Ryan (name changed), a 15-year-old boy from Thakurwadi, Karjat, Maharashtra faced a challenging life due to his family's difficult circumstances. Diagnosed with leprosy in 2017, he struggled with skin lesions and deformities on his right hand despite receiving treatment at the Karjat Government Hospital. However, hope shone upon him when GLRA India stepped in to help. On 23rd May 2022, a kind government official brought him to Vimala Dermatological Centre (VDC) our partner hospital in Mumbai, where he underwent reconstructive surgery on his right hand. With proper physiotherapy and post-operative care, Ryan's hand recovered entirely, eliminating any visible deformity. He attributes his success to the compassionate support and excellent services received from GLRA India and VDC. Grateful for the transformation in his life, he now looks forward to a brighter future filled with possibilities.



# SPECIAL DAY



World Population Day, observed on July 11, aims to raise awareness about global population issues. The unchecked growth of human numbers poses a threat not just to the planet but to humanity itself. As the world's population has skyrocketed from 1.6 billion in the early 20th century to 7.3 billion today, with an estimated 9.8 billion by 2050. The time has come to reassess the impact of overpopulation on the Earth by recognizing that all creatures play a crucial role in sustaining life. Education and awareness programs can promote responsible family planning and curb the demand for essential resources. It's time to embrace humanity with compassion and foresight.

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