

# ARMY COLLEGE OF NURSING, JALANDHAR CANTT.

## DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING WORLD LEPROSY DAY

### THEME:

### “UNITE. ACT. ELIMINATE”



## INTRODUCTION

World Leprosy Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. This international day is an opportunity to celebrate people who have experienced leprosy, raise awareness of the disease, & call for an end to leprosy- related stigma & discrimination. World Leprosy Day is an opportunity to celebrate people who have experienced leprosy, raise awareness of the disease, & call for an end to leprosy- related stigma & discrimination.

The theme for World Leprosy Day 2025 is “UNITE. ACT. ELIMINATE”. The theme is a call to action aiming to raise awareness of leprosy, highlight the challenges faced by persons affected by leprosy, and inspire collaborative action to eliminate leprosy.

- Global Commitment (“**Unite**“): Eliminating leprosy requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders, including governments, healthcare providers, NGOs, communities and individuals.
- Immediate Action (“**Act**“): Proactive measures, including public education, early diagnosis, prevention programs, prompt treatment, and empowering persons affected by leprosy, are essential to interrupt transmission and eliminate the disease.
- A Clear Goal (“**Eliminate** Leprosy”): Eliminating the disease – the World Health Organizations’ global goal – is achievable with sustained commitment. Current medical interventions and collaborative efforts have brought us closer, but continued investment in diagnostics, innovative treatments, and outreach is essential.

## PROGRAM REPORT

“The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis; but rather the feeling of being unwanted”- St. Mother Teresa.



Leprosy is something we need to fight together to make this world a healthier place to live. Keeping this fact in mind, the Dept. of Community Health Nursing and the 7<sup>th</sup> Semester BSc Nursing students of Army College of Nursing, Jalandhar Cantt organized a 'WORLD LEPROSY DAY PROGRAMME' at Cantonment board hospital, Jalandhar Cantt on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025

The inauguration of the programme was done by Dr, Madhavi, Medical Officer. Dr Madhavi provided awareness about leprosy, its identification and screening, types, and management. She also enlightened the audience about the importance of prevention and the goal of a leprosy-free India.

The team of 7<sup>th</sup> Semester BSc Nursing students prepared a posters and conducted a role play on leprosy eradication. Their roleplay included symptoms of leprosy, management and prognosis of leprosy. The role plays also highlighted about reduction of social stigma and the availability of free medications and treatment services. This activity contributed to SDG 3 – Good health and well-being.

Highlights: - • The day is celebrated to raise knowledge about the leprosy. • It also seeks to propagate the need & importance of eradicating the disease. • The day is celebrated to spread the knowledge that the disease is curable.

## **CONCLUSION**

The programme was coordinated by Ms. Apsra Kalsi and Ms. Sandhya Masih Clinical Instructor and was guided by Dr Priya Sharma, HOD, Dept. of Community Health Nursing, ACN, Jalandhar. This activity contributed to SDG 3 – Good health and well-being.



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