



Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation  
15 Years of Restoring Dignity

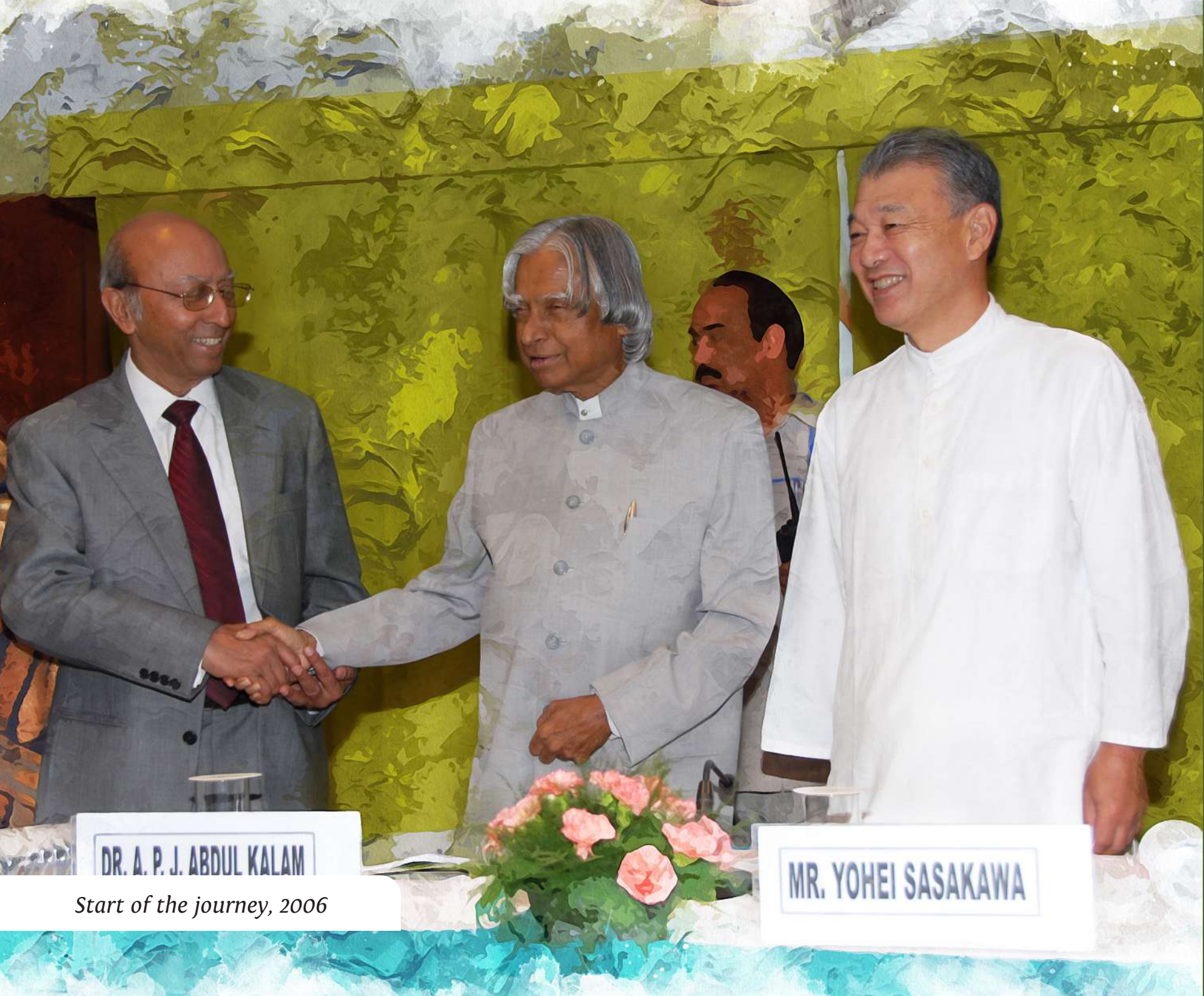
# To Restore Dignity is to Rejuvenate

*Discover S-III LF's  
15 years of Co-option*



Annual Report  
**2021-22**





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MR. YOHEI SASAKAWA

*Start of the journey, 2006*



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*Featured on the cover- S-ILF's livelihood beneficiaries from colonies (clockwise from top right): Ms Parvati Garad, Mr Kumar R Kengar and his wife, Mr Maktum Nigewan & Ms Pushpa Khairatkar*





*MCR Footware distribution drive in Maharashtra*

*(L-R) Mr Sachin Patidar, ZPC, S-ILF, Ms Maya Ranavare, APAL Executive Member, Mr Gaurab Sen, Head- Programs, S-ILF, Dr Vivek Lal, CEO, S-ILF and beneficiaries from Leprosy colonies of Maharashtra.*



# About

## Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF)

**India declared itself as having eliminated leprosy as a public health concern in 2005, when it brought down the prevalence of leprosy to less than one new case per 10,000 population. This benchmark set by WHO, indicated a level of prevalence at which the disease ceases to be a public health concern.**

While India celebrated the achievement of elimination of leprosy as a public health concern, Mr Yohei Sasakawa, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy elimination and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation was quick to realise that his mission of eliminating leprosy would not be over unless stigma against people affected by leprosy was eradicated and they were reintegrated into society. He compares the fight against leprosy to the two wheels of a motorcycle. The front wheel being the medical and the rear being the socioeconomic development of leprosy-affected persons. He therefore took two visionary steps: facilitating the setting up of the National Forum of Leprosy Affected People (now renamed Association of People Affected by Leprosy)- an association of persons affected by leprosy living in colonies across the country so that they could work together to lead the fight for acceptance in society and their inclusion in the welfare schemes of the government; and two, setting up of a foundation that would facilitate the economic empowerment of leprosy affected people so that they could move out of the demeaning dependence on alms and begging and begin to

earn their livelihood with dignity. The latter, Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF) was instituted in November 2006 and works towards mainstreaming persons affected by leprosy and their families through socio-economic empowerment, thereby restoring dignity to their lives. Ensuring equal social, economic and cultural opportunities for those affected by leprosy is a means of combating stigma and discrimination against those affected by the disease.



*S-ILF has been able to reach out to more than 2,800 beneficiaries of livelihood projects in 289 colonies across 18 states in the country; provided opportunities for higher professional education to more than 300 scholars; skilling courses in retail, electrical and hospitality for high school drop-outs to around 850 youth and more than 400 children benefit through after school learning centres, which run from within the colonies across 11 locations in the country. Through its various awareness campaigns around leprosy, it has reached out to more than two million people. S-ILF has also reached out to around 10,000 residents of various leprosy colonies through its humanitarian aid program. S-ILF works in close collaboration with the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) for the implementation of its programs.*





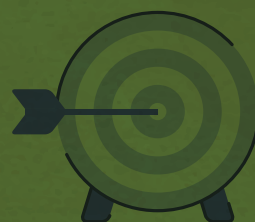
*Mr Maktum Nigeban with his family, a beneficiary of S-ILF's livelihood program.*





## VISION

To integrate leprosy-cured persons and their families into main-stream society by ending the discrimination faced by them.



## MISSION

To end stigma against the disease and ensure equal social, economic and cultural opportunities to those affected by leprosy and their families.



## GOALS

- To increase social acceptability of leprosy-cured persons and their families through dissemination of scientific information; to create increased awareness about the disease; to bust myths in people's minds about leprosy.
- To create conditions that will enable them to have equal access to economic and educational opportunities.



## STRATEGY

- Providing support- financial and technical for setting up micro-enterprises for self-employment and empowering persons affected by leprosy to access government welfare schemes.
- Providing access to vocational training and higher education through scholarships.
- Addressing water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) issues in leprosy colonies for improvement in overall quality of life.
- Creating awareness about leprosy among all sections of society to fight stigma and discrimination.
- Engaging with opinion and policy makers for the rights and inclusion of persons affected by leprosy.





*Mr Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and Chairman, The Nippon Foundation.*



# S-ILF in essence

## The torch bearer- Mr Yohei Sasakawa

### In conversation with Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman- The Nippon Foundation

**Interviewer:** Over the past year, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic has made site visits and other activities difficult; on the other hand, there has been more activity on social media. Please tell us how you see the role of social media in leprosy elimination activities.

**Mr Sasakawa:** First of all, I'd like to express my gratitude to all at S-ILF for your efforts under Chairman Mr Tarun Das to assist persons affected by leprosy and their families amidst the challenges of the past year. Even in such a situation when it has been difficult to make on-site visits, I am delighted with your attitude to work closely with the colonies and maximize their efforts to fight coronavirus infection. Still, I am frustrated that I have not been able to meet with you in person and spend time in the field.

I believe that online meetings and exchanges on social networks have become more important than ever due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The fact that many people have smartphones these days and use social networking services means that we can all play a major role. The Nippon Foundation and Sasakawa Health Foundation launched an online campaign *"Don't forget leprosy"* in 2021 to raise awareness. I hope you too will

be active in spreading information via social media and reach as many people as possible with correct information about leprosy.

**Interviewer:** In the post-COVID era, what kind of efforts will be necessary to ensure that leprosy elimination activities continue to be prioritised?

**Mr Sasakawa:** Countries tend to give priority to diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDs and TB with large numbers of patients, rather than leprosy. However, under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, your country has set the ambitious goal of making India free of leprosy and leprosy-related discrimination by 2030, and is carrying out some impressive activities. India is also one of the countries that is most actively engaged in early detection and treatment of leprosy. In order to eliminate the disease and the discrimination it causes, I would like to work not only with the health minister but also the social justice minister and the education minister, and encourage them to engage in cross-ministerial activities. I also believe it is important for S-ILF to continue to work with APAL and other organisations of persons affected by leprosy in order that the voices of those on the ground are heard.

**Interviewer:** S-ILF is also committed to engaging young people in anti-leprosy activities. What do you think the role of young people should be?

**Mr Sasakawa:** I am pleased that S-ILF is positively engaged in activities involving young people, such as teaming up with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and encouraging young CII leaders to join in the fight against leprosy. In 2010, the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, accompanied by principles and guidelines. This was built on the hardships, perseverance, and efforts of many people, including persons affected by leprosy. However, over the course of long years of suffering, some elderly people have been afflicted by self-stigma. Some of them fear that they will face fresh discrimination if they speak up. Therefore, I would like to encourage young people to take on the challenge of changing the world with confidence, instead of being afraid of failure. Young people have always changed the world—it is fair to say that the history of the world has constantly been changed by young people taking on a challenge. I believe we will see a breakthrough in the fight against leprosy if young people act with confidence.

