

# GLRA's INSIDER



## A message from Interim CEO

Dear readers,

Welcome to the very first issue of GLRA India's digital Newsletter "GLRA's Insider".

I'm certain, this newsletter gives you interesting insights into the exemplary work our team has been doing across states and keeps you updated with our latest news, important technical and non-technical articles, information on our projects, events, interventions, achievements, and success stories. This newsletter serves as a medium to improve our critical information sharing with target beneficiaries and keeps our partners and stakeholders informed and engaged. We hope that you find this little effort to create a vibrant online community of our well-wishers interesting and value-adding enough. So once again, welcome to the inaugural issue of our new monthly e-newsletter. We hope you enjoy this new way of keeping you informed of the exciting news of our organization.

Happy reading!  
Shibu George,  
Interim CEO



## NEWS



### GLRA leads ILEP in India

GLRA now leading the ILEP India (International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations) from the 1st April 2023. By leading ILEP, our role is to coordinate the consortium of 9 International organizations (AIFO, ALM, DFIT, FAREMED, FONTILES, LEPRA, NLR, TLMI) working for the cause of Leprosy in India besides work with various stakeholders, Central leprosy Division (CLD), central and state governments, WHO Global Leprosy Programme, APAL (Association of People Affected by Leprosy) and others, to make India leprosy-free and improve the well-being of affected individuals and their families. Dr. Srilekha Penna has assumed the role of ILEP India Coordinator and Mr. Ashish Dangar as Deputy ILEP Coordinator.

### GLRA India in association with Spark India Lucknow empowers youth with disabilities through skill development; 9 candidates trained, 3 secure jobs

GLRA India, collaborated with Spark India to organize a skill development program aimed at empowering persons with disabilities. The program enrolled 16 candidates, out of which 9 successfully participated in the program, which included training in English speaking, technical skills, and post-program employment support. Eligible candidates were provided with free accommodation, meals, and a stipend of 1500 rupees. Following the completion of the training, three individuals secured placements, while the rest are undergoing training for future placement. The primary objective of the program was to enhance professional growth and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.



# CAMP



## Project Nai Disha hosts TB-awareness drawing camp

A drawing competition focused on promoting awareness about Tuberculosis was organized for students of a government Modern Sanskriti Primary School, Nakhrola, Gurugram. The event was a success and was followed by a prize distribution ceremony for the students. The initiative aimed to encourage creative expression among children while also raising awareness about tuberculosis.

## WASH MY EYES Empowers-Communities in Malda, West Bengal with MMDP/DPMR camp for FILARIASIS, WASH, LEPROSY, and EYE CARE

The WASH My Eyes project organized morbidity management and disability prevention (MMDP), disability prevention and medical rehabilitation (DPMR) camp in Malda district, West Bengal where prevention and treatment of Filariasis, WASH, Leprosy, and eye complications were taken care of. Patients and their families received self-care kits for practicing self-care at home. The initiative aims to empower communities and reduce the burden of morbidity due to diseases.



# INSPIRING STORY



## From Coma to Communication: kainat's Inspiring Journey with TB Meningitis” – A Story of Perseverance, Family Support, and Medical Care

Kainat Naaz's (Name Changed) story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. At just 20 years old, Kainat was diagnosed with tuberculosis affecting the brain, TB meningitis, leaving her comatose and unable to eat.

With the help of medical professionals and the unwavering support of her mother, Kainat has made incredible progress. She can now speak a few words, eat with her left hand, and even use her father's smartphone. Despite setbacks and tears, Kainat continues to surprise her caretakers with her progress. Her story highlights the importance of early diagnosis and treatment for TB and the power of love and perseverance in the face of adversity.

# SPECIAL DAY

## GLRA India highlights the urgent need for action on infectious diseases like Leprosy and TB on World Health Day

GLRA India commemorated World Health Day on the 7th of April by highlighting the ongoing imperative for addressing the global burden of infectious diseases like leprosy and tuberculosis (TB). With a presence in 11 states, GLRA India serves some of the world's most underprivileged and vulnerable communities. The organization is steadfast in its commitment to preventing, diagnosing, and treating these chronic diseases through a comprehensive approach that encompasses medical care, social rehabilitation, community education, and research.



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