

**ARMY COLLEGE OF NURSING,
JALANDHAR CANTT.**

**DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY
HEALTH NURSING**

WORLD LEPROSY DAY

THEME:

“BEAT LEPROSY”



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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 2024 is "**Beat Leprosy**". This theme encapsulates the dual objectives of the day: to eradicate the stigma associated with leprosy and to promote the dignity of people affected by the disease.

The theme of "**Beat Leprosy**" serves as a powerful reminder of the need to address the social and psychological aspects of leprosy, alongside the medical efforts to eliminate the disease. It calls for a world where leprosy is no longer a source of stigma but rather an opportunity to demonstrate compassion and respect for all individuals.

"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 and the 1st year BSc Nursing students of Army College of Nursing, Manipal organized a 'WORLD LEPROSY DAY PROGRAMME' at Community Area of Sofi Pind, Jalandhar. And Cantonment board hospital, Jalandhar Cantt

The unfolding of theme was done by Major Birpal kaur and Dr. Priya Sharma along with departmental teachers. Maj Birpal 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 team of 1st year BSc Nursing students conducted a role play on leprosy eradication. Their role play included symptoms of leprosy, management and prognosis of leprosy. The role play also highlighted about reduction of social stigma and the availability of free medications and treatment services from government.

CONCLUSION

The programme was coordinated by Ms. Apsra Kalsi, Ms. Kalindi Sharan 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.