**Interviewer:** In conclusion, what is your message for S-ILF staff?

**Mr Sasakawa:** Thank you for your dedication. Once the corona pandemic has calmed, I look forward to visiting India again and accompanying you into the field, in line with my philosophy of action: *"Problems and their solutions are found on site."*



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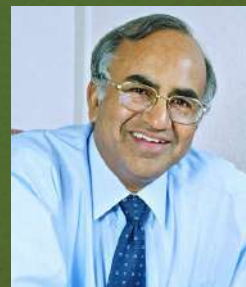
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*Dr Vivek Lal, CEO, S-ILF understanding the needs of residents in a leprosy colony of Odisha.*

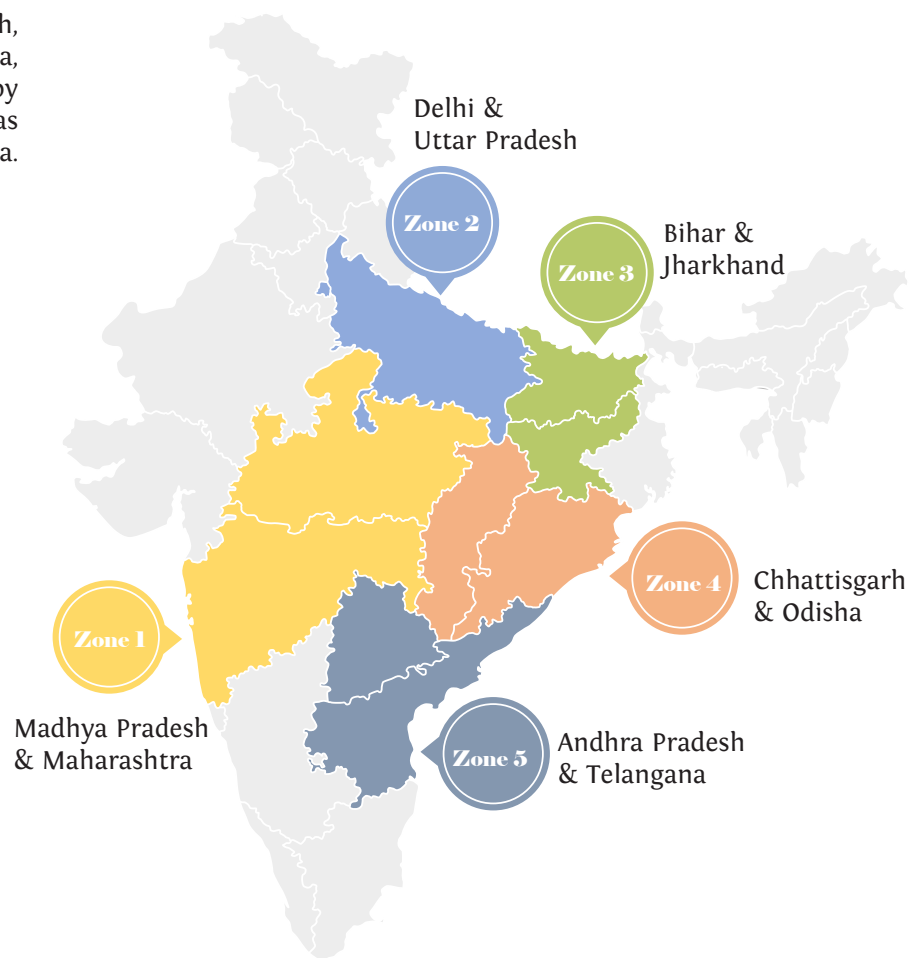


# S-ILF ZONES

## Reaching closer to the beneficiaries

**Till 2020, S-ILF was operating from Delhi head office. The need for regional presence was felt from long. During the tough times of Covid, it was inevitable that S-ILF had to come closer to the community it serves.**

S-ILF has so far made five zones covering the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. The zones are looked after by the respective Zonal Program Co-ordinators. The first zonal office was opened in Nashik for the states of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. More physical offices will be opened soon in all the zones.







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Date : 02-02-2010  
*Yohei Sasakawa*  
**WELCOMES**  
**Mr. Yohei Sasakawa**  
Special Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination

Mr Yohei Sasakawa, during one of his visits to India.



# Highlight of the year

## Don't Forget Leprosy Campaign

**Sasakawa Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) Initiative launched the "Don't Forget Leprosy" campaign in August 2021 to ensure that efforts against Leprosy, are not side-lined amid the Covid pandemic.**

S-ILF was one of the 32 organisations from 13 countries that took part in the international campaign to promote the message in the run-up to World Leprosy Day on January 30. The campaign included awareness-raising activities and outreach to governments and was publicised via newspapers, television, radio and social media.

Various NGOs, organisations of persons affected by Leprosy, research institutes and government agencies from Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom participated in the campaign.

The participating institutions from India, included S-ILF, Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), Acworth Leprosy Hospital Society for Research, Rehabilitation & Education in Leprosy, Atma Swabhimana, Greater Tenali Leprosy Treatment and Education Scheme Society (GRETNALTES), St Joseph Leprosy Hospital and NLR India Foundation. S-ILF acted as the focal agency for these organisations during the campaign. Intensive awareness-raising events were aimed at students and general public to provide them with correct knowledge about Leprosy and help prevent discrimination.





S-ILF worked in the high burdened state of Maharashtra. The campaign in Maharashtra ran for about a month in February 2022 and included activities such as:

- Sensitising students in educational institutions,
- Sensitising health workers and grass-root organisations,
- Awareness generation for general public through street plays and flyers,
- Media engagement for disseminating messages on Leprosy.

Around 1,300 students and teachers were sensitised through workshops in 14 schools and colleges in the state and sensitisation programs were held for ASHA workers and general practitioners. Street plays for the general public were well received and helped to reach remote villages. These plays were extremely successful and much in demand. Around 5,000 general public watched these street plays, right in their community space. The activities were widely captured in the national and regional print and electronic media.

The Initiative followed up with the Global Appeal to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy. Inaugurated by WHO Goodwill Ambassador Yohei Sasakawa in 2006 and released in conjunction with World Leprosy Day, the annual Global Appeal underlines the messages that Leprosy is curable, treatment is available free of cost, and that discrimination has no place. This year the Global Appeal targeted the philanthropic foundations across the world.

Mr Yohei Sasakawa, who serves as WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, said: *“The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been particularly hard on persons affected by Leprosy and their families who were in a vulnerable situation to begin with. At field level rendering medical services have been difficult and caused loss of livelihoods, thus exacerbating the difficulties that persons affected by Leprosy already encounter due to stigma and discrimination. They must not be forgotten.”*











*Mr Ramdas Shamrao Tekam, a beneficiary of S-ILF livelihood program.*





# Livelihood

## Pro-active in restoring dignity

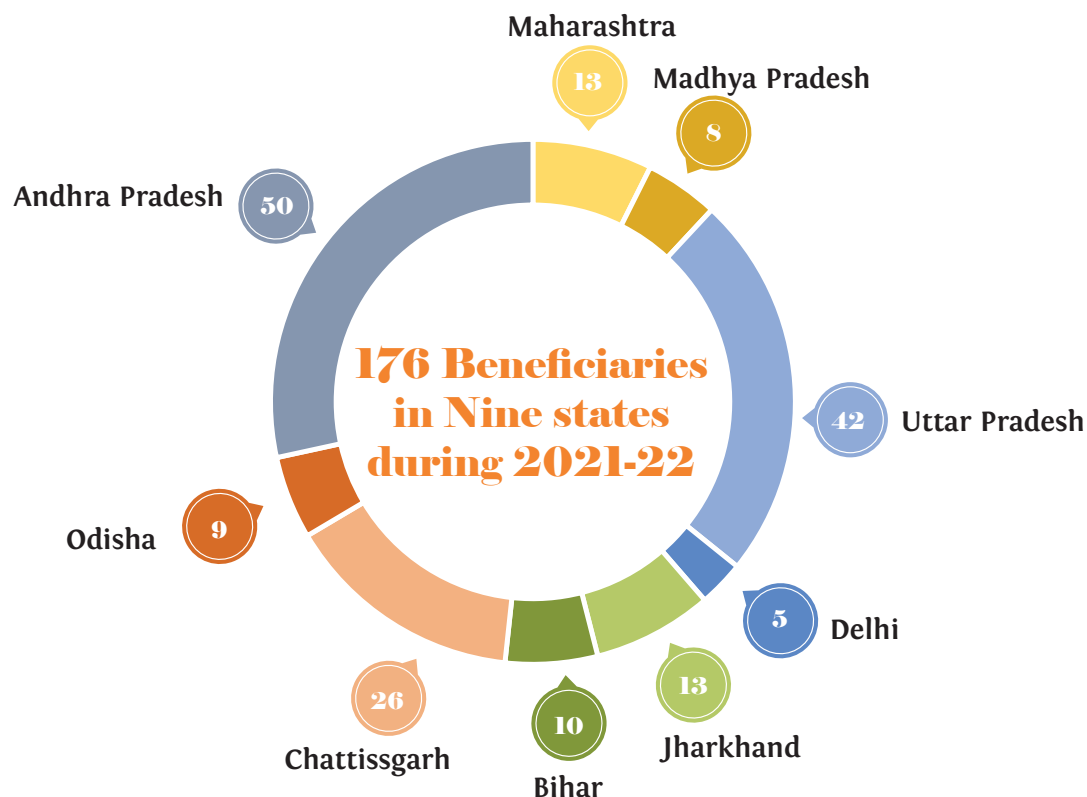
**S-ILF livelihood program aims at initiating, strengthening and scaling up livelihood activities through financial, technical and capacity building support to ensure quality of life of people living in Leprosy colonies.**

S-ILF actively facilitates beneficiaries to take informed decisions regarding their livelihood. The support continues at all stages of project development, ranging from awareness generation and mobilisation, business orientation, feasibility study and market survey. The aim is to build capacity and ensure sustainability of the enterprise.

### Overview

Since program inception, 628 microenterprises in different sectors (agriculture, animal husbandry, processing, manufacturing, retail, livestock and services) across 18 states have been rolled out and more than 2,800 beneficiaries have been positively benefited.

During the year, 102 new livelihood projects were sanctioned. This was provided to 176 direct beneficiaries (including 72 females) across 42 colonies in nine states





## Capacity Building of Beneficiaries

The following training programs related to livelihood support were conducted during the year:

- Entrepreneurship Development workshops organised in Bihar (42 participants); Chhattisgarh (30 participants); Jharkhand (36 participants); Maharashtra (21 participants); and Odisha (27 participants).
- Training and exposure visits organised for the beneficiaries of Fish farming projects by experts of Machli Lok in West Champaran, Bihar
- Refresher training organised for food stall beneficiaries in Dhanbad (Jharkhand). Priyatosh Shaw, who has completed Hotel Management Course under S-ILF education program conducted the training.

- Training and exposure organised for the beneficiaries of mushroom cultivation and fish farming projects in Rourkela, Odisha and West Champaran, Bihar respectively.
- Refresher training organised for beneficiaries of scrap work in Bokaro and Dhanbad in Jharkhand.

### Empowerment through Self Help Groups

- Capacity building of 37 SHG members of the colonies in Jamshedpur on entrepreneurship development.
- Trained and engaged SHGs in mask and envelope making skills in Bihar, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.









