

Farewell to 2023: Gratitude & Achievements

We are excited to share the last e-newsletter for 2023, a year that shall be remembered for its full of excitement. Our newsletter editions, always highlight the incredible progress made by our dedicated team and feature comprehensive reviews of our projects, insightful articles, best practices, as well as spotlights on impactful interventions.

Throughout the year, we have implemented numerous new initiatives achieving remarkable progress on all fronts. These include the successful launch of our e-newsletter and podcast series, as well as forging valuable knowledge-sharing partnerships and new CSR interventions. Towards the year-end, we have also dived into Organizational Development, cementing our commitment to continuous growth. We would present our newsletter to be more than just a source of information but want it to be a channel that fosters and nurtures an engaging online community.

We are immensely grateful for your continuous support and look forward to the possibilities that the coming year holds. Thank you for being an integral part of our community and helping us make 2023 a year of remarkable accomplishments.

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Theme Of The Month International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The annual observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) on 3rd December is a resolution by the United Nations General Assembly.

The observance aims to promote the rights and well-being of Persons with Disabilities and to raise awareness of the challenges experienced by them in all aspects of political, economic, social and cultural life. The observance of IDPD not only helps in promoting the understanding of disability issues but also helps in combating and reducing the social stigma faced by Persons with Disabilities. IDPD observations generally include creating awareness of disability inclusion, challenges experienced by persons with disabilities, success stories, and the benefit of including persons with disabilities in all spheres of life. IDPD reinforces the importance of securing the rights of people with disabilities, so they can participate fully, equally and effectively. It serves as an important reminder of collective responsibility to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities and build an inclusive and equitable society for all.

Leprosy - National Review Meeting for High Priority States/UTs, Health Ministry Spearheads Initiatives



The Two-days NLEP national review meeting was held on 23rd -24th November. The meeting, inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of State for Health Prof. SP Singh Baghel, focused on a comprehensive review of high-priority regions, featuring enlightening sessions on best

practices, Slit Skin Smear examination, and SDR PEP implementation. GLRA India, actively participated in the review meeting, represented by Dr Debajit Sarkar, Medical Advisor, and Dr Srilekha Penna, ILEP India Coordinator and Regional Research Coordinator and chaired several key sessions, leveraging their expertise and insights to enrich the discussions. This collaborative effort brought together stakeholders from various sectors, including the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, WHO, ILEP India, Sasakawa - India Leprosy Foundation and the Indian Council of Medical Research, fostering a collective commitment to combat leprosy.

Skin Camp Delivers Free Medical Care at Santacruz East, Mumbai

On December 11, 2023, Maharashtra Lokahita Seva Mandal conducted an outdoor Skin Camp for Kunchikorve Nagar, Santacruz East, Mumbai residents. Dr. Waman Bhatki, a dedicated healthcare professional, examined a total of 54 patients with various skin-related ailments. The camp not only offered crucial medical assessments but also dispensed treatment free of cost,



underscoring the organization's commitment to making healthcare accessible to all. This community-centric initiative aimed to address the specific healthcare needs of the residents, fostering a healthier and more supportive environment in the locality.

Combating Filariasis, WASH, and Eye Issues through Self-Care Initiatives, Malda, West Bengal



An MMDP camp was held in Malda district, focused on Filariasis, WASH, and Related eye issues. Dr. Jayanta Singh, Mr. Susanta Das, ANMs, and ASHAs led discussions and gave self-care kits to 21 Filariasis patients, stressing the role of self-care in preventing complications. Mr. Susanta Das explained the follow-up system

and treatment choices for patients. The camp aimed to raise awareness about signs, symptoms, and prevention of Filariasis, promoting self-care methods. Participants actively engaged in discussions, highlighting the significance of personal responsibility in avoiding health issues. The event provided valuable information and resources to enhance community well-being.

Pansemal Triumphs in Inclusive Celebration of World Disability Day, Barwani, Madhya Pradesh

Pansemal block in the Barwani district proudly hosted a fantastic event on World Disability Day. As part of Project Inclusive Communities paving the way for Gender equality implemented by SASSS (GLRA partner NGO), approximately 200 people, including Persons with disabilities participated in this event. The day featured various carefully planned activities and programs aimed at raising awareness about disability inclusion. The event's success showcased Pansemal's dedication to inclusivity and diversity, emphasizing its strong support for the specially-abled community. From engaging activities to informative programs, the day was a true celebration of unity and understanding. Pansemal continues to lead the way in fostering a community that embraces everyone, proving that inclusivity is at the heart of its values.



Health Initiative in Gurugram, Haryana.



Artemis Hospital and GLRA India celebrated the success of their collaborative Mega Health Camp, "Ek Pahal Nirog Bharat Ki Aur," held on November 30th, 2023, at the Tigra Community Centre in Gurugram. With a focus on empowering local communities, the camp provided comprehensive healthcare services, including BMI assessments, diabetes and blood pressure check-ups, eye and ear examinations, dental check-ups, HB tests, TB screening, and hygiene awareness sessions. The event made a significant impact, serving approximately 350 individuals from Tigra Village's slums and showcasing the partners' dedication to bridging healthcare gaps and fostering a healthier society.

Uniting for Health: GLRA RF and ATF Drive HIV Awareness at Birgaon, Raipur.

On December 1st, on the occasion of World AIDS Day, GLRA Rehabilitation Fund and Apollo Tyre Foundation jointly collaborated for a vital cause at Shaheed Nand Kumar Patel Government College, Birgaon, Raipur. Partnering with the government health department and the Block Development Office, the event was conducted with a focus on HIV awareness by educating attendees about the importance of prevention, testing, and support for those affected. The bike rally served as a symbol of unity in spreading this crucial awareness. Together, we stand committed to fostering a community that is well-informed and supportive.



Joining Forces: Artemis Hospitals and GLRA India Fight Tuberculosis Together



On November 21, 2023, GLRA India orchestrated a project dissemination event, "Meri Bhagidaari TB Mukta Bharat ki Aur," at The Bristol Hotel, DLF Gurugram. Responding to India's high TB burden, Artemis Hospitals in New Delhi, prioritized its commitment to combat tuberculosis.

TB, a communicable disease with stigma, poses a control challenge. Artemis Hospitals stresses early identification for prompt treatment to curb the disease's spread. Through CSR initiatives, Artemis Hospitals actively intervenes, exemplified by its recent Corporate TB Pledge in March 2023. The hospital collaborates with the Gurgaon district, initiating active case finding and comprehensive TB interventions. Artemis Hospitals in collaboration with GLRA India urges corporate organizations nationwide to join the collective effort against TB, emphasizing united action for public health. The event, graced by Dr. Virendra Yadav (CMO) and DTO Gurugram Dr. Keshav Sharma, featured TB Champions and emphasized the unparalleled advocacy of TB Survivors. These survivors, recognized as powerful ambassadors, were also given a nutritional basket during the event.

GLRA India Shines at PRSI Festival 2023 held in New Delhi

GLRA India had an enriching experience at the three-day International Public Relations Festival 2023 organised by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) from November 25th to 27th in New Delhi. The grand opening featured Chief Guest H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati Ji. Renowned figures like Anne Grete Iturriaga Abajua and Richard Linning discussed global ethics. Day 2 explored G-20 leadership and storytelling in mass communication, culminating in a grand awards ceremony. The final day focused on spirituality, global peace, and health communication, highlighting photography as a powerful communication tool. We express gratitude for the opportunity to partake in this impactful event promoting excellence in public relations.

