

SPARSH LEPROSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2025

FROM JAN 30

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The National Leprosy Erad. Programme, Directorate of Health Services will organize Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign from January 30 to February 13, 2025 to create awareness and address the stigma and discrimination associated with Leprosy among the general public. The theme for this year is "Together, let us raise awareness, dispel misconceptions, and ensure that no one affected by leprosy is left behind.

Leprosy is a chronic bacterial disease caused by Mycobacterium Leprae, affecting peripheral nerves and causing skin lesions. If not treated may lead to disabilities and deformities. Goa being a Low Endemic state for Leprosy with Prevalence rate <1 per 10000 population is marching towards eradication of the disease.

All the Health centres under DHS will organize Gram Sabhas in collaboration with other departments such as Panchayat Raj Institutions, Rural development, Urban development, Women & Child development and social justice & empowerment. Additionally, IEC activities will be conducted over the fortnight.

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