# Bajaj Auto Ltd

## Supported livelihood project

### Phase-1

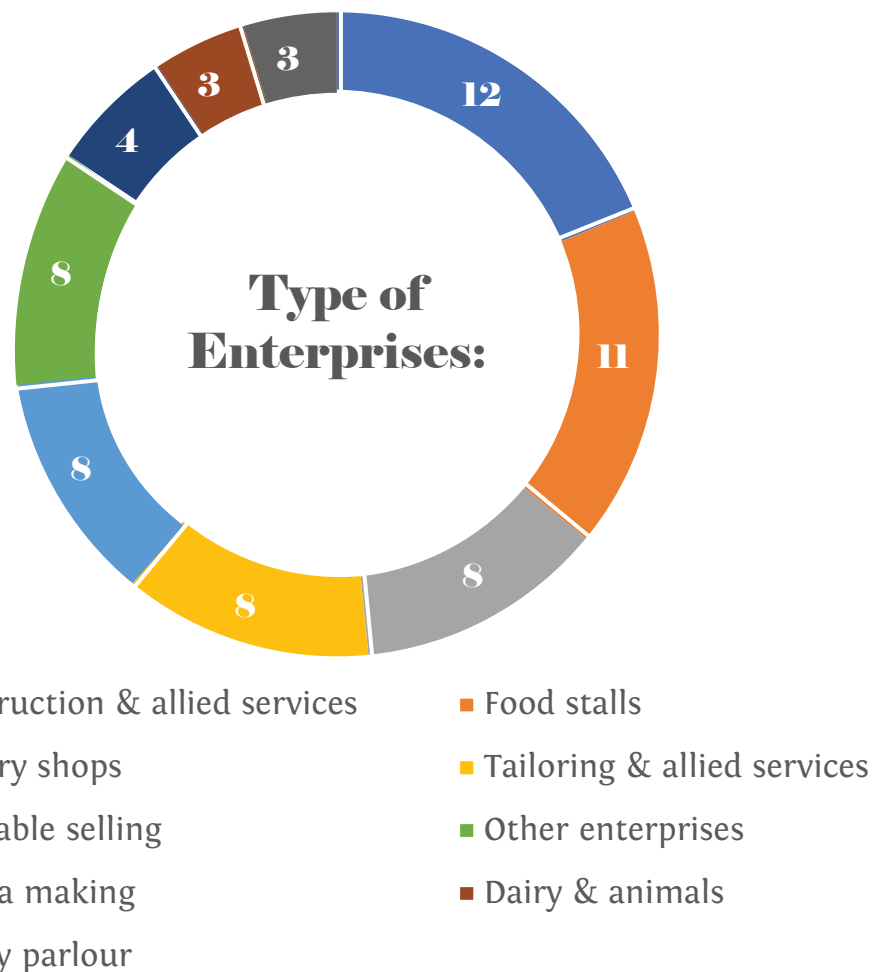
With support from Bajaj Auto Limited, S-ILF implemented a livelihood project in nine colonies across four districts (Amravati, Kolhapur, Sangli and Solapur) of Maharashtra, India for a period of three years (2019-22).

The project supported 108 beneficiaries (71 males and 37 females). Livelihood support entailed training on entrepreneurship development, business planning, marketing and financial assistance in the form of seed money. Small-scale businesses including vegetable-selling, grocery-shop, construction, food stalls etc were established.

Begging was significantly reduced through this intervention. The project aimed at creating a colony development fund (CDF) to be used as a revolving fund for support to other residents and overall development of colony. Socio-economic rehabilitation through provision of livelihood support has positive impact on the life of persons affected by leprosy and their families, enabling dignity, demonstrated through weaning from such practices as begging. CDF helps to bring ownership and ensure sustainability of efforts.

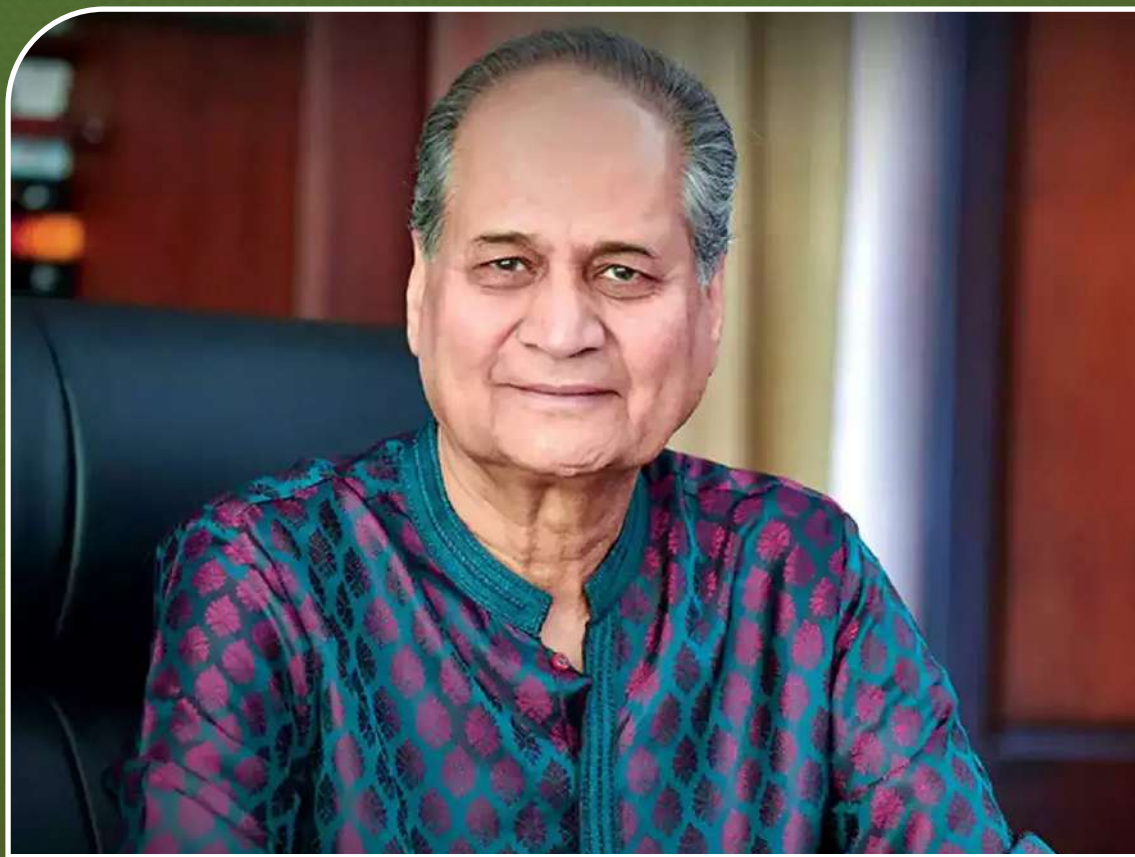
### Phase-2

Due to the successful implementation of phase-1, we have obtained further support from Bajaj Auto Ltd for six more colonies in the districts of Nashik, Sangli and Solapur in Maharashtra for the years of 2022-24.





Great sense of gratitude for your support to the cause of Leprosy



**Shri Rahul Bajaj**  
(10 June 1938 – 12 February 2022)





*Mr Amol Shivkant Kakade and his wife preparing items for their food stall, supported by S-ILF.*



# Stories from the field

## Vishnu Pal



### Colony—Prem Nagar Leprosy Colony, Dhanbad, Jharkhand

Vishnu Pal, 53, lives in Prem Nagar Leprosy Colony, Sindri, situated in Dhanbad, Jharkhand. His father would beg for the sustenance of the family. His mother died when he was just 7 years old, and in the next couple of years, his father also started keeping unwell. At the tender age of 10, these tough situations forced him to quit his studies and work in a restaurant as a sweeper. He received a further blow at the age of 15 when his father also passed away leaving him shattered & lonely.

He continued working for the restaurant for nearly 8 years, but due to low income, left the job and moved to Prem Nagar Leprosy colony, Sindri and started working in a tent house as a labourer for Rs 150 per day. The job was not regular but seasonal and he had to remain unemployed for a major part of the year. He

got married and as the family size increased, the income from this seasonal work was insufficient to meet even the basic needs of his family of six including three daughters and a son.

Once again in his life, these tough circumstances forced him to start begging in order to feed his family. Being an unskilled person without any kind of support, he continued begging for many years until he happened to meet the S-ILF zonal program coordinator who counselled him about entrepreneurship. As someone who was mentally trapped in this vicious cycle & completely broken from inside, nothing could motivate him to get out of begging. He went through a number of one-on-one counselling sessions to build his aspirations and entrepreneurial skills. Gradually, a ray of hope triggered in him and he agreed to give it a try.

In January 2019, S-ILF organised a 3-day residential training programme on entrepreneurship development where different aspects of becoming a successful entrepreneur were detailed along with exposure visits. The enabling environment in the workshop boosted his confidence level and provided clarity about self-employment. After an assessment of his potential, existing skills, and market opportunities, he was guided to initiate a footwear selling business. He was given a capital seed amount of Rs 45,000 under the S-ILF livelihood programme,

followed by assistance in procurement of materials and business set-up.

He started business operations in the local weekly market thrice a week. As the business grew, he also started as a street vendor and sold items in the nearby villages. But unfortunately in 2020 next year, his business got badly impacted due to the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. During these tough times, S-ILF through various partners supported him and his other colony members by distributing rations.

He resumed his business in the early months of 2021 and is currently able to sell footwear worth Rs 3,500–4,000 in a week making a monthly profit of Rs 5,000–6000. With this transformed life, he was able to get his daughters married, something that had been a long unfulfilled desire of his due to his difficult life situations. Remembering his journey so far, he applauds S-ILF's efforts and perseverance for the transformation that enabled him to progress.

*“Kisi ke saamne haath phailane se badi majboori kuch nahi hoti. S-ILF ne wo majboori bhi door kar di.”*

*(Stretching your hand in front of others for alms is a massive feeling of helplessness. S-ILF ended that helplessness.)*

–Vishnu Pal



## Krushna Ananda Kadam

26-year-old Krushna Ananda Kadam lives in Meghijbhaiwadi colony, Sangli, Maharashtra and is the only earning member in his family of seven. Before connecting with S-ILF, he sold Vadapao (fast food) in the colony.

When the S-ILF livelihood project team initially started interacting with his community, they explained their project objectives and approaches to bring about economic opportunities in the life of people through self-employment. This intrigued Krushna & he started attending meetings and participating in the activities conducted by S-ILF.

During the discussions on various livelihood avenues available for the colony people, he revealed that he was also skilled in tile fitting work, which he had to quit in the past due to some reasons. He wanted to resume the same since the food stall business had suffered greatly during the pandemic and he was left with no other livelihood option. His family of seven would have suffered immensely in the absence of a stable income.

