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Awareness Programme on Leprosy

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Objectives:

To create general awareness about leprosy- signs, symptoms, cause, deformities and free treatment availability in health institutions

Description:

WEC organized a leprosy awareness programme in association with State Leprosy Society. Sri. E. Sasidhar Reddy, field Supervisor, "State Lepra Society" addressed the gathering. He explained Leprosy is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium leprae. This slow-moving bacterium can sometimes take up to 20 years to appear symptoms in the body. It affects the skin, nerves, eyes, and other mucous membranes near the body's openings. If it affects the nerves, if it is left untreated it can lead to serious loss of feeling or sensation. Injuries such as burns or cuts may go unnoticed because there are no pain signals to warn an individual of harm to his or her body. He addressed the students regarding the treatment of Leprosy. He stated, it is not a dreadful disease as commonly believed by people but, it is a curable disease. The standard treatment consists of a combination of antibiotic drugs known as multidrug therapy – or MDT. Early detection is crucial. While this treatment does cure leprosy and prevents further damage, He showed a no. of photographs of the Leprosy patients at various stages of the disease.

Outcomes:

Students benefited by providing counselling regarding leprosy disease, medicine, and lifestyle modification.

No. of Participants: 67



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