

S.No	Date of the programme	Name of the programme	No. of participants	No. of Faculty involved
10	15-03-2017	Awareness programme on Leprosy and Skin disease	200	04

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The Health and Hygiene Committee of the College invited the Lepra Society to conduct an “Awareness programme on Leprosy and Skin diseases” on 15th March, 2017. The Lecture cum interaction helped in sensitizing students on leprosy, diagnosis and treatment.

The Resource Persons invited were:

1. V. Sathyanarayana – (APMO) Assistant Para-Medical Officer (Leprosy and Aids)
2. Dr. Aruna Bala Chaudary – Consultant Medical Officer, Lepra Society.
3. G. Swamy Reddy – Project Officer, Lepra Society.

Context:

The Government aims to eliminate Leprosy a public health problem by 2020 and is taking steps to seriously create awareness among the people about the disease which is surrounded by myths and stigma. Today when Leprosy is curable the age old stigma attached to it has not been cured. People think that Leprosy is a result of sins and immoral behavior, people affected by Leprosy and other skin diseases are often unaware that Leprosy is treatable and that they have their rightful place in the society. **Every year on Mahatma Gandhi’s death anniversary is observed as Anti-Leprosy day.** A nationwide Sparsh Leprosy awareness campaign was launched on January 30, which also marked as Anti Leprosy day Dr. Anil Kumar Deputy Director General, Central Leprosy Division Ministry of Health and family welfare.