Market assessment and interaction with other people who are already into the trade also suggested that the tile-fitting work would be a useful business activity for him. S-ILF contributed Rs 40,000 as a seed capital grant to him to start the business. Exposure visits and network-building measures helped him further with his technical skills and develop partnership with contractors. With

his improved skills, he is getting work orders even from neighbouring districts and proudly shares that he now earns Rs 12,000–15,000 per month which is also helping his family lead a better life.

*“S-ILF ki madad se mere mamuli se kaam ne bhi zindagi badal di”*

*(With S-ILF’s help, my seemingly ordinary work also transformed my life)*

*–Krushna Ananda Kadam*





## Vijay Durgaji Durge

47-year-old Vijay Durgaji Durge, lives in the Pandurangwadi Leprosy colony located in Amrawati, Maharashtra. He used to work as a daily wage plumber for a number of contractors until 2 years ago. But he would get the work only when the contractor needed him. This irregularity of work made financial uncertainty loom over his family.

During the S-ILF community mobilisation drive, he shared his need of developing and strengthening a business in plumbing and electric repair work. Though, he expressed his inability to function as an entrepreneur since he had no business knowledge and had poor confidence levels.

But Vijay's zeal overcame his business knowledge limitations and things started changing when he attended Entrepreneurship Development Workshops followed by exposure visits organised by S-ILF and understood various crucial aspects of entrepreneurship.

With increased confidence levels, he received a capital seed amount of Rs 40,000 from S-ILF and started the project. Although the business suffered badly during the pandemic, it is back on track and is fetching him a monthly income of approximately Rs 15,000-20,000.

*"S-ILF ki madad ne mujhe ek aam worker se businessman bana diya"*

*(The help from S-ILF transformed me from an ordinary worker to a businessman)*

*-Vijay Durgaji Durge*





# Rays of light

Some of the scholars selected for various S-ILF scholarships for higher professional education this year











*Students of S-ILF's After School Learning Centre (ASLC) in Ranchi, Jharkhand during an interaction session with S-ILF staff, Mr Samuel Hansda.*



# Education

## Bridging the gap

**Ensuring access to education is essential to lay the foundation on which children of families affected by Leprosy can build a better and more secure future. Often, due to discrimination and exclusion, children from families affected by Leprosy are constrained by poor economic situation are unable to continue or pursue secondary and higher studies. Further in most of the cases they are the first-generation learners, who do not get proper guidance from their families. Recognising a strong need for vocational training among the youth, SILF is running various educational activities to cater to the educational needs of children residing in Leprosy colonies.**

### HiWell – Digitalising the Leprosy Colonies

The digital medium opens up opportunities for leisure, recreation and learning that may not be easily accessible in the offline world, particularly for marginalised and excluded communities.

An increased and more effective use of digital technology results in developing a level of digital skills that will be essential for everybody in today's increasingly digitised world. Teaching with technology engages students with different kinds of stimuli involve in activity-based learning. S-ILF has initiated an innovative teaching method that attracts children towards education/ learning in our After School Learning Centres (ASLCs). When children are given opportunities in digital technology, their learning and exposure increases many folds. The opportunities are endless!

S-ILF brought Hole-in-the-Wall Learning Stations along with Digital Learning Program for residents of Shri Ramavtar Kushth Colony, Indore with support from NIIT Foundation. Bridging the digital divide for marginalised children between 6 to 14 years, Hole-in-the-

Wall learning stations provide solutions in the areas of elementary education, life skills and computer literacy. Hole-in-the-Wall program is a special arrangement of combination of different subjects like mathematics, science, languages, general knowledge and digital skills which are pre-set in a non-invasive computer device available for access anytime students wish to use.

For the elderly, S-ILF runs certificate courses in basic digital learning under Digital Learning Centres (DLCs). The core agenda of this program being to promote digitally-enabled sustainable growth in the colony for a larger good and provide impetus to Honourable Prime Minister's dream of 'Digital India'.

Over 80 students in the age group of 6-14 are getting the benefits from the Hole- in-the-Wall program and 230 trainees have got trained in various courses from the DLC centre.





## After School Learning Centres – Enabling all-round development of Students

Children in colonies find difficulty in coping with curriculum and to understand what is taught in regular school. Some parents send their children to tuitions while most cannot afford to do so. When the child repeatedly fails in examination, the parents pull out the child from school assuming the child is with low intellectual capacity. In some cases, academically sound children have poor study habits due to peer group influence while others drop out or miss school due to the callous nature of their parents. After school learning centres (ASLCs) provides them an opportunity to bridge the gap and develop a habit of regular studies. ASLCs assist children in their school homework, tuition support and when required remedial classes. Apart from academics, these centres enable all-round development of children through encouragement of sports and extra-curricular activities.

S-ILF is running ASLCs in the leprosy colonies of Indore, Ujjain, Dhar, Barwani (Madhya Pradesh); Bankura, West Midnapore (West Bengal); Solapur (Maharashtra) and Ranchi, Dhanbad (Jharkhand). S-ILF has recently inaugurated its 11th ASLC in Rourkela (Odisha), which is also the first in the state. S-ILF's ASLCs are catering to over 400 students in these 11 colonies.

During the Covid pandemic, in order to ensure continuity of studies, teachers of ASLCs gave assignments through WhatsApp messages and stayed connected with students.

While the Solapur ASLC is supported by HDFC Capital, all other ASLCs are funded by Sasakawa Health Foundation.

### One-Year Scholarship Program

S-ILF initiated a One-Year Scholarship Program for the youth who are unable to enroll in two to four year course or do not have interest in short-term courses. Newer courses such as cosmetology, yoga, VFX were promoted last year through One Year Scholarship. 11 students were provided support to pursue these courses.





## His Holiness Dalai Lama - Sasakawa Scholarship Program (HHDLS-S)

His Holiness Dalai Lama - Sasakawa Scholarship Program was initiated in 2015 to provide financial assistance for higher professional education for children from families affected by Leprosy residing in nine states: Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. This was the 7th year of the flagship program. We received application from 148 candidates, out of which, based on merit, 27 were selected.

Till now 151 scholars have been enabled to undertake higher professional education leading to better employment opportunities.



## Nursing Scholarships

S-ILF initiated Nursing scholarship program in 2011 to cater to the strong desire expressed by students from Leprosy colonies. Students wanted to pursue nursing so that they could look after their family as well as the other community members. From 2011-2022, S-ILF has provided scholarship to 153 students from families affected by Leprosy residing in 14 states of India. Total 571 applications have been received under this scholarship program which shows that there is a strong desire to become health care professionals in Leprosy colonies.

51 scholars have completed their course where 48 have been placed successfully and 3 are pursuing their higher studies. This year we have partnered with Ramboll India Pvt Ltd which is a leading engineering, design and consultancy company founded in Denmark. Ramboll supported ten scholars for pursuing BSc Nursing under our Nursing Scholarship Program.







*Mr Vishnu Rawani, a S-ILF scholar is a successful chef at an international eatery in Oman.*



# Stories that Inspire

## Mukesh Kumar



With education costs continuously rising, it becomes challenging for weaker sections of society to access quality education. Most learners in this section are forced to discontinue their studies and choose employment which provides meagre salaries to support their family. However, there are a few exceptions who, through their will and determination, capitalise on the opportunities offered to them and earn a dignified standard of living. Mukesh Kumar is one of them.

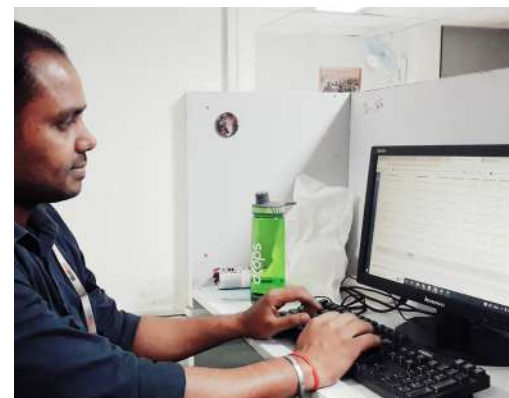
Mukesh belongs to an economically

disadvantaged family affected by Leprosy background and comes from the Indo-Nepal border region of Raxaul, Bihar. Both his parents are engaged in weaving which provides little earning making it hard for the family to meet even their basic needs. This compelled him to not go for higher studies and instead choose a job that helps him provide for his family.

He got to know about the His Holiness Dalai Lama-Sasakawa Scholarship (HHDL-S), an opportunity provided by S-ILF which helps young people, who are not able to complete their studies due to financial or other social constraints. He considered it to be a great opportunity and applied for an MBA from the reputed Presidency University in Bengaluru and was selected to avail the scholarship support.

For the past 2 years, Mukesh has been working as an HR with Silicon Media, Bengaluru. Recently he further grew professionally and is now also looking after the sales and marketing division, getting Rs 25,000 per month.

We strongly believe this is just a start for Mukesh and he also feels it's the first step towards fulfilling his dreams. After securing a sustainable future for his family, he now plans to work overseas and explore such possibilities through his network developed while working with Little flower.



*“2 hazar se 25 hazar tak ka safar S-ILF ki madad se hi mumkin ho paya...”*

*(The journey from Rs 2,000 to Rs 25,000 income was only possible because of S-ILF's support)*

*–Mukesh Kumar*



## Pooja Kumari

24-year-old Pooja Kumari hails from Sunderpur, Raxaul, East Champaran, Bihar. She has seen leprosy very closely & from a very young age as both her father and mother were affected by it.

Due to the disease, they were forced to leave the village and came to Sunderpur, Raxaul. Her father had to work hard to earn a living and provide for the needs of the family. He had to keep changing his jobs due to recurring ulcers. After her father passed away, her mother took it upon herself to continue caring for her family. However her salary was meagre.

Fortunately, Pooja's hard work & persistence have significantly changed things for them. After S-ILF's support & guidance, she got selected under Nursing Scholarship in 2016 and completed her BSc Nursing from Holy Cross College of Nursing, Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh. Presently, she is working as a tutor in Maa Kanti College of Nursing, Patna, Bihar. Pooja is strongly moving ahead in life and thanks Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation for fulfilling her dream of becoming a nurse. She further said that she wants to support her colony people and also motivate other children to follow their dreams.

*"Mujhe khushi hai ki S-ILF ki madad se main apni maa ko ek acchi zindagi de saki"*

*(I am happy I am able to provide a better life to my mother with the help of S-ILF)*

*—Pooja Kumari*





## Mamta Dawar



We all know how a caterpillar overcomes many tough situations in its life to ultimately grow into a beautiful butterfly. We're lucky to have witnessed a similar real-life story of Mamta Dawar who from her cocoon of shyness & timidity never gave up despite a plethora of difficulties and transformed into someone confident & energetic, ready to take on any challenge in life.

Mamta was raised by her maternal uncle. Her uncle is a shepherd and expectedly, financial hardships and poverty plagued the family to such an extent, that meeting even the basic requirements of day-to-day survival was a struggle.

Like many other poor children, Mamta's goal also was to start earning as early as possible so she could support her uncle in putting food on the table. However, in today's

competitive world, a class X pass-out has only limited options for productive and sustainable employment. Besides this, Mamta comes from a leprosy-affected family and has self-stigma. However, instead of lamenting the challenges, the young girl made them the stepping stones for her success.

