

DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY

LEPROSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

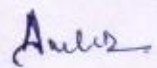
Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease that targets the nervous system, especially the nerves in the cooler parts of the body – the hands, feet and face. The disease is associated with a lot of social stigma.

World Leprosy Day is observed internationally every year on the last Sunday of January with the motto to increase public awareness of Leprosy. Raoul Follereau, a French humanitarian, chose this date as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi who had compassion for people afflicted with leprosy. This year's theme of World Leprosy Day is "Ending Discrimination, Stigma and Prejudice".

As a part of this programme, Department of Dermatology conducted Leprosy Awareness Campaign from 30th January 2019 – 15th February 2019. During this campaign free consultation and treatment was given to leprosy patients. People in the nearby villages, all the patients attending dermatology OPD and the nursing staff of our hospital were educated about the disease and its cardinal signs. They were instructed to consult the dermatologist immediately if any of the cardinal signs of Leprosy were present so that the treatment can be started early and the disease associated deformities can be prevented, and more importantly the spread of the disease can be prevented.


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