

WORLD LEPROSY DAY - 30th JANUARY 2023

On the occasion of World Leprosy Day 2023, the Department of Community Medicine, Narayana Medical College, Nellore conducted the following events at Urban Health and Training Centre, Saraswati Nagar, Nellore.

Highlights of the activities conducted at Urban Health and Training Centre, Saraswati Nagar, Nellore

1. Role play was done by the CRRI's and the staff of urban health training centre based on the theme of this year " ACT NOW END LEPROSY. Different types of discrimination towards people with leprosy were presented in three scenarios.

- a. School student being avoided by his friends.
- b. Pregnant woman sent out of home by her husband.
- c. Vegetable vendor thrashed and sent away by the village headman.

2. School students of M.C.P. School, AC Nagar were invited to watch the roleplay. With permission from Headmaster of the school, a total of 25 students came to UHTC and they were made aware of leprosy and discrimination.

3. Role play was enacted and presented by the following CRRI's(12 members) and UHTC staff(2 members)

CRRI's

1. Dr. Sri sai donthi
2. Dr. M. Gayathri
3. Dr. M. Sukrutha
4. Dr. M. Gayathri Madhulika
5. Dr. M. Nikhil Sarma
6. Dr Mahathi Sama
7. Dr. M. Padmavathi
8. Dr. M.Venkata Sesha sai
9. Dr. M. Adviti
10. Dr. M. Shravya
11. Dr. M. Srikanth
12. Dr. Mohammed Shahzad Ahamed

UHTC staff

1. Y. Divya Bharathi
2. G. Venkata Sujatha



Worried school student showing his lesions to parents Husband sending his pregnant wife out of home



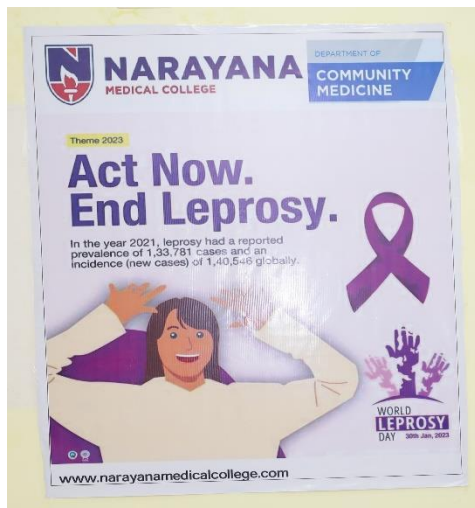
Vegetable vendor being thrashed by village headman

Dr.DM. Karthik, Medical Officer, UHTC organized the act and explained each scenario and ways to put an end to stigma and combat discrimination in easy and understandable language.

Dr B. Shruthi, Senior Resident, summarized after each scenario and emphasized the value of social and emotional support in treating the affected individuals.



Three different cases of leprosy getting treatment for their disease condition



POSTER SHOWING THEME



Dept Staff with participants of Role Play



School students watching role play

4. Acknowledgements:

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