

**ARMY COLLEGE OF NURSING,
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WORLD LEPROSY DAY

THEME:

**“LEPROSY IS
CURABLE, REAL
CHALLENGE IS
STIGMA”**



INTRODUCTION

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 2026 is “**LEPROSY IS CURABLE, REAL CHALLENGE IS STIGMA**”. This theme reminds us that medicine can cure leprosy, but only awareness, acceptance and kindness can cure stigma.

Society must understand that leprosy is not a curse or punishment it is just a medical condition.

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

PROGRAM REPORT

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 Army College of Nursing, organized a ‘WORLD LEPROSY DAY PROGRAMME’ at seminar hall in ACN.

The unfolding of theme was done by Prof. Mrs. Charlotte Ranadive (Principal) Col Jasbir Singh (Registrar) and Dr. Priya Sharma (Vice principal) along with departmental teachers. Mr Balarama VR provided awareness about leprosy, its identification and screening, types, and management. He also enlightened the audience about the importance of prevention and the goal of a leprosy-free India.

The session objective was: prevention of the leprosy, outline diagnosis and MDT treatment, to introduce national programs for leprosy.

CONCLUSION

The programme was coordinated by Ms. Sandhya Masih and Ms. Lovepreet Kaur Clinical Instructors 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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