Mamta shares, "After completing class X, I decided to quit studying and look for a job. A job, which would not only help me build a career but also help me support my family in the hope that we come out of this extreme poverty we have been living in for years. However, it was not easy. I thought *itne padhe likhe logon ko naukri nahi milti, main kya hi kar lungi*. (So many highly educated people are jobless, what would I do)"

"One day, I got to know about the support being provided by the Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation with the help of their training partner, Pratham. I visited Pratham Training Centre in Indore to gain more information about training programmes and future job prospects. I undertook counselling but was still unsure about the trade I should choose. I then learned about the bedside assistant training program and immediately took admission."

Her training at the centre not only helped her understand the nuances of the skill, but also developed her confidence & personality for which she thanks her trainers. She was hired by Mayur Hospital in Indore at a monthly salary of Rs 3,000. After 6 months, she joined a healthcare agency- Portea in Indore at a monthly salary of Rs 9,000 where she worked

for 2 years. Meanwhile, she developed a good network with the clientele and is now working independently, earning Rs 15,000 a month. In addition, she has developed a network among patient care service receivers in the Rajesh Nagar area of Indore and therefore, is working as a reference point for home-care agencies. She additionally earns Rs 1,000 per patient and is referring 2-3 patients each month to homecare agencies.

Despite belonging to the disadvantaged section of society, her dedication and perseverance motivated her to transform her dreams into reality. An opportunity that people from her background can only dream of getting. Mamta travelled to the United States to represent Pratham Education Foundation. Going a step forward, she is saving from her earnings and plans to start her own business in the future. Mamta is a living example of an individual who believes in herself, makes the most of each situation, and remains focused on her goals in life.

*"Mere trainers aur S-ILF ne jo mere liye kiya, uske liye jitna shukriya kahun kam hai"*

*(I can't be thankful enough for what the trainers & S-ILF have done for me)*

*-Mamta Dawar*





*S-ILF's Nursing scholar- Varsha Kumari, taking a session on clean hands with children from Asha Vihar Leprosy colony, Jharia, Dhanbad, Jharkhand.*



# Humanitarian Aid

## Solving problems, serving needs

People living in Leprosy colonies are disproportionately at risk of experiencing humanitarian crisis. They have reduced capacity to manage and respond to emergency and crisis situation (impacts of Covid) due to low socio-economic resilience and limited access to the services and infrastructure.

Humanitarian Aid wing at S-ILF, emerged as a separate unit within the organisation in year 2020, to deal with the crisis and challenges arising due to the covid pandemic and to respond to the needs of the residents of the Leprosy colonies. Relief programs such as healthcare, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), natural calamities and emergencies were initiated based on needs assessment.

In the year 2021-22, S-ILF continued its humanitarian aid efforts to the residents of the Leprosy colonies across various states.

### Covid Relief

Ration assistance to more than 2,800 persons residing in 51 colonies, across 28 districts in nine states of the country was provided in the last year. In this endeavour of ours to ensure that no one goes hungry in the Leprosy colonies in these tough times, many supporters came forward. In Andhra Pradesh, Delhi & Telangana, S-ILF got the support from Confederation of Indian Industry Foundation which provided funds to support more than 800 families across these states.





## Flood Relief

During the year, floods affected several districts of Bihar and Maharashtra. Immediate relief was provided in the form of tarpaulin sheets to these families affected by Leprosy in Purnea, Bihar where houses had been destroyed by floods. Ration kits were provided to families affected by Leprosy in Mumbai and Vasai districts of Maharashtra as part of flood relief.



## Infrastructure support

S-ILF staff during their field visits observed that in many colonies, toilets are not in good shape and need renovation. With the aim of improving living standards in Leprosy colonies, S-ILF initiated a new endeavour to develop or make existing infrastructure better in the colonies. During the year, we renovated toilets in Bhadohi in Uttar Pradesh; Ranchi in Jharkhand; and Purnea in Bihar.





## Medical support

- **Telemedicine:** S-ILF signed an MoU with Springer Health Systems Pvt Ltd and started OPDs in seven states. Patients received clinical advice without having to travel to the hospital. This support was even more pertinent during the Covid pandemic. The Telemedicine sessions are held thrice a week. On an average, we have been able to provide care for 150 patients every month.
- **Grip aid kits:** With the support of Comprehensive Healthcare Association, S-ILF provided grip aid kits to persons affected by Leprosy in Sarasvati Kushth Seva Colony, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Ulcer care:** To provide ulcer care to persons affected by Leprosy, S-ILF initiated Ulcer Care unit in one of the colonies of Maharashtra. Needs are being identified in other intervention colonies in order to scale up the ulcer care activities.
- **MCR Footwear:** In partnership with Schieffelin Institute of Health, Karigiri, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, S-ILF has distributed customised MCR footwear to 25 beneficiaries in Sangli and 100 in Nashik last year. We strive to distribute more MCR footwears in other colonies in need in coming year.







Children from an ASLC in Ranchi, Jharkhand performing during S-ILF's 15th Anniversary celebrations.



# Communications & Advocacy

## Changing Mind-sets

**S-ILF is working towards making an inclusive society- a society without stigma & discrimination.**

### Awareness Program

Lack of awareness has led to myths and misconceptions about Leprosy. S-ILF strives continuously to eradicate stigma and discrimination through increased awareness in various sections of society. We work with multiple stakeholders like school and college students, medical professionals, lawyers, social activists, policy makers, corporates and media persons to raise awareness.

### College sensitisation

During the year, we organised awareness sessions in 12 colleges across the states of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. The workshops were attended by more than 1,500 students and faculty members. The interactive sessions comprised a presentation on demystifying Leprosy and covered the medical, socio-economic and legal issues. The participants took an oath to end stigma and committed to taking the initiative forward.





## Young Partners Program

S-ILF started its Young Partners Program to reach out to the students of class 8th to 12th in government and private schools. We organised awareness sessions in 13 schools across the states of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha. Around 1,300 students and teachers attended these sessions and at the end of which Leprosy champions were identified in these educational institutions.





## Corporate Sensitisation Program

S-ILF renewed an MoU with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2022-24. Taking the partnership ahead, S-ILF has sensitised more than 750 corporates so far. This year, corporates from Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal were sensitised via state council meetings.

Separate sensitisation sessions were held for Infosys and Young Indians (YI). Our Anti-Leprosy Day 2022 event was graced by the presence of Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General- CII as the Chief Guest and was attended by more than 170 participants from the industry.





## Connecting with Colonies

S-ILF continued its dialogue with the colonies and S-ILF Samvaad was organised for the state of Jharkhand. In order to get feedback on its activities, Chaahat Box (suggestion box) have been placed in Leprosy colonies. We have started receiving suggestions and feedback through this initiative.

## Documentary films

Documentary films on our Livelihood and Educational initiatives were produced during the year. These films showcase success stories and transformational life experiences. These films are available on our YouTube channel.





## Website (www.silf.in)

A new website of S-ILF was launched by our Patron Mr Yohei Sasakawa. The new website is device responsive and showcases S-ILF's activities with a user-friendly interface. It's a one stop source for all information about the organisation. The website is connected with social media updates in real time.



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# 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

CELEBRATION

Sasak Leprosy Foundation  
Living Dignity

Children from an ASLC in Ranchi, Jharkhand performing during Independence Day celebrations.



# Events

## International Youth Day

With an aim to instil a sense of accomplishment among youth from Leprosy colonies, an online talent hunt was organised to observe the International Youth Day on 12th August 2021. More than 100 youths participated and awards were distributed in the categories of song, dance, music, arts and crafts.

## Independence Day

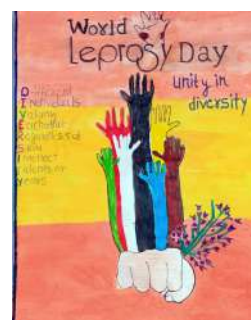
The 75<sup>th</sup> year of Indian independence was celebrated with much fervour. Children from our ASLCs at Indore, Ranchi and Solapur presented cultural programs. The Chief Guest for the event was Ms Supriya Banerji- Former DDG- CII & Board Member of S-ILF.

## Foundation Day

S-ILF completed 15 years of its establishment on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021. This special day was observed by S-ILF staff members traveling to Leprosy colonies across the country and being in the midst of persons affected by Leprosy and their families. A new ASLC was inaugurated at Rourkela, the first in the state of Odisha and 11th in the country. Mr T V Narendran- CEO Tata Steels Pvt Ltd and President- CII was the Chief Guest.

## Anti-Leprosy Day

An online drawing competition was organised on the theme of 'Unity in Diversity'. The competition was open to all. More than 100 entries were received from across India. The winners were announced during the Anti-Leprosy Day event on 30th January 2022.







*Scholars from Madhya Pradesh during the first Alumni Meet in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.*





# New Initiative

## Alumni Network

Since 2012, S-ILF has supported more than 1,200 youth from various Leprosy colonies across the nation to pursue higher professional education. Several of these S-ILF scholars are now doing jobs in reputed organisations and are well established. Seeing their mainstreaming and the potential to influence other youth from Leprosy background, S-ILF initiated a new platform where these scholars come together to form Youth Leadership Council. The first such meet was organised in Indore for Madhya Pradesh chapter. More than 60 scholars from the state joined the day-long training workshop to hone up their leadership skills. The program came to a befitting end through a cultural event which was put up by the scholars. Five scholars became the members of the core committee, which will represent the state at National level. The program was supported by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and provided an opportunity for the scholars to interact with industry. Mr Saurabh Sangla, Chairman- CII- Madhya Pradesh was the Guest of Honour and Dr Derek Patsy Lobo, Trustee S-ILF was the Chief Guest.

The Youth Leadership Council is a diverse, youth-driven group that stands to uphold leadership, promote change, and will raise awareness about Leprosy in local, state and national level. S-ILF would continue to support the setting up of alumni networks across other states.















*Residents from a Leprosy colony of Odisha interacting with Dr Vivek Lal, CEO, S-ILF.*



# Connected to the roots

(S-ILF in field)















*Mr Kumar Raju Kengare and his wife at their home in Lal Nagar Leprosy colony in Sangli, Maharashtra. Mr Kengare is a beneficiary of S-ILF's livelihood program.*



# Partnerships

## Together for the cause

**We at S-ILF believe that the fight against Leprosy cannot be waged alone or in silos. To end stigma and discrimination we have been working with partners at all levels to make every effort count- be it on the field for program implementation, at policy level or in spreading awareness. Our partners have been constant companions all these years. We would like to acknowledge those, without whom this year would not have been as great.**



### Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL)

APAL is the national networking organisation of persons affected by Leprosy. Founded in 2006 with active encouragement and help from The Nippon Foundation, Japan. APAL is an essential part of Mr Sasakawa's vision of mainstreaming the affected population and their families to restore dignity. APAL provides a platform for persons affected by Leprosy to discuss their issues and take up matters pertaining to their rights and entitlements at various levels of State and Central Government. To mention a few, issues pertaining to their land rights, pension, specific schemes for disabled people, human rights issues, education, employment, housing, sanitation etc. The APAL head office is in Hyderabad and the leaders have respective state forums to address the issues of their communities.

