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## NEWS

### ***GLRA India and Artemis Hospital Collaborate for TB Awareness, Gurugram, Haryana***

GLRA India organized a TB MUKT Jan Andolan Baithak (TB-free public movement meeting) with community stakeholders and the health department in collaboration with Artemis Hospital at Public Health Centre Kasan in Gurugram on 24 August 2023. The meeting commenced with introductory remarks by Dr Sandeep Gupta, Director of PHC Kasan, in the presence of STS Mr Jaipal Yadav, LT Mr Bharat Kumar, RHCPs, TB Champions, and other PHC staff. Discussions covered the fundamentals of tuberculosis (TB), its symptoms, early diagnosis, referral procedures, the importance of sputum quality, involvement of RMPs, stakeholder incentives, and the elimination of TB were just a few of the many topics discussed in this meeting.



### ***Empowering the Community: Niramaya II Skin & Disability Camp in Salem, Tamil Nadu***



As part of the Niramaya II leprosy project, a Skin & Disability Camp was conducted in Thinnapatti, Salem district. Over 100 individuals from local and neighboring villages participated. The camp offered free skin check-ups for those with diverse skin issues and served as a platform to promote awareness about skin health and disability care. This initiative underscores our commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and knowledge dissemination in the region.

### ***Reviving Village Health Sanitation Committees (VHSC) for WASH practices, Kaimur, Bihar***

WASH My Eyes project, Kaimur organised a Village Health Sanitation Committee (VHSC) revival meeting. The event focused on knowledge, attitude and practices (KAP) like waste management, clean drinking water accessibility, promoting personal hygiene, and open defecation-free practices. Participants engaged in productive discussions, emphasizing the VHSC committee's role in tackling waste management and community hygiene. The meeting included door-to-door campaigns with active VHSC involvement. Presentations highlighted Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for VHSC and PRI members, addressing various NTD's (Neglected Tropical Diseases) health issues including Lymphatic Filariasis, Leprosy, and related eye complications.



### ***Truckers' Health Camp, Gurugram, Haryana***

In partnership with DB Schenker India, a free health check-up camp was organised as part of the "Nai DISHA" project. The initiative aims to provide essential healthcare services to truckers, their assistants, and related communities who encounter obstacles due to their demanding travel schedules. Approximately 200 individuals participated and accessed services such as TB screening, X-rays, sputum testing, diabetes tests, eye & and ear check-ups, blood pressure checks, and medication. This event resulted in 166 outpatient consultations, 87 eye and ear check-ups, and 39 sputum tests. The achievements of this camp underscore our steadfast commitment to ensuring equal healthcare access for our beneficiaries.



### ***Promoting Inclusive Education Empowers Girls, Barwani, Madhya Pradesh***



The St. Augustine Social Service Society (SASSS), an NGO partner of GLRA, recently organized a school kit distribution event in Pati Block. Mr Thansingh Saste, the president of the Janpad Panchayat, along with Mr Gajendra Atole, the MRC, and Mr Feroz Khan, the BRC, led this initiative. The purpose was to empower and motivate girls with disabilities to pursue their education. A total of 55 girls with disabilities were beneficiaries of this program, receiving school kits containing essential items such as school bags, uniforms, notebooks, and stationery like pens and pencils. This effort underscores the commitment to inclusive education and supporting marginalised students within the community.

## Youth Conclave: Uniting for TB-Free India, Delhi

The Reach Foundation recently organized a youth conclave dedicated to achieving a TB-free India, endorsed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MOYAS). The event featured TB discussions, a fireside chat with TB champions, and a group workshop aimed to amplify the campaign's impact. GLRA India was an active participant in the event along with dignitaries from Lok Sabha, MOHFW, and MOYAS. The President of the Global Coalition Against TB engaged with participants, fostering a united front against tuberculosis. Youth empowerment and awareness took centre stage, aligning efforts to make India TB-free.



## Skin Camp for Leprosy Care in Malad, Mumbai



Maharashtra Lokahita Seva Mandal recently conducted a dermatology camp at S K Patil Hospital in Malad East, achieving remarkable success. Under the guidance of Dr Waman Bhatki, a dedicated team of medical professionals screened a total of 104 patients with various skin-related ailments, offering them necessary treatments and prescriptions. Furthermore, 18 individuals afflicted by leprosy received physiotherapy and specialized treatment. MLSM's initiative exemplified their commitment to delivering crucial medical assistance to those in need.

## PASSION MATTERS

My association with GLRA lasted for more than two and half decades and I found GLRA is an organization that teaches us "Where there is a will, there is a way". GLRA always ensures that when people work together, extraordinary progress is possible. Though our work may not make headlines, it is making a difference in the lives of many. Our initiatives reach out on time with conviction and passion, lives destabilized by diseases and conditions that can be reclaimed.

Our adherence to dedication and compassion has meant the difference between life and death for the people. We believe that everybody deserves the opportunity to create a better life for themselves, and their community that is nothing more than changing a life. GLRA is working every day to find lasting solutions to the nation's greatest challenges – providing care and support to the affected families with a sustainable path out of poverty, helping communities fight the effects of health issues, increasing opportunity for those who are destined to live on the margins, and reducing the prevalence rate of preventive diseases. Our commitment to promoting health and wellness, and strengthening our communities, should get stronger than ever now.

The bumblebee inspires us always, the aerodynamic laws say this bee cannot fly just because its body weight is not in the right proportion to its wingspan. However, the determined and the passionate bee flies. Nothing should hold us back given the urgency and enormity of work that lay ahead.

*Joy Jacob, Sr. HR Advisor*

## Inspiring Change: Story of a Real Social Worker, Madhya Pradesh



Mr. Manish Jatwa is an exemplary social worker leading the charge for GLRA-India in Ujjain and Dewas Districts, Madhya Pradesh. With an unwavering commitment, he has dedicated his life to serving marginalized communities. Manish began his journey combating child trafficking and later also started contributing to the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program in 2015. In his current role, Manish excels in household contact screening and initiating TB preventive therapy thus reducing the TB burden. His innovative approach to treatment adherence and involving PLHIV (People living with HIV) individuals in TB screening has earned him recognition from the state and central authorities. Manish's motto remains, "Hum Karte Hai Vada, TB Mukta Madhya Pradesh Banega Hamara." (We make a promise, Madhya Pradesh will become TB-free for us)

## CASE STORY

### Project WASH My Eyes Transform Kamala's Life



Kamala (name changed), a resilient 70-year-old widow from Tappa Khajuriya, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh endured a challenging two-year period of blindness in her left eye due to cataracts. With a meagre monthly income of one thousand rupees from her widow's pension, the prospect of an operation seemed an unattainable dream. However, a ray of hope entered her life when GLRA India's dedicated counsellors, Mrs Pratibha Devi and Mr Aditya Prakash Dixit, came into her life. Kamala was diagnosed with a mature cataract and underwent a life-changing surgery that successfully restored her vision. Overflowing with gratitude, she now sees the world with fresh eyes, treasuring the invaluable support provided by GLRA India.

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