*"The fight against Leprosy - the oldest known disease to mankind, is a long and tiring one. But with support and guidance from different strata of society, APAL can continue the fight and is on the verge of defeating it. Leprosy is often seen as a disease of the poor. This however is a myth, as it can affect anybody. Maybe this came from the fact that many affected by Leprosy ended up begging for livelihood. We want to break this notion. Today, many who have been affected by Leprosy are leading a dignified life through entrepreneurship and higher professional education provided by organisations like S- ILF.*

*I urge every one of you to support this change and be a part of it. Soon we will see an India, free of Leprosy, free of stigma and discrimination "*

*--Mr G Venu Gopal  
Chief Executive Officer, APAL*





*Mr Champak Shivaji Sawatkar runs a dairy project with S-ILF support in Amravati, Maharashtra.*



## Donors, Supporters & Partners







*Ms Anita Laxmikant Pujari lives in Jeevan Vikas Leprosy colony in Solapur. She runs a beauty parlour, supported by S-ILF.*



# S-ILF in Media

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## Pandemic hit hard leprosy patients in India : experts

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'As the situation improves, there is a need to bring back the focus on leprosy. The disease continues to be an important public health concern which has to be addressed', SILF chief executive officer Vivek Lal told PTI.



**We must encourage and facilitate productive and collaborative conversations around leprosy**

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Dr Vivek Lal, CEO, Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation in an interaction with Express Healthcare talks about current scenario of leprosy in India and work done by Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation

Please tell us a little bit about the work done by Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation

Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (SILF) was established in 2006 as a Trust by Yohei Sasakawa of Japan (who is the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination & the recipient of the prestigious Gandhi Peace Prize 2016). SILF



### S-ILF facilitates dialogue on Leprosy

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CHENNAI Every year, January 30, Martyr's Day, is also observed as Anti-Leprosy Day, in remembrance of Mahatma Gandhi. So, on the same day this year, *Sassakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF)*, an organisation dedicated to the socio-economic empowerment of persons affected by leprosy and their families, in collaboration with *Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)*, facilitated a multi-stakeholder dialogue to discuss the creation of stronger social networks to enable people affected by leprosy to lead a life of dignity, with equal opportunities for basic human rights, education, livelihood and healthcare.

**डब्ल्यूएचओ के गुडविल एंबेसडर ने डॉट फॉरगेट लेप्रोसी कैंपेन के माध्यम से कृष्ट पर : पुनर्ध्यान केंद्रित करने की अपील की**

**नई दिल्ली:** कोविड-19 महामारी ने चुनौतियाँ तो बढ़ा दिया है और विपक्ष ग्रेस से होशियार पर जोर है। कुछ से प्रभावित लोगों को अधिक अदरदेशी देना है। इन पर प्रभाव पड़ने के दौरान और लोगों को सक्षम करने की आवश्यकता पर बल देते हुए कुछ उम्मेदवारों के लिए डब्ल्यूओएफ के मुखिया पेक्सवर्त रमेश सायबाबा ने कहा, 'कोरोनावायरस महामारी का प्रभाव पहले से ही मुझको हलात में जोर है। कुछ ग्रेस से प्रभावित लोगों और उनके परिवारों पर विशेष रूप बहुत ज्यादा पड़ा है। लॉन्गटाइन और वायरस के प्रसार को रोकने के लिए अन्य उपायों से यथानी व्यस्त पर जोर है। हम सत्यपूर्ण पैदा की है, जिससे चिकित्सा सुविधाओं तक पहुँच मुश्किल हो गई, आजीविका का नुकसान हुआ और पहले से ही वृद्धाश्रम व भेदभाव का सामना करने वाले कुछ ग्रेस पीछाओं के लिए मुश्किलें और बढ़ गईं। उन्हीं नही मृत्युया जाना चाहिए। सामान्यका कुछ (हैमरन ग्रेस) पहले के तहत

शिविल न पड़ जाएँ। 30 जनवरी को विश्व कूट दिवस मनाया गया है। इस दिवस पर सामसाला-डौटल लेखों का फाउन्डेशन (एस-आइएफएन) ने प्रिन्टिप जेम्स ओ केल्वी से सम्प्रार्थित अर्थशास्त्र के संगठनों समेत 32 संगठनों, सोच संस्थाओं और बंगलादेश, बाजीजल, पातर, इंडोनेशिया, नेपाल, नाइजीरिया, पापुअ न्यू गिनी, पुर्तगल, मेक्सिको, सिरालीयोन, स्लोव्निया, युगांडा और युनाइटेड किंगडम की सरकारी एजेंसियों के साथ मिलकर वोट फॉरेनर लेप्रोस्की का संदेश प्रसारित करने के लिए एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय अभियान में भाग लिया। पातर मेंससालाक-डौटल लेखों का फाउन्डेशन (एस-आइएफएन) ने कूट दिवस से सम्प्रार्थित लेखों के संग (एफएएलएन) और अलग-अलग दिवस एकत्र लेखों का संपादन सोसाइटी फॉर रिसर्च, रीहैबिलिटेशन एंड एजुकेशन इन लेप्रोसी, आलम स्क्यामिण, ग्रेटर नेशनल लेप्रोसी ट्रेटमेंट एंड एजुकेशन सोसाइटी (ग्रेनेटेलस) से, से जगोफ लेप्रोसी



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Poor leprosy patients across the country living in unhealthy conditions, were hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic when issues related to the disease were pushed to the backseat, experts said on Monday. With positive cases of the infection now on the wane, NGOs and groups working for leprosy patients are planning to restart their activities. These organisations have been trying to bring back the focus on leprosy in meetings with government officials and by raising the issue in the media, Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF) and Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) said.

"As the situation improves, there is a need to bring back the focus on leprosy. The disease continues to be an important public health concern which has to be addressed," S-ILF chief executive officer Vivek Lal told PTI.



## एस-आईएलएफ ने किया लर्निंग सेंटर का उद्घाटन

वडीमद। कुछ रोग से प्रभावित व्यक्तियों और उनके परिवारों के सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण के लिए समर्पित संगठन सासाकावा-इंडिया लेप्रोसी फाउंडेशन (एस-आईएलएफ) ने अपनी स्थापना के 15 वर्ष पूर्ण होने पर, ओडिशा के राउरकेला में कुष्ठरोग कॉलोनी में रहने वाले बच्चों के लिए लर्निंग सेंटर का उद्घाटन किया। यह एस-आईएलएफ द्वारा संचालित 11वां और ओडिशा में पहला सेंटर है। लर्निंग सेंटर का उद्घाटन भारतीय उद्योग परिषद (सीआईआई) के अध्यक्ष और टाटा स्टील के सीईओ एमडी श्री टी.वी. नरेंद्रन ने किया। लर्निंग सेंटर ससावन विहिनी कुष्ठरोग कॉलोनी में रहने वाले बच्चों के सर्वांगीण विकास को सक्षम बनाने का अवसर प्रदान करते हैं, जिसमें खेल और रुचि सहित पाठ्यक्रम और पाठ्यक्रम के अलावा दोनों गतिविधियों पर जोर दिया जाता है। एस-आईएलएफ की अन्य गतिविधियों में कॉलोनी में रहने वाले कुष्ठरोग से प्रभावित व्यक्तियों को टेलीमोडिसिन के माध्यम से स्वास्थ्य देखभाल, आजीविका के अवसर, उच्च व्यावसायिक शिक्षा के लिए मदद उपलब्ध करना आदि शामिल हैं।

## WHO goodwill ambassador calls for focus on leprosy

**New Delhi:** The Covid-19 pandemic has increased the challenges and brought greater neglect, especially for the marginalised people affected by leprosy.

Reinforcing the need to focus and enable communities, Yohei Sasakawa, WHO goodwill ambassador for leprosy elimination, said: "The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been particularly hard on people affected by leprosy and their families who were in a vulnerable situation to begin with. Lockdowns and other measures to prevent the spread of the virus have caused many prob-

difficulties that persons affected by leprosy already encounter due to stigma and discrimination. They must not be forgotten."

Sasakawa Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) Initiative launched the "Don't forget leprosy" campaign in August 2021 to ensure that efforts against leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, are not side-lined amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Organised by Sasakawa Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) Initiative, the campaign includes awareness-raising activities and outreach to governments, webinars target-

## सासाकावा-इंडिया लेप्रोसी फाउंडेशन ने मजबूत कॉर्पोरेट पार्टनरशिप्स द्वारा कुष्ठरोग के खिलाफ कलंक को दूर किए जाने का आह्वान किया

**नई दिल्ली।** सासाकावा-इंडिया लेप्रोसी फाउंडेशन (एस-आईएलएफ) कुष्ठरोगियों एवं उनके परिवारों के सामाजिक-आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण के लिए समर्पित है। कॉन्फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडियन इंडस्ट्री (सीआईआई) के सहयोग से, एस-आईएलएफ ने एक मल्टी-स्टेकहोल्डर वार्ता में मजबूत सामाजिक नेटवर्क बनाने के बारे में चर्चा की, ताकि कुष्ठरोगी गरिमापूर्ण जीवन व्यतीत कर सकें और उन्हें मौलिक मानवाधिकार, शिक्षा, आजीविका एवं स्वास्थ्य के समान अवसर मिलें। श्री तरुण दास, चेयरमैन, एस-आईएलएफ ने कुष्ठरोग के लिए एस-आईएलएफ एवं कॉर्पोरेट्स द्वारा मिलकर काम करने के महत्व पर बल दिया। इस तरह की साझेदारियां मौजूदा समय में कोविड महामारी के दौरान और भी ज्यादा आवश्यक हो गई हैं, जिसके चलते कुष्ठरोगियों की कॉलोनी में रहने वाले लोगों के स्वास्थ्य और आजीविका पर बुरा असर पड़ा है। इस बैठक में यंग इंडियंस-सीआईआई (वाईआई) और एस-आईएलएफ के बीच गठबंधन हुआ। इस अवसर पर, मिस स्मिता अग्रवाल, नेशनल चेयर, वाईआई ने बताया कि यंग इंडियंस आम समुदाय में

## कुष्ठ रोग की पृष्ठभूमि से जुड़े युवाओं का पूर्व छात्र नेटवर्क बनाने के लिए सासाकावा-इंडिया लेप्रोसी फाउंडेशन ने युव समागम का उद्घाटन किया



इससे कुछ समय और उनके परिवारों के सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण के लिए समर्पित संगठन, सासाकावा-इंडिया लेप्रोसी फाउंडेशन (एस-आईएलएफ) ने कुछ रोग को दूर करने वाले युवाओं का पूर्व छात्र नेटवर्क बनाने की पहल की। यह कार्य प्रेरित है अपने तरह का पहला नेटवर्क है। 2012 से, एस-आईएलएफ ने एक कॉलोनी में 130 से अधिक युवाओं को एक व्यावसायिक शिक्षा प्रोग्राम करने में सहायता दी है। इसी से पूर्व एस-आईएलएफ स्कॉलरों अब इंडियन संघ में काम कर रहे हैं और उनका जीवन अब सुनिश्चित है। इन युवाओं में कुछवारा के लोगों और कुछ युवाओं में अन्य युवाओं को प्रभावित करने की क्षमता है, जिसे देखते हुए, एस-आईएलएफ ने स्कॉलरों युव

लेप्रोसी का रोग बनने के उद्देश्य से एक नव प्लेटफॉर्म शुरू किया है। 70 से अधिक स्कॉलरों अपने नेटवर्क को बढ़ावा देने के लिए दल पर चलने वाली प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में शामिल हुए, जिसका समान एक संवैधानिक कार्यक्रम के रूप में हुआ। इस संवैधानिक कार्यक्रम को स्कॉलरों ने लेवल किया था। कार्यक्रम के लिए भारतीय उद्योग परिषद (सीआईआई) ने सहायता दी है, जिसमें स्कॉलरों को उनके काम के बारे में जानकारी देने का अवसर मिला। यूएन के सेंटर अवर विस्वास ने अग्रणी कार्यक्रम में मौजूद गणमान्य व्यक्तियों में श्री तरुण दास, चेयरमैन, एस-आईएलएफ, कार्यक्रम के निदेशक अर्जुन श्री चौराहा विमान, चेयरमैन-सीआईआई-यंग प्रोटेस्ट और

कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि डॉ. डेविड पैटन थे। यूएन-आईएलएफ कार्यक्रम रहे। यह कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य एक विश्वव्यापी युवाओं द्वारा संचालित समूह है जो नेटवर्क को बनाने के लिए, परिवारों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सक्रिय है। इसका उद्देश्य समाज में कुछ रोग के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए है। यह एक कार्यक्रम की तरह दिखता है जो कार्यरत करने वाले हैं, जो समाज को एक युवा रोग से प्रभावित लोगों और उनके परिवारों के बीच अपनी नेटवर्क के जरूरत समानताएं, अधिक और संवैधानिक अवसर प्रदान करता है। एस-आईएलएफ और यंग प्रोटेस्ट ने युवाओं के नेटवर्क की स्थापना करने के लिए अपना समर्थन देना जारी रखेगा।

## Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF) inaugurates Learning Center for children living in leprosy colony at Rourkela, Odisha on its 15th Foundation Day

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Marking 15 years of its establishment, Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF), an organisation dedicated to the social and economic empowerment of persons affected by leprosy and their families, inaugurated a Learning Centre for children living in leprosy colony at Rourkela, Odisha. This is the 11th such centre, run by S-ILF and the first in the state of Odisha. The Learning Centre was inaugurated by Mr. T. V. Narendran, President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and CEO & MD, Tata Steel. Learning Centres provide an opportunity to enable all-round development of children living in marginalized leprosy colonies, with an emphasis on both curricular and extra-curricular activities including sports and hobbies. The other activities of S-ILF include provision of livelihood opportunities, scholarship for higher professional education and healthcare through telemedicine of persons affected by leprosy residing in colonies. Socio-economic upliftment of persons affected by leprosy is an important tool to address stigma and discrimination and enable them to lead a life of dignity. The event was conducted across five leprosy colonies in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha. During the event, post scholarship recipients and livelihood beneficiaries revealed through their testimonials how the support had helped to transform their lives. A cultural event was also organized showcasing talent of youth. These events were captured for all through the virtual platform.

Mr. T. V. Narendran conveyed his immense appreciation for the work being undertaken by S-ILF to eliminate leprosy and how its efforts at providing livelihood and educational support for persons affected by the disease had contributed to overcoming stigma and enable mainstreaming in the society. On the occasion, Mr. Tarun Das, Chairman, S-ILF, recalled the major milestones in the 15 years' journey of S-ILF and that through newer

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Initiatives such as decentralization of offices, S-ILF had ensured that they remain close to the beneficiaries. S-ILF's Patron, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Elimination of Leprosy), in his message from Japan, congratulated the organization for its relentless efforts at mainstreaming persons affected by leprosy. Dr. Vivek Lal, CEO, S-ILF, present at Rourkela, reaffirmed the commitment of the organization to further increase the opportunities for education and livelihood support for the persons affected by leprosy and their families.



नई दिल्ली। कुछ से से प्रकाश ज्वालों और उनके परिवारों के सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक शोषण को दूर करने के लिए भारत सरकार ने एक नया कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है। इस कार्यक्रम के तहत, पूरे देश में छात्रों को छात्रवृत्ति प्रदान कर उनके अध्ययन को प्रोत्साहित किया जाएगा।



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रामज के तरी वार्म में लालन के बारे में जागरूकता पैदा करना कुहलदूत से प्रगतिश्रित व्यष्टियों के जीविक और समावेदन के लिए यह बनाने वालो और प्रति निर्माताओं के साथ जुड़न कुहलदूत के बारे में कहें और एक जीनापुत्र जितन बीमारी है और सरकारी उद्योग में काम करने वाले के मध्यम से दूरी तक से इदलज करने है। कुहलदूतों से प्रगतिश्रित व्यष्टियों के प्रति कलक और भेदभाव के लिए कोई वजह और स्थान नहीं है।

एनडीएस संवाददाता      गाँव-ग्रामों में फैलने वाले टी.बी. नॉडन ने कुष्ठ रोग को समाप्त करने के लिए एस-अट्रैक्शनल ड्राग किए

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**लखनऊ।** सासनावा इंडिया लेप्सी सीआईडीएस एसआईएलएफ कुटुम्बगियों एवं उनके रिश्तारों के सामाजिक आर्थिक सप्सकीकरण के लिए समर्पित है। कॉमनइंडियन ऑफ इंडियन इस्ट्री सीआईआईई के सहयोग से एसआईएलएफ ने एक मल्टी स्ट्रेक होल्डर वार्ता में मजबूत सामाजिक नेटवर्क बनाने के बारे में चर्चा की ताकि कुम्बगियों गंमसपुर्ण जीवन व्यतीत कर सकें और हैं हैं मौलिक मेनबर्वाधिकार, शिक्षा, आजीविका एवं स्वास्थ्य के समान अवसर मिलें। तरुण से चैयर्मेन एसआईएलएफ ने कुम्बगरी के लिए एसआईएलएफ एवं कॉर्पोरेट्स द्वारा लालक कामा करने के मद्दत पर बल दिया। इस तरह की साझेदारीयों गौजुदा समय में कोविड हमारी के दौरान और भी ज्यादा आवश्यक हो गई हैं। जिसे चलते कुम्बगियों की कॉलोनिजों रहने वाले लोगों के स्वास्थ्य और आजीविका पर बुरा असर पड़ है।

**सत्यनगर ।** कुछ दशों से प्रभावित व्यक्तियों और उनके परिवारों के सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक स्थितिकरण के लिए समर्पित संगठन सत्यनगरा ईडिया लोरोसी फाउंडेशन एसएआईएलएफ अपनी स्थापना के 15 वर्ष पूर्ण होने पर ओडिशा के राजस्थानी कान्टोनेमेंट कालोनी में रहने वाले बच्चों के लिए लॉर्निंग सेंटर का उद्घाटन किया। यह एसएआईएलएफ द्वारा संभालित 11वां और ओडिशा में पहला सेंटर है। लॉर्निंग सेंटर का उद्घाटन भारतीय उद्योग परिसर फीनोआईएल के अध्यक्ष और याटा स्टील के सीओओ एवं एसडी टीवी सेंटर ने किया। लॉर्निंग सेंटर संसाधन विहीन कुटुंबों कालोनी में रहने वाले बच्चों के सर्वांगीण विकास को प्रोत्साहित करना का अवसर प्रदान कर रहे हैं, जिसमें खेल और रूचि सहित पाठ्यक्रम और प्रत्यक्ष के अलावा दोनों गतिविधियों पर जोर दिया जाता है।

१. कृष्ण तनू अतिवृद्धिजन्य है।  
 २. अकारण है।  
 ३. तपस्वियों में अधिक होता है।  
 ४. तपस्वियों में अधिक होता है।  
 ५. तपस्वियों में अधिक होता है।  
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 ९. तपस्वियों में अधिक होता है।  
 १०. तपस्वियों में अधिक होता है।

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- సీబఐలో ఎస్-ఐఎల్ఎఫ్, యంగ్ ఇండియన్స్ ఒప్పందం సమరంంగా పూర్తయ్యా: కుష్టు వ్యాధి ప్రభావితులు, వారి కుటుంబాల సహాజిక ఆర్థిక సాధికారతకు కంకణం కట్టుకున్న సనకవా- ఇండియా ట్రైన్స్ సోదీనేషన్ (ఎస్-ఐఎల్ఎఫ్) యాతర పర్యవేక్షణ బృందం సమాఖ్య (సీబఐ)లో సహకారంతో కుష్టు వ్యాధి ప్రభావితులు మౌలిక మానవ హక్కులు, విద్య, జీవనోపాధి, ఆరోగ్య రక్షణకు సంబంధించి సమాన అవకాశాలతో గౌరవప్రద జీవనం సాగించేలా బలమైన సీషర్ సిక్యూర్ స్పెషియల్ సంబంధిత సంస్థలతో చర్చించేందుకు నిలు కల్పించింది. ఈ సంస్థల గానూ జరిగిన సమావేశంలో ఎస్-ఐఎల్ఎఫ్ ట్రైన్స్ తరుణి దాన్, యంగ్ ఇండియన్స్- సీబఐ (వైబి) జాతీయ ఛైర్మన్స్ స్థితా ఆగర్వాల్, కుష్టు వ్యాధి నిర్మూలనకు సంబంధించి హు కున్టిర్ అంబానీదర్ మోహా సనకవా తో అంశంపై తమ తమ అభిప్రాయాలు వెల్లడించారు. ఈ సమావేశంలో యంగ్ ఇండియన్స్- సీబఐ (వైబి), ఎస్-ఐఎల్ఎఫ్ మధ్య భాగస్వాముల విషయమై అవగాహన పత్రం (మెమో) పై సంతకాలు జరిగాయి.

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<p><b>ಪ್ರಾಚೀನರೂಪದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು</b>          ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨ರಲ್ಲಿ (೧೫೭೨-೭೩) ಏಕೀಕೃತವಾಗಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ದಕ್ಷಿಣ, ಪೂರ್ವ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಉತ್ತರ ಈ ನಾಲ್ಕು ದಿಕ್ಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ರಚಿತವಾದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು.</p>	<p>ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ರಚಿತವಾದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು.</p>	<p>ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರವು ೧೫೭೨-೭೩ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಚಿತವಾಯಿತು.</p>
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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର: କୁଷ୍ଠରୋଗରେ ଆକ୍ରାନ୍ତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ଓ ସେମାନଙ୍କ ପରିବାର ସଦସ୍ୟଙ୍କର ସାମାଜିକ ତଥା ଅର୍ଥନୈତିକ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ ପାଇଁ ସମର୍ପିତ ଏକ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନ, ସାସାଳାଘ୍ର-ଇଣ୍ଡିଆ ଲେପ୍ଟୋସି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ (ଏସ-ଆଇଏଲଏଫ) ନିଜର ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାର ୧୫ ବର୍ଷ ପୂରଣ କରିଛି । ଏହି ଅବସରରେ ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ରାଉରକେଲା ଠାରେ ଲେପ୍ଟୋସି କଲୋନୀରେ ବାସ କରୁଥିବା ପିଲାଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଏକ ଶିକ୍ଷଣ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସ୍ଥାପନା କରାଯାଇଛି । ଏସ-ଆଇଏଲଏଫ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପରିଚାଳିତ ଏହା ହେଉଛି ଏହି ପ୍ରକାରର ୧୧ ତମ ଓ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ ପ୍ରଥମ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର । ଏହି ଶିକ୍ଷଣ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ଶ୍ରୀ ଟି.ଭି.ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ରନ, ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷ,

సాగారం నవంబర్ 23, ప్రభాతవార్త : సనకపా ఇండియా లైసెన్స్ పొందించిన సంస్థ 15నామవ్యూరూల పూర్తిఅవుతున్న సందర్భంగా కత్తి వ్యాధితో బాధపడుతున్న మురుకతలు, వారి కుటుంబాలు నాపాణిక అక్రమవైద్యకారితో కోసం అందిచ్చిన సుంసా ప్రజల కోసం ఓపి నెల్లీ ద్వారా నిర్వహించబడుతుంది. కుప్ప వ్యాధి నిర్మూలించడానికి నెల్లీ చేరడుతుని కృషి వ్యాధి భారిన పడిన మురుకతలు జీవనపాధి, మిక్సయరర్హున సహాయాన్ని అందించడం లో ద్వస్సు ప్రయత్నాలు కళకలసిన అధికమున ఉపాధినికీ సమాజంలో ఎలా దోపాడవడాన్ని సరంపం ప్రసంగం తెలియజేసారు.

**హైదరాబాద్ :** ససకమా-ఇండియా బ్రెస్టేస్ ఫౌండేషన్ (ఎస్-ఐఎఫ్ఎఫ్) అనేది కుష్టు వ్యాధితో బాధపడుతున్న వ్యక్తులు, వారి కుటుంబాల సామాజిక-ఆర్థిక సాధికారత కోసం అంకితమైన సంస్థ. భారతీయ పరిశ్రమల సమాఖ్య (సీఐఐ) సహకారంతో, ప్రాథమిక మానవ హక్కులు, విద్య, సమాన అవకాశాలతో కుష్టు వ్యాధితో బాధపడుతున్న వ్యక్తులు గౌరవప్రదమైన జీవితాన్ని గడిపేందుకు, వారికి జీవనోపాధి, ఆరోగ్య సంరక్షణ కల్పించేందుకు, బలమైన సామాజిక నెట్వర్క్లను సృష్టించేందుకు పలువురు-భాగస్వాములతో ఎస్-ఐఎఫ్ఎఫ్ చర్చలను చేస్తోంది. కుష్టు వ్యాధి నియంత్రణకు ఎస్-ఐఎఫ్ఎఫ్తో చేతులు కలపవలసిన ప్రాముఖ్యత గురించి ఎస్-ఐఎఫ్ఎఫ్ అధ్యక్షుడు తరుడ్ డాన్ విశదీకరించారు. ప్రస్తుత కోవిడ్ మహమ్మారి నేపథ్యంలో ఇటువంటి భాగస్వామ్యలు మరింత సందర్భోచితంగా మారులు. బ్రెస్టేస్ కాలనీలలో నివసిస్తున్న అత్యధిగ వర్గాలకు చెందిన ప్రజల ఆరోగ్యం, జీవనోపాధిపై మహమ్మారి ఇప్పటికీ ప్రతికూల ప్రభావం చూపింది. ఈ మేరకు యంగ్ ఇండియాన్స్-సీఐఐ, ఐఎల్ఎఫ్ మధ్య భాగస్వామ్యం కుదిరిందని యంగ్ ఇండియాన్స్ జాతీయ అధ్యక్షురాలు సిక్తా అగర్వాల తెలిపారు.

ماہیچی نے مفردوی (مناسدہ) کو دیکھ کر 19 دینی مرض سے زچہیوں کو بڑھادیہ ہے اورغاض طور پر ہمسامہ ہڈام سے متاثرہ لوگوں کو زیادہ نظر انداز کیا گیا ہے۔ ان پر دوبارہ توجہ مرکوز کرنے اور لوگوں کو فیکال کرنے کی ضرورت پر زور دیتے ہوئے، ویڈیو ایچ او کے سرکاری مدیر برائے امداد ہڈام یو۔ پی ائی سارا کلا نے کہا کہ کوئو اور اس وبائی مرض کا اثر ان لوگوں پر بڑا ہے جو پہلے ہی ہڈام کے ساتھ مشکل حالات میں زندگی گزار رہے ہیں اور ان کے خاندانوں کو خاص طور پر بہت زیادہ نقصان اٹھانا پڑا ہے۔ لاک ڈاؤن اور دوائس کے پھیلاؤ کو روکنے کے لیے کیے گئے دیگر اقدامات نے مقامی سطح پر بہت سے مسائل پیدا کر دیے ہیں، جس سے طبی خدمات تک رسائی مشکل ہو گئی ہے، روزی روٹی ختم ہو گئی ہے جبکہ ہڈام کے متاثرین جن کو پمپلی ایچ آئی اچوت اور امتیازی سلوک کا سامنا ہے ان کی پہچان نہیں کی جاتی ہیں۔ انہیں فراموش نہیں کرنا چاہیے۔

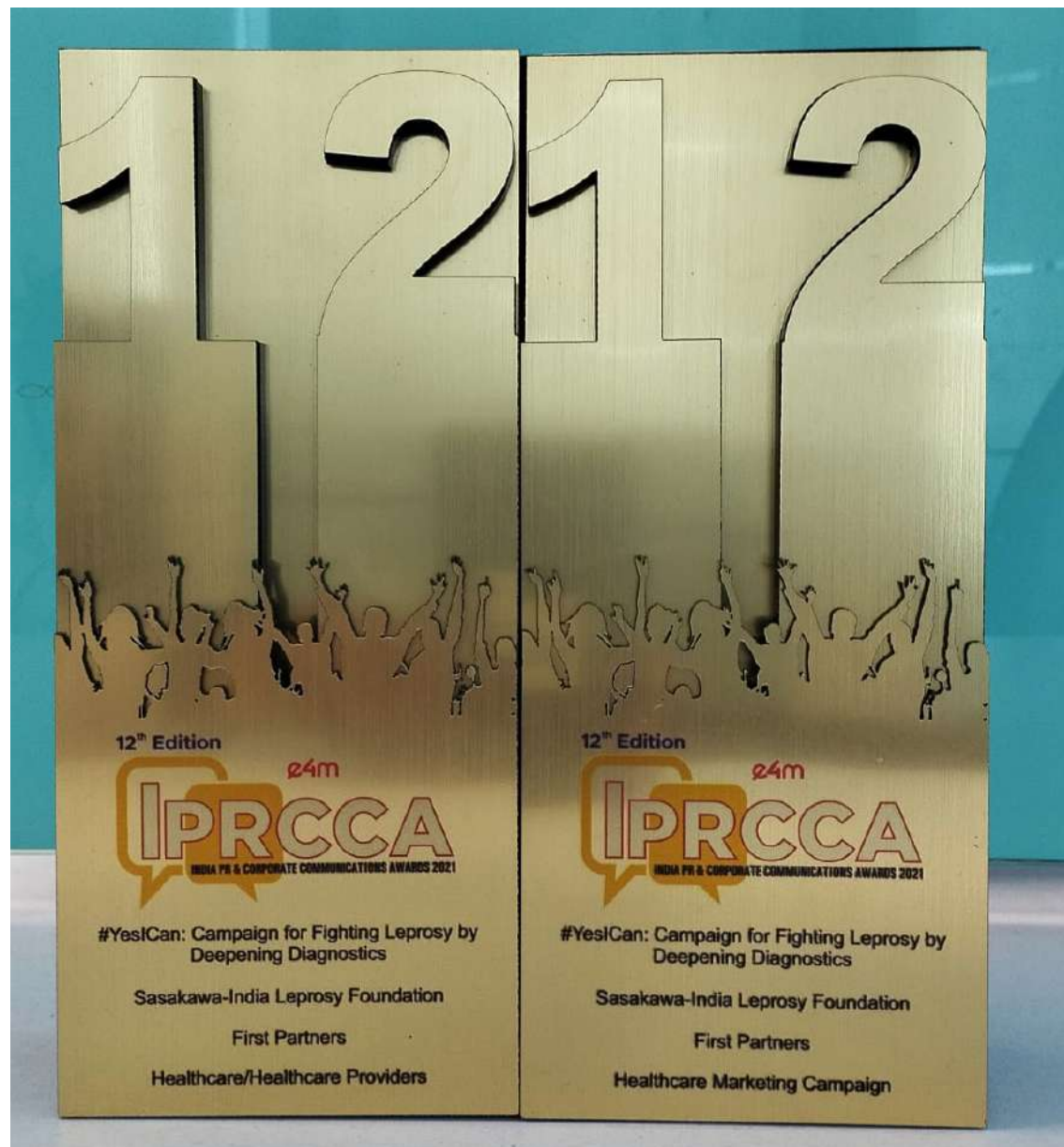
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## Awards & Recognition

S-ILF's “#YesIcan: Campaign for Fighting Leprosy by Deepening Diagnostics”, which was made in collaboration with First Partners won 2 Golds in the categories of ‘Healthcare marketing campaign & Healthcare Providers at the 12th edition of the India PR and Corporate Communications Awards (IPRCCA) 2021.

The Campaign was greatly appreciated for bringing a transformational change in the mindsets of general public and in the lives of persons affected by Leprosy and their families.





# Engage with us

**S-ILF is committed to the socio-economic empowerment of persons affected by Leprosy and their families residing in Leprosy colonies. This is an important tool for combating stigma and discrimination against the disease.**

**There are various ways in which you could contribute to the cause.**

- a. Reduce vulnerability to poverty through support for sustainable livelihoods**
- b. Support for higher professional education to children from families affected by Leprosy**
- c. Support for vocational training to youth**
- d. Support for disability prevention activities such as ulcer care and provision of customised MCR footwear**
- e. Support for infrastructural development through improved access to quality water and sanitation**
- f. Become an Ambassador for the cause- It's EASY**





# Our team



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Chief Executive Officer

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